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## Trustees set to call bond election for new high school Jan. 24

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado school trustees discussed their plans to call for an April 2 bond election during a community meeting Jan. 18. The Jan. 18 meeting was after this issue went to press. Coverage of the meeting can be found at [www.saladovillagevoice.com](http://www.saladovillagevoice.com)

The board of trustees is slated to formally call for a \$17 million bond referendum during their regular meeting Jan. 24 at the Salado Civic Center.

Trustees voted 6-1 Jan. 10 in favor of going forward with the \$17 million bond proposal to build a new high school, including new athletic facilities (football/track stadium, baseball field, softball field and concessions). Lynn Renfro voted against the proposal.

Following construction of core facilities and classrooms, priorities for the building program are

these: practice/physical education gym, football/track stadium, baseball and softball fields.

Since receiving preliminary construction budgets from architectural firm Fields and Associates in early December, the board and administration has been working to lower those costs from an initial \$18.5 million for high school construction (not including athletic or performing arts facilities).

However, neither the architectural firm nor the construction manager at-risk firm (Baird-Williams) have been present at the December or January board workshops. The architects and construction manager have met with and worked with administrators and the facilities committee of the board.

Since December, trustees have met in three workshops on the bond issue to discuss cost-cutting measures and bond



Architectural drawing of proposed high school.

packages. Among those measures were reducing the core capacity from 800 students to 700 students and the classroom capacity from 550 students to 500 students. Another cost-saving measure discussed on Jan. 3 was the elimination of a practice gymnasium and utilizing a pre-engineered metal structure for the competi-

tion gym.

At a Jan. 10 three-hour workshop, trustees reviewed proposed costs prepared by Board President John Konzen that would build a new high school of approximately 95,000 sq. ft. for a total of \$15 million, including a practice gym.

Konzen said that he worked with the costs

proposed by the district's architectural firm for the project with other costs from his contacts in the construction industry. Konzen is owner/operator of Heart of Texas Inspection Service, a construction inspection firm.

He proposed a construction cost of \$10.5 million with site-work of \$1.4 million (at \$115 per

sq. ft. of the total construction project). He proposed lowering the cost of the waste water treatment plant from \$600,000 to \$400,000, using modular systems that can be expanding for future needs. Furniture and fixtures would be \$350,000 and technology would be lowered to \$220,000. The practice gym would be \$648,000. Design and technical fees would be \$940,000 and Contingency would be \$689,250 (five percent). The project could realize a savings of \$91,910 by using pre-engineered structures for the gym and ag facilities.

This would bring the cost of the high school building to a proposed \$15 million. The remaining \$2 million will be used for new athletic facilities with the construction of a new football stadium/track being the top priority followed by moving the baseball and softball fields.

## Salado tax rebates exceed state, county pace

Salado once again outpaced both the state and the county in sales tax rebates recently as it received \$25,997.82, up 11.44 percent from last year's \$23,328.83.

Sales tax rebates to Bell County were up nine percent for January. The county received \$778,880.27 in January, compared to \$714,401.10 in 2004.

Killeen, which has been showing considerable growth in sales tax, showed only 1.26 percent increase for the \$1.07 million it received, compared to \$1.06 million last year.

Sales tax rebates to all Bell County cities were up 6.06 percent: \$2.3 million compared to \$2.2 million in January 2004.

Salado Public Library District also showed

considerable growth in sales tax rebates. The Library received a check of \$16,206.87 this month, compared to \$14,828.82, an increase of more than nine percent.

The sales tax rebates paid in January were for taxes collected in November 2004 and reported and paid to the Comptroller in December 2004.

Texas Comptroller

Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced that the state collected \$1.35 billion in sales tax revenue in December, up 8.3 percent compared to December 2003.

"Our state's great economic engine is improving. We have experienced 16 months of positive sales tax growth," Strayhorn said. "In my biennial revenue estimate, delivered

this week to the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislature, I predict sales tax revenues will increase 4.1 percent in fiscal year 2005, 3.6 percent in 2006 and 4.8 percent in 2007."

Strayhorn sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their first sales tax allocations of 2005. January payments to local governments total \$329.1 million, up 8.6 percent

compared to January 2004.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent January sales tax allocations of \$223.1 million to Texas cities, up 9.4 percent compared to January 2004. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$19.5 million, up 11.6 percent.

Another \$9.3 million went to 89 special purpose taxing districts.

## Chamber banquet set Jan. 25

Salado Chamber of Commerce will celebrate "The Way We Were" with its annual banquet 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Tenroc Event Center.

The meal of roasted chicken or roasted beef with baby carrots, garlic mashed potatoes, Ital-

ian green beans, homemade peach cobbler and ice cream and coffee or tea will be catered by Maggie's of Summer's Mill. Tickets are \$35 per person. It will be a seated dinner.

Grainger and Penny Esch, of Salado Silver

Spur Theater, will entertain guests during the banquet.

Jack Schrock will review the year as the 2004 President and Charlotte Douglass will discuss plans for 2005.

Awards for 2004 Person of the Year, Business

of the Year and Hall of Fame will also be presented during the banquet.

Members can also pay their dues for 2005 at the banquet.

For more information about the Banquet, call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 947-5040.



Grainger and Penny Esch will entertain folks Jan. 25.

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### Reward offered

A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of individuals who broke into Salado High School over the Christmas Holidays, stealing more than \$25,000 in electronic equipment. Anyone with information should call the administration office at 947-6900 or 947-5479.

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## A chance to get bond right

Next year's Salado High freshmen will bring the student population on that campus to almost 400 students. That's without any additional growth whatever. The high school -- portable classes notwithstanding -- has a capacity of about 250 students. There can be no argument about the need for a new school.

Regardless of the need for a new school, if Salado ISD Trustees pursue their plans to call for a \$17 million bond election for construction of a new high school and accompanying athletic facilities, it is unlikely that next year's freshmen will graduate in a new building.

Salado trustees are scheduled to call for the \$17 million bond election when they gather 6 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Salado Civic Center for their regular meeting. The impact of their decision will be felt by both Salado children and taxpayers for many years to come. Unfortunately, the trustees are on the brink of a decision that will adversely affect the education of our children.

A \$17 million bond issue that includes a football stadium, baseball field and softball field among its list of items is certainly one that taxpayers will rightfully balk at supporting. By forcing voters to turn down such a proposition, Salado school trustees will do a disservice to our students.

We implore our trustees to consider an alternative that may get a new high school built before next year's freshman class graduates. Trustees should call for an April 2 bond election of no more than \$15 million for construction of a high school with a core capacity of 700-750 students and a classroom capacity of no fewer than 550 students.

Even at that price, the bond issue will not be an easy one to sell the voters. Even at the lower \$15 million, Salado ISD taxpayers may face a tax rate of \$1.84, more than nine cents higher than any other school district in Bell County. Asking taxpayers to accept this burden for necessities is right.

Asking taxpayers to accept the larger

## Our Voice

Editorial Opinion

price of \$17 million (\$1.8635 tax rate) for superfluous athletic facilities is wrong.

As trustees discussed cuts to the building program, the performing arts center was quickly abandoned as "too expensive" and "no demand." Much the same can be said of the proposed \$2 million (reduced from the architect's estimate of more than \$3 million) in new athletic stadiums. Ironically, tennis courts, which were in the first proposal and which the school does not currently have, were cut from the project.

Proponents for a new football stadium (and while we're at it, throw in a baseball field and softball field, too) will screech and holler about ADA compliance, stadium capacity and lack of parking -- most of which can be solved from the interest money on the bonds.

Perhaps they are screeching and hollering loudly about those things because they are hollow echoes of the truth and the real needs of the students. Truth is, our stadium is old and small in comparison to some of our opponents in the area. Florence has a new stadium. Hutto has one. So...we WANT a new stadium!

Like a petulant child who would hide spinach on his plate in order to get dessert, our trustees are about to present us with a \$17 million bond election that values athletic fields above classrooms, science labs, computer labs, art classes and vocational facilities.

At the current time, Salado most likely will not support new athletic facilities to replace adequate athletic facilities. This is not to say that the school district will never be able to move athletic facilities to the proposed high school campus. That is a decision that should be brought to the voters on its own merit, not tied around the neck of a worthwhile project.

Because it is likely to sink it like a stone.

## "Mixed Bag" of political foofaraw to keep '05 exciting, from Austin's "tax battles" to GOP's mugging "Pork Barrel" reform

Texas lawmakers returned to active duty last week as the 79th Legislative Session lurched into gear with school finance reform; property tax reductions; and upgrading the protection of abused and neglected children and adults - all blessed with an "emergency" tag by Governor Rick Perry.

Which means that those three items, that have been on everyone's agenda since 2003 when they were tragically neglected, must now be dealt with immediately - if not sooner.

Money is naturally the controlling force, but according to rotunda scuttlebutt, a "plan" is being promoted that will expand the franchise tax to include "all" companies (many of these legally astute groups have slipped through the tax net) with an estimated haul of \$3.5 billion.

Add to that number a fifty cent tax on cigarettes; a quarter cent hike in the sales tax; and another round of hits on motor vehicles and booze - all scheduled to bring in millions more - which will help, but a far cry from the \$6-\$8 "new" billions needed.

The entrepreneurial community's "assistant" (aka Rick "The Reluctant") hasn't signed off on any of the above taxes - presumably waiting for approval from the Texas Association of Business, who will never agree to a payroll or dedicated business and personal income tax.

What these guys really want is a statewide property tax in exchange for a reduced cap on the school M&O tax (from \$1.50 to \$1.00) which is a poor bargain, i.e. trading a fifty cent gain for an unlimited (and uncapped) state property tax. Texans killed this measure once, and will probably do so again when it returns as a new constitutional amendment - which it must do.

Keep an eye on these guys and see how things develop - but don't hold your breath waiting for a lot of property tax relief, cause it just ain't gonna happen!

### GOPers DEVELOP TASTE FOR PORK

Most of us remember how Republicans used to howl about Democrats slipping all sorts of "pork barrel" items into the federal budgets each year. "Buying minority votes and strengthening their liberal base" was the most commonly heard complaint. GOPers moaned and groaned and pledged a stop to that sort of "terrible" goings-on, when (and if) they assumed control.

OK - they've been in charge of Congress now for 10 years and lets see what's happened? This past December the GOP passed the most horrific example of budgetary "pork barrelling" in history - \$9 billion bucks worth of stupid "give-aways" (enough to gag a buzzard) - all prepared by GOP controlled spending committees and passed without hesitation by a Republican majority in both houses.

We want to quickly point out - in all fairness - that the conservative House Republican Study Committee spent a lot of time last year trying to reform and control this costly business of "porking."

Unfortunately, "reform" came to naught this month - when presented to the powers-that-be in the House, led by guess who? Bingo! The dynamic-duo Speaker Dennis Hastert and Majority Leader Tom Delay. Down went the good ship "pork reform," and back to pillaging, plundering and looting by these unreformed "right wing" renegades.

## Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



After all, good and patient reader, how are these two sly rascals going to control their caucus if they can't promise them something - like "eye-winking" their way through a budget chuck-full of "goofy" goodies for the folks back home.

### IRAQ PULLOUT WITHIN TWO YEARS

This column has been talking with a number of thoughtful Republicans in recent weeks and gleaned some interesting insights that need to be shared. They make sense and may give us something to consider during the on-going rhetoric about "staying the course" while promoting Democracy-at-gunpoint in the Mid-East and knocking off dangerous dictators (on a selective basis).

General consensus from these GOPers, is the **United States will pull its troops out of Iraq no later than January, 2007.** Unless, between now and then, that country settles down and everyone plays well together (for once in recorded history). No more car bombings, assassination, and other forms of Muslim style rebelliousness. Democracy in full bloom. And oil pumping like crazy.

But, why that particular deadline? It's two years exactly, to the time when the next president is inaugurated, and Republicans fear that unless we're out of the Iraqi quagmire by '07 - Americans, who have been loyal and true to the war thus far, will have been so worn and torn - they'll turn against the entrenched party and seek relief elsewhere, presumably from Democrats.

Now folks - those are Republican sentiments. Not the far-out babblings of knee-jerk liberals. And it's our belief that these wise conservatives have got it nailed perfectly.

### LIGHT AT TUNNEL'S END?

If you've noticed a good many Democrats, locally or on TV, wearing a great big smile these days - don't be alarmed. They haven't robbed a bank or won the Texas lottery, nor have they suddenly been converted to the Grand Old Party. What these good folks are happy (even giddy) about is the faint light that appeared at the end of their political tunnels last week - when news broke that two more high profile Republicans, have announced they are thinking of running for President in 2008 - bringing the total to three - so far.

### THE TERRIFIC TRIO

The terrific trio includes - Newt Gingrich, Phil Gramm and California's earlier offering - the one and only Gropenfuhrer - Arnold Schwarzenegger.

This well known threesome (too well known, some would opine) of Republican stalwarts, are now prancing around the country, not shyly acting as candidates who "could be persuaded" to offer their services as president, but horsecollaring anyone willing to stand still long enough to hear how these worthies covet, hanker after, lust for, dream about "the job" that would make their lives perfect.

Democrats believe that if any one of these guys were to gain the Republican nomination - Democrats will be dancing in the streets from November 2008, through (at least) the following four years.

That's -30-

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# Salado ISD Honor Rolls 3rd 6 Weeks

## Thomas Arnold Elementary All A Honor Rolls Second Grade

Ashley Beasley  
David Berumen  
Cecilia Cantu  
Bethany Cheatham  
Christian Deal  
Breanna Landry  
Cameron Markham  
Jessica Maughan  
Cole Morrow  
Morgan Nazario  
Kristen Oakes  
Faith Renfro  
Preston Weaver  
Ryan Bradley  
Kaylan Brown  
Sean Clement  
Sabia Colby  
Katy Croftcheck  
Chase Kelly  
Tyler Leguin  
Brandon Long  
Morgan Marburger  
Lana Parsons  
Ariana Rangel  
Shelby Tepera  
Hawk Thompson  
Faith Arnold  
Taylor Atwood  
Caleb Briehn  
Ashley Comobs  
Casey Daniell  
Bryant Lisenbe  
Keaton Mims  
Simn Pinkston  
Jacobd Quick  
Landry Smith  
Dakota Cloud  
Marissa DeLeon  
Rachel Evans  
Michaela Fox  
Dalton Hankamer  
Isaac Henriquez  
Robin Kelley  
Kyle King  
Jacob Little  
Kandes Ponder

## Third Grade

Caden Eary  
Casey Frazier  
Morgan Hill  
Kindell Hill  
Rachel Ray  
Savannah Ortiz  
Drew Van Winkle  
Reagan Best  
Robert Cortez  
Samantha Laurenson  
Amy Manna  
Tyler Tischler  
Kyle Heiner  
Kase Spears  
Morgan Bassa  
Jordan Drake  
Trey Berry  
Tristan Bragg  
Clayton Cole  
Dane Hankamer  
Michael Hester  
Daniel Lemus  
Davis Little  
Branson Walker

## Fourth Grade

Anna Buchele  
Johnny Goode  
Todd Bailey  
Madison DePriest  
Bryce Martin  
Paige Meritt  
Kylie Robinson  
Cody Baxter  
Michael Butts  
Taylor Cromwell  
Sean Moore  
Michael Brookbank  
Dale Clement  
Reece Hoflund  
Mattie Price

## A-B Honor Rolls

### Second Grade

Magnum Nurcham  
Oren Wilkerson  
Jessica Bush  
Jacob Hambright  
McKayla Hodge  
Jarret Hodges  
Ellis Van Sickle

Rebecca Carroll  
Tori Howerton  
Carmella Perez  
Dylen Bradley  
Hunter Haagsma  
Madison Matis  
Jessi James  
Colby Smith  
Gem Vitolas  
Kailtyn White  
Jessica Wolf

## Third Grade

Brad Cosper  
Jaylee Sebek  
Katie Kyle  
Kexis Warren  
Dennie Barker  
Sierra Armstrong  
Elizabeth Franco  
Chase Manning  
Rebecca Patterson  
Anissa Peralta  
Daniel Rosenau  
Mason Price  
Taryn Kornegay  
Caitlyn Stanley  
Vladimir Para  
Alicia Decker  
Josie Norman  
Justin Cowan  
James Svadleank  
Clayton Kolls  
Nathan Briscoe  
Anna Bracken  
Nicholas Cousins  
Lacee Dusek  
Morgan Mattson  
Kegan Owen  
Sommer Sloan  
Taylor West  
Branson Wilhite

## Fourth Grade

Jake Benolken  
Luke Cooper  
Marcene Grimsley  
Hannah Kelark  
Madison Kelley  
Tom Kyle  
Amber Monk  
Dillon Passaeg  
Courtney Sloan  
Kyle Suhlin  
Sam Barrett  
Coby Giniewicz  
Ryan Kelley  
Cameron Masson  
Christian Masson  
Eric McGregor  
Taylor Mullins  
Patrick Murray  
Stephen Sibbitt  
Albin Timm  
Meredith Ward  
Kaci Wells  
Shelby Boniface  
Janna Arguellez  
Jessica Armas  
Barton Cheatham  
Cooper Cox  
Billy Golding  
Emily Hardcastle  
Trey Mohler  
Joshua Oyler  
Cheyenne Pyle  
Jacey Roberts  
Fabian Saucedo  
Brie Taylor  
Mildred Tonchez  
Maurise Hornsey  
Lani Barton  
Matthew Holdampf  
Cameron Kirchmeier  
Cody Lankford  
Megan Mattson  
John Pegues  
Liza Spurlock  
Morgan Taylor  
Christian Wilkerson  
Haley Williams

## Salado Intermediate School

### All A Honor Roll

#### Fifth Grade

Mikayla N. Austin  
Peyton G. Best  
James T. Dale  
Kaycie D. Davidson  
Taylor N. Eary  
Cai E. Hopkins  
Cara A. Langford  
Taylor A. Marburger

Kirsten R. McGillick  
Colton L. Meiman  
Kelsey L. Palomino  
Cameron L. Smith  
Koby B. Spears

## Sixth Grade

Ryan A. Burden  
Jacob M. Cahoon  
Taylor N. Caldwell  
Shelby D. Cecil  
Kathryn M. Clark  
William J. Cleveland  
Schuyler R. Dale  
Kalyn L. Dunks  
Brittney D. Frazier  
Johanna L. Goode  
Jacob A. Heiner  
Courtney N. Lavadia  
Kandace E. Little  
Audley O. Miles  
Kelsey R. Ortiz  
Janson R. Oyler  
Bailie K. Reed  
Tyndal E. Schreiner  
Jenna M. Sebek  
Kasey L. Smetana  
Connor K. Smith  
Rachel M. Spinks  
Ryan P. Suresh  
Braxton S. Tucker  
Morgan K. Van Winkle  
Hunter J. Ward  
Alexandra R. Willis

## Seventh Grade

Haley N. Kemp  
Jordan S. Svadlenak  
Elliott J. Tantillo  
Trenton J. Wagnon

## Eighth Grade

Jordan N. Dunn  
Abby N. Frazier  
Dara R. Schiller  
Jonathan P. Spinks

## A-B Honor Roll

### Fifth Grade

Austin C. Armstrong  
Tori E. Belcher  
Cade P. Benoit  
Kyle R. Bradley  
Helena R. Carroll  
Nicholas R. Castillo  
Chellicee G. Cloud  
Anthony E. Finger  
Katherine Flippo  
Cody S. Goodman  
Cole A. Goodrum  
Jada K. Kornegay  
Valeria Licea  
Elaina R. Magee  
Marcos G. Medoza  
Rebecca D. Moffatt  
Kori L. Norman  
Devan W. Patterson  
Rachel D. Piatt  
Teresa M. Pinkerton  
Chelsea M. Rank  
Joseph C. Rex  
Ty D. Roemer  
George C. Romfh  
Hannah N. Seaton  
Victoria M. Sellers  
Austin J. Silva  
Eric W. Simpson  
Ashley N. Stark  
Jacob A. Svadlenak

## Sixth Grade

Dylan R. Barbosa  
Dustin R. Barton  
Baylee R. Bell  
Brennan R. Boydston  
Ethan S. Bracken  
Jacob A. Brank  
Bernard E. Briggs  
Kelsea N. Briscoe  
Courtney A. Colacino  
Andrew T. Cosper  
Christain F. Edwards  
Alyssa M. Farrow  
Alyson S. George  
Robert R. Golding

Jacob A. Gustafson  
Logan P. Haire  
Megan L. Harvell  
Callie M. Hill  
Raven B. Hojnacki  
Katrina L. Huckeryby  
Amelia J. Kendall  
Garrett L. Keys  
Dylan J. Laurenson  
Garret C. Marburger  
Shauna P. Miller  
Cody W. Monk  
Chase A. Murphy  
Carlos T. Ortiz  
Zane P. Pedersen  
Rachel L. Pinkerton  
Hailee M. Pipes  
Shannon K. Ponder  
Christopher D. Quinn  
Kristina C. Ramos  
Patrick H. Sloan  
Stephen B. Sniggs  
Savannah N. Stanley  
Courtney D. Wheeler  
Jennifer P. Zulauf

## Seventh Grade

Ashlee J. Arnold  
Grace E. Buchele  
Taylor L. Cockrell  
Kristen M. Dunnahoo  
Mindi R. Dunnahoo  
Jessica L. Ferrell-Raborn  
Brittany N. Finger  
Sarah A. Foster  
Isabel A. Garcia  
Robert C. Hendrick  
Sarah S. Im  
Alexander R. Lincoln  
Ashley R. Lincoln  
Caleb J. Little  
Jace D. Maldonado  
Mallory N. Ming  
Caroline L. Payne  
Maria G. Perez  
Rebecca E. Petro  
Paul A. Pinkston  
Doris O. Rodriguez  
Audrey E. Roe  
Jayni H. Sierra  
Zoe B. Simpson  
Gregory J. Tischler  
Jessica L. Walker  
Boomer W. Wells  
Heather M. Williams

## Eighth Grade

Ashlee E. Cantrell  
Sarah C. Cleveland  
Lindsey D. Coffey  
Cody C. Davis  
Rocquell L. Dishaw  
James R. Ervi  
Kristi E. Everett  
Jenna M. Ferrell-Raborn  
Katie L. Foster  
Barton L. Grigsby  
Kasie R. Herrmann  
Timothy R. Hofmann  
Bradford L. Hollas  
Morgan L. Kelly  
Nichole L. Melde  
Keelie R. Mims  
Matthew D. Ming  
Caitlyn E. Oyler  
Samantha R. Pate  
Gene H. Radebaugh  
Kaleigh A. Rank  
Taylor K. Reed  
Brianda Ruiz  
Megan A. Seaton  
Michael T. Silkett  
Garret G. Ward  
Clayton A. Whitmire  
Jenny L. Wiggan  
Tyler M. Wright

## Salado High School

### All A Honor Roll

#### Ninth Grade

Matthew C. Arant  
Joshua A. Coleman  
Matthew T. Fritsch  
Kevin M. Jackson  
Brittany S. Kincheloe

Cory W. Langford  
Kamylle M. Palomino  
Valeria Rangel  
David M. Rosenau  
Eric J. Santoya  
Colin M. Smith  
Tamra N. Stanish  
Reena E. Suresh  
Biridiana A. Torres

## Tenth Grade

Jamie P. Burson  
Sara J. Moffatt  
Molly M. Rooney  
Crystal J. Schoellmann  
Tavonn Y. Shafie  
Ariel D. Simpson

## Eleventh Grade

Lacey J. Bartlett  
Grant P. Boston  
Kristopher R. Califano  
Aaron T. Cook  
Brittany J. Dixon  
Wesley E. Dowell  
Slayton W. Ebeling  
Hollie R. Faircloth  
Gerald J. Flynn  
Seth T. Hale  
Rachel L. Hargrove  
Kathryn D. Holdampf  
Travis L. Kemp  
Amanda J. Koiner  
Katherine E. Marshall  
Leah E. Owens  
Rachelle W. Perry  
Kirsten N. Singleton  
Kelsey L. Smith  
Joshanna L. Washburn  
Sherry N. Weatherly  
Justin K. Whitfield  
Jessica C. Whitmire  
Heather D. Winters

## Twelfth Grade

Rachel E. Blodgett  
Brittany L. Boydston  
Barrett P. Brashier  
Virginia L. Ewton  
David C. Farrow  
Jennifer E. Goode  
Brittani N. Goodnight  
Randal C. Jackson  
Joshua C. Jacobsen  
Matthew R. Jennings  
Cayla D. Lewis  
Douglas L. Mackie  
Jacob C. Mewhinney  
Alyssa K. Powell  
Rebekah E. Quick  
Jessica C. Rivers  
Elise C. Sharum  
Savannah L. Slagel  
Jonathan B. Spence  
Jaclyn B. Welsh  
Sofia S. Willingham  
Kristen M. Womac  
Lauralee Young

## A-B Honor Roll

### Ninth Grade

Tiffani L. Barton  
Tyler M. Burden  
Joshua H. Bush  
Dallas H. Butts  
Seth M. Collins  
Lauren J. Culver  
Gene A. Drake  
Emily R. Dunn  
Gregory W. Faber  
James D. Ferrell-Raborn  
Alexandria J. Fisher  
Leopoldo P. Galvan  
Karleigh R. Goodnight  
Lauren L. Haire  
Julie K. Hajda  
Blake P. Heller  
Abigail Hernandez  
Amanda J. Hoffman  
Linsay E. Hora  
Alex W. House  
Donald L. Ingalsbe  
Candy R. Jimenez  
Taylor K. Johnson  
Caitlyn N. Jones

Dennis E. Jordan  
Sterling N. Martin  
Marty W. McLaughlin  
Alyssa J. Mitchell  
Nicholas A. Mohammed  
Jonathan D. Nix  
Treavor H. Radcliffe  
Rebecca R. Redman  
Amy L. Simon  
Kristen A. Smith  
Mandi E. Smith  
Ryan W. Smith  
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Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
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Billy and Darlene Lummus, of Salado, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Erin Lummus, of Humble, to Christian Rider, of Houston, son of Gary and Luwana Rider, of Mineola. The couple plans an April 2, 2005 wedding at Moody Gardens in Galveston.

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**Christy Sharum receives Innovative Teaching grant**

Christy Sharum, a teacher at Salado ISD, was recently awarded an Innovative Teaching Grant from the Salado Education Foundation in the amount of \$800.

Sharum will use the grant to teach Special Education classes reading and writing skills, using human anatomy and science to spark imagination and motivation.

The Salado Education Foundation will offer other Innovative Teaching Grants later this spring. Salado ISD teachers must submit application no later than March 1.

**First Baptist holds 12 week study on Hebrews**

A “Precept Upon Precept” Bible study class, focusing on the book of Hebrews, will begin on in Salado. Class will start 9 a.m. Jan. 20, and will be held at StoneCreek Settlement. The classes are open to the public. The 12 week course will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday evenings at the First Baptist Church and 9 a.m. Wednesday mornings at Stone Creek Settlement.

The “Precept Upon Precept” study method is used across the nation and in over 52 foreign countries. These in-depth studies are acclaimed for their practical, personal approach to Bible study.

The study includes homework, discussion and lecture time.

“Precept” Bible studies are written by Kay Arthur, a well-known speaker, broadcaster and author. Her in-depth knowledge of the Bible, as well as her presentation of Biblical concepts, make the “Precept” method an effective study tool. The study is designed both for the serious student with seminary experience, as well as for the individual who has never studied the Bible before.

For more information about the classes contact Jill Shipman at 718-2030, or Debbie Harrison at 947-1974.

**Interdenominational study of Samuel held at First Baptist Church Belton**

The Temple/Belton Community Bible Study Co-Ed evening class (CBS) will hold an introduction class for the study of I and II Samuel 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24, in the old sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Belton. Visitors are welcome.

CBS is an interdenominational study for men and women of all backgrounds who are interested in an in-depth weekly study of the Bible. There are more than 484 CBS adult classes in the country, as well as 44 teen classes.

The Temple/Belton CBS class meets 7:30-9 p.m. every Monday at First Baptist Church. Each week, participants receive

a reading commentary on the previous week's topic and a set of questions to work on each day covering the next week's reading.

These questions are discussed in small groups of about 15. Couples can choose to participate together in a couple's small group or individually in a men's or women's small group. Following the small groups, there is a short lecture over the same section of scripture.

The class will break for spring vacation and finish at the end of April.

To receive additional information call Kathie Kimes, 773-1842, or Richard Erickson, 899-1982 in Temple, or Curtis Gibson, 526-9128 in Killeen.

**Salado students listed in the 38th annual Who's Who**

Local students listed in the 38th annual Who's Who Among American High School Students are: Clayton T. Aker, Garrett D. Askins, Kristi M. Billington, Mattie D. Billington, Brandon Bledsoe, Brittany L. Boydston, Jamie P. Burson, Paige Cameron, Megan R. Chick, Travis R. Clark, Cale Cox, Lane E. Cryar, Brittany J. Dixon, Tiffany L. Dixon, Wesley E. Dowell, Jacqueline R. Drake, Michael A. Engelke, David C. Farrow, Chelsea L. Phillip, Melissa A. Gilpin, Jennifer E. Goode, Kayla R. Griffin, Angela Hogwood, Lauren M. Hogwood, Kathryn D. Holdampf, Kenneth Hora, Taylor L. Jones, Stephanie Kinsey, Rebecca G. Lyssy, Douglas L. Mackie,

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The Salado student listed in the Sports Edition is Craig Sniggs.

These students are nominated by high school principals, guidance counselors, youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon the students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Who's Who students compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey.

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## Ruth Marie Close, 80 passes away

Ruth Marie Close, 80, of Oakley, KS passed away January 14, 2005. Funeral services were held Jan. 18, at the First United Methodist Church in Oakley. Rev. Mike Eurit and Rev. Elin Colglazier officiated. Burial was at Monument Cemetery, Monument, KS.

Ruth Marie was born April 4, 1924 in Bell County, to James Bunyon Gidley and Ruth Stroud Gidley. At the time of her death she was a retired Registered Nurse.

She moved to Oakley in 1952, and married Glen D. Close on Nov. 8, 1953 in Page City, KS.

She held membership in the Oakley First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Oakley Cameo Club and was treasurer of Second Time A Round Shop in Oakley.

Survivors include her husband, Glen Close; one son, Greg Close; and one daughter, Melinda Moeder, all of Oakley.

Surviving brothers are J.T. Gidley, of Medina, NY; Wayne Gidley, of Mesquite; and John Gidley and Tom Gidley, both of Salado.

Surviving sisters include Jo Ann Moon, of Coco Beach, FL; Velma Griffin, of Brookshire; Mary Beesley, of Hill-sboro; Frances Roth, of Driftwood; Sue Gasho, of Hutchison; Doris Burt, of Salado; and Netta Butler, of Temple.

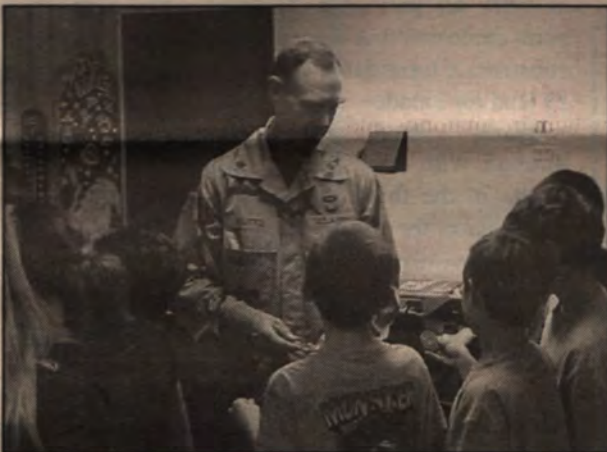
Surviving grandchildren are Melissa Lippelmann and Ashlyn Moeder.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Ruth Gidley, and two brothers, Jim Gidley and Roland Gidley.

Memorials can be made to the Oakley First United Methodist Church in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, KS 67748.



Salado Church of Christ invited the community to tour its new 7,000+ sq. ft. Activity Center during a Jan. 16 open house. The Brentwood Church of Christ Choir sang hymns for visitors before remarks by Salado Church of Christ minister Joe Keyes (left) and Salado Mayor Rick Ashe. About 150 people attended the Open House for the Church of Christ. (PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Students in Lisa Wagnon's fourth grade class at Thomas Arnold Elementary grilled Maj. Peter Butts (of Salado) after his talk to the class. Maj. Butts discussed his Army career with the students and the War in Iraq. Here, Maj. Butts shows his medals to the students. (PHOTO COURTESY LISA WAGNON)

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Showing the type of hustle that he's known for, Matt Jennings scraps for a loose ball versus Jarrell. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

# SPORTS

## Boys stay perfect in district

The Salado Varsity Eagles made a good case for why they're the second-ranked team in the state versus Rogers Jan. 11. The boys came out firing on all cylinders and thoroughly manhandled an overmatched Rogers squad by the generous margin of 73-36.

The forward tandem of Devon Dunn and James Gregurek, who scored six and five, respectively, opened the game on the right note for the Eagles. Salado led by 10 points, 18-8, after one. That was just an appetizer for what was to come in the second quarter, however.

Young Ryan Clark, just a sophomore, was in some sort of shooting zone in the second, scoring 14 points, including four three pointers. Clark would miss from the field just once on the night. Continuing the type of impressive play he has exhibited since Matt Caskey's foot injury, Gregurek accounted for another eight points in the second, as well, all part of a 27 point explosion that helped construct a formidable 45-13 lead for Salado.

Dunn then came through with seven more points in the third, while Ryan Clark, for good mea-



Nick Everett puts up a long-range shot against Jarrell. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

sure, dropped in another three pointer in the mostly insignificant fourth quarter.

Ryan Clark's 19-point game led all scorers, while Dunn tallied 17 points and Gregurek chipped in 15. In limited action, Travis Clark had

eight points, and the same for Nick Everett.

Matt Jennings, Scott Williams and Justin Pruitt all scored two points each.

With their most lopsided victory of the season behind them, the Eagles struggled to find an offensive rhythm against Jarrell for much of the first half.

Fortunately for Salado, Travis Clark was a machine, pumping in a game-high 26 points and controlling both ends of the floor in leading his team to a 49-34 home-court win.

With six points in the first quarter, Travis Clark helped Salado get out to a 13-6 lead, and that difference would remain basically unchanged throughout the second. Clark was only getting warmed up in the first, as he recorded 11 more points in the second quarter (he had three three pointers in the first half), as Salado took a 26-17 advantage into halftime.

In the third, Jarrell hit a pair of long range shots to keep the game relatively close, but they didn't have enough firepower to effectively challenge Coach Long's squad.

Behind Clark's 26, Devon Dunn came through with 11. Also scoring were Matt Jennings, six, James Gregurek, four, and Nick Everett, two.

Salado, now 15-6 overall and 5-0 in district, began the tail end of the first round of district with

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Joni earned a BA in Psychology and Social Work and an MS in Human Resource Management. She attended the Lauterstein-Conway School of Massage in Austin, Texas and is currently working on national certification. Joni is certified by the United States Association of Triathlon and the International Fitness Association as a coach and personal trainer.

As a former Army military intelligence enlisted soldier and officer, Joni excelled in physical fitness. She competed individually at distance running and triathlon and team sports. Since leaving the Army in 1998, Joni worked as a government contractor in the military intelligence field and became more focused on personal training and racing goals.

Joni improved her marathon personal best to 3:27 and began competing in duathlon and triathlon. She qualified for the US Amateur team in 2001 for duathlon and the 2005 team for long course triathlon. In 2003, Joni competed in Hawaii at the championship for Ironman distance triathlon. She has competed in and completed 5 triathlons, boasting a personal best of 11:19. Joni is a nationally-ranked All American in her sport(s).

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All stitched and bandaged, senior Jenny Goode takes a jumpshot just outside the paint in Salado's win over Jarrell. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

## Ladies latch onto 2nd after district loop

Coming in as winners of four straight, and six of their last seven, the Salado Lady Eagles notched two more district wins last week, first over Rogers Jan. 11, then Jarrell Jan. 14.

The pair of victories improved Salado to 17-7 overall, and crucially, to 5-1 in District 25AA. By extending their consecutive win-streak to six games, the Lady Eagles equalled their season best, and completed the first round of district play with just one blemish - that coming against first place Academy back on Dec. 21.

By holding Rogers to a single field goal in the first half of their Jan. 11 contest, Salado adopted what is likely the most effective way to win any sort of game: keeping the opponent from scoring.

Playing herself back into shape after a long injury layoff, Brittany Boydston scored four first period points, leading Salado to a quick 10-3 lead to open things up.

Kate Marshall's four points in the second contributed to Salado's nine-point, 15-6 lead at halftime.

Marshall kept up the pressure in the third, recording six more points to put Salado up by 10, 24-14. But it was the offen-

sive effort of Jenny Goode that really sealed the deal, as the senior drained a trio of three pointers on her way to 11 points in the concluding frame.

In the 44-26 road win, Goode finished with 14 points, eight assists and five steals, while Marshall also tallied 14 points, as well as six boards from her paint position.

Kelsey Smith and Boydston each accounted for six points, while Kelsey Gobin and Nicole Weatherly had two each.

The Lady Eagles were then in a position to close out the first half of district on a high note, which they did by dispatching Jarrell on the homecourt by a score of 44-30.

Judging by the first half of play, it seemed as though the Lady Cougars were going to give Salado all they could handle. The Lady Eagles held a slim 9-8 lead after a low-scoring first quarter, and actually trailed at the half, 17-19.

Both offense and defense for Salado came alive in the third quarter, however. Propelled by Kelsey Gobin's six points, and fine free throw shooting (Salado was 11-12 from the line in the first three quarters), the Lady Eagles opened up a 35-24 advantage with one quarter remaining.

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—Brendan Behan

### Salado School Menus Mon.- Fri., Jan. 24-28

**Lunch Thomas Arnold Elementary**

- Jan. 24: Chili mac beef, corn dogs, pizza, chef salad, baked potato, tater tots, cornbread, pinto beans, carrots, fresh fruit, pears, milk, tea.
- Jan. 25: Chicken nuggets, hamburger on bun, pizza, chef salad, frito lay, rolls, corn, peas and carrots, mashed potatoes with gravy, burger salad, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits, milk, tea.
- Jan. 26: Pizza, chicken fried chicken, chef salad, roasted red potatoes, baked potato, burger salad, corn, breadstick, fresh fruit, peaches, milk, tea.
- Jan. 27: Baked potato loaded, nachos, pizza, chef salad, baked potato, oven fries, oatmeal cookies, carrots, fresh fruit, applesauce, garlic bread, milk, tea.
- Jan. 28: Cheeseburger on a roll, fish on a bun, pizza, chef salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit, apple slices, burger salad, oven fries, milk, tea.

**Lunch Salado Intermediate & High Schools**

- Jan. 24: Chili mac beef, chef salad, hoagie, green beans, mixed fruit, cornbread, milk.
- Jan. 25: Chopped BBQ, chef salad, hoagie, ranch style beans, fresh fruit, milk.
- Jan. 26: Pizza, yogurt and fruit plate, hoagie, corn, breadstick, peaches, milk.
- Jan. 27: Corn dogs, pinto beans, chef salad, hoagie, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.
- Jan. 28: Cheeseburger on roll, chef salad, hoagie, burger salad, oven fries, pineapple tidbits, milk.

**Both Campuses:**

- Jan. 24: Breakfast on a stick
- Jan. 25: French toast
- Jan. 26: Biscuit, sausage patty
- Jan. 27: Sausage rolls
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### Basketball — From 6A

a Jan. 18 game on the road in Somerville. The boys will host Lago Vista Jan. 21.  
And while the team may not yet be approaching their 18-game win streak from a season ago, the boys are winners of five straight, and have not dropped a contest in district play since the latter half of the 2002-2003 season. In fact, their district win streak now stands at 18 consecutive.

**Junior Varsity**

The JV A team put together two strong games last week to take down Rogers and Jarrell. Versus Rogers Jan. 11, the Eagles ran away with it, taking the game by a score 61-23. Had Salado converted on a few more free throw opportunities in the first half, they would likely have won by even more.  
Chad Tumey had 13 points for the Eagles, all in the second half. Nine of Tumey's points came on three pointers. Tanner Myers contributed

11 points, Justin Konzen had nine, Noah Harbison scored eight and Blake Newman recorded seven. Also scoring were Chris Redman, five, Tanner Johnson, four, and Craig Sniggs, four.

Jarrell gave the A team a little bit more competition, but Salado was still able to come away the win, although not as lopsided as the Rogers game.

The Eagles used a potent first three quarters to grab a nice lead and win the game by 10, 56-46.

Newman and Harbison led the way with 14 points each. Myers scored eight, and Tumey had another double-figures game, finishing with 10. In addition, Redman and Konzen both scored four points.

In other recent JV action, the B team competed in, and won, a tournament in Academy held Jan. 15. Although detailed results were not available at press time, the freshmen defeated Florence and then the host team to take the title.

### Eighth grade girls top Somerville

The Salado Lady Eagles Eighth Grade girls basketball teams experienced a mixed bag of success in their recent action.

On Jan. 6, both A and B teams competed against Rogers, and both Salado squads were defeated.

The A team dropped their contest by a score of 13-34. "This was not a

very pretty game for us," commented Coach Erica Meyer. "We worked hard on things that we knew Rogers would do and did not execute them in the game."

Danielle Hazard was the leading point-scorer, finishing with seven. Also scoring were Krist Everett, four, Keelie Mimes, one, and Jordan Dunn, one.

The B team was defeated by just one point, 10-11.

Both Ashlee Cantrell and Maegan Kincheloe scored four points, while Kaleigh Rank contributed two.

On Jan. 10 the A team hosted Somerville and came away with a 30-17 victory.

Amanda Mattson had eight, Keelie Mims scored four, Abby Frazier had four and Jordan Dunn finished with four to lead the Lady Eagles.

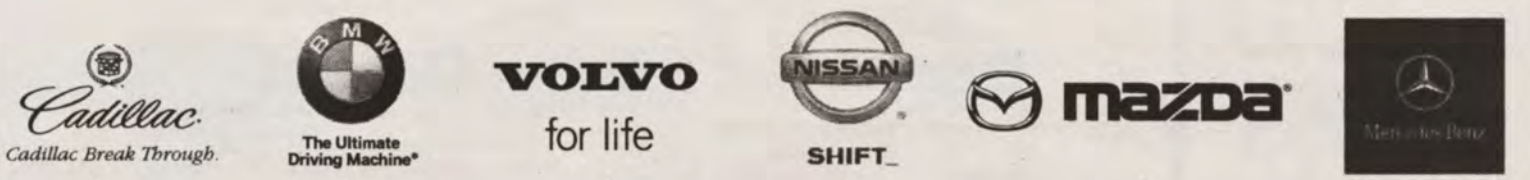
### Powerlifters start strong

The Salado girls powerlifting team opened the 2005 season with a first place team finish at the Jan. 15 Bosqueville Meet, while the boys placed fourth.

"The meet was a huge success for the Salado powerlifting teams," said Coach Glenn Talbott. "The hard work that the lifters have put into their workouts paid off."

The powerlifters will next compete Jan. 22 at Midway.

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## Second Annual Harry A. Wilmer Lectureship Jan. 23

A highly acclaimed, made-for-TV movie will be the subject of the Institute for the Humanities' second annual lectureship honoring its founder, Dr. Harry Wilmer. The Harry A. Wilmer, II Lectureship will be held Jan. 23, and will feature a screening of the movie, "People Need People," followed by commentary and discussion with Pam Marvin, wife of the late star of the movie. Other colleagues and friends of Dr. Wilmer will also participate in the discussion. The event is free and open to the public.

The Institute was founded in 1980 by Wilmer, a psychiatrist, scholar and writer who, after many years of teaching, decided to create a public forum to foster discussion on important issues. During his 17 years as director, more than 200 of the nation's leading scholars came to Salado to participate in these programs, including Nobel Laureate Linus Pauling and poet Maya Angelou.

The second annual Harry A. Wilmer, II Lec-

tureship will take place 3-5 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Silver Spur Theater, 108 Royal Street.

A reception will follow the presentation. For more information contact the Institute for the Humanities at (254) 947-5729 or ifh@vvm.com.

The movie illustrates an aspect of Dr. Wilmer's life that has had a major impact on the practice of psychotherapy in the United States. Although Dr. Wilmer has been a fixture in the central Texas community for more than 30 years, founding the Institute and working at several medical institutions, many are unaware of his groundbreaking contributions to psychotherapy.

He pioneered group psychotherapy in this country with his work with psychiatric servicemen who were patients at Oakland Naval Hospital during the Korean War.

Although this form of therapy is common today, 50 years ago it was revolutionary, and has since paved the way for many advances in the treatment

of psychiatric patients. In 1955, while serving as a Navy psychiatrist, Dr. Wilmer was granted permission to conduct an experiment in which all restraints were withdrawn from the mental patients at the Oakland naval hospital where he was working.

His book, "Social Psychiatry in Action," was based on his experiences working with these patients. It was made into the television movie entitled, "People Need People," starring Lee Marvin as the most volatile patient, and Arthur Kennedy as Dr. Wilmer.

The Wilmer's association with Lee Marvin during the filming of that project led to a lifetime friendship, that included his wife, Pam Marvin. After the showing of the movie, Marvin will discuss the project, its subsequent adaptation into a stage production that premiered at San Quinton Prison, and her families' relationship with the Wilmers over the years.

Pam Marvin is the author of "Lee: A Romance," a biography of her late

husband, and is currently working on a book detailing his film career.

Dr. Wilmer is retired from his posts as Senior Psychiatrist at Scott and White Clinic and Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio. Prior to coming to Texas, he was Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California at San Francisco and Stanford University.

Dr. Wilmer's psychotherapeutic work with veterans led to more pioneering therapy with Vietnam veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder during his stint as Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio.

While there, he also founded and directed four annual International Film Festivals that brought in speakers from all over the world to discuss important medical and human issues. The Institute for the Humanities at Salado was an outgrowth of these conferences in San Antonio.

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# Use tax refund to meet goals

## Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



If you haven't yet filed your taxes, you may think it's too early to ponder your refund. After all, you don't even know if you'll get one. But the odds are in your favor; historically, about three-fourths of all taxpayers receive refund checks. So, you may want to start planning for this "bonus" today. In fact, if you get a refund, and you haven't thought about what to do with it, you may be more likely to spend it - and then it's gone. As an alternative, why not use your refund to help yourself make progress toward your key financial goals?

You might think that your refund wouldn't really be big enough to make much of a difference in your life. But that's not necessarily true. In 2004, the average tax refund was about \$2,300. What could you do with this amount? Let's take a look:

\* Contribute to your IRA - In 2005, you can put in up to \$4,000 (or \$4,500 if you're 50 or

older) to a traditional or Roth IRA (income limits apply), so your \$2,300 would put you more than halfway to the limit. It's almost always a good idea to fully fund your IRA, which offers substantial tax advantages. Specifically, a traditional IRA's earnings grow tax-deferred, while a Roth IRA's earnings grow completely tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.

\* Pay down your debts - Over the past few years, we've seen low interest rates in a number of areas - mortgages, certificates of deposit, short-term bonds, etc. But there's at least one conspicuous exception to the low-rate trend: credit cards. You could easily

have one or more credit cards that charge 11 percent interest - or more. If you could get rid of that debt, you would, in effect, be earning an 11 percent (or greater) return. Consequently, you'd likely be making a pretty good "investment" by applying your \$2,300 toward your credit card debt.

\* Save for college - College costs have risen sharply over the past several years. To send your children to college, you'll want to save early and save often. Fortunately, you can find several attractive college-savings vehicles, including the Coverdell Education Savings Account and the Section 529 savings plan. You can put up to \$2,000 per year to a Coverdell

Account - so your \$2,300 is enough to completely fund your plan for 2005. Or you might also want to consider putting your tax refund into a Section 529 savings plan. (Section 529 plan contribution limits are quite high.)

\* Build an "emergency fund" - If you don't already have an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, you should consider creating one - and your \$2,300 will make a nice start. Once you've set up an emergency fund, you may be able to avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, such as a major car repair or an expensive new appliance.

Use your refund wisely

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by Ryan Hodge

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Jerry Goodman

**Jerry Goodman artwork on display locally**

For several years the Salado Village Artists have kept up changing displays of different artists for the community to view. These works of art appear in The Salado Public Library, the First State Bank and Compass Bank.

As the art club has grown, there have been more artists from which to choose. This month, however, the SVA brings back a favorite: Jerry Goodman, who has been painting for over 30 years. She dabbles in all mediums, but says watercolors are her favorite. Goodman is also talented in quilting and crafting.

Goodman and golfer-husband, Dick, have lived in Salado for over 20 years and she has enjoyed the SVA most of that. She says she benefits from her association with other artists, constantly sharing knowledge, taking classes, and showing her work. Many of her paintings hang in private collections, and she has won awards in many shows the most recent being a juried exhibit sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado (PALS). One floral being exhibited at the First State Bank won a first place ribbon in last year's professionally judged SVA art show.

The 15 Goodman pieces will be on display at the two Salado banks and the Salado Library to see these fifteen wonderful paintings.



Salado Freshman Nicholas Mohammed was named to the All-District and All-Region bands. At Area competition, he was named second chair, missing the chance to compete at the state level by one position. He is first alternate to state. Nicholas plays the bassoon. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

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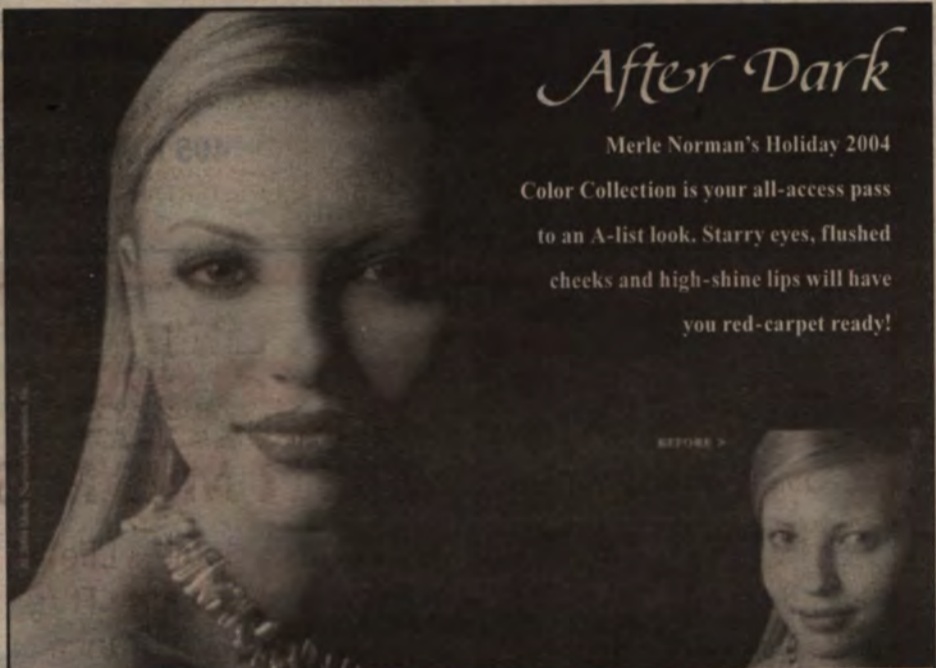
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# Caring Ball 2005 benefits Temple Free Clinic

Caring Ball 2005 will take place Feb. 19 at the Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center in Temple.

The Caring Ball benefits the Temple Free Clinic, which provides free health care services to needy Bell County residents who otherwise may not have access to health care. Eligibility criteria for services at the clinic include the

working poor, qualified uninsured, and those with overwhelming medical needs in Bell County. Most patients come from working households that do not have health insurance or are bound by large deductibles, carry large medical debts, or struggle to get by each month because of low paying jobs.

The Free Clinic receives financial support as a

United Way agency and from both individual and group contributions. The joint efforts of Altrusa and the Medical Alliance in organizing and sponsoring the annual Caring Ball provide approximately one third of the clinic's operational expenses. Last year the ball raised \$101,000. All funds go directly toward the general operating expenses.

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Free Clinic is located at 1905 Curtis B. Elliot Drive in the Jeff Hamilton Community Center in Wilson Park, and is operational on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 8 a.m.

The theme for this year's Ball is "Ports of Call," where guests will embark on board a fantasy luxury cruise liner and enjoy an evening of dining, dancing and bidding on

both live and silent auction items. Guests entering the transformed Mayborn Center will be met with decorations reminiscent of ports of call from around the world and will discover a ship full of exotic treasures to bid on as they dine and dance.

An added bonus to the Caring Ball is the drawing of a 2005 newly redesigned Ford Mustang valued at approximately \$22,000. This new Mustang, complete with Sports package, is being offered at \$50 a chance with only 1,500 tickets available for purchase. There is no limit to the number of tickets an individual can purchase.

The tickets may be purchased from any of the following locations: Johnson Bros. Ford, Quality Tire, Temple

Community Free Clinic, Temple Oil & Lube, Al's Formal Wear, Sorge's Italian Restaurant, or any Altrusa or Medical Alliance member. The winner does not need to be present at the Ball to win.

Kathy Folley, underwriter co-chair said, "The Caring Ball would not be possible without generous contributions of the businesses and individuals of this community who continue to support this event and the Temple Free Clinic year after year. It is a privilege to live and work in a community with such compassion for others."

Anyone interested in assisting the needs of the Temple Community Free Clinic by attending Caring Ball 2005 should call the Temple Community Free Clinic at 771-3375.

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## Rotarians plan spaghetti dinner

Salado Rotary Club's first annual Spaghetti Supper will be 4-7 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Salado Intermediate School. The Spaghetti Dinner coincides with the Eagles' home basketball game.

Tickets are \$6 each with children under 6 free (with an adult). They can be purchased from any Salado Rotarian or at the door.

Proceeds benefit Rotary charities, such as scholarships, Family Relief and the Library.

## Ladies FROM PAGE 7A

No late-game drama from Jarrell was forthcoming, though, as Salado held the Lady Cougars to six points to secure the win.

Jenny Goode's 12 points led the Salado offense, while close behind was Gobin, who came through with 11 points. Boydston had a nice game, tacking up eight points - including 6-6 from the line - and nabbing five boards and four steals.

Also scoring for Salado were Kelsey Smith and Lauren Haire, who each had three points, Kate Marshall, four, Nicole Weatherly, two, and Kristen Smith, one.

Coach Copeland's squad got no reprieve from the district-play rigors, as they took on Somerville Jan. 18. The girls will host Lago Vista - coached by Salado alum Kurt Salisbury - on Jan. 21.

### Junior Varsity

Things didn't look so

bad for the JV girls when they posted a slight, 6-5 lead after the first quarter. But after a promising start, the game went south, as Salado eventually dropped the game by a score of 20-12 Jan. 11.

Brandi Lott was the highlight offensively, scoring all but four of Salado's points. Natalee Cantrell and Mary Runyon, with two points apiece, accounted the rest of the Lady Eagle scoring.

Not letting the loss get to them, the girls rebounded nicely with a strong 42-16 victory over Jarrell Jan. 14.

The girls led this one 20-5 at halftime, and the outcome was never much in question after that.

Lott had another impressive showing, coming through with 14 points. Cortney Dunahoo contributed eight, Runyon and Jessica Shumate both totaled six, and Sarah Moffatt and Cantrell each posted four points.

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## Blind Spots next show for LRTS

For its winter show, the Living Room Theatre of Salado (LRTS) will present *Blind Spots*, a new comedy drama by Mary Ann Taylor written especially for Salado's Living Room Theatre. Ramon Carver adapted the story and will direct the performance, featuring Shirley Pinkston and Brandon Jarratt.

For reservations, call Hulda Horton at 254-947-8300. The show is open to the public and to subscribers. To become a subscriber and receive advance notice of LRTS events, give Horton a \$5

check, with your name and mailing address on it, and you'll be put on the list.

Performances for this show are 7 p.m., each night at these locations: Jan. 24, the living room of Anna Lou and Louis Raney, 501 De Grummond Way; Jan. 26, the home of Bobbie and Gerald Reihsen, 3901 Chisholm Tr., #7; and Jan. 27, the home of Maurice and Charlene Carson, 314 Royal View Rd.

The script is a lively confrontation between a Master Teacher and a student with "attitude."

The author, a gradu-

ate of the University of Texas, also holds a master's degree in English and Drama from Angelo State. She lives with her husband, Jerry, in Duncanville. She's an instructor at Mountain View College, and she writes from personal experience. She has three sons, all with "attitude," but, she says, "What would life be without it?"

She dedicates this script to the Teachers' Academy of the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Cultures for its work in reinvigorating teachers for over 20 years."



Mary Ann Taylor is the author of *Blind Spots*.

## Artist Workshops, Galleries Tour will feature glimpse into newest creations of local talents

Salado has long been known as a village of artists where more than 100 working artists reside. Each February artists fill Salado to attend the Artists Workshops and Private Studio and Gallery Tours when the village shares the talents of many of our most celebrated citizens.

Sponsored by A.R.T.S, Inc., this event features intensive workshop instruction for artists and aspiring artists of all ages.

Artist workshops include oil painting, sculpture, pottery, watercolor, cane and basket weaving, decorative painting, woodworking, glass art, drawing and acrylics.

Twenty-four private artists' studios and public Salado galleries are open to the public during the Artist Studio and Gallery Tours. Visit artists in their working studios in a rare opportunity to glimpse their most recent creations and works in progress. Visit Salado galleries that feature guest artists who are invited to demonstrate their work and meet the public.

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**JANUARY 24**  
**Salado Humane Society meeting**, 7 p.m. at Fairway Golf Carts. Discussion will include problems of, and possible solutions to, unwanted animals in Salado. Community is invited.

**JANUARY 24-27**  
**Living Room Theatre of Salado performances of Blind Spots**, by Mary Ann Taylor, 7 p.m. nightly in the following homes: Jan. 24, the living room of Anna Lou and Louis Raney, 501 De Grum-

mond Way; Jan. 26, the home of Bobbie and Gerald Reihnsen, 3901 Chisholm Tr., #7; and Jan. 27, the home of Maurice and Charlene Carson, 314 Royal View Rd. Ticket info: Hulda Horton, 947-8300.

**JANUARY 25**  
**Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet**, 6:30 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Tickets are \$30 each. Meal catered by Maggie's of Summers Mill. Silver Spur Theater will provide entertainment. Call 947-5040 for more information.

**JANUARY 27**  
**Meet your Bell County Officials dinner meeting of the Salado Area Republican Women**, 6 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Reservations: 947-3617 or bam002@earthlink.net.

**JANUARY 27**  
**Salado Water Supply Corporation annual meeting**, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Agenda items include adoption of budget, report on improvements to water system and nomination and election of directors.

**JANUARY 27**  
**Salado ISD Bands' 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser**, 5:30-8:45 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Event will include dinner, auction and concert. \$5 per plate, max \$20 per family. Info: Amanda Silkett, 254-793-3794, or asilkett@saladoisd.org.

**JANUARY 29**  
**Concert Gig in Private Dig performance**, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. Don and Micki Ellis, in Salado. Denise Thomssen and Esta Hansen will perform along with guitarist Pedro Quirino. There will be a free will offering at the door. The proceeds will go to the St. Louis School endowment program in Austin. A reception will immediately follow the hour long concert. Info: 254-760-1590, or email

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**FEBRUARY 4**  
**Spaghetti Supper sponsored by Rotary Club of Salado**, 4-6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School cafeteria, prior to the basketball games. Take out will be available.

**FEBRUARY 5**  
**Music in Salado Concert Series: Vienna International Piano Duo performance**, featuring Krassimira Jordan and Wolfgang Watzinger. 7 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Info and reservations: 947-5592.

**FEBRUARY 5-6**  
**Tablerock's Salado Legend's Auditions**, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. each day.

**FEBRUARY 5-6**  
**Wildfire Open to the World Team Roping at Wildfire Ranch**. Info: 947-8080.

**FEBRUARY 7**  
**Salado Independent School District Teacher Professional Development Day**. No school for students.

**FEBRUARY 8**  
**Mill Creek Community Association Mardi Gras/Membership Party at Mill Creek Restaurant**. 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Dancing and live music from LaRon Tubbs beginning 8 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 8**  
**Program showcasing Salado ISD Gifted and Talented students**, 6-8 p.m. in the SIS cafeteria. Guest speaker will be Sherry Sniderman, of Ausitn ISD and Education Service Center 13. \$5 cost per person covers program and Subway meal. Info and registration: Jayne Cecil, 947-5191, or email jcecil@saladoisd.org.

**FEBRUARY 10**  
**Ladies Auxiliaty meeting**; Deborah Lufburrow, author of *Set Apart: The Sanctified Sisters*, guest speaker. 9:30 a.m. fellowship, 10 a.m. meeting at the Salado Civic Center. Lufburrow will tell the true story of a group of Belton women inspired by and following the leadership of Martha McWhirter. In 1866, they established comunal residences set-apart from their husbands, families and others who were considered unsanctified. Public is invited to attend.

**FEBRUARY 14**  
**St. Stephen Women's Society meeting**, Gwen Morrison speaking on "Celebration of Women, Conversation With God," 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall. Info: 947-3901.

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## FEBRUARY 17

**Third Annual Salado Athletic Booster Club Golf Classic**, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at Mill Creek Golf Club. Registration: 10:45 a.m. Cost: \$105 per player, includes refreshments, green fee and cart fee. Hole sponsorships: \$150. Registration info: Jerry Smith, 947-1150.

## FEBRUARY 19 AND 20

**"Precept Upon Precept" Bible Study class**, covering Hebrews, beginning 6 p.m. Feb. 19 at First Baptist Church of Salado or 9 a.m. Feb. 20 at StoneCreek Settlement. Class is open to everyone. Info: Jill Shipman, 718-2030, or Debbie Harrison, 947-1974.

## FEBRUARY 24-28

**Salado Artists Workshops and Studio Tours**. Featuring intensive workshop instruction for artists and aspiring artists of all ages. Artist workshops include stone carving, pottery, watercolor, cane and basket weaving, decorative painting, glass art, oil painting, sculpture, drawing and acrylics. On Feb. 26, 24 private artists' studios and public Salado galleries are open to the public during the Artist Studio and Gallery Tours. Info: 947-8300.

## FEBRUARY 28

**Taste of Salado**, sponsored by PALS (Public Arts League of Salado), 6-8 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Tickets priced at \$25. Info and tickets: Hulda Horton, Salado Civic Center, 947-8300.

## MARCH 6

**5th Annual Wild Bill Memorial Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena**, beginning 10 a.m. Over \$2,000 in scholarships to be awarded. Info: 947-8080.

## MARCH 9

**Annual Salado Eagle High School Alumni Baseball game** at Eagle field. Any former Salado baseball player is welcome to play. Homerun contest, divided into Over-30 and Under-30 divisions, will precede game, which will pit even-year graduates against odd-year graduates. Series is tied at 1-1. Food and drink concessions will be open, and players are encourage to bring their families. Any proceeds benefit Salado baseball. Info: Coach Melvin Bates: mbates@saladoisd.org.

## MARCH 10

**Central Texas Prose and Poetry Readings**, 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheatre. Open mic at 9 p.m. Info: 254-947-9205, or www.allcentex.com/tablerock.

## MARCH 10

**Ladies Auxiliary**

**meeting**. Deborah Martin, master gardener, will discuss and show examples of "Propagation...several methods that are fun and easy for the homeowner." Fellowship at 9:30 a.m., followed by meeting at 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

## MARCH 14

**St. Stephen Women's Society meeting**. Program: "What We Are All About," by Scott Simmonds of Peacable Kingdom Retreat. 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall.

## MARCH 14-18

**Salado schools out for Spring Break.**

## MARCH 15

**Salado Historical Society General Meeting**, 6:15 p.m. in the Historical Room at the Salado Civic Center.

## MARCH 18

**10th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament to benefit Tablerock**, at Mill Creek Golf Course. \$60 entry fee. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Directors: Bruno Matarazzo and David Apichino.

## MARCH 25

**District holiday for Salado students and teachers.**

## MARCH 25-26-27

**Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphitheatre**, presented by the First Baptist Church of Salado. Free admission. Performance to begin at 8:15 p.m. Director: Randy Carder. Info: 254-947-5465 or www.fbcsalado.org.

## APRIL 2

**Five-K Salado Rabbit Run/Walk**, sponsored by the Salado United Methodist Church. More details TBA. Info: Clodene Greer, 947-7129.

## APRIL 2

**Third Annual**

**Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride, benefitting the Salado Volunteer Fire Department**, beginning a.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary. Riders may choose from 15, 27, 57, 70, 85, and 102 mile rides. Entry fee: \$25 for pre-registration and \$30 for on-site registration. The first 300 pre-registered riders will be guaranteed a Smokin' Spokes T-Shirt. Info: Kevin Reichert, 254-535-5500, kevinreichert@yahoo.com or visit saladospokes.com.

## APRIL 2-3

**Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Wildflower Art Show**. Info: 947-5040.

## APRIL 9

**Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association Style Show**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mill Creek Inn and Restaurant. Details TBA.

## APRIL 9-10

**Wildfire Ranch Shootout**. Info: 947-8080.

## APRIL 11

**St. Stephen's Women's Society meeting**. Mark Klym will present the program "Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Yard." 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall.

## APRIL 14

**Ladies Auxiliary meeting**, featuring a program by Susan Bolton of the Ronald McDonald House in Temple. Fellowship, 9:30 a.m., meeting to follow at 10 a.m. Public is invited. Info: Carolyn Milliser, 947-0899.

## APRIL 23-24

**Tablerock's 10th Annual Gospel Festival** 10 a.m. 8 p.m. April 23. Gospel singers, bands and solo artists. April 24 10 a.m. singing, 11 a.m.-

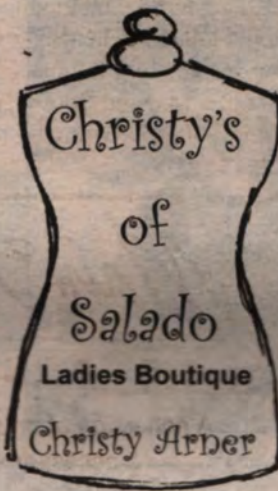
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## APRIL 25

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**MAY 24**

**Salado High School graduation ceremony at the Bell County Expo Center.** Time TBA.

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**JUNE 13**

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**JULY 4**

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**AUGUST 6-7**

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**AUGUST 19**

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**NOVEMBER 15**

**Salado Historical Society Annual Chili Supper and General Meeting**, 6:15 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

**NOVEMBER 26-27**

**Wildfire Truck Explosion at Wildfire Ranch** (tentative). Info: 947-8080.

**DECEMBER 2-3**

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**Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Tour of Homes.**

**DECEMBER 2-4 & 9-11**

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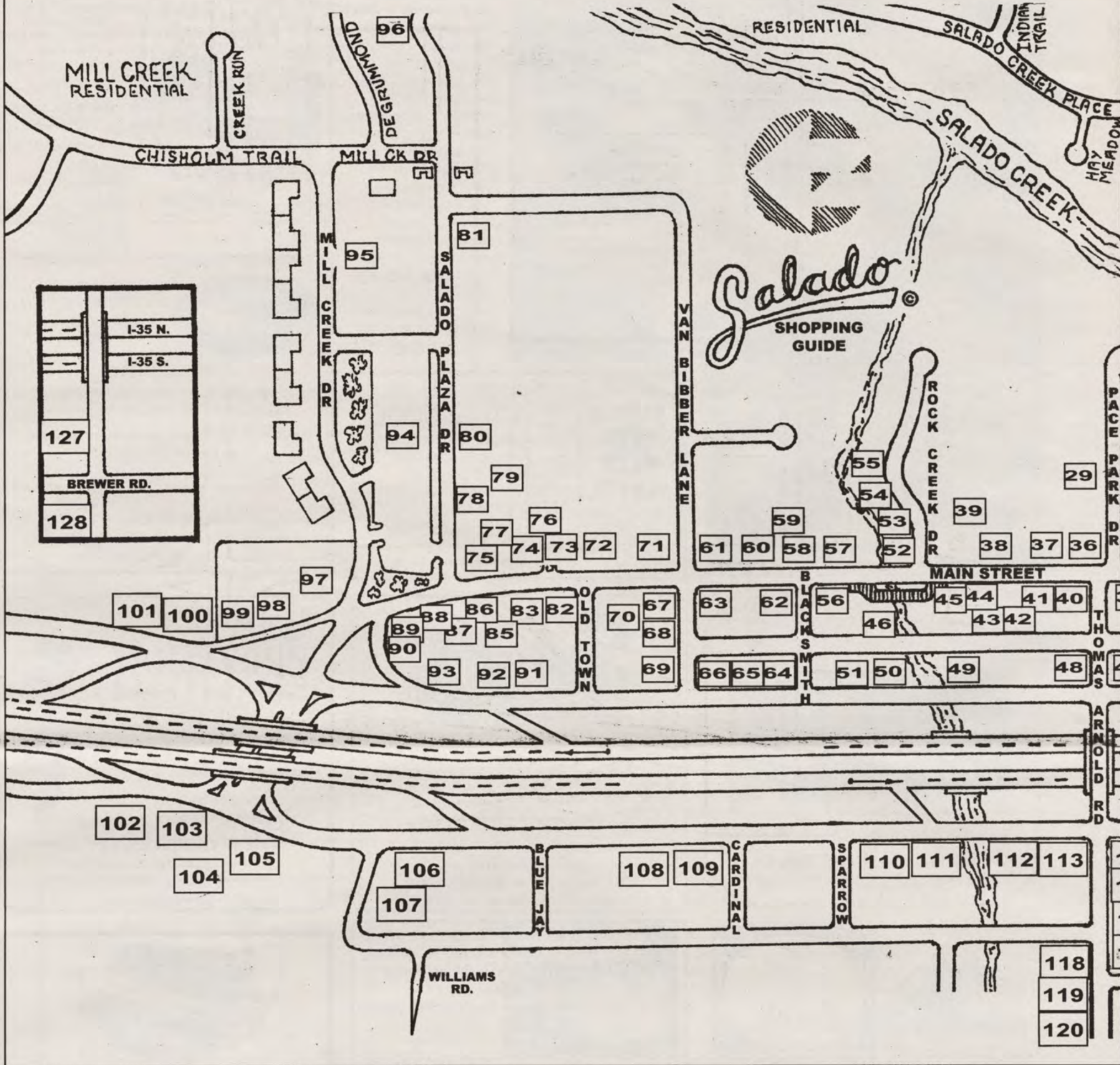
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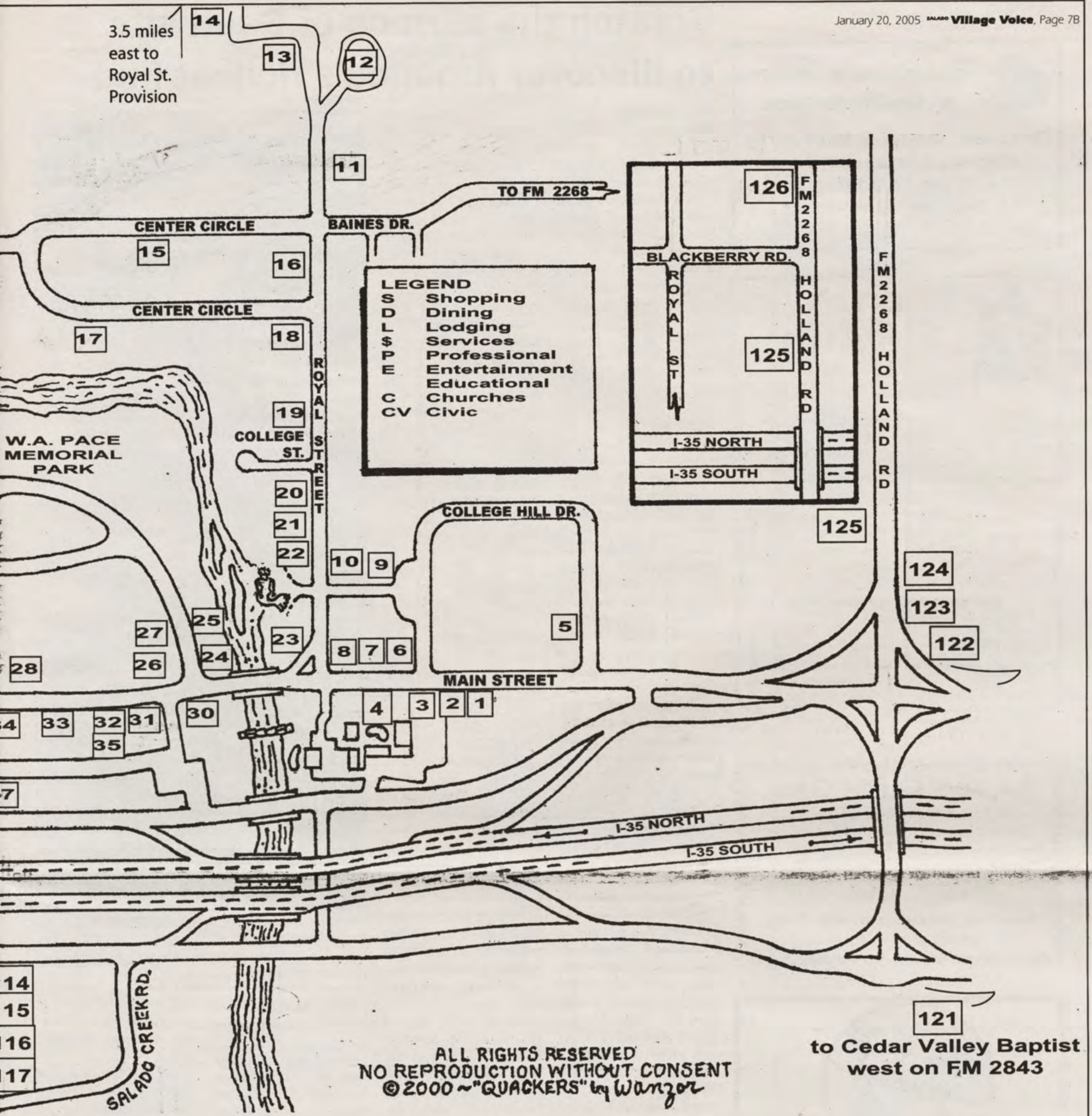
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# Scratch the surface of Gault site to discover America's richest find

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

Not much to look at, judging from the surface.

It is a landscape dotted with patches of prickly pear, squatty redoubts of juniper and soil so thin it seems like it could be swept away as easily as sawdust from a dance floor.

Were it not for the spring-fed Buttermilk Creek twisting through, and the verdant valley carved by it, the area would be little different in look from the rest of Central Texas west of the Blackland.

But beneath the surface rests one of the richest archeological sites in North America, if not the entire western hemisphere. And, with 500,000 cataloged artifacts recovered to date - and many more in private hands - its 800m x 200m excavation area is far and away the wealthiest.

Around 15 miles west of Salado, near Florence, is the Gault Site, positioned on private land and closed now, even to scientists.

Stephanie Turnham, director of the Bell County Museum since 1994, spoke to the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary Jan. 13 about the site and its ongoing cultural importance.

Although the most recent scientific work there was conducted almost four years ago, by a team from UT's Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL), headed by Drs. Michael Collins and Thomas Hester, the Gault Site has been picked over - mainly by amateurs - since the 1920s.

That was when the Gault family (owners of the property) first happened on a large cache of relics, later determined to date from the Late Prehistoric period (around 1,000 years ago) and the Archaic period (roughly 1,000 years ago to 8-9,000 B.C.).

Despite the fact that the family contacted Professor James Pearce, founder of UT's anthropology department, who conducted limited research at Gault in 1929-30, artifact hunters descended upon the site in droves, and were made welcome - for a small price. At one point, Turnham said, \$20 would purchase the right to bring a backhoe down and set to digging.

Over the years, the effect of this profiteering was substantial. "The net result of all this is the Ar-

chaic material is gone. It's completely destroyed," Turnham explained.

From what was outwardly an archeological injustice, came a surprising turn - for all the decades of scrounging into the flint allowed for other, older material to surface. Things like mammoth bones and Clovis-era arrow and spear points, for instance.

In the 1980s, a portion of the land was sold, and the site was closed to rummagers, although the property owners continued to search Gault for additions to their personal collections. It was during this time that a large relic was uncovered, with an ancient arrow point very near it.

With their curiosity piqued, the owners sent the artifact to Dr. Collins at UT, who then determined the object was a mammoth bone, and that the arrow point dated to the Paleoindian period, which covers a time from around 9000 B.C. and beyond.

Realizing the importance of the find, Collins and his colleagues secured a three year lease with the family in the late 1980s, to conduct what would be the first large-scale professional excavation of Gault.

In archeological terms, the 36-month dig yielded remarkable finds. "The outcome of that study was extraordinary," said Turnham.

Flying in the face of generations of accepted history, Collins and his team unearthed suggestions of regular human habitation at Gault as far back as 13,000-14,000 years ago. Heretofore, it had been thought that during the early stages of the Archaic period, Clovis peoples followed the great Ice Age beasts down from the Bering land bridge, thus peopling the Americas.

Not so, according to evidence from Gault and a few other sites. And it gets more interesting, Turnham continued, as many of the Clovis points found at Gault bear a definite stylistic similarity to Clovis points unearthed on Spain's Iberian Peninsula - a place far, far away from northeast Asia.

"That's a significant find in and of itself. And the similarity of those points begs the question: 'Did these people come from Europe,'" Turnham asked.

And it doesn't appear that the early Gault people were solely a migratory



The Gault Site, west of Salado, is perhaps the most outstanding archeological find in America. It has been explored and dug out by professional archeologists, as well as amateur collectors since the 1920s. This photo is from the 1930s.



Bell County Museum Director Stephanie Turnham told the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary Dec. 13 about the rich archeological finds of the Gault site west of Salado. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

culture, dependent upon the itinerant movements of big game.

According to Turnham, artifacts from the first three year dig, and those uncovered from 1998-2001 (when Texas A&M and BYU joined the effort), show that the Gault people could have subsisted on things like snails, when times were lean. "It...belies the idea that they were nothing but hunters and gatherers," Turnham stated.

Seemingly, much more remains at Gault to be divined, as Collins has estimated millions of artifacts await discovery - if and when work is allowed to resume. Of what has already been cleared, 98.5 percent of it is particular to the Gault Site, although no human remains have been found, nor has there been any indication of agricultural activity.

But considering that only around 15 years have passed since major work began at Gault, its renown has spread quickly. The site was featured in the Nov. 2004 issue of *The Smithsonian* magazine,

and was the subject of an episode of PBS's *Scientific American Frontiers*, among others.

While a fair amount of time might go by before the data already culled from Gault is synthesized and packaged, it's interesting to consider that a seed, which could lead to a possible cultural reinterpretation, rests right in our backyard. As Turnham put it, "There is simply no place like this in America."

For now, the Gault Site is in repose. Though it's closeted its secrets for a few thousand years or so, a couple extra is nothing more than a grain tumbling through the hourglass.

The only drawback for Collins, and others like him, is that the human hourglass doesn't hold near as much sand.

More comprehensive information and images from Gault can be found online at TARL's website, [www.utexas.edu/research/tarl](http://www.utexas.edu/research/tarl), or by visiting [www.texasbeyondhistory.net](http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net).

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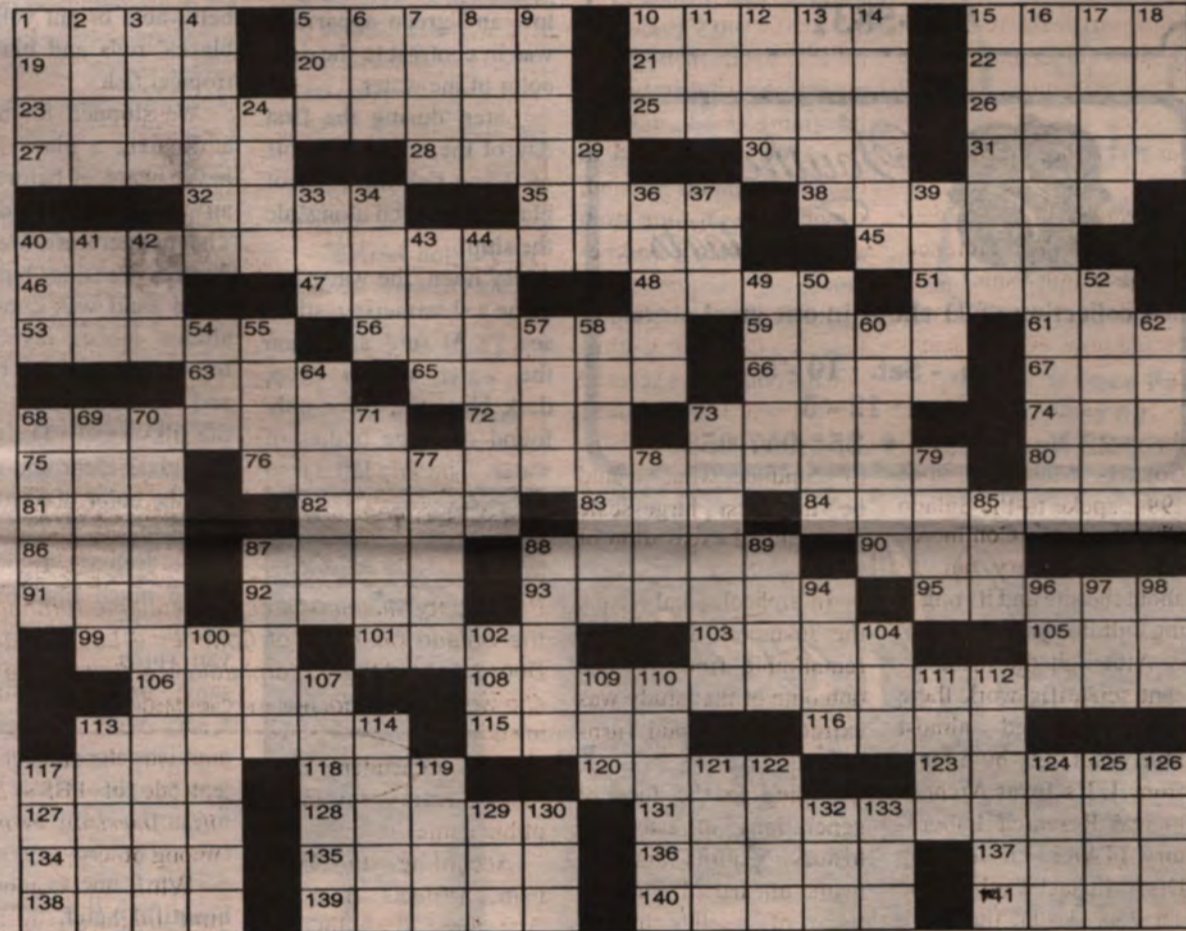
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—Thomas Merton

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| <b>ACROSS</b>             | 53 32 Across' co-star       | 101 Wax device                   | 4 Give it one's awl?        | 43 Bulldogs                   | 96 Sgt. or cpl.                  |
| 1 Type of file            | 56 Moun-taineers' gear      | 103 Praise                       | 5 Cal. page                 | 44 A shape that stops traffic | 97 Solid circle                  |
| 5 Broadway org.           | 59 "Darn!"                  | 105 Summon mommy                 | 6 Guitarist                 | 49 Tiny Tom                   | 98 New York city                 |
| 10 Bog                    | 61 Envelope abbr.           | 106 Enthusiastic review          | 7 Acted promptly?           | 50 Soap opera, e.g.           | 100 Polo's place                 |
| 15 — Cass                 | 63 Indeed                   | 108 Hamlet's line                | 8 Besides                   | 52 Cassius' cohort            | 102 Bk. convenience              |
| 19 Game ending?           | 65 Egyptian Nobelist        | 113 "Islands in the —" ('83 hit) | 9 Ecclesiastic              | 54 Pupil's place              | 104 — -wop                       |
| 20 Prentiss or Poundstone | 66 "Battle Cry" author      | 115 Frame of mind                | 10 Cartog-rapher's creation | 55 Medieval mental            | 107 Singer Sheena                |
| 21 Kind of quartz         | 67 Alibi                    | 116 "Nonsense!"                  | 11 Give it — (try)          | 57 Bouquet                    | 109 Literary pseudonym           |
| 22 Vizquel of baseball    | 68 Coaching legend          | 117 Terrible                     | 12 Hasty                    | 58 Mississippi port           | 110 Bright inventor?             |
| 23 Approxi-mately         | 72 Came by                  | 118 Boar's beloved               | 13 That's no bull!          | 60 Gary and Elizabeth         | 111 Dictator                     |
| 25 Puzzling problem       | 73 Exclude                  | 120 Rigatoni                     | 14 Grammy winner            | 62 Kickoff                    | 112 Pyramus' paramour            |
| 26 "Peter Pan" pooch      | 74 Actress Hagen            | 123 Bridal path?                 | 15 Dragon or Dracula        | 64 Muppet drummer             | 113 Move like                    |
| 27 Hester                 | 75 Misjudge                 | 127 Brainchild                   | 16 Words for a wimp         | 68 Quiet partner?             | 51 Across                        |
| 28 Kids connect them      | 76 "Make a decision!"       | 128 Hebrew text                  | 17 Lord's lair              | 69 Hosts                      | 114 "Archie" character           |
| 30 Shorten a skirt        | 80 Big —, CA                | 131 Survival option              | 18 Spirited steed           | 70 Halloween greeting         | 117 Push-button predecessor      |
| 31 Social climber         | 81 "What —, a mind reader?" | 134 "Oh, woe!"                   | 24 Norwegian name           | 71 Ancient deity              | 119 Envelop                      |
| 32 James of "Misery"      | 82 Appearance               | 135 Honshu metropolis            | 29 Disconso-late            | 73 Shake-spearean tragedy     | 121 Schipa or Jackson            |
| 35 Clods                  | 83 Royal abbr.              | 136 Furry fisherman              | 33 Humorist                 | 77 German poet                | 122 Up on                        |
| 38 Owl or eagle           | 84 Most meager              | 137 Tourist isle                 | 34 Tide type                | 78 Air bear?                  | 124 Flatten a fly                |
| 40 New Hamp-shire's motto | 86 Pres., e.g.              | 138 Riga resident                | 36 Earliest                 | 79 Flexed, as muscles         | 125 Kedrova of "Zorba the Greek" |
| 45 — do-well              | 87 Delhi dress              | 139 Katmandu's country           | 37 Word with cow or horse   | 85 Born                       | 126 Runner Zatopek               |
| 46 Shelley showcase       | 88 Assail                   | 140 Peter of Herman's Hermits    | 39 Acts like a chicken      | 87 Italian wine               | 129 Record abbr.                 |
| 47 Lauder powder          | 90 Author Grafton           | 141 List ender                   | 40 Tennis stroke            | 88 "The Jungle Book" bear     | 130 Smith or Foster              |
| 48 Squealers              | 91 Cry over a mouse?        | <b>DOWN</b>                      | 41 — Bell Wells             | 89 Glum drop?                 | 132 Novelist Kesey               |
| 51 Zodiac crustacean      | 92 Lena of "Havana"         | 1 Interstate exit                | 42 Donkey doc               | 94 Parental sibling           | 133 Vein contents                |
|                           | 93 Showy shrub              | 2 — vera                         |                             |                               |                                  |
|                           | 95 High-toned guy?          | 3 Writer Paretsky                |                             |                               |                                  |
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# Colors of the sea

When you cruise out of New Orleans, the muddy Mississippi is a blend of khaki colors. It stays that way for a hundred and twenty miles down the delta until you reach the point where the river empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

We left at sunset and the colors of the sky were reflected in the water. There were shades of pink, blue, crimson and gold. As darkness fell, the water turned black with a silver path of moonlight stretching to the horizon. The foam on top of the waves was white, providing an ethereal panorama.

As morning developed, the black water had shades of copper as the sun made its way upward into the sky. While we stood at the railing, a dancing rainbow appeared just above the water. The red, yellow and green apparition was in contrast to the dark color of the water.

Later, during the first day of the cruise, schools of flying fish the color of platinum played alongside the ship.

By noon, the water became a shimmering, silver sea. At mid afternoon the water was a deep, dark blue, the color only found on large bodies of water. The ship left a trail

## Tumbleweed Smith



of light green with white highlights.

When we docked at Cozumel, the western Caribbean displayed its best colors: dazzling aquamarine close to shore, a rich light blue that turned darker as the water got deeper.

But the water closest to the beach wasn't just one color. It had at least a dozen hues of green and blue. In shallow areas, the sea showcased the pure whiteness of the sandy bottom, the rusty red of the coral reef and the unbelievable bright yellows, blacks, reds and blues of tropical fish.

We stopped for a day at Roatan, a place I had never heard of before. It's an island off Honduras. The temperature was 90 degrees outside but the white sand was cool and almost moist, just right for walking on the beach and squishing your toes in the silky sand. The water was glass-clear and again had the color of a tropical paradise.

At Belize, we didn't spend much time on the water. We explored Mayan ruins. We did the same thing at Cancun, a city with a surprising population of nearly a million people. While looking at the ruins on a hill, two palm trees provided a perfect frame to view the beautiful water.

Returning to New Orleans, the ship passed over some rough, angry seas. The clouds were black and gray and we went through rainstorms with streaks of lightning and roaring thunder. The water was black and fierce, with mist dancing off the tops of giant waves. When we docked at New Orleans, the city was covered in snow.

We picked a good time to travel to warm places.

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value.

—Thomas Paine

# Adapt these non-native trees, shrubs into your Texas landscaping plans

When considering what trees and shrubs to plant, there are numerous Texas natives from which to choose. However, there are almost equally as many non-native adapted trees and shrubs to select.

They do very well in our area and display a great degree of tolerance to our impressive temperature and moisture differences. Some of these trees and shrubs have been in Texas so long that we mistakenly think of them as natives.

As colonization and then western migration of pioneers took place, many settlers transported their favorite heirloom trees and shrubs. This is one reason why we see so many species appearing here that originated in the Mediterranean, Japan, China, France, Australia, and New Zealand.

Many adapted species have been here since the 1700s and have acclimated very well to our soils and climate. Some have adapted so well that they have become nuisances to our delicate Texas native plant environment.

A nuisance tree or shrub would be defined as the seeds getting carried by wind, birds, and other

## Master Gardener

by Ursula Nanna

environmental factors to our open field areas. As these nuisance adapted trees and shrubs grow and reproduce, they do crowd out our native plants.

When our native plants, already depleted by urban sprawl, have less growing area, native wildlife attracted to our native trees and shrubs for shelter, food, and a place to raise their young also become depleted.

The list of nuisance trees and shrubs, though currently small, is growing every year. Some of them are: Nandina Domestica Bamboo, Waxleaf Ligustrum, Butterfly Bush, Russian Olive, and many Honeysuckles including Bush Honeysuckle.

The following is a list of non-native adapted trees and shrubs. It is by no means all inclusive, as some may be arguably native, but the list will give us some idea of the large number of adapted trees and shrubs that have come to love Texas.

The trees would include on the list: Afghan Pine, American Elm, American Holly, American Hornbeam, America Plum, Aristocrat Pear, Austrian Pine, Bald Cypress, Big Tooth Maple, Bird of Paradise, Blue Spruce, Bottle Brush Tree, Bradford Pear, China Berry, Chinese Pistache, Chinese Tallow, Common Persimmon, Crab Apple, Crepe Myrtle, Deodor Cedar, Devil's Walking Stick, Fringe Tree, Ginkgo, Golden Lead Tree, Honey Locust, Italian Stone Pine, Japanese Black Pine, Japanese Magnolia, Japanese Persimmon, Jerusalem Thorn, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Lacebark Elm, Mexican Persimmon, Mexican Poinciana, Mulberry, Nellie R. Stevens Holly, Pinnated Golden Rain Tree, Pink Lady Euonymus, Ponderosa Pine, Red Chokeberry, Retoma, Russian Olive, Senna, Sweet Bay, Sweet Golden Rain Tree, Sweet Gum, Vitex, and Wax Leaf Ligustrum.

The Shrubs on the list: Acuba Gold Dust, Anthony Waterer Spirea, Balloon Flower, Blue Mist, Bowles Wall Flower, Brazillian Rock Rose, Brazillian Verbena, Burford Holly, Bush Honeysuckle, Cast Iron Plant, Century Plant Agave, Chinese Loropetulum, Chinese Photinia, Chinese Private, Dwarf Pomegranate, Indian Hawthorn, Indigo Spires, Italian Jasmine, Japanese Barberry, Japanese Boxwood, Japanese Yew, Lavender, Miniature Weeping Crepe Myrtle, Moi Grande Hibiscus, Nandina, Primrose Jasmine, Pyracantha, Rose Mallow, Rose of Sharon/Althea, Rosemary, Sandankwa Viburnum, Verbena, Wedelia.

It is surprising to see some of these, isn't it? Most of the listed trees and shrubs are quite familiar and beautiful. We think of them as natives sometimes as they are so popular and widespread.

The issue becomes whether the specimen is a nuisance and invasive or not, and if they are worth planting and depriving us of the beauty of the true native species.

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A silent auction is included in the agenda, with items provided by CTBC Board Ladies and former Distinguished Baylor Women. The Style Show will be by Alice's of Salado and Bundle of Joy. Lindsay Bledsoe, a sophomore at Baylor, will provide music.

Kate McLane Dimmitt will be honored as the 2005 Distinguished

Baylor Woman of Central Texas. McLane Dimmitt grew up in Cameron, but now resides in Temple.

After graduating from Baylor with a bachelor's in business administration, she moved to Houston where she worked for Tennessee Gas Transmission Company. In 1958 she married Malcolm R. "Mac" Dimmitt. The Dimmitts have one child, Katie. In 1970 her husband, who was an assistant United States attorney, died suddenly.

As a young widow with a small daughter, she went back to work, this time for the Sullins, Rutledge and Underwood law firm (now

Sullins, Johnston, Rohrbach and Magers), where she stayed until moving to Temple in 1989.

Her ties to Baylor tightened when her daughter attended the university, and married a Baylor graduate.

In addition, her younger brother, Drayton McLane, Jr., - owner of the Houston - attended Baylor, and currently serves on it Board of Regents.

In 1988 the McLane family gave a carillon to Baylor, which rings the hours and other melodies from the tower of Pat Neff Hall, just as the previous bells had done for decades before they ceased to

chime.

McLane Dimmitt remains involved with Baylor as a member of the Baylor Alumni Association and the Baylor Development Council.

She is active in the First Presbyterian Church, having just completed service as a trustee, and is involved in the Meals on Wheels program and in the City Federation of Women's Clubs. She served on the Board of Trustees of Erskine College in Due West, SC, from 1993-99.

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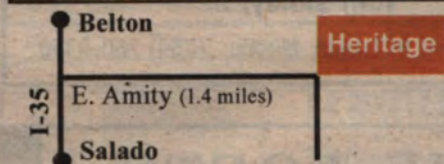
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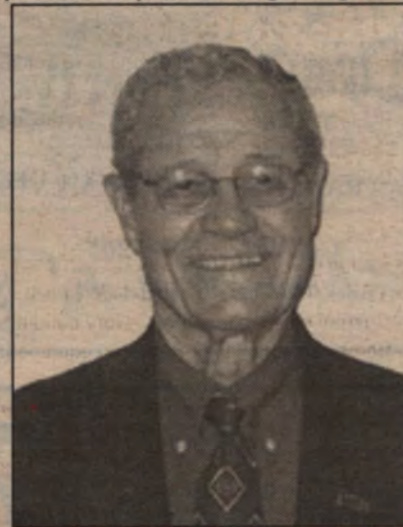
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# Local realtors installed as officers, honored by Temple-Belton Board

Two Salado realtors were installed as officers and two others were honored during the the Temple-Belton Board of Realtors Installation and Awards Banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Installation of officers was conducted by past president of the Texas Association of Realtors, Charles McMillan.

New officers for 2005 are Grady Tyroch of Rodney Dunn Company, president; Melanie Kirchmeier and Rita Oden, of Century 21 Bill Bartlett, president-elect and secretary respectively; and Caren Hildinger of McAfee Mortgage, treasurer.



Melanie Kirchmeier

Melanie Kirchmeier was raised in Salado. Her father, Bill Bartlett, moved his family to Salado in the early 70's to start a career in real estate. Melanie attended Salado elementary and graduated from Salado

High School. She attended the University of Mary Hardin Baylor before transferring to Southwestern University. She is a graduate of Southwestern University with a degree in Business Administration.

Kirchmeier obtained her real estate license in 1989 and has been active in the Temple/Belton Board of Realtors, serving as Director, MLS chair and Professional Standards Chair. Melanie is also active in the Salado community, having served on the Salado Chamber of Commerce, Salado Education Foundation, and Friends Feeding Friends boards.

She is married to Bob Roemer. They enjoy spending time with their three children Kayla Kirchmeier, Cameron Kirchmeier and Stephen Roemer.

Kirchmeier recently became a Graduate of the Real Estate Institute. She is also an Accredited Buyer Representative. She is a member of three local Multiple List Services; Temple/Belton, Killeen, and Austin. Melanie has 15 years of real estate experience, including the following: Past MLS Chair, Past Director of TBBOR, Past Professional Standards Chair, Broker for 13 years,

Owner of Century 21 Bill Bartlett, chaired Friends Feeding Friends for 10 years, founding director of Salado Education Foundation and many hours volunteering at local events and local schools.



Rita Oden

Rita Oden has been Realtor since 1981. Her involvement with the Temple-Belton Board of Realtors includes the following: Director, three years; Chairman, Grievance Committee, eight years; Chairman, Public Relations Committee, two years.

She has been active in Salado civic activities since moving here in 1992. She lives with her husband Mike and her son Jake, a junior at Salado High School. Mike and Rita have five grown children and one left at home.

Her involvement includes the following: Trustee, Salado Independent School District, six years; Secretary, Salado

ISD School Board, two years; Vice President, Salado ISD School Board, one year; President, Treasurer, Secretary, PTAs, six years; Member, Grace Baptist Church, Salado and Chairman, Youth Committee, Grace Baptist Church.

Since becoming a member of Temple Belton Board of Realtors in 1992, she has either chaired a committee or been a Director.

Outgoing president Sonya White chose recipients for special annual awards given by the board.

The Realtor of the

Year award was given to Ryan Hodge of First Texas Brokerage.



Ryan Hodge

Ryan Hodge is a native of Salado who has worked at First Texas Brokerage since 1999, when he acquired his Texas

Real Estate Salesperson License 1999.

He has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas Tech University 2002. While attending Texas Tech, he was President of Beta Epsilon Chi Chapter 2000-2001 and a Broker Assistant for Greg Garrett Realtors in Lubbock.

He is involved in many civic activities in Salado, including being Treasurer of Salado Lions Club 2003-04.

He earned his real estate broker's license in 2004. His involvement

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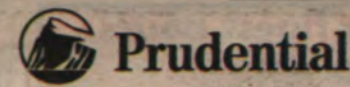


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- \$249,500 - Secluded country home with storage & barn.
- \$269,000 - Spacious 4 BR home on 9.48 acres in Holland.
- \$272,900 - Under construction, 4th BR could be study.
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- 439 acres on FM 487, Florence. Oaks, grasslands.
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- 33 acres very near Salado, huge oaks, well priced.
- 17.85 acre ranchette on FM 2484. \$120,000
- 20 to 363 acres S. Salado, view, owner finance.

### Lots

#### Mill Creek Lots

- Mill Creek Dr. - \$69,750
- 700 Indian Trail. - \$30,000
- Fletcher Ct. - \$64,000
- O.W. Lowery - \$70,000.
- Mill Creek Springs I & III - \$30,000-70,000
- Mill Creek Springs IV
- Golf course & hilltop view lots start at \$40,000
- Interior lots start at \$25,000
- The Overlook, estate-sized lots start at \$79,000.

#### Woods of Salado Lots

- Mountain Dr. - 5A & 5B - \$65,000.

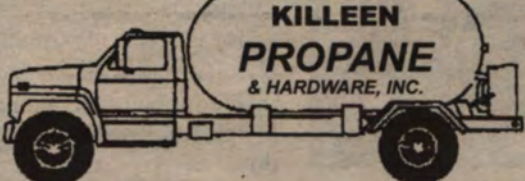
#### Other Lots

- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000
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- Hidden Springs, Lot 116. Lot 119
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award went to TerryLynn Schrimsher of Village Realty.

**TerryLynn Schrimsher**  
 TerryLynn Schrimsher is a newcomer to real estate, but not to Bell County. She has been in Bell County for 25 years, moving here as an "army brat" with her family.

The Rookie of the Year

Schrimsher earned her Realtor's license in Febru-

ary 2004 and began working for the newly-opened Village Realty office in March 2004.

She has worked for Wal-Mart for 24 years, and is currently a personnel manager for the local store.

When she is not working, Schrimsher enjoys music. She performs and sings whenever she



can around the area. She recently started *A Touch of Class*, which performs at private parties, weddings and other functions.

She has been married for 17 years to Richard. They have five children and six grandchildren.

Affiliate of the Year went to Patti Oldham of CentraLand Title Company. The Temple-Belton Board of Realtors has over 475 members and its members are active in many community programs including Friends Feeding Friends, Habitat for Humanity and Toys for Tots.

**Band spaghetti dinner Jan. 27**

The Salado ISD Bands' Third Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held 5:30-8:45 p.m. Jan. 27 at Salado Intermediate School.

In addition to the spaghetti dinner, an auction will be held 7-7:30 p.m., and a concert will take place 7:30-8:45 p.m.

The concert will include performances from the Heights Community Band, the choir from First Baptist Church of Salado, the Salado High School band and baritone soloist Emilio Olivares.

Cost is \$5 per plate, with a maximum of \$20 per family. For more information contact Amanda Silkett at 254-793-3794, or email asilkett@saladoisd.org. Tickets are available at Salado Village Voice newspaper office and Village Pharmacy.

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# Finding insulation that won't make you sick

**Dear EarthTalk:** I have developed asthma from the fiberglass insulation in our home. How can I find insulation that won't make me sick? -- Cynthia Bacon, Orlando, FL

Fiberglass, a common home insulator that grew popular after the dangers of asbestos became more widely known, is itself now associated with a range of health issues. Microscopic slivers of fiberglass can break loose during handling and be inhaled, irritating the lining of the respiratory tract and becoming lodged in lung tissue. This can cause a fibrous buildup that reduces lung capacity, or cause DNA mutations that can lead to lung cancer. In fact, cancer warnings appear on all fiberglass insulation sold in the United States.

Although wearing a respirator or dust mask can prevent inhalation of fibers during installation, all three principal U.S. manufacturers of fiberglass insulation now seal their batts in a perforated polyethylene or polypropylene sheeting so as to prevent airborne exposure. Nevertheless, for those suffering from aggravated respiratory problems, replacing fiberglass insulation with a more environmentally friendly alternative may be the best option. Luckily there are many such options available.

A favorite of environmental advocates is cellulose, which is made from recycled, shredded newspaper. In his book, *The Solar House*, author Dan Chiras calls cellulose "one of the most environmentally friendly insulation choices." It is also highly efficient, readily available and economically priced, he says, and thus competes well with fiberglass.

Chiras also recommends cotton insulation, calling it "a natural product and safe from a human health standpoint," while acknowledging that it is twice the price of fiberglass and "one of the most chemically intensive crops grown in the United States." It contains no formaldehyde binders, however, a health and environmental plus, and usually contains a fire retardant, an important safety consideration.

Radiant barriers are another option, says the Fiberglass Information Network. Ideal for hot climates, they are made from metal foil and either kraft paper or bubble wrap. The Network also recommends insulation batts made from recycled #1 plastic, known as PET, the same material used to make some soda bottles and carpeting. Made by RTICA, based in Stony Creek, Ontario, the batts are installed just like fiberglass and make for

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an excellent fiberglass replacement choice.

But before ripping out that old fiberglass, it may be worth getting a professional to evaluate the integrity of your home's ductwork. With properly sealed ducts, any stray fiberglass slivers inside your walls should not be able to get out. In the case of duct contamination, your best bet is to replace the entire system. Duct cleaning is also an option, but the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency does not recommend it. If you do decide to opt for cleaning, the National Air Duct Cleaners Association offers a list of companies that can do the work.

**CONTACTS:** Fiberglass Information Network, [www.sustainableenterprises.com/fin](http://www.sustainableenterprises.com/fin); RTICA, (905) 643-8669, [www.rtica.com](http://www.rtica.com); National Air Duct Cleaners Association, (202) 737-2926, [www.nadca.com](http://www.nadca.com).

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**Dear EarthTalk:** Are there environmentally friendlier ways to de-ice pavement besides using salt? -- Heidi David, Concord, NH

Although salt and various salt derivatives melt ice effectively and make both walkways and roads safer, they can be damaging to the environment. After salt is applied, it washes off paved surfaces into storm drains or onto adjacent ground, and can then be carried into nearby bodies of water. According to *The New York Times*, this salty runoff poisons fish and wilts vegetation. It also corrodes metals, damages concrete and poses health risks to people with high blood pressure.

Some studies have also shown that salt applied to road surfaces increases automobile collisions with wildlife, especially white-tailed deer that are attracted to natural and artificial salt deposits in their normal course of feeding.

Despite these facts, salt remains the cheapest and most effective way to keep pavement free of ice. According to materials consultant Henry Kirchner, individuals can effectively use salt with minimum impact: "Do not use a chemical

deicer to melt every bit of ice," says Kirchner. "Use only enough to break the ice/pavement bond, then remove the remaining slush by plowing or shoveling." All snow should be cleared away first, and the ice should be chipped off and moved away from water supplies and vegetation.

For small jobs, it may be feasible to use more potent, less environmentally toxic de-icers like magnesium chloride or calcium magnesium acetate instead of rock salt. These stronger, though more expensive, compounds can be strategically applied before a storm to block ice from forming. Sand and cat litter can be used to provide temporary traction, but these materials may dog surface water and bury plants. Although many researchers are experimenting with even more benign de-icers, including by-products of corn and cheese processing, none of these compounds is currently available to consumers.

Perhaps the larger issue is how municipalities store and use large amounts of road salt. Many of the most severe cases of environmental contamination have been caused by improper storage. When salt is

stored outside uncovered, rain and snow can carry large quantities to surrounding soil and water.

As to reducing salt use, many cities and towns simply don't de-ice in flat residential areas, except during ice storms. Some use a mix of sand and salt, instead of pure salt. Also, salt spreading equipment that is well maintained will distribute salt more accurately and, as a result, use less. Additionally, salt that is wetted before being spread sticks better to the road.

According to the trade magazine, *Better Roads*, a product called Verglimit, a mixture of de-icing salts and caustic soda, can be mixed with asphalt roadway during paving. Its installation doubles the cost of surfacing a road, but helps reduce the amount of salt needed for de-icing roadways and, according to the magazine, "in certain conditions can eliminate the need for salting entirely."

**CONTACTS:** The Salt Institute, (703) 549-4648, [www.saltinstitute.org](http://www.saltinstitute.org); *Better Roads*, "Materials for Deicing and Anti-icing," [www.betterroads.com/articles/NewProds/Apr03bid.htm](http://www.betterroads.com/articles/NewProds/Apr03bid.htm).

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