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Heavy rains late in June caused severe flooding throughout Salado, stranding this car on a guard rail of the west-side access road to I-35. The flooding was declared a natural disaster and FEMA responded in the area. (PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HOOD)



(PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HOOD) It is a rarity to see snow dusting the petals of a Texas bluebonnet, but that is exactly what happened when snow fell in Salado on Easter 2007.

## Everyone will remember the year 2007 in Salado

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Years from now, when an oldtimer (maybe one of us who has yet to attain that status) says "remember when," there is a good chance that they will be talking about 2007.

Remember when it snowed.... on Easter?

Remember when the Creek flooded neighbors from their homes?

Remember when that high school was built?

Remember when the highway was expanded?

Remember when this new highway from Killeen

was first talked about?

Remember when Killeen first got in our backyard?

Those are just a drop in the bucket of the highlights of 2007.

There have been a lot of accomplishments by our kids in Salado. For an overview of that, turned to Superintendent Robin Battershell's column on page 3A of this edition.

We hope that as you glance over these photos, you realize what an incredible, challenging, exciting year this has been.

The baby New Year 2008 has some mighty big shoes to fill.



Lauren Haire and Dallas Butts were named Homecoming Queen and King.



Salado Eagles had an historic season, finishing 13-1 with their single loss in the state semi-final game to Tatum Eagles. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



After turning the first shovels full of dirt for construction of the new Salado High School at FM 2484 and Williams Rd., school trustees, personnel, students and community members join in singing the Salado School Song. The school district broke ground on the new campus April 5. Construction has begun with dirt work on the school. The new school will take a year to build and should be ready for students in the Fall of 2008.



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# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Huck's Daft Tax Plan

Mike Huckabee is not running a substance-free campaign based on biography and applause lines. No, the former Arkansas governor has the distinction of advocating the most radical - and politically unsalable and substantively daft - proposal of any major presidential candidate of either party.

It is the so-called FairTax. It would eliminate the income and payroll taxes and replace them with a (supposedly) 23 percent national sales tax. Not given to rhetorical understatement, Huckabee says, "When the FairTax becomes law, it will be like waving a magic wand releasing us from pain and unfairness." Waving a magic wand is about right - since the FairTax is a bedtime story for IRS-hating conservatives.

Huckabee adopted the plan when he, unknown and languishing far back in the polls, was a Not Ready for Prime Time Player. It probably seemed a cheap way to inoculate Huckabee from his tax-raising history as Arkansas governor. Huckabee both raised and cut taxes during his 10 years as governor, but his tax hikes outweighed his tax cuts by half a billion dollars.

Tactically, the FairTax offered Huckabee a built-in cadre of activists in the crucial state of Iowa. Tapping in to the busloads of FairTax supporters there, he finished second in the Iowa Straw Poll in August and beat fellow social conservative Sen. Sam Brownback - who was never heard from again - by less than 400 votes.

So the FairTax has given Huckabee a convenient talking point, and it boosted him in a key test of Iowa strength five months before anyone actually votes. Never mind that it is unworkable and would be politically deadly in a general election.

To avoid the risk of getting both a national sales tax and an income tax,

## Rich Lowry



FairTaxers would have to repeal the 16th Amendment. Good luck. Huckabee's magic wand will come in handy.

Then, there's the rate of the sales tax. FairTaxers say that a 23 percent rate would be enough to replace current revenues. What they really are talking about is a tax of 30 cents on every dollar - what most people would consider a 30 percent rate. The government would pay the tax on all its purchases, a gimmick "done solely to make revenues under the FairTax seem larger than they really are," writes economist Bruce Bartlett. The congressional Joint Committee on Taxation has estimated that the rate would have to go as high as 57 percent.

The tax would apply to everything, even medical expenses, so it would amount to an incredibly regressive tax on even the most necessary purchases of low- and middle-income taxpayers. The home mortgage deduction would be gone, and instead buyers would pay a 30 percent (at least) tax on their homes. To make up for this burden, the government would send monthly "prebate" checks to all Americans based on income. (And you thought our current tax scheme was complex?)

Any of these points makes the FairTax so vulnerable to attack that it would kick away the tax issue as a Republican strength. This is why no serious candidate would ever endorse it. And why, despite his stupefying rise in Iowa and other states, Huckabee seems likable and talented - but still something less than a serious candidate.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2007 by King Features Synd., Inc.*

## 2008 Predictions: Presidential finalists; Salado fears encirclement by land-hungry neighbors

There's an old British adage that (roughly translated) states "Neither time nor tide waits for any man." Regardless of the accuracy of that vintage pithiness - there can be no doubt that 2007 has suddenly left us just five days short of a brand new year.

Which brings us to the object of this end-of-year column that traditionally attempts to produce prognostications concerning the next 12 months. Back in 2005 and 2006 we originated the "solitary-annual-divination" scheme and hit the bull's-eye each year!

That remarkable feat (for us) came after looking at the previous decade of correct predictions that were running at a dismal rate of 22 percent (or put another way - 78 percent fell in the dumpster category).

### BULL'S EYES IN '05-'06

For 2005 we speculated that President Bush's scheme to privatize Social Security would be a dismal failure; and we said 2006 would become the most turbulent political year in decades. By any standard - we were right both years.

Privatizing Social Security in '05 proved to be the legendary "third rail" for Bush and his congressional buddies, and after sizzling for a time - they capitulated.

The Iraq impact on the 2006 elections turned Congress over to the Democrats and made D.C. life "turbulent" (and miserable) for the GOPers at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue.

So, buoyed by victories (albeit scrawny) for two years running, we decided (fatefully) on January 1, 2007, to go back to our regular wide ranging series of crystal gazing and guess what? Our average of correct guesses went from 100 percenters ('05 and '06), to an 80 percent "bad call" disaster this year.

### ONWARD AND UPWARD

**Never let it be said that a six foot wall of failure kept this column from buying a seven foot ladder.**

Therefore, we're going to take a more moderate **two pronged haruspex omening into 2008.**

That continues our exposure, while at the same time letting folks know we have no fear - except for fear itself (apologies to FDR).

With the primaries kicking off next week; the conventions to follow and the finals on November 4 - it would be foolhardy to contemplate anything less than taking a **Druidical augur at who the finalists will be in the culminating sprint for the White House.**

### PREDICTION ONE - POLITICS

**Question: Who will the Democrats and Republicans nominate for President?**

**First,** we checked with a number of Villagers (who not-surprisingly lean to the right on most political issues), and eventually ended up in the midst of our local "Do-No-Gooder" group. They were securely ensconced at the Stagecoach Coffee Shop.

"**Anyone but Hillary**" was the DNGer majority's plea. That "anyone" didn't include Obama by the way. Fact is most right wingers would rather stay home than "crossover" and vote for a Democrat. The few "libs" among the DNGers were also united - in the strong hope the nonprogressive reactionaries (aka Republicans) would in fact "stay home."

**"FEARLESS" PREDICTIONS....**

We added up what locals were

## Off the Record by Ken Clapp



thinking politick-wise; tabulated late poll results; checked our personal horoscope; and gave the witches brew (bat wings, newt eyes, chicken bones) a final stir; and then jumped head-long into the murky waters of presidential politics.

**Okay - Enough stumbling, mumbling and hedging - here's our prognostication as to who will be selected during each Party's nominating convention:**

**Democrats: Senator Hillary Clinton for President. Her running mate - Governor Bill Richardson.**

**Republicans will select Mitt Romney as their presidential contender. And for Veep - Mike Huckabee.**

### NOVEMBER WINNERS?

**And the winners? We'll make that prophecy on October 31. Halloween being the best time to really scare our readers.**

### PREDICTION TWO - SALADO IN '08

Our second presagement for 2008 involves the Village of Salado and it is in fact a disturbing forecast: **"That unless we get busy and start coaxing our southern neighbors to seek annexation and ETJing with us - we're going to be completely surrounded by greedy land grabbers - Killeen, Temple and Belton.**

That encirclement would in effect seal our fate commercially, and other than being a nice place to live, we would be faced with "capped" sales taxes - coupled to citizen service demands that would eventually overwhelm our treasury.

All that would, in turn, leave Village officials no alternative but to enact a property tax.

### NEIGHBORS ON THE MOVE

Belton and Temple are eyeballing land to their south and east and will soon close Salado's prospective northeast growth route.

So, unless we move south with reasonable alacrity - there's a strong possibility that **Killeen, once it gains access to I-35 (toll road exit), would quickly hop the interstate and link up with the future Trans Texas Corridor, thereby closing the last expansion door for Salado, and encircling us for life.**

We need to ask landowners south of us, a simple question: "What city do you want to be a part of - Salado, Killeen, Temple or Belton?" Answer should be a "no-brainer!"

### AND FINALLY.....

Trying to make sense of what will happen in politics at any level is hazardous, and those of us foolhardy enough to make predictions (and then have the temerity to put them in print), are asking for trouble regardless of how things turn out.

We go through this annual exercise because it's expected and gives our readers (both pros and cons) a chance to finger-point and laugh.

After all - bringing laughter to folks early in a new year is an achievement not to be despised. Especially with taxes, global unknowns, and aging staring us in the face.

As always - we thank our readers for comments, friendship, and loyalty during a year that's about to declare "Thirty."

And wish for all of us, what Tiny Tim offered in Charles Dickens' beloved Christmas Carol: **"God Bless Us, Every One!"**

That's -30-

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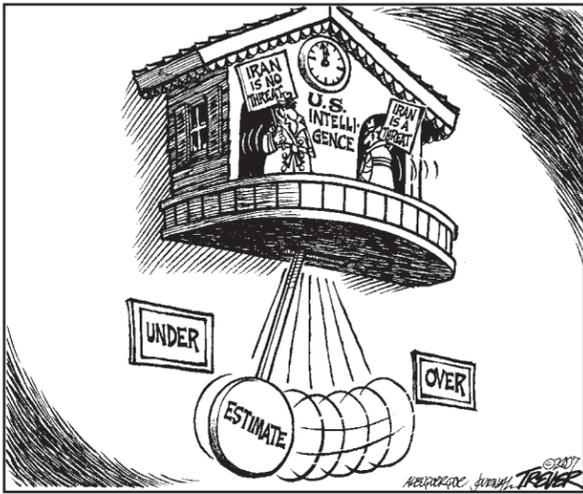
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## Looking back at 2007 in our Salado schools

### Superintendent's Corner

By Dr. Robin Battershell

Dear Friends & Family,

The Christmas and New Year's season is a time to communicate with friends and family!

This has been a hectic year! Construction on our new high school began in April and after an unusually rainy summer, we are just about back on target. We hope to move into our new home next July. The new building is about 110,000 square feet. This includes an additional four classrooms and gym. Next year, the current elementary will house PK-2 students, SIS will have 3-6 grade students, and the current high school will have 7-8 graders. We are excited about the possibility of having a campus that meets the unique needs of 7-8 grade students. We are planning on moving all regular classes into the main buildings and using the portables for storage and special programs. I am afraid to sell the portables because I never know what the future holds.

Our kids have done so well this year. Last Spring, our academic UIL team once again brought home the state first place trophy. These are some brilliant students! We have had great cross country teams for several years under Coaches Mewhinney and Meyers and this year is no exception. Our varsity girls brought home the 5th place state trophy.

We have had rebuilding years for both volleyball and band and both groups achieved new heights this year. Varsity volleyball won the area championship and the SHS Marching Band won the Killeen competition and a week later scored three 1st divisions at UIL Marching competition. They are going for Sweepstakes this year! And I certainly have to include the Fightin' Eagles Football team who won district, area and regional championships and made it to the state semi-finals. Our junior high

teams have swept district championships this year, so it looks like we have years of victories in front of us! We are now into basketball season and are looking forward to baseball, softball, one act play, academic UIL and forensics, Business Professional's Association competition and the FFA/4H fairs!

The Salado Alumni Association under the guidance of Nancy Shepperd Carter has begun a display of Salado Eagle memorabilia at the Salado Civic Center. In addition our art students have a rotating exhibit at the Civic Center. So come on by and see.

Salado ISD exceeded the state averages on the most recent TAKS test in 33 of 36 categories, tied in one category, and was below state averages in two categories, including one category where we scored 93 percent. We are currently working on long-range planning and also have two programs under sunset review, technology and English as a Second Language.

We continue to be blessed with a supportive community. The Salado Education Foundation, under the direction of Joe Keyes, is in its seventh year and gives out thousands of dollars each year to seniors through scholarships. They also provide Innovative Teaching Grants and sponsor the Annual Salado Student Art Show and Competition. The Salado Mentors, under the direction of Bob Roemer, has 32 mentors this year and is always looking for more! This program has really grown and is making a tremendous difference. Remember that STARS Conference will be held on January 31 this year! This is a great time to come and see the curriculum that is going on in the District.

Well, I am out of space! But I want to wish you and yours a wonderful holiday!

# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Jamie Lynn Generation

By CRISTINA PAGE

The Spears family can't be shocked by much these days, not with Britney in every tabloid. Still the recent news seemed to unsettle them. Their 16-year-old daughter Jamie Lynn is pregnant. And while no bad news is unprofitable for the Spears (it is rumored Jamie Lynn, a TV star in her own right, was paid one million dollars to break the news in OK! Magazine), this particular note of fame does appear to have taken the family aback. ("I was in shock. I mean, this is my 16-year-old baby," her mother told OK!) It seems that no matter how well-to-do, (or bizarre) the family, it's always a tragedy to have one's child's adolescence taken away by pregnancy. While Jamie Lynn Spears is not your average teen, her situation is becoming a more common experience for many girls of her generation: premature parenthood.

A Center for Disease Control (CDC) report released this month reveals that in 2006 there was a dramatic rise in teen births among 15 to 19 year

olds in the United States bringing to a grinding halt a steady 14-year decline. In fact, Jamie Lynn's situation exemplifies a reversal of many positive trends that began in the 1990s. Specifically there was a steep drop in abortion and unwanted pregnancy rates. During this period even sexual activity among high school students declined significantly. And those teens who were having sex -- as would an average of half of them would before graduating high school -- were more likely to use protection.

Now these gains are slowing or reversing. Sadly, these reversals seemed inevitable. After all, since 2000 we have turned away from using every strategy that the previous decade proved effective.

Today's teens are the victims of a one billion dollar social experiment: The national implementation of the abstinence until marriage policy. Like the "Just Say No" to drugs campaigns of the Reagan years, it too has been a colossal failure.

Abstinence-only programs have not only failed to convince kids

not to have sex, but have led many not to use contraception. To scare teens away from sexual activity, abstinence-only programs focus on the dangers of sex. If contraception is ever mentioned it is to highlight (and exaggerate) its failure rates. If a girl is told that even if her boyfriend uses a condom she'll get pregnant once every seven times -- as the popular abstinence program "Choosing the Best Way" instructs -- the incentive to use one dissipates.

Those promoting abstinence-only, mainly religious political groups, say parents should have the right to teach children according to their beliefs. What the same groups fail to mention is that the vast majority of parents -- 93 percent according to a 2004 Kaiser Family Foundation poll -- want their teens taught comprehensive sex ed, including accurate information about protection from pregnancy and disease. If there is a prevailing belief among parents it is decidedly anti-abstinence-only education. They're in good company too: All mainstream organizations of health professionals that deal with young people strongly criticize federal support for current abstinence programs. These include the American Public Health Association, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association, and the Society for Adolescent Medicine. Last month 10 of the top experts in the fields of adolescent sexual and re-

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## The E. Coli Loophole



Jim Hightower

Step right up, consumers, and get your pre-cooked, U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved package of E. coli beef!

Wait. Did he say E. coli? Isn't that the bacteria that live in cow intestines that often contaminate beef at those massive corporate slaughterhouses? And doesn't beef contaminated with this virulent strain of bacteria cause awful problems for people who eat it - problems like screaming cramps, kidney failure, and... death?

Yes, yes, and yes.

And you're telling us that our U.S agriculture department is allowing meat companies to market beef that has been found to have E. coli bacteria in it? Yes, again.

It's known as the "E. coli loophole," and it affects millions of pounds of beef each year. When giant processing outfits like Tyson and Cargill get caught with a batch of meat with E. coli toxins in it, you would assume they'd have to throw it out. But, nooooo. Instead, they're allowed by USDA to toss it in a "cook only" bin - and then use it to make pre-cooked hamburger patties, meat loaf, pizza toppings, taco meat, and such.

Thus, contaminated meat is turned into a profit center for the industry. It also means that beef processors are under no pressure to clean up their sloppy, low-cost, rush-rush procedures that cause contamination, since the bad product can still be sold.

Not to worry, say the industry and government in unison, for the cooking kills the deadly bacteria. That's a nice theory, but, in practice, USDA doesn't even track the amount of beef that goes into the "cook only" category, much less track whether it's cooked properly or is sickening consumers.

The E. coli loophole is a cover-up for bad beef. Notice that no company wants us consumers to know that their pre-cooked beef had tested positive for killer bacteria. It's kept very hush-hush, because, as one disgusted federal inspector put it, "Nobody would buy it if they knew."

## Deserved better Your Voice

### Readers Opinion

To the Editor:

I would like to offer my congratulations to the football coaches at Salado High School. Somehow they managed to coach their way into the final four of the state playoffs without a single player achieving all-state rec-

ognition from the Texas U.I.L., not even honorable mention. Unbelievable. Our coaches and our kids deserve better.

Mike Cooke  
Salado, TX

From the editor: Amen,  
Mike. Amen!

# Legislature continues work between sessions

The Texas Constitution prescribes the legislature to meet for 140 days every other year in regular session. The size of the legislature and the volume of work confronting each biennial session make thoughtful deliberation on all proposed measures by the entire membership a difficult task. For this reason, the basic business in the House and Senate is conducted within a structured committee system.

Committees have been established within each chamber's rules of procedure. During regular and special sessions, committees consider introduced bills and determine if they move forward in the legislative process. Because of legislative deadlines, a large number of bills are not reported out of committees. This reality makes commit-

## Capitol Update

by State Representative Dianne White Delisi



tee action the first crucial step in the process of which a bill becomes law.

With the constitutional limitation on passing legislation, most of the legislative policy preparation is performed during the interim period between regular sessions. The various committees of the Texas House and Senate are assigned a list of topics to study by their respective presiding officers. After completing their research and considering stakeholder and public input, committees will traditionally produce a report with findings and recom-

mendations.

The Speaker of the Texas House has assigned 265 interim study charges to be reviewed before the conclusion of the 80th Legislature. These charges have been divided between the 36 standing committees which range from Agriculture and Livestock to the tax-writing Ways and Means committee. This represents 59 more study items than were issued during the same period two years ago. The lieutenant governor is expected to assign interim charges to the Senate committees later this year.

The increased workload during this interim indicates that there are continual, as well as emerging, issues that must be looked at. Among other subjects, House committees will investigate mortgage fraud, voter fraud, eminent domain and private property rights, and the dispute between cable providers and the National Football League (NFL). As a member of the public education and public health committees, I will review numerous issues of importance to Central Texans.

The public education committee has been tasked with reviewing best practices in instructional technology, to include online course delivery, professional development, and support, and will compare these with traditional delivery models. Early childhood education

programs will be reviewed, as well as classroom teacher recruitment and retention programs. The committee will also study innovations in educational data systems that would make reporting transfers more efficient.

As chairman of the Committee on Public Health, I will work with my committee members to examine issues surrounding the delivery of health care to the indigent, organ donations, and asthma prevention and management; review federal standards for tamper resistant prescription pads and the implementation of the Texas Department of Public Safety's Controlled Substance Advisory Committee; review activities at the Texas Medical Board with the Appropriations Committee and in consultation with the Sunset Commission; and evaluate

preventative health infrastructure and evidence-based programs for healthy lifestyles.

Additionally, the public health committee has been directed to work jointly with other standing committees to review the state's ability to respond to a public health emergency; examine the Driver Responsibility Program and its relationship to the current statewide trauma system infrastructure; and study the ability of the state to attract and maintain a broad healthcare workforce.

A robust interim is integral to the legislative process, and can lay the groundwork for sound legislation going into the next session. I look forward to collaborating with the people of Bell County as we study these issues, and will continue to work ensuring our voice is heard in Austin.

A committee's interim report is a good indicator of the issues that will be discussed and debated by that committee when the new legislature convenes. It is my goal that the reports prepared by and with my fellow House members will benefit the 81st Texas Legislature and adequately address these timely issues that concern Texans.

## Abstinence

FROM PAGE 3A

productive health advised Congress to completely de-fund abstinence-only programs because they withhold "potentially life-saving information from youth."

The toll of withholding potentially life-saving information is becoming tragically evident. In the states where the abstinence-only approach is more likely to be used disease is up. School districts in the South are five times more likely than in the Northeast to teach only abstinence. Today, the southern states have the highest rate of new HIV/AIDS infections, the highest rate of STDs, as well as the highest rate of teen births. While over the last decade other regions have made major strides in decreasing or stagnating HIV infection rates, according to the CDC the South accounts for 45 percent of all new cases.

Many states are realizing that instilling ignorance about sex and protection in our teens is the real moral violation. Teens need accurate information in order to make important life decisions. That is why, to date, 15 states have refused federal money for abstinence-only funding. Parents in the remaining 35 states must demand that their governors and statehouses reject federal grants for these ineffective and dangerous programs too. It's the only time just saying no might actually work.

Page is the author of **How the Pro-Choice Movement Saved America: Freedom, Politics and the War on Sex** and spokesperson for BirthControlWatch.org



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# Avoid estate planning mistakes

If you've been investing for a while, you probably have learned to avoid key mistakes, such as making frequent trades based on short-term price fluctuations. But even if you invest wisely and are able to retire comfortably, you could still make some errors in your estate planning - and these miscues could prove costly and painful to your family.

How can you avoid making the wrong moves with your estate plans? Here are a few tips:

Communicate with your family. To reduce the possibility of hurt feelings and damaged relationships within your family after you're gone, make sure that everyone knows what they can expect from the disposition of your estate plan. Tell your children how much money they can expect - and when. (If you decide to establish a trust, you can arrange for money to be disbursed over various periods of time, or when your children reach a given age.) Are you going to leave a considerable amount of your assets to charities? Let your family know.

Update your beneficiaries. Many of your financial assets - including your IRA, 401(k), annuities,

## Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



life insurance contracts and some government bonds - allow you to designate a beneficiary. It's important to name both a primary beneficiary and a contingent beneficiary (an individual or trust who will receive the assets if the primary beneficiary dies before you). Beneficiary designations supersede whatever instructions may be in your will, so it's essential that you update your beneficiary designations whenever your family situation changes. It's not uncommon for assets to go to the "wrong beneficiaries" (e.g., spouses from earlier marriages) or to bypass children born after the initial beneficiary designation was made.

Maintain adequate liquidity. It's not always easy to know the amount of "cash" (liquid investments) you should keep in your investment portfolio. But as you prepare your estate plans, keep in mind that it's usually a

good idea to have at least enough cash available to help your family pay for any final expenses.

Choose the right executor. When you choose an executor for your estate, you'll want someone who has the time to devote to the sometimes long and protracted estate administration process. You also want to make sure that your executor will be fair, knowledgeable and free of conflicts of interest.

Keep good records. Your executor and your family will need to know where your assets are located - your bank accounts, insurance policies, investments, retirement plans, etc. By maintaining an orderly record system throughout your life, you can make it much easier on everyone

when it's time for your estate to be settled.

Get professional help. You may require a variety of legal documents and arrangements - a will, various trusts, powers of attorney, health care directive, etc. - to complete your estate plans. Consequently, you will need to work with a competent legal professional, along with your financial and tax advisors. The right estate-planning team can help you avoid many of the mistakes that disrupt people's estate plans.

Here's one final suggestion: Don't wait too long to start your estate plans. They can take some time to develop, so the sooner you get them in the books, the better.

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## Students compete in math/science event

The Salado High School math and science team participated in the O'Connor TCM Charity meet on Dec. 15 in San Antonio.

The contest was divided up in small schools (1A, 2A, 3A) and big schools (4A, 5A). Within the small school and big school awards were given for places in each grade level. Here are the results for Salado students competing in that meet.

11th Grade  
Preston Watkins, second.

Mathematics Contest  
10th Grade  
Brandon Heller, second.  
Trent Wagnon, third.  
11th Grade  
Jon Spinks, second.  
Preston Watkins, fourth.

Calculator Contest  
9th Grade  
Janson Oyler, third.  
Jacob Heiner, fourth.  
Paul Warren, seventh.  
10th Grade  
Trent Wagnon, first.  
11th Grade  
Jon Spinks, first.

Number Sense Contest  
9th Grade  
Janson Oyler, first.  
Ryan Suresh, second.  
Jacob Heiner, fourth.  
10th Grade  
Reed Farr, first.  
Trent Wagnon, second.  
Brandon Heller, fourth.

Science Contest  
9th Grade  
Jacob Heiner, first.  
11th Grade  
Preston Watkins, sixth



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## Cagers win before break

Lady Eagles 62  
Lago Vista 43

Salado Lady Eagles have jumped out to a 4-0 start in district play going into the Christmas break with a 62-43 win over the Lago Vista Lady Vikings on Dec. 21.

The game remained close through the first three quarters, before the Lady Eagles pulled away.

Salado held a 14-8 lead after one period, but Lago Vista closed the game to 24-23 at the half with 15 points in the second quarter of play.

The Lady Eagles stretched their lead to 36-33 by the end of the third.

Salado scored 26 points going down the stretch and held the Lady Vikings to 10 points for the final lead of 62-43.

The Lady Eagles are 11-5 on the year, 4-0 in district play.

Hadley Joiner led Salado with 14 points. Jenna Sebek also reached double figures

with 13 points. Danielle Hazards had 12 points on the night.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Kristen Smith, 5 points, Kristie Everett, 2 points and Lupe Perez, 2 points.

Salado Eagles 46  
Rogers 34

Scoring 21 points in the fourth quarter, Salado Eagles earned a win in the first district game against Rogers Dec. 18.

Jerod Lutz scored 5 of his 8 points in the fourth quarter to lead the charge that closed the 25-29 gap for Salado.

David Rosenau led all players with 14 points on the night, 8 of them in the first period. He had two 3 point shots in the first.

Also scoring for Salado were Thomas Baine, 8 points; Seawood, 6 points; Garret Ward and Blake Heller, 4 points each and Trae Liller, 2 points.

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# NHS inducts 24 new members

Twenty-four students from Salado High School were recently inducted into membership of the National Honor Society.

Members were selected by a faculty committee for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

The officers, Kevin Jackson, Nick Mohammed, Kamyille Palomino and Josh Bush spoke on these characteristics to inductees.

President Matt Fritsch gave the pledge to the new members and presented them with an NHS card.

Students inducted were the following (in alphabetical order): Dallas Butts, Ashlee Cantrell, Taylor Cockrell, Tyler Cook, Jessica Emerson, Caleb Hayslip, Blake Heller, Brandon Heller, Molly Heuer, Stephanie Hoernis, Brad Hollas, Haley Kemp, Ashley Lincoln, Nichole Melde, Ty Molyneaux, Elena Noonan, Rebecca Petro, Taylor Reed, In-Hey Robison, Dara Schiller, Zoe Simpson, Jordan Svadlenak, Trent Wagnon, and Kylee Young.

Henry Garza, District Attorney for Bell County, spoke to the students and parents about the need to have a positive, enthusiastic attitude, patience and happiness in their lives. The Salado High School chapter has been active since 1974. NHS ranks as one of the oldest, since 1921, and most prestigious national organizations for high school students.



Newly inducted members of the Salado National Honor Society

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11/2	12:02:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/3	11:26:00	Grass fire
11/3	14:55:00	Grass Fire
11/5	13:57:00	False alarm or false call, other
11/5	16:12:00	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
11/6	05:16:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
11/7	12:20:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/7	17:00:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/8	16:05:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/8	21:52:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/9	13:02:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/10	22:11:00	Brush, ore brush and grass mixture fire
11/11	02:31:00	Passenger vehicle fire
11/11	13:19:00	Grass fire
11/11	21:47:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/12	09:04:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/12	13:12:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/12	19:43:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/12	21:28:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/12	16:31:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/12	17:18:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/12	15:38:00	False alarm or false call, other
11/13	19:40:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
11/14	13:18:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/14	15:58:00	False alarm or false call, other
11/16	07:02:00	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
11/16	08:08:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/18	19:51:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
11/18	06:35:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
11/18	16:02:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/18	16:43:00	False alarm or false call, other
11/20	01:00:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/20	17:51:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/23	10:41:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/23	12:15:00	Unauthorized burning
11/23	18:32:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/24	16:37:00	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
11/25	14:19:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
11/25	16:21:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
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11/26	13:16:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/26	17:19:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/26	23:18:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/27	12:59:00	Authorized controlled burning
11/27	15:39:00	Dispatched & canceled en route
11/28	06:47:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/28	09:03:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/28	14:14:00	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
11/29	11:01:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/29	11:31:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
11/29	17:36:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
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Students will compete against others in their age group. Registration forms can be picked up at the schools. Artwork is due 3-5 p.m. Feb. 21-22 at Salado Intermediate School.

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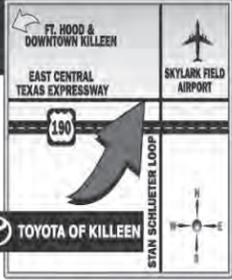
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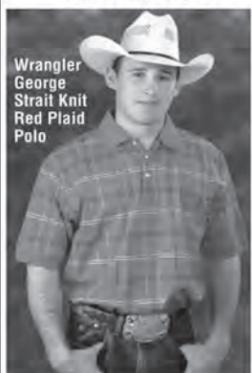
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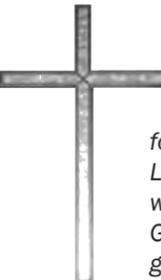
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## Watch night services set

Cedar Valley Baptist Church invites you to its New Year's Eve Watch Night Services beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 31 and continuing into the new year. "We invite all to come and enjoy the fellowship and great singing, glorifying our Lord," said Rev. J. Floyd Franks, pastor of the church located eight miles west of Salado at 12237 FM 2843.

The group will break at 10 p.m. for supper and then return at 11:30 pm.

for singing and a prayer for the new year.

"We will then sing and fellowship till everyone tires out," Jackson said.

The Watch Night services will feature several special gospel groups, including The Latimers, of Burleson the The Gibbs, of Venus. There will be other special singers, as well.

For more information about the church or the Watch Night Services, call 254-947-5100 or 913-2851

## Mary Lee Black memorial services set Dec. 28

A memorial service for Mary Lee Black, 72, of Salado, will be held at 1 p.m. Dec. 28 at the Elm Grove Baptist Church with Pastor Dale Gore officiating. Mary Lee Black died at her resident in Salado on December 22, 2007.

She was born on Dec. 2, 1935 in Brookings, South Dakota to the late Robert E. Coffey and Katherine Bonesteel.

She was graduated from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton and the University of Texas in Austin.

Black was a teacher at

Central Texas College in Killeen.

She is survived by her daughter Katie Black Tanner of Rockwall, Texas; three sons, Ted Black of Roswell, Georgia, Doug Black of Atlanta, Georgia and Tom Black of Monterey, Mexico and her brother Robert Coffey of Palos Verdes, California.

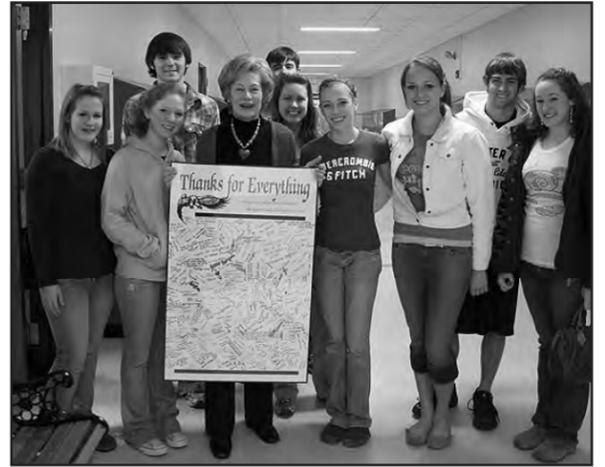
In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donation may be made to the Elm Grove Baptist Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Broecker Funeral Home, 949 W. Village Rd. in Salado.

## UMHB offers spring class in conversational Chinese

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor is offering Conversational Chinese on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the spring semester. The class is a beginning level course and meets from 6:00-7:20 and can be taken for credit or for audit. The course will be taught by Yong Yan, a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant

from China and will focus on Mandarin Chinese with simplified characters. The course counts as an elective but does not fulfill foreign language degree requirements for graduation from UMHB. For more information, contact Dr. Sue Pardue, Chair, Modern Foreign Languages, spardue@umhb.edu or call 295-4556.



(PHOTO COURTESY BOBBETTE BELL)  
 Several Salado High School students presented retiring counselor Katy Whitis with this poster of signatures.

## After 30 years in school, Katy Whitis retires

After 30 years in public schools, Salado High School Counselor Katy Whitis retired from the profession this month. She has been at Salado ISD for nine years.

She was presented with a party by her co-workers and a poster signed by many of the Salado students with whom she has worked this past year.

Whitis was graduated from UMHB with a BS in Home Economics & Education and Masters in Counseling from Abilene Christian University.

Her first teaching job was in Harker Heights teaching fifth grade. Whitis still has contact with some of the first people she taught in fifth grade and knows where they are and what they are doing today.

Whitis worked in other local school districts including Granger, Bosqueville, Rogers, Academy, and Salado. She switched from teaching in the classroom to counseling in 1986 after coming to Salado.

Whitis says that the reason became a teacher was because her grandfa-

ther on her mother's side always told her that education was the most important thing in life and that being a teacher was the highest someone could strive to be.

Becoming a counselor allowed Whitis to spend more time with her children. She has two daughters, Susan and Beth.

It was mentioned to her that counseling would allow her the perks of still working in the school system with the kids but would also allow her more time to spend with her own children. She returned to school and achieved her state certification to work as a counselor.

When asked if she had to pick any other profession other than public schools, Katy replied that she "couldn't choose anything else. It is what she has always wanted to do."

Retiring from counseling, however, will give Whitis more time for two children who are especially important two her: her grandchildren Bristol, who is two years old and Raleygh, who is one year old.



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# Find the Holy Grail at the Silver Spur

By GARY ASKINS

The Thursday \$5 Film-Fest will end its 2007 season today at the Salado Silver Spur Theatre with a showing of the comedy cult classic "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." The film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 27 at 108 Royal Street.

This will be the last show of the season and the film will be followed by a short business meeting to discuss plans for next year and future plans for the Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society.

The 1971 film has developed an incredible following of people who can recite lines of dialogue from their favorite scenes. Come join in the fun or come see it for the first time. "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" is a medieval romp filled to its curly edges with your typically irreverent and extremely silly Monty Python humor (if you've been in a time capsule

these last few decades, Monty Python was the collective name of a bunch of terribly talented comedians--Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones, and Michael Palin--who got together in the summer of 1969 to produce a groundbreaking (and terribly silly) TV series called "Monty Python's Flying Circus" for the BBC). The movie is set in England 932 A.D. (but actually filmed in Scotland), "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" follows King Arthur of Camelot (Chapman) on a mission to round up his knights of the round table. In the process he is given a quest by God (courtesy of Terry Gilliam's typically outrageous cut-out animation) to seek out the Holy Grail, that magical chalice that floats aloft over various impressive-looking Scottish castles.

The silliness kicks in from the opening credits (with Swedish subtitles and spurious moose and llama references a plenty)

and never lets up. These knights don't actually ride noble steeds, for example. Instead, they prance around as if on horseback with a long-suffering serf trotting behind them knocking two coconut shells together. Glancing down a list of some of the characters our valiant fellows encounter upon their journey gives you a pretty good idea as to what to expect: Second Soldier with a Keen Interest in Birds; A Quite Extraordinarily Rude Frenchman; a not quite dead cadaver, Sir Robin the Not-Quite-So-Brave-as-Sir Lancelot; Roger the Shrubber (A Shrubber); Leader of the Knights Who Say "Ni!"; The Page Crushed by a Rabbit; Patsy (Arthur's Trusty Steed); and so on.

The silliness will grab you, but it is the sense of logic behind it that makes you come back for repeat viewings. Over the years, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" has become a college cult favorite with its smart dead on discussions of life, death and

other important stuff; it is one select cinematic experience that actually gets better and better with subsequent viewings. Come join us for some seriously silly good fun. The Grail is a perfect way to end the year. Guest tickets are \$5. Call 947-3456 for information or visit their web site at saladocinema.org.

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## Museum launches website

The Bell County Museum is the recipient of a grant from the Texas Historical Commission to partially fund the museum's new website.

The grant is a Texas Heritage Trails Program Partnership Grant in the amount of \$3,750.

Funding was also provided by the museum's Friends of the Museum membership group.

The website is located at [www.bellcountymuseum.org](http://www.bellcountymuseum.org).

Website design was created by Presley Design Studio of Temple.

Stephanie Turnham, museum director, said, "We were so happy to work with this local company for this project. Our area has so much talent, and we wanted to put our grant and fundraising dollars into the local economy."

The Texas Historical Commission noted "the attractive newly designed and user friendly website" that "represents a valuable and reusable heritage tourism resource for the Texas Brazos Trail Region.

The award-winning Bell County Museum is located at 201 N. Main Street in Belton. Hours are noon-5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free and guided tours are available.

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In a review of her Grammy-nominated 1999 album "This Christmas ... my favorite things," Chicago Tribune music critic Howard Reich's said, "Margaret Carlson's disarming vocals ... combine exquisite phrasing with uncommonly intelligent lyric reading."

While Carlson credits artists like Cleo Laine, Judy Garland, Duke Ellington and Chick Corea as major influences, she has developed a free-spirited style all her own.

Born and raised in Duluth, Minn., Carlson was introduced to music at an early age. Throughout high school, she was drawn to music, performing in musicals and singing in her church choir. Soon after graduating from high school, Carlson joined a band called Summer and hit the road covering tunes from groups like Cream and the Jefferson Airplane. The six-member band traveled throughout the Midwest and Northwest in a van and a station wagon.

While living in Wisconsin, Carlson decided it was time to quit the band.

"I needed a change, so I accepted a position as a bookkeeper," she said. During this period, she met and married her husband. The couple moved around the country, from Minnesota to Nebraska and ultimately settled in Florida, where she met Gene Hunt, a New York pianist living in Florida, specialized in the music of George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart. He made a tremendous impact on Margaret and, subsequently, her career.

The duo played six nights a week at local resorts for about four years until Carlson decided to start a family.

In 1996, Carlson approached Frank Mantooth, a Chicago-area jazz pianist. Together they produced her first album "Once in a Blue Moon." He also collaborated with her on her 1999 Christmas album which earned her a Grammy nomination.

Carlson and her husband live in the Chicago area and have two children.

**Salado Historical Society accepts memberships for coming year**

Salado Historical Society is accepting new and returning members for 2008. Household memberships are available in several increments.

A regular membership is \$20 per household; A Friend is \$50 per year; A Partner is \$100 per year; a Patron is \$250 and a Benefactor is \$500. A Lifetime Membership is \$1,000.

"Understanding the history of our community is basic to our democratic way of life, gives us a better understanding of our state and nation and promotes a better appreciation of our American heritage," said Historical Society President Wallace Davis.

The Historical Society works within the community to discover and collect any material which may help to establish the history of the area, help to preserve such material and its accessibility and undertake the acquisition, restoration and preservation of hisotirc buldings, monuments markers and other properties.

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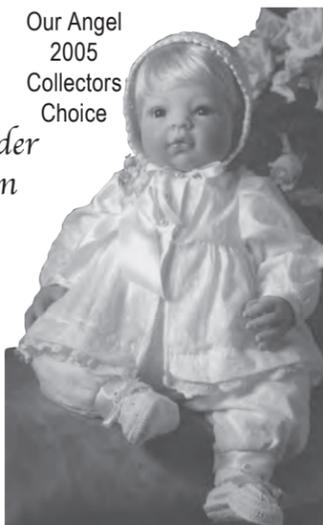
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DECEMBER 27

Salado Silver Spur Support Society \$5 FilmFest showing "Monty Python's Holy Grail." 7:30 p.m. 108 Royal Street.

DECEMBER 29

Paul Cox on his guitar at the Salado Wine Seller, 881 B N Main St., 4-6 p.m.

DEC. 29-30

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JAN. 3-FEB. 7

Conversational Spanish classes at Salado Public Library. Session II is 6-8 p.m. Thursdays.

JANUARY 5

Lions Club meeting, Salado Civic Center, 11:30 Will (Duck) Minzie, a leather boot maker.

JANUARY 13

The Romero Guitar Quarter, concert by Music in Salado. 4 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Tickets are \$30 per person.

JANUARY 16

The Brown Bag Noon Book Review at the Salado Public Library will feature Letta Meinen.

JANUARY 17 - FEB. 7

The Basic Computer Skills four-week session of classes, 1-2:30 p.m. at Salado Public Library. Class is full.

JANUARY 19-20

Beginning Quilting Retreat, at A Sewing Basket, 560 N. Main St., Ste 6, 947-5423.

JANUARY 23

Salado Lions Club meeting, Salado Civic Center, 11:30.

JANUARY 26

Baltimore Block of the Month, 1-4 p.m. at A Sewing Basket, 254-947-5423.

JAN. 26-FEB. 1

Varied Visions: A photography exhibit of five photographers sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado at the Bell County Museum, Belton. Museum hours are Tues-Sat. 1-5 p.m. The five photographers are M. L. Bolton, David Hansen, Johnny Shipman, Margaret Williamson and Mike Williamson.

JANUARY 29

Salado Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, 6:30 p.m. at Tenroc Event Center.

JANUARY 31

Salado ISD Stars Conference, showcasing the talents of Salado students.

FEBRUARY 8-9

Third Annual Music Festival in Salado, sponsored by Music in Salado, www.musicinsalado.com.

FEBRUARY 8

Vocal and Chamber Music of Schubert, 7 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Featuring Carol Meyer Willingham, soprano; Robin Roewe, Tenor; John Van Cura, baritone and Kim Van Cura, piano. Presented by Music in Salado as part of the Music Festival in Salado. Visit www.musicinsalado.com.

FEBRUARY 9

International Piano Duo in Concert, 7 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur. Krasimira Jordan and Wolfgang Watzinger, presented by Music in Salado as part of the Music Festival in Salado. Visit www.musicinsalado.com.

FEBRUARY 15 & 22

Collage Sweatshirt Jacket on Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at A Sewing Basket, 947-5423.

FEBRUARY 20

Brown Bag Noon Book Review at Salado Public Library, Patty Campbell.

FEBRUARY 23

Authors' Reception, 3-5 p.m. Salado Public Library.

FEBRUARY 28

Transitions Seminar for Salado Seniors, 1-5 at Salado Civic Center. Sponsored by Salado Public Library.

FEB 28-APRIL 3

Basic Conversational Spanish Session III, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Salado Public Library.

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Salado Legends at Table Rock Festival of Salado.

AUGUST 2-3

45th Annual Salado Art Fair, Pace Park.

OCTOBER 10-11

Christmas in October at Salado Civic Center.

OCTOBER 11

Salado Fine Art Gallery Night, 5-9 p.m.

OCTOBER 6,13,20

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# What to do when calamity strikes

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Calamity can strike at any time, but in this deal South was exceptionally hard hit. The hand occurred many years ago in a rubber-bridge game.

He opened one club, and, after West had overcalled with two hearts (strong in those days), North raised to three clubs on decidedly skimpy values.

East bid three hearts, and South tried three spades. After North bid five clubs over West's four hearts, South could hardly be criticized for carrying on to six. He had a right to expect good trumps from partner, and that was about all he needed.

Why North bid five clubs is difficult to understand. Perhaps he intended the bid as a sacrifice against four hearts. But, whatever the reason, the outcome was disastrous.

West led a heart, and South ruffed. Faced with certain defeat, declarer attempted to cut his losses by leading a club, hoping to find the trumps divided 2-2 and so go down only one.

But West won the club with the ten and continued with the A-K-Q, drawing all the remaining trumps. He then cashed five hearts to defeat the contract eight tricks!

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 6 4 2  
♥ 2  
♦ K J 10 9 5  
♣ 8 7 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ 5 3  
♥ K Q 10 8 7 4  
♦ 2  
♣ A K Q 10

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 8 7  
♥ A J 9 6 5  
♦ 6 4 3  
♣ —

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q 9  
♥ —  
♦ A Q 8 7  
♣ J 9 5 4 3

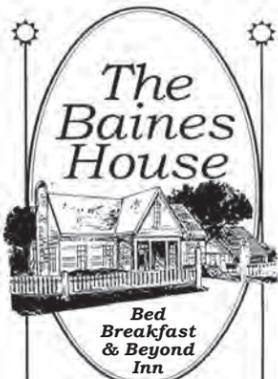
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South West North East  
1 ♣ 2 ♥ 3 ♣ 3 ♥  
3 ♣ 4 ♥ 5 ♣! 5 ♥  
6 ♣ Dble

Opening lead — king of hearts.

The penalty amounted to 4,400 points because at that time (1934) the first under-trick was 200 points, the second was 300, the third one 400, and so on.

Furthermore, to add insult to injury, West scored 100 honors to bring the total loss on the deal to 4,500 points!

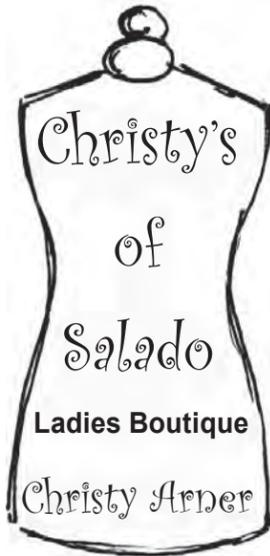
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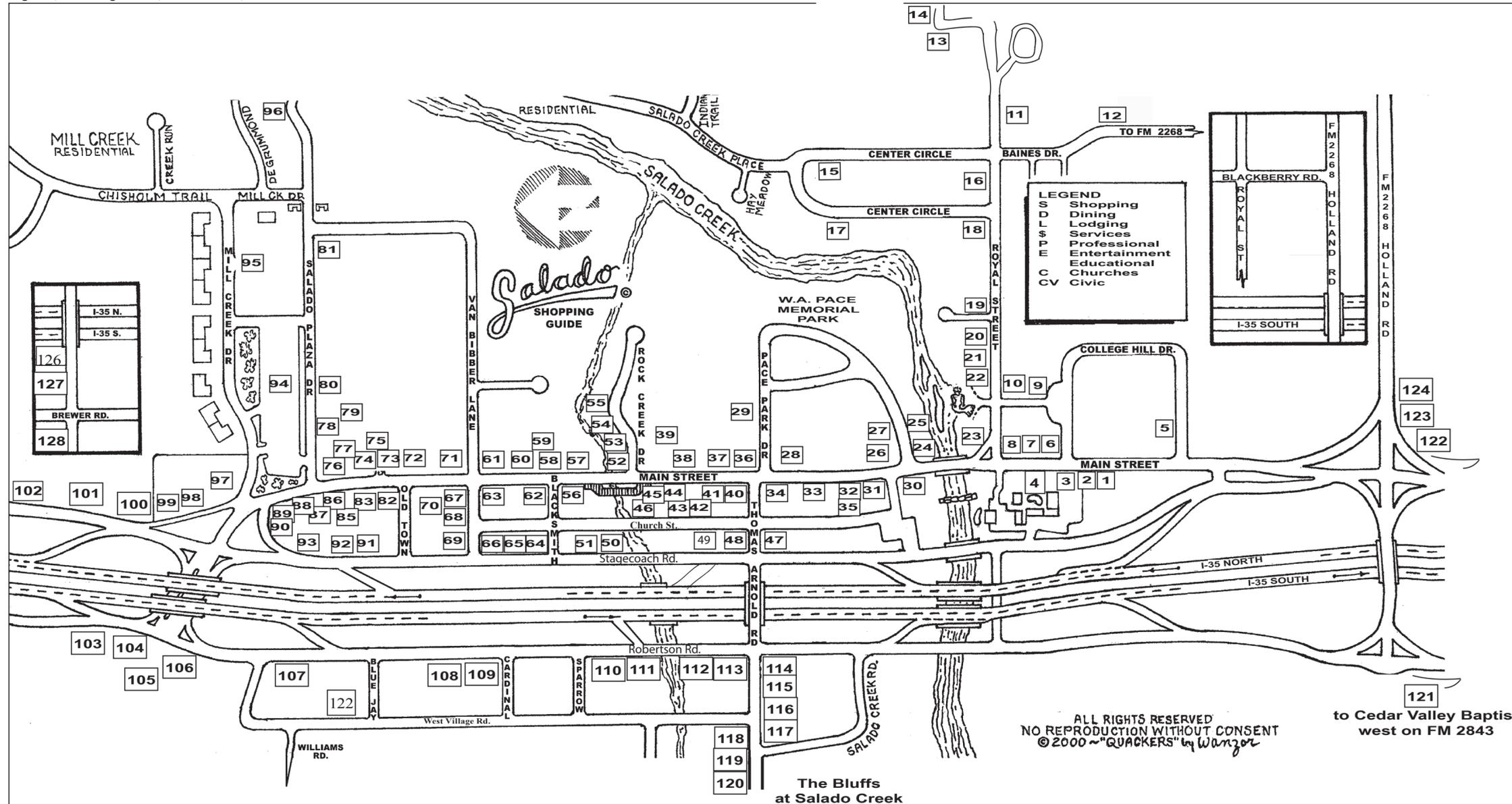
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Weekly SUDOKU

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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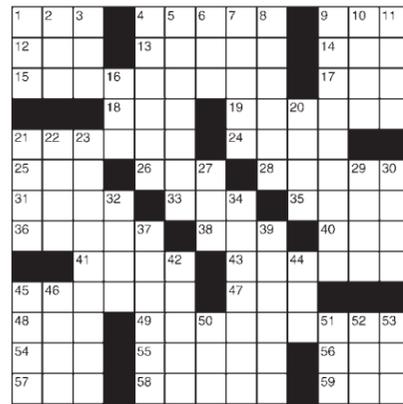
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### ACROSS

- 1 Suitcase
- 4 Analgesic targets
- 9 Tackle the slopes
- 12 Work with
- 13 Excessive
- 14 Central
- 15 Type of con
- 17 Right angle
- 18 Beerlike beverage
- 19 Bumbershoot
- 21 Respond
- 24 Vend
- 25 Tier
- 26 Longing
- 28 Transactions
- 31 Concept
- 33 Speck
- 35 Stagehand
- 36 — of the Wisconsin (noted gorge)
- 38 Unspeaking
- 40 Carte lead-in
- 41 Mad king of literature
- 43 Constant sufferer
- 45 Plot
- 47 Swiss canton
- 48 Before
- 49 Entrance
- 54 Meadow
- 55 Speak from the soapbox
- 56 Ultramodernist
- 57 Nourished
- 58 Of old Scandinavia



### DOWN

- 1 Clear the tables
- 2 Blond shade
- 3 "Golly!"
- 4 Grooved wheel
- 5 Irate
- 6 McKinley's first lady
- 7 Desensitizes
- 8 Become
- 5-Down
- 9 Be
- 10 Slay
- 11 One way to stand by
- 16 Legislation
- 20 Couturier
- 21 Sahara-like
- 22 Protuberance
- 23 Egotist
- 27 Artesian appellation
- 29 Easter emblem
- 30 Sail support
- 32 Sheltered from the storm
- 34 Commotions
- 37 He had a bad hair day
- 39 Actress Matlin
- 42 Duplicate, for short
- 44 Eve, originally
- 45 The "S" in "SCUBA"
- 46 Great Lakes tribe
- 50 Listener
- 51 Hostel
- 52 Beak
- 53 Holiday at the O.K. Corral

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### LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

BY KEVIN MCCAULEY



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# Library announces plans for 2008

By KAREN P. KINNISON

A Happy New Year 2008 to everyone! Hope you all had wonderful holidays and are ready to tackle a new year. Did you make your new year's resolutions yet? Yea, me too. We here at the library will be ready in January with lots of new and wonderful things for you to read, see, and do.

First of all, the Basic Computer class will begin on Jan. 17th at 1:00 here at the library. It will continue for four Thursdays. You will need to be "signed up" to attend this class. Right now the class is full but you can put your name on a waiting list if you wish.

Also, starting in January, the library will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday. This will also enable us to offer Spanish classes in the evenings (as well as those in the afternoons) and some computer classes also in the evenings later in the spring. We hope that the later hours will allow folks who work the time to come into the library for books, movies and all the library offers.

The Friends of the Library have changed their meeting times to the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The first meeting for the year will be Jan. 8, 2008.

## Check It Out



### News & Notes from Salado Public Library

The Haiku Society will meet 4 p.m. Dec. 31 here at the library. Dr. Bob McConnell, who has facilitated the Haiku Society, has moved to the Dallas area. We believe he will be back in town for the meeting. Dr. McConnell is one of the founders of the Salado library. We will miss his wit and wisdom and want to wish him and wife B.J. all the best in their new home.

Sadly, the library has lost many wonderful, long-time, loyal patrons this year either through death or through relocation. We will miss all of them very much and will always be grateful to their years of support and interest.

Another loss for us is the retirement at the end of this year of long-time Adult Services Coordinator, Alayne Fuller-Ramsden. Alayne was hired in February of 1999 after the library first became a tax district. She is a tireless supporter of libraries and particularly Central

Texas Library Systems, was crazy about all the kids in our library, and is devoted to Salado. Alayne was our delegate to all the CTLS meetings. She served as our election monitor, served on the Book Selection Committee, was active in our annual Book Sales and with the Friends, helped organize many adult programs, and volunteered as

a story time reader at other libraries around the area. While here at our library, she knew all the kids names, ages, and recent accomplishments! She is highly educated with degrees in teaching and social sciences, and a PhD from University of Virginia in Education Law. Alayne has always been an active volunteer in the Salado community with the Living Room Theater, the Chamber, the Salado schools and band, Music in Salado and other community events. Alayne's bright smile and enthusiasm for all things "library" or "Texas" will be missed here! We wish her all the best in her retirement.

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# Seeing big balloons

by  
 Tumbleweed  
 Smith



Thanksgiving has always been our big holiday. Sometimes more than twenty people show up to enjoy being together and eating my wife's delicious food. Susan gets out the silver, crystal, china and linen and spends weeks preparing for the event. In recent years, since our sons have families and are developing traditions of their own, our Thanksgivings have been smaller affairs. We have spent a couple of them with our sons in Dallas and San Francisco. Part of our Thanksgiving Day has always been spent watching the Macy's Parade on television. This year, we decided to take our 17-year-old grandson Jackson to the big apple and see the parade in person.

son, I heard a voice say, "Would you like for me to take a picture of the three of you, Tumbleweed?" It was Woody Kupper, a friend of mine from Odessa. It's always fun to run into someone you know when you're away from home.

We went to the area where the balloons were being inflated. Huge nets had been placed over the balloons, tethered down by sandbags. Ronald McDonald, Scoo-Be-Doo and Snoopy were in the process of becoming giant-size. We were not alone. Thousands of people for blocks around stood in line to view the balloons. I've never seen so many baby carriages or dogs on leash.

That night we saw a play in the off-Broadway West Side Theater. Its title was My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm in Therapy. We laughed all the way through it. The

morning of the parade we were up at 5:30 and walked to the parade site. We landed at 65th and Broadway and joined a group of people in a festive mood. We quickly bonded. More than three million people lined the parade route. After the 90-minute parade, the crowd surged onto the streets. Cars didn't get to drive on them for at least an hour until the people settled down to enjoy the rest of Thanksgiving Day. We had lunch at Park Café. Instead of the two hours or more we usually spend around the Thanksgiving Day table, we finished our turkey dinners in about 20 minutes.

Walking in New York City is easy because it's flat. No hills to climb. We walked about seven miles a day. We went to the World Trade Center site, the top of the Empire State Building, Grand Central Station, the Museum of Modern Art and Bloomingdale's. We rode the subway and took a cab when we got tired of walking.

New Yorkers are interesting to watch. They walk and talk fast and are smartly dressed. Girls wear boots up to their knees. Guys wear black leather coats. They pay no attention to traffic lights. If there are no cars coming, they walk on red. New York City has the rhythm of America. You hear several languages and know you're in a unique, stimulating place. You feel alive.

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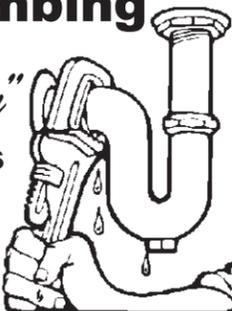
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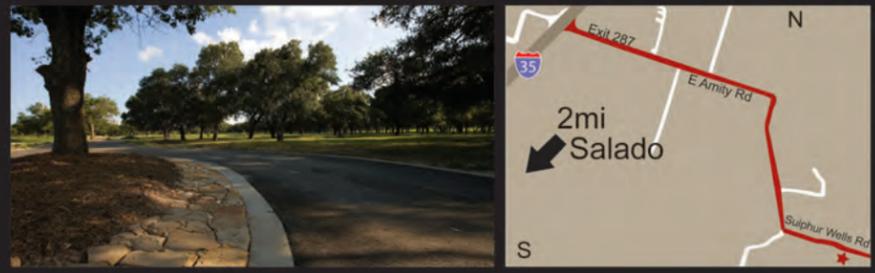
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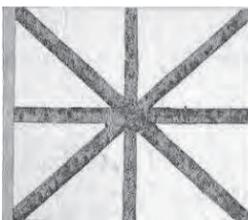
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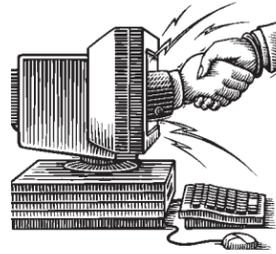


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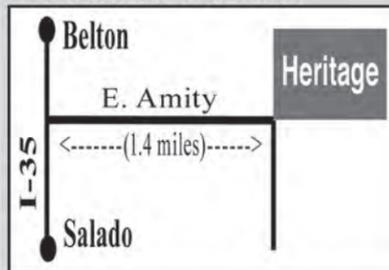


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