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Holiday run of Jingle Bell Broadcast begins at Silver Spur Nov. 28

The Salado Silver Spur Theater (108 Royal St.) takes audiences back to the “Golden Age of Radio” this Yule season with a sleigh-full of holiday hilarity in Jingle Bell Broadcast, running Nov. 28-Dec. 20.

Theatre patrons will be right in “the radio studio audience” for the music, the merriment and the memorable, mirthful staging of an “on-the-air” variety show.

It’s Christmas Eve at the small local broadcast facilities of radio station WSPR, where production crew and maintenance staff are busily preparing for a live holiday broadcast. Faced with a last-minute cancellation by the scheduled performers, a bad case of faulty electrical wiring and the news that the station faces imminent foreclosure, the crew must step lively to keep the airwaves alive during an emergency fundraising drive.

Hilarity ensues as they try to save the radio station and discover their own hidden talents that will bring holiday cheer for the audience and listeners out in “Radioland.” Song, satire, sentiment, and slapstick are among the gifts from the Spur-radical players’ bag of goodies. This seasonal scenario was conceived, written, and performed by a cast of veteran performers, continuing the Spur’s tradition of homespun, heartfelt, original family entertainment.

“Jingle Bell Broadcast” runs weekends only from Friday, Nov. 28, through Saturday, Dec. 20, with show times at



Kevin C. Carr (on stilts), Grainger Esch and Karen Ewton are ready for holiday hijinks in the upcoming Jingle Bell Broadcast at the Salado Silver Spur Theatre Nov. 28-Dec. 20.

7:30 p.m. on Fridays and at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Evening shows are \$15 for adults; \$12 for senior citizens, military personnel and students with ID; and \$8 for children aged 12 and under. For matinees, admission is \$12, \$10 and \$8, respectively. Group rates also are available. For reservations, call the Silver Spur box office at 254-947-3456. For more info, visit www.saladosilverspur.com.

“The situation for “Jingle Bell Broadcast” is similar to last year’s highly successful “Let It Snow, Christmas Show, Radio,” says Grainger Esch, Co-founder of the Spur. “But it’s a completely different show, with different songs, different acts and different hijinks, but with the same goal of good old-fashioned family fun.

The cast includes Saladoans Esch, Karen

Ewton, Mary Bentley and juggler Tom Rolls. Rounding out the entertaining ensemble are the Spur’s tuneful troubadour, Tony Blackman; resident goofball Kevin C. Carr of Round Rock, and musical accompanist Nelda Milligan of Harker Heights. Throughout the run of the show, special guest variety artists will also grace the Spur stage.

“The holidays are typically filled with planning, pandemonium and presents,” Esch observed. “Every member of the family should consider taking a break from the decorating, cooking, shopping, wrapping, endless football games and greeting cards and treat themselves to hearty laughter and the enjoyment of live entertainment. It is certainly a present to themselves and another great form of seasonal togetherness.”

Christmas wreath laying ceremony for Central Texas Veterans set Nov. 29

The graves of more than 1,400 veterans will be graced by holiday wreaths during a Laying of the Wreaths ceremony 10 a.m. Nov. 29 at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, located at 11463 South Highway 195 in Killeen.

The families of Gold Star veterans who have been killed in war will be invited to be the first to place the wreaths on the graves of their loved ones.

Other families of veterans buried at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery will then lay wreaths at the graves of their loved ones.

Volunteers will then decorate the headstones for the hundreds of fallen soldiers who do not have family members present. Volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to arrive early

9:30 a.m. for planning their assignments.

If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail Jean Shine at Jean@ShineTeam.com or call her at 254-690-4321.

Shine heads a group call the Friends of the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery, which has as its goal decorating the grave of every veteran buried at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery each year for Christmas.

The Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery opened in 2006 after more than a decade of work and planning. It now serves as the honorable resting place for more than 1,400 veterans and family members.

In support of this tremendous asset, the Friends of the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery to support

projects at the cemetery beginning with laying a holiday wreath at each grave each year. Wreaths will be laid Nov. 29 and picked up after holiday season.

The Friends of the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery is seeking monetary donations to purchase wreaths and volunteers to prepare, lay, and pick up wreaths.

Last year, there were about 900 graves, and this year there are more than 1,400.

Donations by check should be made out to “HUGSS.” Please add “Wreaths” on the Memo line.

Mail checks to the following address: Friends of the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery (FCTVC), 100 W. CTE, Ste. 302, Harker Heights, TX 76548.

A Christmas Carol takes stage

Tablerock’s 16h Annual presentation of A Christmas Carol will be directed by Harry Sweet. Charles Dickens’ all time favorite Yuletide story will be presented at the Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal Street in Salado on Dec. 5-6, and 12-13.

Sweet has directed “Carol” for the past 12 years. He is a retired Professor of Ethics at UMHB. He has served on the Temple Civic Theater Board and has played many roles on the Temple stage. Harry is President of the Tablerock Board of Directors.

Tablerock stage with his portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge. Donnie Williams, of Salado, will star in the role of Bob Cratchit. Donnie and his family have been a part of the “Carol” cast and crew for the past nine years. Donnie is the Leadership Academy Coordinator at Ellison High in Killeen.

Each year the cast and crew of A Christmas Carol consists of half new actors and half veteran actors. Denver Mills, sets, and Jackie Mills,

producer, have been members of the crew from the inception of Tablerock’s A Christmas Carol 16 years ago.

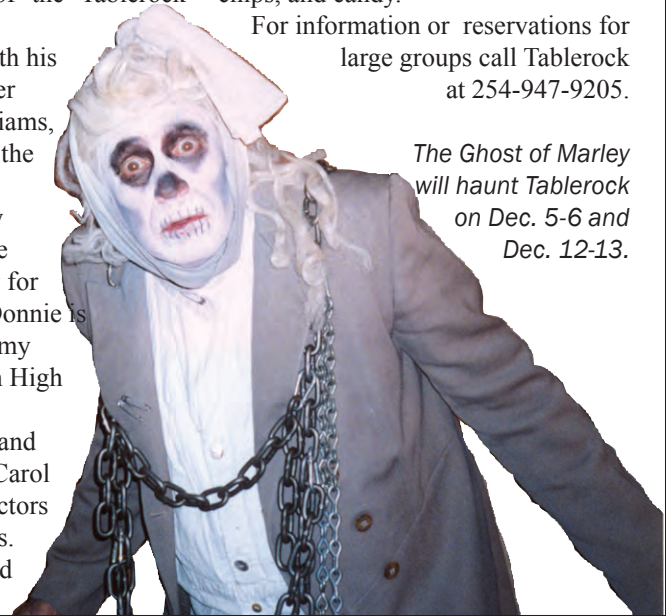
Performances will begin at 7 p.m. each evening at Tablerock’s Goodnight Amphitheater located on Royal Street in Salado, TX.

Tickets are available at the gate; \$10 for adults, \$5 for Students and \$3 for children 12 and under.

The concession stand opens at 6:30 for sandwiches, cold and hot drinks, chips, and candy.

For information or reservations for large groups call Tablerock at 254-947-9205.

The Ghost of Marley will haunt Tablerock on Dec. 5-6 and Dec. 12-13.



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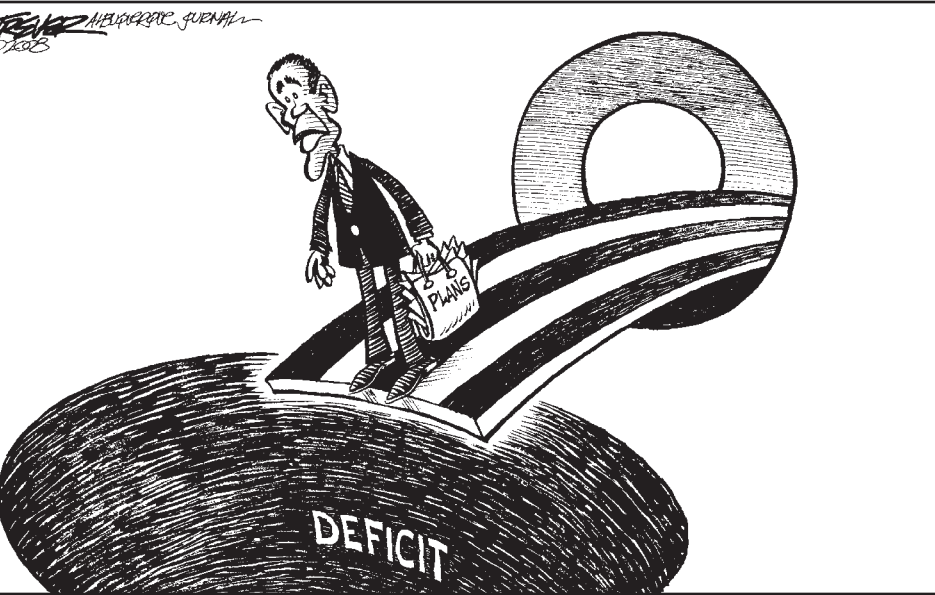
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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Detroit comes begging

One of Barack Obama’s acts of courage as a presidential candidate, his campaign maintained, was to give a speech in Detroit excoriating the auto industry for its carbon-emitting sins. Obama noted how the industry had long played “typical Washington politics” by hiring an “army of lobbyists” to get its way.

Well, Obama hadn’t been president-elect for more than 72 hours before he suggested that auto-industry executives descending on Washington to plead for a bailout might get it. Can we save corporate dinosaurs that have been mismanaged for decades? Yes, we can!

The auto companies argue that they have been caught up in the credit crunch, and therefore deserve a piece of the financial bailout. General Motors’ sales dropped 45 percent in October. Ford and GM lost nearly \$15 billion in cash between July and September, and GM says it might not have enough cash to operate by early next year.

But this crisis is only the punctuation mark on decades of decline. Once a market-dominating behemoth, GM had 50 percent of the U.S. market in the 1960s. It is down to almost 20 percent now. U.S. consumers have long been voting against U.S. automakers. Now, they’ll be asked to put their tax dollars at risk to preserve the very companies from which they don’t want cars.

The bailout would be of the United Auto Workers as much as of the automakers. It’s the UAW that saddled the Big Three with unsustainable labor costs and obligations to retirees. Detroit has desperately been trying to get out from under this burden, but Ford still lost \$1,467 per vehicle in 2007, while GM lost \$729 and Chrysler lost \$412. Where the UAW doesn’t reign, the industry thrives. Toyota and others profitably manufacture almost 4 million cars in nonunionized states in the South.

The case for the bailout is that the job

Rich Lowry



losses from a GM going down -- 100,000 directly, and many more indirectly - - would be too painful to bear, and the government would be left holding the bag on GM’s pensions. This line of reasoning conceives of GM essentially as a job programs and welfare agency.

A bailout of the automakers would signal a new era of government protection from competitive failures. Every other troubled business would show up in Washington.

The Paulson financial rescue obviously created a dangerous predicate. But the financial system is uniquely fragile. Banks that are otherwise sound, and have been run profitably for decades, can go under in a panic. Wells Fargo, which took an equity injection under duress, shouldn’t be confused with GM.

Washington Post business writer Steven Pearlstein suggests a compromise: Only commit government funds if the auto companies taking them go bankrupt. A bankruptcy court can reduce the obligations to retirees, make it possible for Chrysler and GM to pare back their unnecessary dealerships, and scale back wages and benefits. Top management should be fired. All of this can be set in a “prepackaged” bankruptcy that won’t disrupt operations.

But that probably makes too much sense. We’re a long way from the 1950s, when G.M. President Charles Wilson said, “What is good for General Motors is good for the country.” In a bailout nation, it’s the opposite.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2008 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Situation Normal: Hubbub reigns in House leadership foofaraw; \$140,000 lounge tab; possible second recount

It’s comforting for most of us to have something we can count on each day, but in politics that “stability” droops when one’s “security rock” is the State House of Representatives.

Reason is the lower house, led by the battle-scarred (but unbowed) Speaker Tom Craddick (R-Midland) and his remaining lieutenants are going about their business without apparent awareness that House politics “are a-changing.” First of all, the membership is now more closely divided with 76 Repubs and 74 Demos, which means Craddick must “hold” his troops or at least offset the mutineers with Democratic defectors, in order to win reelection as Speaker in January.

GOP RETREAT

House Republicans went on a “retreat” last week presumably to allow Craddick to reinforce his loyalists. However, no sooner had the strategy session opened when the ninth House member - Burt Solomons (R-Carrollton), Chairman, Financial Institutions Committee, announced he was a candidate for Speaker.

Speaker wannabees now include four Republicans and five Democrats who have officially filed for Craddick’s job. Added to that mix are 64 Democrats (out of 74) who have signed an unconditional pledge to oppose Craddick, plus the unknown number of GOP dissidents. All of which has created a wild scramble foreshadowing some high powered “moving and shaking” between now and opening day of the 81st Session - Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

Side bar to the retreat: There are many Texans hurting financially during the current recession - but apparently not among our elected Pooh-Bahs who invited lobbyists to their two day “get-away” session - at 25 grand each.

\$140,000 LOUNGE UPGRADE

In the “what next” category of House shenanigans, is an AP story that surfaced last week about an expenditure, by the lower house, of \$140,000 (so far) to “upgrade” the member’s lounge, including a number of \$14,500 chandeliers. Reason for the renovation (according to House scuttlebutt) is to **keep the House member’s lounge “on a par with the Senate cloak room.”**

As previously pointed out - there are some things that rarely change and the Texas House of Representatives is one of them. Sadly, this hardly promotes governmental stability and confidence needed by the rest of us, whose immediate “money-job-debt” problems far outweigh the antics of our elected class.

ANOTHER RECOUNT??

As of last week, Democrat Rob Romano filed a request with the Secretary of State’s Office, for a second recount of the District 105 (Irving) House vote. Romano trailed incumbent Republican Linda Harper-Brown by 29 votes when the November 4 votes were counted. That lead shrunk to 20 votes after Dallas County election officials re-tabulated the original votes and added the overseas and provision ballots.

The GOP win gave the State’s lower legislative House a 76-74 edge with the preliminary leadership problems noted at the top of this column.

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



If the SecState’s office accepts the request for a recount, and finds that Romano is the winner, we’re talking about a House membership tied 75-75, which would be unprecedented.

With no examples to follow - the party leaders would be flying blind (not terribly unusual) and deciding the next Speaker would be a “show” worth watching.

The odds of all this happening are “slim to none” but should the impossible occur, folks who suddenly become riveted to the legislative hubbub are urged to follow the usual political prescriptive advice that includes a large spoonful of a favorite restorative tonic together with several anti-depression pills.

Then sit back and enjoy watching our lawmakers follow the ancient adage - “When in trouble or in doubt, run in circles, scream and shout.”

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PALIN IN 2012?

Most of us figured that John McCain’s erstwhile running mate Sarah Palin, would return to Alaska and spend time between governing, raising her kids, and keeping an eye on the Russians from an upstairs window.

We figured wrong! Governor Palin is like the not-so-Elusive Pimpernel (rephrased) “You see her here, you see her there, you see her everywhere.” Frisky Sarah can be viewed on TV entertaining the media with broken syntax and almost indecipherable responses, but filled with vim and vigor. She was at the Republican Governor’s Conference - urging them to “be strong and faithful” to the cause. **And, when asked about 2012 - she garbled something about a door and being able to “plow through” said door.**

Her lack of certain abilities is offset (to a degree) with an overabundance of confidence. She made a hit with the pro-life conservatives and gives a lift to the religious GOP base.

From the Stagecoach Coffee Shop (home base of the famed “Do- No-Gooder contingent of malcontents) to the RNC in Washington, there’s talk that **Palin is the “Hope of the Future for the Republican Party.”** After all she’s got the Neiman Marcos Wardrobe for starters.

DEMOCRATS ENTRANCED

Democrats - watching all this with joy in their hearts, are thinking about setting up groups to encourage and support the Palin movement. Hoping it will become a GOP trend and that the lady from Alaska will be their nominee in 2012.

From this column’s observation point, it would seem that a Palin run for the presidency would be all the GOPers need to nail down the coffin on their exile as backbenchers, both in Congress and the White House for decades to come.

Ain’t politics fun? You betcha!

AND FINALLY.....

Just for the record - President George Bush will be leaving office on January 20 at high noon, which is exactly 53 and a half days away.

That news will, no doubt, evoke tears - some of joy and some of sadness, depending of course on one’s view of the past eight years. **Difference between building a national bridge to nowhere vs. a new road!**

That’s -30-

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What unmarried women's vote means

By PAGE S. GARDNER

Weeks after an historic election, political analysts still are sifting through the results, trying to figure out how different segments of society voted, why they cast their ballots as they did, and what their political preferences and patterns of participation mean for the future.

But three lessons are inescapably clear: The electorate that changed America reflects a changing America -- younger, more racially and ethnically diverse, and less likely to be married. The largest demographic group within this new American electorate -- unmarried women -- played a pivotal role in electing Barack Obama as president, building a bigger margin for Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, and delivering the largest Democratic margins in national politics since 1964. And, for progressives from the White House to both houses of Congress, there is no more urgent challenge than addressing the needs of unmarried women -- especially for economic security -- and ensuring that they continue to participate in the political process.

While they usually tend to register and vote less than married people, unmarried women increased their participation this year. Indeed, 20 percent of unmarried women voters cast ballots in their first presidential election this year, compared to 11 percent of all voters. Similarly, unmarried women were more likely than other voters to have recently registered to vote, with 41 percent of these women having registered during the last four years.

In addition to voting in numbers reflecting their presence in the population -- 53 million in all and 26 percent of voting-age adults -- unmarried women delivered decisive margins for Obama for president and Democratic candidates for the U.S. House, Senate, and public offices at almost every level of government. These women favored Obama over John McCain by a stunning 70-to-29 percent margin, while preferring Democratic candidates for the U.S. House by 63-to-31 percent and for the Senate. In a dramatic indication of how heavily unmarried women supported progressive candidates, Obama's overwhelming 70 percent share of unmarried women's votes was even greater than his 66 percent showing among young voters and his 67 percent of Latino voters.

Unmarried women's crucial role in electing Obama is underscored by the "marriage gap" between their political preferences and those of married women. While unmarried women supported Obama by 41 percentage points, married women favored McCain by 50-to-47 percent for a marriage gap of 44 points. By way of comparison, the gender gap between the preferences of women and men was surprisingly static at 12 percent.

Even more remarkably, in spite of the fact that they overwhelmingly believe that the nation has been "on the wrong track," unmarried women cast their votes in a spirit of hope and purpose, not anger and despair. Seventy-five percent of unmarried women agreed that "this election made me believe average people can help change the country." For these women, change means addressing the most important challenge in their lives -- pervasive economic insecurity.

In many ways, these single, separated, divorced and widowed women really are "women on their own." In an unstable economy, more than 40 percent have household incomes of \$30,000 or less. In a discriminatory workplace, these women earn 56 cents

for every dollar that a married man makes. In the midst of the healthcare crisis, these women are less likely than married people to have health coverage. In a society where it's difficult to balance work and family, more than 10 million are single moms with children at home. And, when they are too old to work, about 25 percent rely on Social Security as their only source of income.

Now, these women are on their own in a housing crisis, a financial crisis, and a deepening recession. They are more vulnerable than married people to foreclosures, layoffs and bankruptcies.

For President-elect Obama and the newly strengthened majorities in the House and Senate, the message of their mandate from unmarried women is clear: Address the issues of creating good-paying jobs, providing equal pay, expanding healthcare coverage, and securing retirement income that motivated these "women on their own" to register and vote in record numbers. For progressives generally, the lesson is even more emphatic: Our top priority must be to keep these women involved in the political process so that a changing electorate can continue to

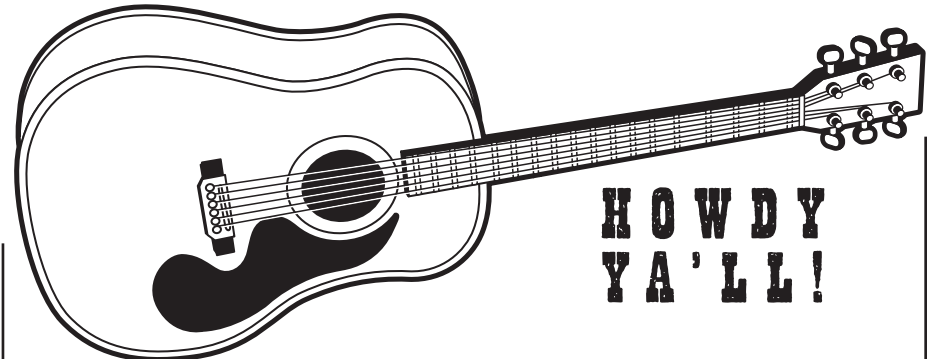
change America.

Gardner is president of Women's Voices, Women Vote, a national nonpartisan organization that seeks to increase unmarried women's participation in the political process.

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Diabetes is health risk for children

Parents often casually remark that today's children grow up too quickly. In one particularly alarming sense, that sentiment is true. A generation of children whose health has been threatened by sedentary behavior and poor eating habits now face some of the deadly health risks once limited to adults, such as type 2 diabetes. Without serious lifestyle changes, these children could struggle with significant, lifelong health challenges, including heart disease, hypertension, high blood pressure, and kidney disease.

Earlier this month, scientists released the staggering findings of a study on the "heart health" among American kids: the arteries of obese children are in the same condition of those of 45-year-old adults. In fact, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends cholesterol screening for children with a family history of heart disease as early as age two. Trust for America, a leading health organization, reports that 32 percent of American children are overweight or obese. So it is little surprise that one in three children born today will be diagnosed with diabetes. And the most distressing trends in childhood obesity is the rise in cases of type 2 diabetes. This complex form of the disease was formerly known as "adult-onset diabetes" because occurrence in children was so rare. However, over the past 20 years, the incidence of type 2 diabetes among children diagnosed with the disease has climbed from two per-

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



cent to as much as 45 percent.

November has been designated National Diabetes Month in order to raise awareness of this deadly disease, which is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States.

In Texas, the prevalence of obesity has surged 112 percent since 1990, according to the United Health Foundation. Prevention must be the cornerstone of our state's efforts to combat diabetes. Many people who are diagnosed with type 2 diabetes have a parent or a sibling with the disease. Individuals with a known predisposition must take extra care to stay "heart healthy" through nutritious eating and regular exercise. This is particularly true of children, who can reduce their diabetes risk by adopting healthy habits early in life.

A 2007 study published in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism found that school-based health, nutrition, and exercise programs are beneficial to all students and can directly impact diabetes risk factors in children. Presently, Texas is one of only 17 states that requires school breakfasts, lunches, and snacks to meet higher nutritional standards than the U.S. Department of Agriculture mandates. To build on that, I created an elementary school pilot program in the 2007 Farm Bill that encourages parents and their children to participate in nutrition education. Under this program, schools would be able to employ a nutrition coordinator to assist them in establishing a comprehensive nutrition and fitness program for parents and students alike. This program is one of the first of its kind and will help prevent obesity and promote healthy lifestyles among families.

But there are more than one million diagnosed cases of diabetes in Texas and, alarmingly, another half a million Texans are living with the disease and don't know it. According to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study, the number of Texans affected by the disease nearly doubled between 1994 and 2002. So, as we advocate prevention, we must also pursue a cure.

In late 2007, I cosponsored a bipartisan measure to support research on new medications, identification of factors that place individuals at risk of developing the disease, and efforts to reduce health complications caused by diabetes. I have also worked to increase federal support for research efforts at the National Institutes of Health and the CDC so we can better understand the causes of diabetes and improve prevention and educational efforts.

Combating diabetes through prevention and treatment is a national challenge that requires a cooperative approach. For more information on diabetes, contact the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES or visit its Web site at www.diabetes.org.


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It's getting downright painful to open any piece of mail from a brokerage or investment firm. Virtually every mutual fund in the country is down sharply, and investors have lost tens of billions of dollars in the last few weeks alone.

Those who own stock in American carmakers have been pounded especially hard.

General Motors, once the bluest of blue-chip stocks, recently traded for \$2.52 a share, down from \$29.95 at this time last year. On that same day, Ford stock hit \$1.21 per share, down 76 percent in a year.

Stockholders may soon decide to frame their certificates and hang them on the wall, something some already do with certificates from 1940s-era carmaker Tucker Corporation. After all, stock in these industrial giants may soon have little more than novelty value.

In short, Detroit's "Big Three" automakers are almost out of cash and must do something drastic if they hope to fix themselves. The only question is: Will they take action now, or burn through billions in federal funding first?

In October, federal lawmakers approved \$25 billion in loans so Detroit-based carmakers could produce "cleaner cars." But that isn't enough. Just weeks later, the CEOs of Chrysler, Ford and General Motors were in D.C. to ask for even more federal help. These men want to take the aid and continue with business as usual (They flew from Detroit in private jets, for one example) -- the same poor strategies that have driven them to the brink

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by Ed Feulner

of insolvency.

So far cooler heads have prevailed. Congress decided to step back and allow the industry more time to make its case. But there's a better, although tougher, solution: American carmakers should use this time to declare bankruptcy.

Chapter 11 protection would give these manufacturers a chance to reorganize under new leadership and solve some of the major problems that have dragged them down in recent years.

For starters, the Big Three need an affordable labor deal. Across the decades, Detroit's powerful United Auto Workers union has negotiated unsustainable pay packages for its members. UAW employees earn three times as much as an average blue collar worker makes -- \$75 per hour on average in wages and benefits. That's also about \$25 per hour more than American employees of Japanese automakers earn.

Health care for retirees and current workers cost the company \$4.6 billion in 2007. That, in turn, adds \$1,200 to the cost of each new GM vehicle produced in the United States.

A bailout would mean taxpayers -- many of whom make far less than the average autoworker -- would be stuck paying for these unaffordable pay packages. Under bankruptcy protection, though, automakers could hammer out better deals, allowing them to close unnecessary plants, trim their workforces and reduce pay and benefit packages to bring them in line with those offered by other heavy manufacturing.

To succeed in the long haul, the automakers must also be able to shut down makes and models that don't sell very well, and also close underperforming car dealerships.

There are more than 6,000 GM dealers nationwide, for example, and the company produces cars with eight different nameplates. Industry expert Steve Girsky estimates the company could close more than half of its dealerships -- but that won't happen outside of bankruptcy protection.

After all, when GM shut down its Oldsmobile line a few years ago, it ended up having to pay dealers more than \$1 billion in "financial assistance" to keep them from suing.

Dealerships will continue fighting tooth and nail, and there's simply no way outside of Chapter 11 that the automakers will be able to consolidate their operations.

Bankruptcy doesn't mean the automakers will disappear overnight, eliminating tens of thousands of jobs. Quite the contrary. Like the airlines that have gone through Chapter 11, automakers could emerge stronger in the end. Bankruptcy, not a bailout, is the answer.

Ed Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (heritage.org).



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Tips given for charitable giving during holidays

The spirit of giving seems to grow during the holiday season, and many donations are made to charitable causes at this special time of year. The IRS reminded taxpayers today to keep some important points in mind when making donations with the expectation of deducting them on a federal tax return.

You can deduct donations only if you make them to a qualified organization. Most organizations other than churches and

governments must apply to the IRS to become qualified.

“Search for many charitable organizations online at IRS.gov with Publication 78,” said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. “Otherwise, most organizations will be able to tell you whether they are tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code and eligible to accept tax-deductible donations.” Qualified organizations include nonprofit groups that are religious, charitable,

educational, scientific, or literary in purpose, or that work to prevent cruelty to children or animals.

Sanford added that it is necessary to file Form 1040 and itemize deductions on Schedule A. Be sure to keep good records, too.

“There are recordkeeping requirements for cash contributions regardless of the amount,” Sanford noted. “Remember to keep a written communication from the charity with the name of the charity, date and amount of the contribution or a bank record—canceled checks will work, or bank statements containing the name of the charity, the date and amount.”

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Dinner and dancing, as well as the annual business meeting, will be 7-9:30 p.m.

Reservations for the dinner at \$25 per person for MCCA members and \$30 per person for non-members. Reservations with payment must be made by Dec. 6 to MCCA, PO Box 562, Salado, TX 76571.

Please include the names of those who will be attending the party with your reservations.

Tarleton sets deadline for Spring scholarships

The priority deadline to apply for scholarships for Tarleton State University-Central Texas courses in Taylor is Dec. 1.

Students who apply for scholarships after that date are still eligible to receive scholarships, but will not be given priority consideration. For a tuition and fee estimator, or to find out more about scholarship opportunities and types of financial aid that are available, please visit www.Tarleton.edu/CentralTexas.

Starting with the Spring 2009 semester, the Killeen-based University will offer 12 courses at the Temple College Taylor Center. The courses offered are in the areas of criminal justice, business, marketing, management, and psychology. The Center is located at

516 North Main Street in Taylor.

The Spring term begins Jan. 12. For a complete course schedule and for information on how to apply, please visit www.Tarleton.edu/CentralTexas/Taylor.html or call 254-519-5492.

The courses offered are during the 16-week term, which is January 12-May 6, and the 8-week terms, January 12-March 7 and March 10-May 9, 2009.

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SPORTS

Salado football players named All-District squad

Senior Tyler Coker was named District 25AA Most Valuable Player, leading a squadron of six First Team Offensive Players and seven First Team Defensive Players from the 7-4 District 25AA Football runner-up Salado Eagles.

Tyler Coker started on both sides of the ball for the Eagles. Offensively, he carried the ball five times for 33 yards, and caught eight passes for 158 yards, including a long pass of 61 yards. He provided solid blocking at offensive end for a team that compiled 1,979 yards rushing and 1,352 yards passing in the regular season. Defensively, Coker made 65 tackles, 21 of them solo tackles, three sacks and two fumble recoveries.

Jerod Lutz, was named

First Team quarterback, throwing the ball 115 times for 64 completions and 964 yards, eight touchdowns and eight interceptions. His longest pass was 47 yards. He also carried the ball 58 times for 274 yards, including a 47 yard run.

Trae Liller earned First Team honors at Wide Receiver. He had 21 catches for 226 yards and 129 yards rushing on 30 carries.

Tyler Wright is First Team tailback. He averaged 8.30 yards per carry with 697 yards on 84 rushes. His longest run was 80 yards. He caught eight passes for 135 yards.

Caleb Little, the only junior to make the first team, caught eight passes for 121 yards. He was First Team Tight End.

Offensive linemen earning First Team honors were senior Heath Bracken at Guard and senior Tackle Chase Stuckey.

Seven players were named to the All District Defense. Lutz, Liller, Wright, Little and Bracken all were named First Team for both squads.

Patrick Prince led the Eagles defense at his inside linebacker position. He was named First Team All District. He made 150 tackles on the year, including 38 solo tackles. He also sacked the quarterback twice and recovered a fumble.

Garret Ward was First Team outside linebacker. He made 40 tackles on the year, including 12 solo tackles. He also made two interceptions during the

season.

Heath Bracken is First Team Defensive End. He had 87 tackles during the year, 25 of them were solo tackles. He also had a sack on the year.

Caleb Little made 60 tackles, 14 solo at his line-man position. He led the team with four sacks.

Trae Liller was first team safety. He made 75 tackles, 19 solos, as well as one interception, a fumble recovery and a blocked punt.

Tyler Wright is First Team Cornerback. He had 67 tackles, including 26 solos, three interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

Jerod Lutz led the team with four interceptions at Cornerback. He also made 32 tackles, 13 of them solo.

Clayton Whitmire was named second team receiver, although he missed games due to illness. He had 21 receptions for 226 yards. He also carried the ball 21 times for 100 yards.

Josh Rodriguez was named Second team inside linebacker. He had 70 tackles, 11 solos, two sacks and one interception for the Eagles.

Several players received Honorable Mention: Matt Ming, senior wide receiver; John Cruz, senior outside linebacker; Barton Grigsby, senior center; Logan Foster, senior running back; Brandon Heller, junior guard; Caleb Hayslip, junior tackle and Justin Berumen, senior linebacker.

Eagles cagers jump out to 2-0 season start

Salado Eagles have won their first two games of the season, beating Crawford 71-31 on Nov. 21 and Rockdale 39-37 Nov. 18.

Salado 71
Crawford 37

With 19 points in the first quarter, Salado sailed past the Crawford Pirates 71-37 at home Nov. 21.

The Eagles held an untouchable lead of 34-15 at the half before coasting to the 71-37 finale.

Jerod Lutz led all Salado scorers with 20 points on eight-of-19 shooting. He also had two assists, two rebounds and four steals.

Nick Seawood shot seven-of-14 for 17 points. He made five assists, one rebound and six steals.

Tom Baine made 11

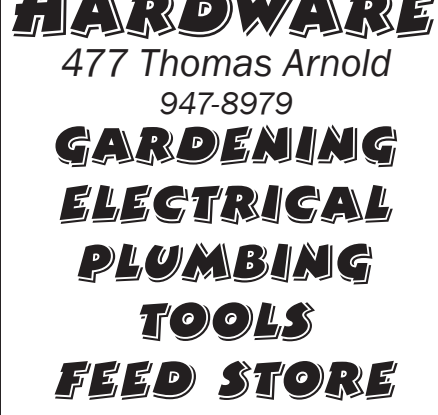
points, as well as two rebounds and two steals.

Also contributing were these: Barton Grigsby, six points, three rebounds, one steal; Garret Ward, five points, one assist, one rebound; Chase Stuckey, four points, five rebounds, one steal; Matt Ming, three points, two rebounds; Trae Liller, three points, one assist; Braxton Tucker, two points, four rebounds, one steal and C.J. Little, three rebounds, three steals.

Salado	39
Rockdale	37

Salado Eagles varsity basketball team staved off a fourth quarter comeback to beat the Rockdale Tigers

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Lady Eagles win two straight after two early losses

Salado Lady Eagles have started out 2-2 in basketball play, losing their first two games without the starting players who were competing in the volleyball playoffs.

The Lady Eagles started out with losses to St. Michael's and Whitney before blowing out Zephyr 55-20 and giving Bruceville-Eddy the first loss of the season Nov. 21 at the buzzer 47-45.

Lady Eagles 47
Bruceville-Eddy 45

Daniell Hazzard hit a two-pointer at the buzzer to give Salado a 47-45 win over Bruceville-Eddy, handing those Lady Eagles their first loss of the year on their own court.

Salado took a 12-7 first quarter lead, but led by just

one point at the half, 19-18. The teams fought for a third quarter tie of 36-36.

Hadley Joiner had a career-high 28 points on 10-of-15 shooting from the field. Joiner was five-of-seven on three pointers and three-of-four at the free throw line. Joiner also had three assists, two blocks, four rebounds and four steals.

Danielle Hazzard had eight points on 50 percent shooting from the field. She had 11 rebounds to lead the team, as well as two assists, a block and a steal.

Jenna Sebek scored six points on three-of-13 shooting. She had eight rebounds and three steals.

Billi Pipes shot two-of-four for four points. She also made seven rebounds and an assist.

Brennan Boydston scored a point from the free throw line. She also had five assists to lead the team, as well as a rebound and a steal.

Also contributing to the win were these: Katy Clark, an assists, two blocks and a rebound; Hailee Pipes, a rebound; Kaylan Hearne, an assist and a steal; Abby Frazier, three assists and a rebound; and Lorna Payne, a rebound and a steal.

Lady Eagles 55
Zephyr 20

The Salado Lady Eagles jumped out to an 11-4 lead in the first quarter on the road against Zephyr and never looked back, winning 55-20.

The girls held a 19-10 halftime lead before scoring 23 points in the third quarter and 13 in the fourth quarter, while holding Zephyr to 10 points in the second half.

Brennan Boydston and Hadley Joiner both had 13 points to lead the squad.

Boydston was six-of-nine from the field including one three pointer. She also had three assists, two rebounds and four steals.

Joiner had six assists, four rebounds, four steals and one block.

Jenna Sebek scored 10 points on five-of-13 shooting from the field. She also had two assists and four rebounds.

Danielle Hazzard

scored nine points with four-of-eight shooting including one-of-two three-pointers. She grabbed four rebounds, made one assist and had three steals.

Abby Frazier had six points and two rebounds. Kaylan Hearne had four points, two rebounds, two steals and an assist.

Also contributing were Katy Clark, an assist, a block, three steals and a rebound; Hailee Pipes, a block and a rebound; Billi Pipes, two assists, a block and two steals; and Lorna Payne, an assist and three rebounds.

Lady Eagles 22
St. Michael's 30

The Lady Eagles lost to St. Michael's on Nov. 13 in a low-scoring match.

Lady Eagles 24
Whitney 44

The Lady Eagles opened the season with a 24-44 loss to Whitney, even though the girls were tied at 14-14 in the first half.

Whitney scored 15 points in both the third and fourth quarters, while holding Salado to just 10 second half points.

Scoring for Salado were Clark, eight points; Hearne, five points; Billi Pipes, four points; McGillick, three points; Frazier, two points; and Boaz, two points.

Salado 9th 19
Bruceville Eddy 38

Salado ninth grade Lady Eagles lost to Bruceville-Eddy 38-19 on the road Nov. 21.

Scoring for Salado were these: Rachael Piatt, eight; Elaina Magee, five; Francesca Perez, two; Taylor Marburger, two and Sharla Gilchrist, two.

Salado JV 15
Bruceville-Eddy 22

Salado JV Lady Eagles lost to Bruceville-Eddy on the road 22-15. "Our defense and hustle were great, but our offensive execution and shooting were not what we expected," said Coach Randy Henderson of the game. "Hopefully, those nerves are gone and the JV players can relax and play better."

No individual statistics were available.

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on the road Nov. 18, 39-37 for a season-opening win.

The Eagles held a 15-12 first quarter lead and a 20-18 halftime margin.

The boys stretched the lead to 33-28 at the end of the third quarter before being outscored 9-6 in the fourth quarter.

Nick Seawood scored 11 points to lead the Eagles, shooting four-of-nine from the field, including a three pointer, and two-of-two at the free throw line. Seawood also had four assists, two steals and a defensive rebound.

Tom Baine shot three-of-10 from the field including two three pointers to score eight points for Salado. He also had two assists, a rebound and three steals.

Jerod Lutz scored seven points, shooting two-of-five field goals and three-of-four free throws. He had a steal, two rebounds and two steals.

Braxton Tucker scored four points on one-of-two shooting and two-of-three free throws. He had four rebounds and a steal for the Eagles.

Barton Grigsby had three points on one-of-seven shooting and one-of-two free throws. He led the team with 10 rebounds.

Also scoring for the Eagles were C.J. Little, Garrett Ward and Trae Liller,

all with two points each.

The Salado Junior Varsity boys basketball team played at the Belton Tournament winning two out of three games.

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Salado JV 54
Shoemaker 44
Trey McGlothlin 3 pts,
Jacob Heiner 8 pts,
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T.J. Roman 11 pts.

Salado JV 42
Waco University 52
Jacob Heiner 11 pts,
Kolby Spears 8 pts,
Paul Warren 8 pts,
Colton Mieman 7 pts,
T.J. Roman 8 pts.

Other Games:
Salado 9th 30,
Crawford B 25
Cody Wortham 9 pts,
Austin Silva 2 pts,
Janson Oyler 4 pts,
Cameron Smith 8 pts,
Devan Patterson 7 pts.

Salado JV A 56
Rockdale 22
Jacob Heiner 6 pts,
Kolby Spears 3 pts,
Paul Williams 11 pts,
Janson Oyler 3 pts,
Jada Kornegay 5 pts,
Colton Mieman 15 pts,
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7th A 49
Jarrell 24
Dane Hankamer- 6 pts
Davis Little- 4 pts
Kase Spears- 12 pts
Mason Price- 0 pts
Kyle Heiner- 14 pts
Casey Frazier- 4 pts
Drue VanWinkle- 2 pts
Cole Haag- 0 pts
Chase Crenwelge- 1 pt
Dexter Walingford- 6 pts

8th A 44
Jarrell 39
Jonathan Franz- 4 pts
Bryce Martin- 2 pts
Andrew Warren- pts
Cooper Cox- 7 pts
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By KEN CLAPP

MaryBelle Brown was named the Honorary Chairman for the Salado Church Of Christ's Ses- quicentennial Celebration by Elders of the congrega- tion recently. The date of the founding of the Church of Christ in Salado was March 10, 1859 and ac- cording to Charles Allen, chairman of the celebra- tion planning committee the congregation has set aside Sunday, March 8, 2009 as the special day to commemorate the 150 year anniversary of the Church here in Salado.

Allen noted that plans for the special day will be announced as the March 8, 2009 date nears. Includ- ed will be a special morn- ing service and a luncheon for members and special guests in the Activity Cen- ter immediately following the 10 a.m. service.

Chairman Allen noted the MaryBelle Brown was the unanimous choice of the elders and the congrega- tion thanks to her untir- ing service to the Church and to the Village of Salado: "We are delighted to have MaryBelle serve as our honorary chairman and through her guidance we feel this will be a cel- ebration that will be long remembered by our mem- bers and the community."

MaryBelle Brown was born in Rogers, Texas, the daughter of Irl C. Peters and Ellen Roxy (Graham) Peters. Shortly after her birth the family moved to the Texas Panhandle and settled in Lorenzo. When MaryBelle was eight years old the family returned to Rogers where she com- pleted school, graduating in 1941. Her goal was to enter Scott and White Me-

morial Hospital School of Nursing so she could join the Army Nurse Corps and serve during World War II. She had to wait to reach the required age for admission to the Nursing School and this meant she did not finish school until after the War was over.

The Nursing program offered the opportunity for students to attend classes in the local Community College. MaryBelle took advantage of this and graduated from the School of Nursing receiving her R.N. Degree in January of 1947 and her A. A. Degree from Temple Junior Col- lege the following May. She later completed work for a B. A. Degree with a Social Work Emphasis at Mary Hardin-Baylor Col- lege in Belton and began teaching in the Nursing School.

However, in the mean- time, MaryBelle had met Thomas V. Brown, Jr. and decided to give up her am- bition for higher education and marry him. They will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary in April of 2009.

The Brown's have two sons, Thomas Brown III, Midland and Tim Brown, who lives with his wife in Salado. Tim is Salado's Commissioner on the Bell County Commissioner's Court. He and his wife Lana have two children. Tom and Mary Belle Brown have four grand- children and three great grandchildren.

MaryBelle has done a great deal of volunteer work in the Village of Salado and the surround- ing area. She served on numerous Boards and Committees including Salado Chamber of Com- merce Ladies' Auxiliary,



MaryBelle Brown

Salado Historical Society, Salado Public Library, Salado Cemetery Asso- ciation, Friends of Salado Cemetery Association and Salado Literacy Coun- cil. She also volunteered with Citizens on Patrol in Salado (COPS) under the leadership of her husband, Tom.

She has served on the Bell County Historical Commission for a number of years and worked in the areas of Historical Re- search and Preservation in securing Texas Historical Commission Markers for numerous subjects, sites and individuals that are part of Salado and Bell County history. Among such Markers is that in honor of the congrega- tion of Salado Church of Christ which was the first religious body formally organized when the new Village of Salado was laid out in 1859.

MaryBelle has designed and led historical tours for many groups of tourists, newcomers, students and teachers. She has served as speaker for various groups in Central Texas. She holds memberships in Daughters of the Ameri- can Revolution, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Texas First Families, Or- der of Confederate Rose and United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Her work with the his- tory of the Old Grave Yard led to organizing a Memo- rial Day Service, which

is held each year on the Parade Ground in front of the Old Grave Yard. This was held for the nineteenth year in May of 2008. MaryBelle's father was a dis- abled veteran from World War I. This led her to have tremendous respect and love for all of our military personnel. She keeps an up-dated list of all veter- ans who have been buried in the Salado Cemetery and this constitutes a Roll Call as a part of the Me- morial Day service each year.

MaryBelle is a descen- dent of pioneers who came to the Republic of Texas with the Mercer Colony in 1844, settling in what became Bell County. Her maternal great great grandparents, James and Elizabeth Anderson, are among those buried in the Old Grave Yard. James Anderson was one of the founders and charter el- ders of the Church of Christ in 1859.

MaryBelle taught Bible School classes for many years. Among other things, MaryBelle assisted in training teachers, su- pervising classes through middle school, design- ing the church's Women's Ministry, working in the Busing Program, organiz- ing a Women's Day out program, helping organize a Church Library and de- signing a calling system for notifying all members of the congregation of deaths, illnesses, need for prayers or any informa- tion needing to be passed along.

MaryBelle is excited about the upcoming Ses- quicentennial Celebration. This will be another op- portunity for her to share information about her great-great-grandfather, James Anderson, who was a founder, charter member and charter elder when the Salado Church of Christ had its beginning in 1859.

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The Texas AgriLife Extension is providing a demonstration on how to plug a large diameter hand dug water well. The demonstration will be held southeast of Temple at 3813 Riggs Road. The public is invited to attend. Two hours CEU are available for Commercial and Private Pesticide Applicators. Contact the Clearwater District (254-933-0120) for additional information.

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Everyone had a good time picking out their bowl and then having it filled with hot soup. The Salado Family Relief hosted its annual "Empty Bowl" fundraiser Nov. 22 at the Salado Civic Center. Tickets included a handmade ceramic bowl created by area potters and donated for the project. Local restaurants provided the soup. The Salado Family Relief provides Christmas items, back to school supplies, clothes and helps local families during times of need. Donations can be mailed to the Salado Family Relief Fund, at P.O. Box 461 Salado, Tx 76571.

Chamber of Commerce seeks Parade entries

The Salado Chamber of Commerce is calling for entries into its annual Christmas Parade, which will be Dec. 4.

"The Parade is our signature kick-off and we are excited to pull it together," stated Suzi Watson in announcing the deadline for entries as 4:30 p.m. Dec. 3.

Entry forms and the rules and regulations for the Annual Christmas Parade can be picked up at the Visitor's Center and Salado Chamber of Commerce building located at 881 N. Main St.

Awards for entries, including Most Sparkle, Most Supported and Best of Show. The entries will be judged at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 4 prior to the parade.

The parade will wind down Royal St. to Main St., ending at the Salado Civic Center, where Santa

Claus will greet children. As part of the annual Parade, the Mill Creek Community Association will sponsor a Decorated Golf Cart Contest.

Three prizes will be awarded to the best carts: First place will be dinner for two at Inn on the Creek; Second place will be lunch for four at Roy T's and Third place will be breakfast for four at McCain's Bakery and Café.

The three winners will represent MCCA in the parade.

If you want to participate contact Michael McDougal (947-0510) or Matt Sommerfield (947-5698).

"There is plenty of time to pull together a fun float, vehicle or performance," Watson said, "and we would love to see you there!"

Call 254-947-5040 for details and entry packets..



Republican Women hold final meeting of year

Salado Area Republican Women will hold the last meeting of the year Dec. 3 at Stonecreek Settlement B and B at 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Wallace Davis will be the featured speaker. Officers for 2009 will be elected and installed.

Persons interested in attending the December meeting need to mail a \$15 check to SARW, Pac;

PO Box 373; Salado, TX 76571 no later than Monday, December 1st.

Poinsettias from Downhome Ranch ordered during October can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce Dec. 4 between noon and 2 p.m. Those who need assistance in picking up their flowers can call Sherri Gardipee at 939-7085.

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Community

Gerald Byron Bunker services held Nov. 25, burial followed in Salado

Col. (USAF-R) Gerald Byron Bunker, 80, died November 21, 2008 at Alz-Care in Temple. Services were held Nov. 25 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Temple. Burial followed in Salado Cemetery.

Pastor Wilbern Michalk officiated the services.

Bunker was born November 11, 1928 at University Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Maxwell Byron Bunker and Velma Ardella Van Loh Bunker.

He graduated from Central High School in Oklahoma City in 1946 and then attended Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater for two years on a Chemical Engineering scholarship.

When his father retired and moved the family back to his hometown of Salado, Bunker transferred to the University of Texas and joined the Air Force ROTC program. He graduated from UT as a Distinguished Military Gradu-

ate in 1951 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

He married Betty Henshaw Duckworth in Belton on January 28, 1951.

He accepted a Regular Air Force commission in March 1951 and was posted to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi Mississippi.

Among the many assignments for Col. Bunker during his 29 year Air Force career were these: 106th A&E Maintenance Squadron; K-9 Korea 34th Bomb Squadron and 17th Bomb Wing; Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico as research and development project officer with the Air Force Special Weapons Center, with emphasis on nuclear weapons; RAF Station Bushy Park in England; Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; Deputy Division Chief in Technical Application Center, Alexandria, Virginia;

Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. Lesley J. McNair and Washington, D.C.; Defense Intelligence Agency, Rosslyn, Virginia; Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts; National Security Agency at Ft. George G. Mead, Maryland; Headquarters, Electronic Command at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.

He retired as the Deputy Chief of Communications Security at Kelly on June 30, 1980.

His decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service with one bronze star, the Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars, the United Nations Service Medal and the RAF Missile badge (for his work installing the Thor missile throughout the British isles).

Col. Bunker was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Temple, the Lutheran Layman's League, the Retired Officers' Association, the Air Force Association, the National Rifle Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife Betty and daughter Kathi and her husband John Nowosacki, of North Reading, Massachusetts, daughter Tina and her husband Casey Winters, of Belton, son Eric and his wife Laurie, of Monroe, Georgia.

He is also survived by his brother Frederick M. Bunker, of Tyler, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Lutheran World Relief, 700 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21230 or Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Research, 200 First Street, S.W., Rochester, MN 55905.

Heartfield Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Pvt. Charles Yi Barnett died Nov. 20 in Iraq

Fort Hood officials announced today the death of a Soldier who was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Pvt. Charles Yi Barnett, 19, of Bel Air, Maryland, died on Nov. 20 of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident in Talil, Iraq.

Barnett entered the Army in November 2007 as a combat engineer. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division since March 2008.

He deployed in June 2008.

His medals and awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

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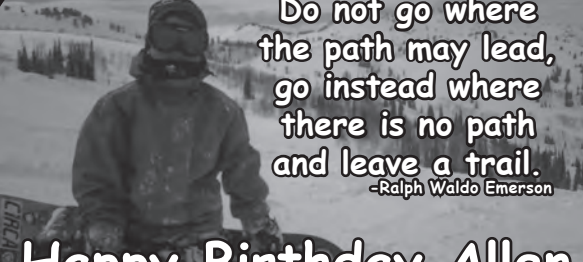
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Elizabeth Cagnon, Veterans Services chair, reported the gov. Samuel Mathews Chapter had received 1,411 hours of volunteer time. The VA Christmas gift collection was \$209, along with greeting cards with stamps, puzzle books, novels, crafts, etc.

Tarleton-Central Texas will be added to the local colleges listed for those applying for the Gov Samuel Mathews Scholarship in the future.

Nominating committee members elected were Wanda Weinblatt, Donnie Yeilding and Sue Hall.

The program presented by Jane Deben port and Mary Pope, was "Heraldry and Coat of Arms." These five specific steps are to be followed: 1) Your original, signed COA application, 2) two photocopies of your original COA, 3) A complete four page copy of your primary or supplemental application, 4) A check for \$15 per COA, made payable to NSDXVIIC and 5) Proofs for Arms and new lineages/generations.

The most reliable reference books are Ancestral Roots. Burk's American Families, Texas Society CDXVIIC-Roll of Arms, The Review, and New England Historic Genealogical Society's Roll of Arms Index.

The next Gov. Samuel Mathews meeting will be Feb. 21, 2009. A new slate of officers will be elected for 2009-2010.



50 Year Mason

The Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas presented Gerald Bridges with a 50-Year pin during a ceremony on Oct. 23. Bridges was raised in the Salado Masonic Lodge on June 8, 1959. He was initiated in Salado Masonic Lodge on March 9, 1959, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. He has served in almost every position in the Lodge, including being Master of Salado Lodge in 1982 and in 1994. About 50 fellow Masons, family members and friends joined in the ceremony that was held at Belton Masonic Lodge #166 because of its larger size.. District Deputy Grand Master Bryan Daniel, Masonic District 48, presented the award. Bridges wife Rita put the pin on her husband. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Monday Club lunch Dec. 1


Monday Club will meet Dec. 1 for the group's Christmas luncheon meeting at the Salado United Methodist Church at 11 a.m.

Bobbie Carroll, a past president, will furnish a ham and other members are requested to bring a side-dish or a dessert.


The Club will contribute funds to the Salado Family Relief Fund which helps needy families in Salado. All members are requested to bring money they wish to give to this fund.

Joe Bentley will present the program on "History of Salado."

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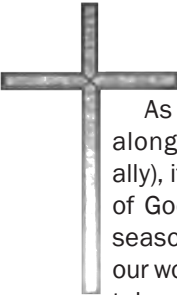
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CTC begins
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registration

Central Texas College (CTC) will begin central campus registration for the spring 2009 semester on Dec. 1. Following the holiday break, registration resumes January 5-9. Classes begin January 12, 2009.

Online registration and academic advisement for returning students will be held December 1-19. New students who have completed the admissions process and all required testing may also register during this time. To register online, students should log onto www.ctcd.edu, click on the "Students" link and then click on the "WebAdvisor" link. Class schedules are also available at the same web address.

Academic advisement for new students or students changing degree plans will be conducted January 5-9 in the Guidance and Counseling Office (Building 119) from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 – 11 a.m. on Friday.

Walk-in registration for both new and returning students will be January 5-9. Registration times are based on the last four digits of the student's Social Security Number. Late registration will be conducted January 12-16. A \$10 late fee will apply.

New student orientation will be held Friday, January 9 at 9 a.m. in the Nursing and Science Building (Bldg. 150), room 1075. To sign up, please call 254-526-1258.

The CTC Fort Hood campus is offering a mini-term beginning December 15. Classes in economics, government, history psychology and sociology are offered for three and a half hours daily December 15-19, 22, 23, 29, 30 then resuming January 5-9. Registration for the mini-term is underway now through December 15 at CTC on Fort Hood in Bldg. 3201.

Lions cook-up
pancakes Dec. 6

The Salado Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast 7-9:30 a.m. Dec. 6 at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 10.

Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the 4th ID Association Memorial Fund to recognize fallen soldiers. A Gold Star plaque in honor of each soldier's sacrifice is presented to the next of kin.

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Salado Village Voice

November 27, 2008

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Shopping, Dining, Overnight, Events

Akin home will be a stop on Christmas Tour

By DALE GORE

Walk down a sloping drive overlooking a spectacular view below, cross paving stones which form a bridge over a gold fish pond fed by a small waterfall, and approach splendid stained glass doors which open to what might well be compared to a fortified medieval palace.

You are at the home of Lew and Cindy Akin at 1161 Mackie Drive, one of five of Salado's fine homes open on the annu-



The home of Lew and Cindy Akins

al homes tour sponsored by the Historical Society during the first weekend of the annual Christmas Stroll, Dec. 5-7.

To the left of the foyer is a formal dining room,

its heavily carved Old World table surrounded by regal upholstered chairs. A long sideboard stands ready to serve a sumptuous meal suggested by the ornate decor. A great

tapestry hangs over the sideboard. The floor here and throughout the public rooms is travertine marble.

Off the study a half-circle built-in desk under the curved windows holds all the equipment a busy couple (she a prominent surgeon and he an active business man) require to keep their lives in touch.

From the entry a few steps take you into the great room. Its floor-to-ceiling French doors, open to a magnificent deck and covered patio, dominate the room and compete with a massive wall-to-wall marble surround for a deep-set fireplace and its neighbor, a large flat-screen television. Old World rugs ground the sofas, chair and tables arranged into several groupings to provide easy conversation areas.

A large kitchen and a large circular breakfast area open immediately off the great room. Cabinetry for a wet bar and the kitchen is dark polished wood, with complementary granite counters. An island cooktop, beneath a copper vent centers the kitchen. Other appliances hide behind wood cabinetry.

French doors continue around the breakfast area, opening to the covered flag stone patio. The patio and deck combine to wrap around two sides of the house and afford breathtaking views of a large pool and lush golf course below.

Just off the foyer between the dining room and great room a brief hallway leads to the tour.

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NOVEMBER 29-30

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NOVEMBER 29

Live Music by Richard Paul Thomas, 4-6 p.m., presented by Salado Wine Seller. 841 N. Main St., 947-8011.

DECEMBER 2

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.

DECEMBER 2

Salado Chamber of Commerce Mixer, 5-7 p.m. at the Salado Christmas Tree Farm, located off of FM 2484. Cruise One sponsors the mixer attendance drawing, which has now grown to \$400. Must be present to win.

DECEMBER 4

Salado Christmas Parade, Royal and Main Street to the Salado Civic Center. Parade begins at 5 p.m.

DECEMBER 4

Salado Community Chorus will present its free Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Salado.

DECEMBER 4

Chisholm Trail Ameri-

can Business Woman's Association monthly meeting, 6:15 p.m. social hour, Salado Holiday Inn Express.

DECEMBER 4

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public.

DECEMBER 5

Live Music by Richard Paul Thomas, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the courtyard of Shady Villa (next to Gregory's) on South Main St.

DECEMBER 5-7

Salado Historical Society Annual Tour of Homes. Tickets \$14 in advance, \$15 days of tour.

DECEMBER 5-7 & 12-14

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll.

DECEMBER 5-6, 12-13

A Christmas Carol at Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. 7 p.m. \$10 Adults \$5 Student \$3 Child (12 & under). Call 947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.

DECEMBER 6

Salado Lions Club Pancake Breakfast 7 - 9:30 a.m. Church of Christ Activity Center. \$5 Adult \$3 child (under 10) Benefits Gold Star Families at Fort Hood.

DECEMBER 6

Live Music by Richard Paul Thomas, 4-6 p.m.,

presented by Salado Wine Seller. 841 N. Main St., 947-8011.

DECEMBER 6

Brothers-N-Law Team Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena.

DECEMBER 6

Live Music by Richard Paul Thomas, noon-2 p.m. at Magnolia's on the Square courtyard.

DECEMBER 8

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

DECEMBER 9

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.

DECEMBER 9

Salado Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Volunteers wanted for this group.

DECEMBER 10

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

DECEMBER 11

Salado Ladies Auxiliary Coffee with Former Presidents of club, 9:30 a.m. social. Salado Civic Center.

DECEMBER 11

Christmas Party for Mill Creek Community Association. Details to be

announced.

DEC. 11-13

Salado High School will host the Coach Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament. Teams and times to be announced.

DECEMBER 13

Beginning Sewing classes at A Sewing Basket, Call 947-5423 for info.

DECEMBER 13

Salado Recycles Day, 8 a.m.-12 noon, Brookshire Brothers parking lot.

DECEMBER 15

Salado ISD Board of trustees meeting, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center. Meeting is open to the public.

DECEMBER 16

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.

DECEMBER 18

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public.

DECEMBER 20

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DECEMBER 27

Salado Recycles Day, 8 a.m.-12 noon, Brookshire Brothers parking lot.

2009 EVENTS

JANUARY 3

Free Christmas Tree chipping and mulching, 8 a.m.-12 noon, Brookshire Brothers parking lot. Service provided by Double J Tree Service.

JANUARY 3-4, 2009

Wildfire Ranch Arena Lariat Bowl team roping. Total event payout of \$280,000. For details, visit wildfirearena.com.

JANUARY 9

The Miro String Quartet at the Salado Methodist Chapel, 7 p.m. Visit www.musicinsalado.com.

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The real dirt on anti-bacterial soap

One thing I try to do in my line of work is to help my clients implement simple lifestyle choices that will help improve the quality and quantity of their lives. One of the most basic things I stress is developing a healthy, if not hardy, immune system. It is clear in America today that the focus is on an unnatural approach, including chemicals and drugs and not a more natural approach of strengthening our immune systems. The entire situation of our nation being reactive, versus proactive, to illness and disease by over-using antibiotics and chemicals is very sad to me; you see the human body is a marvelous creation that can have a more than capable immune system, we just have to strengthen it and then believe in it!

Anti-Bacterial Soap: ALERT: THE WORLD ISN'T STERILE! Parents should not be going out of their way trying to create a "Boy in the Plastic Bubble" atmosphere for their child (John Travolta, 1976). What ever happened to playing in the dirt, or interacting with the earth to help us strengthen our immune systems? Why the bacteria phobia? Parent's would be better off having their child just washing their hands with a regular (natural is best) soap than having a chemical laden anti-bacterial soap in the

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCauley



home. The simple act of applying soap to the hands and rubbing vigorously will cause the cell walls of any bacteria on the hands to be ripped apart by the soap, disintegrating and killing any bacteria present. Instead of getting into a discussion on the chemical make-up of these anti-bacterial soaps I am going to give you a good amount of information on the basics of the importance of washing our hands regularly.

Important Points: 1. Triclosan, the primary anti-bacterial ingredient in these Anti-Bacterial soaps, is not good for you, your family or our environment. It is creating super-bugs as we speak (yes, it is going down the drain and is now in our water source). Cruising and concerned about the Norovirus? Not to be flip, but what do you expect an anti-bacterial agent to do against a virus?

Did you realize that it was just a hundred and fifty years ago that doctors used to amputate a limb on a patient in one room and within minutes would deliver a child in the next, WITHOUT EVER WASHING THEIR HANDS? Don't believe me, Google

search: Dr. Semmelweis. (Hint: Just by implementing the practice of frequent hand washing hospitals saw their mortality rate drop exponentially). Children who wash their hands effectively have fewer visits to the doctor, take fewer antibiotics, need fewer prescription medicines, have fewer illnesses, and miss less school than their counterparts. This has been demonstrated repeatedly. Schools with regular hand washing programs have measurably fewer infections in their students than schools with sporadic hand washing. Schools without hand washing routines have large amounts of fecal bacteria detectable on classroom floors and carpets.

What does it mean to

wash effectively? Children (and adults) must be taught to wash their hands at all of the critical moments. These include washing after defecating, after handling diapers, before handling food, before eating, and before feeding children. They must also wash with water and a cleansing agent -- not water alone. Even washing with ashes and water, or soil and water, has been proven to be more effective than washing with water alone.

My suggestions: 1. Please get rid of the synthetic anti-bacterial soaps containing Triclosan, and 2. Wash your hands and wash your hands often!

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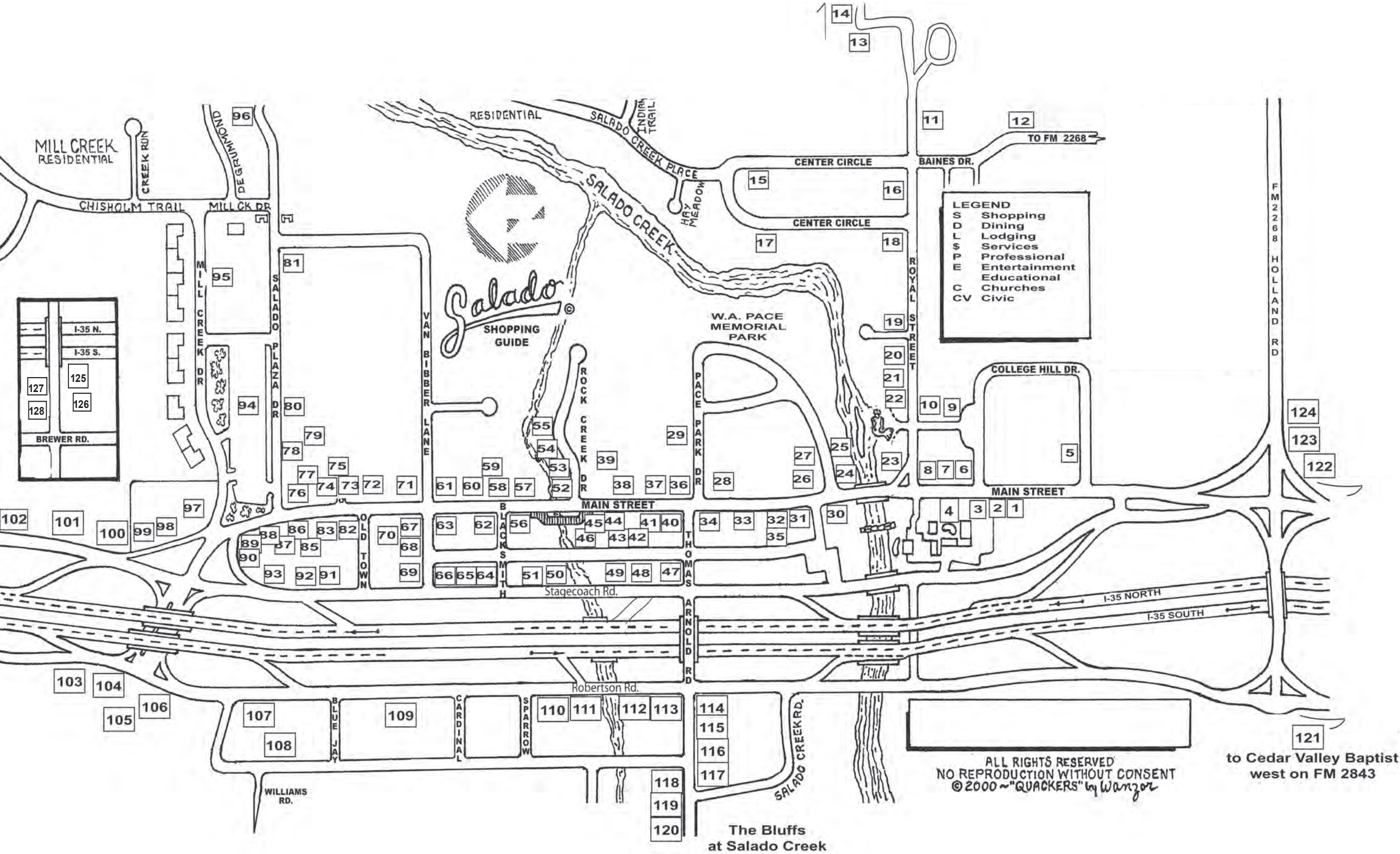
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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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DPOSXTRX CX CD
BRDRLBX PL CX. -
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Answer

Life is a grindstone. Whether it grinds us down or polishes us up depends on us. - Thomas Holdcroft

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♥ A J 9 6
♦ K J 4
♣ K J 9 8

WEST

♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ 7
♦ 10 8 6 5 3
♣ 7 6 4

EAST

♠ 9 4
♥ 8 3
♦ A Q 2
♣ A Q 10 5 3 2

SOUTH

♠ K J 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 5 4 2
♦ 9 7
♣ —

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Dble	Redble	

Opening lead — seven of clubs.

A costly miscalculation

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

In this deal from a rubber-bridge game, one disastrous misstep cost 3,020 points! The wrong opening lead resulted in South making six hearts redoubled with an overtrick -- 2,620 points -- instead of going down one -- 400 points.

The slam was certainly a good contract -- even though, as the cards lay, it could have been defeated. Whether West would have led a diamond without East's double is not 100 percent certain, but there is no doubt that a diamond lead would have sunk the slam. However, West led a club instead, mostly because East's double of the slam in this sequence asked West to lead dummy's first-bid suit.

The club lead was in line with the widely accepted view that, in an uncontested auction, the double of a slam by the player not on lead directs his partner to make an unusual lead. It specifically bars what would be regarded as a normal lead on the bidding -- in this case, a diamond.

It is doubtful that East in fact intended his double to be conventional. It is much more likely that he doubled because he thought his pair of A-Q's were comfortably ensconced over dummy's kings and that South would go down regardless of which suit West led.

This was poor judgment. First, East should have realized that a diamond lead -- the one suit the opponents had not mentioned -- was surely preferable to a club lead, and that there was no good reason to discourage that lead. Secondly, East could not reasonably expect to beat the contract more than one trick, so the effect of his double was that in an effort to gain an extra 100 points, he ran the risk of losing more than 3,000!

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Tour

way leads to the master bedroom suite. Although massive, the carved cherry wood furniture is almost dwarfed by the size of the room which provides a sitting area fronted by a high stone fireplace, its mantle centered by a plasma TV. The sitting area has a long banquette upholstered in fabric to match the bed covers.

A hall, lined by closets on each side, leads to the luxurious bath with deep vintage claw-foot soaking tub under a vivid stained-glass window and a glass enclosed shower with various controls. The walls and woodwork in the bedroom both are finished in a soft honey color, enhancing the sense of space and luxury.

A stairway to the second floor is covered in a leopard print carpet. All

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floors above are covered in berber carpet in the prevailing creamy tones elsewhere in furniture and fabrics.

A large media room features an almost commercial size screen, a beige leather sectional sofa flanked on either end by sections that recline. A wet bar completes the picture of a welcome haven in the midst of heavy career demands.

Four bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, open from the hall. These suites have elegant Old World furniture, again appropriate for the size of the rooms, and one has white Country French furnishings. Marble counters, carved tables, tapestries, unusual lights, give each suite its own special character.

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A surprise is an efficiency apartment with bath and kitchenette at the end of the winding hallway. A balcony projects from the room and overlooks the vast scene below. A mother-in-law's room? A place for long-time guests? Or quarters for household help?

Other homes open on the tour include those of Billie Jean Ferguson, 695 Ashley Court; Wallace and Patsy Davis, 2112 Bluff Circle; Hans and Judy Fields, 818 Blaylock Circle, and Morris and Charlotte Foster's "Twelve Oaks", 606 Center Circle. The two log cabins owned and operated by the Historical Society and located behind the Civic Center will also be open.

Tour times are 6-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 in advance from the Visitor's Center, 881 North Main, Springhouse, Charlotte's and Horsefeathers, and \$15 at the doors of the tour homes or at the Civic Center during the tour.

Boston to sign new baseball book

The Bell County Museum announces the launch of Talmage Boston's new book, **Baseball and the Baby Boomer: A History, Commentary, and Memoir**. The book signing will be 6 p.m. Dec. 4 at the museum.

Talmage Boston is a "baseballphiliac" who is also a Texas Monthly 2004 "super-lawyer"; he has authored numerous articles on baseball and is a noted speaker on the subject as well. Other works by Boston include 1939: Baseball's Tipping Point, and entries in The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives - Sports Figures. He is a regular featured columnist for People Newspapers and the Dallas Business

Journal and also writes for The Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star Telegram, Elysian Fields Quarterly, and The Baseball Research Journal.

Baseball Hall of Famer Lou Brock said in his preface, "When I opened [the book] the first time, my expectations were high for another great baseball history book. . . . But more than just history, when I read it, I began to think I was reading a love story - love of the game, love for its heroes, and love for the values and lessons the game has taught the Baby Boomer generation."

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Bill Herridge is a gear head

Bill Herridge has an insurance agency in Gatesville. He drives around town in an old delivery wagon with the name of his insurance company on it.

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He has had several unique vehicles including Jaguars and Rolls Royces. He currently has a 1979 Volkswagen Beetle convertible, a 1968 VW Minivan, and a 1957 Triumph TR 3 that he has just acquired and is the process of restoring. He's also working on two Isettas, a little four-wheel vehicle similar to a Smart Car

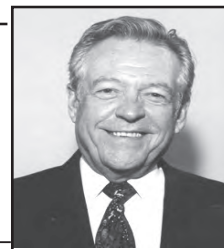
"I've had several British and German roadsters. I'm a gearhead, there's no doubt about it."

When he was in the military stationed in Mississippi, he owned a Messerschmitt.

"It's a little three-wheel car made in Germany. The top tilted over and you sat down in it just like you would sit down in a fighter plane and you pulled the top over you and locked it down. It was built by the company that made the airplane."

In 1984 he was in the military reserve and spent some time in Europe. He

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



decided to go on a car-buying trip.

"The dollar was really strong then. It dawned on me that a person could go to Europe, buy up a few used high-end cars at reasonable prices, ship them home and sell them at a profit. So I got three of my buddies together and between the four of us we bought twelve or thirteen cars and shipped them home."

He had a blast running around Europe buying cars. He and his friends rented an Opel sedan and put about four thousand miles on that car in five days. He kept a Rolls Royce from his buying trip and drove it occasionally. Once when he pulled into his office parking lot another car pulled in beside him.

"It was an attorney from Waco who told me he wanted my car. So I sold

it to him."

His first car was a 1952 De Soto. He wishes he still had it. Cars aren't Bill's only passion. He is also a pilot. He also takes foreign visitors around Texas. He also plays a mean bagpipe and demonstrated it to me in the yard of his insurance building. I noticed a big military van in the rear of the lot. It's the size of a small house. He saw the thing advertised one time and bought it at a bargain price. When he was in the military he was operations officer of an engineering detachment and worked in a van like that. In fact, he was looking at it closely one day and discovered it was the actual van he worked in while serving in the military. He knows all about it and says he could make it operational in just a few hours if he ever needs to do that.

New ornament for sale at Bell Museum

The Bell County Museum is pleased to announce the availability of this year's Christmas ornament —First Presbyterian Church of Temple. Organized in 1881, it was the first church established in Temple. The current struc-

ture for the congregation began in 1929.

Museum Director Stephanie Turnham said, "This is the 7th in our historic church ornament series. Collect them all for only \$15 each. They make great stocking stuffers."

The other ornaments are: First Baptist Church, Temple; Salado United Methodist Church; St. John Lutheran Church, Bartlett; Christ Episcopal Church, Temple; First United Methodist Church of Belton; and First United Methodist Church of Temple.

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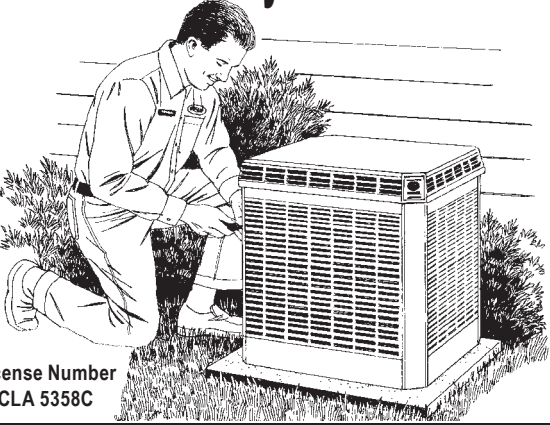
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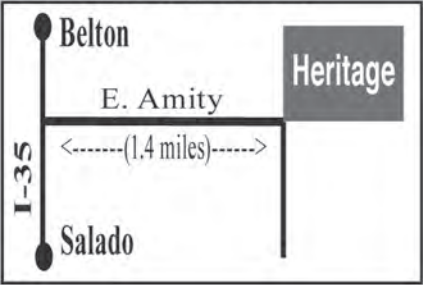
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Dear EarthTalk: I'm thinking about starting an environmental club in my middle school. Can you give me some ideas about how to start? Can you connect me with other school clubs?

-- Rosemary, Andover Township, NJ

Starting an environmental club at school is a great way to get students energized about taking care of the Earth and helping their community while learning about some of the most important issues facing the world in the 21st century.

EarthTeam, a non-profit environmental network for teens, teachers and youth leaders, offers many tips on how to start an environmental club. First and foremost is to make sure there are at least a half dozen or so other students interested in forming such a club to begin with, and then also finding a teacher, community leader or parent who is willing to serve as an adult sponsor. The sponsor's role is to provide advice along the way and to help ensure the stability of the group from year-to-year given that all of the students, even the founders of the club, will eventually graduate, or move on to other interests or endeavors.

Once the core membership and adult sponsor have been established, EarthTeam suggests all sitting down together to decide on the club's vision ("Why are we here?") and to brainstorm about possible activities or projects to undertake ("What do we want to accomplish?"). Once these questions have been answered, it's time to hold the club's first official meeting, which should be advertised as widely as possible to other students who may be interested in finding out what the group is about and how they can get involved, too.

The next step, according to EarthTeam, is to forge an action plan that focuses on one group-oriented, year-long project that has measurable benefits to the school or community and that can keep the interest of the student members—who will no doubt be spending long hours volunteering. Whatever project(s)

Starting an environmental club and new administration faces energy and green issues

the group decides on, members should develop a timeline that clearly lists goals, dates and responsibilities.

In addition to undertaking the one major project, clubs can also host or sponsor special events for extra visibility. EarthTeam suggests getting students outside for a river or beach clean-up, a tree planting day, or a field trip to a local wetland, zoo or nature reserve. Another popular idea is to hold an Environmental Awareness Day to educate the entire student body about relevant green issues.

EarthTeam is also a networking platform so clubs can work together and share experiences with each other to help get a sense of the bigger picture beyond one individual school's locale, given the global nature of most environmental issues. Another great networking resource is the Greenspan website, which lists clubs in 21 different U.S. states as well as in Australia, Canada, Japan, Ghana and Malaysia.

Another great resource for those starting up new or managing existing school environmental clubs is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Student Center website, which offers dozens of ideas for projects that both stimulate and enlighten participants while helping the local community. The website also provides links to several partner non-profit groups with club-worthy activities.

CONTACTS: EarthTeam; Greenspan Environmental Club Network; U.S. EPA Student Center.

Dear EarthTalk: How can the new Obama administration and/or Congress undo the many anti-environmental actions the Bush administration undertook over the last eight years, including the obstruction of Bill Clinton's landmark "roadless rule" legislation?

-- Ann Lyman, Lake Tahoe, CA

The Bush administration has certainly been no friend to the environment. Besides working for eight years to overturn the Clinton administration's "Roadless Rule" that prevented road building (and the logging that usually follows) on 58.5 million acres of national forests, the Bush White House has opened up 45 million additional acres of public land across the American West to oil and gas drilling

during its tenure.

Right now Bush is pushing to open up thousands more acres in sensitive areas around three national parks in Utah to more oil and gas extraction. According to The New York Times, these new oil and gas "leases" (the government leases drilling rights on public land to private companies) will be auctioned off on December 19, 2008, the last day the White House may carry out such transactions before leaving office.

Obama transition team insiders have already hinted that they will work to overturn the Utah oil and gas leases once they are in power. Obama's trump card might be the fact that Bush failed to give his own National Park Service (NPS) sufficient opportunity to comment on the proposed leases before forcing them through. Green leaders hope that Obama can at least re-set the decision-making process to give the NPS and other interested parties time to voice their concerns before

the oil rigs and gas pipelines move in. Green leaders also hope that, beyond stopping the Utah leases, Obama will curtail the number of leases sold altogether, in part by forcing extraction firms to develop sites they already have rights to before leasing more acreage. Oil companies have already leased 68 million acres of lands they have yet to access.

On the Roadless Rule, itself an 11th-hour executive order by Bill Clinton that has been mired in the courts since Bush tried to overturn it in 2001, Obama promised during the campaign that he would work with Congress to codify it as the law of the land. Luckily for greens, the back-and-forth on the issue over the past eight years has meant that only seven miles of new roads—yielding access to just 500 acres of timber—have been cut on lands slated for protection under the Roadless Rule during Bush's tenure.

Obama also has his work cut out on a number of other

environmental initiatives ignored or opposed by the Bush White House. Chief among them is taking action on global warming. If one can believe the campaign rhetoric, Obama will work to get the U.S. on track to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050 through a number of initiatives. Jason Grumet, the Obama campaign's lead energy and environment advisor, has indicated that the president-elect plans to move quickly on getting climate change legislation through in 2009 and working to make the U.S. a leader on mitigating global warming.

Another way Obama can win green friends is to undo a Bush proposal, slated to take effect in December, to cut wildlife experts out of decisions affecting plants and animals protected under the Endangered Species Act. Bush has faced sharp criticism for disregarding or ignoring the input of scientists on many issues. Obama seems likely to want to re-assert the importance of science in policy decision-making.

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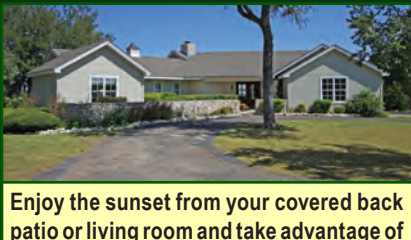
Texas Fine Living at its Best! Estate on approx. 30 manicured acres with a 1-acre clear lake, horse facilities and guest house. Find yourself in lush tropical landscaping around pool/waterfall. **\$949,900.**



Gorgeous Views and Beautiful Moon Creek make this the perfect place to relax and enjoy. Open and spacious home with large vaulted ceiling and windows. Summer's Mill area on 22 acres. **\$549,900.**



Location, Location, Location. Don't miss out on this opportunity to own a retail shop in historic Salado. The gazebo overlooking Salado Creek is set up for a B&B. Views are breathtaking. **\$499,900**



Enjoy the sunset from your covered back patio or living room and take advantage of the breathtaking view all on over 8 acres. Spacious Living Room with large windows and rock fireplace. Updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances and solid surface counters. Relax by swimming pool. Setting is next to the Lampasas River. **\$465,000.**



Private and secluded lies this home on over 10 tree-covered acres. Sit on your front porch and watch the deer run and play. Large Open Living with high vaulted stained wood ceilings and stained wood walls. Call Today. ~~\$480,000~~ **\$449,900.**



Beautiful Austin Stone Home in Royal Oaks Subdivision. Large covered porches make this ideal to enjoy the peaceful setting. Living room boasts large wood floors and a large stone fireplace. Open Kitchen with granite counters. Call today. **\$324,900.**



Whether inside or out, enjoy the stunning view overlooking Mill Creek golf course. Beautiful landscaping welcomes you into this immaculate custom home. Open living area with hardwood floors. Study, formal dining, large master suite. **\$279,900.**



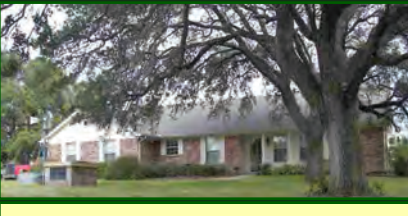
Beautiful view of Mill Creek Golf Course with garage space for golf cart. Master suite down with spa tub and super closet. Tons of storage. Covered patio with fireplace. Trane heat pumps. **\$269,900.**



Austin Stone Ranch home on almost 5 acres. Great location off FM 2484. Large living room and wood floors in the master bedroom. **\$239,900.**



Texas Sandstone home with open floor-plan. Fenced yard and conveniently located to Harker Heights in Salado ISD. Minutes from Stillhouse Hollow boat ramp. Energy Efficient. **217,500.**



Gorgeous Live Oak Trees welcome you into this beautiful brick home on 3+ acres ready for horses or show animals. Barn included. Call Glenn for more details. **\$199,900.**



New Home built by Holland Homes with open floor plan. 3/2/2 with flex room. Salado school district, convenient to Stillhouse Lake, Killeen, Harker Heights, **\$189,900.**



Nestled among Live Oak trees lies this beautiful stone home in Salado. High vaulted ceilings with open floor plan. Beautiful backyard with privacy fence. Large master bedroom. **\$149,900.**

Lots

Beautiful treed lot in Mill Creek on South Ridge Road. \$39,900. **REDUCED.**
Indian Trail at Blaylock, large corner lot. 90x188 \$32,000
Lot 9 Salado Creek Place, one of a kind Salado Creek lot. **SOLD** 1.23 acres with huge tree cover on the creek, The Best.
Lot 165 in Hidden Springs, nice trees. \$39,900.

Under 10 Acres

Tree-covered park like **SOLD** 1.23 acres located on FM 2843 just southwest of Salado. Well on site. \$95,000.
Lot 158 Western Trail. Mostly wooded creek front lot. Over 3 acres, \$75,000.
Lot 156 Western Trail. Mostly wooded creek front lot. 3.23 acres, \$75,000.
Lot 295 in Hidden Springs with live oak trees. \$54,900.

10 to 100 Acres

Approximately 11 Acres east of Salado with trees off Royal Street. \$169,900.
12 acres with beautiful live oak trees. This acreage would make a fantastic home site. \$250,000.
Approximately 25 acres with excellent home site off Royal. \$325,000.
Over 30 acres in Bartlett. **SOLD** Good development property, well located with frontage on Bell Street and Harold Clark road. \$106,170
21.68 acres off of FM 2115 with outstanding views and nice pond, \$194,900.
55.38 acres, productive Blackland adjoining residential area on NW side of Bartlett. \$193,830.
Over 24 Gorgeous Tree Covered Acres with Moon Creek. (Clear Rock Bottom Creek) \$299,900

Over 100 Acres

126 acre ranch with 1,769 sq. ft. hme. 3 BR/1.5 BA/2 liv/2 car garage. Property located off of FM 2843. \$595,000.
Approximately 140 acres southwest of Salado, fronting I-35 and FM 2115. **SOLD** \$910,000.
147 acres east of Academy on Reeds Lake Road. Property has draw running through middle with 3 small tanks with excellent opportunity to enlarge. Possible gravel reserve as well. \$3,450 per acre.
Commercial
Great commercial site IH-35/FM 2484. \$450,000.
30 acres IH 35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn.
Great Southwest Restaurant in Belton, excellent location between the on and off ramp of I-35 next to What a Burger \$349,900.
Under Contract
12 plus acres fronting I-35 between Salado and Belton with exit at property, just north of the Lampasas River, approx. 3000 ft. I-35 frontage \$259,900.
Commercial site on west side of I-35 in Belton. 0.8 acre with building, **SOLD** \$125,000.

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