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Salado Salamander may not be species of itself

A genetic study funded by the Texas Salamander Coalition, Inc. shows that the Jollyville Plateau, Georgetown and Salado salamanders are the same species and that the species may not face threatened or endangered status.

The TSC announced the study last week, sending the information to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USF&WS) which is considering whether the three species of salamander (Jollyville Plateau, Georgetown and Salado) should be listed as endangered and come under federal protection.

The TSC study was conducted by Michael Forstner, PhD. It details the lack of differentiation in the three salamander species found in the northern segment of the Edwards Aquifer in Williamson and Bell Counties.

The study found that the Jollyville Plateau, Georgetown and Salado salamanders are the same species, using 172 DNA sequences to include all Texas Eurycea salamanders. The Forstner Study says the current USFWS identification of three separate Eurycea species is based only on minor variations in physical appearance.

However, the USFWS in its Species Assessment and Listing Priority Form of April 2010 refers to a 2000 study by P.T. Chippindale, A.H. Price, J.J. Wiens and D.M. Hillis "Phylogenetic relationships and systematic revision of central Texas hemidactyliine plethodontid salamanders. Herpetological Monographs."

The USF&WS states in the Species Assessment, "The three known salamander species that occur in the Northern Segment of

the Edwards Aquifer have very similar external morphology. Because of this, they were previously believed to be the same species; however, molecular evidence strongly indicates that there is a high level of divergence between the three groups (Chippindale et al. 2000, pp. 15-16)."

According to the Chippindale study, all three of these species, including the Salado salamander "belong to the genus Eurycea within the Tribe Hemidactyliini. Tribe Hemidactyliini are differentiated from other Tribes in the Family Plethodontidae by having aquatic larvae. Plethodontid salamanders comprise the largest family of salamanders within the Order Caudata and are characterized by an absence of lungs."

The TSC funded the work by Forstner for a study of existing literature using 172 DNA sequences which is the first comprehensive DNA assessment available to include all Texas Eurycea salamanders.

According to Forstner, the existing identification of three separate Eurycea species in Williamson County is based on the physical appearance of the salamanders. A previous study on salamanders had suggested that this was not a reliable methodology due to the variation in the physical appearance of individual salamanders. A 2011 study by Drs. Forstner and McHenry also found that the genetic variation in Texas Eurycea salamanders fails to support the differentiation of three separate species.

The study of existing scientific literature supports the conclusion that the three salamanders are

actually one species, which is an issue that needs to be assessed in determining whether the salamanders are indeed endangered and whether they are more widespread than originally thought.

"This new data demonstrates precisely the need to postpone any decision on whether to add these salamanders to the endangered species list until we have completed scientific investigation," said U.S. Rep. John Carter (R-TX31). "If this latest research stands up under the peer review process, these salamanders are in fact not endangered. This is why we must not allow environmental extremists to use the courts to overrule reliable and replicable research in making these determinations."

Rep. Carter introduced the Salamander Community Conservation Act, H.R.6219 in July, which would block premature listing of the species as endangered without adequate scientific data to support such a decision.

USFWS is under pressure from a court order to rush their decision, in violation of the 2005 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines on the peer review process, that requires a "transparent, balanced and independent" review of all data. Carter also insists that the agency complies with the public review and comment period called for in the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Recent legal actions by environmental activist organizations have sought to force USFWS from following OMB and ESA guidelines, to allow the groups to seize effective control of public and private lands through court-sanctioned regulatory dictates.



Stuart Little is shown above with his daughter Brooke. Stuart is in intensive care as a result of complications from the return of the Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia which he was diagnosed with in 2006.

Marrow registry drive in Salado Aug. 10-11

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

He was a bomb builder on board an aircraft carrier in support of NATO peacekeeping efforts in Kosovo and later in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. But today 31-year-old Stuart Little is in a fight for his life and cannot do it alone.

Little learned in May that the Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia that had been in remission for almost three years had returned. For the past three weeks, he has been in intensive care.

He was originally diagnosed with ALL in 2006. According to the website cancer.gov, "acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) is a fast-growing cancer of the white blood cells. Lymphocytes are a type of white blood cell that the body uses to fight infections. In ALL, the bone marrow makes lots

of unformed cells called blasts that normally would develop into lymphocytes. However, the blasts are abnormal. They do not develop and cannot fight infections. The number of abnormal cells (or leukemia cells) grows quickly. They crowd out the normal red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets the body needs."

ALL affects about 2 in 100,000 men. Risk factors for ALL include being male, being white, being older than 70, past chemotherapy or radiation therapy, as well as being "exposed to radiation from an atomic bomb," according to cancer.gov.

During the remission, Stuart and his wife Quollette welcomed their daughter Brooke into their family. The best chance for Stuart to see his one-year-old daughter grow up is to a marrow transplant.

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Music Hearings Aug. 28

Salado businesses applying for the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in order to have live music on their property will not have to pay the \$200 permit fee.

Village aldermen voted Aug. 2 to waive the permit fee through Aug. 23.

The new land use was added to the Zoning Ordinance in June and the Village has received more than a dozen applications for CUPs to allow live music on properties in the Local Retail and Historic District zones.

Among the first to apply was Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue, which is expanding its restaurant to include an outdoor event facility.

Public hearings for each of the CUPs will come before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Aug. 28 and before the Board of Aldermen for final action on Sept. 6.

In other business, aldermen amended the Contractor Registration Ordinance to require all contractors operating within the Village to file a copy of their sales tax certificate at the time they register annually. The Ordinance also requires contractors to carry a minimum insurance liability policy of \$300,000.

The contractors listed on the Registration Application include these: General Contractors, General Home Repair/Handyman, Electrical Contractor, Plumbing Contractor, Mechanical Contractor, Lawn Irrigation Contractor, Lawn Service, Fire Suppression Contractor, Swimming Pool Contractor, Septic System Contractor, Backhoe/Dirt Work Contractor and Demolition Contractor.

Fees are \$100 for General Contractor, \$15 for Lawn Service and \$50 for all other contractors except plumbers who are not required to pay a fee.



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Meet the Eagles

"Meet the Eagles" night at Salado High School will be Aug. 25. Silent Auction at 5 p.m. Spaghetti dinner, 6 - 7 p.m. Dinner \$10 with limited tickets at the door. Pep rally at 7:15 p.m., Meet coaches and varsity band and athletes.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Thank you, NRA

In America, we are supposed to like constitutional rights.

One would think that an organization that vigilantly -- and effectively -- safeguards a constitutional right would be honored as a kind of national jewel.

Yet the National Rifle Association gets only obloquy. It's practically branded an accessory to murder whenever a lunatic shoots people. It's labeled a nefarious special interest that lobbies Congress into submission. It's all that is wrong with our system.

No one can doubt the NRA's enormous clout. But the group comes about it the right way. It represents millions of members, including lots of union members and rural Democrats. Its supreme act of influence is defeating officeholders in free-and-fair elections. And its signature victory has been a sea change in public opinion on gun control.

Its influence is a function of its success in the art of democratic persuasion. In short, the NRA won the argument.

In 1959, Gallup found that 60 percent of people supported banning handguns. Now, Gallup doesn't even show majority support for banning assault weapons. The case for gun control collapsed on the lack of evidence for its central contention that tighter gun regulations reduce crime. Federal gun laws are unrestrictive. Forty-one states have right-to-carry laws, up from 10 in 1987. Some 80 million people own guns, and about 8 million have conceal-and-carry permits. Nonetheless, violent crime is at 40-year lows. If the proliferation of guns caused violence, the country would look like Mogadishu.

The nation's highest-profile champion of gun control is a mayor who presides over a metropolis where guns are basically prohibited and yet hundreds of people are killed by them each year. If that hasn't made New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg stop and think, nothing will.

Rich Lowry



After the massacre in Aurora, Colo., Bloomberg and his allies rushed to plug their favorite gun-control ideas, evidently caring little whether the measures would have stopped James Holmes. Highly intelligent, methodical and determined to kill, Holmes the person constituted the elemental danger. Guns, even frightening-looking guns formerly banned by Congress, do not go on killing sprees on their own.

By the standards usually set for our politics, the NRA is a model organization.

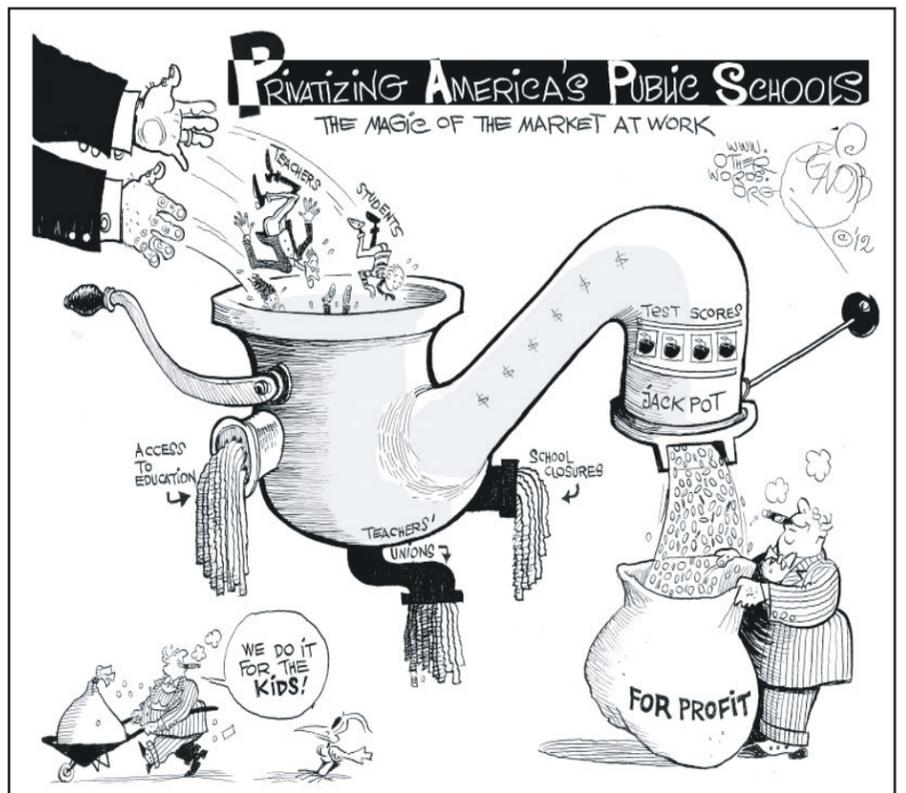
We say we want people more involved in the process. The NRA's more than 4 million members are highly engaged.

We say there's too much partisanship. Single-mindedly committed to its cause, the NRA endorsed about 60 House Democrats in 2010.

And we say that we value the Constitution. Gun-control advocates, though, treat the Second Amendment like an "inkblot" (to borrow Robert Bork's famous phrase for the Ninth Amendment). They consider it an unfortunate lapse by James Madison, a forlorn leftover from the 18th century. They were all duly shocked when the Supreme Court ruled, in its 2008 decision *District of Columbia v. Heller*, that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to bear arms.

No one, during fair political weather or foul, has been as unstinting in its protection of that right as the NRA. For that, we should be grateful.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2012 by King Features Synd., Inc.



The Separate-but-Equal Sale

Charter proponents claim their schools are less bureaucratic, more efficient, more effective; evidence doesn't really back that up.

By JEFF BALE AND SARAH KNOPP

"Back-to-school" sales seem to start earlier every year. These days, more than binders and backpacks are on offer. Now, public schools themselves are for sale.

In July, Muskegon Heights, Michigan became the first American city to hand its entire school district over to a charter-school operator.

More than 1.6 million American kids attend charter schools, which emerged in the early 1990s. Whatever their original intent, charters are fundamentally restructuring the school system by placing it in private — often for-profit — hands. They're making teachers and staff work harder and longer for less pay, usually without union benefits or protection.

In May, Philadelphia's schools announced a plan to close 64 schools and outsource 25 more to so-called "achievement networks" run by charter operators. The goal: that 40 percent of Philadelphia's children attend charters by 2017. Detroit's plans are similar.

Restructuring may seem the best option. Urban school districts have long struggled to serve their students. And many of us know firsthand — as former students, teachers, administrators, or parents — that many of America's public schools require radical change.

Charter proponents claim that their schools are less bureaucratic and more efficient, and thus save taxpayer money. Yet evidence is mounting to show that the opposite is true. When Philadelphia first announced its restructuring plans, the

budget earmarked for charters stood at \$38 million. By July, that figure was "rounded up" to an astonishing \$139 million. Since when is a \$100-million cost-overflow a sign of cost-effectiveness?

Moreover, charter proponents argue that competition and choice pressure all schools to perform better. This assumes that schools operate on even playing fields. However, Detroit officials followed their restructuring plans by imposing a contract on teachers that caps class sizes at more than 40 students starting in kindergarten and at a staggering 61 for sixth grade through high school. No school can possibly "compete" under such conditions.

Finally, consider Muskegon Heights. The city hired charter operator Mosaica Education, a for-profit company premised on earning more from contracts to run schools than it pays out in expenses. In fact, Mosaica expects to earn as much as \$11 million in its Muskegon Heights deal. That's roughly the same amount as the current budget deficit that officials gave as the reason to hire this outfit in the first place. Apparently, officials weren't troubled by Mosaica's record elsewhere in Michigan — its six other charter schools performed on average at the 13th percentile, according to the state's annual ranking in 2011.

That none of these developments has made national headlines is mind-boggling. Perhaps this has something to do with the institutional racism that led to the Supreme Court's crucial *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling in 1954. Muskegon Heights is a highly segregated Afri-

can-American community adjacent to the predominantly white Muskegon. In Muskegon Heights, median household income stood at just over \$26,600 in 2010, with over 30 percent of residents living below the poverty line.

It's primarily in minority-majority communities like this where schools are being sold off to the highest bidder, regardless of those bidders' track records.

The same story has played out in Chicago for almost a decade. The city has closed dozens of neighborhood schools and considered replacing them with charters. What's different in Chicago, though, is that the Chicago Teachers Union is leading the fight against this agenda. After several years of building strong alliances with parent and community groups, the union is challenging Democratic Mayor Rahm Emanuel's attack on public schools. In July, Emanuel blinked and agreed to reinstate 477 laid-off art, music, PE, and foreign language teachers.

The union is demonstrating that teachers and students share common interests. Together with their parent and community allies, Chicago's teachers and their unions are proving that they can put public schools back in the public's hands and win the funding required for the world-class education that all our children deserve.

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Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner

Dan Cathy could have saved his company, Chick-Fil-A, a lot of trouble. All he had to do was keep his views about family to himself.

Instead, he answered a question honestly. In a recent media interview, the company's president and COO said what he believes and why he believes it. But his politically incorrect views are intolerable, judging from the anger of many on the left, including several big-city officials who are dead-set against his views.

In the interview, Cathy said he is "very much supportive of the family, the biblical definition of the family unit." Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel took exception: "What the COO has said as it relates to gay marriage and gay couples is not what I believe. But more importantly, it's not what the people of the city of Chicago believe."

Now, spirited debates about controversial topics are an American tradition. But it didn't stop there. The politicians began threatening to block Chick-Fil-A's plans to expand in their cities.

In a letter to Chick-Fil-A, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino wrote: "I was angry to learn, on the heels of your prejudiced statements, about your search for a site to locate in Boston. There is no place for discrimination on Boston's Freedom Trail, and no place for your company alongside it."

Joe Moreno, a Chicago alderman, told Chick-Fil-A to forget about its plans to build a second store in the Windy City: "I'm not gonna sit on the sidelines and allow them to come in when I know in my heart that they believe in discriminating against gay people."

In Philadelphia, meanwhile, city councilman James Kenney told Dan Cathy to "take a hike and take your intolerance with you." He also said he plans to introduce a resolution condemning Chick-Fil-A at the next council meeting.

At this point, we've moved well beyond debate. It's a free-speech issue now.

These officials did not merely express an opposite point of view. They threatened to use their political power to punish a man, and those who work for him, for saying something they disagree with. The message this sent is crystal-clear -- and chilling: Conform to the "ac-

cepted" view, or else.

Emmanuel and company spoke in breathless tones about how offensive Cathy's beliefs are. Yet what could be more offensive than what they're trying to do? What could be more, yes, discriminatory than using the power of the state to punish private viewpoints under the guise of standing up against "discrimination"?

"You can't have a business in the city of Boston that discriminates against a population," Menino said. But the company does no such thing. Chick-Fil-A hires employees and serves customers without regard to sexual orientation. The head of the company simply expressed his privately held view on the issue of family.

And it's not just talk. The Cathy family has been a model of corporate responsibility, helping tackle social problems and strengthen civil society. For years, they've taken concrete steps to strengthen families through the programs of its WinShape Foundation. Founded in 1984 by S. Truett Cathy, WinShape supports college scholarships, foster care and international ministries. It works hard to strengthen marriage, offering counseling and help for couples in crisis, saving marriages that had been on the brink of divorce.

WinShape also works with other like-minded groups that seek to strengthen marriage in America. "It's the kind of work that will take decades -- even generations," writes Jennifer Marshall, director of the DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society at The Heritage Foundation. "And it's not the stuff of headlines, which is why many Americans probably have no idea this critical effort is under way."

What does make the headlines? False and outrageous charges of discrimination from opportunistic politicians with little respect for free-speech rights.

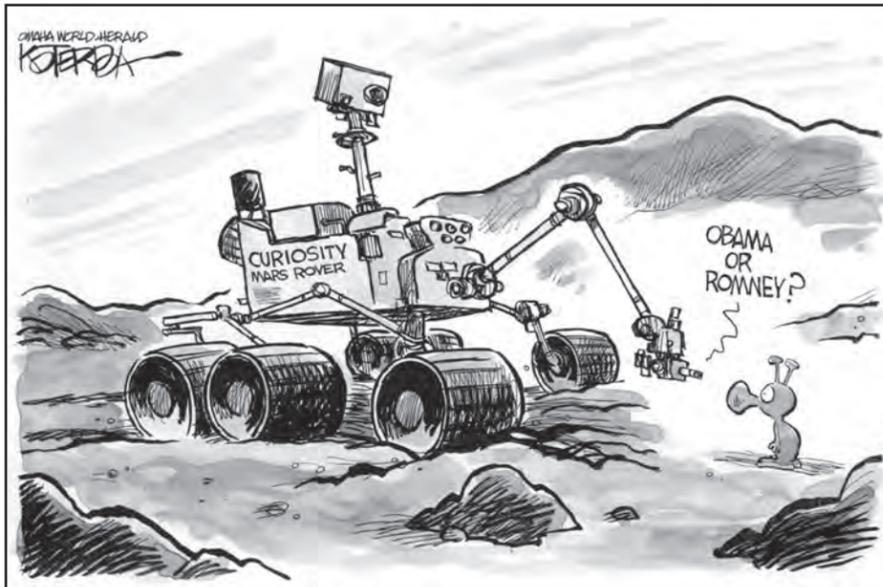
"We know that it might not be popular with everyone, but thank the Lord we live in a country where we can share our values and operate on biblical principles," Cathy added in the interview that led to the controversy.

After hearing the way he's been treated since then, you have to wonder: Do we, in fact, live in such a country anymore?

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Western wildfires – horrific, devastating ... and unnecessary

By PAUL DRIESSEN

Millions of Americans watched their evening news in horrified fascination.

The Colorado Springs wildfire had doubled in size overnight, to 24 square miles – half the size of San Francisco – as 50-mph gusts carried fiery branches from exploding treetops across fire breaks, down Waldo Canyon and into fresh stands of drought-dried timber. Flames crested the ridge above the beautiful Air Force Academy campus, 346 houses burned, hundreds more faced immolation, and 32,000 people were evacuated, through smoke and ash that turned daytime into a choking night sky.

130 miles north, another monster fire west of Fort Collins consumed 136 square miles of forest and torched 259 homes. By July 4, this year's Colorado forest fires had devoured 170,000 acres – 265 square miles, nearly five times the size of Washington, DC. Across eleven western states, nearly 2,000,000 acres have already burned this year; imagine all of Delaware and Rhode Island ablaze.

People died. Many homes are now nothing but ashes, chimneys and memories. In the forests, the infernos exterminated wildlife habitats, roasted eagle and spotted owl fledglings alive in their nests, boiled away trout and trout streams, left surviving birds and mammals to starve for lack of food, and incinerated every living organism in the thin soils, presaging massive erosion that will

clog streambeds during downpours and snowmelts. Many areas will not recover their foliage or biodiversity for decades.

Having hiked in many of these areas, I've been truly depressed by these infernos. Why were they allowed to happen? "We are doing everything possible to control these blazes," officials insist. One has to wonder.

Put aside the insanity of letting horse-blinded environmentalists, bureaucrats and judges obstruct even selective cutting to thin dense stands of timber or remove trees killed by beetles, after decades of Smoky the Bear management. Forget for a moment that these policies turn forests into closely bunched matchsticks, waiting for lightning bolts, sparks, untended campfires or arsonists to start conflagrations.

Ignore the guideline that say fires in these areas can be extinguished if they are of human origin (if making that distinction is even possible in the midst of an inferno) – but must be allowed to burn if they are "natural" (caused by lightning, for example), even amid droughts, in the hope that they won't become raging infernos that threaten homes. Disregard the crazy jurisdictional disputes that prevent aircraft from dropping water on a fire, because the crew cannot tell whether the blaze is on Bureau of Land Management or Forest Service land.

Pay no mind to the fact that these fires emit prodigious amounts of carbon dioxide – along with large quantities of mercury, particulates and other pollutants. (Many rock for-

mations contain mercury; trees absorb it through their roots, and release it into the atmosphere when they burn.)

Once a fire erupts, there is no reason it should devastate homes, suburban developments or vast forest areas. The technology exists to stop these fires, long before they reach such intensities and proportions.

Two days before Waldo Canyon burst into flames, a revolutionary fire suppressant stopped a 300-acre fire north of Albuquerque, New Mexico almost in its tracks. Just nine single-engine plane-loads of FireIce (about 7,200 gallons) were needed to douse the flames, prevent nearby trees and homes from igniting, and insure that the fire remained permanently extinguished.

Dutch Snyder, the independent 27-year veteran fire-fighting pilot whose airplane handled this successful mission, remarked afterward that he had "never seen a retardant hold a fire line" so well, or "any product knock down a fire so quickly."

According to its inventor, GelTech Solutions chief technology officer Peter Cordani, FireIce smothers fires, by taking heat and oxygen away from combustible materials. It can be dropped directly onto a fire, penetrating through to burning trees and brush – rather than just being dropped far from flames, in often futile efforts to create fire breaks that hold.

As many news outlets, like Fox 21 KXRM-TV in Colorado Springs, have documented in SEE WILDFIRES, PAGE 8A

Turning college students into a commodity



Jim Hightower

Let's take a trip deep into the magic kingdom of "Laissez Fairyland" and prostrate ourselves before the infallible and inscrutable force known as the free market.

While this awesome deity cannot be seen, the high priests of free-market fundamentalism insist that we mere mortals must simply have faith that its mysterious workings are always in our best interest. Yeah, sure, your holiness. We saw how well that worked out for us wandering pilgrims after you true believers deregulated Wall Street, which then crashed on our streets.

Well, get ready. Free-market purists want us to have another ungodly religious encounter with their omnipotent deity. Looking at America's trillion-dollar student debt crisis, these spiritualists had a burning-bush revelation.

The crisis can be healed by letting the magic market (aka Wall Street) lay its hands on the funding of college education. Get the government out of the student loan business, they preach, and let global speculators invest directly in students by covering their tuition. In other words, turn students into just another Wall Street commodity to be purchased by the wealthy.

But venture capitalists expect fat returns on their investments. What do they get back for covering some kid's tuition? A chunk of the kid's future, that's what. After graduation, students' incomes would be attached by the financiers. And, since the free-market doctrine dictates that investors should always seek to maximize their returns, they would have a direct interest (and maybe even a legal right) in making their investees pursue careers that make the most money for them.

The first thing to know about the free market is that it's not free, and turning Wall Street loose on college students will turn them into chattel, effectively indentured to investors.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

Not the Nanny State — the Bully State

By DAVID BOZEMAN

“Higher taxes have discouraged public consumption of whiskey and tobacco. Now it’s sugar’s turn.”

— Lead editorial, AARP Bulletin, June 2012

It is time we started calling liberal Democratic policymakers what they are. We all too frequently lament the ever-reaching ‘nanny state,’ but that

term violates a cherished cultural staple — nannies are Mary Poppins or such maternal substitutes as the TV character played by Fran Drescher. Statists are not nannies, they are bullies. Consider the following:

Deval Patrick (D), current Massachusetts governor, recently defended Obamacare in a conference call with reporters, referring to the law not as a tax but a penalty on “freeloaders” who take advantage of emergency rooms, roughly 1 or 2 percent of Americans.

Such uninhibited, feral denunciations of uninsured Americans is curious and out of character

for modern Democrats. Freeloaders? Where is all this compassion for the little guy about which we’re always hearing the Dems boast? And we just overhauled our nation’s health care system to deal with 2 percent of the population? And furthermore, since when do liberals harbor such animosity toward freeloaders? Liberalism has thrived for the last 50-plus years by transferring wealth and securing a permanent dependent class.

Then there’s the war on obesity. If you think this is all about Oreos and 32 oz. Cokes, then I’ll cite for you a recent HBO documentary The Weight of the Nation,

produced in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The target: fruit juice. And you thought that bottle of Ocean Spray added health-kick bragging rights to your diet. According to pediatric obesity specialist Robert Lustig, “Juice is just like soda...” Yes, according to the “experts,” fruit juice is full of sugar and lacks all the nutritional value of real fruit. Let’s just hope Mayor Bloomberg of New York hasn’t heard about this one.

In truth, it is not the obese who are the gravest threats to our pocket books. In a free, competitive market, those who make foolish choices (and obesity is not always the result of choice) would pay the penalty through higher premiums. But the pertinent point here is an overall pattern that has become glaringly obvious.

“Freeloaders.” “The obese.” While space will not allow a thorough psy-

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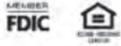


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July 30

9:55-10:05 p.m., 2200 Block Indian Trail. 911 Misdeal, dispatched as male subject dialing 911 by mistake but stating he does not reside at address. Made contact with caller who is house sitting. Believes he dialed 911 by mistake while trying to call his son. Code-4. Clear.

10:20-10:30 p.m., 100 Block Royal (Sirena Turn-around). Suspicious Vehicle. Observed vehicle parked by Sirena area. Vehicle cold to touch. Checked area and did not locate anyone. Clear.

11:35-11:40 p.m., 100 N. Robertson (old Texaco). Observed vehicle in parking lot with headlights off. Made contact. Subjects lost and were checking their phone. Clear.

July 31

11:00-11:24 p.m., 400 Block Royal. Criminal Mischief, subject cut wiring for lights.

7:50-8:10 a.m. 300 Block Mill Creek. Animal, snake on porch removed.

1:24-1:54 a.m. 100 Block Church. Abandoned Vehicle.

August 3

8:53-9:20 a.m., 1500

Block Stagecoach Circle. Burglary of Motor Vehicle, removed items from vehicle in drive way.

3:55-4:04 p.m., 100 Block Salado Creek Place. Alarm (Res.). Checked all windows and doors, all secure. No keyholder en route. Cleared.

9:10-9:30 p.m., Stagecoach Inn. Disturbance, Subject was causing a disturbance at the front desk. She was asked to leave. Cleared.

August 5

4:35-5:05 p.m., 283 SB I-35. Assist Other Agency, Crash. Two vehicle crash on outside lane just south of creek. Arrived on scene. Vehicle operable. Had drivers remove vehicles from main highway to the service road. Cleared with DPS on scene.

5:25-6:25 p.m., 282 NB I-35. Assist Other Agency. Crash. Dispatched as four vehicles, including 18 wheeler, blocking two lanes with unknown injuries. Arrived on scene to find two injured. SVFD and Scott and White responded for injured. Assisted for traffic control while DPS worked accident and roadway was cleared by wreckers. Clear with highway open.

Bully State

FROM PAGE 4A

chological assessment of the liberal mind, their compulsion to target and regulate the most benign activities of everyday Americans suggests a loathing of the very people they purport to champion. While it is too simplistic to suggest that all liberals loathe average Americans, the fact remains that one does not seek to fundamentally transform a people or a nation that he loves.

Liberal thought and policy simmers with eye-rolling disgust at smokers, SUVs, Wal-Marts, Happy Meals, plastic bottles and grocery bags, gun shows, etc. All things dear in West Virginia, Idaho, South Carolina and backwater towns everywhere. With themselves fully

ensconced in power, liberal statists can assure that overweight trailer-park moms and \$10-an-hour iron workers in Tennessee who can't afford health insurance because federal edicts have outlawed competition remain in their places, if not through government fiat, then by marginalizing them. And they annoyingly hide behind the facade of acting in the public good. But let us call them what they are: statists who label juice boxes, Oreos, Big Gulps and Happy Meals as enemies to be penalized through taxation and onerous regulations, are not nannies, they are bullies.

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Practice sessions have begun for the Salado High School Volleyballers. The girls face off against Belton and Copperas Cove in scrimmage play on Aug. 10 and 11. The Eagles first home game will be a non-district matchup against China Spring on Aug. 13. Play will begin at the High School Gyms with ninth grade and JV at 5 p.m. and Varsity at 6 p.m. District play begins Sept. 4. PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN

Registry FROM PAGE 1A

A marrow transplant offers some patients like Craig the best chance for a long-term remission of the disease. According to cancer.gov, bone marrow transplants "are used for patients who are less

likely to reach long-term remission with chemotherapy alone."

But to have a transplant, Stuart first needs a compatible donor, which has not yet been found on the bone marrow registry.

Little's family, including his brother Craig Little who lives here in Salado, hope to improve the chances of finding a compatible donor.

His brother Craig, who lives in Salado, said that he hopes the local community will help by signing up for a Bone Marrow Registry being held at Salado Fitness and Tanning noon-2 p.m. Aug. 10-11.

The act of signing up for the bone marrow registry is an easy step to take, according to Stephanie Jardot, Scott & White Marrow Donor Program Recruiter.

"A cheek swab is taken," she said. The swab provides enough information to match a potential donor with a candidate.

A small step that could have a life-changing effect for Stuart, or for any of the thousands of other leukemia patients waiting for donors.

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Fill in the gaps

Salado Eagles have started summer practice this week with some drill work. After early morning practice, the football players lift weights.

Eagles start football practice

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The sun hasn't been up for too long when dozens of Salado Eagles take the field in helmets and shorts as football practice has started for Glenn Talbot in his third season as head football coach.

About 70 players have turned out in the first week of morning practices for the Eagles as Salado will return to 2A competition after a two-year stint in 3A.

The Eagles have been picked to place second or third in district, depending upon the poll. Cameron is ranked first in 2A, Div. I by Dave Campbell's Texas Football and picked to win the district. Lago Vista and Salado are picked as the second or third place teams by other polls.

The Eagles will face the top-ranked Yoe in the first week of district, after a tough pre-district schedule against three 3A opponents: Lorena, Rockdale and China Spring.

Before that, though, coach Talbot will have to piece together his team with just four returning starters.

Sam Barrett (6'2", 210 lbs.) and Billy Golding (5'8", 250 lbs.) return as

two-way starters. Barrett returns as a linebacker and an offensive left tackle while Golding returns at center and nosguard.

Ryan Simmons will return after starting one game at quarterback. Michael Richardson has moved to Marble Falls for his senior year, after being named the District's top quarterback last year. Simmons may also see action on defense, where he started as a rover (a hybrid of linebacker and safety).

Davis Little also returns to his x-out receiver slot and safety.

Ten players return from last year's 5-5 squad, which went 2-3 in district play, losing four heartbreakers in the closing minute or in overtime last year.

"I could use a little less excitement," Coach Talbot said of those close losses.

Salado should fare well in District 13AA. The Eagles will see old district rivals and add a couple of new ones. Lago Vista, Troy, Academy and McGregor will rekindle their old 2A rivalries while Cameron and Marlin seek to build new rivalries in the Division I large school district.

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07/01	6:14 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/01	7:57 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/01	10:12 a.m.	Person in distress, other
07/01	10:28 a.m.	Assist police or other agency
07/01	4:46 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/01	6:57 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/02	5:14 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/02	6:16 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/03	1:46 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/03	2:41 p.m.	Alarm system, unintentional
07/03	3:40 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/04	9:42 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/05	8:17 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/05	11:05 a.m.	Vehicle accident no injuries
07/05	11:23 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/06	7:00 a.m.	Good intent call, other
07/06	10:12 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/06	10:38 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/06	7:47 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/07	9:47 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/07	10:25 p.m.	Vehicle accident no injuries
07/08	5:27 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/09	11:50 a.m.	Prescribed fire
07/09	5:29 p.m.	Vehicle accident no injuries
07/10	6:20 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/11	6:11 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/11	12:15 p.m.	Vehicle accident no injuries
07/11	2:38 p.m.	Alarm system, unintentional
07/12	7:26 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/13	5:39 p.m.	Vehicle accident no injuries
07/14	4:17 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/14	11:52 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/15	4:36 p.m.	Vehicle accident no injuries
07/15	6:11 p.m.	Authorized controlled burning
07/15	8:50 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/17	3:23 p.m.	Special type of incident
07/18	12:34 p.m.	Vehicle fire
07/18	9:28 p.m.	Vehicle accident, no injuries
07/19	4:34 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/19	12:58 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/19	2:29 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/20	11:33 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/20	12:51 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/20	1:13 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/21	1:04 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/21	1:50 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/22	2:28 p.m.	Vehicle accident, no injuries
07/22	6:07 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/22	10:02 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/23	11:09 a.m.	Good intent call
07/23	3:29 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/23	3:48 p.m.	Dispatched and canceled
07/24	4:41 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/27	11:42 a.m.	Outside rubbish, trash fire
07/28	2:25 p.m.	Natural vegetation fire
07/29	9:24 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
07/31	10:49 a.m.	Person in distress

Wildfires

FROM PAGE 3A

recent years (visit the GelTech website for video clips), this product can be dropped by plane to suppress wildfire intensity, or sprayed by homeowners on houses and landscaping to protect them from heat and flames. Even a 2,000-degree F blowtorch cannot ignite a wood board (or burn a human hand) coated in FireIce.

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Duly impressed, I called the company to ask what role it was playing in fighting the Colorado blazes and why its technology apparently was not working. The answer shocked me. It had not been asked to help!

Despite all the news stories about FireIce, its certification by the USFS, and frequent communications between GelTech and federal, state and local officials – no one had contacted the company.

How is that possible? What will it take to persuade officials to break from traditional (and obviously inadequate) wildfire tactics and retardants, and use FireIce to combat what Colorado Springs Fire Chief Rich Brown called fires of "epic proportions" – to protect homes, habitats, wildlife and human lives?

New Mexico has now used FireIce with great success against several forest fires. With a long fire season still ahead, perhaps US Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, Rocky Mountain Regional Forester Dan Jiron, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, Fort Collins and Colorado Springs Mayors Karen Weithunat and Steve Bach will now follow the example set by Governor Susana Martinez and her colleagues in the Land of Enchantment.

If they do not, responsible legislators and environmentalists should find out why – so that tragedies like these Colorado fires never happen again.

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Eagles

FROM PAGE 7A

peting against schools that are close to our same size," Talbot said, adding that he looks forward to playing schools that are closer to 400 students than 1,000 students.

In 3A the last two years, the Eagles were the smallest school by far in district with Llano and Taylor the next closest (each with about 600 students). Lampasas, Burnet and Liberty Hill were all at least twice the size of Salado.

Talbot will return to being defensive coordinator, as well as head football coach this year. He will run a multiple defense to respond to the slot-T and spread offenses both popular in Texas football.

Sul Ross has come to Salado from Westlake High in Austin to be the Eagles' offensive coordinator. With over 20 years experience coaching he is a familiar face to Talbot. The two lined up across from each other when Talbot played at Lorena and Ross played at Bruceville-Eddy. Ross has lived in Salado for some time, traveling to coach and teach in Austin. Wanting to coach closer to home so that he could have time for his school-age child, Ross joined the coaching staff this summer after Coach Tenney joined former Salado AD Jeff Cheatham in Round Rock.

The Eagles scrimmage West and Whitney Aug. 17.



Stinson Burton (top) and CJ Burton (above) were both recognized for being the Deep Strike Youth Volunteer of the Year and Stinson was recognized for being the III Corps and Ft. Hood Youth Volunteer of the Year. They are both very active in scouting and have continued to be on the A-B honor roll in Salado. They have both participated in numerous volunteer activities ranging from food drives to assisting other youth organizations. This is the second time Stinson has been awarded a volunteer award by Ft Hood. First for her brother. Their parents are Chris and Cary Burton of Salado. They are shown with Col. Philip F. Battaglia Debbie Allyn, spouse of former 1st Cavalry Division Commander Major General Dan Allyn



Rep. Carter speaks here on Aug. 23

U.S. Congressman John Carter will be holding a forum for the Salado Area Republican Women Aug. 23. He will be discussing issues before Congress. There will be time for questions and answers. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. with a social time before the general meeting commences. It will be held in the dining room of the Stagecoach Inn. Those interested in attending are requested to send a \$25 check to Salado Area Republican Women; P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 76571 by, August 20. Visitors are welcome. Questions regarding the event may be addressed to First Vice President, Sherril Gardipee at (254) 939-7085 or sgardipee@hotmail.com.

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His influence touched my life in so many ways. I was saved under his ministry, he married Tiffany and me and I was taught the importance of verse by verse, expository preaching by Dr. Criswell and Dr. Paige Patterson at the Criswell Bible College." Erwin's ministry has been influenced by many great preachers, besides The Erwins serve as a family ministry. The ministry includes preaching and singing the Gospel in Revival Meetings,

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Caliber Oak Sept. 9 performance funds donated to Ronald McDonald Room

The Chapel At Caliber Oak Music Series begin September Series Premier Sunday, Sept. 9. The evening schedule includes 6:30- 7 p.m. – Social time; 7-7:45 p.m. – Performance; 7:45. -9 p.m. - Reception The performance will be featuring: Megan Meisenbach, flute and Elaine Barber on the harp. The public is invited to attend. Reservations are Required. Contact Denise at DeniseT@Clearwire.

net or call (254) 760-1590. All revenues from the event will be presented to The Ronald McDonald Room at McLane's Children's Hospital. Donations of \$25 per person are accepted to benefit multiple charities. The event is hosted by Denise and Rick Thomsen. For more information about guest performers visit <http://harpfluteduo.com/home>.

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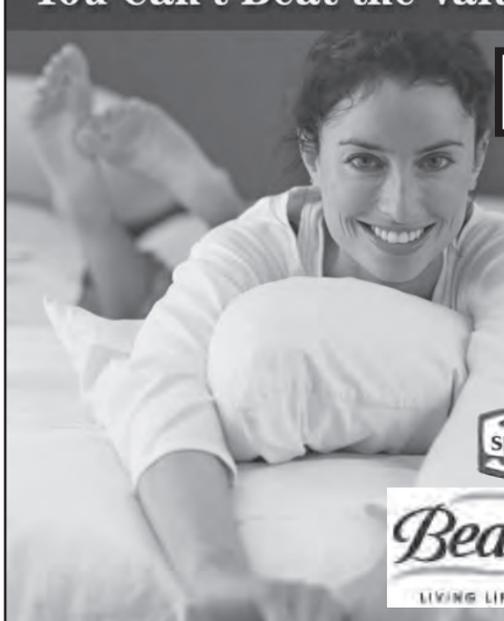


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Matthew Arant, of Georgetown, graduated from the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville Arkansas with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Literature/Sociology.

He graduated Summa cum Laude with a 3.90 grade point average.

He is a 2008 graduate of Salado High School.

While attending University of the Ozarks, he was involved in many student activities, including the Student Government Association where he was the chair of the Student Affairs Committee, the Student Foundation Board as a university ambassador, Residence Hall Association as a Residential Assistant, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee serving as treasurer and Varsity Tennis of which he was Team Captain 2010-2012.

He was named to "Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges, a three-time All-Academic All-Conference team member, the Capital One Academic All-America Men's Tennis All-District VI Team, ASC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete, President's and Dean's List Member, Outstanding Student in History (2010) and University leader in career doubles winning percentage (.700).

He also attained Eagle Scout rank in 2008.

Senior activities include Aug. 16 C&W Dance

The Belton Senior Activity Center will be having a Country & Western Dance on Thursday, August 16, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. with Bill Harvey and his "Miles & Miles of Texas" band. The dance is open to all area seniors 50 plus in age. A \$4 donation per person is requested. Guests are asked to bring a finger food or snack to share during intermission. The public is invited to enjoy the fun and fellowship at the Belton Senior Activity Center, 842 S. Mitchell Street, Belton.

For information, contact the Belton Senior Activity Center at 254-939-1170 or the Activities Director at 254-718-1859.

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Reborn - July 30, 2012

On July 30, 2012 this world suffered a tragic loss. In the blink of an eye, so many lives changed forever. A wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend - full of life, energy, joy, love and promise along with her three children were delivered into the waiting arms of God. Though our world is and will remain forever empty without them, Heaven adds to its ranks the joyous sounds of happy children and the ever present love, joy and devotion that only a mother, wife and daughter can provide. Mother - Elizabeth Anne Dowdy and her three children Fischer Phillip Dowdy, Benjamin Samuel Dowdy and a perfect soul that was yet delivered into our arms have begun their new lives with absolute certainty, joining many loved ones who have made the journey before them.

They are survived by their husband and Father - Samuel Dowdy, Jr. of Salado, Mother/Stepfather/Grandparents, Julie and John Diem of Georgetown, Father/Stepmother/Grandparents, Jeffrey and Lisa Herro of Lexington, Sisters/Aunt Lauren Dowdy, Brother/Uncle Daniel Dowdy and Niece/Cousin Ava Taylor of Taylor, Sister/Aunt Jennifer Herro of Round Rock; Sister/Aunt Amanda Dowdy of Lexington, and Grandparents Sam and Rhonda Dowdy of Lexington; Grandparents/Great Grandparents Helen and Mike Murphy of Bastrop and Great Grandmother/Great-Great Grandmother Erna Patschke of Fedor.

They are preceded in death by Sister/Aunt Michelle Dowdy. Each of them are joined in their grief by a host of family and friends all of whom share in our loss and rejoice in the lives and times we had with this beautiful family.

Services were held August 2, 2012 at Salado United Methodist Church located at 650 Royal Street, Salado Texas 76571 with a short graveside ceremony that immediately followed at the Salado Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations are appreciated to the United Methodist Church/Dowdy Memorial.

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

MONDAYS

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 practice, 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge 90 N. Church St., except on Stated or Called Meeting nights.

MONDAYS

Village Quilters and Knitters, 1:30 p.m. at Village Art Building.

TUESDAYS

Salado Village Artists,

Village Art Building, 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS

Salado Community Chorus practice, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center, unless otherwise noted.

TUESDAYS

Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co.

inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 10 - Noon. saladoyarn@gmail.com

TUESDAYS

Weekly Yoga class 6:30 p.m. at Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main St., info tiffyoranch@gmail.com.

TUESDAYS

Prix Fixe menu at

The Range. Entree, desert (or salad) and adult beverage for \$14.95.

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THURSDAYS

Martinis and Manicures at The Lounge at The Range. \$25 for 2 ladies night adult beverages, a manice and a selection of appetizers. Call 254-947-3828 to book your appointment. Space is limited.

FRIDAYS

Four course fine dining at Inn on the Creek, seatings from 5:30 to 8 p.m. . Call for reservations, 254-947-5554. Visit www.inncreek.com for menus.

FRIDAYS

Live music at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., beginning at 7 p.m. Artists change weekly.

SECOND SALADO

SATURDAYS

It's like a block party for the whole Village! Shops will be open late and offering specials and treats to local shoppers. Enjoy snacks and beverages and other special Saturday-only events in the shops of Salado! Look throughout the Salado Village Voice newspaper for shops advertising their specials.

SATURDAYS

Recycling program, 9 a.m.-noon on the

grounds of the Salado Arts Workshop, 113 Salado Plaza Drive.

SATURDAYS

Live Music at Rising Star Vineyards. 7-9:30 p.m.

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SUNDAYS

Brunch at Inn on the Creek, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 254-947-5554.

WEEKENDS THROUGH

AUGUST 18

Ballot Box Bedlam! Or The Millionaire Mountebank's Mayoral Machination. Annual melodrama performances every weekend at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. For information, visit www.thesaladosilverspur.com or call the box office at 254-947-3456.

AUGUST 9

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Robertson Room of Stagecoach Inn Conference Center.

AUGUST 9

Yoga and Wine at Salado Wine Seller. \$18 per person/\$30 per couple. Questions email

Tiffany at tiffyoranch@gmail.com.

AUGUST 9-12

Revival services and gospel singing by the Erwin Family at Cedar Valley Baptist Church. Nightly at 7 p.m. (Aug. 9-11) with 10:45 a.m. services on Aug. 12 with lunch break and then more gospel singing in the afternoon.

AUGUST 10

Gene Snow & Paula Reid plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

AUGUST 11

Second Salado Saturdays. Shops will be open late. Look for specials and events.

AUGUST 11

Team Roping for Christ at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. Books opens 6 p.m., Roping starts 7 p.m. Call 512-966-9616.

AUGUST 11

RpT plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

AUGUST 11

Central Texas Astronomical Society Star Party 8 p.m. at Overlook Park on Stillhouse Lake, FM 1670. Free event. Bring telescopes and comfortable shoes and outdoor chairs.

AUGUST 13

SHS Volleyball against China Spring, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 6 p.m.

AUGUST 13-17

Vacation Bible School at the Presbyterian Church of Salado, Salado Plaza Dr., 9-11:30 a.m. See presbsalado.org for more details.

AUGUST 14

Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m. Salado Civic Center.

AUGUST 14

SHS Volleyball against Vandegrift, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 6 p.m.

AUGUST 14

Community Emergency Responders of Salado (CERTS) meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Volunteers encouraged to come and learn more.

AUGUST 16

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, 8:30 a.m. in the Salado Visitors Center.

AUGUST 16

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

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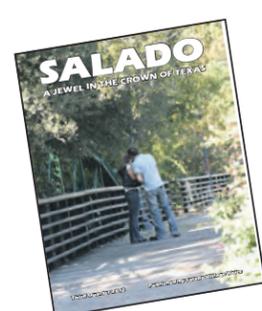
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AUGUST 17

Jamey Secrest plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

AUGUST 18

3C Cowboy Fellowship Riding For Jesus Buckle Series Show. Kids up to 18, unassisted and assisted up to age 6. Barrels, pole bending and speed. Info: 254-535-0758 or 254-624-7185.

AUGUST 18

Helen Alexander's Beginning Oil Painting class, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Village Art Center. Cost \$50 to members of Salado Village Artists, \$60 to nonmembers.

AUGUST 18

Adult Learn To Crochet at The Salado Yarn Co. 10-1 p.m. \$25 + supplies saladoyarn@gmail.com.

AUGUST 18

Tequila Tasting at The Range at the Barton House, 254-947-3828 or www.therangerestaurant.com for details. This was requested in response to The Range's "Vodka & Caviar Tasting" that was well loved.

AUGUST 18

Paul Cox plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

AUGUST 23

SHS Varsity football scrimmage against Gatesville. 6 p.m. at Eagle Field.

AUGUST 23

Back to School meet your teachers/stash your stuff, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Thomas Arnold Elementary, 254-947-6925.

AUGUST 23

Back to School meet your teachers/stash your stuff, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Salado Intermediate School, SIS students in fifth and sixth grades will receive their locker assignments. 254-947-6955 or 254-947-6942.

AUGUST 23

Back to School meet your teachers/stash your stuff, 5:30-7 p.m., Salado Junior High School, SJH students will receive their locker assignments. 254-947-6935.

AUGUST 24

Salado ISD Annual Health and Benefits Fair 9 - 11 a.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

AUGUST 24

SHS Volleyball against Belton, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 6 p.m.

AUGUST 24

Fourth Friday Gospel Singing at Cedar Valley Baptist Church, FM 2843, 7 p.m. Potluck at 10 p.m.

AUGUST 24

Greg Whitfield plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

AUGUST 25

"Meet the Eagles" night at Salado High School. Silent Auction at 5 p.m. Spaghetti dinner, 6 - 7 p.m. Dinner \$10 with limited tickets at the door.. Pep rally at 7:15 p.m., Meet coaches and varsity band and athletes.

AUGUST 25

Fred Fuller plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

AUGUST 25

Popular and longtime crooner Ricki Derek of Dallas and his Vegas Six band will be in concert at the Salado Silver Spur, 8 p.m. Aug. 25. Admission for evening show is \$20. Call the box office at 254-947-3456. For directions or more play info, visit saladosilverpurtheater.com.

AUGUST 27

First Day of School for Salado I.S.D. students.

AUGUST 27

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, 95 S. Church St.

AUGUST 28

Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m. Salado Civic Center.

AUGUST 28

SHS Volleyball against Lago Vista, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 6 p.m.

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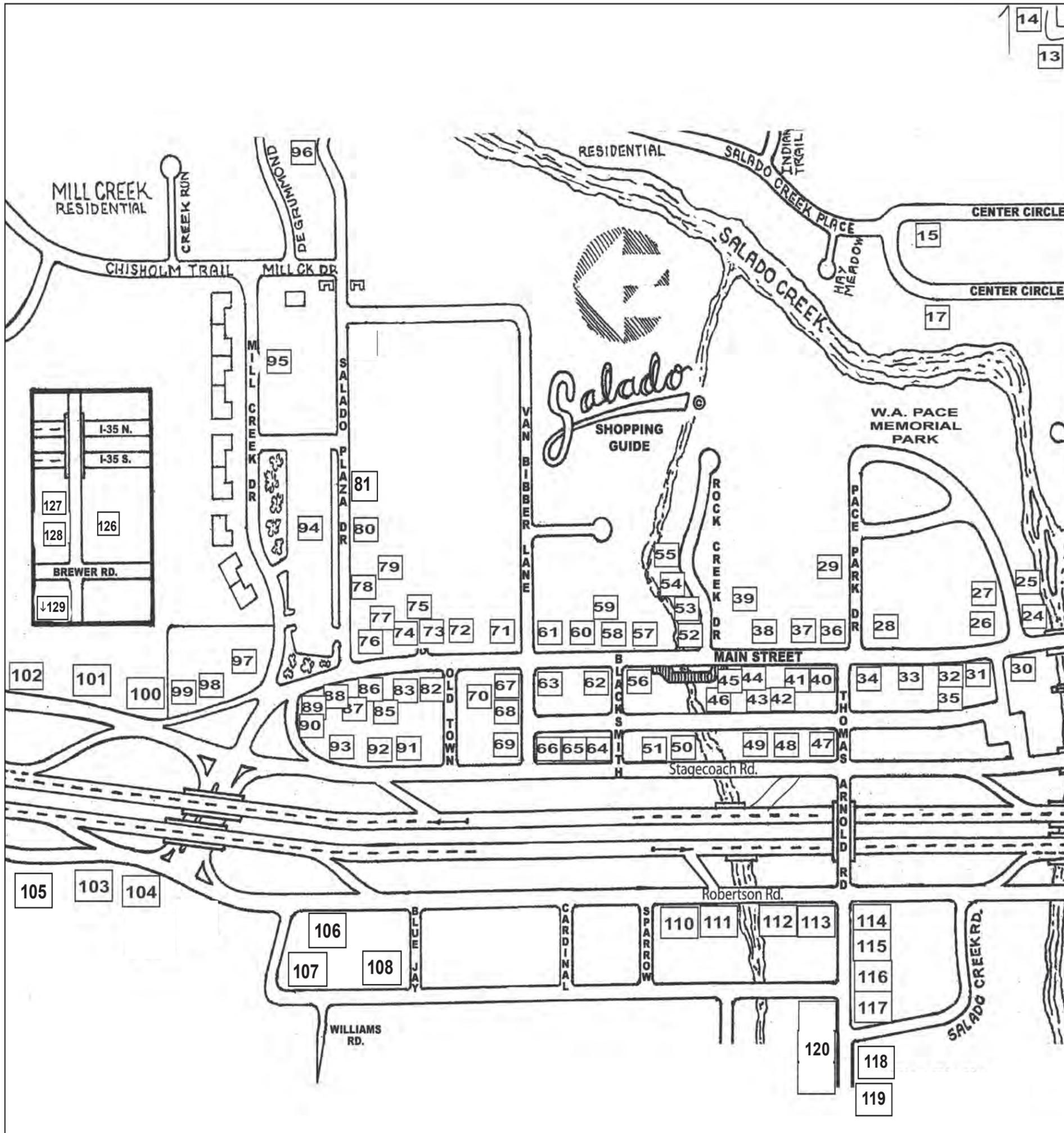
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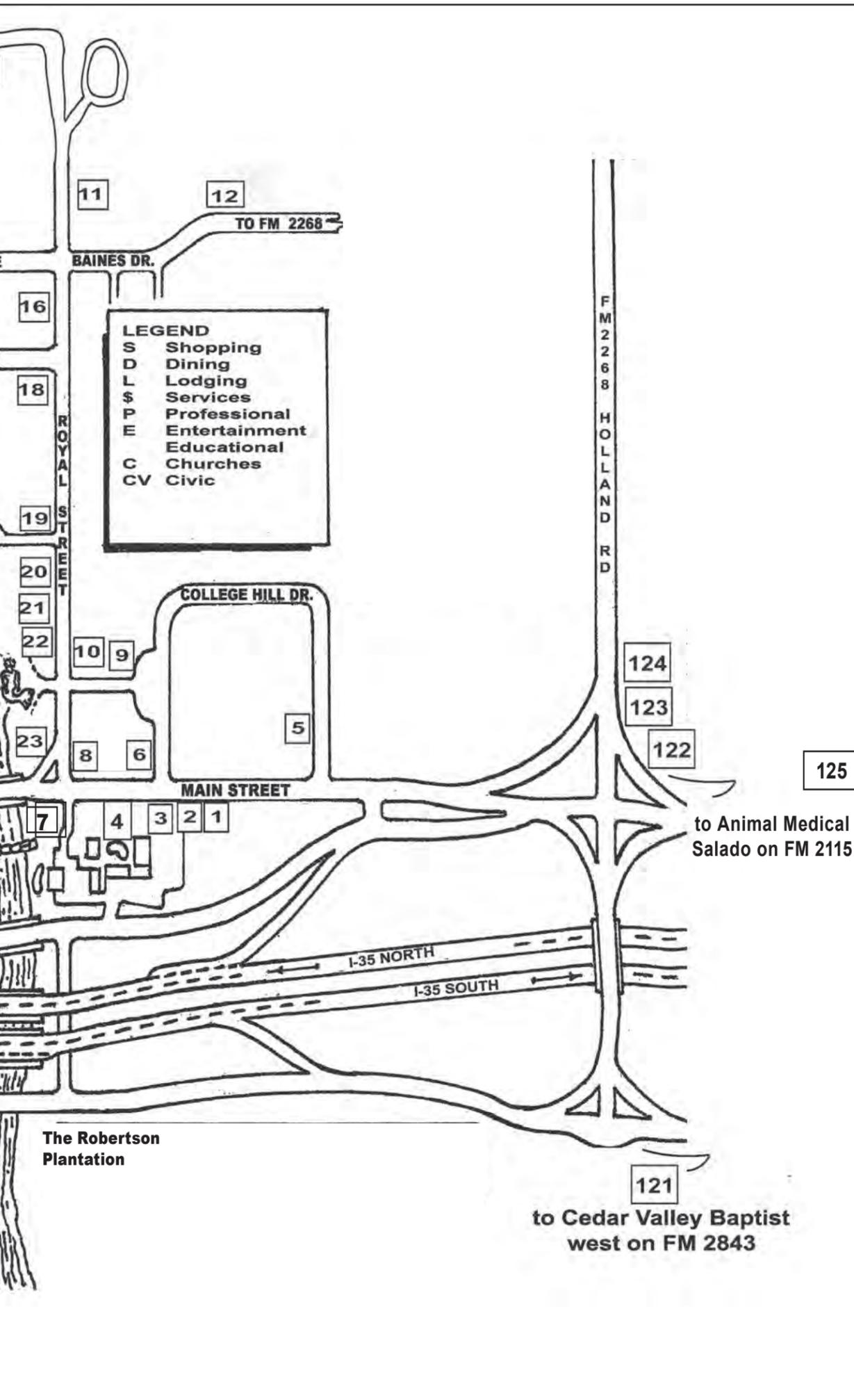
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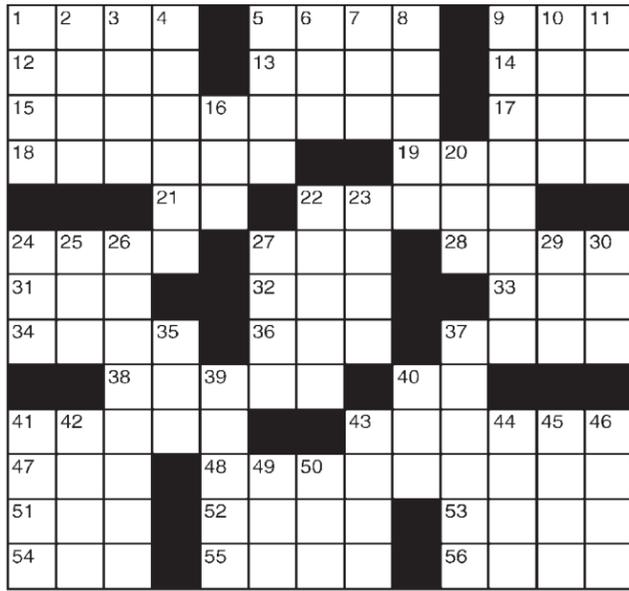
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ACROSS

- 1 Weapons
- 5 Lovers' quarrel
- 9 Captain Kirk, to pals
- 12 Clay-rich soil
- 13 Unrestrained revelry
- 14 Actress Thurman
- 15 Prank victim, perhaps
- 17 Zero
- 18 Two trios
- 19 Occurrence
- 21 Symbol for mercury
- 22 Chocolate substitute
- 24 Smelling a bit off
- 27 Rowing need
- 28 Hide in the bushes
- 31 McKinley's first lady
- 32 Old televangelism initials
- 33 Space
- 34 "Simon —"
- 36 Author Umberto
- 37 Venomous vipers
- 38 Bungle
- 40 Ess preceder
- 41 Not just plump
- 43 In the wrong direction
- 47 Supporting
- 48 Mad Tea



- 7 Past
- 8 Tenth President
- 9 Some large beetles
- 10 "Here's my ante"
- 11 Brewery supply
- 16 Journey segment
- 20 Loudness (Abbr.)
- 22 Snag
- 23 Singer Guthrie
- 24 USO audience, often
- 25 Oklahoma city
- 26 Sheriff Andy Taylor's bailiwick
- 27 Oil cartel
- 29 Knock
- 30 Some duties for 24-Down
- 35 "Help!"
- 37 Camelot ruler
- 39 Dangle a carrot
- 40 Blonde shade
- 41 Kills, "Sopranos"-style
- 42 Gravy vessel
- 43 Pinnacle
- 44 Assessment
- 45 La Scala showstopper
- 46 Holler
- 49 Will Smith biopic
- 50 Pirates' potato

DOWN

- 1 "Oh, woe"
- 2 Lasso
- 3 "You Bet Your Life" host
- 4 Workplace "under the spreading chestnut tree"
- 5 Cushy
- 6 Expert

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North dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ K 9 2
 ♥ 10
 ♦ 10 8 7 6 4 3 2
 ♣ 10 5

WEST
 ♠ 7 6 3
 ♥ K Q 6 2
 ♦ Q 9
 ♣ A J 8 2

EAST
 ♠ 4
 ♥ J 9 8 5 4 3
 ♦ K J 5
 ♣ 9 6 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A Q J 10 8 5
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ A
 ♣ K Q 7 3

The bidding:
 North Pass East Pass South 2♣ West Pass
 2♦ Pass 2♠ Pass
 3♦ Pass 3♠ Pass
 5♠ Pass 6♠ Pass

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

Famous hand Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

This deal occurred many years ago in a board-a-match team contest in Maryland. The North-South pair in the auction shown were Simon Becker and B. Jay Becker, this writer's uncle and father, respectively, both of whom passed away in the late 1980s.

The brothers Becker reached a shaky spade slam and were very fortunate to receive the opening lead of the ace of clubs, after which 12 tricks could not be denied. Had West led a trump, or had he led another suit and then shifted to a trump upon winning the ace of clubs, the slam could not have been made. The score came to 1,430 points (500 for game, 750 for slam and 180 for tricks).

Both Beckers thought they had won the board easily. They expected that even if the opposing North-South pair got to the slam, it would be defeated. But there was no way they could have anticipated the actual goings-on at the other table.

There, the Beckers' teammates competed vigorously in hearts against North-South's spade bids. When South eventually bid four spades, West, for some unknown reason, decided to double, and South redoubled.

West led the king of hearts and subsequently switched to a trump after taking the king of clubs with the ace. This held declarer to 11 tricks. After such a debacle, the Beckers' teammates naturally assumed the board had been irretrievably lost.

The declarer at this table scored 480 points for his tricks, 50 for making the redoubled contract, 400 for the redoubled overtrick and 500 for game. This came to 1,430 points, so the two teams wound up tying the board!

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Weekly SUDOKU
 by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
 ★★★ HOO BOY!

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Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

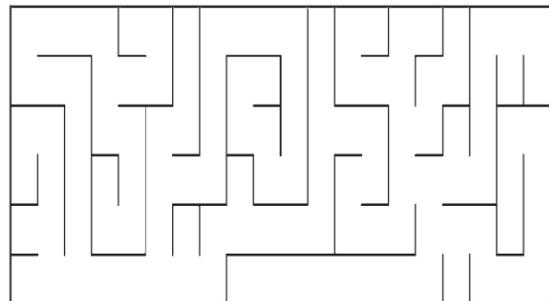
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Solution time: 25 mins.

Kids' Maze



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 Answers

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3	9	4	5	8	7	6	2	1
8	7	5	3	2	1	9	4	8
8	2	1	9	6	6	4	5	3
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1	3	8	6	4	2	7	9	5
5	4	7	8	1	9	3	6	2

Weekly SUDOKU
 Answer

Super salads for sultry summer nights

HONEY MUSTARD SALMON SALAD

Serves 2
Rich salmon, slightly sweet honey mustard and crunchy vegetables make this fresh take more flavorful than tuna salad. Kids and adults alike will enjoy it on stoneground crackers, multigrain sandwich bread or lettuce leaves.



Ingredients
2 tablespoons 365 Everyday Value® Organic Honey Mustard
2 tablespoons plain nonfat yogurt
1 (6-oz) can 365 Everyday Value® Wild Alaskan Pink Salmon, drained
1 red bell pepper, chopped

1 rib celery, thinly sliced
1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
Method
In a large bowl, whisk together honey mustard and yogurt. Add salmon, pepper, celery and red onion and stir gently until combined.
Nutrition Per serving: 160 calories (20 from fat), 2g total fat, 0g saturated fat, 30mg cholesterol, 500mg sodium, 14g total carbohydrate (2g dietary fiber, 9g sugar), 22g protein

BLACK BEAN SALAD WITH AVOCADO-LIME DRESSING

Serves 4
This colorful salad features a quick dressing made from creamy avocado, tangy lime juice and zesty cilantro.



Ingredients
1 ripe avocado, mashed
1/4 cup chopped cilantro
2 tablespoons lime juice
2 (15-ounce) cans no-salt-added black beans, rinsed and drained
4 cups shredded romaine lettuce
1 cup grape tomatoes, halved
1 cup corn kernels, fresh or thawed if frozen
1 small red bell pepper, chopped

chopped
1/2 cup toasted pumpkin seeds
Method
In a large bowl, whisk together avocado, cilantro and lime juice until blended. Add beans, lettuce, tomatoes, corn, pepper, pumpkin seeds and toss until evenly coated.
Nutrition Per serving: 360 calories (100 from fat), 11g total fat, 1.5g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 35mg sodium, 52g total carbohydrate (18g dietary fiber, 6g sugar), 16g protein

BULGUR SALAD WITH KALE, SALAMI AND OLIVES

Serves 4 to 6
Take this healthy and inexpensive dish to a potluck since it feeds a crowd and is great served hot or cold. Kale is available in many varieties so experiment with different kinds to see what your family prefers. Since the cooking time for bulgur varies, add a bit more broth and cook longer, if necessary.



Ingredients
2 cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
1 1/2 cups medium-grind bulgur wheat
6 cups (about 1/4 pound) roughly chopped kale
1/4 pound thinly sliced salami, roughly chopped
1/4 cup chopped parsley
1/4 cup chopped pitted olives
2 to 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon chopped garlic
Salt and pepper to taste

Method
Bring broth to a boil in a large pot. Stir in bulgur then cover and simmer until just tender, about 10 minutes. Uncover, scatter kale over the top, cover and cook until wilted and tender, 4 to 5 minutes more. Set aside off of the heat, covered, for 5 minutes then uncover and fluff with a fork. Transfer bulgur and kale to a large bowl, add salami, parsley, olives, vinegar, garlic, salt and pepper and toss gently to combine. Serve warm or at room temperature.
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MAKE IT A COMBO



Three tough plants for Texas summers

By FRANCES IDOUX
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Although he managed to convince Brer Fox otherwise, Brer Rabbit, that memorable character created by writer Joel Chandler Harris, was at home in the brier patch. Fortunately, there are some garden favorites that are at home in the brier patch of scorching heat and scarce rainfall, common challenges of Texas summers. As an added attraction, they provide a choice of vibrant colors when other flowers have decided to wait for more favorable conditions.

Although not native here, three plants that are at home in Texas summers are lantana, verbena, and yarrow -- all perennials that are dormant in winter, but return to bloom in spring and summer.

Both the plants commonly called lantana and verbena are part of the verbena family, Verbenaceae. However, they are different plant genera, each with many various

species. Plants in this family do share some common traits, especially flower-spike clusters in a wide range of colors.

Both lantana and verbena bloom best in full sun, but can manage in partial shade, and both attract butterflies and hummingbirds to the garden. Varieties of lantana will bloom through summer heat until the first frost, and some types of verbena also have an equally long time in bloom. Homestead Verbena Canadensis, "Homestead Purple," has the longest growing season, from spring until fall, and Blue Princess Verbena, Verbena x hybrida Blue Princess, has earned the designation of Texas Superstar, given by Texas A&M to plants tested to be both durable and attractive.

The white variety of yarrow, Achillea millefolium, was brought to the United States by early colonists and used medicinally to wrap wounds, but it is no longer considered to have any medical val-

ue. Hybrid varieties now offer a wide range of colors -- yellow, gold, pink, rose, red, and mixed. All flourish in full sun, and add a garden asset with their evergreen fern-like foliage.

Lantana, verbena, and yarrow are tough plants, suited to withstand Texas summers. They need proper planting, initial care, and adequate water to develop a root system to become established. After that, they are as resilient as another famous bunny -- they can take a licking but keep on ticking!

Have any questions about gardening in Central Texas? Contact ask.bcmga@gmail.com

Bell County master gardeners are taking applications for the next class starting January 2013. Applications can be downloaded from the website or picked up at the AgriLife Extension Office, 1605 North Main, Belton, Texas. 254-933-5305. The all-inclusive fee is \$250.

Star Party at Overlook on Aug. 11

Public star parties will be hosted by the Central Texas Astronomical Society (CTAS) on 8-11 p.m. Aug. 11 at Overlook Park near Belton, the Waco Wetlands outside Waco, and at the Hubbard City Lakes Park in Hubbard. These events are free and open to the public. CTAS members will provide telescopes for public viewing. Guests are also welcome to bring their own telescopes.

The annual Perseid meteor shower reaches its peak this weekend, as the earth passes through the debris field left by the Comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle. Observers looking northeast may see up to 80 meteors per hour.

This month, the astronomers will be observing deep sky objects within the Summer Triangle, an area defined by the bright stars Vega, Altair, and Deneb. The Ring Nebula (M57) is a distinctive ring of ionized gas expelled by a red giant star. The Dumbbell Nebula (M27) is a planetary nebula easily visible with binoculars. M29 is an open cluster of about 50 stars.

Please check the web site, <http://www.centexastronomy.org>, for directions to the site close to you and for more information. If this event is cancelled due to weather, a cancellation notice will be posted by 6 p.m. Aug. 11 on the CTAS website.

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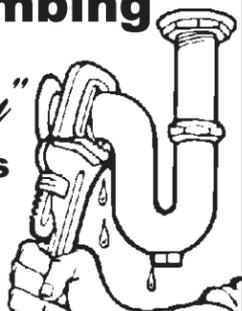
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Q: I have one of those flexible sprayer shower heads that you can lift from its holder and use. Whenever I turn on the shower, water squirts from the part where the holder attaches to the water pipe, and also runs from the end of the hose where it attaches to the shower head. Do I need to replace it or can I fix this?
 -- Lorelei D., Atlanta

A: Check the shower head attachment points for any visible damage first. A visibly cracked hose or plastic attachment piece often means the entire unit needs to be replaced. However, if you can't see any damage, you may be able to fix this with just the twist of an adjustable wrench.

To avoid damaging or scratching the connector nut -- which attaches the shower unit to the inlet pipe (sometimes called a goose-neck pipe) -- wrap a soft rag around the nut. Use an adjustable wrench that can fit comfortably around the connector nut, and gently turn the nut clockwise just slightly -- one-quarter turn at most.

Unwrap the rag from around the connector nut and turn on the shower to see if the leak has diminished or stopped. If it needs more adjustment, replace the rag and gently turn the connector nut another quarter-turn.

Keep in mind that turning the connector too tight may make the leak worse; that's one reason to make such small incremental adjustments. Another reason is to avoid damaging the connector nut or the seal.

If you notice cracks or other damage to the shower unit, in most cases you'll need to replace the entire unit (except for some more expensive shower heads, which often offer replacement parts from the manufacturer). To replace the unit, head to the home-improvement store and pick out a shower head of your choice, along with some Teflon tape. Back home, turn off the

water feed to the shower. If you can't find the nearest shutoff valve, turn off water to the house.

Unscrew the old shower sprayer unit from the inlet pipe, using your pliers and turning counterclockwise to loosen and remove it. Clean away any old sealant, tape or gunky buildup from the threads of the inlet pipe.

Unwrap the new shower unit and take a look at the connection and accompanying hardware. Connectors that come with a rubber washer generally need to be tightly screwed on using your pliers; connectors that don't generally just need to be hand-tightened.

Now, take your new Teflon tape. Wrap it carefully around the threads of the inlet pipe, creating a single layer around the threads from the end of the pipe to just below the end of the threads. (The tape will push upward

when you screw on the new shower head, so leave a bit of space.) Press the tape into the threads with your fingers.

Carefully line up the connector of the new shower unit with the pipe and screw on, turning clockwise. Use your hand to tighten the connection; if you need to tighten more, protect the finish of the connector by wrapping a rag around it and tighten in small increments using pliers. Turn on water to the shower to test the connection, adjusting slightly if needed until the connection no longer leaks.

HOME TIP: Don't have a set of pliers that fit your pipes? Look for channel locking pliers, which can open to a range of widths to fit varying widths of pipe.

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The Endangered Species Act -- success or failure?; Will Mt. St. Helens become a national park?

Dear EarthTalk: Do environmentalists think the Endangered Species Act has been a success or failure with regard to protecting biodiversity in the U.S.?
-- Ron McKnight, Trenton, NJ



While that very question has been a subject of debate already for decades, most environmental advocates are thankful such legislation is in place and proud of their government for upholding such high standards when it comes to preserving rare species of plants and animals.

That said, critics of the legislation make some solid points. For starters, only one percent of species (20 out of 2,000) under the protection of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) have recovered sufficiently to qualify for delisting. And the millions of dollars spent on often failed recovery efforts are difficult to justify, especially in these otherwise tough economic times.

But even though the vast majority of species

protected under the ESA have not recovered doesn't undermine the significance of those species—bald eagles, gray wolves, and grizzly bear to name a few—that have rebounded thanks to forward thinking legislation and wildlife management. Louisa Wilcox of the Natural Resources Defense Council is grateful to the ESA for the continued existence of grizzly bears in and around Yellowstone National Park. "After listing, the government cleaned up the massive garbage problems in Yellowstone Park, which reduced the habituation of bears to human foods—a pattern that often leads to grizzly deaths," she reports. Commercial sheep herds were moved out of core

grizzly habitat while hundreds of miles of roads on public lands in the region were closed to improve the iconic bears' chances for survival. The result: The Yellowstone grizzly population more than doubled while human/bear interactions and incursions by hungry grizzlies onto local ranches have declined. "So, by any reckoning, the Yellowstone grizzly bear story is an ESA success," concludes Wilcox.

To test whether or not the ESA has been effective on a grander scale, the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), another leading green group, compared for its 2012 "On Time, On Target" report the actual recovery rate of 110 listed species with the projected recovery rate in their federal recovery plans. The 110 species occupy all 50 U.S. states, include all major taxonomic

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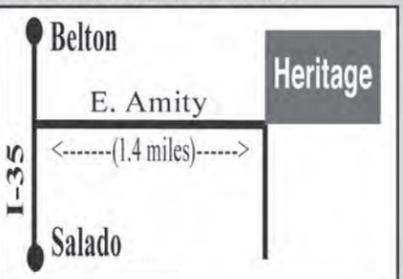



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CBD found that the ESA had “a remarkably successful recovery rate: 90 percent of species are recovering at the rate specified by their federal recovery plan,” adding: “On average, species recovered in 25 years, while their recovery plan predicted 23 years—a 91 percent timeliness accomplishment.”

CBD also confirmed the hypothesis that the majority of listed species have not enjoyed protection for long enough to warrant an expectation of recovery yet. “80 percent of species have not yet reached their expected recovery year,” reports CBD, adding that www.esasuccess.org on average species have been listed for just 32 years, while their recovery plans required 46 years for success. This recent study’s findings echo the results of an earlier (2006) analysis in the Northeastern U.S. that found some 93 percent of federally listed species there were stabilized or improving since

getting ESA protection and 82 percent were on track to meet recovery goals. “When judged in the light of meeting recovery plan timelines for recovery, the Endangered Species Act is remarkably successful,” says CBD. “Few laws of any kind can boast a 90 percent success rate.”

CONTACTS: CBD, www.biologicaldiversity.org; “On Time, On Target” Report, .

Dear EarthTalk: What ever happened to the idea of turning Mt. St. Helens into a national park? -- Esther Monaghan, Boston, MA

Mt. St. Helens, one of the less prominent yet massive peaks of Washington State’s Cascade Range, made history on May 18, 1980 by erupting with the force of 500 atomic bombs, devastating 230 square miles of formerly verdant forest and killing 57 people. After considerable debate about what to do with the decimated landscape in the aftermath, Congress

sided with scientists advocating it be left alone for research and education. In 1982 Congress created the 172-square-mile Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument to be managed by the U.S. Forest Service, which had already been overseeing the forests on the flanks of the mountain as part of the surrounding 1.3 million acre Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

But in 2007 federal budget cuts coupled with diminishing visitation led the Forest Service to close one of its two primary visitor centers at Mt. St. Helens and scale back on its interpretive and management services. At that point, representatives from surrounding communities and environmental groups and U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell came together in an effort to convince Congress to switch Mt. St. Helens over to a national park, which would ensure a larger funding pool for visitor services and amenities and ideally spur more visitation, which would in turn mean more business for struggling local com-

munities.

Instead of pushing for national park status, however, Cantwell and her Congressional colleagues asked the Forest Service to detail how they plan to protect Mt. St. Helens while expanding visitor services and recreational opportunities. The Forest Service subsequently put into place a new plan which, with help from the recently formed Mt. St. Helens Institute, would expand services and explore new options for overnight visitation. Tourism has since grown, but many still want to see Mt. St. Helens a national park.

Indeed, recent research by Michigan State University shows that national parks are huge economic engines, pumping nearly \$13 billion in economic activity into gateway communities while supporting 250,000 jobs.

CONTACTS: Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, www.fs.usda.gov/mountsthelens; National Parks Conservation Association, www.npca.org; Mt. St. Helens Institute, www.mshinstitute.org.



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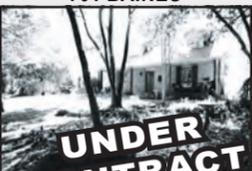
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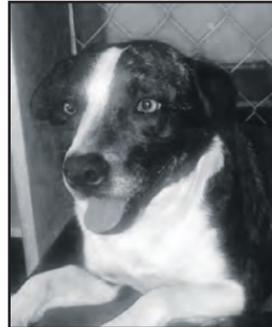
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