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## 800 respond to SISD survey, CIP to discuss results

By TIM FLEISCHER  
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About 20 percent of the 4,000 registered voters responded to the Salado I.S.D. survey concerning a future bond issue. Salado school administrators and school trustees will sift through the approximately 800 responses to the survey in order to categorize the input.

The SISD Capital Improvements Committee will meet twice next week to begin formulating a plan to call for a future bond election.

Committee chair Lynn Renfro called for meetings at 7 p.m. Aug. 2 and Aug. 3 to discuss the results of the survey. The committee meetings may have a quorum of the board.

The committee will present its findings, and any recommendations for a future bond election to the board of trustees at their regular Aug. 15 meeting.

Superintendent Robin Battershell said, "It's clear that those who responded put a great deal of thought

into their responses."

She added that she felt the vast majority of the responses to the survey were people who either voted against the bond or voted for the bond despite reservations concerning new athletic facilities.

On April 2, Salado ISD voters rejected a \$17 million bond proposal by a 214-vote margin, 844 against to 630 for. The response to the survey is more than half of the total number of ballots cast in the April 2 referendum.

Most of the public discussion during the weeks leading up to the April 2 referendum centered around the cost of the proposed high school and the athletic facilities that were included in the proposed high school.

School trustees and administrators are waiting for any decisions from the current special session so that they will know its possible effects on debt service funding, as well as maintenance and operation revenues.

The puzzle of preparing a future bond issue is missing at least two major pieces: changes in

the state funding formula and student population growth.

But with the survey complete and cost estimates from the construction manager, the board will have a great deal of information on a future bond to discuss at its Aug. 15 meeting.

Trustees will also discuss the 2005-06 budget at the Aug. 15 meeting. Finance director Lyndal Cabaniss said she is building the revenue portion of the budget based upon the current funding formula.

When state legislators failed to adopt a school finance reform, Gov. Rick Perry called a second special session which began last week.

The special session may end a day before the school district is set to propose a budget for the 2005-06 school year. The school district must propose a budget by Aug. 20 and adopt a budget by Aug. 30. The district must set its tax rate by the end of September. SISD's current tax rate is \$1.58, funding \$7.6 million in general operating expenses.



A scene from Salado Legends, which is in its 13th season.

## Legends continues performances

The 13th Annual season of Tablerock Festival's award-winning outdoor melodrama *Salado Legends* will premiere July 23. Other show dates are scheduled for July 30 and Aug. 6. All shows will be held at Tablerock Amphitheater, located on Royal Street. Show times for this season's performances are 8:15 p.m., with a catered preshow dinner served at 7:15 p.m.

Jackie Mills, author

and playwright, wrote the outdoor musical drama about the history of Bell County and Salado. She also wrote the lyrics to many of the songs in the play. One song, "Be Careful What You Wish For," weaves the legends of Tonkawa Indians, the dreams of Spanish explorers and the hopes of Scottish settlers into a sweeping tale.

Adult show tickets are \$15, children 12 and under \$5. Dinner is optional

for \$8 per child or adult. Tickets may be purchased in Salado at First State Bank, Fletcher's Books and Antiques, The Salado Mansion or at Compass Bank locations in Salado, Belton and Temple.

Tickets may be charged with a credit card at [www.tablerock.org](http://www.tablerock.org). At Fort Hood, ITR, you may purchase tickets by credit card or cash.

For tour or group rates contact Tablerock at 254-947-9205.

## Salado salutes Texas educators

Although Texas schools are recessed for summer break, the Salado business community is again uniting to honor all educators in the Lone Star State. The Salado Business Association is busy organizing event activities and gathering gifts that will be awarded in its annual teacher appreciation days.

This year's salute to Texas teachers is scheduled to begin Aug. 27 and continue through Labor Day, Sep. 5.

In addition to the many door prizes given by Salado business owners, this year's visiting teachers will find a surprise gift made possible by First Texas Brokerage and Century

21 Bill Bartlett. The two local real estate companies are joining efforts to give a grand cash gift of \$500 to a lucky Texas educator.

In the event's first two years, more than 800 Texas teachers attended where Salado's generous business community gave more than \$15,000 in gifts to Texas educators with many local Salado teachers being recipients. Each year, Texas teachers are invited to spend a day or a weekend in Salado registering for thousands of dollars in free door prizes at business locations throughout Salado.

Registration is free to all Texas public and private school educators and absolutely no purchase is necessary to

register for the numerous gift drawings. Door prizes have a value of no less than \$100 and included in the list are rounds of golf, bed and breakfast stays, spa treatments, pottery lessons, fine art donated by local art galleries and gift certificates donated by Salado restaurants and shops.

The Third Annual Salado Salutes Texas Educators is sponsored by First State Bank Central Texas, the Salado Business Association, The Salado Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Salado Tourism Council. Event details can be found at [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com), or by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040.



Workers clean up dead limbs and trees from the banks of Salado Creek and throughout Pace Park in preparation for the annual Salado Art Fair, which is scheduled for Aug. 6-7. The Salado Chamber of Commerce maintains and operates Pace Park on behalf of the Village of Salado. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

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### National Night Out slated Aug. 2

The Salado Police Department is asking and encouraging local neighborhoods to participate in the 2005 National Night Out on Aug. 2.

Chief Alan Rogers suggests that neighborhoods plan block parties and spend the evening outside visiting with their neighbors and police. He plans to have officers visit Salado residents to heighten crime and drug prevention, develop neighborhood spirit and a police-community partnership.

In Mill Creek, if you wish to have a Block Party on Aug. 2, please call your Block Captain so they can arrange it for you. Block Captains can call Dave Apichino 254-624-5647.

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# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



## A horrific reminder

It's a war. Whenever we begin to forget that, we get a horrific reminder. This summer the air palpably began to leave the war on terror. In the U.S., media coverage gravitated to shark attacks and missing girls -- just as it had prior to Sept. 11. We had "moved on," or at least were trying to.

But just as President Bush had hoped to move on from Iraq to domestic issues after the successful Jan. 30 elections, only to learn that a live shooting war cannot be ignored, so it is that the larger struggle with al-Qaida and its affiliates cannot be ignored either, because it too is a live shooting war. British Prime Minister Tony Blair's efforts to placate Bono and friends on global poverty look faintly ridiculous now that the London attacks have laid bare what should be his chief duty and that of other Western leaders -- protecting the public from slaughter.

We are facing a global insurgency of Islamic militants who will hit anywhere, from Mosul to London. Their goal is totalist. They want, first, to drive us from the Middle East, then, to establish a caliphate there, and finally, to absorb the West into their theocracy. If this seems absurd, well, fanatical murderers are not usually known for their finely modulated objectives.

Critics of Bush and Blair argue that the Iraq War has nothing to do with the war on terror. But the terrorists have always known better. They realize that Arab radicalism's loss of Iraq and the establishment in Baghdad of a decent, stable, anti-terrorist state would be a grave ideological blow. So it is probably no accident that two of the most high-profile terror attacks since 9/11 have been directed at Spain and Britain, whose leaders stood with Bush in a key meeting at the Azores islands in Portugal in March 2003 to give Saddam Hussein one of his last ultimatums.

### Rich Lowry



The Spanish cut and ran from Iraq after the Madrid train bombings in 2004, hoping to take the target off their back, but painting one all the larger on the backs of any countries supporting the fight against extremism in Iraq. The Brits, having suffered much worse during the Blitz and the height of the IRA bombing campaign in the 1970s, won't surrender so easily.

Americans can take some cold comfort in the fact that al-Qaida surely would prefer to hit here in the States, but seemingly can't manage it. Such an attack, of course, could take place tomorrow. But that it hasn't yet is probably some testament to the efficacy of the Patriot Act, the immediate detention of hundreds of Muslim immigration violators after 9/11 (most, no doubt, innocent of any evil intention, but perhaps a crucial handful not), and tighter border control in general. Britain passed a new Prevention of Terrorism Bill only in March and, like most European countries, has relatively lax immigration and asylum policies.

Of course, all of these anti-terror initiatives in the U.S. have been criticized by the ACLU and the usual suspects on the left. What they don't acknowledge is what we've been reminded of yet again -- it's a war.

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## Voters unhappy with Perry and lawmakers as second special session begins; Will business win round two in tax battle?

If there were a way to create a statistically correct public opinion poll that would accurately rate a Governor's ability to equally represent all Texans, plus gauging his level (and quality) of leadership, we would find Rick Perry near the top of the "Voter Mistake Totem Pole." This is particularly true following five (in a row) disastrous (and failed) attempts to reform the way our State finances public education.

Admittedly, it's difficult for a Governor to be "fair and equal" while at the same time toadying to the business interests of the State. End result has been a predictable "zero" for education and a near perfect score for protecting the financial interests of the business community through "high dollar" lobbyists who have bought and paid for the right to "call the lawmaking shots" when tax decisions are made.

Last week legislators (and the Guv) again tossed in the towel and ended the first special session (of the 79th Legislature) with little to show for their 30 days of underachievement.

The Governor immediately called them back into session, all of which now adds up to two regular and three special sessions, over four years of mucking around with the "school finance reform" problem. Sadly, these lawmakers (and the governor) know what needs to be done, but refuse to pass taxes that are balanced, impartial and "even-handed", thus leaving the financing of schools in an on-going and desperate mess. With the courts about to add their two cents to the dilemma.

### DELISI PREDICTION

Salado's representative - Dianne Delisi (R-Temple) told a group of 200 Killeen Rotarians last week that HB2 (education reform package) will be ready for final legislative action in both houses today (July 28).

Delisi hesitated to predict action on HB3- which funds the reform bill and has been the veritable "sticker" between lower House members who have successfully (thus far) protected business interests from added taxation, versus lawmakers (mostly in the Senate) determined to shield consumers from paying the bulk of the bill through consumer taxes - primarily sales.

### MAXIM: CUT TAXES HERE -ADD THEM BACK THERE

The education-reform quagmire is easily explained. Perry and his Republican cohorts in the House of Representatives (led by hard-line Speaker Tom Craddick) ran for election in 2002 on the pledge of reducing school property taxes (M&O tax) from \$1.50 down to a dollar (first promise).

These legislators were duly elected, and for two regular and now three special sessions, they have tried (without success) to figure out how to pay for the "promised" property tax reduction.

What lawmakers failed to tell their constituents is that when you cut a tax "here" - you "gotta" offset it by raising taxes "somewhere else." So where have our irresolute legislators looked for the revenue? And, who could they stick without political reverberations? The Governor (not surprisingly) went along with raising the sales tax to offset most of the property tax cut. He was aided and abetted in the House by Craddick and other business oriented conservatives.

The Senate under David Dewhurst wisely put on the brakes. "Hold on," the Lt. Governor argued, "let's not sock

### Off the Record by Ken Clapp



the middle and lower economic class with all this reform burden. Why not require business to pay its fair share - like having them "all" pay the franchise tax, or alternatively - a payroll tax?"

The screams were heard from the Red River to the Rio Grande. Leading yowlers were the Oil and Gas Magnates, acting like they're living on bread and water, but who are actually banking billions daily in excess profits. Or, haven't you bought any gas for your auto recently?

### FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER!

The battle was joined in Special Session and with Rick (Frankenstein) Perry in charge of operations - the House right wingers created a "sales tax monster" that would be the largest in America (up to nine and a quarter percent).

The "monster" died last Wednesday at midnight. However, bright and early Thursday (after calling lawmakers into a second session), Perry and assistant "Igor" Craddick, along with their loyalists, tinkered a little here and there, and brought the patched-up "tax creature" back to life. He's up and lurching around the capitol building this very day.

We're guessing that what will finally emerge will be a token franchise increase for business; a whopping hike in the sales tax from 6.25 to 7%; and a much smaller (than promised) cut in the school property tax.

### BYE, BYE TAX BREAK SAVINGS

Interested in how much you'll save as a result of the property tax cut gyrations taking place in Austin these days? Okay - we presume the school property M&O tax bite will cool from \$1.50 to \$1.30 (not exactly what was promised) for a saving of \$170.00 on a hundred thousand dollar home (after normal exemptions).

Now - compare that with what will be spent, with an additional three-quarters of a penny on all items covered by the sales tax, by an average family of four earning \$100,000 annually. That total computes to an immediate increase of \$180.00 in required spending!

End result - bye, bye tax savings! You get handed a net loss of ten bucks! Not much - but still and all - a loss - and after all the highfalutin and "chest-beating" announcements in recent months that your property taxes would be slashed - substantially!

Ask your local member of the Legislature how come you came out on the short end of the tax cutting stick (again)? And see if he-she can wiggle out of that box. Remember - its one they created and put you in!

### BAD TELEPHONE BILL

Last week we warned readers of one pending bit of disastrous legislation lurking around the House and Senate that could become law at the last minute in this new special session. This horror belongs to our State Senator Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay) and would allow telephone companies to somehow set their own residential phone rates! Needs immediate attention!

That's -30-

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# Running up the score

## Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner, President Heritage Foundation



General Motors wanted to boost sales this year, so it cut prices.

When the automaker offered its cars to the public at the same prices it charges employees, cars started flying out of showrooms. In fact, the deals were so good that other American automakers also had to slash prices in order to keep pace.

It's simple, really. People respond to financial incentives. Cut prices and they'll buy more.

The same rule applies to tax rates. Cut them, lowering the price of work, saving and investment, and people will earn more. That will improve the economy and end up boosting tax revenues.

Don't take my word for it. Ask Uncle Sam. Just five months ago, the White House was predicting that this year's federal deficit would be \$427 billion. Now the shortfall is projected to be \$333 billion. Huge, yes, but substantially lower than expected.

The projected deficit is dropping because the government has collected \$87 billion in what The Washington Post called "unanticipated tax receipts." Unanticipated by some, perhaps — but precisely what we at The Heritage Foundation predicted in 2003. President Bush cut tax rates two years ago, and because of those lower rates, people and businesses have more incentive to save and invest.

As I wrote in May 2004, "Once lower tax rates go into effect, businesses start to invest more, which means more jobs and higher wages. GDP starts to increase. Good news starts to pile on top of good news until you witness an economic recovery."

If we knew cutting taxes would improve the economy, why didn't the government see this windfall coming? Because it insists on using an outdated and discredited method to make its projections.

Both the White House and the Congressional Budget Office rely on what are called "static"

predictions. That means if we cut tax rates, say, 10 percent, they simply assume federal revenues will be 10 percent lower in years to come. They never take into account the extra economic activity that lower tax rates generate. But as the GM example and this year's soaring tax receipts demonstrate, incentives matter.

GM never would have offered employee prices if it had simply assumed it would make less profit on each car and sell only as many cars as it had sold the year before. The company realized that offering lower prices would mean less profit per car, but it also knew those lower prices would allow it to sell more cars.

We call this "dynamic scoring," and that complicated name hides a simple reality: Actions have consequences.

When the federal government projects its budget, it ought to use a computer model such as the one Heritage economists used in May 2003 to analyze that year's tax cut. We predicted that GDP would grow almost 4 percent in 2004. The actual gain was an even-better 4.4 percent. We predicted the tax cuts would lead to 800,000 new jobs in 2004. In fact, there were 2.2 million. Also, we foresaw that the unemployment rate would fall, as it has throughout 2004 and this year.

We're not trying to gloat. Clearly, our numbers were somewhat on the conservative side. But they're far closer than "static" projections, which simply subtracted the revenue "lost" from the tax cuts and left it at that. This explains why the government's projections for this year are already off by some \$100 billion.

The government's actions affect everyone. After all, you might not be planning to change jobs or invest some money this year, but you'll surely be influenced by federal taxes. So it's critical that federal forecasters are as accurate as possible.

It's time for lawmakers to bring dynamic scoring out of the showroom — and put it to work in Washington.

# FORUM

## We came close to losing the Texas Longhorn

For those of us who love Texas history, nothing is more sobering than pausing to consider how close we often come to losing parts of our heritage. This is why I worked hard to secure National Historic Trail designation for El Camino Real De Los Tejas, the network of trails traversing Texas from Louisiana to Mexico. It could easily have been lost if we did not take steps to protect it.

Throughout our history, Texans have had to act to preserve our historical heritage.

The best example of this is the Alamo, which was on the verge of being sold to a group of easterners who wanted to build a hotel on the site. Clara Driscoll stepped in to help at the last minute to buy the property. She, Adina de Zavala and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas preserved the Alamo for all of us.

Another Texas icon, the longhorn steer, also came perilously close to extinction in the early 20th century. After Columbus discovered the New World, the Spanish brought their long-horned Andalusian cattle to the West Indies, but it was not until 1521 that six or seven of them were brought ashore in Mexico. Longhorns first arrived in Texas when Coronado headed north with 500 head of cattle on his fruitless search for El Dorado. Many of his cattle scattered and formed wild herds which multiplied in Texas.

By the 1800s, Mexican cattle ranchers and the first cowboys — known as vaqueros — were herding hundreds of thousands of animals in an area north of the Rio Grande, but generally south of San Antonio and the major mission settlements.

After Moses Austin secured rights for Anglo settlers to come to Texas, the newcomers brought many Northern European breeds to Texas where they bred with the longhorns. This produced the Texas Longhorn, larger and

## Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison  
U.S. Senator



heavier than his Mexican cousin, but still retaining the qualities which allowed him to cover long distances, thrive on poor forage and adapt to extreme heat and cold.

Their endurance and hardiness allowed them to multiply in Texas. As many as 10 million longhorns roamed our state, and their most valuable product not beef, but hides and tallow (the rendered fat used to make candles, soap and lubricants). This changed with the advent of the Gold Rush in California. Several Texas cattlemen drove herds all the way to California to provide the prospectors with fresh beef. Others drove cattle north to Missouri, while some cattlemen near the coast took advantage of steamships to generate profits by shipping cows to New Orleans.

But the heyday of the cattle drives would wait until after the end of the Civil War when beef overtook pork as America's favorite meat. Entrepreneur Joseph G. McCoy almost single-handedly revolutionized the Texas cattle industry when he grasped that the railroads allow fast shipment of cattle to the booming industrial cities of the northeast. He commissioned Jesse Chisholm to mark the famous Chisholm Trail to make it easier to drive cattle north to railheads he constructed to expedite transportation.

In 1867, O.W. Wheeler and his partners bought 2,400 steers in San Antonio and made the first trip up the trail. By 1871, 35,000 cattle made the long trip up the Chisholm Trail and the numbers of cattle driven on the trail climbed each year. By the time an 1885 Kansas quarantine law banning

Texas steers killed the trail drives, more than five million cattle and one million mustang horses had made the trip.

With the end of the drives, which put a premium on the longhorn's ability to walk long distances and endure hardship, other breeds which matured earlier and put on weight faster began to grow more popular. Soon the once-numerous longhorns were reduced to several small scattered herds.

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Forest Ranger William Drummond was inspired by the preservation of the American Bison at the national park. The buffalo, which once numbered over 60 million, had been reduced to less than 1,000 by the turn of the century. Charles Goodnight, who had made his fortune with Texas Longhorns, was one of the key figures in introducing 15 bison to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Reserve in 1907. In 1927, with the support of many Texas cattlemen, 30 head of longhorns were introduced to the park as well. Today the park maintains a herd of 525 bison and 300 longhorns.

Over time, other cattlemen began raising longhorns, often using animals descended from the Wichita herd. By 1964, the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America was founded in Fort Worth to help promote the breed. Today, the Association reports that more than a quarter million registered Texas longhorns are being raised throughout the country.

Whenever I see a Texas Longhorn, I see a vital part of Texas' colorful history and am grateful for those forward-thinking individuals who took action in the 1920s to save this living part of Texas' proud past from extinction. Part of my goal as an elected official is to save other parts of Texas' heritage as well.

## Food marketing you can't trust



Jim Hightower

It's time for another trip into the Far, Far, Far-out World of Free Enterprise.

Today, Spaceship Hightower takes you into the tangled, often-confusing world of food marketing, with "Consumer Reports" magazine serving as our guide. Let's first probe a new product being promoted under a brand name spelled G-r-a-p-p-l-e. You would naturally pronounce that "grapple," as in to wrestle with. But the label instructs us to say, grape-l.

By whatever name, what is it? An apple. A tortured apple that's been given an artificial grape flavor. The company says: "The apple is bathed through a patented process and in a few days the entire apple takes on the essence and mouth-watering taste of Concord grapes." Excuse me. If you want the flavor of grapes, why not buy some? Speaking of buying, the price of four Grapples is three dollars more than four unadulterated apples. Go figure.

On to an old favorite, the Hershey's chocolate bar. This sweet treat has long been seven ounces in weight, but Hershey has now quietly reduced it to six ounces. You wouldn't notice getting shorted, for Hershey packagers cleverly kept the six-ounce wrapper the exact same size as the old seven-ounce. They also kept the price the same.

But when it comes to raw chutzpah in the category of product dilution, Hershey is a piker compared to Tropicana and Minute Maid, the two top purveyors of processed orange juice. Both are marketing "light" versions of their juices, with Tropicana boasting on its carton that "Light 'n Healthy Original" has one-half less sugar and calories than regular orange juice.

What's the trick? Both companies are simply giving you less orange juice, replacing it with water and artificial sweeteners. Yes, they charge you the same for the watered down version as for 100 percent juice.

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## Don't get dragged down by investment "anchors"

The financial markets will always be somewhat unpredictable. Some investors can cope with this fact, but others find it almost intolerable - and so they look for rules of thumb, or "anchors," to keep their portfolios stable during all economic environments. Some of these anchors may have some value, but, before you employ them, ask yourself, 'Are they right for me?'

Let's take a look at some common rules of thumb:

- Buy low, sell high - This would be a great piece of investment advice - except that it's virtually impossible to follow. Nobody can accurately predict when the market has reached a "high" or a "low." Consequently, you can't really use "market timing" as a sound investment strategy. Instead, buy quality stocks and hold them for the long term - at least until your needs change or the companies themselves have moved in a different direction.

### Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



- Own a percentage of stocks equal to 100 minus your age - The rule behind this guideline is fairly straightforward: The younger you are, the higher the percentage of stocks you should own. So, for example, if you are 30, the "rule of 100" suggests that your portfolio should consist of 70 percent stocks, with the remaining portion being made up of fixed-income vehicles and cash equivalents. But if you're 50, your holdings should consist of 50 percent stocks, according to this rule, and once you're 70, stocks should only make up 30 percent of your portfolio. While the basic idea behind this rule may make some sense, the "100 minus age" formula could result in a portfolio that is much too conservative for you. Instead of allocating your

investments according to a rigid numerical equation, try to build and adjust a diversified portfolio based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

- Save and invest 10 percent of your gross income - If you follow this rule of thumb consistently throughout your working life, you probably would be doing a lot better than most people - because Americans' savings rate is abysmal. And yet, the 10 percent figure, in isolation, may not be all that meaningful. The amount you need to put away each year depends on a variety of factors: your age, the amount you've already saved, the type of lifestyle you've envisioned for your retirement, how much your spouse is saving, etc.

- Count on all stocks to bounce back - Although

past performance does not guarantee a future result, the stock market, as a whole, has always rebounded from down periods - but the same is not necessarily true for individual stocks. In fact, some of them never recover from major losses, or, if they do, it takes many years - and during that time, you could have found better opportunities for those investment dollars. Many investors hold on to losers far too long because they dislike admitting they may have made a mistake. Don't let this false pride get in your way; if a stock or other investment just isn't panning out, get rid of it and move on.

Chart your own course  
As we've seen, some of these rules of thumb contain elements of truth - but they simply may not be right for your individual situation. In the long run, you'll increase your chances of success by making decisions based on your individual goals and needs, and on the qualities of specific investments.



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## It's easy being green Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

You're probably aware that more people these days are concerned about the environment and our impact on it. Kermit the Frog lamented all those years ago, "It Ain't Easy Bein' Green." But oh, how times have changed!

For the first time, the National Association of Home Builders has unveiled rules for constructing "environmen-

tally friendly" homes. "Green" features of your next home might include the way your lot is prepared, the home's energy efficiency, the quality of the interior environment, low maintenance landscaping, and even ways to reclaim water and use natural sources of energy.

While the concept of "green houses" is relatively new, what's even newer is the idea that these homes should be affordable. It's been the case for quite some time that only "niche" builders serving "upper end" clients could offer such energy-saving, environmentally friendly housing.

If you believe that a home's environmental impact and energy efficiency will be important factors in your next home buying decision, you'll want to investigate the newer "energy efficient mortgages" being offered. Some even allow you to buy an older home and add the cost of energy improvements to the amount of the loan!

If you'd like to learn more about the various issues involved in building and the environment, just visit www.nahb.org on the web. Click on "Environment" under "Resources," and you'll be amazed and enlightened!

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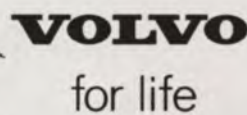
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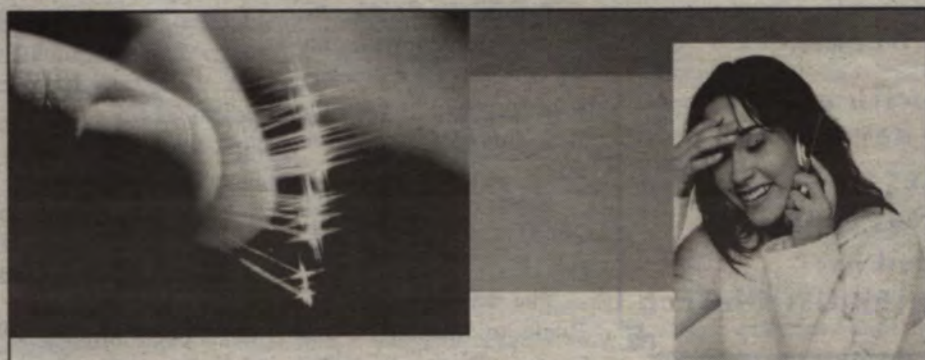


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## McCaw speaks at student send-off party Aug. 2

Judy Owens, President of the Central Texas Baylor Chapter, announced that Ian McCaw, Baylor Athletic Director, will be the speaker for the Central Texas Baylor Chapter Summer Picnic and Student Send-off Party 6 p.m. Aug. 2, at the Lone Star Banquet Hall in Morgan's Point.



Baylor Athletic Director Ian McCaw

Baylor alumni and interested persons should contact Jean Brunson, Chapter Treasurer, at 254-947-9275 for reservations and payment. Tickets are \$12.50 per person. Freshman students who received invitations are to contact Judy Owens at 254-939-6443 regarding their attendance, paid for by the Baylor Parents League.

Ian McCaw assumed

the duties of directing Baylor's 17-sport, Big 12 athletics program on Sep. 8, 2003. Since that time, Baylor has had its most successful finish in the Directors' Cup standings this year, placing 25th, with 12 of its 17 teams participating in NCAA

postseason play. In 2004-2005, Baylor athletics produced one national team champion with women's basketball, a national runner-up with men's tennis, and a national third place finisher with men's baseball among its record 12 postseason entries.

In addition, three student athletes claimed NCAA individual titles during the 2004-2005 academic year, and Baylor won a school-record six Big 12 titles, four regular season and two tournament, one shy of Nebraska's season-best seven crowns.

Baylor supporters are invited to come and be a part of this event to celebrate Baylor's athletic success.

## Elizabeth Thomas Little passed away July 9

Elizabeth Thomas (Mrs. J.B.) Little, 87, of Lago Vista, formerly of Belton, died July 9 in an Austin hospital. Memorial services were held July 14 at Travis Oaks Baptist Church in Lago Vista with the Rev. Vince Smith officiating.

Little was born in Rogers on Oct. 1, 1917 to J.W. and Elizabeth Gower Thomas. She moved to Belton with her parents

as an elementary school student and graduated from Belton High School in 1934. She graduated from Mary Hardin-Baylor College and also graduated from the University of Texas.

Her 50-year teaching career included classroom teaching and as a librarian. She taught in Salado, Corpus Christi, Brownwood and Lago Vista school districts. She

was president of the Texas State Teachers Association and of the Classroom Teachers of Texas.

She married J.B. Little Dec. 24, 1939. He preceded her in death May 2, 1982. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Her recent Salado

## Grace Baptist VBS features a safari adventure

Grace Baptist Church in Salado will hold its Vacation Bible School July 30-Aug. 3. This year's theme is "Kingdom of the Son," a week of safari adventure.

In Kingdom of the Son, children will embark on adventures, and discover "God's Love." Campers will sing songs, enjoy skits, create crafts, play games, and enjoy Bible stories and snacks.

Camp will be held 9 a.m.-noon July 30, and 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 31-Aug. 3.

On July 30, campers will meet at the Miller Outpost, located on mile west of the church to enjoy snow cones, cotton candy, a hot dog lunch, a dunking booth, jeep rides and other fun activities.

Grace Baptist Church is located at 5919 FM 2484, in Salado. For information about the call 254-947-5917 or 254-947-5766.

## Catherine V. Gibbs graveside services held July 26

Graveside services for Catherine V. Gibbs, 81, of Jarrell, were held July 26, at Live Oak Cemetery near Youngsport with the Rev. Jim McClurg officiating.

Gibbs died July 23, 2005, in a Temple hospital.

She was born in Paint Rock, to Marion A. and

memberships included Associate Member, Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and membership in Central Texas Area Museum.

She is survived by a brother, William Thomas, of Harker Heights, formerly of Belton, a nephew and niece.

Lillian Avent McGuffin on Dec. 13, 1923. She married Floyd Gibbs on Jan. 17, 1953, in Jarrell. Gibbs was a member of First Methodist Church of Jarrell.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd Gibbs, of Jarrell; one daughter, Juana K. Preston, of Salado; one brother, A.E. McGuffin, of Tow; one sister, Johnnie White, of Hagerman, NM; and one granddaughter, Amber Lea Preston, of Salado.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to First Methodist Church, P.O. Box 406, Jarrell, TX 76537.

## Monday Club holds covered dish lunch

The Monday Club of the Salado United Methodist Church will meet 11 a.m. Aug. 1 at the new church on Royal Street.

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# Salado Springs Truth Tonic & Elixir Medicine Show premieres in Aug.

The Salado Silver Spur Theater will host the world premiere of an original melodrama "The Salado Springs Truth Tonic and Elixir Medicine Show" 7:30 p.m. Aug. 5.

The production was put together with the sponsorship of Penny Esch and Grainger Esch, the professional managers of Salado's newest theater company. The Silver Spur, located at 108 Royal Street, has been hosting classic movies and live vaudeville performances for over a year. This latest effort grew out of the benefit they held for the Salado High School production of "A Company of Wayward Saints."

The local audience response was so great for that production that the faculty directors, Karen Ewton and Gary Askins, immediately started discussing other possible productions for this unique theatre.

Askins wrote the original script, but he points out that, "This has been a collaborative effort. I say this because I really do want to share some of the glory but also all of the blame for this satire of life on the banks of Salado Creek."

This melodrama is about the troubles and travails of Penelope Trueheart (Penny Esch), the new school marm, and her



The damsels in distress are Penny Esch and Karen Ewton. The melodrama will premiere in August at the Salado Silver Spur Theater.

traveling companion Mrs. Bertha Bovine (Karen Ewton), as they struggle to build a school for the children of Salado. The women immediately fall victim to the evil Snidely H. Whiplash (Gary Askins) and his ne'er do well partner in crime George Shrub (Tony Blackman). They encounter Miss Katrina Love (Jody Askins), the local saloonkeeper, Tonkawa Tom and Colonel South (Ben Milligan), and things look pretty bleak until the arrival of Sam Houston Smith (Grainger Esch) and his trusty sidekick Justin Time (Garrett Askins). The two, of course, save the day, the women, and the village. The play also contains an

original silent movie chase sequence filmed locally by Tim Hodgkin with original live music provided by the Nelda Milligan.

This is an almost traditional melodrama, so come prepared to boo the villain and cheer for our heroes as this type of drama works best when the audience is a part of the presentation. The Silver Spur Melodrama will be presented on the first three weekends of August with performances scheduled for Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Call the theater box office at 947-3456 for ticket prices and seating availability.

## Kingdom of the Son

### Vacation Bible School

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The advertising deadline for the Fall Sports Program, which will be distributed at all home Varsity Football Games, is Friday, August 12.

The Salado Athletic Booster Club will meet again 7 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Salado Civic Center.

Third Annual Reverse Raffle tickets are now on sale.

The Reverse Raffle will be Sat. Aug. 20  
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# MCCA gives to local CERT

Bill Upton, President, and Larry Freeman, Secretary of CERTS, (Community Emergency Response Team of Salado) recently accepted a donation from Mill Creek Community Association Treasurer, LaNora Miller.

This donation represents the members of MCCA and is part of an ongoing goal of providing for the health and safety of residents in Mill Creek.

CERTS now has about 30 volunteers that have taken special training in CPR and other important skills - those that would

be needed to help the Salado police respond to emergency situations that may occur. Donations are welcome to CERTS to help purchase supplies such as fire extinguishers, radios, helmets, smoke detectors, blankets etc. to be used in case of emergency. They are also interested in obtaining a trailer to help them respond in a timely manner.

Any adult wishing to become a member of the CERTS team can call Ken Wallin, 947-0156 for information on the next training session.

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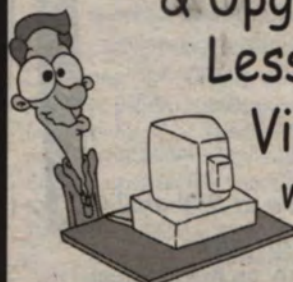
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July 28, 2005

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## Potter Ray Anderson to show at fair

The artistry of Ray Anderson may well be described as capturing the "look" of the Southwest United States in his hand-thrown, one-of-a-kind porcelain pottery pieces. Not just limited to painters; the 39th Annual Salado Art Fair will feature artisans such as Anderson and others working in a variety of forms. In all, over 100 artists will set up shop for the fair, to be held Aug. 6-7 in Pace Memorial Park.

Anderson is an artist that takes his life experiences and applies them to his wheel-thrown pottery. His style, he says, is a "unique fusion of two cultures" derived from both his Native American ancestry and his southwestern upbringing.

Although relatively new to clay-working, Anderson is considered one of the medium's up-and-coming talents. Since 1998, he has won numerous competitions, includ-

ing 55 first or second place titles. At the Texas State Fair alone, he has garnered a total of 37 first place ribbons.

Anderson lives and works in Mabank, TX, and more of his work can be viewed at [www.potterybyray.com](http://www.potterybyray.com).

Parking for this year's Salado Art Fair is free throughout the village with shuttle rides to the park.

Admission is \$3 with children 12 and under admitted free of charge.

In addition, this year's art fair will also include a duck race, with prizes for the first-through-third finishes, as well as a "lame duck" award. The duck race will be held 3 p.m. Aug. 7. Ducks can be purchased for \$5 apiece, or five for \$20, at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Civic Center, or from the Salado Silver Spur Theater, Sweet Dreams, the Stagecoach Inn, the Salado Mansion, The



Pottery by Ray Anderson

Baines House and Rock Creek Treasures. Planned prizes include a stay and play package, as well as shopping extravaganzas.

For more informa-

tion about the upcoming Art Fair call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at (254) 947-5040 or visit [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com).

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**JULY 28**

**Bowl making class at Mud Pies pottery**, benefiting the Empty Bowl Project. Classes are free, but limited to 10 participants. Call 947-0281.

**JULY 30**

**Mill Creek "Summer Nights" live music and dance**, featuring the

local band, A Touch of Class. 8-11 p.m. at Mill Creek Creekside Room. Tickets: \$15 per person, or \$25 for two. Available at Village Realty of Salado, 947-0342, or TBC International, 947-4717. Cash bar available.

**JULY 30**

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**"Oldies Rock N' Roll Benefit" at the Salado Silver Spur Theater.** Proceeds to benefit new choir robes for Salado United Methodist Church. 7-9 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adults; \$5 children under 12. Fifties attire optional. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit www.saladosilverspur.com.

**JULY 30-AUGUST 3**  
**Grace Baptist Church Vacation Bible School.** Theme: "Kingdom of the Son." 9 a.m.-noon July 30 (one mile west of the church at 7220 Fm 2484); 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 1-3 at the church (two miles west of I-35, of FM 2484). Open to children in fourth- to sixth grades.

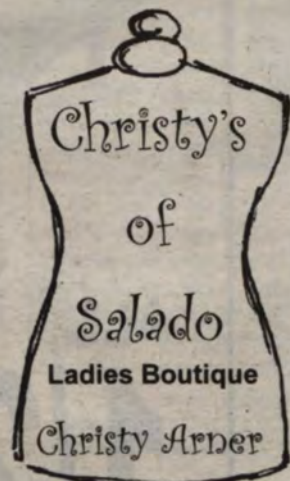
**AUGUST 1**  
**Salado Civic Center Board of Directors meeting,** 9 a.m. at the Civic Center. Meeting is open to the public.

**AUGUST 1**  
**Monday Club of the Salado United Methodist Church meeting,** 11 a.m. at new church on Royal St. Program will feature a covered dish luncheon; attendees are asked to bring a covered dish. All ladies are invited.

**AUGUST 6**  
**Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods:** Sauces 101. Students will learn the traditional methods of preparing some of the classic sauces such as hollandaise, béchamel and more. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

**AUGUST 6-7**  
**39th Annual Salado Art Fair on the grounds of Pace Park.** Artists and artisans from across Texas and the Southwest on hand. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040.

**AUGUST 8**  
**St. Stephen Women's Society meeting,** featuring a program



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titled "Spiritual Gifts," presented by Barbara Bureson, 6:30 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall.

**AUGUST 8-11**  
**SIS student registration,** 4-6 p.m. daily at Salado Intermediate School Commons. Aug. 8: new students; Aug. 9: returning 5th and 6th graders; Aug. 10: returning 7th and 8th grade students. Class schedules, supply lists and locker assignments will be available Aug. 11.

**AUGUST 9**  
**Second Annual PALS Arts Awards,** noon-1 p.m. at the Mill Creek Dining Room. Featuring Chuck McCarter and Leslie Hyland honoring Jackie Mills and Tablerock Amphitheater. Admission: \$10. Reservations available after Aug. 1 at 254-947-8300.

**AUGUST 11**  
**Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting,** featuring a program by Sandi Wicker, of Habitat for Humanity. Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.; Program: 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

**AUGUST 13**  
**"Meet and Greet" party for incoming Salado kindergartners,** 11 a.m. at Pace Park. The event is Pot Luck, so food sign ups and RSVP's are appreciated. Info: Karen Young, 947-9539.

**AUGUST 13**  
**Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods:** Pastry Basics - Dessert Sauces. Students will learn the differences between crème anglaise, pastry cream, and crème brûlée. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

**AUGUST 15**  
**Meet your teacher and stash your stuff night, at Thomas Arnold Elementary School,** 4-6 p.m. Parents and students can bring school supplies and visit with teachers.

**AUGUST 16**  
**First day of school for SISD campuses.**

**AUGUST 19**  
**Mill Creek Community Association Fall Fling** at Mill Creek Inn Restaurant. Cash happy hour: 6 p.m., dinner: 7 p.m. Theme: "Country Swing into Fall" with a bbq buffet dinner with all the trimmings. Music by Touch of Class. Reservations due to by Aug. 11. Send reservations to: MCCA/P.O. Box

562/Salado, TX 76571.

**AUGUST 20**  
**Salado Athletic Booster Club Third Annual Reverse Raffle,** 5 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Grand prize: \$10,000 shopping spree at Killeen Home Depot. Tickets: \$150 each, includes 4 meal tickets; admission to silent auction and one entry into grand prize drawing. Info: Ronnie Heller, 947-9090, or Jerry Smith, 947-1093.

**AUGUST 20**  
**Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods:** Basics of Pasta and Sauces. Students will learn to make a variety of sauces that can be used to top pasta and the importance of pairing the proper pasta with the appropriate sauce. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

**AUGUST 26**  
**Salado Eagle football season opener,** versus Liberty Hill Panthers, 7:30 p.m. in Liberty Hill.

**AUGUST 27**  
**Mill Creek "Summer Nights" live music and dance,** featuring the local band, A Touch of Class. 8-11 p.m. at Mill Creek Creekside Room. Tickets: \$15 per person, or \$25 for two. Available at Village Realty of Salado, 947-0342, or TBC International, 947-4717. Cash bar available.

**AUGUST 27**  
**Salado Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry,** 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. More details TBA.

**AUGUST 27-SEP. 5**  
**Third Annual Salado Salutes Texas Educators Week,** featuring door prizes and special shopping and dining opportunities for Texas public and private school educators. All door prizes have a value of no less than \$100. No purchase necessary to register for prizes. Info: 254-947-5040, email saladochamber@vvm.com, or visit www.salado.com.

**AUGUST 28**  
**Salado United Methodist Church picnic at Peacable Kingdom,** following Sunday services.

**SEPTEMBER 2**  
**Salado Eagle football versus Clifton Cubs,** 7:30 p.m. at Salado Eagle Stadium.

**SEPTEMBER 10, 17 & 24**  
**Tablerock's production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet."** Performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child. Info: 254-947-8933, www.allcentex.com/

tablerock or email tablerock1@aol.com.

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**Salado High School Class of 1995 10-year reunion.** Reunion will include daytime lunch in Salado and evening dinner in Walburg. More details TBA. Info: April Renfro, 512-656-7835.

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods:** Italian Basics: Pizza and Focaccia. Students will learn the basics of pizza and focaccia dough. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

**SEP. 10-11, 14-18**  
**Team Ropers Association Finals at Wildfire Ranch.** Info: 947-8080.

**SEPTEMBER 12**  
**St. Stephen Women's Society "Women's Spiritual Retreat."** Members will meet at the St. Stephen Parish parking lot to car pool. An evening of prayer, meditation and fellowship.

**SEPTEMBER 13-15**  
**Salado Village Artists painting class,** taught by Eve Larson of Laguna Gloria, in Austin. Class will focus on portrait and live figure painting, and will be held in the SVA building. Details TBA.

**SEPTEMBER 16**  
**Salado Eagle football,** versus Troy Trojans, 7:30 p.m. at Troy.

**SEPTEMBER 17**  
**Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods:** Barbeque Basics and More. Students will learn grilling techniques along with some recipes like Grilled Portobello Mushrooms with Red Pepper Hummus and Szechwan Sirloin Steak with Green Bean Salad. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

**SEPTEMBER 17-18**  
**Tablerock's Fantasy Faire,** featuring music, dance and historical demonstrations. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors and military personnel. Info: 254-947-1339 or email pangea@vvm.com, or tablerock1@aol.com.

**SEPTEMBER 23**  
**Salado Eagle football district opener** versus Somerville Yeguas, 7:30 p.m. in Somerville.

**SEPTEMBER 24**  
**Couples Workshop for relationship enrichment,** 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at SUMC fellowship

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hall. Sponsored by the church's Family Life Ministries Committee. Space limited to church members. Info: 947-5482.

**SEPTEMBER 24**

**Bell County Chambers of Commerce Golf Challenge, at Mill Creek Golf Club.** 8 a.m. start. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040 or email saladochamber@vvm.com.

**SEPTEMBER 26**

**Third Annual End of Summer Celebration** (formerly PALS Wine Tasting Festival) produced by the Public Arts League of Salado, 6-8 p.m. in the Yellow Rose of Texas room at Summers Mill. Reservations available after Sep. 14 at 254-947-8300.

**SEPTEMBER 29-30**

**Salado Village Artists juried art show** in the SVA building. Details TBA.

**SEPTEMBER 30**

**Salado Eagle football homecoming game,** 7:30 p.m. versus Lago Vista Vikings.

**OCTOBER 1-2**

**Tablerock's - A Christmas Carol auditions** Sat.-Sun.: 3 p.m. Information: 254-947-9205. Directed by Harry Sweet.

**OCTOBER 1-2**

**Photography Show and Sale,** featuring works by M. L. Bolton, Shauna Mora, and Will Bolton. Opening Reception on Saturday from 6-9 p.m., Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at Royal Street Provision, 4490 Royal Street (3.5 miles east of Main St), Salado. Info: Alice Wells, 254-947-3350.

**OCTOBER 2**

**Cooking class at The Range: A Wine Pairing Dinner with John Mackrell.** Info: www.therangerestaurant.com.

**OCTOBER 6**

**Cooking Class at The Range: Great Salads and Soups.** Info: www.therangerestaurant.com.

**OCTOBER 7**

**Salado Eagle football,** versus Academy Bumblebees, 7:30 p.m. in Acad-

emy.

**OCTOBER 10**

**St. Stephen Women's Society meeting,** with a program by Salado Tourism Director Debbie Charbonneau on "Main Street Preservation USA," 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**OCTOBER 13**

**Cooking class at The Range: Party Items; Great Items to bring with you to the Party.** Info: www.therangerestaurant.com.

**OCTOBER 14**

**Salado Eagle football,** versus Lexington Eagles, 7:30 p.m. at Salado Eagle Stadium.

**OCTOBER 14-15**

**Christmas in October,** sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day at the Salado Civic Center. Features Christmas shopping, bake sale, style show, music, entertainment and vintage car show. Admission is free. Info: 254-947-5040.

**OCTOBER 16**

**St. Stephen Catholic Church Fall Fest.** Auctions, food booths, games. Noon-4 p.m. on St. Stephen church grounds.

**OCTOBER 16**

**Seniors Appreciation Day.** Various organizations of Salado United Methodist Church honor the seniors of the church with a special dinner and presentation. 12:15-2:30 p.m. at the SUMC fellowship hall.

**OCTOBER 19-20**

**Local artist Gil Wanzor will teach a perspective drawing class** in the Salado Village Artists building. Details TBA.

**OCTOBER 20**

**Cooking Class at The Range: "Low Carb" Cooking.** Info: www.therangerestaurant.com.

**OCTOBER 21**

**Salado Eagle football,** versus Florence Buffaloes, 7:30 p.m. in Florence.

**OCTOBER 22**

**Salado Education Foundation Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball,** 6 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch.

Tickets on sale at Bill Bartlett Century 21, 947-5050, or at SISD Central Office, 947-5479, ext. 7005. \$75 per person.

**OCTOBER 27**

**Cooking class at The Range: Grilling on the Patio.** Info: www.therangerestaurant.com.

**OCTOBER 28**

**Salado Eagle football senior night,** versus Rogers Eagles, 7:30 p.m. at Salado Eagle Stadium.

**OCTOBER 29, 30 & 31**

**Tablerock's Fright Trail,** 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

**NOVEMBER 3**

**Cooking class at The Range: Awesome Fall and Winter Desserts.** Info: www.therangerestaurant.com.

**NOVEMBER 4**

**Salado Eagle football regular season finale,** versus Jarrell Cougars, 7:30 p.m. in Jarrell.

**NOVEMBER 6**

**Cooking class at The Range: Simple, Fast and Delicious.** Info: www.therangerestaurant.com.

**NOVEMBER 11-13**

**44th Annual Gathering of the Scottish Clans.** First full day Nov. 12 at Robertson Ranch. More info TBA.

**NOVEMBER 13**

**St. Stephen Catholic Church Turkey Bingo.**

**NOVEMBER 15**

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

**NOVEMBER 19**

**Annual Empty Bowl Project and Pots O' Plenty Show and Sale,** benefitting the Salado Family Relief Fund, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School.

**NOVEMBER 26-27**

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

**DECEMBER 2-3**

**Tablerock's 13th Annual presentation of A Christmas Carol,** 7

p.m. each night. Tickets: adults \$5, children 12 and under, \$3. Sandwiches and drinks available beginning 6:30 p.m. Info: 947-9205 or www.allcentex.com/tablerock. Email: tablerock1@aol.com.

**DECEMBER 2-4**

**Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Tour of Homes and Historical Log Cabins;** 5-8 p.m. Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 3 and 1-5 p.m. Dec. 4. Info: 947-8300.

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

**Annual Christmas Stroll celebration in the Village Salado.**

**DECEMBER 13**

**Mill Creek Community Association Christmas Party and Annual Meeting,** at Mill Creek Inn Restaurant. Cash happy hour: 6 p.m., dinner: 7 p.m.

**DECEMBER 16**

**St. Stephen Catholic Church Christmas Dinner.**

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**JANUARY 6**

**St. Stephen Women's Society meeting,** with Judy Greene presenting her monologue, "Esther, Woman of the Bible," followed by refreshments. 6:30 p.m. in the church Parish Hall.

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The Salado Silver Spur Theater will host an oldies rock and roll show, featuring live music from Kevin Yeoman and the Blue Crowns, 7-9 p.m. July 30.

Proceeds from the concert will go to the purchase of new choir robes for the Salado United Methodist Church choir.

The Blue Crowns, based out of Austin, have been playing together as a band since the summer of 1994. The group performs

in dancehalls, clubs, festivals, and private venues all over Texas, playing the timeless tunes of the 50s and 60s.

In May 2003 The Blue Crowns opened for The Turtles while performing in Georgetown, and during their performance at the Austin Pecan Street Festival in May 2004, won the title of best up and coming oldies band in Austin as named by radio's Oldies 103.

Currently, The Blue Crowns band is working on an original album, and has not set a release date as of yet.

Admission to the show is set at \$10 for adults, while children 12 and under will be admitted for \$5.

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Mill Creek Community Association Social Committee members and Chairman Cindy Apichino are preparing for the Aug. 19, member Fall Social.

The theme, "Country Swing into Fall" includes a 6-7 p.m. Cash Happy Hour followed by a full dinner buffet with BBQ brisket and BBQ chicken. For something new, there will be prizes for Cowboy and Cowgirl outfits. A grand prize will be awarded for the best dressed couple in western attire. The grand prize will be a dinner for two at

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Reservation deadline is Aug. 11. Send your reservations to MCCA, Box 562, Salado, TX 76571.

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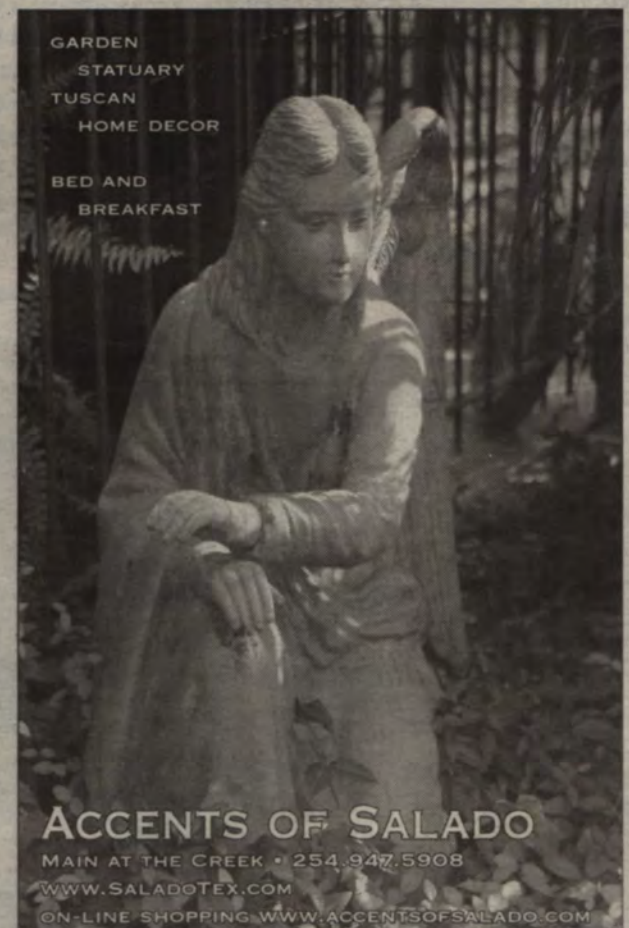
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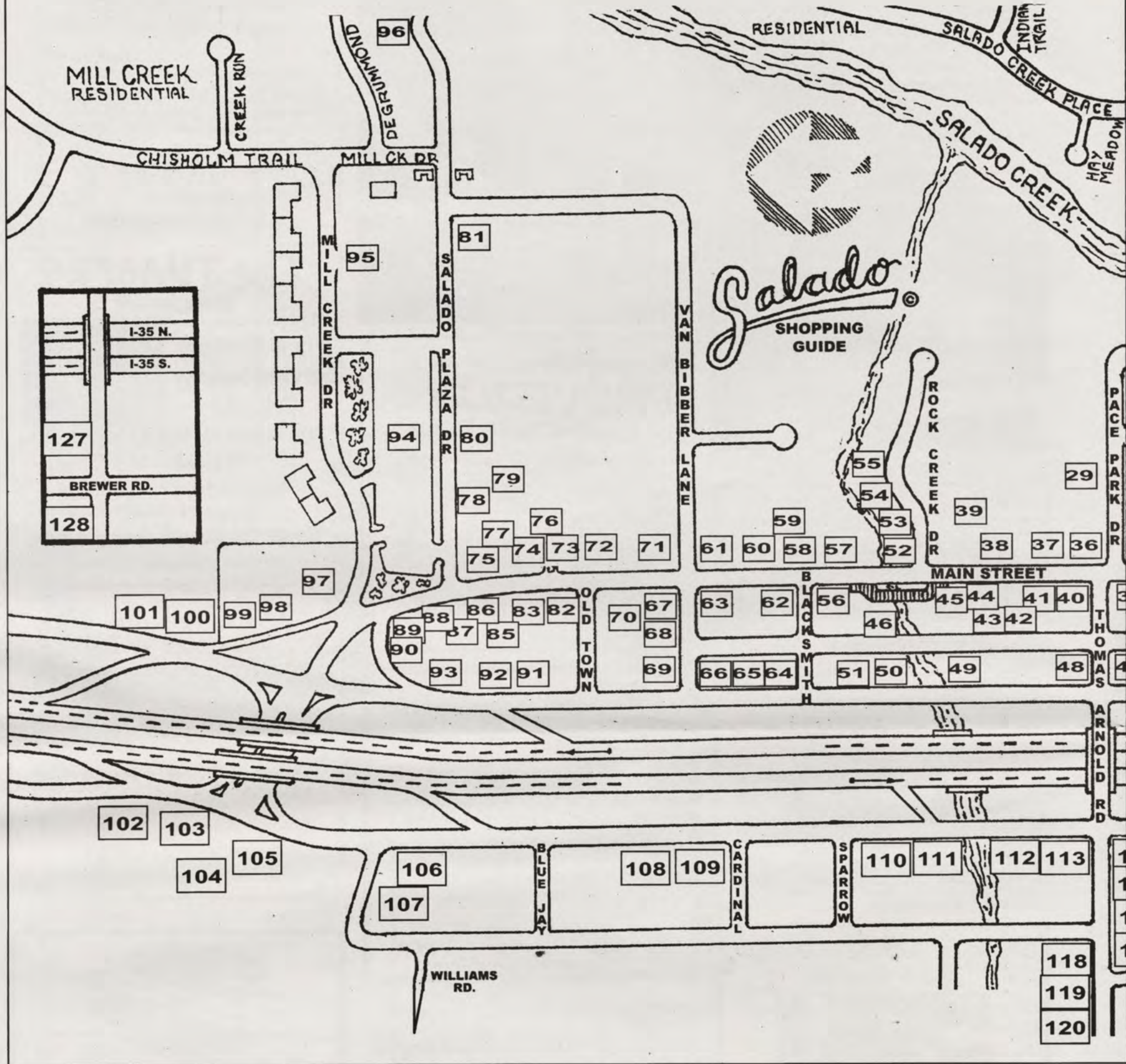
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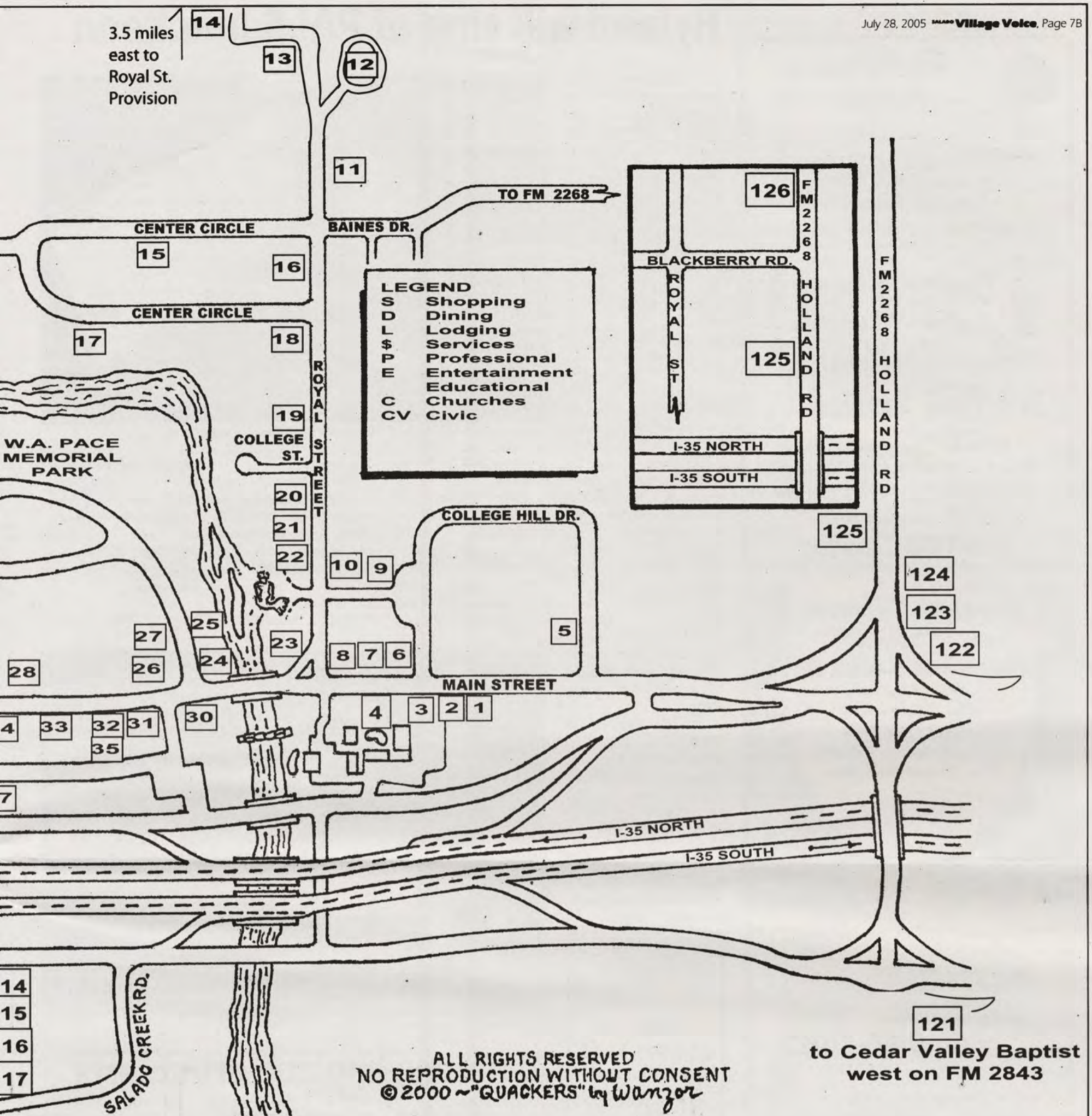
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Leslie Hyland, singing Stephen Sondheim's "The Art of Making Art," and Chuck McCarter, speaking about "What the Heck is Art Anyway?" will perform at a luncheon honoring recipients of PALS 2005 Arts Awards at noon on Aug. 9, in the dining room of the Mill Creek Country Club. The public is invited, and reservations may be made beginning Aug. 1, by calling 947-8300. (No reservations, after Aug. 5.)

Admission is \$15; Honorees receiving awards will be admitted for \$10.

Honorees receiving awards are these: restaurant owners and managers and their chefs who contributed to the success of "A Taste of Salado 2005" and a "Wine Tasting Event 2004" by donating food at those fund raisers. Also, to be honored are Salado merchants and private citizens who donated items for last year's events."

A Recognition of Distinction will be presented to the Tablerock Theatre of Salado Board of Directors for their support of Public Arts programming in Salado. A special award, designed by Troy Kelley, will be presented to Jackie Mills in recognition of her sustained dedication to



Leslie Hyland will perform during the PALS Awards Luncheon.

Tablerock and the Village of Salado.

Three designations of "Salado Public Arts Landmarks and/or Activities" will be added to PALS "Distinctive Public Arts" roster and announced with photographs by Margaret

Williamson.

The Lecture and Luncheon committee is Jeanne Barrier and Ruth Howe. Table decorations will be prepared by Rita Rice. Hulda Horton will supervise reservations and ticket sales.

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Charles Barrier. Award presenters are Ruth Howe, Gil Wanzor (with a special tribute to Shirley Cornett), and Mike Williamson. Raymond Carver will serve as Master of Ceremonies.



Dr. Raymond Carver and Troy Kelley.

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Troy Kelley's dedication to and love for the Village of Salado and its citizens is obvious...as a leader in the arts community..." he was recognized for his efforts in placing art throughout the Village.

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His new work, "The Troll and Billy Goat Gruff," will be presented to the Village by PALS on Oct. 4 when it is installed on the Green Bridge with oversight by the Texas Department of Transportation.

On the same agenda, PALS (The Public Arts League of Salado), was recognized "for obtaining funding for numerous art, music, and literary events," for "coordinating numerous events that enhance the culture of Salado," and for enhancing "the beauty and quality of life" of the Village. Also serving as "a visible symbol of dedication to the arts," the two-year-old organization was recognized for "support and promotion of the arts in the Village." Dr. Raymond Carver, President of PALS, accepted the award on behalf of PALS.

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 6 Lowdown lit  
 10 Small shot  
 13 Ellipse  
 17 Prompts  
 18 Sheet of stamps  
 19 — League  
 21 Send payment  
 23 Buenos —  
 24 Computer image  
 25 Non-stereo  
 26 Praise for Pavarotti  
 27 "Norma —" ('79 film)  
 28 Bruins' sch.  
 30 "Ada" author  
 33 List entry  
 34 Start of a remark by Will Rogers  
 38 Author LeShan  
 39 About  
 40 Very cold  
 41 Mets' milieu  
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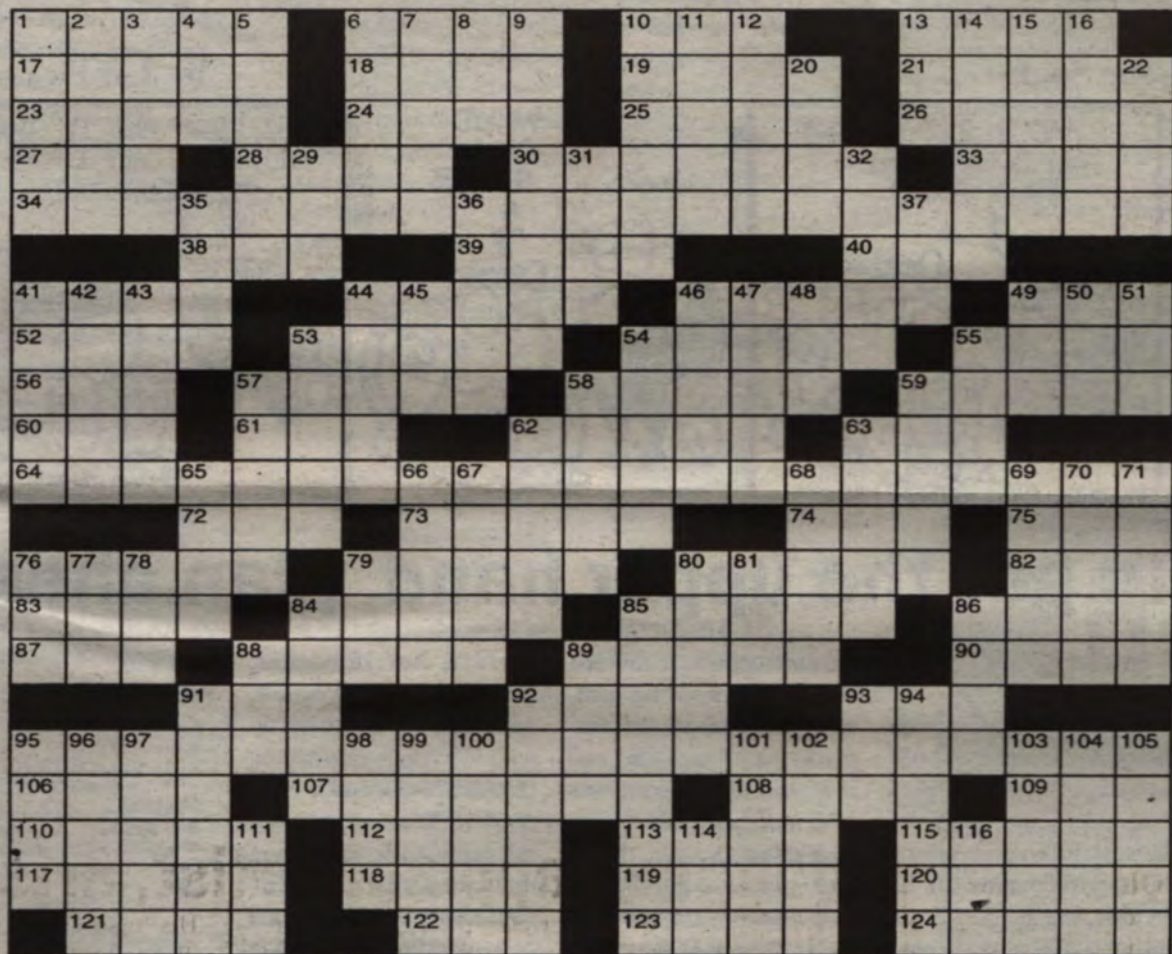
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 61 Playground game  
 62 Uncool ones  
 63 Who stoops to conquer  
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 72 Snaky swimmer  
 73 Actor Lorenzo  
 74 Logical letters  
 75 "Knots Landing" character  
 76 Yankee Derek  
 79 Nickel creature  
 80 Toughen up  
 82 Dachshund declaration  
 83 Surrounded by  
 84 Dedicated to defamation  
 85 Laotian native  
 86 "La Boheme" seamstress  
 87 Lave the linoleum

- 88 Part of a process  
 89 Black piano key  
 90 Spirit  
 91 — Lanka  
 92 Mutt of mystery  
 93 — -relief  
 95 End of remark  
 106 Corner a cat  
 107 Indy 500 figure  
 108 Actress Freeman  
 109 Fury's food  
 110 Destined to diet  
 112 Lost  
 113 Ultimate whale watcher?  
 115 Former African nation  
 117 Actress Marisa  
 118 Garr of "Mr. Mom"  
 119 Theater section  
 120 New York city  
 121 Salamander  
 122 57 Across, e.g.  
 123 Look like a letch  
 124 Com. treaty

- DOWN**  
 1 Peck part  
 2 A Heep of Dickens  
 3 Come around  
 4 Look at  
 5 Sent out  
 6 Like some milk  
 7 Jungle bird  
 8 Top numero  
 9 "In Memoriam" poet  
 10 Hefty grass  
 11 Witch wheels?  
 12 Low-octane joe?  
 13 Sphere  
 14 Prove  
 15 Famed figure in fiddles  
 16 Bile producer  
 20 Opus  
 22 Magnum opus  
 29 R.E. Lee's govt.  
 31 Part of DA  
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 35 Best  
 36 Hitter Hank  
 37 Sail through  
 41 Scarecrow stuffing  
 42 Monsieur Matisse  
 43 Precise

- 44 A particular Key  
 45 Lilly of pharmaceuticals  
 46 Mans the bar  
 47 Met men  
 48 Rossini's "Le Comte —"  
 49 Some trimmings  
 50 Bungle  
 51 Gnus center?  
 53 Seek out a school?  
 54 Conifer coverings  
 55 Really rain  
 57 Sleek swimmer  
 58 Some kind of a nut  
 59 — Island  
 62 "In Search of . . ." host  
 63 Unyielding  
 65 Pay attention to  
 66 Opens the mail  
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 80 Farouk's faith  
 81 Nicole on "Fame"  
 84 Exercises the arms  
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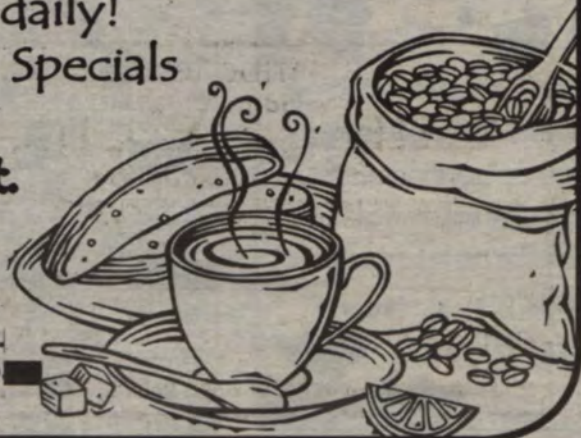
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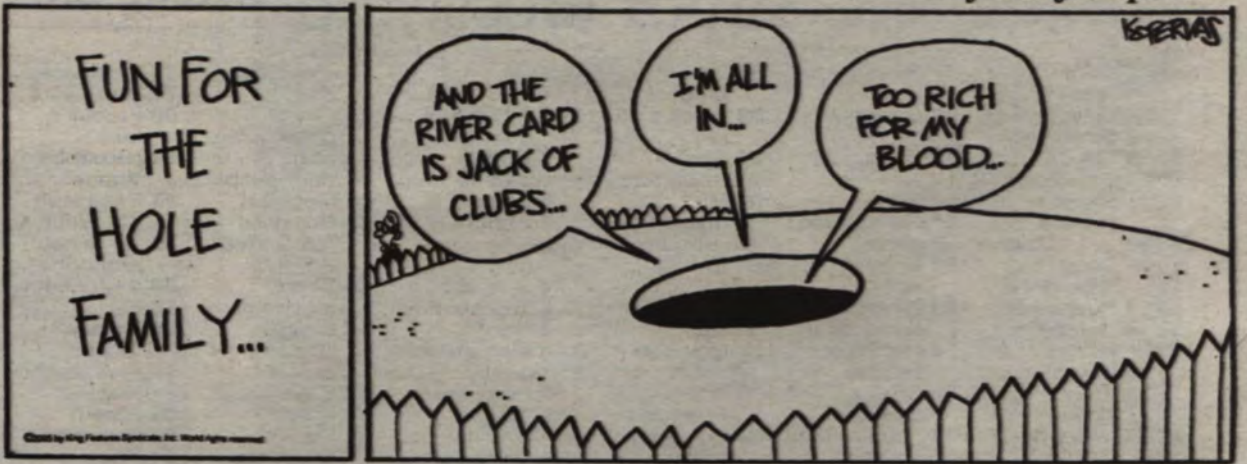
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To get the upper hand, plan ahead

By STEVE BECKER

Before proceeding with the play, declarer should formulate a general plan that makes allowance for the various ways in which the opposing cards can be divided. He might not be able to come up with a plan that guarantees success against all possible distributions, but he should try to find the line of play that gives him the best chance to succeed.

Consider this deal where West led a diamond against South's four-heart contract. Declarer won East's nine with the queen and could count 12 tricks if

the diamonds were divided 3-2. West's opening lead, however, had all the earmarks of a singleton, and if it was, the contract was in distinct jeopardy.

Declarer's task, therefore, was to seek a line of play that would succeed against a 4-1 diamond break as well as a normal 3-2 division. Accordingly, he cashed the K-Q of hearts and was gratified to see both opponents follow suit. He then abandoned further trump leads, leaving a heart at large and the ace in dummy as a later entry, and led the eight of diamonds.

This gave West a chance

to ruff, but if he did, dummy would follow low, and declarer would wind up with 11 tricks -- five hearts, five diamonds and a club. And if West discarded instead, South would win in dummy, ruff a low diamond high, cross to the ace of hearts and again finish with 11 tricks. West's play was therefore immaterial. Note that if declarer had not taken the trouble to assess the situation and had instead blithely drawn three rounds of trumps at the outset, he would have gone down. The bad diamond break plus the unfavorable location of the ace of spades would

South dealer.  
 Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♦75			
♥A74			
♠AK7532			
♣104			
WEST		EAST	
♠A1062	♣QJ93	♦QJ93	♥62
♥983	♦62	♠J1096	♣QJ8
♦4			
♣K7653			
SOUTH			
♦K84			
♥KQJ105			
♠Q8			
♣A92			

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass  
 2NT Pass 3♥ Pass  
 4♥  
 Opening lead — four of diamonds.

have limited him to nine tricks.

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# Kindermusik classes offered at UMHB

Kindermusik classes will be offered by the UMHB Conservatory of Music for children from birth through four and a half. The UMHB Conservatory will be taking enrollment for the Fall semester 4:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 8 for current students and 4:30-5:30 p.m. Aug. 11 for new students. Call the UMHB Conservatory office at 295-4686 for more information. The UMHB Conservatory office is located in room 208 in Presser Hall on the UMHB campus.

On Thursdays from 10-10:45 a.m., Kindermusik Village With Seniors will be offered at Garden Estates in Temple and is for infants up to 18 months. In this special class the Kindermusik instructor

hosts a group of babies and their caregivers at Garden Estates. The class encourages a small group of seniors to watch or participate. This specially designed version of Kindermusik Village was guided by experts in older adult therapy and Alzheimer studies. Kindermusik Village With Seniors is taught by Stacie Winkler.

Kindermusik: Our Time is for children who are 18 months to three years of age. This class will be offered 6-6:45 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. and 10-10:45 a.m. Wed. Along with an accompanying parent or caregiver, children meet weekly for a 45-minute class and enjoy singing, moving, listening, interacting

socially and playing simple instruments. Exploration Time encourages a child's discovery of specially designed instruments, textures, sounds and movements; language skills are fostered with singing, sound imitation and vocal play. Music and Movement Story Time encourages emergent literacy skills; and creative dancing affirms a child's urge to move. Kindermusik "Our Time" is taught by Aleisha Kelley and Nancy Westwick. Both classes meet in Presser Hall on the UMHB campus.

Kindermusik: Imagine That is for children age three to four and a half. The Imagine That class will be offered 9:30-10:15 a.m. Tuesdays and 9:45 a.m. Wednesdays.

Imagine That classes take place in the parlor of Presser Hall on the UMHB campus and the Tuesday class will be taught by Stacie Winkler. This class is designed to encourage socialization, sharing and participating in group activities. Singing becomes a focus for enhancing the pre-schooler's vocal development as their expressive language is just beginning to emerge. Pretend play activities are integrated with music, vocal development, storytelling, movement and literature to capture the child's immense potential to learn and to encourage her creativity and individuality.

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# Doctors reattach a 7 year old boy's arm

A Big Spring boy suffered an injury while visiting his father in Killeen. "I just remember waking up and seeing my arm. It was in a bucket."

That was seven year old Kirk Simpson's answer to my question, "what do you remember about the wreck?" The accident happened in a Killeen neighborhood on June 6. Kirk was seated in front of his father on an all terrain vehicle when it started to fishtail, then flipped.

"I flipped with it," says Kirk. "I was holding on to the middle of the handle bars."

Kirk's right arm was cut off four inches from the wrist. It was lying on the street until a witness picked it up and saved Kirk's life and his arm.

"This 20 year old boy was walking up to Kirk and saw the arm," says Jessi Taliaferro, Kirk's mom. "He figured it was

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like an organ transplant and immediately put it on ice. Another person called 911. This young man had no medical training. He was a rodeo cowboy. He went to his bag and got a leather strap and tied it up high on Kirk's arm to stop the bleeding and covered the injured arm with a towel. A lady came over and held Kirk until the paramedics came. Response was real quick. A helicopter landed right at the scene of the accident and Kirk was in surgery at Scott and White within two hours. You only have a six hour window to start putting

an arm back on. Kirk lost 40 percent of his blood."

Doctors say it was a clean cut. The bones were spliced together with plates and screws and microsurgery connected the blood vessels and nerves. The operation took eight hours. He is the hospital's youngest patient to receive a re-attachment. Kirk showed his sense of humor after the operation. When doctors asked him to wiggle his fingers, he held up his good hand and wiggled wildly.

I visited with Kirk a month after the wreck. He was calling himself Kirk Skywalker and playing video games using his

right foot and left hand. The brave seven year old's only regret was he would miss a family trip to Schlitterbahn.

"He was wiggling his fingers way before the doctors thought he would," says Jessi. "They say 60 to 80 percent use after a cut like that is good." Kirk says he'll do better than that. He expects to have full use of his arm. Jessi says the nerves grow an inch a month. "He has no feeling past the cut right now." She is taking Kirk back to Scott and White once a week, making the long trip from Big Spring to Temple.

"Kirk and his dad were both knocked unconscious," says Jessi. "Had they been out in a field somewhere, Kirk wouldn't be here."

Kirk's dad had a broken arm and a head injury. I asked Kirk if he would ever ride a 4-wheeler again. The answer was quick and loud.

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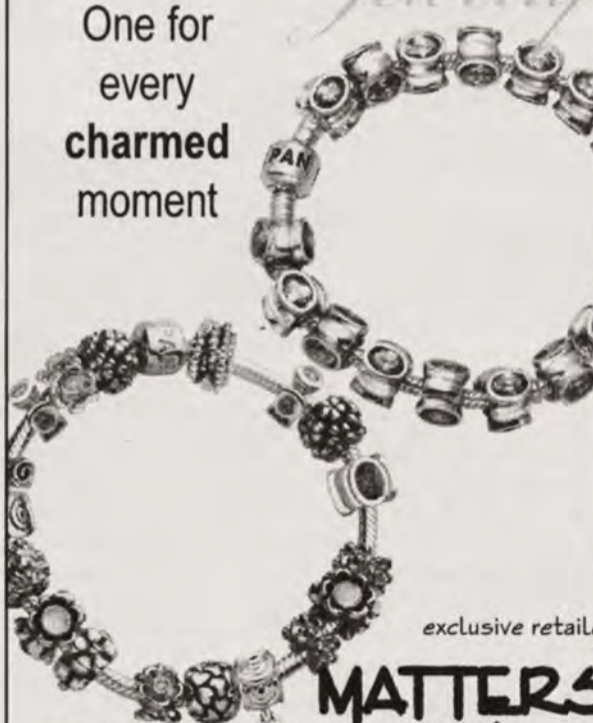
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These young ladies donned their hats and wore their most glamorous outfits to celebrate Rebekah Brooks' fifth birthday at a formal tea and style show held at Ambrosia Tearoom on July 25. Cinderella ranked high on the list of favorite movie stars. Rebekah is the daughter of Susie and Tod Brooks of Salado. Ambrosia Tea Room is located inside Salado Haus.

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## Village Artists part of Salado since 1983

Joan Hoffman, of the Salado Village Artists, spoke to the Rotary Club of Salado July 19 about the club's history and activities.

Hoffman, who along with Andy Phair, is among the original founders of the club that are still active members, stated that the club began in June, 1983. At that time, an advertisement was placed in the *Salado Village Voice*, asking those interested to meet at an appointed time in the Mill Creek Dining Room. A total of 25 individuals showed up for this charter meeting, Hoffman explained. At the meeting, it was made clear

that artists in all media were eligible for inclusion. Therefore, Hoffman continued, though the original members were predominantly painters, sculptors, needleworkers and quilters were also included.

After organizing, the group began to search for a permanent meeting place - originally covering at Old Church Place. Subsequent locations, Hoffman pointed out, were Old Town Salado, an old beauty parlor, and Tablerock. The Tablerock location was not heated and required some innovative measures to provide basic comfort, such as electric heaters

between temporary fabric walls. After 10 years in this somewhat, primitive location, the club was offered the use of the old Salado ISD bus barn. In 1993, Hoffman said, Saladoan Dick Goodman and his son David went to work renovating the building, which continues to serve the club. It is located adjacent to the Salado Civic Center.

With over two decades of history, the club currently boasts over 80 members, and hosts a juried art show every two years. The next show will take place this October, Hoffman pointed out. The club funds itself through

dues and by hosting workshops with famous artists, such as Judy Betts, of Baton Rouge.

The club also has a continuing project working with Salado Lighthouse to create tote bags for children.

In addition, Salado Village Artists have also provided scholarships for promising young artists.

As a non-profit organization, the Village Artists do not offer art works for sell. Members, however, do make their works available through the Salado Artists Market, said Hoffman.

--REPORTED BY GERRY REIHSEN



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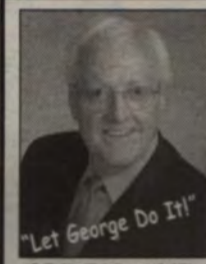


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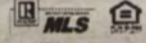
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- Live Oak Rd. Lots 21A&B \$70,000

#### Other Lots

- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000. Lot 20: \$125,000
- Heritage - 1 to 3 acre wooded, near Salado. Restricted.
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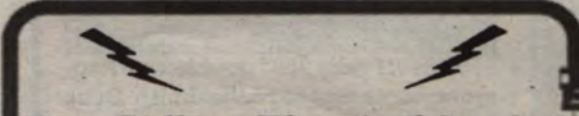
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## Ramifications of cross breeding animal species,

**Dear EarthTalk:** What are the ramifications for wildlife of cross breeding species and creating animals like the "zorse" (horse and zebra mix) and the "beefalo" (cow and buffalo)? -- Kiernan Warble, San Francisco, CA

In 1986, a 14-foot long male false killer whale and a 6-foot long female Atlantic bottlenose dolphin at Honolulu's Sea Life Park Hawaii became the proud parents of Kekaimalu, the first "wholphin" ever born in captivity. In the 19 years since, Kekaimalu, with a little help from male bottlenose dolphins, has given birth to three wholphins herself, each one three-quarters dolphin and one-quarter whale.

Though rare, the interbreeding of different animal species does occur

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in nature, even when unaided by humans. But mankind, in search of marketable traits or the next big zoo attraction, has long turned to controlled cross breeding. The mule (horse/donkey mix) has been a beast of burden for centuries. The zorse, also bred for its work endurance, has been around since the late 1800s. Beefalo was introduced in the 1960s to increasingly health-conscious American consumers to provide a heart-healthier alternative to pure beef. And the Sierra Safari Zoo in Reno, Nevada,

now entertains visitors with a 1,200-pound "liger" hybrid. It has the face and mane of his father, an African lion, and the body and striping of his mother, a Bengal tiger. Says the zoo's website, "He roars like a lion and swims like a tiger. He's definitely all cat."

But according to *Science World* magazine, such a pairing would probably not occur in the real world: "If these ferocious cats met in the jungle, a tiger would probably not choose to visit a pride of lions; a raucous brawl--not romance--would be the more likely result. But with little choice in captivity--like an open zoo--the odd coupling may occur." Indeed, animals seldom interbreed in the wild for one very important reason: Unlike the wholphins at Hawaii's Sea Life Park,

offspring are usually, like mules, unable to reproduce.

Hybrid species would likely have many other survival challenges as well, even those, like beefalo, that can reproduce. Nature has evolved a number of unique traits within individual species enabling them to adapt to their unique climates, fight off particular predators and diseases, and live off of their indigenous food supply. These traits are passed on from generation to generation among naturally occurring animals, but may not do so in hybrid creations.

Genetically engineered animals also pose a number of potential ecological threats, chief among them the decrease in genetic diversity that has been the hallmark of evolution's march. One negative outcome of too

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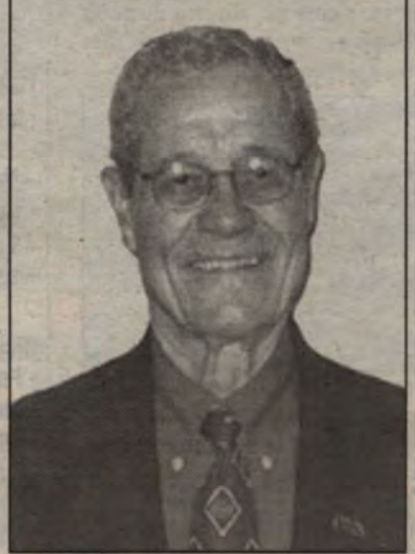
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much genetic tampering could be greater vulnerability by both animals and humans to new strains of infectious diseases. Biotech animal hybrids can also wreak havoc on native wildlife.

"Species are adapted to specific conditions," adds Susan Haig. "So I think it's important to maintain the integrity of species."

**CONTACTS:** Sea Life Park Hawaii, www.sealifeprk.com; Sierra Safari Zoo, www.sierrasafarizoo.com; U.S. Geological Survey's Haig Lab, fresc.usgs.gov/staff/haig.

**Dear Earthtalk: What are "Toad Tunnels?"** --Peter Sterling, Worcester, VT

A group of conservation-minded Cornell University students invented "toad tunnels" in 2003 to help amphibians better negotiate a series of risky road crossings to springtime breeding ponds in a nature reserve in upstate New York's Cornell Plantations. The students knew that frog populations were already in steep decline around the world for a variety of reasons, and they wanted to help.

When the students discovered that hundreds of toads, salamanders, newts and turtles were dying on one

particular road through the area each spring evening, they hatched a plan. Working with a local polymer company, they designed and installed a "drift fence" to help guide the critters to previously existing culverts underneath the road. The fences--dubbed "toad tunnels" by the students--even curved over on top to prevent hopping creatures from turning back and abandoning their important reproductive missions. After a prototype test saved hundreds of amphibians one night at a particularly difficult road crossing, the students raised \$5,000 to install toad tunnels at other key spots around the Cornell campus and beyond.

Cornell's toad tunnels are just one example of hundreds of innovative structures designed to help wildlife make safe passage around, under or over various kinds of man-made barriers. In Amherst, Massachusetts, similar tunnels help salamanders reach breeding pools each spring--and a "Watch Out for Salamanders" sign alerts drivers to slow down in sensitive areas. And in Utah, fences channel deer across busy state highways around Park City, with white stripes on the roads serving as visual cues for the animals and to alert drivers. Researchers

estimate that road kill in the region has dropped by 40 percent as a result.

Sadly, roadways kill hundreds of millions of animals every year. With highways already covering more than two percent of the land in the contiguous 48 states expanding and increasing, wildlife populations stand little chance of surviving the onslaught of automobiles into their habitat.

From the 1950s through the 1970s, the Human Society of the United States sampled road kill data from across the country and estimated that one million vertebrate animals--mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians--were getting mortally familiar with the wrong end of a car bumper on U.S. roads every single day. But according to surveys conducted over the most recent decade, American motorists are only killing 500,000 vertebrate animals per day.

But Mark Braunstein of the non-profit Animal Protection Institute isn't sure if that trend means we've made progress or if animal species have simply gotten scarcer. Still, others remain optimistic that so-called "wildlife mitigation" efforts undertaken in recent years have been paying off. In the old days,

the construction of interstate highways took precedence over environmental concerns. But that notion may be falling by the wayside, as Congress last year allocated a record \$3 billion to fund toad tunnels and other ambitious wildlife redirection efforts across the country.

**CONTACT:** Cornell Plantations, www.plantations.cornell.edu; Human Society of the United States, www.hsus.org; Animal Protection Institute, www.api4animals.org.

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