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# Glory to God

## Let the story be told

### King James Version: The Gospel According to St. Luke, Chapter 2

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Ceasar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

3 And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David;

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

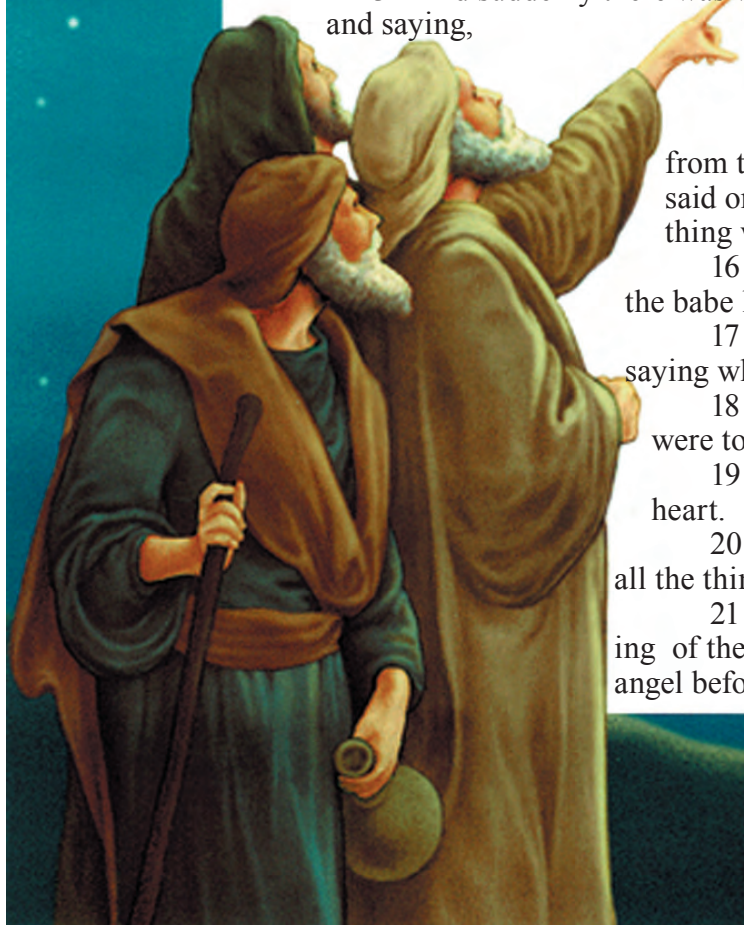
17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad they saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



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# Delicious party appetizer ideas for New Year’s Eve

## CHERRY TOMATOES STUFFED WITH EDAMAME HUMMUS

Serves 8 (about 2 stuffed tomatoes per person)  
The edamame hummus in this recipe is also delicious served as a dip with carrots and celery or whole wheat crackers.

- Ingredients
- 1 cup cooked edamame beans
  - Juice of 1 lemon
  - 2 teaspoons sesame oil
  - Salt and freshly ground black pepper
  - 12 to 16 cherry tomatoes
  - Thinly sliced radishes

Method

In a food processor, purée edamame until smooth; add lemon juice, sesame oil and salt and pepper. Purée until well blended. Set aside. Cut the top off of each cherry tomato and carefully remove pulp to hollow out the inside with a small spoon. Transfer edamame hummus to a pastry bag (or zipper bag with a corner cut off). Squeeze hummus into cherry tomatoes and garnish with radish slices.

Nutrition: Per serving (2 Tbsp/56g-wt.): 40 calories (15 from fat), 2g total fat, 0g saturated fat, 3g protein, 4g total carbohydrate (less than 1g dietary fiber, 1g sugar), 0mg cholesterol, 160mg sodium

## POTATO-WRAPPED OYSTERS ROCKEFELLER

Makes 12 oysters

Celebrate the season with oysters. Available in the shell or freshly shucked, Whole Foods Market’s oysters are sourced and shipped to market several times a week for optimum freshness. Guest chef Alex Seidel from Denver’s highly acclaimed Fruition restaurant shares his twist on a treasured holiday classic, oysters Rockefeller, in this recipe.

- Ingredients
- Parmesan-Leek Emulsion
  - 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - 3 leeks, washed and chopped
  - 1/2 small onion, peeled and diced

- 1/2 small russet potato, peeled and diced
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped Italian parsley

- Oysters
- 1 large russet potato
  - 12 West coast oysters (such as Hama Hama), shucked
  - 12 toothpicks
  - 1 to 2 cups peanut oil
  - 1/3 pound naturally smoked bacon
  - 12 ounces baby spinach
  - 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar

Method

First, make the Parmesan-Leek Emulsion. Heat a sauté pan over medium heat, add oil, then leeks and onions. Cook onion and leeks until translucent, about 6 to 7 minutes. Add potato and deglaze with white wine. Reduce the wine until almost gone and add the heavy cream. Cook the potato in the liquid mixture until it is soft. Add Parmesan, parsley, salt, and pepper when the potato is just about tender. Puree in a blender and add salt and pepper to taste. Keep warm until needed.

For the potato-wrapped oysters, fill a saucepan 2/3 full of water. Add 2 teaspoons salt and bring to a boil over medium-high heat.

Cut potato in half lengthwise, then working from the middle thinly slice the potato, using a mandolin, to about the thickness of a potato chip. Make 12 center-cut chips.

Cook potatoes in salted boiling water for one minute or just until you can roll the potato without it snapping. Place potatoes in a bowl of ice and water, strain, and pat dry.

Shuck oysters making sure there is no shell debris left over. Roll each oyster in a potato slice and secure with a toothpick. Pour about an inch of peanut oil in a sauté pan. Heat over medium heat until oil reaches 350°F. Fry for two minutes or until the potato is golden and crispy on both sides. Remove from oil and drain on a paper towel-lined plate or baking sheet.

Cut bacon into cubes and cook in a sauté pan over medium heat to release the fat. Pour off excess bacon fat and



add the spinach leaves. Cook the spinach until it is just wilted, then add sherry vinegar, salt and pepper.

Serve oyster over spinach topped with Parmesan-Leek Emulsion.

Nutrition:Per serving (1 oyster/144g-wt.): 320 calories (240 from fat), 27g total fat, 8g saturated fat, 35mg cholesterol, 410mg sodium, 14g total carbohydrate (2g dietary fiber, 1g sugar), 9g protein

## PROSCIUTTO, BLUE CHEESE, AND DATE WRAPS

Makes 40 pieces

The combo of creamy blue cheese, sweet dates and salty prosciutto is irresistible.

- Ingredients
- 20 Medjool or seasonal dates
  - 1 container Whole Creamery Blue Cheese Crumbles
  - 10 thin slices prosciutto, sliced in quarters
  - 365 Everyday Value Balsamic Vinegar
  - 40 toothpicks

Method

Pit and halve dates and stuff with blue cheese crumbles. Wrap each date half in a piece of prosciutto. Secure with a toothpick or bamboo skewer. Grill 30 to 45 seconds per side, then drizzle with reduced 365 Everyday Value Balsamic Vinegar (simmer until thick and syrupy).

Nutrition

Per serving (2 pieces/52g-wt.): 120 calories (30 from fat), 3g total fat, 2g saturated fat, 10mg cholesterol, 310mg sodium, 21g total carbohydrate (2g dietary fiber, 18g sugar), 4g protein

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**2009 EVENTS**

**JANUARY 3**  
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**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](http://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 12**  
The Salado Democrats will meet at 6 PM in the Salado Civic Center. All Democrats are welcome.

**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](http://www.musicinsalado.com).

**MARCH 30, 2009**  
Romero Guitar Quartet returns to Salado, Salado Methodist Sanctuary. For details visit [www.musicinsalado.com](http://www.musicinsalado.com).

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**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](http://www.salado.com).

**AUGUST 1-2**  
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# Well-being in 2008, part II

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 2 of 2/See last week's edition if you missed Proper Nutrition and Proper Sleep)

3. **PROPER RESISTANCE TRAINING:** Proper nutrition should be, and is, the most integral component when creating a lifestyle of improved health and well-being. Though proper nutrition is considered first in my mind, I consider a proper resistance training program to be a close second; here is why? The benefits of a proper resistance training program are numerous:

1) Adds muscle increasing your basal metabolic rate

## LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By **KEVIN McCAULEY**



- 2) Challenging your muscles safely improves bone density
- 3) Develops functional strength
- 4) Burns body-fat
- 5) Changes the shape of your physique
- 6) Strengthens the cardiovascular system
- 7) Stimulates the release of Human Growth Hormone and Testosterone
- 8) Improves insulin sensitivity

The truth is, if your goal is to be healthy and fit, and you have time restraints, you should be spending your precious time on a resistance training program, not an aerobic program. Aerobic exercise not only does not add muscle, but can actually slow one's metabolism by a process

called catabolism (break/tear down) of one's muscle mass and by causing chronic stress issues (repetitive and hormonal) for your muscles and joints (good for Physical Therapists and Chiropractors, but bad for you!). Aerobic activity, if even added at all, should only supplement a proper nutritional and resistance training program, not replace them. The results from a properly executed resistance training regimen far outweigh that of an aerobic program. It is important to understand that after the age of thirty, because of hormonal changes, a sedentary person begins to lose five pounds of muscle mass a decade. This lost muscle mass decreases our metabolism noticeably, and causes a decline in our physical shape and contour. Resistance training can be a safe and quick answer to a slowing metabolism and bone density issues. Also, a properly executed resistance training (free-weights, bodyweight, etc.) program SHOULD stress your cardio-respiratory system plenty!

4. **PROPER VIEW OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR BEING WELL:** "Let food be your medicine and medicine be your food"-Hippocrates (377-460 BC), the "Father of Medicine" was on to something, unfortunately 2400 years later, we in America have not followed through. We view drugs as our medicine and that premise has left our country the richest, but the sickest first-world country in the world. Much of Hippocrates wisdom transcends all time as even

now the Hippocratic Oath governs the ethical conduct of physicians today. How much better would our health be today if we just followed that one simple quote, "Let food be your medicine and medicine be your food"? Hippocrates also said, "If we could give every individual the right amount of nourishment and exercise, not too little and not too much, we would have found the safest way to health".

So, as the year 2009 is just around the corner, understand this: Optimal health is obtainable; it just takes a little effort and a real understanding of the importance of our everyday lifestyle choices.

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](mailto:youbewell@earthlink.net).

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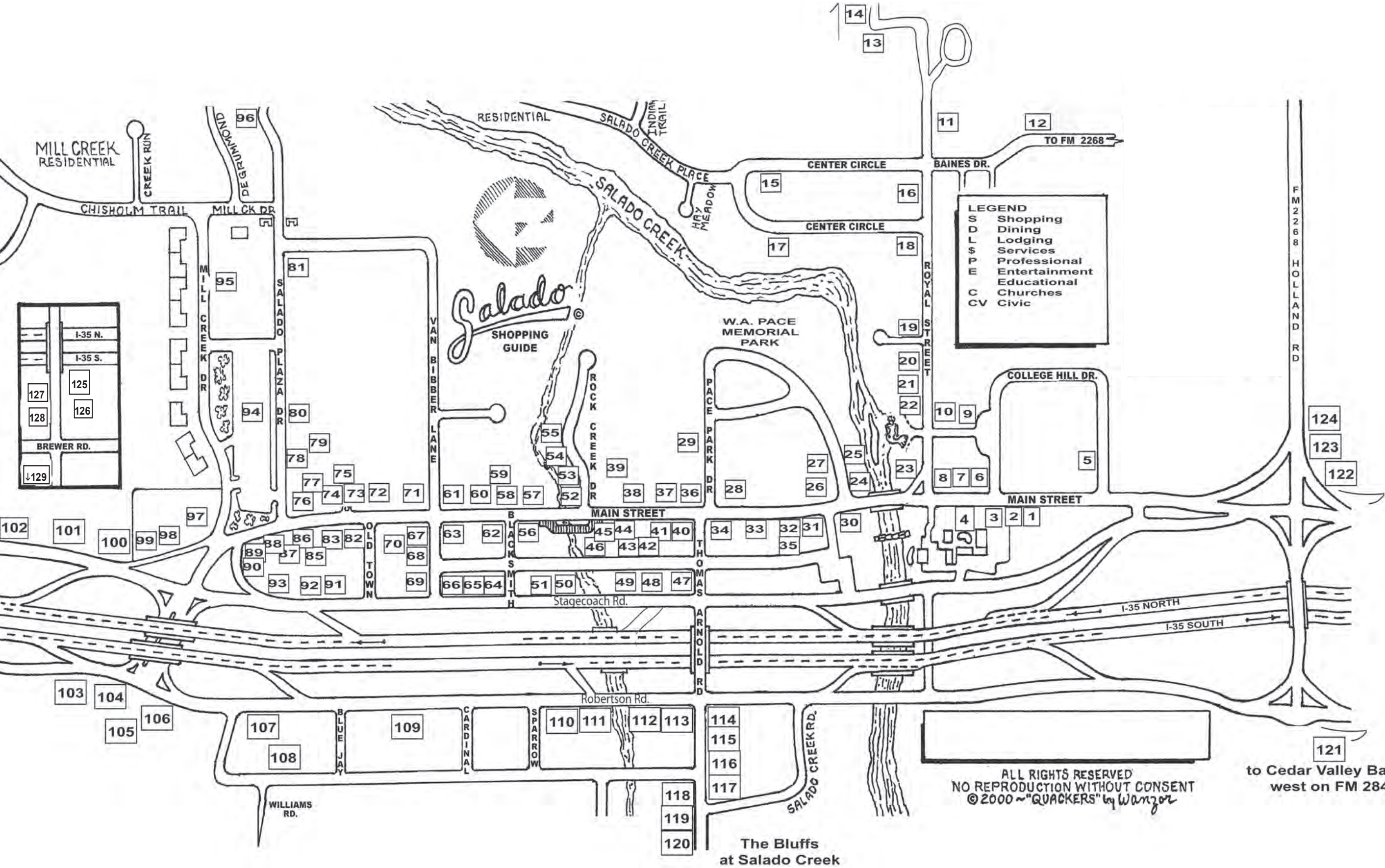
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by Linda Thistle

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18 Resells for a big profit  
19 McShane or McKellen  
21 Retainer  
22 Gooseflesh inducing  
26 Stinky  
29 Sweet potato  
30 Vast expanse  
31 Have coming  
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34 Actress Joanne  
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10 "Go, team!"  
11 Past  
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23 Jacob's brother  
24 Hit repeatedly  
25 "Boola Boola" campus  
26 G-men  
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Delicate art of larceny

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Anything declarer can do to induce an error by the defense is a legitimate part of the game. Deception plays an important role in bridge, and a contract stolen by a ruse counts just as much as one fulfilled on its merits.

West's notrump overcall was "unusual," showing length in both minor suits. After his initial pass, the notrump bid could hardly have its natural meaning, and so, by convention, showed interest in the minors.

South's four-spade bid was very dubious. North had passed originally and was scarcely likely to have a hand that would produce a game opposite a skimpy opening bid.

West led a heart, and South noted that there were four losers -- two diamonds, a club and a heart. The only real chance of making the contract appeared to lie in somehow getting the

West dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 9 6 4  
♥ 9 7 2  
♦ 10 4  
♣ K 7 4

**EAST**  
♠ J 8 3  
♥ Q 8 5  
♦ A Q 7 5  
♣ J 9 5

**WEST**  
♠ —  
♥ J 4 3  
♦ K J 6 3 2  
♣ A 10 6 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 10 7 5 2  
♥ A K 10 6  
♦ 9 8  
♣ Q 8

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass Pass Pass 1 ♠  
1 NT 3 ♣ Pass 4 ♠  
Opening lead — three of hearts.

defense to make a mistake. Declarer knew he had four losers, but he also knew that neither opponent could be aware of this.

From the opening lead and East's play of the queen of hearts, South could be sure that West had the jack. (If East had the Q-J, he would have played the jack, not the queen.) So South decided to capitalize on this knowledge and give West a chance to go wrong.

He won the queen with the ace and drew three rounds of trump, ending in his own hand. Then he led the six of hearts!

West was not anxious to take the lead, and it was difficult for him to conceive that declarer had started with the A-K-10-6 of hearts and would play in this fashion. So he ducked the heart, expecting East to win with the ten or king.

But dummy's nine won the trick. South then led a heart to the king, cashed his ten, discarded a diamond from dummy and so wound up with 11 tricks, leaving West feeling very foolish indeed.

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# Movies for the New Year

By KAREN KINNISON

MERRY CHRISTMAS Y'ALL! Obviously we are closed today and we hope everyone IS having too much fun! We will be closed tomorrow also, Dec. 26 and open again on Dec. 27.

We will also be closed on Jan. 1, 2009. So Happy New Year to everyone. (Be sure and stay up to make sure the old year leaves!) Then it's off for another busy year for us all.

The library has great things planned so let me remind you of a few starting in January. Don't miss our wonderful review of "Dewey: The Small Town Cat Who Changed the World" at noon on Jan. 21 here at the library. Our computer classes will start this first week and so will the Spanish classes. Both classes are full so please call to make sure you have already reserved space.

Here are some new movies we just got in:

"The Wild Horse Redemption:" Thousands of wild mustangs under the protection of the Bureau of Land Management are rounded up in the West

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each year. At one Federal prison inmates are given an opportunity to "tame" one of these mustangs. This documentary traces those attempts. If you think most criminals are beyond redemption, this movie shows that if you look beyond the crime, you can see a man who truly seeks redemption.

"Amelie:" An impish gamine who lives alone and finds a trove of toys hidden for 40 years is inspired to repatriate the toys, an impulse of generosity that sparks more benevolent acts.

"Brother Sun, Sister Moon:" A couple wanting to serve God start their own church but upset the local bishop. Seeking approval, the man walks barefoot to the Vatican to meet the Pope. This is the story of St. Francis of Assisi.

"Kundun:" A biopic of the life of the Dalai Lama filmed with a cast of unknowns in Morocco when film crews were forbidden to enter Tibet. The film

covers the Dalai Lama's escape, meetings with Chairman Mao, and his eventual exile in India. Stunningly beautiful to watch, it is also directed by Martin Scorsese.

"The Long Shot:" A series of tragedies leads aspiring equestrian Annie to pull up stakes and move to Colorado. While working at a stable, Annie tries to win a high-stakes riding competition to help her in her new life.

"The Sensation of Sight:" After a tragedy involving a student, English teacher Finn leaves his job and family, moves to a boarding house and sells encyclopedias door-to-door. As he makes his way, Finn connects with some of the locals, finds a friend, and is haunted by a ghost who trails him.

That's it for this week. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



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# Why did everything have to get so complicated?

by  
Tumbleweed  
Smith



about it. I've had a dozen or more cameras since then, each one getting a little bit more complicated. I have two cameras that have so many knobs and switches, buttons and rings I'll never be able to know what they all do.

I still get some good pictures with these fancy cameras, but I don't think I've taken any that are any better than the ones I took with that first 35 millimeter camera that was so easy to operate.

When I started using a tape recorder, I found out the type NBC Radio used (Telefunken) and bought one. It was a reel-to-reel model, straightforward, easy to use. I learned everything about it in minutes. When the cassettes came along, my first one was a Phillips. Again, it

was easy to use: punch record and play simultaneously and you were in business. Rewind it back to the start, punch play and you could hear the recorded material.

The cassette recorder was the last type I fully understood. I've since used Digital Audio Tape recorders and presently use a Minidisk. I get what I need without trying to really find out what its capabilities are.

Then we come to computers. Forget that. I learned how to use a typing program, a production program, a couple of filing and bookkeeping programs and email. I've been doing digital production on a computer for 20 years and still don't know all the things it can do.

I suppose the piece of equipment that baffles me the most is the telephone. It used to be so easy to use. When I make a phone call in someone else's home or office, I usually end up asking for help getting a dial tone. Then I hand it back to the owner after the call because I don't know how to get rid of the dial tone.

I won't even get into cell phones except to say they've gotten so tiny and are so chock full of things you can do with one it takes the 200-page instruction book to learn how to use it. I have one, but seldom use it. When on a trip, I ask my wife to do the calling with her fancy phone.

I've always said technology is only a tool to help you accomplish something. It just seems harder now to get things done because technology gets in the way. Today's digital generation will never know how easy things used to be.

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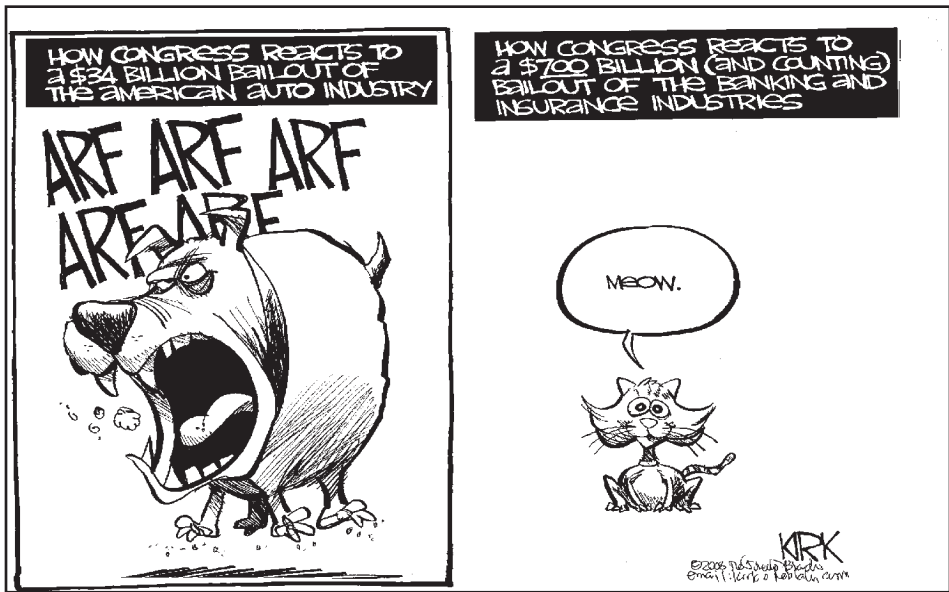


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## An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Barack Obama -- steady as she goes

Change has rarely looked so much like continuity.

Barack Obama's leftward positioning and achingly idealistic rhetoric in the Democratic primaries harkened back to George McGovern or Robert Kennedy. His personnel choices during the transition instead recall Michael Dukakis, the Massachusetts technocrat who notoriously ran on competence.

Obama is too savvy a marketer to have tried to make a campaign slogan out of practicality. But who would have guessed that when he lit up the crowd back in 2007 at Iowa's Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner with his signature speech denouncing the ways of Washington and Democrats who accommodated Bush foreign policy, he harbored a secret desire to draw on experienced Republicans to manage his national-security policy?

Obama has selected a former Marine commandant close to John McCain, Gen. Jim Jones, as his national-security adviser; asked President George W. Bush's defense secretary, Bob Gates, to stay on; and selected Hillary Clinton, a relative centrist who denounced Obama's naivete in the primaries, as secretary of state.

It's as moderate as any Democrat's national-security picks could possibly get. Just when it seemed that the hawkish Scoop Jackson wing of the Democratic Party was dead forever, a jerry-built version of it is making a comeback via the impending administration of a man championed by anti-war zealots. Yes, God does have a sense of humor.

The success of the surge in Iraq made Obama's pragmatic turn easier. Perhaps never has someone owed so much to a policy he opposed so vehemently. First, the success of the surge diminished the Iraq War as an issue in the general election. Second, it makes it possible to contemplate a responsible drawdown in Iraq.

## Rich Lowry



A kind of continuity is also possible for Obama because the caricature of Bush foreign policy as dangerously radical never accurately reflected reality.

Bush wants U.S. troops to "return on success" in Iraq -- so does Obama. Bush supports a buildup in Afghanistan -- so does Obama. Bush wants a larger military -- so does Obama. Bush has launched raids against al-Qaida into the tribal areas of Pakistan -- Obama wants to do the same. Bush wants to close Guantanamo Bay, but has been bedeviled by the difficult choices inherent in its shuttering -- Obama will be, too. Bush has put out diplomatic feelers to Iran, while warning of the unacceptability of its nuclear program -- Obama has done the same, although with more of an accent on diplomacy.

Perhaps Obama is simply bowing to the exigencies of American foreign policy, defined by a few ineluctable realities: We are the sole superpower in a dangerous world, full of enemies that only we have the military resources to defeat and of rival powers with interests divergent from ours.

The great theorist of realism Hans Morgenthau warned against the illusion that "the final curtain would fall and the game of power politics would never be played." At times during the past two years, Obama seemed to believe in the curtain fall. His new national-security team holds out hope that he never did, or doesn't anymore. This is change you can respect.

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

A special holiday greeting to our readers on this joyous day

## Off the Record by Ken Clapp



Dear Readers:

First of all - a very Merry Christmas to each of you and yours, on this joyous day. Today's column will have a different format since the last thing on your minds this morning is politics, especially if you have youngsters tearing around the tree to see what Santa has delivered - while the older generation is busy preparing for whatever is next on the holiday menu.

So, each year at this special time, we traditionally take a moment to extend a sincere hope for happiness and joy to be a part of the life of everyone here in our Village. And to offer a special thanks for following us loyally through the ups and downs of a tumultuous period of presidential politicking - which isn't over yet.

It would be foolhardy to think that this particular holiday season is filled with nothing but fun and frivolity. We know that the overshadowing economic news is bad and from all accounts will continue in that vein for a while longer.

If we could have one wish - it would be to find the "trigger" that would turn the recession around and "magically" make things better immediately. Meanwhile, it will help if we can just hold on to the firm belief that our way of life will return to normal - with both steadiness and confidence.

As always in stressful times, we turn to such nebulous ingredients in our lives as optimism and trust and faith in order to carry on each day. At this point in time, it may be a little harder to coax these feelings to the forefront personally, as well as within our circle of friends, neighbors and even family.

The reason being that we're part of a generation that's not really faced hard times - which leaves many of us with nothing experiential to hold on to when things turn sour.

Thing is - we must not give up hope. We're a tough breed of people even if we have become used to the "good" without much of the "bad" to slow us down in recent years. We'll make it!

Okay - enough political and social sermonizing on this day that should center on faith and love and closeness. Staying close to our loved ones will help make things happier and better. And again, thanks to each of you for letting this column be a small part of your lives. We are in your debt and hope to be worthy of your readership in the years ahead.

That's -30-



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# A Tale of Two Christmas'

By U.S. Rep. John Carter

Things weren't going so well for the Administration of King Herod the Great in 4 BC. As soon as one scandal was buried by the articulate and politically-savvy Herod, another would crop up.

Herod had earlier survived an impeachment trial in Egypt, held by the joint court of Roman General Mark Antony and Egyptian Queen Cleopatra. The King was charged with murdering his chief political rival during a vacation at Herod's Jericho estate - a swimming pool "accident". Yes, Herod actually had a swimming pool built in the desert.

According to Herod, he and his rival were innocently engaged in horse play in the pool, when Herod "playfully" held the other politician under the water a little too long. With no witnesses or evidence to the contrary, he was acquitted.

Speculation abounded that Herod had "cut a deal" with Antony and Cleopatra. Sure enough, within a short time, the Roman general and Egyptian queen revolted against Imperial Rome, with Herod the Great's forces in full support. The rebels lost, and Herod was back under suspicion, this time for treason against Caesar Augustus.

If Teflon had been around at the birth of Christ, Herod would have been known as the Teflon King of the Roman Empire. He got off scot-free. Nothing could bring this tyrant down, and he made sure of it by just plain killing anyone that threatened his reign.

When he now received

word that some of his fellow Jews were acknowledging the birth of a future king in a small farming community outside Jerusalem, he ordered every male child under the age of two in the vicinity to be killed, to make sure his successors wouldn't face a challenger in the coming decades. The murder of the innocents turned out to be one of his final acts.

His son, Herod Antipas, was no better. When an "extremist" religious leader, John the Baptist, called attention to the incestuous sins of the continued Herod dynasty, John's severed head was soon displayed on a silver platter for the amusement of the crown. Political leaders didn't sit still for moral criticism in those days anymore than now. But the ancient version of "slash and burn" politics wasn't just a figure of speech - it was literal.

The point of looking at Herod's dynasty is to gain a little perspective on where we are this Christmas season in America. Herod, in spite of his power and ruthlessness, is remembered today only as a historical footnote to the birth of Jesus Christ.

Those who held all the political powers of earth in their hands - Herod, Antony and Cleopatra, Pontius Pilate, Caesar Augustus - are now just dusty recollections in the annals of history. Their trials and tribulations, scandals, victories and defeats, are now the near-exclusive domain of historians, all but erased from the consciousness of the world that is so important to politicians of all ages.

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## Your Voice

### Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

On behalf of many Salado families who have brought the Child Development Center (CDC) staff at First Baptist Church Salado into their children's lives, we wish to thank Peggy Odom and her team of educators for their years of dedicated service to the Salado community as they close this chapter of their lives and open the book of opportunities' anew. Beth Harris, Bobbye Wigington, Cindy Rodriguez, Clorissa Coe, Miriam Yauk, Brittiany Bleckley, Charlotte Butler, Rebecca Perez, Jamie Zbranek, Katie Combs, and Charity Anthony are all deserving

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## An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Prescription for a healthier economy

By STEVEN EDELSTEIN

As policymakers debate how to stabilize the sagging economy, it's time to think about how to help more than 3 million low-wage workers who hold the answer in their busy and burdened hands.

The recession is hitting hardest in low-income communities, and, if we're serious about stimulating the economy, we need to make sure that recovery efforts reach the people and places that need it the most. In today's aging society and service economy, at least one in 10 low-wage-earners is a direct care worker.

These hard-working, hard-pressed Americans provide healthcare and assistance services to older adults and people with disabilities in private homes, nursing homes, and day programs that provide non-residential, non-medical services. Their jobs -- home health aide, personal and home care aide and nursing aide, orderly and attendant -- include two of the three fastest-growing occupations in the nation.

Already, these jobs pump \$56 billion into the economy, especially in low-income communities where stable employment and consumer spending are in short supply even in good times and are severely imperiled during a downturn. In addition, the availability of direct care for aging and ailing Americans is essential for an estimated 15.9 million workers who balance full-time employment with caregiving for a family member over age 18. American companies lose \$33.6 billion a year because of the lost productivity of workers who are also

caring for family members. Without a stable, well-prepared workforce of direct care providers, millions of workers would be unable to balance the demands of their jobs and their loved ones -- and businesses would lose billions more in lost productivity.

So, as economic policymakers seek solutions for the recession, why not take action to solve social and economic problems together: Let's invest in recruiting, training, employing, retaining, and raising the wages for direct-care workers. The idea is doable, workable, and will reap returns for years to come.

At a time when policymakers are seeking to prime the economic pump, the federal government already has a pipeline to the direct-care workforce. More than 70 cents of every dollar for eldercare/disability services comes from federal funds, mostly Medicare and Medicaid.

Moreover, these workers need raises and will pump the money back into the economy. Because of their low wages and meager benefits, 40 percent of direct-care workers live in households that rely on one or more public benefits, such as Food Stamps and Medicaid. Devoting federal funds to increase their pay to \$12-an-hour will reward their hard work and recharge the economy. With well-deserved and long-overdue pay increases, these workers will spend the money on the necessities of life for themselves and their children while stimulating economic activity in their needy neighborhoods and throughout the nation.

With higher wages and

opportunities for education and training, direct care workers will stay longer and do better at their jobs. Currently, there is a 40 to 60 percent turnover rate among home care workers and at least 75 percent turnover among nursing home workers. With more experienced workers, the quality of service will improve, and working Americans with family responsibilities will have more confidence that their loved ones are being well-cared for, further boosting productivity and the economy.

Unlike some other anti-recession proposals, investing in direct-care workers is a long-term investment in stimulating the economy and strengthening the social fabric. In an aging society, more Americans will need direct-care. As a result, these jobs are expected to increase by 1 million from 2006 to 2016.

By making these occupations stable and rewarding jobs with promising futures, the nation will reap rewards in improved healthcare, enhanced productivity, increased incomes, and expanded opportunities in communities where the recession started earliest and will last longest. At a time when many economic remedies are little more than placebos, investing in direct-care workers is a prescription for a healthier economy -- and a healthier society.

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## Big oil: Still trying to fool us



Jim Hightower

ExxonMobil wants you to know that it cares about poor African children. Several are featured in a recent TV ad touting Exxon's donations to a charitable effort in Africa to fight malaria. Chevron wants you to know that it's a caring corporation, too. It's running a TV ad touting its concern about alternative energy, featuring a touching tagline that says: "This isn't just about oil companies. This is about you and me."

Why the push to show Big Oil's gentle side? Because new profit figures show yet another quarter of the ongoing money grab by these giants. Exxon's take for the three summer months, for example, was nearly \$15 billion - the most profit of any corporation in history. So the money grabbers are putting on masks of altruism, hoping we won't notice their pockets bulging with our dollars - and hoping we won't demand that Congress take away the billions of dollars they get each year in tax subsidies.

To see the true heart of the oil barons, however, don't look at their ads - look at their production numbers. While prices rose in the past year, pinching consumers hard, the big refiners deliberately cut back on gasoline production to hold prices up. While diesel shortages were squeezing the economic life out of U.S. truckers, the refiners ignored domestic need because they could get a higher price by shipping American diesel to Europe, South Africa, and Australia.

Worse, though, is Big Oil's failure to use its windfall profits for development of new oil supplies. The corporations claim that they need enormous profits in order to explore for oil - yet last year the Big Five spent only \$10 billion on exploration, while dumping \$55 billion into the pockets of their top executives and major investors.

Oil company image ads aren't fooling anyone. Their attempts to appear touchie-feelie are as hopeless as hanging an air freshener on the tail of a hog.

For more information on Jim Hightower's work -- and to subscribe to his award-winning monthly newsletter, The Hightower Lowdown, visit [www.jim-hightower.com](http://www.jim-hightower.com)



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## Obama's winds of change coming for early ed, but is Texas ready?

During the 2008 Presidential campaign, voters heard a good deal of promises, but one that struck a chord with the early education advocates was Barack Obama's promise that federal funding for state-based early education programs would be coming should he be elected.

As we all know, Senator Obama is now President-Elect Obama, and since his victory, new reports from his transition team make the morning news every day. The speed at which his team is moving is unprecedented in presidential political history. However, through the dizzying barrage of reports of new czars, secretaries, and advisors, the Texas Early Childhood Education Coalition (TECEC) has been listening attentively for any indication that the promises made about early education during the campaign just might come to fruition.

Good news, it seems, is now being reported out of the Obama transition team. On Tuesday, the New York Times reported that the Obama office intends to pledge \$10 billion for early care and education programs across the country. According to the story, this would constitute the largest federal investment in early childhood education since the Head Start program began in 1965.

Clearly the voices of advocates, parents, economists, teachers and many more about the importance of early childhood edu-

cation are gaining attention from President-Elect Obama. But there is one important unanswered question Texas must wrestle with in the face of this incipient opportunity: is our state prepared for this federal infusion of early education funds? That is, are our programs aligned with federal quality guidelines that will allow Texas to reap the potential benefits of a massive early education spending effort?

Of course we cannot predict how the funding will be allocated; however, if we use Obama's "investing wisely" campaign rhetoric as a guide, Texas would be smart to begin to tailor our programs in manner that is more consistent with federal recommendations for quality and effectiveness.

In Texas, we are lagging in some of these quality and effectiveness indicators. For instance, our child care subsidy system lacks proper reimbursement rates paid to providers serving low-income children. Federal recommendations call for these providers to receive a reimbursement rate for their services equal to the 75th percentile of the market rate in their region. Nowhere in Texas do we meet that recommendation. In fact, in most areas these providers receive reimbursement rates lower than the 50th percentile of market rate, often forcing providers to compromise quality. Also, our child care professionals receive just 8 hours of pre-service training before they begin working with children, while national experts recommend 40 hours.

Our school-based pre-k programs are sometimes lacking, as well. Although

many school districts impose quality standards upon themselves, the state of Texas has no class size requirements or staff-to-child ratio requirements for public pre-k classrooms. National recommendations call for a maximum class size of 20 children and a 1 to 10 staff-to-child ratio.

Thankfully, Texas has an amazing opportunity to prepare for the proposed new federal early education funding during the upcoming 81st Texas Legislative Session. The first bill filed in the Texas Senate this year was Senate Bill 21, relating to enhanced quality full-day pre-k in Texas. This bill, along with its companion, House Bill 130, would fund full-day pre-k programs while requiring districts participating in the program to impose low class size limits and manageable staff-to-child ratios. These bills represent TECEC's top priority in 2009. Our coalition will also advocate vigorously for increased reimbursement rates, as well as increased pre-service training hours for child care professionals.

Making these quality improvements to our early care and education system will greatly increase our state's chances of securing a decent share of any federal efforts to strengthen early childhood throughout the country. Let's make sure Obama's winds of change don't blow past Texas.

More information on high-quality early care and education is available at [www.tecec.org](http://www.tecec.org).

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# Christmas

What remains vividly alive from that day? Only the worldwide recognition of that Child born in a manger in the obscure village of Bethlehem, outside Jerusalem. A Child who never sought an earthly crown or kingdom. A Child that instead created a Kingdom of the Spirit, Which can never fall or be conquered. A Child who simply spoke the truth, regardless of whether it was politically prudent or popular, and Who was eventually killed because of it.

This Christmas we are coming out of a tumultuous and historic federal and presidential election cycle. Many conservatives like me and the solid majority of voters in our district and state are deeply disappointed in the outcome, and greatly concerned over the impact those results may have on the future of our nation.

The new administration will be sworn in this January under a cloud of controversy, as a result of the continuing revelations concerning the alleged scheme by the Governor of Illinois to sell President-elect Obama's seat in the U.S. Senate, and the seemingly never-ending discoveries of ethics violations by embattled House Ways and Means Chairman Charles Rangel (D-NY).

We are simultaneously facing what may be the greatest economic downturn since the Great Depression, under a new, untested political landscape in Washington in all branches of government.

But there's a valuable lesson from Herod the Great in 4 BC to all of us in 2008.

Two thousand years from now, do you think any of this will matter? What will survive? The Kingdom of the Christ Child will still be there. All this will be past and forgotten.

As Americans gather together with our loved ones for the holidays, let's keep that in mind, and allow this celebration of the birth of the Messiah to remind us of what really matters in the long run.

Merry Christmas.

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# Fold the TARP: So much for checks and balances

It looks as if the Bush administration intends to spend billions of dollars bailing out the American automotive industry. That announcement came immediately after Congress - the branch of government that's constitutionally required to deal with spending measures -- declined to intervene.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson wants to tap the Troubled Assets Relief Program, which Congress

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passed in October, and rescue car makers. But TARP was never intended to be a slush fund for the executive branch.

Back in the fall, there were reasons to be concerned that the entire global financial system was at risk. Storied investment

firms folded; major banks were sold for pennies on the dollar; and Americans watched in horror as the value of our invested savings plunged day after day.

The government was supposed to use TARP to buy up troubled assets so our nation's banking system wouldn't collapse. The law gave Paulson \$350 billion to use immediately, and authorized an additional \$350 billion if necessary.

But Treasury decided not to use TARP money (about \$15 billion of the original \$350 billion hasn't been spent yet) to buy bad assets, but on other approaches to the financial crisis. On Nov. 12 Paulson announced the executive branch would use TARP money to guarantee securities backed by student loans and credit card debt. The Bush administration also wants to refinance troubled mortgages and now plans to use TARP money to prop up the unprofitable segments of the auto industry -- in direct defiance of Congress.

It's time for lawmakers to reassert their constitutional responsibilities and end the TARP program.

That's not to say that our economy is out of the woods.

At this point, it's still hard to tell a good investment from a pyramid scheme. Safe investments such as short-term Treasury bills are paying negative interest rates -- meaning many investors are so frightened to have their money out in the markets that they're paying the government to hold on to it instead.

At the same time, it's difficult for borrowers to obtain loans. Interest rates are historically high, and even banks are nervous about loaning money to each other. A new wave of collapses could well trigger another run on banks and generate another immediate financial crisis.

The best way to reassert the financial markets would be for Congress to reassert its authority. Lawmakers should tell the Treasury to stop using TARP funds. And if the executive branch indicates it plans to use the remaining \$350 billion, Congress should block it.

Meanwhile, our country still needs an independent commission that can investigate the financial meltdown and explain what went wrong. This investigation should be non-partisan -- and complete its work swiftly.

And it's not just corporate executives who should have to answer questions. Federal intervention in the mortgage markets, through government-sponsored enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, certainly contributed to the rising tide of bad mortgages. Members of Congress should be asked whether they were swayed over the years by big contributions from Fannie and Freddie.

The markets may experience still more problems in the next year or so. But if lawmakers do decide at some point that our financial system is again on the verge of collapse, they should fashion a much more carefully defined response.

In short, it's time to furl the TARP.

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# Salado graduate coaches Eagles team to state championship

Still an Eagle, Tom Westerberg has won his first state championship as the head coach of the Allen Eagles.

His Eagles, 15-1 on the year, defeated the unbeaten Hightower Hurricanes 21-14 on Dec. 20 to win the Class 5A Division I football championship.

Westerberg coached the Eagles to a 15-1 championship season in his sixth year at the helm of the program.

He coached the Eagles through one of the toughest schedules, including 5A District 8 opponent Wylie, which played in the Division II Championship game hours before Allen took the field. Wylie lost to Katy 3-17 and finished the season 13-3.

Westerberg's Eagles

beat Wylie in the final game of the regular season 31-28 to win the District 8 Championship and advance to the playoffs.

The Allen Eagles went on to win six straight play-off games for the Championship Trophy. They beat South Grand Prairie 27-14 in the bi-district round, Coppell 56-28 and Odessa Permian 28-22 to qualify for the Region I Championship.

The Eagles beat Trinity 34-21 for the Region I crown, avenging the only loss of the season and handing Trinity its only blemish. Allen lost to Trinity 14-24 in a non-district match-up the fourth week of the season.

Tom is the son of Tom and Jean Westerberg of Salado.



Tom Westerberg is shown with his mother Jean following an Allen Eagles football game this season. Westerberg is the head coach of the Allen Eagles, the 5A Division I State Champions in football this year, following their victory over the Hightower Hurricanes Dec. 20 at Reliant Stadium in Houston. He is a graduate of Salado High School.

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# Lady Eagles 2-0 in district with wins over Jarrell, Florence

Salado Lady Eagles have jumped out to a 2-0 start in district play, 11-6 on the year after beating the Jarrell Lady Cougars (10-6, 0-2) 62-37 Dec. 19 and Florence Lady Buffs 41-29 on Dec. 16.

Salado 62  
Jarrell 37

Salado trounced the Jarrell Lady Cougars, scoring 36 points in the second half and holding Jarrell to just 12 points in the two periods on Dec. 19. Salado held a slim lead of 26-25 at the end of the first half.

"This was a very nice win heading into the Christmas break," Head Coach Randy Henderson said. "Jarrell came out with guns blazing in the first quarter, and I think it caught our players off guard a bit."

"After the first quarter, we settled down and outscored them 53-25," Henderson said. "We have to come to grips with the fact that every team is going to give us their best shot, especially on the road. If we play with a level head and with determination and intensity, we will be fine."

"Danielle Hazzard played a great all-around game, including two huge three-pointers in the third quarter. Billi Pipes responded to a little bit of a challenge from me and played her best game of the year. Hadley Joiner had another solid game, including a pretty amazing three-pointer to beat the third quarter buzzer," he said.

"Jenna Sebek was very active on the boards with

another double-figure performance, and Brennan Boydston made several good defensive plays from her point guard position," Henderson added. "Our three reserves, Kaylan Hearne, Abby Frazier, and Lorna Payne, are so valuable because they give us much-needed solid play."

Hadley Joiner scored 20 points on nine-of-20 shooting from the field. She also had two assists, four blocks, eight rebounds and four steals.

Danielle Hazzard had 14 points on five-of-10 shooting from the field and two-of-two from the free throw line. Hazzard also had two assists, a block, seven rebounds and two steals.

Billi Pipes had 12 points on three-of-seven shooting. She was six-of-nine from the free throw line. Pipes also had four assists, six points and three steals.

Jenna Sebek scored nine points, shooting three-of-13 from the field and three-of-four from the free throw line. Sebek also had three assists, one block, 10 rebounds and two steals.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Lorna Payne, three points, one assist, four rebounds and one steal; Brennan Boydston, two points, three assists, three rebounds and one steal and Kaylan Hearne, two points, one assist and a steal; Abby Frazier, an assist, four rebounds and a steal.

Salado 41  
Florence 29

The Lady Eagles

showed second half dominance, outscoring Florence 26-17 on the way to a 41-29 win on the road Dec. 16.

"This was a very frustrating game for all concerned because on the surface it seemed like the girls performed below expectations," Henderson said.

"We caused 34 Florence turnovers while we only committed eight, he added. "Except for a couple of breakdowns in our press, our defense was solid."

Henderson went on to say that the only poor stat of the night was the girls' shooting percentage. "We were one of 17 from the field in the first quarter, then the girls became hesitant or nervous about shooting," he said. "There were only one or two ill-advised shots - the rest were all shots we work on in practice."

He said that the players and coaches "focus on the fact that we won a district game on the road while shooting 15 of 55 for 27 percent."

Joiner scored 15 points, shooting five-of-13 from the field and four-of-four from the free throw line. She also had two assists, six rebounds and six steals.

Boydston followed with 12 points on five-of-10 shooting from the field. Boydston blocked on shot and grabbed two rebounds and four steals.

Hazzard had seven points. She shot three-of-10

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Going into the Christmas break, the Salado Eagles varsity basketball team is 10-5 after beating Taylor by one point 67-66 on Dec. 19 and losing on the road to Hearne 81-60 Dec. 16.

Salado	67
Taylor	66

Salado Eagles came from four points behind in the fourth quarter to edge the visiting 3A Taylor Ducks 67-66.

The Eagles scored 20 points in the fourth quarter and held Taylor to 15 points to overcome the 51-47 deficit.

Tom Baine led Salado with 16 points, shooting five-of-13 from the field and two-of-four from the free throw line. He also

grabbed three rebounds.

Nick Seawood shot three-of-10 from the field for 13 points. He was seven-of-nine from the free throw line. He also had four assists, one block, one rebound and two steals.

Barton Grigsby had 11 points, shooting five-of-seven from the field. Grigsby also snatched three rebounds.

Jerod Lutz scored nine points, shooting three-of-10 and three-of-five. He also had an assist, two rebounds and two steals.

Trae Liller shot three-of-five from the field and two-of-three from the free throw line for eight points. Liller had an assist and three rebounds.

Also contributing for the Eagles were these: Gar-

ret Ward, five points and one block; Braxton Tucker, four points, three assists and two steals; Matt Ming, one point and three steals and Chase Stuckey, one rebound.

Salado	60
Hearne	81

Giving up 26 points in the second quarter, the Salado Eagles lost to the Hearne Eagles Dec. 16 on the road 81-60. Salado beat Hearne during the Coach Smith Memorial Tournament 72-50 a week earlier.

Hearne grabbed a 15-10 first quarter lead and stretched it to 41-28 at the half. Then they scored 20 points in both the third and fourth quarters.

Seawood led the Eagles with 25 points. He shot 11-

of-16 from the field and one-of-three from the free throw line. He also had four assists, three rebounds and three steals.

Grigsby followed with nine points on three-of-seven shooting and three-of-four from the free throw line. Grigsby had one block and two rebounds.

Lutz had eight points, shooting three-of-five from the field and two-of-two from the line. He also had two assists and a rebound.

Also contributing for the squad were Liller, six points, five assists and three rebounds; Tucker, six points; Ming, four points, two assists and a rebound and Baine, two points, an assist, a rebound and a steal.

# Ladies

FROM PAGE 8A

Salado JV girls 18  
Jarrell JV girls 32  
Scoring for Salado:  
Chelsea Boaz - 2  
Carling Urban - 4  
Helena Carroll - 2  
Rachael Piatt - 4  
Kirstie McGillick - 6

The girls are 7-6, 1-1 in district and play again Jan. 5.

Salado JV Girls 43  
 Florence JV Girls 20  
 Scoring for Salado  
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 Carling Urban - 10  
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 Helena Carroll - 2  
 Rachael Piatt - 6  
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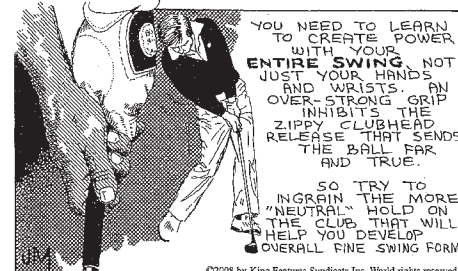
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## Indoor allergens may cause you winter indoor blues

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"Depending on what you're allergic or sensitive to, winter can be a really awful time of year," says Dr. Robert Bush, allergy and asthma researcher and professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH).

Allergens are substances that create an allergic response – material like pet dander, dust mites, mold, mice and cockroaches. Irritants can cause symptoms but not an allergic response. They include dust particles and fine particulates like fuels, gases and odors.

Bush points out one misconception about dust-mite allergies when people are cooped up in winter. He says dust mites can be less of a problem in winter as compared to more moderate times of the year.

"Dust mites thrive in humidity. When you turn on the heating system, the air dries out and dust mites die," says Bush.

Even so, some dust mites can survive and a tidy but closed-up house may provide plenty of

troubling allergens.

"Even very clean homes have some things that can trigger allergies," Bush observes.

Recent research shows the average home can have several potential allergy sources. A study in the March, 2008 issue of the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology said 52 percent of American homes have six or more allergens and 46 percent had three or more at high levels.

"If you're having allergy symptoms, it's tough to pinpoint the source unless you get an allergy skin test or blood test," says Bush. "You need to know what's causing your symptoms to develop an effective plan."

Bush says after you have identified what's bothering you, there are a number of steps to reduce allergy triggers or irritants in your home:

- **Control Humidity Levels:** Bush says ideally, home humidity levels should range between 30 to 40 percent. Providing an environmental balance with humidity is especially important in bedrooms.

- **Remove or Change Things that Harbor Allergens:** The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) says carpet removal can make a big difference. For dust mites, encase pillows and mattresses in anti-al-

lergy pillowcases and covers. Wash rugs and bedding regularly in hot water.

- **Monitor Heating and Air-Exchange Systems:** Replace furnace filters regularly. Have a heating and air-conditioning engineer check your home's air exchange rate.

- **Watch for and Eliminate Mold Sources:** Bush says if there is a mold level in your home during winter, there is an indoor source like a water leak or standing water. The only way to eliminate mold is to remove the moisture that's causing it. A musty or moldy smell alone doesn't necessarily mean your home has a mold problem.

- **Avoid Allergy Sources:** If you're allergic to pet dander, the only effective way to eliminate the allergen is to keep pets out of the house. Bush says it takes six months to clear a home of allergy sources from pets. If removing the pet is not practical, keep it outdoors and out of the bedroom as much as possible.

- **Take Care When Vacuuming:** Bush says there isn't much research on the effectiveness of HEPA-filtered vacuum cleaners. He says this type of vacuum might reduce pet-allergen exposure but not necessarily dust mites. There's evidence that a regular vacuum cleaner with a double-layered bag could help with dust mites. Since vacuuming flings dust and particles into the air, it might be helpful to wear a mask while vacuuming.

Regardless of what you or family members are allergic to, a combination of steps is the best way to make indoor air more comfortable.

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Brodie brings over 30 years of marketing and development experience to the office as the District Director. Most recently, Harriet served as the Director of Development for Central Texas Christian School in Temple.

"Mrs. Brodie has joined a wonderful team that will assist me in serving and communicating with the citizens of District 55. I

look forward to working with her to ensure that the needs of our district are met," said Representative Sheffield.

Brodie has a long history of involvement in Central Texas. She was the first marketing director for the Mall shopping centers located in Temple, Abilene, and Killeen. As the Assistant Vice President for Marketing at a bank in Killeen she participated in many civic activities. Mrs. Brodie then became involved in the successful marketing of a minor emergency center/occupational medicine clinic. She helped start a national drug screening review business and is a past President of the Central Texas Human Resource Management Association.



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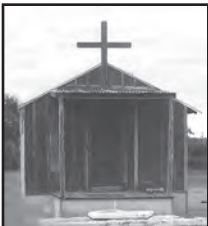
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# Community

## Slagel receives Lamoine G. Lewis/Alpha Chi Commencement award

Abilene Christian University will award 303 degrees – 224 undergraduate and 79 graduate – during its December Commencement, Dec. 12. The ceremony will also feature the presentation of several graduate awards. Dr. Cheryl Bacon, chair of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, will give the charge to the graduates.

Savannah Leigh Slagel, accounting major from Salado is among the six graduates who will receive the LeMoine G. Lewis/Alpha Chi Award for a perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

Commencement is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Moody Coliseum. A brief reception for the graduates and their families will immediately follow the recessional in Teague Special Events Center.



Savannah Leigh Slagel

## Angela Hogwood graduates Angelo State

Angelo State University conferred 370 bachelor's and master's degrees upon 364 graduates during 2008 fall commencement exercises Dec. 13 in San Angelo, Texas.

Angela N. Hogwood, of Salado recieved a Bachelor of Science degree.

## ABWA Council meeting held in Killeen Jan. 8

Globe Chapter ABWA of Killeen will host the Central Texas Area ABWA council meeting Jan. 8 at the Shilo Inn, 3701 S. W.S. Young Dr., Killeen. Guest speaker will be Ecoblu spa owner Becky Parker.

Social begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$22 per person. Reservations are required by Jan. 2, call 254-698-2303 or 254-681-4958 or email [beasteapot@embarqmail.com](mailto:beasteapot@embarqmail.com).

## Army Pvt. Ruben Partida graduates basic training at Ft. Benning

Army Pvt. Ruben Partida has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military

courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of vari-

ous weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Partida is the son of Trinidad Partida and a 2008 graduate of Holland High School.

## St. Stephen Catholic Church Holiday services

Christmas Eve: 6 p.m. Singing of Carols. 6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass.

Midnight Mass: 11:30 p.m. Singing of Carols. 12 a.m. Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day: 9 a.m. English Mass. 11 a.m. Spanish Mass.

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Sunday School • 9:45 a.m. • Worship • 11 a.m.

Worship/Bible Study and Praise Kids Music • 6 p.m.

**Wednesday**

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# and People

## Temple Civic Theater holds New Year's Eve gala

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.

### UMHB Spring registration is Jan. 8-9

Registration for spring classes at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor is scheduled for Jan. 8 -9.

Day and evening classes begin Monday, January 12.

Registration time is based on the student's last name. Students with last names beginning with A-J will register on Thursday, January 8. Students with last names beginning with R-Z and K-Q will register on Jan. 9. Please see the on-line schedule at umhb.edu for specific times. Registration will close between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Evening registration will be 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the same dates.

UMHB campus registration will be held in the Sanderford Administrative Complex. The UMHB bookstore will be open during registration allowing students to purchase textbooks and supplies.

For admission information, contact the Admissions Office at 295-4520. For registration information, contact the Registrar's Office at 295-4510.

rating entertainment," says TCT's Managing and Artistic Director Tim Campbell.

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 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 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. 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 p.m.: Dancing by the Elephants Band

• Midnight Champagne Toast

Reservations are required. Call the TCT Box Office at (254) 778-4751.

## Obituaries

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier that passed away at his family's home Dec. 20 in Cuero, Texas.

Pfc. Jordan T. May, 25, of Cuero, Texas was on pre-deployment leave when a family member found him unconscious, and called for an ambulance. He was transported to a local hospital but could not be revived.

May entered the Army in August 2007 as a Cavalry Scout. He was assigned to the 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division since January 2007. His squadron was scheduled to deploy to Iraq early next year. At the time of his death May had completed a rigorous training regimen in preparation for deployment to include weapons training, vehicle gunnery and training simulating operations in Iraq at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.

His medals and awards include the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

He is survived by his mother and father.

The cause of death has not been determined and the incident is under investigation.



Pvt. COLMAN J. MEADOWS III  
Fort Hood officials have released the name of

a Soldier who died Dec. 16 at Forward Operating Base Ramrod, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident. The circumstances surrounding the incident are under investigation.

Pvt. Colman J. Meadows III, 19, of Senoia, Ga., a Special Electronic Devices Repairer, entered the military in January 2008. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas since September 2008.

Meadows deployed to Afghanistan June 2008.

Pvt. Meadows awards and decorations include the, National Defense Service Medal, and Army Service Ribbon,

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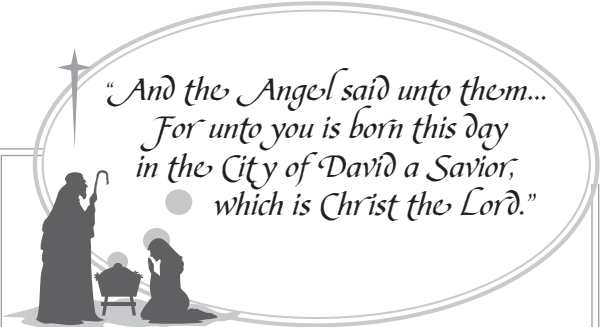
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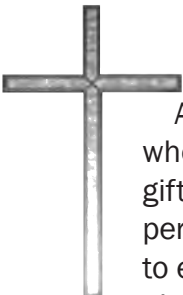
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# Backhand safety tip

By Samantha Mazzotta

Q: This might be a good tip for those do-it-yourselfers who feel they are ready to tackle electrical repairs. We recently had an electrician come in to update the wiring in our kitchen as part of a remodeling project. During a break we were chatting, and the electrician told us an important safety tip. Anytime you touch a wire, you should touch it with the back of your hand -- not your fingertips!

The reason for this, he explained, is that the hand naturally closes around things. If you



touch a wire with the fingertips and the wire is live, your hand may reflexively grip closed around the wire, leaving you unable to pull away. If instead you touch the wire first with the back of your hand, and it is live, you will be able to pull your hand away. I thought this would be a useful safety tip for your readers. -- Margie L., Kennebunk, Maine

A: That's a great safety tip, Margie, and thank you for sending it!

One must always shut off the circuit to the electrical outlet or switch being worked on, and test it using a voltage tester before com-

mencing work. This step -- touching the wire with the back of the hand first -- provides an added layer of safety and costs nothing more than a few extra seconds of your time. But it should only be done after you have made certain the circuit is open (off) -- it's the last step before going ahead with wiring work.

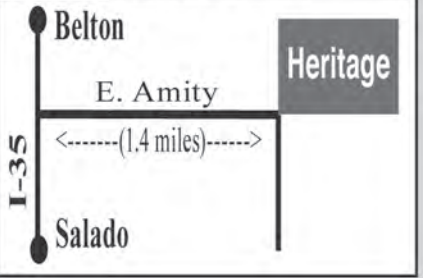
HOME TIP: Taking down holiday lights? Now is the time to inspect all light strings and extension cords for exposed wiring, broken plugs or loose connections. Discard and replace cords that show this sort of damage.

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# Green schools are the smart choice

Dear EarthTalk: I want to convince my high school to go green. What would it cost for a school to switch to all recycled paper products and all energy efficient lighting? -- Danel Berman, via e-mail



Greening your school is a great idea. It will not only benefit the environment but the student body as well. According to the "Greening America's Schools" report, sponsored in part by the non-profit U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), green buildings provide a better study and learning environment for students. Improved lighting, air quality and acoustics are estimated to improve learning abilities and test scores by as much as five percent. And what better way to teach young people about the importance of environmental stewardship than starting right in the schools where they spend the majority of

every weekday?

Since every school is different, there is no universal formula for calculating how much money going green will cost. Switching over to recycled paper, for instance, will not necessarily be cheap. A recent spot-check at a national office supply chain showed that the price for a ream (500 sheets) of 30 percent recycled copy paper was 20 percent higher than a ream with no recycled content. If you chose 100 percent recycled content, you would pay 35 percent more per ream. But prices can vary widely depending upon where you buy

paper, and bulk purchasers like schools may be able to negotiate much better prices.

The best way to offset the added costs of switching to recycled paper is to cut paper usage at the same time. Start a program to educate students about how they can reduce paper waste by printing on both sides of a sheet and by not printing as many drafts, for example. You can also encourage your school to switch to e-newsletters instead of paper ones and find other ways to reduce administrative paper use.

Switching to recycled paper is definitely a big win for the environment. The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) reports that 40 cases of 30 percent recycled copy paper (400 reams) will save more than seven trees, 2,100 gallons of water, 1,230 kilowatt-hours of electricity and 18 pounds of air pollution.

You can calculate this

impact for your school. Ask your school purchaser how much printer/copier paper is purchased, and calculate its weight in pounds or tons. Then go to the Environmental Defense Fund's online Paper Calculator. Enter the weight and type of paper you use and you can determine the amount of wood, energy, water, solid waste and greenhouse gas emissions you'll save by switching to recycled.

As for lighting, many schools already use a lot of fluorescent lighting. If your school still uses incandescent bulbs, consider that for every 60-watt incandescent bulb switched to a 13-watt compact fluorescent, the school could save 75 percent in energy use—an average of \$45 over the life of each bulb.

Ambitious schools can also put in occupancy sensors that turn lights off when rooms are vacant, or install task lighting to further reduce energy usage. Such add-ons might seem like luxuries for already strapped schools, but it just may be worthwhile anyway given the energy that can be saved and the lessons learned.

Ordinance No. 2008.25  
Village of Salado  
County of Bell  
State of Texas  
June 19, 2008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2007.05, ESTABLISHING A HOTEL-MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX AND CREATING THE VILLAGE TOURISM COUNCIL, TO PROVIDE A FIVE-HUNDRED (\$500) ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2007, the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado ("Board of Aldermen") enacted Ordinance No. 2007.05, which among other things, created that Village of Salado's ("Village") Tourism Council and established a hotel-motel occupancy tax including an enforcement provision and administrative fines for offenders; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen have determined that the administrative fines should be amended to include a penalty of five-hundred (\$500) dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado deems it in the best interest of the Village of Salado to amend said Ordinance No. 2007.05 to amend the dollar amount of a portion of the administrative fines included in the enforcement provision of the Ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado that Ordinance No. 2007.05 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 2. Enactment

Ordinance No. 2007.05 is amended in its entirety and replaced in its entirety by Attachment A and B, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all intents and purposes, and is hereby enacted as the Village of Salado Hotel-Motel Occupancy Tax Ordinance.

Section 4. Repealing Conflict


All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of conflict with this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 19 day of June, 2008, by a 5 (ayes) to 0 (nays) and 0 (abstentions) vote of the Board of Aldermen of Salado, Texas.

A complete copy of this ordinance may be obtained at the Village office at .10 cents a page or may be found on the Village website at [www.villageofsalado.org](http://www.villageofsalado.org).

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# Desalinization threatens biodiversity

December 25, 2008 SALADO Village Voice, Page 7C

Dear EarthTalk: With all the talk of desalinization of ocean water for drinking, what do we know about the impacts this might have on climate, ocean salinity and other natural processes? -- Fred Kuepper, via e-mail

Due to its high cost, energy intensiveness and overall ecological footprint, most environmental advocates view desalinization (or desalination)—the conversion of salty ocean water into fresh water—as a last resort for providing fresh water to needy populations. Sourcing fresh water from streams, rivers, lakes and underground aquifers and adhering to strict water conservation measures are much more viable for both economic and environmental reasons in most situations, although some desert regions with thirsty and growing populations may not have many such options.

The relationship between desalinization and climate change is complex. Global warming has increased droughts around the world and turned formerly verdant landscapes into near deserts. Some long held fresh water sources are simply no longer reliably available to hundreds of millions of people around the world.

Meanwhile, expanding populations in desert areas are putting intense pressure on existing fresh water supplies, forcing communities to turn to desalinization as the most expedient way to satisfy their collective thirst. But the process of desalinization burns up many more fossil fuels than sourcing the equivalent amount of fresh water from fresh water bodies. As such, the very proliferation of desalinization plants around the world—some 13,000 already supply fresh water



Marine biologists warn that widespread desalinization could take a heavy toll on ocean biodiversity because such facilities essentially vacuum up and inadvertently kill millions of plankton, fish eggs, fish larvae and other microbial organisms that constitute the base layer of the marine food chain. Also, for every gallon of fresh water produced, another gallon of doubly concentrated salt water must be disposed of, further wreaking havoc on marine ecosystems. PHOTO BY SMITHS, COURTESY FLICKR

in 120 nations, primarily in the Middle East, North Africa and Caribbean—is both a reaction to and one of many contributors to global warming.

Beyond the links to climate problems, marine biologists warn that widespread desalinization could take a heavy toll on ocean biodiversity; as such facilities' intake pipes essentially vacuum up and inadvertently kill millions of plankton, fish eggs, fish larvae and other microbial organisms that constitute the base layer of the marine food chain. And, according to Jeffrey Graham of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography's Center for Marine Biotechnology and Biomedicine, the salty sludge leftover after desalinization—for every gallon of freshwater produced, another gallon of doubly concentrated salt water must be disposed of—can wreak havoc on marine ecosystems if dumped willy-nilly offshore. "For some desalinization operations," says Graham, "it is thought that the disappearance of some organisms from discharge areas

may be related to...the salty outflow."

Of course, as supplies of fresh water dwindle, the economic cost of desalinization—especially in coastal areas with easy access to ocean water—begins to look competitive with traditional water sourcing. To date there are about 300 desalinization plants in the United States, with 120 in Florida and less than 40 each in Texas and California. Some 20 additional plants are planned for the coast of California in the coming years, unless environmen-

talists extolling the virtues of conservation and wielding low-flow shower heads and toilets prevail.

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