

Salado Village Voice



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)
Gary Schutz, of Magnolia's of Salado, assists a shopper in Salado this week. The Village of Salado generates the majority of its money from sales tax receipts, which continue to show an upward trend.

SFRF serves 123 children in area

Fund needs money after drive

Salado Family Relief Fund helped to provide Christmas to 123 children in the Salado area.

The Christmas Project delivered presents to qualified families in the Salado area on Dec. 13.

The Christmas Project is the largest and oldest project for the Salado Family Relief Fund.

"If you did not get a chance to participate, but would still like to help, a donation would be great," said Renee Oas, a SFRF board member.

Checks can be made out to: S.F.R.F and mailed to P.O. Box 461, Salado, Texas 76571.

The SFRF is a 501c(3) organization and donations to it are tax deductible.

Many organizations in Salado make an annual tradition of adopting some of the larger families that have applied for the Christmas relief.

Applicants are screened to determine eligibility for the Christmas program.

With the onset of cold weather, Leigh Drake says that the Relief Fund has had several requests for blankets and quilts.

"Even space heaters will help as many of the homes of the families we serve are without central heat or air," she said, "something most of us take for granted."

"In addition to our Christmas Project and Back-To-School Shopping Project, Salado Family Relief also helps qualifying families with assistance on Rent and/or Electric bills," Oas said. "Due to the state of the economy, we have had a lot of requests these past six months."

For information about

how you can help the Salado Family Relief Fund, call Leigh Drake at 947-0222.

The Family Relief has been working to make life better for the families living in poverty in Salado for more than 15 years.

Marilyn Fleischer helped to organize the efforts of two school employees into a concerted effort.

"I saw Dana Britt and the late Mary Ribeiro going through piles of old toys to sort them out to give to the young school kids they came across every day," Fleischer said. "After working with them one year, I knew there was a definite need in Salado."

Fleischer worked with representatives from churches and civic groups to organize the Salado Family Relief Fund. The first effort of the SFRF was to provide Christmas to screened families in Salado.

During its infancy, the SFRF collected more than \$15,000 from Saladoans and Salado groups to give to the victims of the Jarrell tornado.

"It was then that we decided to organize into a 501c(3) organization and elect a board of directors," Fleischer said.

Fleischer was the first president of the board of directors and Drake is the second in the 15 year history of the group.

The second yearly effort was the Back-to-School voucher effort, which continues to this date.

If you would like to work with the Salado Family Relief Fund in any of its endeavours, contact Drake or Oas.

Sales taxes up again for village

The December sales tax allocation to the Village of Salado were up but the Library District's payment was down for December.

The Village of Salado was paid \$29,580.53 in December, which is almost five percent more than last December when the Village received \$28,312.43. For the calendar year, the Village is about five percent of 2007; the Village had received \$357,682.26 in 2008 compared to \$341,702.71 in 2007.

The Village collects a one-percent sales tax within its boundaries of approximately two-square miles.

The Salado Public Library District received \$20,443.86 in December which is five percent less than last December's \$21,586.97. For the year, however, the Library District is four percent ahead, having received

\$259,373.69 compared to \$250,336.47 in 2007.

The Library District levies a half-cent sales tax within its boundaries that are the same as Salado Independent School District and encompass about 100 square miles.

Bell County government received a check of \$1.05 million in December, which is three percent more than last year's December payment of \$1.02 million. For the year, the County has received \$13.58 million compared to \$12.99 last year, an increase of almost five percent.

The growth shown by the Village and by the County are similar to the growth shown statewide.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state collected \$1.98 billion in sales tax in November, up 4.7 percent compared to November 2007.

"For the first three months of the state's 2009 fiscal year, state sales tax collections have continued to grow," Combs said. "However, the increase is less than in the past three years, and collections from important sectors such as retail trade and construction have declined slightly."

The Comptroller sent cities, counties, special purpose districts and transit systems their final sales tax allocations of 2008 — \$488 million, up 9.2 percent compared to last December. Despite the economic slowdown, Combs said local governments collected \$5.9 billion in sales tax this year, 6.3 percent more than in 2007.

Combs sent Texas cities December sales tax allocations of \$328.5 million, up 9.5 percent compared to December 2007. City sales tax allocations during

calendar year 2008 totaled \$4 billion, up 5.6 percent compared to 2007. Counties' December sales tax allocations totaled \$30.8 million, up 11.8 percent compared to December 2007. Counties received \$365.8 million in sales tax during calendar year 2008, up 7.9 percent compared to last year.

Ten local transit systems received December sales tax allocations of \$109.7 million, a 5.1 percent increase over December 2007. Sales tax allocations to transit systems this year totaled \$1.3 billion, up 6.2 percent compared to the 2007 total. December sales tax allocations of \$19.2 million went to 150 special purpose taxing districts, an increase of 26.4 percent compared to last December. Special purpose districts received \$215.1 million during 2008, up 19.1 percent compared to 2007.



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Obama's new Clinton administration

Barack Obama has succeeded where Hillary Clinton failed. She hoped to win a third Clinton term, but it is her vanquisher who is reconstituting the Clinton administration.

Obama's nominee for treasury secretary, Timothy Geithner, served under Clinton Treasury Secretaries Robert Rubin and Larry Summers. Summers himself is Obama's choice to head the National Economic Council. Both are part of Rubin's circle, known for its brains and its relative moderation.

Few would have guessed back when Obama rose from the snows of Iowa that highly experienced economic technicians would represent "change we can believe in." Thankfully, Obama's airy rhetoric about a new kind of politics was more a pitch for impressionable new voters than a description of his governing style.

So far, President-elect Obama has acted with a ruthless pragmatism. He ignored the yowling left-wing blogosphere when it demanded Joe Lieberman's head, turned to the initially pro-Iraq War Hillary Clinton for his top foreign-policy job, and staffed up with former Clintonites. Obama has been a shape-shifter throughout his brief political career, and the latest shape -- an establishment Democrat determined to do whatever works -- is the best version yet.

Obama appears to be reconsidering for now his promised repeal of President Bush's "tax cuts for the rich." Twice during the primaries, Obama hinted that he might put off the tax hikes if the economy was in distress, but he could never admit what was obvious: Proposing tax increases in the teeth of a recession was madness.

If Obama is wise, he'll not only jettison his plans for a tax increase that in aiming at the rich would also hit successful small businesses, but also will put off

Rich Lowry



his plans for a "cap-and-trade" program to tax the use of fossil fuels, forswear all his protectionist sentiments from the primaries, and ditch his support for a "card check" plan to promote the unionization of the American work force. Anything that burdens business should be anathema to Dr. Fix-the-Economy.

For now, the showpiece of Obama's economic program is a massive stimulus bill that the Democratic Congress wants to have ready for his signature as soon as he departs the Capitol Hill steps after his inauguration. Even some conservative economists believe a fiscal stimulus is necessary to keep us out of a deflationary spiral, but Obama is only asking a Democratic Congress -- given to fiscal incontinence even in rosy economic circumstances -- to do what comes naturally.

We can't know what new twists the crisis will take. We do know that Obama will need more than a ruthless pragmatism to navigate through it. In his masterly "The Great Inflation and Its Aftermath," Robert Samuelson chronicles the extraordinary stalwartness of President Ronald Reagan when he allowed Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker to squeeze inflation painfully out of the economic system the last time we had a downturn this severe, in 1981-1982.

That took guts. Obama will need them as well, and they won't be on loan from any adviser, no matter what his pedigree.

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

Column covers political spectrum from "Car Czar" to Dallas recount, plus Speaker and Governor's race

Who among us would have dreamed last December that this year's holiday season would be celebrated "slap-dab" in the middle of a full fledged recession? And instead of spending our time in a full-tilt "shop 'till you drop" mode, we're trying to decide who to select as our first "Car Czar!"

Not known at this writing exactly how a "bridge loan" will be made to the Detroit automakers (thus staving off their uncertain journey into bankruptcy), but all signs point to the President authorizing Treasury or the Federal Reserve to lend up to \$14 billion to GM, Chrysler and Ford - from the unused TARP (or other) funds.

In any event the government will become part owner of at least two of the big three auto giants, with a presidential appointee to monitor the taxpayer loan and see that car-makers keep their promises to "go and sin no more!"

It's been a wild ride thus far. We've bailed out the financial markets that helped screw up the economy. Kept the discredited "F and F" gang (and AIG) from tanking and now we have the ailing auto industry hopefully taking aim on restructure, reform and competition for the long haul.

Cost of all this, you ask? Don't - just accept the fact we are creating a "here to eternity" mortgage on America. Our next challenge will deal with making the monthly payments on that debt!

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INTERESTING QUESTION

The Congressional Oversight Panel, created to watchdog the Treasury Department's \$700 billion "rescue plan" to stabilize our financial system, raised a troubling question in hearings held last week in Washington. The inquiry by the lone GOP panelist, Rep. Jeb Hensarling (Dallas): "Congress has told automakers they would have to reform before they get federal aid, but the Treasury Department didn't require financial institutions to present a viable business plan or replace "failed" executives prior to receiving their funds - why not?"

Last week's congressional hearing by the oversight group blasted the Treasury Department's less than transparent "economic bailout" plan that was, according to the panel, primarily assisting banks, but with no discernible results benefiting average Americans.

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IT'S OFFICIAL: GOP BY 19 VOTES

It's official, after two recounts of some 42,631 votes, incumbent Linda Harper-Brown (R-Irving) was declared the winner of the November 4, District 105 Texas House seat by 19 votes!

The election day tabulation gave the incumbent a 29 vote win over Democratic challenger Rob Romano, which required a mandatory recount by the Dallas County Election Department.

The second count included provisional as well as overseas ballots and ended up with a 20 vote win by Harper-Brown.

Romano, immediately asked the Election Division of the Secretary of State's Office in Austin for another recount due to the "new" razor-thin margin of victory.

The additional verification was made last week by the Dallas Election

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



Officials and the Republican incumbent was certified as the winner, this time with a "final" 19 vote victory.

With District 105 nailed down on the Republican side of the House of Representatives - the membership is officially divided with 76 GOPers and 74 Democrats. Presumably enough Republican votes to determine the Speakership for the 81st Session, slated to begin at high noon on Jan. 13, 2009.

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BATTLE FOR SPEAKER CONTINUES

Speaker Tom Craddick (R-Midland) and his loyalists are pulling out all the stops to try and stem the tide of an uprising within the conservative ranks, where there are rumored to be as many as ten potential speaker candidates vying for "Uncle Tom's" chair.

Some 64 (of the 74 Democrats) have signed what some members are terming an unconditional "ABC" pledge ("Anyone-but-Craddick") in opposition to the Speaker's bid for a fourth term.

Demos may be waiting on the sidelines for a chance to play "kingmaker" by shifting allegiance to help Republicans elect a new speaker and being first in line for "choice" committee assignments.

The word "Chutzpa" comes to mind when we think of Craddick's current scramble for another term as Speaker. Readers will recall the closing days of the last session that nearly ended with his ouster resulting from a near "palace coup" that took some fancy parliamentary legerdemain to keep the dissidents from prevailing.

AND FINALLY.....

This week's column has covered the political waterfront from Car Czars; to recounting November 4, votes (a third time); to the feisty House Speaker Tom Craddick and his future; and ending with the upcoming gubernatorial rumble that's already making waves despite being 23 months down the road.

Senator Kay Hutchison is forming the proper committees to become a full fledged candidate for Texas Governor. She can legally keep her Senate sinecure while running for Governor, although there is a political downside to doing so. Old Rick "Landslide" Perry has already indicated he plans to run for a fourth term.

Democrat Chris Bell, who almost won two years ago, has not been heard from recently, but may join the fray along with **Kinky Friedman who has opined he might do a number of things - none of which will be helpful to anyone.**

The dark horse in this important race is Republican Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst. He has stockpiled plenty of money for a gubernatorial run - but insiders say he really wants to be a U.S. Senator.

Perry is in hopes Hutchison will resign early on, so he can appoint Dewhurst to the Senate, thus removing the one candidate who most observers feel can win without a runoff against all comers, including the incumbent and Hutchison.

Texas politics could provide a 2009 breather from the ongoing recessionary worries - fact is any reduction in that subject will be worthwhile and welcome.

That's -30-

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Reader seeking information on Salado sewage treatment location and plans

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'm looking for information as apparently Salado is going to get a domestic sewage treatment plant. I saw in a local paper that Salado Utility, Inc. has filed an application with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a permit. The permit is to discharge treated domestic wastewater at an average daily flow not to exceed 300,000 gallons per day. That amount of sewage effluent is what I would expect to be generated by about 2,000 people which, I believe is approximately the population of Salado. While there are no details of the plans by Salado Utility, Inc., to me it stands to reason that they are planning on treating sewage from an area about the size of Salado and with the plant being located so close to Salado, I have to think Salado residents are the targets.

Another thing I find a little disturbing is that the location is given as "ap-

proximately 6,560 feet northeast of the intersection of I-35 and Farm-To-Market 2268." According to my reckoning that places this sewage treatment plant just a little east of the Salado Cemetery or a little east of the Mill Creek area. Since no street address is given, it is difficult to pin down the exact location.

Regardless of the exact location, it means that my house will be downwind of this plant when we have a northeast or east wind. Having spent a considerable number of hours and days around domestic sewage plants, I know how they can smell during an operational upset which is going to happen from time to time. According to the permit application this plant will be using a biological membrane reactor, which so far as I know is the latest in domestic sewage treatment technology. However, the influent to the plant and the proposed digester will still have the unpleasant odor normal-

ly associated with such plants. In addition, the permit application states the digested sludge will be trucked away from the plant. I can only hope that truck does not use the main roads of Salado because if it does and is involved in an accident, well, suffice it to say it will not be pretty.

While I know I'm not very well versed on what goes on in Salado, this plant application was a total surprise considering the reaction I saw to the proposed power line that is to be built east of town. The sewage plant will also be east of town, but not as far east as the power line and it has a much greater probability of being an unpleasant neighbor than does that high voltage power line.

If someone can shed some light on the plans for this plant and from whom and how it will be paid for, it will be appreciated.

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Thirty-one students were inducted into National Honor Society at Salado High School Monday, December 8, 2008. These students were Dylan Barbosa, Jace Barton, Camryn Bintz, Brennan Boydstun, Jacob Cahoon, Katy Clark, William Cleveland, Ryan Cute, Drew Fisher, Brittney Frazier, Jacob Heiner, Rebecca Hopkins, Amy Kendall, Courtney Lavadia, Trae Liller, Alex Lincoln, Kandace Little, Audley Miles, Mallory Ming, Chandler Moerbe, Taylor O'Rear, Janson Oyler, Bailie Reed, Jenna Sebek, Kasey Smetana, Rachel Spinks, Ryan Suresh, Morgan Van Winkle, Hunter Ward, Paul Warren, and Kathryn Wynne. These students were selected by a faculty committee for meeting high standards of scholarship, leadership, service and character. The officers, Garret Ward, Kaleigh Rank, Kylee Young and Ashlee Cantrell spoke on each of these attributes and the pledge was given to the new members by Jon Spinks, President.



Brady Alexander takes a Buck during a weekend hunting trip near San Angelo. Brady is an 11 year old, fifth grader at Salado Intermediate School. The buck scored a 132 7/8. Brady is the son of Debbie and Tarrant Alexander.

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Salado Volunteer Fire Department Incident Report for November

Incident Reports By Incident Number

Incident #	Exp #	Date Time	Type	INCIDENTTYPE	TEXT
11/1	8:20:00 a.m.		Motor vehicle accident with no injuries		
11/1	3:06:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/2	7:03:00 a.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/2	8:48:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/3	9:21:00 a.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/3	8:37:00 p.m.		Vehicle accident with injuries		
11/4	1:42:00 p.m.		Grass fire		
11/4	5:41:00 p.m.		Motor vehicle accident with no injuries		
11/5	7:02:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/5	7:37:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/6	2:31:00 a.m.		Assist invalid		
11/8	12:16:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/8	3:33:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/8	4:10:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/8	6:12:00 p.m.		Vehicle accident with injuries		
11/8	11:12:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/9	8:43:00 a.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/10	4:48:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/11	5:06:00 a.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/11	10:18:00 p.m.		Vehicle accident with injuries		
11/12	3:01:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/12	5:16:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/13	7:17:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/13	10:26:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/14	8:57:00 a.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/14	12:33:00 p.m.		Good intent call, other		
11/16	11:18:00 p.m.		Assist invalid		
11/17	12:39:00 p.m.		Grass fire		
11/18	9:22:00 a.m.		Good intent call, other		
11/18	12:00:00 a.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/19	6:54:00 a.m.		Unauthorized burning		
11/19	10:57:00 a.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/19	1:48:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/20	5:06:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/21	6:35:00 a.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/21	9:59:00 a.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/21	6:24:00 p.m.		Motor vehicle accident with no injuries		
11/22	11:01:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/23	6:14:00 p.m.		Motor vehicle accident with no injuries		
11/25	5:49:00 p.m.		Motor vehicle accident with no injuries		
11/26	11:42:00 a.m.		Hazardous condition, other		
11/26	3:50:00 p.m.		Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue		
11/26	12:00:00 a.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/28	12:35:00 a.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/28	12:56:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/28	3:10:00 p.m.		Unauthorized burning		
11/28	8:10:00 p.m.		Passenger vehicle fire		
11/29	9:18:00 a.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/29	2:37:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/29	2:15:00 p.m.		False alarm or false call, other		
11/29	5:41:00 p.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/29	8:04:00 p.m.		Dispatched & canceled en route		
11/30	12:00:00 a.m.		Alarm system sounded due to malfunction		
11/30	11:59:00 a.m.		Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
11/30	1:43:00 p.m.		Vehicle accident with injuries		
11/30	1:43:00 p.m.		Motor vehicle accident with no injuries		
11/30	5:39:00 p.m.		Motor vehicle accident with no injuries		
11/30	7:19:00 p.m.		Vehicle accident with injuries		

Helping Hands Food Pantry benefit reception held Dec.20

There will be a benefit reception on behalf of Helping Hands Food Pantry at St. Joseph’s Chapel, Salado 6-7 p.m. Dec. 20. Pastor Mike Bergman will speak on the needs of the Food Pantry and the new location.

Pedro Quirino will provide the music. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

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PROCTER FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC

Barbara Procter – D.C.

The human body must have balance in order to have good health, and one of the most important balances is achieved through proper alignment of the nervous system, which controls every function of the body. The main objective of **Dr. Barbara Procter** is to heal using natural methods. Her goal is to educate people to an alternative method of health care, care without harmful side effects due to medication. Many times a chiropractic examination of the spine will reveal the cause for many problems. In addition, it can help relieve a problem that is just beginning. If people would get a spinal checkup, like they do a dental checkup, or eye exam, serious health problems could be averted. The spine is such an important part of our bodies, but given little attention until pain shows up. By this time the problem may be of a serious nature. This is why **Dr. Barbara Procter** spends time with her patients educating them to the reasons behind their present health problems. *Chiropractors use standard diagnostic procedures. This includes neurological and spinal examinations and use of x-rays when needed. These procedures help reveal the cause of the problem so the body's balance can be restored to good health. The goal here is to find the cause for illness and many times that cause is in the spine. Chiropractic is the cure for that cause.*

Dr. Barbara Procter of **PROCTER FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC** located at **3411 Market Loop Suite 110 in Temple, phone (258) 773-1121,** invites everyone to call for a spinal check up. We, the editors of this 2008 Holiday Business Review, recommend this fine chiropractic clinic to all our readers. *Best Wishes for a Healthy & Happy Holiday Season!*



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The Lady Eagles placed fourth in the Coach Smith Memorial Tournament, defeating Shiner and Taylor before losing to Burnet, Sinton and Llano. The girls also beat Marlin last week and are now 9-6 on the year.

Burnet won the tournament, while Goldthwaite was second place and Llano was third place.

Hadley Joiner and Danielle Hazzard were named to the All-Tournament Team.

“Overall, the tournament was a great experience for us,” Head Coach Randy Henderson said. “Llano and Burnet were very good teams that helped us prepare for district and the playoffs. I think we are ready to make a run. It should be fun.”



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Lorna Payne dribbles around a Burnet defender during the Lady Eagles' 46-57 loss in the third round of the Coach Smith Memorial Tournament.

round of the Coach Smith Memorial Tournament Dec. 11. The girls led 30-9 at the half and 44-20 at the end of three periods of play.

“This was a nice win to begin the Coach Smith tournament against a play-off team from the past two years,” Coach Henderson said. “Every player came in and contributed to this win. Brennan Boydstun was our floor leader in this game with 10 assists and seven steals.”



(Photos by Tim Fleischer)
Hadley Joiner looks for an open teammate during the Lady Eagles game against Burnet Dec. 12.

Three Lady Eagles scored double figures.

Hadley Joiner led the team with 16 points on six-of-20 shooting and two-of-two from the free throw line. Joiner also had one assists, two rebounds and five steals.

Jenna Sebek scored 11 points, shooting five-of-13 from the fields. Sebek led the team with six rebounds, four blocks, four steals and an assist.

Senior Danielle Hazzard made five-of-14 from the field for 10 points. She also had two assists, three rebounds and four steals.

Billi Pipes had eight points, an assist, three rebounds and three steals; Brennan Boydstun had six points, but led the team with

10 assists, two rebounds and seven steals; Abby Frazier had six points, a block, a block, three rebounds and a steal. Kaylan Hearne had six rebounds and Lorna Payne had a steal.

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The JV Eagle Basketball team won the Cameron Tournament this weekend by defeating Hempstead, Hearne in double overtime and Cameron in the Championship game. Players back row Left to right are as follows: TJ Roman, Trey McLaughlin, Paul Warren, William Cleveland, Kyle Bradley and Coach Scott Ringo Front row: Colton Meiman, Jacob Heiner, Jada Kornegay and Koby Spears.

JV Eagles win Cameron Tourney

The Salado JV boys Basketball team competed in the Cameron Tournament and won first place. The results from the Tournament are as follows.

JV Boys	53
Hempstead	15

Paul Warren led Salado scoring 11 points. Followed by Jacob Heiner scoring 10 points.

Also scoring for Salado were William Cleveland, 9 points; Koby Spears, 8 points; Jada Kornegay and Colton Meiman, 7 points each; and Trey McGlothlin, 1 point.

JV Boys	61
Hearne	54

T.J. Roman led Salado scoring 23 points. Followed by Koby Spears scoring 15 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Colton Meiman, 11 points; Jacob Heiner and Paul Warren, 4 points

each; Jada Kornegay and Kyle Bradley, 2 points each.

Salado JV	53
Cameron	46

Jada Kornegay led Salado scoring 12 points. Followed by Paul Warren scoring 11 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Koby Spears, 10 points; T.J. Roman, 8 points; Jacob Heiner, 6 points; Kyle Bradley, 4 points; Colton Meiman, 2 points.

JV Boys	48
Cameron JV	43

Paul Warren and T.J. Roman led scoring for Salado with 11 points each. Followed by Colton Meiman and Jacob Heiner scoring 10 points each.

Also scoring for Salado were: Koby Spears, 4 points; Trey McGlothlin, 2 points.

9th Grade Boys

9th Boys	31
Cameron 9th	50

Smita led Salado scoring 8 points. Followed by Best scoring 6 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Roemer, Patterson, and Wortham, each scored 3 points each; Wentreek, Jordan, Silva, and Oyler, each scored 2 points.

The 9th grade boys Basketball team competed in the Cameron Tournament and won Consolation.

9th Boys	39
Cameron 9th	46

Silva led Salado scoring 13 points. Followed by Best scoring 8 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Oyler and Wortham, each scoring 5 points; Luna and Patterson, each scoring 4 points.

9th Boys	42
Taylor 9th	41

Best led Salado scoring 15 points. Followed by Smith scoring 7 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Wortham, 6 points; Luna, 5 points; Jordan, 4 points; Roemer and Silva, each scoring 2 points; Oyler, 1 point.

Junior high boys

7th grade A

At the Cameron Tournament, Salado took second place: Salado 36, Gatesville 20; Salado 38, Cameron 28 and Rockdale 35, Salado 14.

8th grade A

In the Cameron Tournament, Salado took third place: Gatesville 33, Salado 15; Salado 44, Snook 27 and Salado 39, Caldwell 11.



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Lady Eagles 57
Marlin 47

Salado Lady Eagles traveled to Marlin Dec. 11 and beat the Lady Bulldogs 57-47 just three days after Marlin won the Lorena tournament.

“We took their best hit in the second half and still prevailed,” said Coach Henderson. Salado held a 26-21 halftime lead that Marlin closed to a tie at 39-39 at the end of the third quarter.

Jenna Sebek hit a three-pointer in the fourth quarter as Salado outscore Marlin 18-8 for the 57-47 win.

“The key play for us was a Brennan Boydstun assist to Hadley Joiner on a set play out of a timeout in the final minute,” Henderson said, adding “We had great execution by our girls.”

Joiner led the Lady Eagles with 21 points on eight-of-16 shooting and four-of-four shooting free throws. Joiner also had three assists, six rebounds and seven steals.

Boydstun followed with 11 points on four-of-10 shooting. She also had four assists, a rebound and three steals.

Sebek scored nine points on four-of-12 shooting and had two assists, three

blocks and 11 rebounds. Hazzard had seven points, two blocks, two rebounds and a steal.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were these: Abby Frazier, three points, an assist, three rebounds and two steals; Kaylan Hearne, two points, two rebounds and two steals; and B. Pipes, two points, two assists, six rebounds and a steal.



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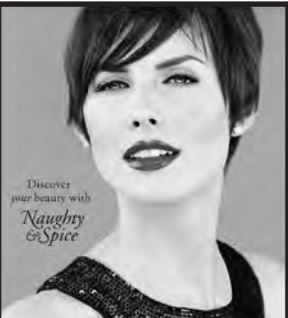
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Eagles 4th in Smith Tourney

Salado Eagles are 9-4 after taking fourth in the Coach Smith Memorial Tournament and beating Cameron last week.

Salado	49
Brock	70

The Brock Eagles beat Salado Eagles 7-049 in the first round of the Coach Smith Memorial Tournament on Dec. 11, taking a 40-26 lead at the half.

Nick Seawood led the Eagles with 11 points, six assists, three rounds and one steal.

Jerod Lutz followed with seven points and four rebounds; Tom Baine, six points, four rebounds and a steal; Garret Ward, seven points, one block, six rebounds; Barton Grigsby, five points, an assist, a block and a rebound; Chase Stuckey, four points and three rebounds; Trae Liller, three points, two assists and a rebound; Matt Ming, one point, two assists and a steal; C.J. Little, an assist and three rebounds.

Salado	57
Sinton	56

Salado Eagles scored 27 points in the third quarter to overcome a 14-point half-time deficit to beat Sinton 57-56 in the first round of the Coach Smith Memorial Tournament on Dec. 11.

Baine led the Eagles with 15 points on four-of-15 shooting. He also had three assists, a rebound and two steals.

Seawood had 14 points on four-of-17 shooting. Seawood also had four assists, two blocks, a rebound and four steals.

Lutz shot five-of-12 for 12 points. He also had an assist, four rebounds and a steal.

Grigsby had seven points, a block and seven rebounds.

Also scoring were Ming, five points, Ward, two points, a rebound and a steal and Tucker, two points.

Salado	72
Hearne	50

Salado Eagles scored 25 points in the second quarter to take a 40-25 halftime lead on their way to a 72-50 victory Dec. 11 over Hearne in the second round of the Coach Smith Memorial Tournament.

Seawood shot nine-of-15 for 22 points. He also had two assists, three rebounds and four steals.

Baine had 19 points on six-of-12 shooting from the field, including four-of-seven three-pointers. He had one assist, one rebound and one steal.

Lutz followed with 14 points on four-of-11 shooting. He also had four assists, a block and four rebounds.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Trae Liller, seven points, four assists, four rebounds and a steal; Tucker, four points and a rebound; Grigsby, two points, three assists, two blocks and five rebounds; Matt Ming, two points and a rebound and Chase Stuckey, two points and a steal.

Salado	79
Olney	74

Despite trailing by a point in the third quarter,

Salado won its contest against Olney 79-74 scoring 26 points in the fourth quarter of the Coach Smith Memorial Tournament contest on Dec. 13.

Seawood shot 11-of-18 for 26 points, including two-of-three three pointers. He also had two assists, a rebound and two steals.

Baine had 20 point on seven-of-14 shooting. He had five three-pointers on 12 tries. Baine had an assist, three rebounds and a steal.

Also scoring were Ming, eight points, a rebound and a steal; Lutz, seven points, three assists, five rebounds and a steal; Tucker, five points, a rebound and a steal; Liller, four points, five assists, five rebounds and two steals; Grigsby, four points. one block, two rebounds and one steal.

Salado	57
Hearne	52

Tied at 50-50 in the third quarter, Salado eased past the Hearne Eagles Dec. 9 57-52 at home.

Seawood was nine-of-18 from the field with two three-pointers on five attempts for 24 points. He also had four assists, two rebounds and two steals.


Grigsby followed with 12 points on six-of-eight shooting. He also had nine rebounds to lead the team and an assist.

Baine had seven points, four rebounds and a steal; Ward, six points, an assists, four rebounds and a steal; Lutz, four points, two assists and a rebound; Liller, four points, five assists and three rebounds; Ming, two rebounds.

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Obituaries

Sergeant First Class Colon-Vega

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died Dec. 7 from causes unknown at this time.

Sfc. Pablo Colon-Vega, 36, of Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico was pronounced dead in Forth Worth after the Fort Worth Police Department was dispatched to his house.

Colon-Vega entered the military September 1992 and was assigned to the 120th Infantry Brigade, First Army West as a Healthcare Specialist since May 2007.

Sergeant First Class Colon-Vega's decorations and awards include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Service Ribbon.

The incident is under investigation.

Jim Reed



Jim Reed

Visitation and services for Jim Reed, 58, of Salado were held Saturday December 13 at Broecker Funeral Home.

Jim Reed died December 10, 2008 at a local hospital.

He was born August 7, 1950 in Galveston, Tx. to Dr. James Elmer Reed, Jr. and Martha Pearl Sparks. He graduated from Madisonville High School in 1968 and was president of the student body. He graduated from the police academy in 1970.

Nov. 19, 1993 Jim married Janie Flanagan in Houston and eventually settled in Salado.

Jim was an insurance adjuster for Pilot Catastrophic, Inc., the largest company of its type in the United States. Jim worked the major hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and other disasters around the country.

Prior to insurance adjusting, Jim owned a Fire and Water Restoration Repair business in Houston and was

a member of the Bellaire Police and Harris Co. Constables Office for over 20 years.

Jim was a member of the United Methodist Church of Salado and the Rotary Club of Salado.

Jim is preceded in death by his mother and father.

Survivors include his wife and daughter, Kaitlyn Jane Reed of Salado; 2 sons: James Elmer Reed IV and Michael Patrick Reed, both of San Antonio; brothers: Lynn Reed of Madisonville, Tx. and Randy Reed of Sacue, Tx.; sister in laws: Michael Ann Spoor of Belton, Judy Ranley of Allen, Bette Patrica Nilson of, El Campo and brother in law John Thomas Flanagan of Friendswood, Tx.

Broecker Funeral Home of Salado is in charge of arrangements.

Church in Temple. Rev. Rick Reed, Rev. Ray Smith, and Rev. Tom Cordova will be officiating. Interment follows at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mrs. McCaleb died Friday, Dec. 12 in a Temple hospital.

Linda was born Aug. 8, 1944 in Temple to Earnest Abram and Lucy Bell Mayes Billingsley. Linda married Frank Lynn McCaleb, Sr. Dec. 1983. Mrs. McCaleb worked security for many years. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Temple.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Earnest Billingsley; one sister, Edna Mae Billingsley.

Linda is survived by her husband; three sons, Jack Burgess of Temple, Travis Burgess of Temple, Frank McCaleb, Jr. of Houston; two daughters, Linda Burgess-Ziegler of Temple, Frances Bowman of Wichita Falls; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

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Sam Price Gullatt Jr.



Sam Price Gullatt Jr.

Sam Price Gullatt Jr., passed on November 29, 2008 in Dallas. Sam grew up in Ruston, Louisiana and was born Dec. 20, 1921 the son of Sam P. Gullatt Sr. and Ruby V. Hornsby with his three sisters and two brothers: Marjorie Lee Barnes, Virginia Borchelt, Elizabeth Schon, John H. Gullatt and Benjamin F. Gullatt. During World War II he met Dorothy (Dottie) Chrystine Minnick, whom he married in 1948. Dottie passed on in 1978 and they are survived by Patricia G. Johnsrud and her husband Richard (Kirkland, Washington), Dowe D. Gullatt and his wife Pat, Mary Lou Kingsbery and her husband Guy, and William P. Gullatt (all of Austin, Texas). They are also survived by his five grandchildren: Tanner M. Johnsrud (Boston, Massachusetts), Chelsea Brïe Palmer (Oxnard, California), Ryan D. Kingsbery

(Anchorage, Alaska), Mattie C. Gullatt (Austin), Austin G. Kingsbery (Austin). Sam married Charline Edwards of Ruston, Louisiana in 1983 and they resided in Bryan/College Station and Lufkin. Upon Charline's passing in 2002 Sam moved to Salado. He married Olive Lambert of Austin and Dallas in April 2003 and he and Olive have lovingly shared these last five years together.

Sam graduated from Louisiana Tech cum laude with a degree in electrical engineering in 1942. He subsequently became a commissioned officer in the Navy without having attended the Naval Academy. As Commander Gullatt, he served as Executive Officer and Engineering Officer (second and third in command) aboard the submarines U.S.S. Haddock and U.S.S. Mapiro in the Pacific during World War II. He served as Staff Commander Submarine Force Pacific Fleet. Sam received a Bronze Star for his service during his six war patrols. His citation noted his "excellent judgment, resourcefulness, and coolness." He was an expert in sonar and missile defense, whose work on the subjects stood for decades.

During the war years, he became a Christian Scientist, and served for many years in the Christian Science church as a reader,

a Sunday school teacher, and church board member. Following the War, Sam obtained graduate degrees from Georgia Tech and had a career in electrical engineering with General Electric, Tracor, and Rehler Reitzer and Johnson, and he consulted for a number of other firms. His work, which was often classified, took him everywhere from Santa Barbara to Saudi Arabia and Ithaca, NY to Austin. He was professor of electrical engineering at Louisiana Tech and Texas A&M; he was Teacher of the Year numerous times at both institutions.

He retired from Texas A&M in 1992. Sam was also an avid golfer and gardener. He was president of the Louisiana Camellia Society, and developed unique strands of camellias.

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A celebration of his life will be held at 1:30, Saturday Dec. 20 the Garden Center Building at Zilker Botanical Gardens, 2220 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas.

Ward Carroll

Funeral services for Ward Carroll, 71 of Salado were held Dec. 15 at Heartfield Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Joe Bentley officiated.

Mr. Carroll passed away Dec. 11, 2008 in a Temple hospital.

Ward was born August 26, 1937 to William and Lillie Belle (Vann) Carroll in Gholson, Texas. He graduated from Salado High School in 1956 and attended a business college. Ward married Velda Buchanan on Christmas Eve in 1957. Mr. Carroll worked as a truck driver for more than 40 years before retiring in 1997. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved barbecuing and fish frying with friends and family.

Ward Carroll is survived by his wife, Velda Carroll of Salado; one son, Kevin Carroll and wife Jenny of Salado; two daughters, Vicki Hejl and husband Brad of Heidenheimer, Tammy Brooks and husband Steven of Temple; one brother, Earnest Carroll of Temple, two sisters, Opal Lawson of Copperas Cove, Mary Grimstead of Abilene; three granddaughters, Beverly Hejl of Heidenheimer, Helena Carroll of Salado, and Rebecca Carroll of Salado.

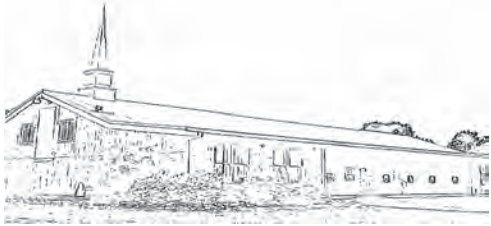
Heartfield Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials can be made to the Salado Volunteer Fire Department or charity of choice.

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Obituaries

Jewell Elizabeth Lang



Jewell Elizabeth Lang

Services for Jewell Elizabeth Lang, 95, of Cedar Valley were held December 12 at Cedar Valley Baptist Church, with Donnie Jackson and Richard Worden officiating.

Burial followed in Cedar Valley Cemetery.

Jewell Lang died December 7, 2008 at a nursing home in Belton.

She was born June 8, 1913 in Cedar Valley to Joe A. Jackson and Emmer Calder.

She attended the original Cedar Valley Elementary School, across from the current Cedar Valley Baptist Church.

Jewell married Walter H. Lang May, 1939. They were residents of Cedar Valley for 69 years.

One of the original members of the Cedar Valley Baptist Church and its oldest member, she faithfully attended the Friday Night Gospel Singing group.

She is preceded in death by her husband and daughter Alice Rachel Barnes.

Survivors include daughters, Mary Fay Hawthorne, Belton, Betty Ruth Shook, Temple, Ima Jewell McCoy, Belton and Dovey Marie Fritz, Temple. Sons are Charlie Joe Yarbrough, Belton and Walter George Lang, Harker Heights.

Jewell was blessed with 22 grandchildren, 47 of great grandchildren and 13 great great grandchildren.

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Christi Hanna Spradley



Christi Hanna Spradley

Memorial services for Christi Hanna Spradley were held Dec. 17, 2008, at Christ Episcopal Church with the Very Reverend M.L. Agnew, Jr. officiating. She died December 14, 2008.

Christi was born June 29, 1946 in Nacogdoches, Texas to Roy Smith Hanna and Neta Wagstaff Hanna. She attended Jacksonville Public Schools where she was a cheerleader, homecoming queen, and graduated second in her class. She then attended Stephen F. Austin State University where she met her husband, Randy. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Education, later earning her Masters of Education.

After Randy's tour with the U.S. Army in Korea, the couple returned to Nacogdoches and soon Matthew Tucker was born. Christopher David arrived 2 years later. Christi served as the first president of the Nacogdoches Junior Forum, which later became the Junior League of Nacogdoches. The family relocated to the Tyler area in 1977.

In keeping with her love of the English language, Spradley taught English at both All Saints School and Tyler Junior

College. She was a past president of the Mildred Floyd Garden Club and the owner of Biscuit Barrel Antiques in Tyler. She loved to read and was an active member of her book group. Sunday mornings were spent solving crossword puzzles, reading the paper, and watching Meet the Press. She enjoyed staying busy, bouncing from her nephews' tennis matches and Red Hat events in Jacksonville with her mom to playing Mah Jongg and going to antique auctions. She always looked forward to visiting her sons and their families in Salado and Frisco.

Even though she spent the last 19 months in a hard-fought battle against glioblastoma, a malignant brain tumor, Christi insisted on staying active and independent throughout the duration of her illness, continuing her travels and spending many weekends entertaining friends and family on the shore of Salado Creek. She was grateful for the help and support of her exceptional physicians, Drs. Arielle Lee and Paul Detweiler.

Christi will be remembered for her good-natured personality and her devotion to her family and friends. She was a wonderful daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. Those who knew her will never forget her laughter and her generous hugs. Christi Spradley embraced life with remarkable courage and grace through

adversity as well as joy, enjoying the rewards of a loving family and a host of devoted friends whose memory of all of the moments with her will be treasured forever.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tucker Randall Spradley.

Christi is survived by her mother, Neta Hanna, of Jacksonville; her son, Matt and daughter-in-law Kelly and her three beloved grandchildren, Parker Hanna, Tucker Jameson, and Jacquelyn McKinney Spradley of Frisco; her son, Chris and partner Will Lowery of Salado; her brother and sister-in-law, David and Becky Hanna and their sons Justin and Dylan, all of Jacksonville. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Linda Ray and her husband, Rex Ray of Pine Tree, and nieces Robin Carlton and Randee Ray; her sister-in-law, Carrol Spradley, one nephew, Stephen Spradley, and many special cousins.

Honorary pallbearers are Joe Bill Belue, Jeff Buie, Wade Coody, Jim Denson, Mike Hopson, Cliff Hughes, Leonard Leifer, Chris Lindsey, Frank McClendon, Willie Redford, Preston Smith, Stan Smith, Tom Tyler, Mark Wagstaff, and Andy Wall.

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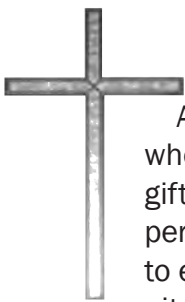
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Hill, a contracting officer representative, is a member of the 479th Field Artillery Brigade at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. The reservist has served in the military for 24 years.

He is the son of Morris R. Hill and stepson of Barbra J. Hill of Salado. The captain graduated in 1980 from Whitney Senior High School and received a bachelor's degree in 1984 from Texas A&M University, College Station. He earned a master's degree in 1992 at the University of Texas at Arlington.



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Starry Night Gala benefits Temple theater

The Temple Civic Theatre is pulling out all stops for its fourth annual New Year's Eve Gala. Using the Van Gogh masterpiece "A Starry Night" as a visual axis, the promises to be a "celestial experience."

"We have a volunteer team of very gifted designers and technicians who are pooling their creative energies to produce what will undoubtedly be a visually stunning, unforgettable evening of haute cuisine and exhilarating entertainment," says TCT's Managing and Artistic Director Tim Campbell.

"The Galas we've produced in the past have all been unique but I really believe that we've got something extraordinary and magical happening this year. The food and décor will be unlike anything Temple has seen. Guests are going to come away mesmerized."

Emily Matthews, KWTX news anchor, is serving as host for the evening. Dance music from the 40's, 70's, and 80's will be performed by the popular Elephants Band.

Of the raffle items being offered this year, a



This custom designed pendant of natural gem quality lapis and 14 karat gold has been created by Benton's of Salado to celebrate Van Gogh's "A Starry Night," the theme of this year's Temple Civic Theater New Year's Gala. The pendant is among the raffle items during the event.

brand new Harley Davidson motorcycle tops the list. Other items include a custom-designed necklace and pendant from Benton's Jewelers in Salado, an "in-home" evening of food and wine prepared by Chef Randy Montelongo of Cactus Jack's, a custom chandelier designed by Bobby Rynearson of

Rhyno Glass, an "in-home" wine tasting provided by Clinton Harwell of Pignetti's Restaurant, a portrait package from Glamour Shots in Killeen, a basket of gift certificates to a variety of local restaurants, a well-ness package from Dr. Shelly Giebel, and a star-gazing party at the Mayborn Planetarium,

and many others.

The culinary artistry of Cactus Jacks will treat guests to a seated, course dinner highlighted by Chef Randy Montelongo's seared beef tenderloin, herb-crusted halibut, and custom-created signature drink, the "Van Gogh-tini."

The New Year's Eve gala is the principle fundraising event for Temple Civic Theatre. "TCT has been a source of great joy and meaningful memories for thousands of volunteers for over 40 years. Live theatre, at any level, is expensive to produce. We are relying heavily on this year's Gala to keep us operating. In exchange for their support, guests will be treated to what will ultimately be the finest New Year Eve party anywhere in Texas. We're theatre people . . . we know how to stage an elaborate, riveting grand time!"

"A Starry Night" Temple Civic Theatre's Fourth Annual New Year's Eve Gala at the Azalee Marshall Cultural Activities Center will begin at 7 p.m. Dec. 31.

- 7 p.m.: Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres.
- 8:30 p.m.: Dinner by Cactus Jack's.
- 10:00 p.m.: Dancing by the Elephants Band
- Midnight Champagne Toast

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DECEMBER 20
Live Music by Richard Paul Thomas, 4-6 p.m., presented by Salado Wine Seller. 841 N. Main St., 947-8011.

DECEMBER 20
Benefit Reception for Helping Hands Food Pantry at St. Joseph's Chapel, 6-7 p.m. Pastor Mike Bergman will speak on the needs of the Food Pantry and the new location. Pedro Quirino will provide music and refreshments will be served. Donations of any amount are appreciated.

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 5
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge on Church St.

JANUARY 6
Salado Rotary Club, 11 a.m. Stagecoach Inn.

JANUARY 8
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public.

JANUARY 9
The Miro String Quartet at the Salado Methodist Chapel, 7 p.m. Visit www.musicinsalado.com.

JANUARY 10
Central Texas Barrel

Racers Association at Wildfire Ranch.

JANUARY 10
Salado Recycles Day, 8 a.m.-noon, Brookshire Brothers parking lot.

JANUARY 13
Salado Rotary Club, 11 a.m. Stagecoach Inn.

January 13
Salado Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), 7 p.m., Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

JANUARY 14
Salado Lions Club, 11 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

JANUARY 15
Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, 8 a.m., Salado Visitor's Center and Chamber of Commerce office.

JANUARY 17
Bell County Team Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena.

JANUARY 20
Salado Rotary Club, 11 a.m. Stagecoach Inn.

JANUARY 22
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public.

JANUARY 22
Meet Your Officials Forum at Holiday Inn Express, Salado, 6 p.m. Hosted by Salado Area Republican Women. 947-3433 for more information.

JANUARY 24
Salado Recycles Day, 8 a.m.-noon, Brookshire Brothers parking lot.

JANUARY 27
Salado Rotary Club, 11 a.m. Stagecoach Inn.

JANUARY 28
Salado Lions Club, 11 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

FEBRUARY 13-15
Wildfire Ranch Open to the World Roping. Ladies Championship Team Roping on Feb. 13. Open to the World Team Roping on Feb. 14 and Businessman's Roping on Feb. 15. For details, click on wildfire rancharena.com.

FEBRUARY 14-15
Fourth Annual Music Festival in Salado, sponsored by Music in Salado. A Romantic Evening: Songs of Love with Sarah Viola and Matthew Trevino at the Salado Methodist Chapel on Feb. 14; Russian Music featuring Krassimira Jordan on Piano at 4 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel. For details visit www.musicinsalado.com.


MARCH 30, 2009
Romero Guitar Quartet returns to Salado, Salado Methodist Sanctuary. For details visit www.musicinsalado.com.

MARCH 27-29
32nd annual Texas Packard Meet will be held in Salado at the Stagecoach Inn. This is the oldest regional Packard meet in the country and the largest in the south. Participants enjoy an early bird tour, swap meet, people's choice competition, seminars, banquet, and awards program. Participants from all over the country compete for the long distance award. Viewing for the public on March 28 is free. For more information go to the website, www.texaspackardmeet.com.

MARCH 28-29
Annual Wildflower Art Show on the grounds of the Salado Visitors Center, 881 N. Main St. Free admission. Call the Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040 or www.salado.com.


AUGUST 1-2
Annual Salado Art Fair, on the grounds of Salado's Pace Park. Call the Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040 or www.salado.com.

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Well-being in 2008: Nutrition & Sleep

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By **KEVIN McCAULEY**



Over the past year I have brought up numerous concepts concerning improving your well-being by simply improving your lifestyle. Today, we will review a number of these daily changes that can slow the aging process and move you toward optimal health! (Part 1 of 2)

1. **PROPER NUTRITION:** When taking on the challenge of improving your health and fitness levels, there are three major components that must be monitored: Nutrition, Resistance Training, and Cardio Respiratory Training. Now this may surprise you, but the most important component is simple and clear, you must begin with NUTRITION.

Here is the reason why. If you eat properly for your genetic and environmental make-up (your own bio-chemical individuality), you not only can keep disease at bay but you can also begin the process of disease reversal. Before I work with anyone on any Lifestyle and Wellness Program, I require an initial session that goes over proper nutrition.

Following a proper nutritional program is by far the most difficult of the three components to follow because it is a 24-7-365 challenge, but the benefits can and should be remarkable.

To follow the basics of a properly created nutritional program you must focus on these three variables first: 1) The Quality of your Food, 2) The Frequency of the Meals Consumed, and 3) The Combinations (or ratios) of your Carbohydrates, Protein and Fat.

Then and only then, when you have mastered these three variables do you begin to really focus on portion size. If you begin to eat foods with an increased nutritional value (quality), more often (frequency), and combine them properly (macro nutrient combinations), not only will your health improve, but a by-product of proper nutrition will be an improved physique and/or fitness level. Another beneficial by-product of proper nutrition is its helping control a plethora of hormonal levels, including: insulin, glucagon, cortisol, ghrelin and leptin!

2. **PROPER SLEEP:** A good night of quality sleep of seven to nine hours will help the body rest, but also, recover, repair, and recuperate. There

are many systems in the body and they are all interconnected, so if one system does not recover from the stresses of the day, all of the others will be affected.

If you are having physical, emotional or hormonal issues, it could be related in some way to your lack of proper sleep. The immune system can be compromised up to sixty percent with just one poor night of sleep.

We need to make a conscious effort to improve our sleep patterns or our organs and glands will feel the effects and will succumb to accelerated aging and disease. It is no wonder that sleep deprivation has been linked to vitamin deficiencies, diabetes and hypoglycemia, among other health challenges.

Here are some things to remember when prioritizing sleep in your life. Just as we have moved away from real food, we have moved away from getting up at the crack of dawn and going to bed as the sun sets. Synthetic light (light bulbs, television screens, computers, etc.), just like modern convenience foods, is a new phenomenon and it clearly has an adverse effect on our health. The body has a circadian rhythm that normally follows the cycle of the sun. But man-made light, made to imitate the sun, can throw the body's natural rhythm off. If you followed a healthy circadian rhythm you would see hormonal patterns develop. This is important, as the balance of hormones in your body is a major indicator of your health.

Honestly, how highly do you prioritize your food intake and your sleep? If you are not making a conscious effort on improving these two areas of your life and your body has not already broken down, just wait, it will.

Kevin is a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach/Certified Clinical Nutritionist in Salado. He is the owner/operator of Progressive Wellness Services, a Total Wellness Company. Kevin helps families instill positive lifestyle habits into their lives, including: proper nutrition, smart exercise and understanding hormonal responses. If you have any questions please e-mail Kevin at youbewell@earthlink.net.



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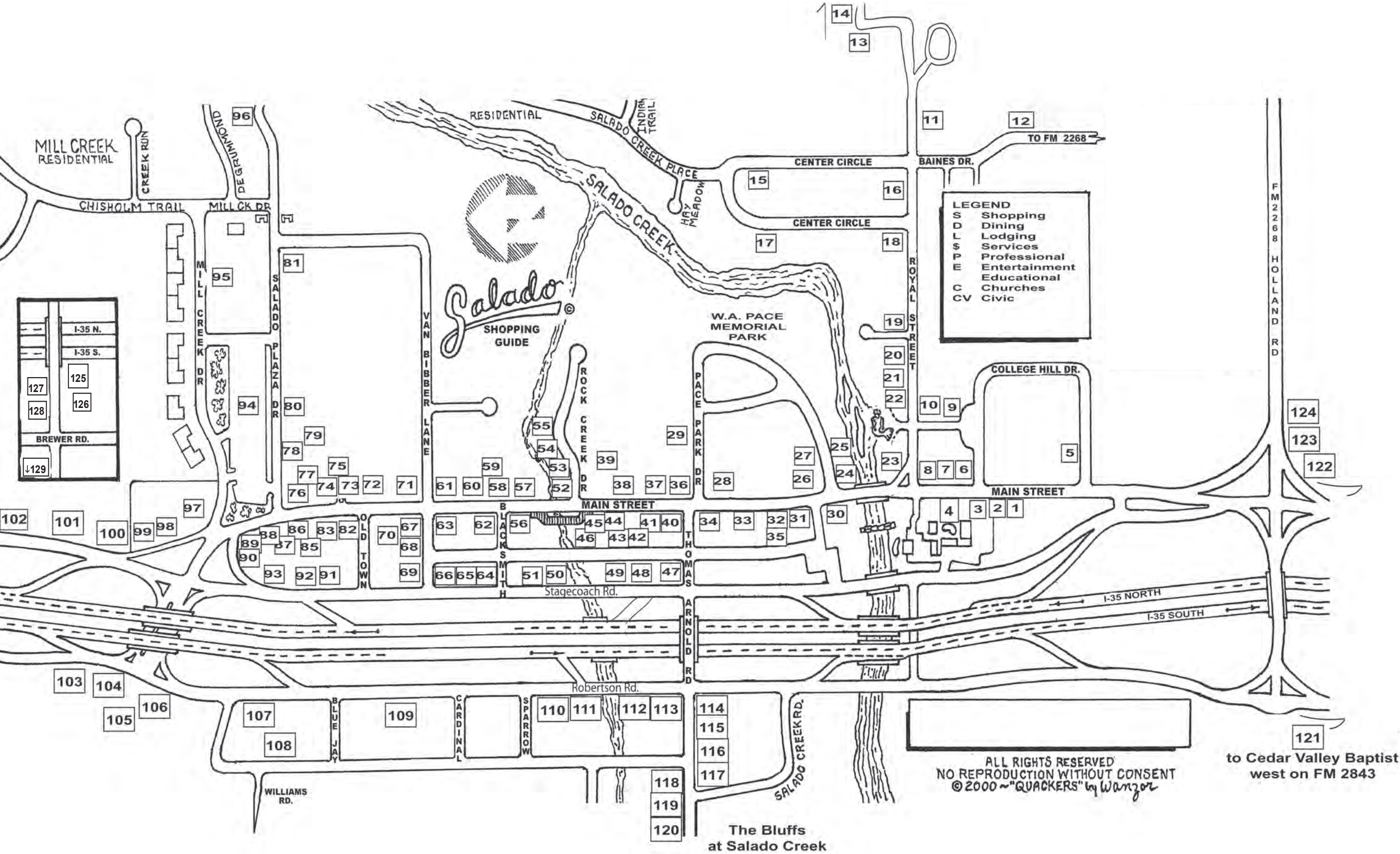
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East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 10 7 6 5

♥ 9 8 6 2

♦ J 4

♣ A Q 3

WEST

♠ A K Q 3

♥ 4

♦ 9 7 6 2

♣ 10 8 5 2

EAST

♠ 9 8 4

♥ Q 7 5

♦ Q 8 5

♣ K 9 7 4

SOUTH

♠ J 2

♥ A K J 10 3

♦ A K 10 3

♣ J 6

The bidding:

East Pass

South 1♥

West Pass

North 2♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

Voyage of discovery

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

There are some decisions you must make at the bridge table where you can't be sure you're right. That is the nature of the game, and the best that can be done in these cases is to exercise your best judgment and hope everything turns out all right.

Take this deal where you're in four hearts and West cashes the K-Q of spades, on which East plays the 4-8. West shifts to the club deuce, and you follow low from dummy, losing to the king. Back comes the nine of spades, which you trump as West follows with the three. The only problem remaining is to avoid a trump loser. Normally, you'd play the A-K, hoping to catch the queen on the first or second round. Granting that that's what you usually do with nine cards of a suit missing the queen, playing for the drop is something you should always think about twice. Sometimes it is right to abandon the so-called percentage play in favor of the finesse, and in this case, you should do a bit more investigating before deciding what to do.

Accordingly, after playing a trump to the ace, you cash the A-K of diamonds and ruff a diamond, on which East's queen falls. When you now lead a second trump and East follows low, you are faced with the crucial decision. West almost surely started with the A-K-Q-3 of spades, given East's failure to signal at trick one and West's discontinuing the suit after the second trick. The clubs appear to be divided 4-4, judging from West's fourth-best lead of the deuce. Since East also seems to have started with three diamonds to the queen, it follows that his original distribution was 3-3-3-4, making the trump finesse likely to win. Maybe you shouldn't bet the old family homestead on it, but the finesse now has better than a 50-50 chance of succeeding.

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By KAREN KINNISON

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For next year's upcoming events, please mark your calendars for the Noon Lunch Bag Book Review on January 21st at NOON! The book will be the sweetest thing you have ever read: "Dewey: A Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World" by Vicki Myron! Be sure and come hear this review...it will make your month!

Now for some great new books that will be on the shelves by the time you read this column...for your holiday reading enjoyment.

New in Fiction:

"Cruel Intent" by J. J. Jance: From this popular bestseller comes a chill-

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ing tale of suspense, where romance turns deadly at the hands of a man whose heart is filled with "cruel intent". The fourth Ali Reynolds thriller.

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"Outliers: The Story of Success" by Malcolm Gladwell: Gladwell asks the question: what makes high-achievers different? His answer is that we pay too much attention to what successful people are like and too little attention to where they are from: their culture, family, generation and idiosyncratic experiences. Another landmark work from the author of Blink.

So that is all for this week. May you all have a blessed Christmas and let's look forward to a hopeful future for our country.

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by
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"Look at all the empty buildings around the square," he said. "Some of the people who used to have businesses in them would tell you it's just not worth it."

She had in mind a medical supply business. She had cared for her father for a few years and every time she needed a brace, crutches, a wheel chair or anything in that line of equipment she had to go out of town. She thought with the number of older people in her community a business like that might be something to consider.

Despite the banker's warning, she was not discouraged. She worked on a business plan for weeks and when it was ready she took it to another banker.

She placed the business plan on his desk and began to tell him about how she felt about starting a business.

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By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA

Q: It doesn't seem to matter whether I open or close the registers in certain rooms -- my house is constantly too cold in some spots and too hot in others. The insulation seems fine, and the heater is working fine. I change the filter every two months. What else can I check? -- John P., Worcester, Mass.

A: You may be able to further balance a forced-air heating system if dampers have been installed within the delivery air ducts leading to the registers. Check along the air duct run as far as possible to locate air dampers. These are indicated by a wing nut installed directly in the duct that does not seem to be

joining anything.

If this wing nut is perpendicular to the duct (say, the duct is horizontal but the wing nut is oriented vertical), the damper is closed, restricting airflow. Use a screwdriver or manually turn the wing nut parallel to the duct, thereby opening the damper.


Try to locate as many of these dampers as possible. Working with a partner who is inside the living area of the house, find out where these ducts lead and if air flows or stops flowing to different areas of the house depending on whether the damper is open or closed.


Then, label the damper. Using a permanent marker, write the duct's

destination (such as the living room or a bedroom), and mark what angles the wing nut should be at when closed and when open.

Using this method of opening or closing dampers in the air ducts, you can balance the heating system a bit better so that additional warm air flows into colder areas of the house and is diverted from parts of the house that are too hot.

HOME TIP: To save on heating costs, don't turn a thermostat to its highest setting hoping to quickly heat a room -- keep it at a lower temperature setting and give the system about 20 minutes to bring the room up to a comfortable temperature.

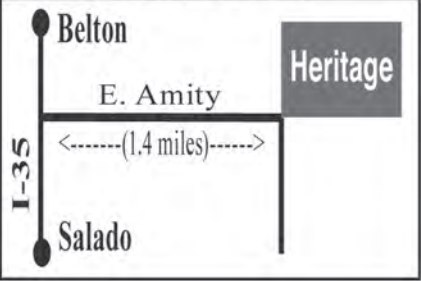




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Impact of palm oil on rainforest

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that palm oil, common in snack foods and health & beauty products, is destroying rainforests? If so, what can consumers do about it?

-- Emma Miniscalco, via e-mail

It's no wonder that worldwide demand for palm oil has surged in recent years. Long used in cosmetics, palm oil is now all the rage in the snack food industry, since it is transfat-free and therefore seen as healthier than the shortening it replaces.

But to produce palm oil in large enough quantities to meet growing demand, farmers across Southeast Asia have been clearing huge swaths of biodiversity-rich tropical rainforest to make room for massive palm plantations. Today palm oil production is the largest cause of deforestation in Indonesia and other equatorial countries with dwindling expanses of tropical rainforest. Indonesia's endangered orangutan population, which depends upon the rainforest, has dwindled by as much as 50 percent in recent years.

The clearing of these forests is a big factor in global warming, given how much carbon dioxide (CO2) trees store when left alone. Once forests are cut, tons of CO2 heads skyward where it does the most harm. Also, when not replaced by palm



oil plantations, rainforests help maintain water resources by absorbing rainfall and then releasing it into streams and rivers, thus minimizing flooding and soil depletion.

Simply boycotting palm oil and the products containing it may not help, as reduced demand could force the companies behind the plantations to instead initiate more inten-

sive timber harvesting and a widespread conversion of the land to agriculture, which would add a heavy pollution load onto the already compromised land, air and water. It is up to the countries involved in palm oil production to regulate the industry and budget sufficient funds for enforcement. But with huge profits coming in from the sale of palm oil, public officials in Indonesia and elsewhere are loathe to clamp down on their golden goose.

Several of the largest palm oil producers have joined forces with banks and nonprofit groups to try to green up the industry. In 2003, some 200 commercial entities in the global palm oil supply

green-friendly practices throughout the industry. The group celebrated its first shipment of "sustainable palm oil" to Europe this past November.

Despite progress, many green leaders are skeptical that RSPO has the teeth to make a positive impact on the fast-growing palm oil industry. Greenpeace International considers RSPO to be "little more than green-wash," pointing out that at least one RSPO-certified producer—United Plantations, a supplier to Nestlé and Unilever—is deforesting Indonesia's vulnerable peat land forests. And Sinar Mas, another major RSPO player, has cleared tropical rainforest all over the country for its



Today palm oil production is the largest cause of deforestation in Indonesia and other equatorial countries. Pictured here: A swath of Indonesian rainforest already cleared (foreground); Another swath being prepared by burning (background).

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chain met and established the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) to promote the growth of palm oil in an environmentally friendly manner. RSPO works to develop definitions and criteria for the sustainable production of palm oil, while facilitating the adoption of more

palm oil plantations, and is still expanding rapidly. Greenpeace is calling for a moratorium on deforestation throughout Indonesia so that the RSPO and the government can take stock and then proceed accordingly.

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Sheets or liquid - What is the best fabric softener choice?

Dear EarthTalk: Which is better for our environment: to use dryer sheets in the dryer or liquid fabric softener in the wash? It seems they both have properties that are not very green.
-- Deborah, via e-mail

If you're concerned about the health and safety of your family members, you might want to stay away from both conventional dryer sheets and liquid fabric softeners altogether. While it may be nice to have clothes that feel soft, smell fresh and are free of static cling, both types of products contain chemicals known to be toxic to people after sustained exposure.

According to the health and wellness website Six-wise.com, some of the most harmful ingredients in dryer sheets and liquid fabric softener alike include benzyl acetate (linked to pancreatic cancer), benzyl alcohol (an upper respiratory tract irritant), ethanol (linked to central nervous system disorders), limonene (a known carcinogen) and chloroform (a neurotoxin and carcinogen), among others.

Since fabric softeners are designed to stay in your clothes for extended periods of time, such chemicals can seep out gradually and be inhaled or absorbed directly through the skin. Liquid fabric softeners are slightly preferable to dryer sheets, as the chemicals in dryer sheets get released into the air when they are heated up in the dryer and can pose a respiratory health risk to those both inside and outside the home.

For those who don't want to give up the benefits of fabric softeners but are afraid to risk exposure to potentially toxic chemicals, National Geo-



Liquid Fabric Softener or Drier sheets...what to do....? Look in health food markets for natural essential oil- or vegetable-based liquids from Seventh Generation, Ecover and others -- or Maddocks, Static Eliminator, a non-toxic, hypoallergenic reusable dryer sheet. Better yet, says Green Guide, add either a quarter cup of baking soda or a quarter cup of white vinegar to the wash cycle (but not with bleach). PHOTO© BOOKGRL, COURTESY FLICKR

graphic's Green Guide recommends adding either a quarter cup of baking soda or a quarter cup of white vinegar to the wash cycle. Either one will soften clothes, while the latter will also address static cling. (Be sure not to mix either with bleach, though, as resulting chemical reactions could cause noxious fumes.) If eliminating static cling is your top priority, try drying natural-fiber clothes separately from synthetic materials. The combination of cotton and polyester is often the culprit behind static cling. Better yet, reports Green Guide, line dry synthetic clothing, as it tends to dry fairly quickly anyway.


A few companies have heeded the ever-increasing call for greener, safer ways to soften clothes and reduce static cling. Seventh Generation's Natural Lavender Scent Fabric Softener and Ecover's Natural Fabric Softener are both good choices that rely on vegetable products and natural essential oils instead of harsh chemicals

to get the job done.

Another safer option is Maddocks' Static Eliminator, a non-toxic, hypoallergenic reusable dryer sheet made out of a proprietary, chemical-free polynylon. The Canadian company Maddocks originally developed the material to rid industrial-scale mechanical systems of explosion-inducing static electricity, but soon realized that it could benefit consumers as well, who can now buy the sheets—each one is good for some 500 wash loads—from natural foods retailers as well as from several online vendors.

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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. Good development property, well located with frontage on Bell Street and Harold Clark road. \$106,170 **SOLD** 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. 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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