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The Shed New venture is vision of neighborhood tavern

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Two large leather couches sit in front of a flat screen TV, beckoning friends to sit a spell and enjoy a drink while cheering on their favorite college football team (in Texas, there's a good chance that it's Texas A&M after Johnny Football's Heisman-winning performance this season).

While there, enjoy a tall, cold mug of beer or any of The Shed's specialty drinks, including something called a Tetanus Shot (made with Jack Daniel black -- 'Nuff said).

Formally opening this weekend, The Shed is a trio of couples' vision of a neighborhood tavern. The Shed is a project -- labor of love actually -- of Will Lowery and Chris Spradley, owners of Inn on the Creek; Larry and Elaine Wolfe, who owned Fairway Golf Carts for several years and now own The Pizza Place; and Dale and Charlotte Douglass, owners of Charlotte's of Salado.

A comfortable, setting with friendly staff who

remember your name and serve comfort food, including what could be the best Blue Cheese Burger around. If not the best, The Shed's blue cheese burger on jalapeno bread at least gives reason for the debate.

The Shed will be open for drinks and bar food beginning Dec. 15. The menu is likely to change to meet the demands of regular customers and friends and to fit the season. Right now, you'll find hamburgers, hot dogs and perhaps the biggest Frito Pie you have seen as the anchors of the menu.

The Shed is an addition and a complement to The Venue, owned by the Wolfes and Lowery and Spradley. The Shed will be open prior to concerts booked at The Venue.

In fact, although it had not officially opened its doors yet, The Shed was over run with concertgoers Dec. 7 who walked from the tavern at the corner of Royal Street and Center Circle to The Venue where Rivers Rutherford performed.

Lowery said that he will be booking other singer-songwriters from



The Shed (above) has the only stoplight in town where it is okay to stop for a drink!. At right, an ax handle serves as a door handle. (PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Nashville and Austin in coming months, often to coincide with big Salado weekends.

The Shed takes its name from its humble beginnings as a sheep-shearing shed in days when Salado was principally an agriculture farming and ranching community.

A sign on the door

showing the capacity for the building pays homage to its days when the floors were covered with sheep.

The Shed will be open 11 a.m.-midnight Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. on Sundays, 5 p.m.-midnight on Fridays and 5-10 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Pacific storm could bring hope for drought-relief

Most of Texas is still in a moderate-to-severe drought, but a storm forming 2,000 miles northwest of Hawaii may be the key to drought relief for the state, says a Texas A&M University professor who also serves as the state climatologist.

John Nielsen-Gammon, professor of atmospheric sciences, says that precipitation everywhere in the state has been running below normal since Oct. 1.

"So far, this has been one of the five driest October-Novembers on record statewide and the driest since 1950," he explains.

"Most major metropolitan areas of the state

received ample rainfall this summer, but it's been a different story to the south and west. For more than half of the state, the drought of 2011 never went away, and Texas is now into its third year of drought.

"I'm expecting a wet weather pattern to develop next week. The seeds for that pattern are being planted right now, as a storm system intensifies way out in the middle of the Pacific Ocean."

Nielsen-Gammon says that the storm will cause a wave to develop in the jet stream, driving it northward toward Alaska. Downstream, over the

western United States, the jet stream will overshoot to the south, causing a stationary trough to form over the Southwest.

"For wet weather in the wintertime, we need the jet stream to dip southward across the southwest United States so that upper-level winds over Texas are strong and from the southwest," he notes.

Such a weather pattern allows moisture to be drawn into the state from the Atlantic, while at the same time providing the weather disturbances that convert that moisture into clouds and precipitation.

"When that trough forms over the weekend,

we'll have the necessary ingredients in place for at least one widespread rain event across Texas, and hopefully several," Nielsen-Gammon predicts.

If the storm does develop, it wouldn't end the drought statewide, but it would improve reservoir levels and provide some last-minute hope for the winter wheat crop, he says.

"Much of the state is bone-dry," Nielsen-Gammon says. "We really need this wet weather pattern in order for reservoir levels to start moving in the right direction."

Drought conditions have rapidly expanded across the state. According

to the U.S. Drought Monitor, more than 80 percent of the state is in drought, the highest total since March 2012.

Last summer, there had been widespread hope among forecasters that a developing El Nino event in the tropical Pacific would lead to above-normal rainfall across Texas this winter, but the El Nino never materialized, he points out.

"This year's neutral conditions in the Pacific favor neither an unusually wet winter nor an unusually dry winter," Nielsen-Gammon explains. "That's why the dry weather so far has been a surprise."

Surface water in Brazos watershed managed by BRA

BY TIM FLEISCHER
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When talking about the weather in Texas, it seems to focus on either excessive flooding or extreme drought.

"Drought is becoming more of the norm," said David Collingsworth with the Brazos River Authority (BRA). "There's more and more of it, but the difference is now there are more and more people moving in."

The BRA mission is to "develop, manage and protect the water resources of the Brazos River Basin to meet the needs of Texas," according to its website.

That river basin covers more than 42,000 square miles, encompassing 76 counties from Freeport to Lubbock, the distance between which is the same as the distance between Waco and Nashville, Tenn.

It contains 11 lakes, the largest being Possum Kingdom with 230,750

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acre feet of water. The smallest is Lake Georgetown with 13,610 acre feet.

Every bit of the 661,000 acre feet under the jurisdiction of BRA has been contracted. Additionally, to meet the growing needs in central Texas, 25,000 acre feet from Travis Lake (Colorado River) is contracted to Williamson County.

The initial purpose for the reservoir system, which began being planned in the 1930s, was for flood control and water supply, according to Collingsworth.

Collingsworth spoke to the audience gathered for the annual Bell County Water Symposium about the effects of the drought of 2011 and impacts of wa-

ter usage.

In 2008, customers of BRA used 258,679 acre feet of water. That grew to 303,301 acre feet in 2009, dropped to 237,664 during the wet year of 2010 and then exploded to 487,851 during the extended drought conditions of 2011.

In 2011, almost half of the water usage within the BRA is for industrial usage, Collingsworth said. In fact, 241,445 acre feet were used for industry (49 percent), while 176,703 acre feet were used by municipal customers (36 percent), 67,592 acre feet were used for agriculture irrigation (14 percent) and only 2,111 acre feet for mining (<1 percent).

The largest customers for the two Bell County reservoirs are municipal, according to Collingsworth. Bell County WCID #1 used 62,509 out of Lake Belton and the City of Temple used 30,453 out of Stillhouse.

Brazos River Authority Reservoir Capacities

Lake	% of Capacity (10/11)	Feet (10/11)	Drought Stage (10/11)	% of Capacity (10/12)	Feet (10/12)
Possum Kingdom	71%	10.4	2	79%	7.2
Granbury	68%	6.5	1	78%	4.2
Whitney	60%*	16.1	1	72%	8.3
Aquilla	67%	5.5	1	80%	3.2
Proctor	33%	11.7	2	68%	4.2
BELTON	71%	11.4	1	88%	4.5
STILLHOUSE	61%	16.8	1	91%	3.2
Georgetown	35%	24.7	1	52%	16.3
Granger	66%	4.9	1	93%	0.9
Limestone	55%	8.9	2	79%	3.8
Somerville	41%	9.8	3	86%	1.9

Water in the future, Collingsworth said, "is going to be expensive water." He added that "A lot will be needed for electricity."

To address these concerns, Collingsworth said that water planners are going to "have to convince folks of a better use of water than making sure that they have lush green St. Augustine lawns."

Water planners will also have to work are managing water loss in the distribu-

tion system.

However, the biggest loss of surface water is neither customers or leaky pipes. Rather, it is the sun.

"More water is lost to evaporation," Collingsworth said, "than is ever used by customers."

To meet the future water use needs, BRA is pursuing several major projects, including a pipeline connecting Lakes Belton and Stillhouse, raising the level of Lake Aquilla, new res-

Village could annex I-35

Twelve years after Salado incorporated, it may soon include the interstate that runs through it as part of its boundaries.

Mayor Danney McCort will review a proposed time line with Salado aldermen at their meeting Dec. 20 in which the Village of Salado and the Texas Department of Transportation work cooperatively to bring sections of I-35 and the access roads into the Village boundaries.

Because Salado is a General Law Type B municipality that does not provide utility services of any kind and does not meet the population necessary to do so, it cannot annex at-will.

Instead, it must rely on property owners and residents to voluntarily annex themselves into the Village limits of Salado.

In the Village of Salado's 12 years of history, this has happened only three times.

One of those times was by a voluntary petition election of homeowners in the Mill Creek area. That annexation ended up in a lawsuit which the Village eventually won.

The other two annexations were by individual business properties: Fairway Golf Carts and Country Boy's.

If aldermen agree to commit approximately \$2,500 to \$3,000 in legal fees for drawing up the proper documents for annexation, then the areas proposed to be annexed can be brought within the Village limits by the end of February.

The Village will have to publish notice of public meetings on the proposed annexation and take other steps along the process.

Mayor McCort told Salado Village Voice that he hopes the board will pursue this to bring those areas within the Village.

reservoirs in Coryell County, Allens Creeks and some off-channel reservoirs in the lower Basin, desalination of saltwater along the coast and a conjunctive use of groundwater from the Trinity and Carrizo-Wilcox aquifers.

Getting the water from the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer to the BRA will be about a half-billion project, Collingsworth said. "That's a 20 to 50 year project," he added.



FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Media have compassion for killer, less so for murderer's victim

To the Editor:

It is hard to believe that a killer in an apparent murder-suicide would get the bulk of seemingly sympathetic media coverage, but that is exactly what appeared to be happening in the wake of the recent shooting by Kansas City Chiefs player Jovan Belcher.

Poor guy – was it being an overpaid member of the NFL brat pack that drove him over the edge? Listening to adoring television commentators, too many hits to the head may be to blame.

Of course, if we are to believe that, one has to ignore previous documented acts of violence while in college.

But, who cares – or should care. Had Belcher not taken the coward's way out, he would have faced murder charges for shooting not once – but several times – at his 22-year-old girlfriend.

In other words, this man brutally ended the life of a young woman who just happened to be the mother of his three-month-old daughter.

Kassandra Perkins is the victim, not the 25-year-old brute with whom she had the misfortune to live. The focus should be on the loss of her life and the fact that a young child will one day know she had a father who got so mad at her mother for coming home late from a concert that he shot her dead in front of her grandmother.

Even worse. Instead of finding compassion and a semblance of humanity to call 911 for the fatally wounded woman – the pampered brat left that to his horrified mother – Belcher instead chose to drive his 2007 Bentley Continental GT to the football stadium for his final public exit.

Not that the sympathetic coverage for Belcher is unexpected.

It took overwhelming facts to emerge in a courtroom before college football finally agreed to strip a complicit head coach in a child sex abuse scandal of all his previous honors. To bad there remain fans of that creep.

The NFL, which has a long list of names that have run afoul of the law for everything from drugs to domestic violence, allowed a convicted dog killer to return to its ranks the moment he was released from prison. Even the NFL's underpaid cheerleaders have got in on the act. Remember the Bengals' cheerleading captain who slept with her student?

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

The NFL, the Kansas City Chiefs, their fan base and the world of sports media would better serve the national audience if they would spend their energies focusing on the victims of crimes committed by their players and other leaders.

There is much work to do to polish football's tarnished image. Until it does clean up its act and hold its players and coaches accountable to the principles of sportsmanship, honor and leadership, no parent should want their child to follow the lead of this group, let alone join it.

Debbie Stevenson
Salado

To the Editor:

I saw this quip a couple of days ago and thought, how appropriate:

Liberals: "Moochers electing looters to steal from producers."

That describes the United Soviet States of America to a "T".

I spent over 20 years in the military and 20 years in sales. In either of those fields it would be difficult to be a racist and succeed.

I never considered myself a racist then but that started to change in 2008 when the "Cappo de Tutti Cappo" of this country was elected. By definition I suppose I have changed completely with the results of the 2012 election. The "Cappo de Tutti Cappo" was reelected with a whopping 51 percent of the vote broken down as follows: After you see the results you tell me who is racist.

African: 93 percent (9 out of 10 blacks)

Hispanic: 71 percent (7 out of 10 Hispanics)

Asian: 75 percent (7 out of 10 Asians)

Caucasian: 38 percent (Almost 4 of 10)

If you live in the real world one can understand the above numbers because we see it every day; those not living just on the mooch, i.e. unions, educators, community organizers, Hollywood/media communist types, rich democrats, etc.; are those living totally on the mooch, i.e. welfare and never plan to get off of it.

Women 56 percent (Almost 6 of 10)

Men: 45 percent (4 out of 10 men)

The women were the most difficult to understand (Perhaps a guilt trip? Or I need to have another kid so that I can get another \$1500/mo. of

welfare income.) and I'm not going to try. The men were a little easier when one understands that 47 percent of the people do not pay taxes and are on some form of welfare (= Moocher)

Age 18-29: 60 percent (6 out of 10 young people)

Age 30-44: 52 percent (5 out of 10 middle age)

This was the easiest of all. Very few of this group has served any time in the military. They have zero conception of what it takes to have the free society which they enjoy everyday. Many of the youngest voters are still living at home off the earnings of "Momma and Daddy". They see people die on TV every day and in the vernacular of the Vietnam Conflict generation the reaction is "____ Bro, it do'n mean nuttin". They have no clue, nor do they care, how many people died to guarantee them that right of freedom. Our history which is roughly 236 years old is being rewritten every day by educators (see above). Our institutes of education are run by "educators" from the group above. Some textbooks even now are proclaiming that the "Boston Tea Party" was an act of terrorism. They proclaim that and still say that the massacre of soldiers and civilians at Fort Hood in 2009 was work place violence, and the perpetrator, yelling "Allah Akbar", caught and shot in the act has yet to see his trial date.

Now, am I a racist? I guess so; but I am no more racist than 93 percent of the Blacks, or the 75 percent of the Asians or the 71 percent of the Hispanics that voted for the "Cappo de Tutti Cappo". I am reasonably certain that at this point the description placed on me by the liberal elite media and the "Cappo de Tutti Cappo", as an angry, white, Anglo-Saxon, protestant, heterosexual, gun-toting male is mostly accurate.

I believe in our Constitution and our Bill of Rights as they were written. These are two documents that the "Cappo de Tutti Cappo" and the education establishment want to see destroyed. I believe that the "Cappo de Tutti Cappo" is not a "Dumb ____", but a traitor of the highest order looking to see the overthrow of the United States of America.

Rip VanWinkle
US Army, Retired
Salado

America's first Christmas

Gen. George Washington's army retreated from New York in ignominy in November 1776. As it moved through New Jersey, Lt. James Monroe, the future president, stood by the road and counted the troops: 3,000 left from an original force of 30,000.

In December 1776, the future of America hung on the fate of a bedraggled army barely a step ahead of annihilation.

The Americans confronted about two-thirds of the strength of the British army, and half its navy, not to mention thousands of German mercenaries. The defense of New York was barely worthy of the name. When British troops crossed into Manhattan at Kips Bay, the Americans ran. Washington reportedly exclaimed in despair, "Are these the men with which I am to defend America?"

Later, from the New Jersey Palisades, he watched as the British took Fort Washington across the Hudson, held by 3,000 American troops, and put surrendering Americans to the sword. According to one account, Washington turned away and wept "with the tenderness of a child."

British strategy depended on shattering American faith in the Continental Army and reconciling the rebellious colonies to the Crown. As the Americans fled to the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware River, the British occupied New Jersey and offered an amnesty to anyone declaring his loyalty. They had thousands of takers, including one signer of the Declaration of Independence.

With expiring enlistments about to reduce his army further, Washington decided on a scheme to cross the Delaware on Christmas and surprise the Hessian garrison in Trenton. "If the raid backfired," Washington biographer Ron Chernow writes, "the war was likely over and he would be captured and killed."

Behind schedule, Washington's main

Rich Lowry



force of 2,400 started crossing the river that night. Yes, most of them were standing up in flat-bottomed boats. Yes, there were ice floes. It wasn't until 4 a.m. that all the men were across the river. They had 9 miles still to march to Trenton in a driving storm and no chance of making it before daybreak. Washington considered calling it off, but he had already come too far.

Arriving at Trenton at 8 a.m., his spirited troops seemed "to vie with the other in pressing forward," he wrote afterward. They surprised the Hessians, who didn't expect an attack in such weather. The battle ended quickly -- 22 Hessians killed, 83 seriously wounded and 900 captured, to two American combat deaths.

"It may be doubted whether so small a number of men ever employed so short a space of time with greater and more lasting effects upon the history of the world," British historian George Trevelyan wrote.

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David Hackett Fischer sees in the American resurgence after our fortunes were at their lowest a reassuring aspect of our national character in this season of discontent: We respond when pressed. Dr. Benjamin Rush, a great supporter of the American cause, wrote: "Our republics cannot exist long in prosperity. We require adversity and appear to possess most of the republican spirit when most depressed." May it still be so.

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Solving Twinkie murder case

Equity hucksters plundred the company to feather their own over-stuffed nests

Remember the horrible murders in 1978 of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk? At the killer's trial, his lawyer argued for leniency, saying that a steady diet of junk food had addled his client's brain. That claim entered the annals of jurisprudence as the "Twinkie Defense."

Even more preposterous is a recent claim by Ripplewood, a private equity firm that bought out Hostess Brands three years ago. Just before Thanksgiving, the firm asserted that it had been forced by greedy labor unions to kill off Hostess, the maker of Twinkies.

Far from greedy, however, the 18,500 unionized workers are quite reasonable and very loyal — in fact, they had previously given up \$100 million in annual wages and benefits to help the company survive.



Jim Hightower

The true greed in this drama comes from inside Ripplewood's towering castle of high finance in Manhattan. Rather than modernizing factories and upgrading the junk-food giant's products, as the unions had urged, the equity hucksters plundered the company to feather their own nests. For example, they siphoned millions of dollars out of Hostess directly into their corporate pockets by paying themselves "consulting and management fees," which did nothing to strengthen the company.

But it was this year that the rank managerial incompetence and raw ethical depravity of the vultures of Ripplewood fully surfaced. While demanding a new round of deep cuts in worker's pay, healthcare, and pensions — they quietly jacked up their own take. And by a lot. The CEO's paycheck, for example, rocketed from \$750,000 a year to \$2.5 million.

Like a character in a bad Agatha Christie whodunit, Ripplewood — the one so insistently pointing the finger of blame at others — turns out to be the one who killed the Twinkie. Along with the livelihoods of 18,500 workers.

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Salado third graders write to Santa Claus

Mrs. Marquis



Santa,
I am very happy this christmas. The cookies Will be Waiting for you. are the raindeer being fed. for christmas I Want a amerien doll, a 3DS, and a pony. I hop you have a fun and safe trip.
your friend, Kendall

Dear Santa,
Hello my name is threvor and wat I want far cristmas is a remote controle train and a toy train and a pet dog.
Your Friend, Trevor

Dear Santa,
I am very glad that you are coming for crismas. Did you feed the raindeer? I am very happy that I will put cookies out for you. I hope you like the cookies because I will help my mom bake the cookies. PLeas can I get for crismas is a ipod, talking resler, gigoy. I hope you have fan.
Your friend, Aydin

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa, tell your raindeer to stop laughing at Rudolph. Oh, by the way did you get a new sleigh? I can't wait for Cristmas! It is going to be great! I will leave some great cookies for you. I really hope you like them. I'm going to make peanut butter cookies home made just for you. Oh, can I have sky-lander giants, ipod, and a wii u please and thank you.
You Friend, Isaac

Dear Santa,
How are you and your Raindeer? I am very glad you are going to come this year and dropping off present's I hope you get meaken dally, an ipod, and roller skates I am going to put up the Christmas tree with my family and I am going to make cookies with my mom I am going to put out the milk. I hope I see you.
Your Friend, Morgan

Dear Santa,
I'm so glad your coming. Can you come to my house first? Do you think I will get on the noty list? For Christmas I would like a electric razor scooter, 243 Deerrifle and a remote control track. I hope you see Christmas night.
Your Best Pal, Ty

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I'm very glad your coming this year! What I really want for Christmas is a new american doll-doll car and other stuff. 3Dxl How are the raindeer doing? This year we're making special cookies for you! I promise!
Your Friend, Charley

Dear Santa,
I have been working hard in 3rd grade this year. I have also been exited about Christmas this year. If you get me any toys I will give them to cheridy? Can I posibly get a teddy bear, also a queen size blanket, and a queen size pillow? How many elfs do you have? And I hope you have a jolly good Christmas!
Your Friend, Cambrey

Your Friend, Zoey

Dear Santa,
I love you a whole whole lot. I'm so so so exited for Chismas. Did you get a new raindeer? For Chismas I would like 10 dollars, a hug, and cupcakes. Hope you have a good Chismas.
Your Friend, Sierra

Dear Santa,
I am really looking forward to all the presents I might get. I might even get a bout up to ten to fourteen presents. Did you get a new sleigh from you're elves this year? Whenever you come, can I get an electric scooter, a glow-in-the-dark football, and a pet hamster this year. Thank you for coming to Salado this year!
Love, Travis

Dear Santa Claus,
My family and me are puting up our Chismas tree this year. I am so ready for Chismas this year. I hope you feed the reindeer food. I hope you are ready for Chismas and eat a lot cookies. I want a scooter and a picture frame. I hope you have a good Chismas year.
Your friend, Kaylee

Dear Santa,
I'm liking Cristmas a lot I can't wait for Cristmas to come. I want a Christmas hat and a transformers drawing book and a box of legos I hope you feel good bye Santa.
Your Friend, Caleb

Dear Santa,
I like Chistmas. It's my fravite Holiday I will put some cookies out on the litte table. I hope you like it. Can you bring me a DS mario game. and a Angry Bird Hotweels and a Angry Bird i knokout wood game.
Your Friend, Alan

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm so excited you're coming to my house at midnight. Are the raindeer heal hey? I Realey want legos a skate bord and a pair of roller-skates, I am going to leave out some good cokeis. Were getting a big tree. We have a start to go on the Cistmas tree.
Your Friend, Zach

Dear Santa,
I have been really good a school so for I am hoping that i'm on the good list if not next year I'll be a lot bett at home. How are you and Mrs. Cluase doing? What I want for Christmas is a lion cub stuff animal. A little horse and a draw set. I hope you have a great Christmas.
Your Friend, Cambrey

Dear Santa,

I think it will be a good Cristmas. Did you get a new sled. I wand a DSI, XBOX 360 with halo 4, an ATV. I love you Santa.
Your Friend, Tyler

Dear Santa,
This Chistmas is going to be an excellent Chistmas. It is going to be the Awesomest Chistmas ever. Santa have you had a good year? I would like you to bring me a n Ipad, a small dirtbike, and boots. I hope you have a good year.
Love, Carter

Dear Santa,
I think this is going to be a great Christmas. Please get all my brothers and sister lots of toys and get cameron a lava lamp if you don't i'll just give him mine. Tell Santa mouse that we have lot's of cheese for him and for you were going to make a jiant ginger bread man. I would like a hamster, drum set and beats. How long does it take you to give all the presents away in one night? I'm very excited that Christmas is almost here. Have a great Christmas.
Your Friend, Max

Dear Santa,
I hope you can come to Salado First. I will leave you cookies. I really want a new forweeler a book called Alex Rider Year 1, and a ipone 5. Please. Did you feed the riendier so they can make it to Salado, Tx.
Sincerely, Brady

Dear Santa,
I hope you are geting your raindeer ready for the big night. Are you getting ready for Christmas? Can you get me a toy cat, a horn, and a watch. Hope you have a good night.
Your Friend, Aubrey

Mrs. Oborski

Dear Santa Claus
I am super exited for Christmas this year Will you bring me any presents this year? Hope you get a lot of sleep in the day so you won't get to tired when delivering presents. Can you bring me a 3DSX1, I here it is better than the regular 3DS and wreckit Ralph the game. Also let the reindeer sleep to. I hope you have a great Christmas like I hope to have.
Your budy, Colin

Dear Santa Claus
Im very exited for you to come Santa. I hope you are redy for a long night. let your reindeer get good sleep and feed them so thay are strong and redy so thay can hall you and your slave and your bag with are present. i want a set of a ford f 350 with a

goos neck traler and a jon deer track tractor toy and that is all and have a good night.

Your friend, Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I am very, very excited about christmas this year. My family will get everything decorated soon. Santa do you alrept the presents? Santa I want a tablet, Santa can you bame som cothe plys, Santa can you bring me some shoes?
From, Lucero

Dear Santa Clause,
I cannot wait for Christmas I am so excited, I am looking fored to putin up my tree and puting all of the lights and ornomants on it. Are your elfs having fun making presents? I am hoping htey are having fun making up those fantastic gifes. If you are able to get me some miss me jeans and an elf that is what I would like for Christmas. I hope you are having fun!
Your friend, Lainey

Dear Santa,
I hope you have been working hard, I bet the Elf's have been. Can you give me some extra coal for my grandmother? But could you get me every acsory to the Harry Potter LEGO minifigure? Including Quidich, school robes, wand, broom, Tri-wizard accesores, muggle clothes, also all the other characters with all there accesories as you can find. All the Harry Potter movies (exepet the 2nd one). And last of all the 3rd and 7th book. Oh and when you get this note can you put your gignetue. Hope you have a good year.
Sencerly, Michael

Dear Santa,
How small are elves? You are cool! And thank you for all the presents. How old are you? Do you like sugur cookies? What is you favorite thing to do? How many presents do you dliver? How high do you fly? How long is your beard? Are you older than Mrs. Claus or yonger than her? For this Christmas can you get me a X-Box 360, Paper Mario Sticker Star and Grand Theft Odeo IV. happy Christmas!
Your friend, Beau

Dear Santa,
I can't what I util you come. me and my family are waiting for the 31st. I am I on your good list? Can I get a Iphone four-weler and go cart? I am looking fored to chirmsas.
You Friend, Kayden

Dear Santa Claus,
I can't wait for Christmas this year. Me and my family are going too put up the Christmas tree early and were going to put lots of diffrent ornaments. I need to know what cookies you like best. I would want a Ipad, four weeler and a reindeer. What do the reindeers like to eat? Did you get some new elfs this year? I hope you like the tree and ornaments. Tell me if youre reindeers like the food I made it. I'm going to put out choclote milk and oreos!

Your Friend, Kennady

Dear Santa,
It is all mose Christmas time. I love Christmas! I hope you got lotes of raset? It will be so fun! I can not stop thinking of it. But what I whent is a bike so. I can give some won a bike. I also whent a winer dog and a cumputer. A hope you are ready.
Your friend, Savannah

Dear Santa,
I am very excited about Christmas. This year I am going to set out a Big cooky. Do you like coklet or siamin? I hope you have a lucky Christmas night. This year could you please bring me a ipad and a cover. Please get lots of rest. I will live milk out too. Have a good Christmas.
Your Friend, Zakary

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm exited Christmas Santa. I hope you and the reindeer can survive at night to deliver our sweet nice gifts. And how does the Elves work? Bring me a ipod touch 4th generation, iphone 5, and book tablet. Don't miss my house. I will leave out oreo cookies out!
Your good boy, Adan

Dear Santa Claus,
I am so excited our elf is oging to come back. I love my pink decorated tree in my room. I also love to listen to the Christmas music that I listen to on the radio and school. Oh I love Christmas. I hope you are ready for a long cold night. Has Mrs. Claus made you a new Christmas outfit? How old is rudlph? This year I want Miss Me jeans, lot's of girl legos and a pink sparkly bi bi gun just if you can add sparkles. I will have differnt kinds of cookies like chocolate chip and suger and sprinkles and milk.
Your best friend, Caelan

Dear Santa Claus,
I am happy about Christmas. I will be ready for you did you get a new slay. I won't A ipod, new clothes and new games. I hope you get a lot of sleep for Cristmas. I hope your reindeers to fly the slay. I hope your elves are ready to diliver presints at knight. I will levee some yummy cookies out for you. They will be waiting for you on the table. I hope you like them.
Your friend, Joseph

Dear Santa,
I bet that Christmas is going to be fun this year. I'am excited about Christmas. How funny are the elves? Are you feeding the raindeer a lot fo food? This year could you please bring me a ipod tuch, Kindel fire, Cmelean. I will get you lots of cookies for you. I hope you get lots of rest.
Your Friend, Kenslee

Dear Santa,
I wis a mere Christmas Santa. Santa I am vete for Christmas. Hal cool is it wav you live? I wot to kone hal you git to the kise at nite? I lure Christmas I wot a phone, a 3DS and a how dike!

Your Friend, Ryan

Dear Santa,
I am exited for Christmas this year. I will be prerd with you're oookies. I poot new lite this year. Good you git me a cat, micoe chager and 3DDsXL. I've bin good in school. Do you have a gold slay? You make a good leder for the reindeer Sata?
Your Friend, Isaac

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause? I am hoping you will have a great Christmas. Have Dancer been having fun? We ushally get to put up the tree when Thanksgiving is over. This year can you please bring me a discovery Laptop, music box and a good time. We are making you home made cookies and chocolate milk your favorate I hope. Rudof is feling good and healthy to light the nigh with his nose. Have a great flight Santa!
Love Jennifer

Dear Santa,
I am very excited about htis year. I am going to be decorating after thanks-giving. I bet you are going to be tierd after all that delivoring all in one night. What I want for Christmas is a walking hores and some nail polish, and I now one more thing I want for Christmas is new dresses. I will leave out some cocalatey cookies for you.
Love, Lauren

Dear Santa,
I am getting ready to get presents from you. I will get out the ortaments for December 24 at night. Did youg et a new reindeer? Do you give real dogs and cats to children? Did you get a new coat, sled and reins? I want an Artic wolf animal jam giftcard and a lion animal jam giftcard. I also want a Bouncy the Fur Real Friend. I also want a Reindeer with a sled and Reins. I also want a Christmas wolf webkinz. I wish you a good Christmas. I hope you get lots and lots of rest.
Your Friend, Hannah

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have two Christmas hats at my house. I was very sprized from all the toys I got last year. This year I would like you to make me these things. American girl, a Furryby, and a iphone. I will be very happy if you get me these things. How old are you? I hope you can make it to my house.
Sincerely, Alexandra

Dear Santa,
Isn't Christmas all most here? I hope it comes early. I really want Call of Duty Black Ops 2. I want Call of Duty Black Ops. I want 3 packs of water. My name is Billy. I am in 3rd grade. I do not have a chimney. I Hope I get to meet you.
Sincerely, Billy

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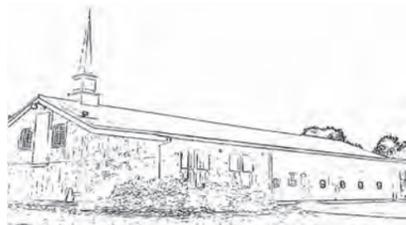
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3C Fellowship breaks ground Dec. 16 on expanded Sanctuary

3C Cowboy Fellowship will break ground on the construction of a larger sanctuary Dec. 16 and the congregation invites the Salado community to take part in the growth of this local congregation.

The Fellowship will have its usual Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. Dec. 16, followed by a

special Christmas potluck dinner at 11 a.m.

The groundbreaking will follow the potluck dinner between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m.

The 3C Cowboy Fellowship had its first weekend service April 16, 2006. Since then, it has grown to a fellowship that consistently averages over

300 people each Sunday.

The mission of 3C Cowboy Fellowship is that the men and women of the western culture would experience a spiritual revival in their hearts that would awaken the community around them.

A typical Cowboy Church service consists of the singing of a few in-

spirational country or blue grass songs, and 20 to 25 minutes of preaching. The whole service usually lasts less than an hour.

You don't have to be a cowboy to participate. The Fellowship is open to folks from all walks of life.

They invite you to come and worship with them.

Salado students graduate UMHB

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor fall Commencement was held Dec. 7 in the Bell County Expo. This was the university's 156th graduating class with 262 students awarded degrees. Of those, 201 students received baccalaureate degrees, 56 received master's degrees, and five earned doctoral degrees.

Salado students receiving bachelor degrees were the following: Clayton Thomas Aker, BA, Christian Ministry; Michael Lawrence Archa, BIS, Interdisciplinary Studies; Kayla Dawn Kirchmeier, BS, Interdisciplinary Studies and Thomas Adam Sirkis, BA, Criminal Justice.

Junior League SMILE project serves pediatric patients

The Junior League of Bell County's Project S.M.I.L.E. (Sharing Moments in Laughter and Encouragement) brought a "Harvest Hoedown" sponsored by Baird/Williams Construction, LTD to the pediatric patients of the McLane Children's Hospital. At this themed event, the children had the opportunity to play games and create numerous fall crafts. There was lots of excitement amongst the kids.

Children also had an opportunity to make an ornament for the Project S.M.I.L.E. "Mark the Moment" tree that is displayed in the lobby of the McLane Children's Hospital. At each event, the Junior League asked the children to make an ornament to be displayed on the tree. With the help

of Precious Memories, Junior League members decorated the tree with ornaments of the children from the hospital.

Part of the JLBC mission is to help with the development and well-being of children in Bell County area through community service. Project S.M.I.L.E. (Sharing Moments in Laughter and Encouragement) is a grassroots community program initiated in 2011 by the Junior League of Bell County. Through this newly developed program, JLBC welcomes families to the Children's Hospital at Scott and White through welcome bags, encourages children through entertaining monthly events, and serves the children and families through additional volunteer opportunities.

Obituaries

SGT. CHARLES JOSEPH MENARD
Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Sol-

dier who died after battling a serious illness December 6, 2012 at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Sergeant Charles Joseph Menard, 27, whose home of record is Benton Harbor, Mich., was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, since June 2012. He entered active duty service in January 2004 as an Air Defense Battle Management System operator.

Menard deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from April 2011 to April 2012.

Menard's awards and decorations include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, five Army Achievement Medals, two Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, three Army Overseas Service Ribbons, NATO Medal and Basic Space Badge.

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MISTY MICHELLE BUNCH HARRELL

Misty Michelle Bunch Harrell of Salado passed away on December 15, 2012.

She was born on November 29, 1977 in Austin and lived in Georgetown throughout her childhood.

Funeral services were held 10 a.m. Dec. 19 at the First Baptist Church in Florence. Burial followed at Florence City Cemetery. Visitation was held 6-8 p.m. Dec. 18 at Ramsey Funeral Home in Georgetown.

Misty graduated from Georgetown High School and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and later earned her master's degree from Tarleton State University, Central Texas. Misty was employed with Temple College for 10 years and held several positions there, but the one she was most proud of was teaching.

Misty married Session Harrell on July 21, 2001.

She is survived by her husband, Session, and three children – sons Casen and Luke and daughter Brinley of Salado; her parents Helen and Harold Bunch of Georgetown, mother-in-law Traci Harrell of Florence; father-in-law, Mike Harrell of Florence as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

A fund has been established on behalf of the kids. Anyone wishing to donate can do so in person at Texell Credit Union (offices in Temple/Belton/Killeen/Georgetown). You can also donate online at <http://www.youcaring.com/other/Harrell-Family-Support/37363> Staff

SERGEANT KELLY DAVID BANGLE
Fort Hood officials

have released the name of a Soldier who died Dec. 14 near Kouma Lake.

Staff Sgt. Kelly David Bangle, 30, whose home of record is listed as Whetstone, Ariz., entered the military in September 2003 as a signals intelligence analyst. He arrived at Fort Hood in March 2011 and was assigned to Company A, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, since March 2012.

Bangle deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from March 2006 to March 2007. He also deployed in support of Operation New Dawn from April 2011 to November 2011.

Bangle's awards and decorations include two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Good Conduct Medals, Afghanistan Campaign Medal

with campaign star, Iraq Campaign Medal with campaign star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Driver and Mechanic Badge Wheeled Vehicle.

Circumstances surrounding this incident remain under investigation.

JOHN D. 'J. D.' HINSLEY

Memorial services for John D. 'J. D.' Hinsley, 88, of Salado were held December 17, at the Dossman Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Leroy Kemp officiating.

Mr. Hinsley died Thursday evening, December 13, 2012 at his home in Salado.

Mr. Hinsley was born at home in Bell County, August 27, 1924, the son

of Dean C. and Laura (England) Hinsley. He was a World War II veteran serving in the United States Army from 1942-1944. He married Patsy Williams July 11, 1946 in Prairie Dell. They made their home on Gulf Coast in Galveston for nine years and LaMarque for more than 25 years. Mr. Hinsley worked for Union Carbide in Texas City in the Research and Development Department. He retired in 1980 after 23 years. After retirement they moved home to Salado. He also enjoyed making custom guitars. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Salado.

Mr. Hinsley was preceded in death by his daughter Helen D. Hinsley Gerges in 1960 and his wife Patsy Hinsley 2009.

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Annual fundraiser will benefit Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas

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So save your cooking for the weekend and dine out to help abused children in the Bell County community.

The Blue Envelope Campaign is a child abuse awareness and giving campaign that supports the CACCT.

The Blue Envelope Campaign remembers the 1,246 confirmed victims of child abuse, the 1,137 children in the care of the State and the one child that died as a result of abuse and neglect in the Bell County community last year.

One in four girls will be sexually abused by their 18th birthday, and one in six boys will be sexually

abused before turning 18. Only one in 10 abused children will actually tell. More than 90 percent of victims know their abuser.

"Blue became the honorary color that represents child abuse after an outraged grandmother tied a blue ribbon, which represented the bruises her grandchildren received as a result of abuse, to the antenna of her car," said Michelle Carter with the CACCT. "The symbol spread and now nationwide blue ribbons are worn to promote child abuse awareness."

The campaign will run

through Dec. 31.

"The campaign is most important as the agency budget relies heavily on community support to be able to continue to provide needed services to child abuse victims," Carter said, adding that 45 percent of the agency's operating budget comes from the community.

The organization served 719 children and their families in 2011 through its Children's Advocacy Center and Court Appointed Special Advocates programs. It is anticipated the programs will serve more than 750

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Groups give to elementary library



Salado Masonic Lodge #296 members donated \$300 for new books for Thomas Arnold Library in memory of the late Anna Thompson. Shown above are (from left) Will Culbertson, Doug McNeese, Art Wadford, Paul Christian, Truitt Bradly, Principal Lisa Nix, Darrell Street and Conrad Hinkel.



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Salado Police Report Week of Dec. 3-9

Dec. 3
6:28-6:34 a.m., 406 S. Main (Thomas Kinkade Gallery). Business Alarm, Interior Motion. Arrived on scene to find building secure at ground level. Key holder arrived on scene and it was found the motion alarm was coming from Connie's Fine Gifts. All buildings appeared Code-4. Clear.
7:40-8:42 a.m., 200 Block Lonesome Dove. Recovered Property, while looking for a stolen ATV, I discovered it at the above address and transported to the police department. Report on file.
12:52-1:00 p.m., 283 Southbound. Agency Assist, Traffic. Stopped a possible intoxicated driver for DPS. Subject was not. Clear.
1:10-1:33 p.m., 100 Block Rock Creek. Disturbance, complainant stated that her neighbor shot her cat. Does not want to file charges. Clear.
2:03-2:14 p.m., 1600 Block Club Circle. Theft, complainant stated that a golf cart has been missing since Nov. 28. Report.
6:07-6:17 p.m., 15213 S. I-35 (TXI). Assist Other Agency, business alarm. Front door. Dispatched as being within city limits of Salado. I advised Comm. Center this was a county address, but that I would check building as I was closest unit. Building was found to be secure at ground level. No keyholder en route. Clear.
8:27-8:38 p.m., 404 S. Main (Connie's Fine Gifts). Business alarm, interior motion. Again dispatched as 406 S. Main for the Kinkade Gallery. Building found to be secure at ground level. Was advised by dispatch the keyholder would not be en route, they would check their alarm system tomorrow. Clear.

Dec. 4
5:55-6:30 a.m., 600 Block Rose Way. Car Alarm, notified of car alarm at the above address. Upon arrival an S.O. Deputy had made contact with owner. Clear.
7:33-8:28 a.m., 2900 Block Chisholm Trail. Vehicle Crash, notified of one vehicle crash at the above address. Upon arrival found that a jeep lost control and hit a tree. Report on file.
11:58 a.m.-12:02 p.m., 2000 Block Chisholm Trail. Robbery Alarm. Notified of robbery alarm at above address. Upon arrival homeowner was on scene. False alarm. Clear.
9:55-10:10 p.m., 1300 Block Vanessa. Burglary-Unfounded, neighbor saw a light on inside an empty house. He assumed someone was inside. Searched vacant house. No one found. Cleared.

Dec. 5
12:48-1:00 p.m., IH-35

Southbound 284. Traffic Hazard, tire in roadway- removed.
2:11-2:19 p.m., Main at Royal. Traffic Hazard, red van blocking traffic- checked area UTL.
Dec. 6
8:07-9:15 p.m., I-35 Northbound 284. One Vehicle Crash (Major) With Injuries, while on duty I heard from a few blocks away the sound of a motor vehicle crash. I went towards the sound of the crash and notified dispatch of the crash. One vehicle major roll over with injuries. Report.
Dec. 7
7:20-7:30 a.m., Robertson, South of Thomas Arnold. Assist Agency, checked area UTL.
7:31 a.m. Stagecoach, N. of Roy T's, vehicle in construction area.
7:50-9:30 a.m., 2484- 1670 Lane. Assist Agency, major crash- 5 persons transported.
Dec. 8
9:40-9:53 a.m., Public Service. Found Property, notified by dispatch to return a call from complainant. She stated that she had her iphone stolen in New Braunfels, using the GPS Locator it showed to be in Salado. Made contact with the person at that address, recovered the phone and released it to the owner. Clear.
10:31-10:46 a.m., 2484. Agency Assist, received public service of a lost jogger who needed a ride to her vehicle. Upon arrival I took her to her vehicle located on S.H. 190. Clear.
11:15-11:21 p.m., Pace Park. Suspicious Vehicle/V.C.O. Observed vehicle in park after hours. Identified driver and informed him of park hours. Subject left on request. Clear.

Dec. 9
1:39-2:16 a.m., FM 2268 at I-35. Welfare Concern. Observed female walking alone along roadway. Stopped to check welfare and she advised she had been left at The Legend Club by her fiancé who had her phone, purse and wallet. Stated she was trying to walk home to an address in Harker Heights and had become lost. Courtesy ride given to police department for her to use phone. She was unable to get the fiancé to answer. Courtesy ride then given to Belton where she was dropped off at Loop 121 and Hwy 190 as she had stated she would continue to walk home. Clear.
11:38-11:45 p.m., 650 Royal (Methodist Church). Suspicious Circumstance, observed lights on in building not normally left on. checked perimeter of building. Secure ground level. Clear.

Salado Schools & Sports

B Section 4 Pages Covering Salado students from Thomas Arnold to SHS December 13, 2012

Ladies take second at own tournament

Salado Lady Eagles placed second in their Coach Smith Tournament last week after losing to a top 10 3A squad La Vega.

Lady Eagles 15
La Vega 68

Salado Lady Eagles lost to La Vega Dec. 4.

Salado fell behind 2-20 in the first quarter and entered the half trailing 9-38. The Lady Eagles scored 6 points in the third and 1 point in the fourth for a final score of 15-68.

Meredith Ward and Taylor Atwood led Salado in scoring with 6 points each.

Also scoring for Salado were Carmela Perez, 2 points; Jaylee Sebek, 1 point.

Coach Smith Tournament

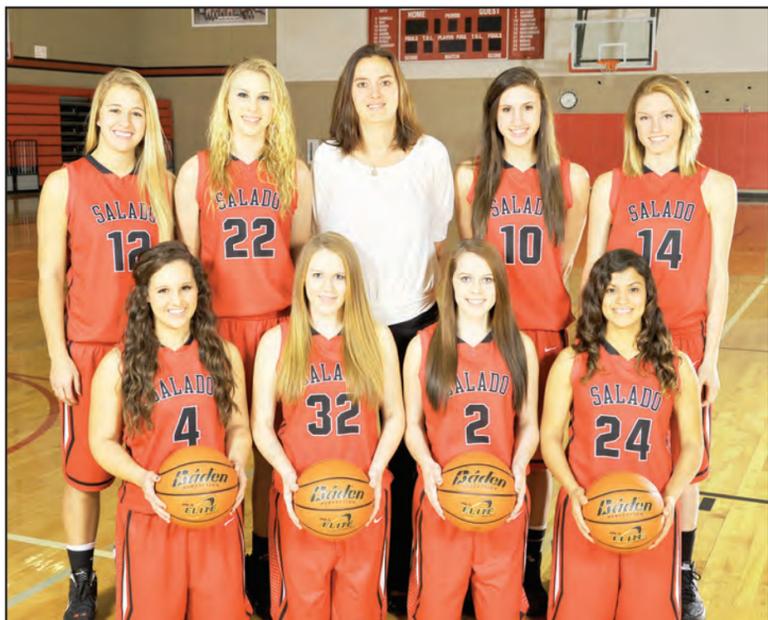
Salado Lady Eagles placed second in the Coach Smith Tournament Dec. 6-8.

Lady Eagles 49
Lampasas 22

Salado Lady Eagles defeated Lampasas in their first game of the Coach Smith Tournament Dec. 6.

The Lady Eagles led 12-6 in the first quarter and scored 17 points in the second to enter the half leading 29-12. Salado scored 15 points in the third quarter to extend the lead to 44-20. The Lady Eagles scored 5 points in the fourth for a final score of 49-22.

Ward led Salado in scoring with 14 points. Followed by Perez, 12 points.



Salado Lady Eagles Basketball Team (top row, from left) Meredith Ward, Taylor Atwood, Coach Diane Konarik, Jaylee Sebek, Ashley Adams; (bottom row, from left) Rachel Ray, Taryn Kornegay, Becca Carroll, Carmela Perez. (SHS YEARBOOK PHOTO)

Also scoring for Salado were Taryn Kornegay, 9 points; Atwood, 9 points; Ashley Adams, 3 points; Sebek, 2 points.

Lady Eagles 50
St. Michaels 43

Salado Lady Eagles beat St. Michaels in their second game of the Coach Smith Tournament.

The Lady Eagles scored 9 points in the first quarter of the game to trail St. Michaels by 4. Salado scored 15 points in the second quarter to take the lead 24-16 going into the half. Salado scored 12 points in the third quarter to make the lead 36-27. The Lady Eagles scored 14 points in the fourth to secure the win 50-43.

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Taryn Kornegay, Salado Lady Eagles, rebounds against State top 10 rated 3A Lady Pirates of LaVega (Waco) High. The Lady Eagles could not penetrate the defense as they went down to defeat last week in WACO. (PHOTO BY RON LEQUIN)

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Eagles win streak comes to end

After starting out 8-0, the Salado Eagles varsity basketball team last week suffered three losses, two of them by two points or less.

Varsity Eagles 66
La Vega 79

Salado Eagles were beaten by La Vega Dec. 4. The Eagles trailed 13-22 in the first quarter and scored 10 points in the second to enter the half trailing 23-51. Salado scored 23 points in the third quarter to bring the score to 46-62. The Eagles scored 20 points in the fourth to make the final score 66-79.

Dane Hankamer led Salado in scoring with 21 points. Followed by Brandon Womac, 16 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Kase Spears, 9 points; Austin Adams, 8 points; Kyle Heiner, 4 points; Andrew Warren, 4 points; Preston Rosebrock, 2 points; Kole Hearne, 2 points.



(PHOTO BY RON LEQUIN)
 Austin Adams drives for two for as the Salado Eagles lost their first game of the year against sixth-ranked 3A LaVega Pirates last week in Waco.

Coach Smith Tournament

Varsity Eagles 72
St. Michaels 73
 Salado Eagles lost to

quarter and scored 25 points in the second to take a 43-35 halftime lead. The Eagles scored 17 points in the third to increase the lead to 60-47. Salado was outscored 12-26 in the fourth quarter to lose by one point 72-73.

Hankamer and Adams led Salado in scoring, each with 19 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Womac, 13 points; Spears, 10 points; Heiner, 5 points; Rosebrock, 4 points; Cameron Wong, 2 points.

Varsity Eagles 46
Eastview 48

Salado Eagles lost by two points to Eastview in the second game of Coach Smith Tournament.

The Eagles trailed Eastview 9-13 in the first quarter and held Eastview scoreless in the second to take a 20-13 lead going into halftime. Salado scored 12 points in the third quarter losing the

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(PHOTO BY RON LEQUIN)
 Justin Tatum leads the fast break against 3A LaVega Pirates last week in Waco. The JV Eagles dropped the game to the Pirates 64-31.

JV Eagles cagers hit 3-game skid last week

Salado JV Eagles hit a three-game skid last week with losses to LaVega and then to Dripping Springs and Llano in the Burnet Tournament.

JV Eagles 31
La Vega 64
 Salado JV Boys were beaten by La Vega Dec. 4. The JV Eagles were outscored 9-21 in the first

quarter and entered the half trailing 18-38. Salado scored 3 points in the third and 10 in the fourth quarter for a final score of 31-64.

Chase Kelly led Salado in scoring with 11 points. Followed by Chris Deal, 6 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Jacob Quick, 4 points; R.V. Crusoe, 4 points; Roddy Noonan, 3 points; Matt Garcia, 2 points; Justin Tatum, 1 point.

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Burnet Tournament
JV Eagles 23
D. Springs 83

Salado JV Boys were dominated by Dripping Springs in their first game of the Burnet Tournament Dec. 6.

Salado trailed 10-20 in the first quarter and scored 2 points in the second to enter the half trailing 12-42. The JV Eagles scored 11 points in the second half for a final score of 23-83.

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Ladies Eagles

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Ward led Salado in scoring with a total of 23 points. Followed by Sebek, 9 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Kornegay, 7 points; Adams, 4 points; Atwood, 4 points; Carroll, 2 points.

Lady Eagles 29
Liberty Hill 36

Salado Lady Eagles lost to Liberty Hill in their final game of the Coach Smith Tournament.

Salado trailed 9-11 in the first quarter and scored 7 points to enter the half trailing 16-21. The Lady Eagles scored 8 points in the third to make the score 24-29. Salado was unable to close the gap in the fourth scoring 5 points for a final score of 29-36.

Ward led Salado in scoring with 10 points. Followed by Adams, 7 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Atwood, 5 points; Kornegay, 5 points; Sebek, 2 points.

JV Lady Eagles 32
La Vega 38

Salado JV Lady Eagles lost to La Vega Dec. 4.

Salado JV Girls were held to scoring 4 points in the first half to enter the third behind 4-13. The JV girls scored 14 points in the third quarter to make the score 18-20. Salado was outscored 14-18 in the fourth for a final score of 32-38.

Samantha Isbell led Salado in scoring with 20 points. Followed by Abbie Quick, 4 points.

Carli Grigsby, 2 points; Chyna Dang, 2 points; Gema Vitolas, 2 points; Reina Drake, 1 point; Peyton Drietz, 1 point.

lead 32-34. The Eagles scored 14 points in the fourth for a final score of 46-48.

Womac led Salado in scoring with 15 points. Followed by Adams, 11 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Spears, 9 points; Warren, 5 points; Hankamer, 4 points; Wong, 2 points.

Varsity Eagles 70
Snook 39

Salado Eagles clobbered Snook in their third game of the Coach Smith Tournament.

Salado jumped out to a 20-8 first quarter lead

and scored 17 points in the second to enter the half leading 37-21. Salado scored 18 points in the third to increase the lead to 55-29 and scored 15 points in the fourth for a final score of 70-39.

Adams led Salado in scoring with 23 points. Followed by Womac, 21 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Hankamer, 11 points; Warren, 6 points; Spears, 3 points; Wong, 2 points; Micah Niebuhr, 2 points.

Varsity Eagles 68
Snook 29

Salado Eagles clobbered Snook once again

for their final game of the Coach Smith Tournament.

Salado took a 23-7 lead in the first quarter and scored 16 points in the second to enter the half leading 39-16. The Eagles added 16 points in the third and 13 in the fourth to cruise to the win 68-29.

Hankamer led Salado in scoring with 18 points. Followed by Adams, 12 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Womac, 11 points; Spears, 6 points; Wong, 5 points; Heiner, 5 points; Hearne, 5 points; Tyler Ram-thun, 3 points; Rosebrock, 3 points.

Dane Hankamer and Brandon Womac were named to the All-Tournament Team.

JV Boys — FROM PAGE 2B

Kelly led Salado in scoring with 10 points. Followed by Deal, 7 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Tatum, 4 points; Quick, 2 points.

JV Eagles 64
Llano 65

Salado JV Boys were defeated by a point in overtime by Llano after a close second half in their second game of the Burnet Tournament.

The JV Eagles trailed 9-13 in the first quarter and scored 19 points in the second to enter the

half trailing 28-35. Salado scored 21 points in the third to take a 1 point lead of 49-48 going into the fourth. The JV Eagles scored 9 points in the fourth to go to overtime tied 58-58. Salado fell short in overtime scoring 6 points to lose the game 64-65.

Kelly led Salado in scoring with 23 points. Followed by Deal, 14 points.

Also scoring for Salado were McLane Matthews, 11 points; Quick, 6 points; Tatum, 6 points; Garcia, 2 points; Noonan, 2 points.

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Election gives junior high students civics lesson

Recently, the students of Salado Junior High held a mock election to allow seventh and eighth grade students the opportunity to vote in this year's presidential election. Students who are part of the Gifted and Talented Program organized the election with supervision provided by their social studies teachers.

In the weeks leading up to the election the students learned how the Electoral College works and analyzed the difference in the 2008 and 2012 electoral maps. They were encouraged to watch the presidential debates and completed several lessons that emphasized the voting process, civic responsibility, and campaign issues.

The voting took place



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Salado junior high gifted and talented students (shown above) conducted a mock election as a school project, including registering voters and conducting exit polls.

on Nov. 1-2 before the general election. Each student was issued a voter registration card and was required to show it on election day. Students then voted for the presidential candidate of their choice, and placed their ballots in the ballot box. Some voters were randomly chosen

to participate in an exit poll. Results from the exit poll revealed that the economy/jobs and taxes were the top concerns for voters.

Final election results were announced Nov. 5: Mitt Romney (R) 82 percent, Barack Obama (D) 13 percent, Jill Stein (G) 3

percent and Gary Johnson (L) 1 percent

Following the election the students discussed the election process focusing on the battleground states and presented their own final electoral map as their prediction for the final outcome.

Freshmen squad struggles on court

Freshmen Eagles 31
La Vega 61
Salado Freshmen Boys trailed 4-15 in the first quarter and scored 6 points in the second to enter the half trailing 10-28. Salado scored 10 points in the third to make the score 20-45. Salado Freshmen were unable to close the gap in the fourth to lose 31-61.

Preston Payne led Salado in scoring with 6 points. Followed by Garrett Lightfoot, 5 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Ryan Dunnahoo, 4 points; Tyler Armstrong, 4 points; Garrett Moerbe, 4 points; Josh Buckley, 2 points; Peyton Kyburz, 2 points; Ty Sebesta, 2 points; Nik Lowrance, 2

points.
Burnet Tournament
Freshmen Eagles 27
Dripping Springs 54

Salado Freshmen Boys were beaten by Dripping Springs in their first game of the Burnet Tournament.

Payne led Salado in scoring with 7 points. Followed by Buckley, 6 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Kyburz, 4 points; Lightfoot, 3 points; Dunnahoo, 2 points; Armstrong, 2 points; Lowrance, 1 point.

Freshmen Eagles 48
Llano JV 29

Salado Freshmen Boys defeated Llano JV in their second game of the Burnet Tournament.

Payne led Salado in

scoring with 9 points. Followed by Lightfoot, 8 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Buckley, 7 points; Moerbe, 6 points; Lowrance, 6 points; Kyburz, 5 points; Armstrong, 4 points; Dunnahoo, 2 points.

Freshmen Eagles 21
Fredricksburg 33

Salado Freshmen Boys lost to Fredricksburg in their final game of the Burnet Tournament.

Armstrong led Salado in scoring with 6 points. Followed by Buckley, 5 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Lightfoot, 4 points; Kyburz, 2 points; Moerbe, 2 points; Payne, 2 points.

Junior High

Salado 7th A 18
Rosebud Lott 11

Pittman, 4 points. Maegden, 4 points; Brown, 4 points; Kyburz, 4 points; Dobbins, 2 points.

Salado 8th A 23
Rosebud Lott 10

Westbrook, 15 points; Stump, 8 points.

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2-Bit Palomino performs at Stagecoach Inn

Stagecoach Inn continues its 2012 Fall Music Series Dec. 15 with 2-Bit Palomino performing at the Longhorn Conference Center at 7:30 p.m.

2-Bit Palomino is the Texas Music Awards "Vocal Group of the Year" for 2011. It wasn't but just over a year ago, that this trio of Texas singer/songwriters were just getting together musically. 2-Bit Palomino is a thoroughbred musical powerhouse consisting of Bill Ward, Ren Renfree and Andi Renfree. In just a short time, they've found the rare combination of musical style, vocal blending, harmony and song writing. Their latest CD - Rides Again has been garnering great reviews from listeners and press alike:

"Beautiful three-part harmonies backed by great playing makes 'Rides Again' the best ride yet!" Roark Smith, DJ, "Wide Open Spaces," 90.1 KPFT FM Houston.

"Brush away all of country music's rhinestones and you'll find a grindstone underneath. Or, as Merle Haggard once said: "It ain't white man's blues, it's working man's blues." Sometimes it's a tough task finding that authentic sound. But it's definitely worth the hunt. One of the best current practitioners of that sound is 2-Bit Palomino." James McConnell, *Los*



2-Bit Palomino performs Dec. 15 at Stagecoach Inn. Members Bill Ward, Ren & Andi Renfree.

Angeles Daily News.

"Don't let the name fool you, this pony can bite down hard on the bit and take you on a spirited musical ride. The Texas-based group, consisting of veteran musicians/songwriters Bill Ward, Andrea "Andi" Renfree and Peter "Ren" Renfree, would be right at home pickin' and grinnin' on the Carter Family front porch or riffing with The Rolling Stones." Jim McConnell, *Pasadena Star News.*

Bill Ward is a beloved figure in the Texas music arena as well as the national folk genre. He has released several albums of original material on SongDog Records and has acquired quite a following

over the years. You can hear him at the Kerrville Folk Festival, WildFlower! Music and Arts Festival and many other venues and events.

Ren and Andi are also known as "The Renfrees" and are fast becoming entrenched in the Texas Music Scene. Living in the Houston area, Andi and Ren have many recorded song writing credits, including Andi's co-write "Buffalo Grass" which was released by Capitol Records recording artist Chris LeDoux on his final studio album "Horsepower." They perform in and around the Houston and Austin markets and are expanding their reach as artists into new markets.

Enjoy the concert after dinner at the Stagecoach Inn with music, family entertainment, dancing and a full cash bar available.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public as well.

Tickets are \$5. You can get in free if you bring a receipt (per person) from either one of the Stagecoach's Dining Room or Coffee Shop.

The receipt must be dated on the day of the concert. Weekend Concert and Lodging Packages and table reservations are also available.

For more information, please call 254-947-5111.

The Stagecoach Inn is located at 401 South Stagecoach Rd.

Grand Time with Ramon

Ten months ago, playwright Dr. Ramon Carver, then 79, premiered his comedy-drama "The Village" at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. The delicious ghost story was his "swan song" to a long, illustrious career in the theatrical arts. Then he and his wife, Barbara, moved to Austin's Village at the Arboretum

Apparently, something in the water in Austin's highly-charged theatrical scene has prompted him to un-retire again.

"We Had a Grand Time, Didn't We, Kid?" premieres at 2 p.m. Dec. 23, at the Silver Spur Theater (108 Royal St.), featuring the longtime lyricist-composer in a one-man, upbeat musical retrospective of his decades of work.

Tickets are \$10. For reservations, call the box office at 254-947-3456. For directions or more info, visit www.saladosilverspur.com. Attendance is limited to 150 persons.

The production features 15 upbeat songs that Carver wrote for musical comedies and special events, as well as a commentary on life in the theatre.

Not to be confused with deceased short story writer Raymond Carver, Ramon Carver, octogenarian, is an entertaining, original and thoughtful performer who sings and moves about. ("It's not about the voice, and it can't be called dancing!" he laughs).

Among the songs he will perform are "We're None of Us What We Seem To Be" from "Dr. Sanarelle," his adaptation of Moliere's "A Doc-

tor in Spite of Himself." Also, "I Am a Little World Made Cunningly..." from a play about John Donne, "A Man Who Believed in Miracles."

Most of the songs he will sing were written in collaboration with Dr. Douglas Cornell, formerly principal of the Dallas Arts Magnet High School, among them the alma mater which they wrote for Angelo State University.

A Love Affair with Theatre

Carver's plays have been produced off-Broadway (Samuel Beckett Theatre), in West Hollywood (Charlie Chaplin's CAST Theatre), in San Francisco (American Conservatory Theatre), in New Haven, CT (Yale Drama School Theatre) and in Washington, DC (Kennedy Center Theatre).

In 1955, he studied at Baylor with the renowned theatrical pioneer Paul Baker and the influential Dean of the Music School, Daniel Sternberg. He had a Yale Scholarship and fellowships from MCA and the Wm. Morris Agency at the Yale School of Drama in New Haven.

"At Yale, I made a choice between academic and professional theatre," he said. "I thought an academic career would insure I'd have a conventional life. There is no such thing. All lives are tailored to fit. And I'm not sorry at all about my choices," said the Tampa, FL native.

The playwright taught at Auburn University and other institutions, but served his longest professional tenure at Angelo

State University as Theatre Director and Fine Arts Department Head. During his more than three decades at the San Angelo, TX university, he designed two distinctive theatres, produced more than 100 full-length shows, and in 1999 following retirement, he was awarded the ASU Distinguished Professor award.

Author of Prize winning Plays

At Yale he won the Samuel French National Collegiate Playwriting Contest. The American Theatre Assn. awarded him first prize for his play, "A Little Love and Affection." At ASU, he was a recipient of an American College Theatre Festival (ACTF) medallion for his Kennedy Center production of "Sideshow" by Rick Smith (Burns Mantle's "Best New Play of '77-'78"). He also produced and directed eight "Best Regional Original Plays," more than any other ACTF director to date, for Southwest ACTF.

A prolific author, Carver's titles include: "Ain't Nobody Loves You Like a Mama But Your Mama," "Comfort & Welfare on Interstate Ten," "Catch as Catch Can," "Family Album," and "Dr. Sganarelle," among others.

He authored and produced shows as diverse as two Junior League Follies ('70, '73) and "All American" (the San Angelo Bicentennial Celebration), as well as "Texasity," produced in Hollywood.

Back to the Future in Salado

During the past 15

years, Dr. Ramon Carver had staged more than 75 shows using more than 150 local performers in more than 100 area homes - all under the auspices of The Living Room Theatre of Salado. Some productions toured Texas.

In Salado, he served as a Village Alderman and founded the Public Arts League of Salado. In 2009, the Salado Chamber of Commerce named him the Outstanding Citizen of the Year. "I am very, very proud of that and of the folks who recognized me for my work," he said.

"What I said this past February bears repeating," said Grainger Esch, Co-founder and Executive Director of the Silver Spur Theater: "We are extremely proud that this man, who has dedicated so much of his life to the theatrical arts and to cultural awareness in our community, is staging his latest play at our venue."

"In February, I reinforced 'latest,' emphatically stating that 'Ramon is full of surprises and still full of creative vigor.' At that time, he said he had 'no present plans to be involved in Austin theatre.'"

But now... "Grand Time" will be presented during the "Long Fringe portion of FronteraFest, five weeks of alternative, offbeat, new and just plain off-the-wall fringe theatre. Carver will perform four shows at Austin's Salvage Vanguard Theatre at 7:45 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24; 2:15 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27; 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 28, and 4:15 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 3.

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Salado Masonic Lodge #296 practice, 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge 90 N. Church St.

MONDAYS
Beth Moore study of Revelation, "Here and Now...There and Then," 9:15 - 11:15 am at Salado United Methodist Church 650 Royal St., info: 254.947.5465.

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 tiffyorchanch@gmail.com.

TUESDAYS
Prix Fixe menu at The Range. Two courses and adult beverage for \$14.95. Terrific for Date Night! Offerings change weekly. Find The Range on Facebook to see this week's menu or call 254-947-3828.

THURSDAYS
Martinis and Manicures at The Lounge at

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

FRIDAYS
Al-Anon Meeting, 12 noon, at United Methodist Church (650 Royal Street) in the Youth Activities Building in the back to the left of the church. Newcomers and seasoned Al-Anons are encouraged to visit.

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

SECOND SATURDAY
Game Night at 3C Cowboy Fellowship, 7-10 p.m. Bring your own drinks (no alcohol) and snacks and games to play. For adults who are young at heart. 947-7211

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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.

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

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

SUNDAYS
New open discussion Al-Anon Meeting in Salado, 6 p.m. Salado at United Methodist Church in the Youth Activities Building in the back.

THROUGH DECEMBER 14
Bayleigh's Bears by Salado Junior High Stu-

dent Council. Bring your bears to any of the three school campuses to be donated for law enforcement and first responders to share with children in times of crises.

DECEMBER 1-22
Christmas Is On the Air annual holiday show weekends at the Salado Silver Spur. For information, visit www.thesaladosilverspurtheater.com or call the box office at 254-947-3456.

DECEMBER 13
Salado Toastmasters Club meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Salado Visitors Center. For information, contact Frank Jaworski, at 254-541-7677 or frankjaworski@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 14
Paul Cox at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 14
Lance Wade Thomas at The Legend Club.

DECEMBER 15
Third annual Band on the Run 5K, 9 a.m., Salado United Methodist Church. For information see the active.com website or contact Charla Kelly at ckelly@saladoisd.org or (254) 718-1725.

DECEMBER 15
Victor Andrada at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 15
The music of 2-Bit Palomino, 7:30 p.m. at The Stagecoach Inn Longhorn Room.

DECEMBER 15
Frankly Country at The Legend Club.

DECEMBER 16
Groundbreaking at 3C Cowboy Fellowship for the construction of a larger sanctuary, 12:30 p.m. Public is invited to take part in this celebration of the growth of the Fellowship.

DECEMBER 16
Children's Christmas Musical, "In a Galilee Far, Far Away", 5 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church in Main Sanctuary.

DECEMBER 16
Sunday Classics with DJ Legend.

DECEMBER 17
Salado United Methodist Women, 5:45 p.m., Salado United Methodist Church room 117.

DECEMBER 17
Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

DECEMBER 17
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge, 95 S. Church St., Salado.

DECEMBER 19
Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols at St. Joseph's Church on Main street. 6:30 p.m. Refreshments after the service.

DECEMBER 20
Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, 8:30 a.m. in the Salado Visitors Center.

DECEMBER 20
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

DECEMBER 20
Journeymen, 6:30 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church in the Youth Activities Center.

DECEMBER 20-23
Third Annual Holiday Arts Camps, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., sponsored by Silver Spurs Arts Academy and Salado Silver Spur Theater. \$70 per session. Open to children ages 4-18. For more information, call Salado Silver Spur, 254-947-3456.

DECEMBER 20-JANUARY 1
Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

DECEMBER 21
Justin Barns at The Legend Club.

DECEMBER 22
Wild Horses at The Legend Club.

DECEMBER 23
"We Had a Grand Time, Didn't We, Kid?" musical retrospective, one performance only, 2 p.m. at Salado Silver Spur Theater. The show will feature the Dr. Ramon Carver, in a one-man, upbeat musical retrospective of his decades of work. Tickets are \$10. For reservations, call the box office at 254-947-3456. For directions or more info, visit www.saladosilverspur.com. Attendance is limited to 150 persons.

DECEMBER 28
Cassandra Taylor at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 29
Sing for Sirena fundraiser at Salado Silver Spur Theater. For more information, please contact Gary Askins at 947-9066 or Richard Paul Thomas at 947-4717 or via email at Rp1@tbc-group.com.

DECEMBER 31
Fabulous New Years Eve Celebration at The Range. Call for reservations, 254-947-3828.

DECEMBER 31
New Year's Eve Watch Night services, FM 2843, 7 p.m. Potluck at 10 p.m. Singing until past midnight to bring in the new year.

DECEMBER 31
New Year's Eve with Gary P. Nunn at The Legend Club.

JANUARY 7
Monday Club, 2 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church in Youth Activities Center.

JANUARY 7
Salado Athletic Booster Club meeting, 7 p.m. in the Salado High School Library.

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Register now for the camp sessions open to ages 4-18 years.

"This year, we've crafted each day to incorporate a unique theme while still maintaining a cohesive piece of our winter wonderland adventures in the arts," said Tiffany Schreiner with the SSAA.

The Dec. 20 and Dec. 23 sessions will feature performing arts at the Silver Spur Theater while the sessions on Dec. 21-22 will feature visual arts instruction at the nearby legendary Baines House.

The Dec. 23 session will be a celebration of the arts featuring the participants in the holiday grand finale.

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Silver Spur Arts Academy brings back its Holiday Arts Camp. Daily sessions for kids ages 4 - 18 offer a variety of activities.

Reindeer Wranglin' Camp is \$70 per day, and you may choose any or all four days for your child to participate.

For more information or to reserve a spot, call the Salado Silver Spur Theater ASAP as space is limited, at 254-947-3456, or visit the SSAA website: www.silverspurarts.com.

This year they will be sharing two camp scholarships in memory of Fischer Dowdy and his family.

Studies have shown that involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking and verbal skills. Arts learning also can

improve motivation, concentration, confidence and teamwork. The children are invited to join the holiday season in celebrating inSPURational creativity.

Register online at www.SilverSpurArts.com or call (254) 947-3456.

Calendar

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JANUARY 10

Salado Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet, 6 p.m. Tenroc Ranch. Tickets Are \$35 Each, or \$280 for a table. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five. Reservations, 254-947-5040 or chamber@salado.com.

JANUARY 13

The Chapel at Caliber Oak Music Series performance. Rebecca Muniz, vocalist and Alvez Barkoskie IV, pianist. Email Denise Thomssen at deniset@clearwire.net for details, reservations.

JANUARY 15

Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas will meet 11 a.m. at the Central Texas Area Museum. Dutch treat lunch afterward.

FEBRUARY 9

Salado On The Rocks with Late Night Shopping, Late Night Dining and Signature Mixed Drinks, 5-9 p.m. For more information, visit www.saladoevents.com or call 254-947-8634.

FEBRUARY 10

The Chapel at Caliber Oak Music Series performance. Teri Johnson, vocalist and Guilherme Almeida, pianist. Email Denise Thomssen at deniset@clearwire.net for details, reservations.

FEBRUARY 18

Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

MARCH 3

The Chapel at Caliber Oak Music Series performance. Megan Meisenbach, flutist and Elaine Barber, harpist. Email Denise Thomssen at deniset@clearwire.net for details, reservations.

MARCH 18-22

Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

MARCH 23-24

Wildflower Arts & Crafts Show. A variety of artists, artisans and crafters on the bank of the Salado Creek. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. For applications, call 254-947-5040, visit www.salado.com or email chamber@salado.com.

MARCH 29

Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

APRIL 4-7

The Packards are coming! 36th Annual Texas Packard Meet in Salado. For info call or email the meet registrar at 210-922-1300 or belark@stic.net. Info at www.texaspackardmeet.com.

APRIL 6

Texas Brangus Breeders Association, Tenroc Ranch Chisholm Center.

APRIL 13

Wagyu Cattle Sale, Tenroc Ranch Chisholm Center.

APRIL 14

The Chapel at Caliber Oak Music Series performance. Denise Thomssen, flutist and Erin Young, pianist. Email Denise Thomssen at deniset@clearwire.net for details, reservations.

APRIL 20

Paint the Ranch Red, Tenroc Ranch Blue Heron Center.

APRIL 26-27

Texas Junior Hereford Association, Tenroc Ranch Chisholm Center.

MAY 27

Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

JUNE 5

Final Day of Classes for Salado ISD Students.

JUNE 8

Dog Daze of June, 9 a.m.-noon. Salado Chamber of Commerce invites you to participate in Salado's Dog Daze of Summer-Pace Park Pooch Parade! The parade for pups and their people will serve as a fundraiser for the chamber, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Canine Training Program. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsorship includes one 10X10 booth space, your logo on the event banner and in all future publicity! It is sure to be a tail wagging good time! For more information contact the Chamber at 254-947-5040 or email chamber@salado.com.



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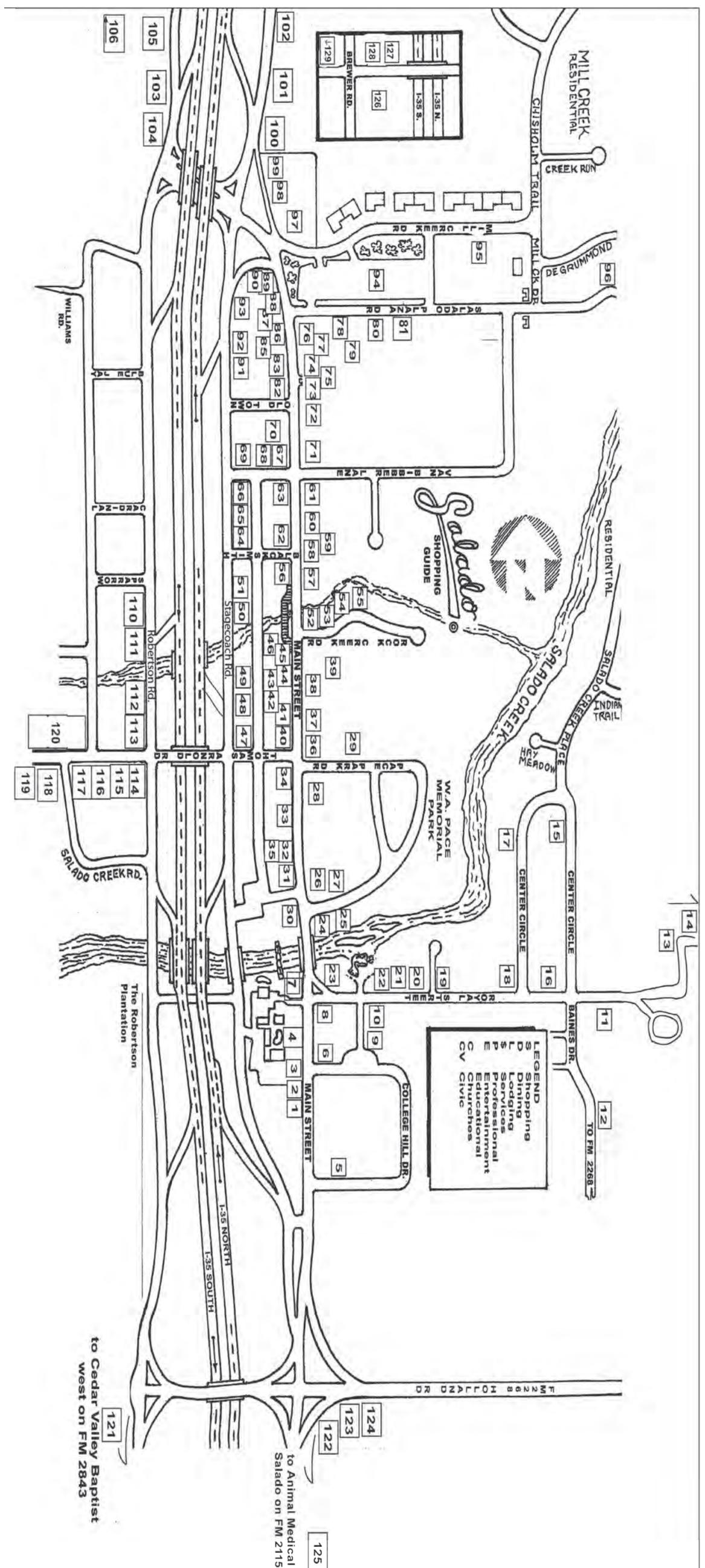
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- 56. The Pizza Place 947-0022 D
- 57. **THE COLONY**
Griffith Fine Art 947-3177 S
Salado Creek Winery 947-9000 S
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- 61. **SALADO CIVIC SQUARE**
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- 64. The Village of Salado 947-5060 CV
- 69. Salado Creek Antiques 947-1800 S
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- 73. **VISITORS CENTER**
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- 79. Presbyterian Church of Salado 947-8106 C
- 80. **SALADO SCULPTURE GARDEN** E
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North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ QJ
♥ 65
♦ A Q 4
♣ K J 10 9 6 2

WEST
♠ 9 8 7 4 3
♥ K 3
♦ 9 7 5 2
♣ A 4

EAST
♠ K 5
♥ A 10 9 8 7 2
♦ 10 8 3
♣ Q 5

SOUTH
♠ A 10 6 2
♥ Q J 4
♦ K J 6
♣ 8 7 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ 1 ♥ 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT
Opening lead — king of hearts.

Game of hot potato

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Occasionally, a player has the opportunity to make a play that is so unusual, it raises the question of how anyone might be smart enough to think of it when the moment of truth is at hand. But bridge is a game of logic, and in many cases it is possible to arrive at the winning action through a process of logical thought.

Consider this deal where West, defending against three notrump, led the king and another heart to East's ace. East returned the deuce of hearts to South's queen, whereupon West -- a player hitherto known to be of sound mind -- discarded the ace of clubs! As a result, declarer went down one. The best he could do was to score three spades, a heart, three diamonds and a club.

Had West discarded a spade or a diamond instead of the ace of clubs, South would no doubt have made four notrump by leading a club to dummy's king at trick four (if East had the ace, the contract could not be made). A second round of clubs, collecting East's queen and West's ace, would then have established the suit.

West's extraordinary discard was well-conceived. He read East's return of the deuce of hearts from the 9-8-7-2 (all equals at this point) as a signal suggesting an honor card in clubs.

This was in accordance with the suit-preference convention by which a low-card return indicates interest in a lower-ranking suit, while a high-card return -- the nine, say -- would denote interest in a higher-ranking suit.

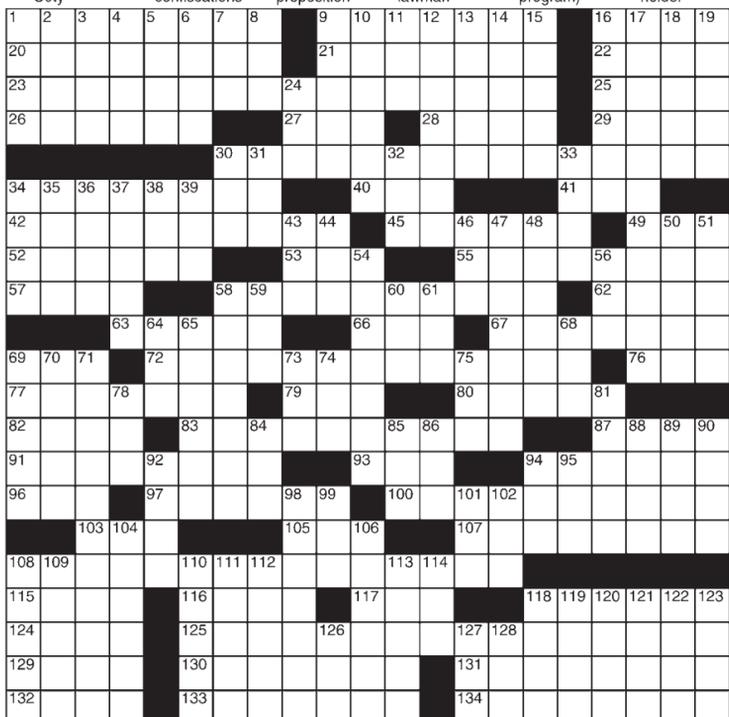
Once East had, by inference, denied interest in spades or diamonds, the ace-of-clubs discard became logical since it would allow East to gain the lead with the queen of clubs to collect his remaining hearts. West simply had to realize that in this deal, the ace of clubs was not an asset but a liability that had to be quickly disposed of.

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Super Crossword

GETTING EFF-ENDED

- ACROSS**
- 1 Disjoined
 - 9 Spanish rice dishes
 - 16 Little newts
 - 20 Spoken test
 - 21 Shekel earner
 - 22 Boatloads
 - 23 "If I Were a Rich Man" musical
 - 25 Dirt-dishing
 - 26 Appraises
 - 27 Here, to Jean-Luc
 - 28 Medical school subj.
 - 29 Unkosher
 - 30 San Francisco tourist area
 - 34 Field of flight technology
 - 40 King, in Nice
 - 41 U.S. immigrants' subj.
 - 42 Treat for the prodigal son
 - 45 Gentlemen: Abbr.
 - 49 Booker T. & the --
 - 52 Luau hellos
 - 53 Tiny charged thing
 - 55 Online gabbing site
 - 57 France's Coty
 - 58 Do some written legal summarizing
 - 62 "Laura" director
 - 63 Back-country
 - 66 George's lyric-writing brother
 - 67 Country-pop singer Eddie
 - 69 Polar laborer
 - 72 Government bailouts, e.g.
 - 76 "Phooey!"
 - 77 Rust away
 - 79 "... goes, -- go!"
 - 80 Under penalty --
 - 82 Korea's continent
 - 83 Crease to create two equal sides
 - 87 "If only -- known"
 - 91 Germinate again
 - 93 "Boy!"
 - 94 Topped cracker
 - 96 Tiny bit
 - 97 Surpluses
 - 100 Coq au vin maker, often
 - 103 Ecol.
 - 105 "Bang!"
 - 107 Property confiscations
 - 108 Not be ailing
 - 115 Sitar music
 - 116 Purvey
 - 117 It's not gross
 - 118 South Pacific island
 - 124 "Have -- a deal for you!"
 - 125 Be beaten by
 - 129 Nixing mark
 - 130 Quaint batting game
 - 131 See 33-Down
 - 132 Canine lines
 - 133 Some apples and potatoes
 - 134 "Definitely, count me in!"
 - 12 Wyoming city
 - 13 Singer Lewis
 - 14 Take out -- (borrow cash)
 - 15 Puts through a strainer
 - 16 Rare -- (some elements)
 - 17 Wallpaper design, often
 - 18 Printer ink
 - 19 Walking stick
 - 24 -- for "Noose" (Grafton novel)
 - 30 TV regulator
 - 31 "... -- joy forever"
 - 32 CD- -- (PC insert)
 - 33 With 131-Across, U.S. Military Academy students
 - 34 Way, way off
 - 35 -- of tears
 - 36 Take -- faith
 - 37 Alternate
 - 38 Classy org.?
 - 39 Airport requests
 - 43 -- Abner
 - 44 Adversary
 - 46 -- fi movie
 - 47 County lawman
 - 48 Nadal of tennis
 - 50 Mobster John
 - 51 Struck, biblically
 - 54 Getting exactly right
 - 56 Burple
 - 58 Die down
 - 59 -- de la Cité
 - 60 "It's chilly!"
 - 61 Actress Charlotte
 - 64 ET craft
 - 65 Coyote's kin
 - 68 Art teacher's deg.
 - 69 Digital greeting
 - 70 -- turn (dreaded game instruction)
 - 71 Game using a flying disc
 - 73 Lightning --
 - 74 Jackie's #2
 - 75 Cyber-guffaw
 - 78 Blame
 - 81 Cringe
 - 84 P.O. item
 - 85 Playboy nickname
 - 86 -- Lingus
 - 88 "Ver-r-ry funny"
 - 89 Adopt- -- (animal shelter program)
 - 90 Dicts. are full of them
 - 92 Nonfictional
 - 94 Ovid's 300
 - 95 Spa sigh
 - 98 Hunks
 - 99 Trinity part
 - 101 Slim fish
 - 102 Rubber check abbr.
 - 104 China items
 - 106 Assailed
 - 108 Artist Kahlo
 - 109 Raring to go
 - 110 "Hell -- Heroes" (1962 film)
 - 111 Reeves of "The Matrix"
 - 112 French feminine plural pronoun
 - 113 Small paving stones
 - 114 Ending for ordinals
 - 118 Part of a dog
 - 119 A.D. part
 - 120 Sharp
 - 121 "Ah, yes" Aquos, e.g.
 - 122 Legal wrong
 - 123 "Assuming that's true ..."
 - 126 Hole in one
 - 127 Prefix with dermis or glottis
 - 128 Brick holder



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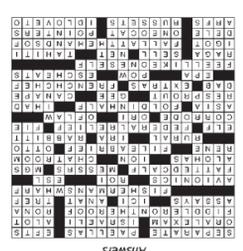
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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by Linda Thistle

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

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.

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★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Nashville songwriter brings #1 hits to The Venue

Nashville songwriter Rivers Rutherford brought along a guitar, his songs and a bag full of stories to The Venue for a Dec. 7 concert.

Rutherford is the writer of the number one country song of 2001, recorded by Brooks & Dunn, "Ain't Nothing 'bout You." As he sang each of the songs made famous by performers such as Montgomery Gentry ("If You Ever Stop Loving Me"), Tim McGraw ("Real Good Man"), Kenny Chesney ("Living

in Fast Forward"), Trace Adkins ("Ladies Love Country Boys") and Rodney Atkins ("These Are My People").

Rutherford also sang Gary Allan's "Smoke Rings in the Dark" about love already being gone.

He even treated the audience to a song he has written for Toby Keith "Why I Sing," that he hopes the country legend will record.

Rutherford closed the performance by walking among the audience as he



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
Rivers Rutherford played an intimate show at The Venue on Dec. 7.

performed the intimate song "When I Get Where I'm Going."

This was the first of many concerts that will feature Nashville talent at The Venue.

Elegant but simple choices for holiday entertaining

SHRIMP REMOULADE IN ENDIVE LEAVES

Red Belgian endive is the most dramatic choice for this flavorful and refreshingly light dish, but the more common white variety is also a lovely contrast to the pink shrimp. These make terrific hors d'oeuvres, or serve 4 or 5 pieces on each plate for a festive starter.

1/2 cup light mayonnaise
2 tablespoons dill pickle relish
2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
1 lemon, Zest of
1 1/2 tablespoon lemon juice



1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley
1 1/2 teaspoon drained prepared horseradish
1 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, or to taste
1 pound cooked and peeled medium (31/40 count) shrimp
Medium and small leaves from 3 heads Belgian endive (about 40 leaves)
Fresh dill for garnish

In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, relish, onion, lemon zest and juice, parsley, horseradish, and pepper sauce. Spoon about 1 teaspoon of the sauce into each endive leaf and top with a shrimp. Garnish with a small, feathery piece of dill, place on a platter or individual plates and serve.

Southern Chocolate Pecan Pie

Ingredients:
1 (9-inch) unbaked pie crust (in pie pan)
8 ounces 65% to 72% dark chocolate, cut or broken into small pieces
3 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 1/3 cup chopped pecans

Method:
Preheat oven to 350°F. Line pie crust with parchment paper or foil, fill with pie weights or dried beans and bake for 10 minutes. Let cool, then remove weights and paper or foil.

CLEMENTINE CRUSH SPARKLING COCKTAIL

Thanks to the vibrant flavors of clementines (or satsumas if you prefer), cranberries and fresh rosemary, this pitcher full of sparkling wine-based cocktails is prime for winter celebrations. Use a vegetable peeler to remove the clementine zest in large pieces for the chopping and twists.

2 2/3 cups clementine juice, plus 1 tablespoon finely chopped clementine zest, plus 1 clementine for garnish (from 12-14 fruits total)
1/4 cup cane sugar
1 cup organic 100% cran-



Reduce oven temperature to 325°F.

Melt chocolate and butter together in the top of a double boiler over barely simmering water. Mix sugar, eggs, milk, vanilla and pecans in a large bowl until well combined. Stir in chocolate mixture, then transfer to pre-baked pie crust and bake until set in the middle, about 1 hour. (Watch the crust while baking and cover edges

with foil to prevent burning, if necessary.)

Set pie aside to let cool until warm or room temperature then cut into slices and serve.

Nutritional Info:
PER SERVING: Serving size: 1 slice, 320 calories (200 from fat), 23g total fat, 7g saturated fat, 45mg cholesterol, 100mg sodium, 29g carbohydrate (3g dietary fiber, 21g sugar), 5g protein



berry juice
3/4 cup fresh cranberries
8 (1-inch) sprigs fresh rosemary
1 (750 ml) bottle sparkling wine, such as Pascual Toso Sparkling Brut, well chilled
1 (12 ounces) can tonic water or ginger ale

In a wide, shallow dish, mix zest and sugar together with your fingers. Wet the rim of 8 cocktail

glasses with a wet paper towel, and then dredge in clementine sugar to coat. In a large pitcher, use a wooden spoon to muddle cranberry juice, cranberries and rosemary sprigs thoroughly. Fill pitcher with ice cubes. Top off with clementine juice, wine and tonic water or ginger ale. Stir vigorously; pour into glasses; garnish with clementine twists and serve.

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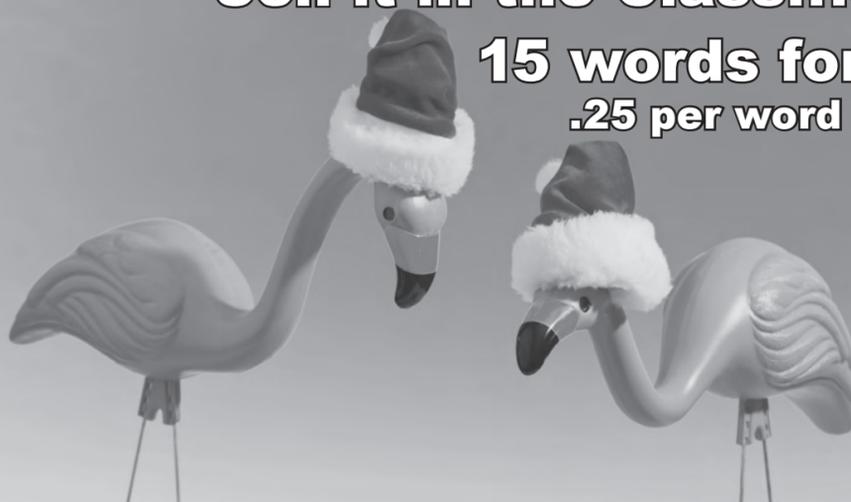
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Can gray water keep Texas landscapes green?

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UVALDE -- With water resources throughout Texas becoming scarcer, a Texas A&M AgriLife Research ornamental horticulturist is working with others to determine the feasibility of using gray water to irrigate home landscapes.

"There has been interest in and discussion about the possible use of gray water for irrigating home landscapes, but so far little formal research has been done to validate its practicality," said Dr. Raul Cabrera, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Research Center in Uvalde.

Cabrera said gray water is essentially "soapy" water left after tap water has been run through a washing machine or used in a bathtub, bathroom sink or shower and does not contain serious contaminants.

He said while it is difficult to precisely estimate the statewide potential for water savings through the use of gray water and application of the technology needed, it may reduce household landscape water use by up to 50 percent, depending on the size, type of landscape plants used and geographical location.

"The average household uses as much as 50-60 percent of its water consumption for the landscape - grass, ornamental plants, trees, etc.," he said. "Considering that the average family of four produces about 90 gallons of gray water per day, if this was used to irrigate a landscape, it could represent a significant water savings."

Cabrera said this would be especially true for a large city such as nearby San Antonio, which has more than 1.3 million people in its metropolitan area.

"Implementing the use of gray water for landscape irrigation across the state could mean a tremendous water savings in terms of acre-feet of water, contributing to the water use and conservation goals of the recently released 2012 Water Plan," Cabrera said.

Using gray water is one of the easiest ways to reduce the need for potable water typically used in a

home landscape, said Dr. Calvin Finch, director of the Water Conservation and Technology Center in San Antonio, which is administered by the Texas Water Resources Institute, part of the Texas A&M University System. The institute is participating in the gray water research, as well as providing funding.

Finch said the Texas 2012 Water Plan identifies more than 500 specific activities that, if implemented, would help meet the state's future water needs.

"One of the low-hanging fruit projects that is often overlooked is use of gray water from households," he said. "Research results indicate that with minimum precautions water from our showers, bathroom sinks and clothes washers could be used to meet up to 10-15 percent of our overall landscape water needs."

Gray water differs from reclaimed water in that it is not captured water from sewer drainage or storm-water systems and then run through a waste-water treatment facility, Cabrera said.

"Reclaimed or 'purple-line' water is used for irrigation by some large-acreage operations such as golf courses, sports fields and large businesses," Cabrera said. "But gray water is just potable water that has been used for fairly benign household activities and could be reused immediately or stored and used soon after its initial use."

"It is also not what is referred to as 'black' water, which is used water from a toilet or the kitchen sink, both of which have a higher potential for containing bacteria and other organisms considered hazardous for human health. In this regard, gray water poses a minimal risk, particularly if we look primarily at water generated from clothes-washing machines."

He said some southwestern U.S. states, including parts of Texas, already allow for the use of gray water under certain restrictions, such as irrigation through delivery by flooding, subsurface or drip irrigation.

"While gray water has little potential for contain-

ing hazardous organisms, such as coliform bacteria, these irrigation distribution methods are preferred to spraying in order to further ensure safety," he said.

Cabrera said collaborating entities working to evaluate the viability of gray water use include AgriLife Research, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Water Resources Institute, Water Conservation and Technology Center and Texas Center for Applied Technology.

"Here at the Uvalde AgriLife center, we will be focusing primarily on evaluating the efficacy of gray water use on ornamental plants," he said. "We will establish a display plot of conventional and water-use-efficient ornamental plants that will simulate a typical Texas landscape, so we can evaluate the short-term and long-term effects of gray water on these plants and their surrounding soil."

Cabrera said one concern about using gray water on home landscapes is possible salt content.

"Some detergents may have a high salt content in the form of sodium, chloride or boron, which could potentially 'burn' a plant," he said. "Part of our research here will involve determining the salinity and specific constituents found in gray water and their effect on plants, plus determining the efficacy and function of irrigation systems."

He said there is also the concern that some of the constituents in soapy water might plug drip irrigation systems, thus requiring additional and periodic care and maintenance.

"Additional research will address how variations in water quality, such as soft vs. hard water, may affect the salt content and chemical constitution of the produced gray water and how it affects plant growth and quality" he said.

He said the Texas Center for Applied Technology, part of Texas A&M Engineering, would "evaluate the plumbing and delivery technology needed to retrofit a household" so gray water could be used to ir-

rigate a home landscape.

"They will evaluate the routing and, if allowed, the possible capture and short-term containment, as well as any filtration needed along with the means by which it can be delivered to the landscape," he said.

He added if essential aspects of the initial research are positive, additional involvement might include microbiologists and health officials to address any perceived health issues or concerns.

"If the totality of the research validates the use of gray water, AgriLife Extension personnel would provide educational outreach to inform water management entities and the public about its potential utilization and the water savings it could represent at the local and statewide levels," Cabrera said.

Initial gray water testing and evaluation will take from nine months to a year, he noted.

"We hope the results will support the launching and development of a statewide initiative to conserve water resources that will involve many additional partners," Cabrera said.



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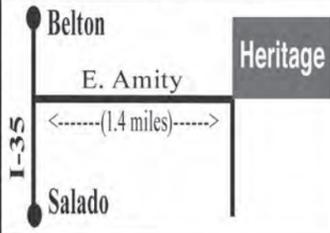
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Perchlorate in drinking water; The Women's Earth Alliance

Dear EarthTalk: What is "perchlorate" in our drinking water supply and why is it controversial?

-- David Sparrow, Chico, CA

Perchlorate is both a naturally occurring and man-made chemical used in the production of rocket fuel, missiles, fireworks, flares and explosives. It is also sometimes present in bleach and in some fertilizers. Its widespread release into the environment is primarily associated with defense contracting, military operations and aerospace programs.



Perchlorate can be widespread in ground water, soils and plants, and makes its way up the food chain accordingly—even into organically grown foods. To wit, A 2005 Journal of Environmental Science and Technology study using ion chroma-

tography to find contaminants in agricultural products found quantifiable levels of perchlorate in 16 percent of conventionally produced lettuces and other leafy greens and in 32 percent of otherwise similar but organically produced samples. Today, traces of perchlorate are found in the bloodstreams of just about every human on the planet.

Perchlorate in the environment is a health concern because it can disrupt the thyroid's ability to produce hormones needed for normal growth and development. Besides its potential to cause endocrine system and reproductive problems, perchlorate is considered a "likely human carcinogen" by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Some 11 million Americans live in areas where concentrations of perchlorate in public drinking water supplies are significantly higher than what is considered safe.

Per the mandate of the Safe Drinking Water Act, the EPA is currently working on setting national standards for how much perchlorate can be allowed in drinking water without putting people at risk. As part of the process, the agency is studying the available science on the health effects of perchlorate exposure and evalu-



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Eleven million Americans live in areas where concentrations of perchlorate -- a chemical used in the production of rocket fuel, missiles, fireworks, flares and explosives -- are significantly higher in public drinking water supplies than what is considered safe.

ating laboratory methods for measuring, treating and removing perchlorate in drinking water. The EPA will publish a proposed rule on the matter for public review at some point in 2013.

"We are happy that the EPA is moving ahead with a drinking water standard...but we are concerned that it won't be strict enough," reports Renee Sharp of the non-profit Environmental Working Group (EWG). The group would like to see the U.S. adopt "a truly health-protective drinking water standard lower than 1 ppb [parts per billion]" for perchlorate. Insid-

ers don't believe federal policymakers will go that low, however, since the EPA says it cannot detect perchlorate below 2 ppb. But EWG point out that Massachusetts is already testing for it with a 1 ppb cut-off, per the mandate of its statewide standard set back in 2006.

The only other state to have a drinking water standard for perchlorate is California, which set 6 ppb or less as an allowable concentration back in 2004. But that state's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment recently proposed lowering the standard to 1 ppb based on new data

regarding environmental exposure, possible effects of perchlorate and consideration of infants as a susceptible population.

If the EPA develops a tough new standard, almost every state will need to readjust its water monitoring systems to take into account how much perchlorate is making its way to our taps and into the foods we eat—a no doubt costly process but one that will greatly benefit both current and future generations.

CONTACTS: Environmental Working Group, www.ewg.org; EPA Perchlorate Info, http://water.

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Dear EarthTalk: I heard about a group called the Women's Earth Alliance that works on environmental projects in many parts of the world. What kinds of projects? -- Judy Stack, Barre, VT

The Women's Earth Alliance (WEA) supports community groups around the world that work at the intersection of women's rights and the environment. A project of the Berkeley, California-based David Brower Center, WEA partners with local women-led community groups engaged in finding solutions to vexing environmental problems. WEA helps women secure their rights and safety and remove barriers to full participation

in society by supporting them in addressing the environmental issues impacting their lives. By bringing women's leadership to these critical environmental issues, WEA helps bring vital voices, perspectives and participation to addressing the greatest and most basic challenges of our time.

The idea for WEA emerged from a 2006 meeting in Mexico City where 30 women leaders from 26 countries gathered to address how women can do more to address today's environmental challenges. WEA offers training and resources around issues of water, land, food and climate change, operating on the guiding principle that "when women thrive, communities, the environment and future generations thrive."

Of utmost importance to WEA is securing

women's access to basic resources (food, land and water) so they can enjoy economic, social and political security. Since women in many societies are responsible for the management of food and water, the group reports, they can "experience both the unequal burden of

work to secure and prepare the family's food and water as well as the vulnerability which results from traditional gender roles at home and gender discrimination in society." Women also tend to be par-

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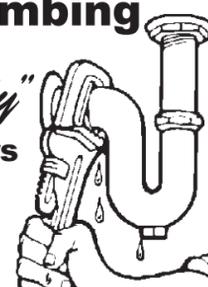
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