

Salado Village Voice

Village finances show importance of having reserves

By TIM FLESICHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After seeing a negative cash flow of \$62,000 for October and November, the Village of Salado expects the trend to continue until February, when it receives its annual utilities franchise fee payment from TXU Electric of \$110,000 or more.

Until then, though, the Village is estimated to have spent \$20,360 more than it brought in during the month of December. In January, the Village is anticipating spending \$3,635 more than it makes in income. But in February, when the Village will receive sales tax for the month of December, the biggest month of all because of the shopping season and quarterly filers and yearly filers paying, the Village will net \$22,347 more than its spends.

“This is why it’s important to have a three-month reserve,” Alderman Merle Stalcup said during discussion of the Village finances at the Jan. 4 meeting of the board.

When a fellow aldermen suggested that the board revisit the budget in March, Stalcup said, “It’s not the budget, necessarily, because

to me those are fictitious numbers. It’s the numbers that are coming through right now,” adding that the Village needed to be very prudent in its spending.

In October-November, the Village took in \$82,346, mostly from sales tax receipts. The Village spent a total of \$111,952 in that period, not including the \$31,765 for a new police car which is a capital expense and not part of the income/expense budget. Of the \$111,952 spent in that period, the Village paid \$24,231 for legal fees.

“Was this for that lawsuit?” Michael Cooper asked, referring to the lawsuit involving the village and Lone Star Storage concerning the annexation of property in Mill Creek Springs. The District Court sided with Lone Star Storage, citing that the annexation of approximately 13 acres of property owned by Lone Star was done illegally.

City secretary Dianna Zulauf told Cooper that most of the fees were for that lawsuit.

The Village also paid its annual \$11,604 insurance payment in the period.

Alderman Jackie Mills
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Stagecoach Inn begins remodel, construction



Workers gather around the site of new construction near Salado's Stagecoach Inn. Stagecoach Properties is building the site to house a new retail business and also remodeling 35 of the inn's 82 guest rooms.

New retail space being built near historic inn

Changes are taking place at the Stagecoach Inn.

A lot of the more expensive work is going on inside the guest rooms, and Stagecoach Properties is building new 1,269 square foot retail shop on property behind the inn.

“That will be just a lovely space,” said Stagecoach Properties CEO John Anderson of the property at Main Street and Royal. He said there is a prospective tenant for the new building but isn’t ready to make an announcement on that yet.

That building is projected to cost around \$130,000 and should be ready in the early spring.

But, what most people won’t see is the work being done on the guest rooms at the inn.

Anderson said the hotel was built in the 1950s. Hotel rooms in those days had fairly small and limited bathrooms. “We will remodel them to a more contemporary style,” he said.

In order to enlarge the rooms, some walls will have to be knocked out. “Once you start knocking out walls and such, you need to have new carpet and new everything.”

In all, 35 of the inn’s
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Annual chamber banquet features music, fine food

The Salado Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Chamber Banquet 6:30 p.m. Jan.16, at Tenroc Ranch.

A social hour is planned with wine and appetizers with Fred Shepherd playing the piano. The Range will be producing and serving the food.

Appetizers will be: Crispy Pecan Crusted Chicken Tenders with Honey Mustard and Sun

Dried Tomato and Feta filled Phyllo Purses.

Salado Wine Seller will be providing a selection of four different wines. All guests will receive two wine tickets entitling them to two glasses of wine.

Raymond Carver will MC the evening with President George Dentry and President-elect Joe Czaus highlighting the vision for Salado’s Chamber’s future.

Presentations will be made to the Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Hall of Fame Honorees.

The Range will be providing a served dinner to include: a Steakhouse Salad with “Chopped Vegetables” in a red wine Vinaigrette with entrée being a cherry balsamic marinated Pork Tenderloin over roasted garlic whipped potatoes, fresh vegetables and

a Cherry Balsamic Glaze. Desert will be a variety of a special selection of cakes provided by Sweet Smells.

Gregory’s is offering a 14kt white gold and diamond necklace designed by A. Jaffe of New York for a raffle. This piece features five round graduated diamonds in a pendant drop. The diamond weight is .40-cts, featuring G/VS

quality stones.

The Chamber is raffling a “Treasures of Texas” print by George Boutwell, the official artist of Texas for 2006. This print represents the 10 symbols of Texas.

Other raffle items include: a green and ivory porcelain oriental orchid jar from Trimmings and a Tuscan oil painting and
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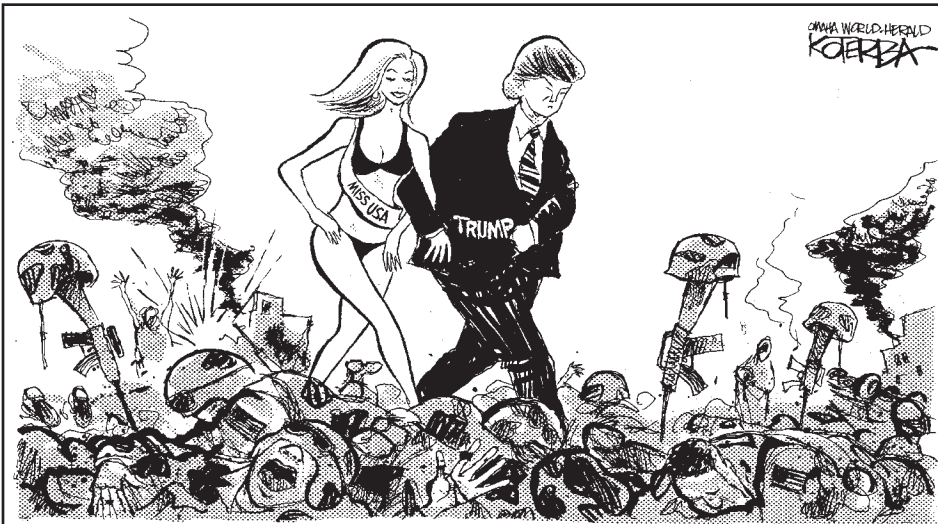


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The apocalyptic centrism of Lou Dobbs

Listening to Lou Dobbs -- the CNN business anchor who has built his show around a straight-talking populism -- there is inevitably a moment when you nod your head and think, "Yeah, right on."

The other day when he was speaking at a luncheon event in Manhattan, my nodding moment came when he complained that the Iraq War has been going poorly, yet "not a single general has been fired for his failure." That seemed bracing common sense, but with Dobbs, the longer you listen, the more self-discrediting he becomes.

His trick is to spout cliches drawn from the right and the left -- any one of which has a 50/50 chance that the average person will agree with it -- and give them a patina of freshness by wrapping them in angry and dire rhetoric. That rhetoric is their essential glue, making Dobbs the country's foremost practitioner of apocalyptic centrism.

Dobbs once made a living at CNN hosting a show that flacked for corporate America. After leaving to try to cash in on the dot-com bubble just as it burst, he has returned to make a living at CNN hosting a show that trashes corporate America. (Full disclosure: I am a commentator for the rival Fox News Channel.)

Dobbs is no ordinary corporate basher, since he also rails against political correctness, illegal immigration, "Communist China" and radical jihadists. His economic populism is always sold in terms of the middle class and the national interest. Unless we address the foreign economic threat, he warns, "this century will be named for another nation." Indeed, he says, "we're facing a real crisis that will materialize in a couple of years, and we'd better hope that it takes that long."

Evidence of this imminent crisis is thin. Dobbs basically has to ignore the record stock market, an unemployment



Rich Lowry

rate of 4.5 percent and the 20 years of growth since the early 1980s, interrupted by only two brief recessions. Dobbs is worried because the U.S. imports more than it exports and China sends a lot of its capital here, making us "a debtor nation." But his alarmist case really relies on the tired stupidities of old-fashioned protectionism.

At the luncheon, he thundered: "Ninety-six percent of our clothing is imported. This nation cannot even clothe itself." But if we literally couldn't clothe ourselves, we'd be naked. Dobbs' line is like saying we can't feed ourselves because we buy groceries from supermarkets. Textiles inherently are not an advanced, high-paid industry, and it is no wonder that an economic superpower doesn't do a lot of textile production. Would Dobbs prefer that more of us were hunched over sewing machines rather than employed in industries like software development, financial services, law, accounting, biotech and pharmaceuticals?

But never mind. Dobbs demands action now! We need to "do far more, and do it with a vengeance." Someone in the 2008 primary sweepstakes from one of the parties will probably embrace some of the Dobbs shtick. Meanwhile, he pledges "to continue to raise a lot of hell" -- naturally enough, since anger and outrage are mostly what apocalyptic centrism is about.

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President Ford's passing revives memories of '74 Texas campaign

(Writer's note: The following is a remembrance of the uneasy time in our history that succeeded Richard Nixon's resignation. First came the immediate swearing in of Gerald R. Ford as our 38th President, August 9, 1974. The nation breathed a momentary sigh of relief with the passing of America's "nightmare." However, a month later President Ford pardoned the disgraced Nixon, and the "honeymoon" period collapsed on the new President. The public was battered by a media that was merciless in reporting what they called a "deal" and the nation's wound, that had just begun to heal, was reopened.

The Governor of the State of Texas - Democrat Dolph Briscoe, in the midst of his reelection campaign, spoke out in full support of Gerald Ford and the presidential pardon. That particular era is recaptured (briefly) this week, as we honor the memory of Gerald Ford. A "good" president. Good in the truest sense of that word.)

AUTUMN OF 1974

It was the autumn of 1974, and Texas was on the verge of giving Governor Dolph Briscoe a landslide reelection victory over Lubbock Republican Jim Granberry. Less than two months remained before the general election, that was nearly obscured by the media's venomous attacks against Ford and the Nixon pardon.

Scathing criticisms were also levelled at the new President by top Texas Democrats. The only exception - Governor Briscoe.

In the midst of this fractious period, and during a rare "time-out" on the campaign trail, Briscoe shared his views concerning the pardon, with those of us on his personal staff: **"What Jerry Ford did when he pardoned Nixon, was not only an act of courage, but will prove to be the only way to quickly close one of the worst chapter's in our nation's history."**

Briscoe concluded with prophetic words: **"It (the pardon) will probably cost Ford a full four year term as president. It was a brave thing he did and America will remember him with praise later, when the furor ends and history is written with reason and not emotion."**

Final analysis: Briscoe was right and so was President Ford!

Side Bar: The Governor's views (as noted above) were reconfirmed last week when we caught up with him at his ranch office in Uvalde. We reminisced about the 1974 campaign; The Ford legacy; and a meeting at the Governor's Mansion with Ford's appointed VP Nelson Rockefeller.

BRISCOE-ROCKEFELLER CONNECTION

Governor Briscoe and Rockefeller were good friends and interestingly enough both Briscoe, a conservative Democrat and Rockefeller, a liberal Republican, were in agreement on most political and economic matters. Reason? **They dealt from a "centrist" point of view, while avoiding (quietly and without rancor) the radical demands of their parties.**

Fact is, those two leaders (from three decades ago), should remind us that American voters, just two short months ago, also declared a positive need for political "centrism" in Washington.

Hopefully the current crop of Congressional occupants will remember that November mandate and turn away from their previous

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



adversarial style of partisan governance that has punished the country since 1975.

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TIME FOR A BREAK

During this new year's traditional hiatus, between the pageantry of starting over legislatively (in D.C. and Austin) and actually getting down to business, we discovered several humorous political by-products, that might help kill time as we prepare for what's ahead of us domestically and internationally.

We've titled this section a **"Humor and Flabbergast Break."** Some readers will denounce the wisecracks as "unpatriotic liberals." While others discover (in the final graph) another **"Thought we'd heard it all" head shaker!**

LOCAL GUFFAWS

Overheard a Salado wag grumping: **"If you expect Bush to change his mind about Iraq - then you've bent your expector!"**

Loyal Salado Democrat was asked about John Kerry's running for President again. The Demo looked to heaven (perhaps seeking guidance or forgiveness) and snickered: **"Kerry's 2004 campaign, and his running commentary since that debacle, reminds me of a frustrated Shiite terrorist, scampering wild-eyed through the streets with a suicide bomb wrapped around his middle. And who can't seem to locate the damn trigger!"**

TWO CAR FUNERAL?

We've all heard the perfect put-down of a person or group who enjoy total ineptness: **"They (insert your favorite here) are such bunglers, they'd screw up a two-car-funeral."** Funny stuff, but think for a moment about the execution of Saddam Hussein several days ago.

America has spent billions of dollars over nearly four years to introduce democratic stability to Iraq. Thus far the "elected" religious in-fighting botchers haven't been able to summon up enough native judgement to properly put down the "Butcher of Baghdad" without creating an international commotion.

Also makes you wonder what these same incompetents would have done at the burial site?

FLABBERGAST SECTION

If you thought you'd "heard it all" concerning matters of religion, education and government, then be prepared to be flabbergasted. The following is true and concerns a wealthy school district in the Dallas area.

Superintendent sent word that teachers were not to hang candy-canes in their rooms this holiday season. One teacher went to her principal and demanded to know "why?"

Principal's answer was stupefying: **"A candy cane turned upside down looks like the letter 'J' and that stands for Jesus, and we can't have that."**

The administrator continued: "Turned right side up the cane looks like a shepherd's staff and that reminds us of the nativity scene - and of course we can't have that either."

How can such asinine stupidity remain abroad in our land? Presume the only reason the giving of gifts (as reported in Bethlehem so many years ago) has not been outlawed, is that the commercial community has a stronger lobby than those who continually demand religion (primarily Christian) be totally erased from our lives.

That's -30-

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Fire Detroit's auto bosses

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Guess who's rising like a rocket toward the No. 1 spot in U.S. auto sales? Toyota!

The Japanese carmaker has already now surpassed Ford for second place, while Honda has dumped DaimlerChrysler to take over the No. 4 spot. America's Big Three is no more, with Detroit's auto line-up claiming barely half of our own market.

Japan's surge is the direct result of its focus on high quality, fuel-efficient vehicles, while stodgy bosses in Detroit cluelessly keep pushing gas-guzzlers in an age of \$3-a-gallon gasoline. For example, Toyota and Honda are scoring big with their new subcompact cars, but GM has only one small car for sale in America (made by its Korean partner) and Ford and Chrysler sell no subcompacts here. Meanwhile, sales of Ford's SUVs plummeted by more than half in July.

But, by gollies, GM and Ford are fighting back! Not by rushing boldly into the fuel-efficient market - instead, they're both running promotional schemes to subsidize the gasoline prices of car buyers. In a July promotion, GM pledged to pay a third or more of the fuel costs for California and Florida customers who bought certain GM vehicles, including a big ol' Suburban or (for godsake) a nine-mile-a-gallon Hummer. Ford went further. In a scheme it dubbed "Bold Moves," anyone buying certain Fords (including its big honker SUVs) will get free gas for the rest of the year.

Meanwhile, as Americans are snapping up small cars, the geniuses in Detroit are rushing off in the opposite direction -- both GM and Ford are resurrecting their old, souped-up muscle cars! At the same time, Ford says that its lousy sales record might mean more job cuts and plant closings.

So American workers and communities will pay the price for the boneheaded management failures and marketing incompetence of the high-priced guys up in Detroit's executive suites. It is time to keep the workers... and fire the bosses.

Aldermen

asked Zulauf if the Village was still paying the utilities for the EMS. "That building is mostly used by maintenance," Zulauf said, adding that Scott & White has not housed its ambulance or crew in the building for some time.

"They are restructuring," she said. "There was a turnover in supervisors. They (Scott & White) say they will be back in the building,

but they haven't told us when."

The Village bought the current municipal building in part because it needed room for municipal offices and police offices, because at the time it was sharing space with the police department, municipal offices, municipal court and Scott & White EMS teams all under one roof.

In other business, aldermen dis-

cussed but took no action on a sewage study for the Village.

Curt Strong informed aldermen that the contract for the study had been sent to Stagecoach Properties, but "it's been on his desk for two months."

Aldermen did vote to name Judge Don Engleking the secondary associate judge for the municipal court. In the case that Municipal Judge

Cappy Eads is not available, not associate judge Ted Duffield is unavailable, Judge Engleking would hear Municipal Cases. Judge I.W. Ivy had been secondary municipal judge prior to the Board vote.

After meeting in a closed session, the Board voted to accept Officer Bruno Matarazzo's resignation as the Code Official for the Village.

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Banquet

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floral arrangement by Gwen Dalton from Horsefeathers. Other raffle prizes include: a Sweet Shoppe Confectionary Gift Certificate from Southern Comforts, a Brighton Purse from Magnolias, a Texas Scene Print from Main Street Place, a Susan B necklace from Christy's and a Steven Myers black

and white framed photo from Classics on Main.

Social hour sponsorships and table sponsorships are still available. Tickets for this year's event are \$30 for the social hour and served dinner.

Reservations must be made by Jan. 10 by calling the Chamber office, 947-5040.

Stagecoach

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82 guest rooms will be remodeled at a cost of between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

Anderson noted the construction crews are under some serious time constraints. "We studied our occupancy trends and found we can do this kind of work now," he said, adding that the inn's busi-

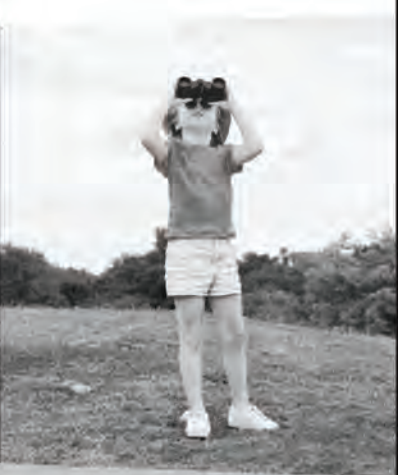
ness picks up significantly in late March and early April so the work must be completed by then.

In the mean while, the work won't sharply limit the number of rooms

available at a given time.

In addition to the building project and updating the rooms, Anderson said there are plans to re-work some of the landscaping at the inn.

"Honesty pays, but it don't seem to pay enough to suit some people."
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Going to Work for Yourself? Plan Ahead

Are you thinking of striking out on your own and joining the growing ranks of the self-em-

ployed? It's an exciting prospect-and possibly a little scary. But you can remove some of the fear

by doing whatever you can to prepare yourself financially for life as an entrepreneur.

What steps can you take? Here are a few to consider:

- Save as much as you can. Ideally, you would want to have a couple of years' worth of living expenses saved before you go solo. But that's a pretty tall order for most people. And if you have a spouse earning a good income, you may have a less need to put away a large sum. Nonetheless, it's almost always a good idea to save as much as you possibly can before becoming your own boss.

- Think twice before cash in out retirement plan. If you're leaving a job that provided you with a 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b) plan, you might be tempted to cash out your account to help pay for the transition to the world of self-employment. However, try to avoid this move. By liquidating your

Financial Focus

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employer-sponsored plan, you will face early withdrawal penalties if you are younger than 59-1/2, and income taxes, too. Just as importantly, you will be depleting a valuable resource for your retirement. If at all possible, try to find other sources of income. For example, you may want to consider a home equity loan; interest rates on these loans are usually competitive, and your interest payments may be tax deductible. Be aware, though, that you will be using your house as collateral, so make sure you can afford the payments.

- Consider opening a new retirement plan. Once you make the jump to self-employment, start thinking of what type of

retirement plan you might want to choose. Fortunately, you have some attractive options that offer both tax advantages and a wide range of investment choices. If your business has no employees except yourself and possibly your spouse, you may be able to establish a SEP-IRA or an "Owner-Only" 401(k). If you will have employees, you might want to consider a SIMPLE IRA or a "Safe Harbor" 401(k). Your tax adviser and investment professional can help you choose an appropriate plan.

- Pay yourself a regular "salary". Depending on what type of business you are opening, you may well experience an uneven flow of income-which could, at times,

force you to dip into your long-term investments to help you meet your daily and monthly expenses. To avoid this potential problem, consider paying yourself a regular "salary" out of your business' earnings. It's crucial that you live on a pre-agreed amount - even if the only person you have to agree with is yourself.

Too often, entrepreneurs use up one month's "paycheck" and then have nothing left in the next "down" month. But if you have the discipline to stay within the income you've allotted yourself, and your business succeeds, you should eventually build up a cash cushion that can be used for emergencies or investments.

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Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Although the "real estate bubble" has yet to burst, a lot of markets are finally experiencing an "adjustment" of sorts, especially as interest rates slowly creep up and buyers are fewer and farther between. Any smart seller will ask their

listing agent for a Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) to properly gauge their asking price in these dynamic conditions.

But as a buyer, how can you be sure that the asking price is on the mark, or if your offer is a reasonable one? Some sellers simply ignore current market conditions, expecting to fetch the same prices as a year ago. So you need some assurance. Particularly, you need to know how many homes are on the market now vs. a year ago, and how the average sales times compare.

Well, as the old saying goes, "When in Rome... do as the Romans do!" That's right - ask a real estate pro to provide you with the very same CMA that the sellers request!

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The class will meet Tuesday/Thursday, January 18 - May 8, from 3 - 4:20 p.m. The instructor is Marcus Carr, director of the Central Texas Business Resource Center. To register for the college credit

Volunteer program training held at Metroplex

Metroplex Health System is hosting two orientations for those interested in learning more about the Metroplex Health System Volunteers Program. The informational meetings will be 1 - 4 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 11, and Wed., Feb. 7, at Metroplex Hospital. Interested candidates will meet at the Information Desk at the main entrance of the hospital.

Each information meeting is designed to give potential volunteers an opportunity to learn about the program, ask questions and find out about current volunteer openings at the hospital. A variety of opportunities are available, such as greeting the public, escorting and transporting patients, helping on patient units and in the family waiting room, doing clerical work, working in the gift shop and driving the shuttle bus.

"Volunteers are a part of the team here at Metroplex and we welcome those who would like to share in the joy of helping others," said Dot Hausmann, director of Metroplex Volunteer Services.

For information, call Hausmann at 254-519-8147.

course, go to Student Services Office located in Bldg. 119 on campus. To register for the non-credit course, go to the Continu-

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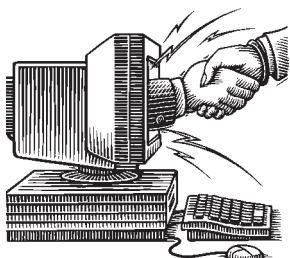
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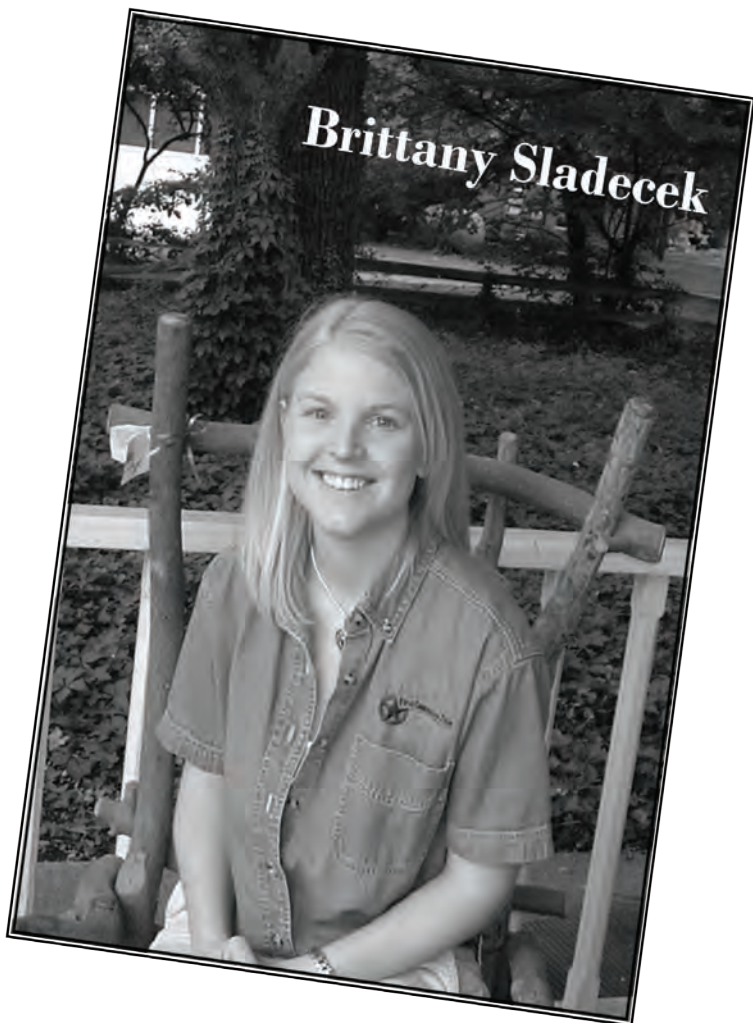
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SPORTS



Courtney Dunnahoo (L) tries to work past a Lago Vista defender during a recent game. On Friday, the Lady Eagles lost to Troy 44-48, despite 18 points from Kelsey Gobin. The loss sets the Ladies' record at 7-14 for the season, 3-2 in district play.

Eagles improve to 2-1 in district play

Salado 77
Lago Vista 45

Salado Eagles got their first win in district, easily thumping the Lago Vista Vikings 77-45, scoring more in the first half than the visiting Vikes did in the entire game.

Salado stretched their

15-12 first quarter lead to 47-23 at the half with a 32-point second period. Newman scored nine of his game-high 19 points in the second period, including one of his two three-pointers on the night.

Three other Eagles also had double figures on the night. Rosenau had 13 points, nine of them in the first half of play. Tanner Myers hit two three-point shots on his way to

12 points on the night. Harbison had 10 points for Salado, seven in the first half.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Pruitt, eight points; Schatte, four points; Konzen and Seawood, two points each and Quick, one point.

Sinton Tournament

Over the Christmas Break, Salado Eagles took
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Eagles

fifth place in the Sinton Tournament Dec. 28-30, winning three of their four games, suffering their single loss to tournament-winner Hondo in the third round of play.

The Eagles earned the team sportsmanship award for the tournament and senior Chad Tumey was named to the All Tourney Team for his 60 points over the four game stretch.

Salado	54
Portland	40

In the first round, the Eagles stretched a narrow two-point third quarter lead over Gregory-Portland to a 14 point win, thanks in part to nine points from Blake Newman in the fourth quarter.

While the Eagles scored 16 points in the fourth,



Blake Neuman (R) works for a shot during a recent game. He contributed 12 point Friday to help the Eagles to a won over district rival Troy.

they held Portland to only four points, including two from the free throw line.

Tumey led all scoring players in the game with 17 points, including three

shots from beyond the three-point arch.

Newman also scored double digits for the Eagles, with all of his 14 points coming in the sec-

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ond half of the game.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Noah Harbison, seven points; Clay Sharum, six points; David Rosenau, four points; Tommy Schatte, Stephen Quick and Nick Seawood, two points each.

Hondo	63
Salado	47

Salado gave up 41 second-half points in their third-round contest with tournament-winner Hondo and found themselves unable to overcome the surge.

Salado remained close in the first half, trailing by just three points 22-19, but gave up 20 points in the third quarter and 21 points in the fourth quarter.

Rosenau led all players in the game with 17

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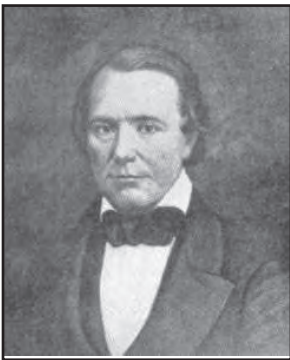
Salado DAR meet Jan 16 for Cawthon presentation

The Village of Salado Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will meet in the home of Linda Cawthon 1 p.m. Jan. 16. Linda will present a program on her Texas ancestors through the photographs displayed in her home.

The home is located at 2320 FM 2268, for directions contact Linda Cawthon at 947-5783 or Margaret Neves at 947-3939. Visitors are welcome to attend.

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Mirabeau B. Lamar
Father of Texas Education

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Lamar supported the Homestead Act of 1839 and during his term the Lone Star flag and State seal were officially adopted. All Texans are encouraged to fly the State flag on this day.

Daughters of Confederacy present “Angels of the Battlefield” Jan. 14

The Bell County Chapter 101 Daughters of the Confederacy Meeting will be 2:30 p.m. Jan. 14, in the Bell County Annex Building at 1605 North Main, Belton, Texas.

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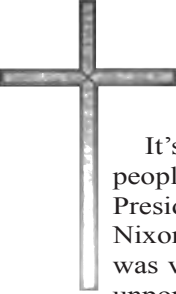
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FBC to work on Habitat Homes in New Orleans

The First Baptist Church of Salado is gathering volunteers to travel to New Orleans Mar. 12 for a week of building. The project is a cooperative effort of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans and Habitat for Humanity. “We need lots of volunteers for this mission effort. We’ll be building new homes with Habitat in the 9th Ward area of New Orleans”, says Randy Carder, Minister of Music at the church. No prior building experience is required and all skill levels are needed. This trip is for any and all persons regardless of church affiliation. There are already 12 members who have committed to the week of hard work and fellowship. The cost of the trip is \$120 per person and includes room and board but not travel expenses. If there is enough interest a van will be rented and that cost will be divided among those travelers. For more information about the trip contact Randy Carder at 947-5465

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The Nemec band is well known across Central Texas, beginning many years ago in polka and country venues. In recent years the band has kept in step with the times by broadening both its in-

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Martone children book released

Ginny Martone of Jarrell, has published a book for children, The White Stallion through Publish America. The fictional book has its roots in reality in that Ginny Martone has Cherokee ancestors and her grandson, Anthony, was born with only one hand. Both of these play a role through the book which is about accepting differences and overcoming every day challenges. Martone believes that respecting others and reaching out in love is a step in becoming the peaceful nation God desires us to be.


After traveling with her military family, Ginny Martone married and currently lives in Jarrell, TX with her husband Johnnie. She and her supportive husband of thirty-five years raised three successful children while fulfilling a nursing career of twenty years with Scott and White in Temple, TX. Christian family values being important, she left nursing to provide child-care for seven grandchildren. One grandson, Anthony, was born without his right hand. Anthony, who attends school in

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Eagles — FROM Page 7A

points. However Hondo had four players scoring double figures. Tumey hit four three-pointers on his way to scoring 14 points in the game. Other Eagles scoring in the Hondo game were Schatte, four points; Justin Pruitt and Newman, three points each and Quick, Seawood and Harbison, two points each.

Three Salado Eagles scored double figures to lead the squad to a handy 67-50 thrashing of Rockport, one of two 4A schools the Eagles faced in the tournament. The Eagles jumped out to a convincing 20-3 first quarter lead and never looked back, holding on to a 35-23 halftime lead. Rockport closed to within nine points at the end of three periods, 41-50, but Salado blew out the game in the fourth quarter, scoring 17 and holding Rockport to nine points.

Salado 59
George West 34

The Eagles took out their frustration at the loss on George West in the fourth round, easily handing them a 59-34 loss. The Eagles led 53-27 at the end of the third quarter. Tumey led the squad with 15 points, including two three-pointers. Rosenau followed with 13 points, 10 of them in the first half. Pruitt put in 12 first-half points to be the third Salado player with double figures. Harbison just missed double figures, scoring nine in the game. Newman and Seawood both added four points and Justin Konzen added two points.

Salado 67
Rockport 50



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Harbison hit four shots from beyond the three-point arch to lead Salado with 16 points, Rosenau followed, netting 10 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter. Tumey had 14 points stretched across the four quarters. Also contributing to the win were Pruitt, eight points; Sharum, seven points; Newman, four points and Seawood, three points.

Salado 52
Troy 45

Noah Harbison and Chad Tumey led the Eagles to a win over district rival Troy Friday night. "That was a very important win," said Coach Kenny Mann. "We've already dropped one district game so this let us keep our chances alive. Troy is playing some very good ball so it's definately big to beat them at their place."

Harbison and Tumey each contributed 12 points in the win. Though both teams struggled early, Salado built a 30-21 lead at the half on a pressing defense combined with aggressive play in the lane. Early in the second half, Troy found an answer to Salado's defense and 13 points to Salado's 12. However, the Eagles held on for the win. Salado is now 14-7 for the season, 2-1 in district play.



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What's happening

JANUARY 11
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Social begins at 9:30 a.m. Program: Village of Salado Mayor Rick Ashe on the "State of the Village." Guests are welcome to attend.

JANUARY 15
Salado Independent School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, open meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Meeting is open to public. Citizens wishing to speak to the board must sign up prior to the start of the meeting. Agenda is posted at the Salado Civic Center 72 hours prior to the meeting. For information, call SISD Superintendent's office at 254-947-5479.

JANUARY 16
Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: "Women of the Bible," presented by women of the Salado United Methodist Church. Public is welcome.

JANUARY 16
Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting, 1 p.m. at the home of Linda Cawthon, 2320 FM 2268. She will present a program on her ancestors through family photographs. Visitors welcome.

JANUARY 16
41st Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet, 6:30 p.m. at Salado's Tenroc Ranch. For tickets, reservations and information call Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

JANUARY 18
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 313 Stagecoach Rd.. Meeting is open to the public. If you would like to make comments to the board, please sign up before the meeting. Agenda posted 72 hours before the meeting at the Municipal Building. For information, call 947-

5060.
JANUARY 18
Salado High School Fall Athletic Banquet, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria. Program will honor Salado Fall High School sports: cross country, football and volleyball.

JANUARY 23
Salado Community Chorus begins rehearsals for its annual Spring Concert; 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

JANUARY 25
Meet Your County Officials forum sponsored by Salado Area Republican Women, 6 p.m. at the Halley House. Buffet dinner: \$20. Info: 947-3617.

JANUARY 29
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge Building on Church Street.

FEBRUARY 3-4
Beethoven Festival, presented by Music in Salado, at the Silver Spur Theater. Feb. 2, 7 p.m. concert featuring the vocal and chamber music of Beethoven, with baritone John Van Cura, soprano Carole Meyer Willingham, pianist Kim Van Cura and strings. Feb. 3 noon luncheon and lecture, with the International Piano Duo and Dr. Robin Wallace, Professor of Music at Baylor University and Beethoven expert. Info: 947-5592 or www.musicinsalado.com.

FEBRUARY 3-4
Auditions for Salado Legends, 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock Amphitheater. Over 100 auditions for men, women and children actors. Not all parts are speaking parts.

Info: Donnie Williams, director, 947-0717 or mr.duck@earthlink.net, or Jackie Mills, producer, 947-9205 or tablerock1@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 8
Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings at Tablerock Amphitheater. Invited Readings: 7 p.m. Open Mic: 9 p.m. Info: Jackie Mills, 947-9205 or tablerock1@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 10
Wildfire Ranch Open to the World Roping competition, with \$75,000 cash awarded to the winning team. This is one of the biggest roping events in the entire country. Public is welcome. Info: 947-0291.

FEBRUARY 13
Salado Garden Club meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. Topic will focus on rainwater harvesting. All gardeners invited to attend.

FEBRUARY 20
Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: "Let's Learn About Antiques," presented by Jimmy Murchison. Public is welcome.

FEBRUARY 26
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.

MARCH 13
Salado Garden Club meeting - field trip to Oma's Garten Pflanzen in Killeen; a nursery that specializes in Texas natives and low maintenance plants. Meet at Salado Presbyterian Church at 9:30 am to car pool.

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12th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament, benefitting Tablerock Festival, Inc. Tourney will be held on Mill Creek Golf Course, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. \$60 entry fee. Info: 254-534-3324 or tablerock1@aol.com.

MARCH 19

Taste of Salado, 6-8 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado. More information TBA.

MARCH 20

Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: A dramatic presentation of "Esther," written and performed by Judy Greene. Public is welcome.

MARCH 24 AND 25

Annual Wildflower Art Show, featuring artists and artisans from throughout Texas, at the Salado Civic Center. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040. More details TBA.

MARCH 24 AND 25

12th Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. March 24 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 25. Food booth, drinks, gift booths and dessert booths will be open both days. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets sold at the gate. Info: Donnie Jackson, 254-947-5100 or cvmusicministries@aol.com.

APRIL 2

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.

APRIL 6-8

Annual Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphitheater, presented by the First Baptist Church of Salado. 8:15 p.m. nightly, free admission. Guests encouraged to bring a lawn chair. Church groups welcome.

Info: Randy Carder, event director, 254-947-5465 or www.fbcsalado.org.

APRIL 10

Salado Garden Club meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. Group will discuss final planning for Garden Tour. All gardeners welcome.

APRIL 17

Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: Decorating with Jill Shipman, interior designer and owner of Stonecreek Settlement bed and breakfast. Public is welcome.

APRIL 27

ABWA Benefit and Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Longhorn Room of Stagecoach Inn. Info: 254-947-3617.

APRIL 30

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.

MAY 12-13

Annual Salado Yard and Garden Tour, sponsored by the Salado Garden Club. More info TBA.

MAY 24

Salado High School Class of 2006-07 commencement ceremony, at the Mayborn Center on the campus of the University of Mary Hardin Baylor.

MAY 26 AND 27

Wildfire Ranch hosts the Wildfire Truck Explosion Team Roping event. Info: 947-0291.

MAY 28

Salado Masonic

Lodge #296 meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.

JUNE 9

Annual Salado Reunion, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School Commons area. Reunion is open to Salado alumni, as well as the general public. A lunch will be served. Info: 254-939-3187 or 254-947-5783.

JUNE 12

Salado Garden Club meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. All gardeners invited.

JUNE 23 AND 24

Auditions for Tablerock's production of "Taming of the Shrew", 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock's backstage room. Info: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

JUNE 25

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.

JULY 21, 28 AND AUG. 4

15th Annual production of "Salado Legends" outdoor musical drama at Tablerock Amphitheater. Show times: 8:15 p.m. for each show. Dinner at 7:15 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$8 for adult or child, and reservations are required. Cost for the performance is \$17 for adults and \$5 for children. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.
AUGUST 4-5

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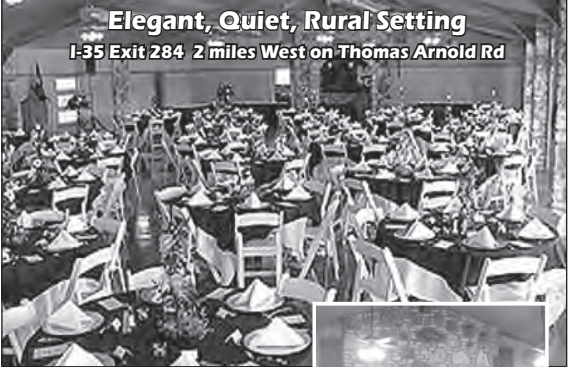
Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

SEPTEMBER 11

Salado Garden Club meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. Program will focus on herbs. All gardeners invited to attend.

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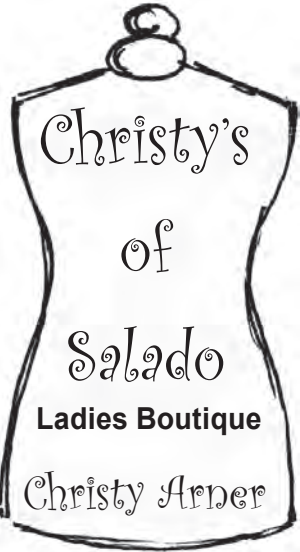


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The human body is very complex and we create many bad habits at an early age that are very difficult to break. These bad

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habits lead to destructive behaviors that can lead to failing at a multitude of things; relationships, finances, our career and even our health. So, this week we are going to look at a handful of ideas that will give us the upper hand on 1) changing our wiring so that we may defeat destructive behavior, and 2) attaining those goals that we deem worthwhile.

To make the list easier to remember, I am going to create a resolution reaching theme dominated by the letter P!

1. Put your resolution on paper! Put this paper in your wallet/purse, and on your refrigerator, and type it into your computer plus place it next to your bed. Why? You aren't going to be so excited about this goal once the worries

of the world set in, but having this on paper will help hold you accountable during the difficult times.

2. Make the resolution personal! Your resolution should be phrased with the personal pronoun, "I". Examples might be: "I will lose 25 pounds," "I will gain the strength and flexibility to," or "I will be able to fit into." Make the goal your very own, no one else's.

3. All resolutions need to be precise! Make the goal you are going to reach as specific as possible.

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OCTOBER 6-7

Auditions for A Christmas Carol, 3 p.m. each day at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205.

OCTOBER 7

Tablerock's Fright Trail auditions, 5 p.m. at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

OCTOBER 6, 13 AND 20

Fifth Annual Fall Shakespear Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater. The Bard's Taming of the Shrew will be presented under the stars, 7:30 p.m. each performance date. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 children 12 and under, student or military; available at the gate or on-line at www.tablerock.org. Info: David Dunlap, director, 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

OCTOBER 9

Salado Garden Club

meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. All gardeners invited.

OCTOBER 27 AND 28

Tablerock's Halloween Fright Trail, featuring thrills and chills for young and old. Open 7:30-10:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Concessions will be available. Info: Jackie Mills, 947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 13

Salado Garden Club meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Program will be given by Norm Arnold of Houston, designer of gardens, discussing his new garden book on Glorious Texas Gardens. All gardeners invited to attend.

Nov. 30-DEC. 2

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll weekend. Details announced at later date. Visit saladovil-

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Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 7 & 8

Tablerock's 15th Annual production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," adapted and directed by Harry Sweet. Performances set for 7 p.m. each night. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets available at the gate beginning at 6:30 p.m. Concessions open at

6:30 p.m. Info: 947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

DECEMBER 7-9

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DECEMBER 11


Salado Garden Club meeting, location to be announced.



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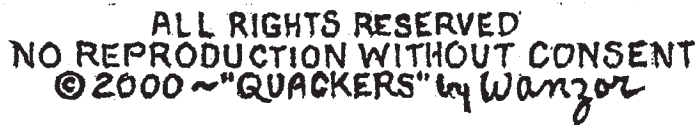
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RESOLUTIONS

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sible. Examples might be: "I will lose 25 pounds by April 1st," "I will gain the strength and flexibility to walk a mile without any additional aids by February 1," or "I will be able to fit into a size 6 dress/32" waist pant by March 1." If you know exactly what you want, put it down on paper, generalities will not be of any help to you here.

4. Resolutions must always be positive! Never use the phrases; "I can't" or "I won't." Negativity is a "downer" anyway and definitely has no place when creating New Year Resolutions.

5. Recite your resolution numerous times daily with passion! The more urgent the phrase, the greater the passion, the greater chance of reaching your goal. Examples of passionate phrases that you can add to your resolutions are: "I will," "I must" or "I am going to." Look, listen and feel the difference between these two resolutions: "I will lose 25 pounds by April 1" compared to "I will, or I must or I am going to lose 25 pounds by April 1."

This is the beginning of destroying and replacing your destructive wiring with beneficial wiring. Reading them aloud is best!

6. Practice, practice, practice! We have all seen the special athlete flourish on the greatest, but most difficult stage right? You know the one thing that all of these special people have in common?

They saw it happen in their mind over and over before it ever took place. You can call this, "The Theater of the Mind" or a place you go in your mind where you actually see yourself 25 pounds lighter, walking that mile with no problem, or fitting into that dress or those pants. If you practice this "Theater of the Mind" for a couple minutes a day, every day, your chance of reaching your goal will increase exponentially.

Here is a very important point: seeing your self after you have reached your goals must give you a feeling of happiness, peace, joy, etc., if not, you cannot and will not attain them. The truth is, if your

beliefs/values are incongruent with your resolutions/goals you will self sabotage any good you might try to do.

Examples: If you believe "money is the root of all evil" then don't set a goal to make a million dollars a year, if you believe "being in great physical condition is narcissistic" then don't set a goal to look the best you ever have at age 40, if you believe that "deep down I know am stupid" then don't set a goal of being Magna Cum Laude in your graduating class.

To reach worthwhile goals you must have beliefs and values that are congruent with the resolutions and goals you choose for yourself. You must truly be at peace when, in your mind, you see yourself attaining your goal.

So, now that the New Year has arrived and the resolutions have been made, apply some or all of the concepts above and make the changes to your life that you deserve!

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ground pepper, to taste
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2 1/2 TB extra virgin olive oil
3 medium carrots, peeled and sliced 1/2" thick
1/2 cup parsley, chopped (reserve 1 TB for garnish)
1 can (28 oz) chopped tomatoes
2 cups beef broth (or 1 cup beef broth and 1 cup red wine)
2 1/2 TB brown sugar
Ingredient Option: use gluten-free chicken broth, if desired.



Beef Brisket with Carrots

top with onion slices and serve with lettuce, tomato slices and barbeque sauce.

Nutrition Info
Per Serving (427g-wt.):
570 calories (260 from fat), 29g total fat, 9g saturated fat, 5g dietary fiber, 48g protein, 35g carbohydrate, 110mg cholesterol, 810mg sodium

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Brush buns or rolls with remaining oil then grill until just toasted. Place burgers on buns,

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1 1/2 pounds ground sirloin
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ground pepper, to taste
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1 sprig fresh rosemary
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1/3 lb Jarlsberg or Jarlsberg lite cheese slices
2 large vine-ripened tomatoes, cut into thick slices
4 large lettuce leaves
tangy barbeque sauce
4 whole grain hamburger buns

Prepare the grill. Shape meat into 4 patties and season with salt and pepper. Slice the onion into thick round slices (so they don't fall through the grill). Take the leaves off the rosemary spring, chop and add to the olive oil.

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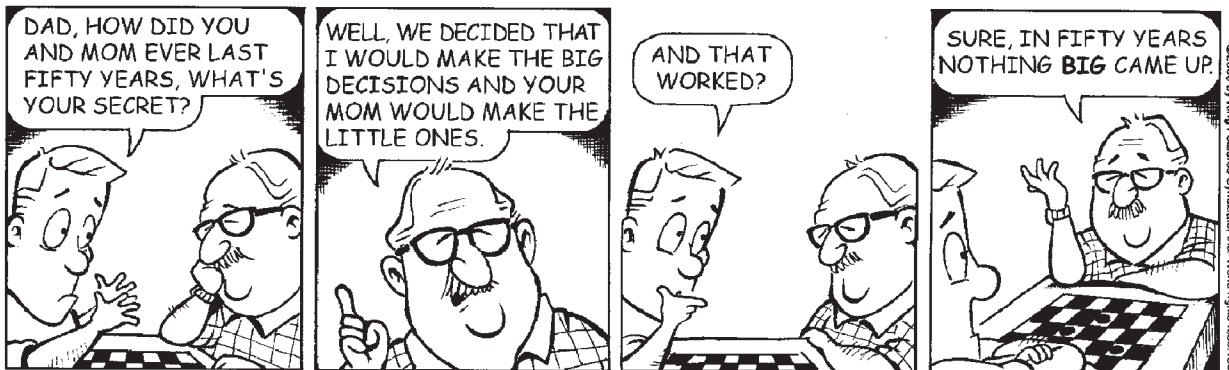


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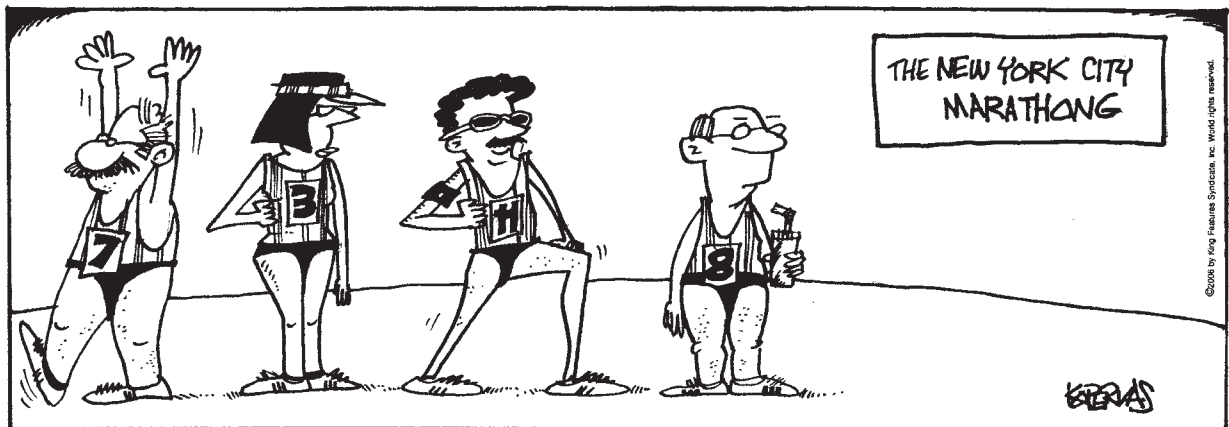
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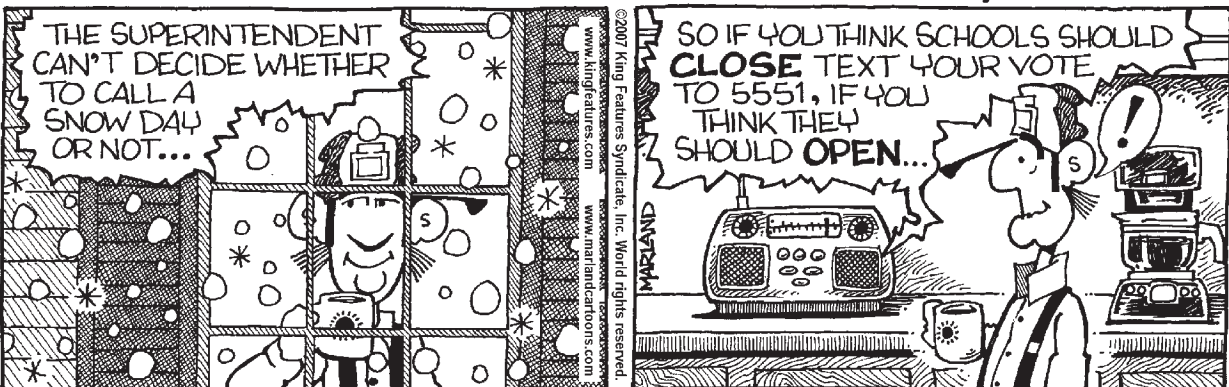
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I can't begin to explain the feeling I had looking at the Sydney Opera House. I had seen pictures of it forever, but to be able to see the architectural masterpiece up close was a special thrill. Part of the thrill came from being so far from home. Just across the water from the opera house we saw

people climbing the harbor bridge. We sailed out of Sydney at sundown on Holland America's Statendam, a small ship with just over 1,200 passengers. Each of the ships in the fleet carries the theme of a significant Dutch personality. The theater on our ship was called "The Van Gogh Lounge" and had reproductions of "Starry Starry Night" done in mosaic tiles on floor to ceiling walls on either side of

the stage. One of the entertainers couldn't ignore the inspiration the room gave him, so he sang the Don McLean song about the famous artist. In Melbourne we watched kangaroos play in 110-degree heat. The next day in Tasmania we experienced 35-degree temperatures and a snow blizzard. Although the calendar indicated it was summer, Mother Nature didn't abide by it. We were cool most of the trip. I never used any of the flashy short sleeve shirts I had packed.

We crossed the Tasman Sea in two days and arrived in Milford Sound, one of the most beautiful places on earth. The Maori name for New Zealand means "long low clouds" and you can best observe them in the early morning. The sea is the bluest I've seen and the snow-capped peaks in the distance with clouds in front of them make for an uplifting sight. The air and water in New Zealand are the purest you'll find anywhere. The natural beauty of the land influences the residents to provide beauty around their cities and homes. Gardens and flowers are everywhere. The yards and streets are clean and neat. I don't think I saw a piece of garbage anywhere.

The people of New Zealand are extremely courteous. They appreciate Americans especially, since we helped defend their country in World War Two. In every small town we visited we saw inviting restaurants serving attractive and delicious food. We passed through neighborhoods of houses with some of the most striking architecture I've seen. They had clean lines with lots of glass and steel.

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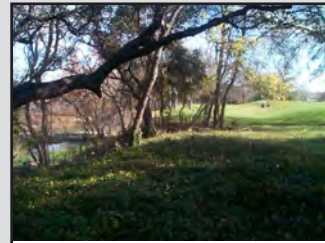
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Bidders will be contacted regarding award.

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Planetarium kicks off new year

The Mayborn Planetarium and Space Theater opens the new year Jan. 12 with several new shows added to its lineup. Opening weekend also coincides with the Second Saturday activities.

The weekend begins with the return of the award-winning large format film “Coral Reef Adventure.” The film reveals the vast array of curious creatures that inhabit the reefs; introduces the everyday heroes fighting to save the reefs; and teams of up with scientists exploring the reefs for potent new medical cures and never-before-seen species that are adding to what we know about life on earth.

Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and a matinee show on Saturday at 3 p.m.

The popular planetarium show, “Skywatchers of Africa,” It will lead the audience across the clear night skies of Africa to learn how its people used their astronomical observations to help them grow food, tell time, find their way through harsh lands and mold spiritual lives.

Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Two new laser light shows round out the weekend lineup. First you’ll need to tune up your air-guitar for the quintessential rock and roll laser light experience – “Laser Vinyl.” Featured in this nostalgic journey is the music of AC/DC, Emerson, Lake & Palmer, Aerosmith, Queen, Boston, Kansas, Kiss, Journey, Pink Floyd and Van Halen and several other classic rock heavy-hitters. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 9 p.m.

Then we enter the realm of the alternative experience with “Laser X.” A fusion of influences from alternative and hard rock make up this one of a kind laser light show. Featured artists include Rage Against the Machine, Smashing Pumpkins, Foo Fighters, Alice in Chains, the Chemical Brothers and others. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m.

On Saturday, the child-friendly matinee returns beginning at 1 p.m. with “In My Backyard.” Families with children age seven and under investigate the night sky, the names of the planets, the reasons for



the seasons and shooting stars all from the safety and comfort of the backyard.

Then at 2 p.m. is “The Sky Above Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood.” Wondering about the moon, the shapes in the clouds and the stars of the Big Dipper will spark children’s curiosity and imagination about science in this show, starring Fred Rogers.

Immediately following Mr. Rogers is “Legends of the Night Sky: Orion.” This is a fun look at the myths surrounding one of the night sky’s most famous constellations. Characters of the Orion story are brought to life in full-color laser light. This animated presentation is followed by a live tour of the night sky that will help you find Orion and his companions.

At 3 p.m. is “Coral Reef Adventure” followed at 4 p.m. by the laser light show, “Laser Mania.” A mix of rock, pop, r&b and country are brought to life through artists such as Ricky Martin, Shania Twain, Sting, Celine Dion, Beck, Blink 182, Santana and others.

Opening weekend also marks the Second Saturday celebration at the Planetarium. The activities will begin at 6 p.m. for a “Star Party.” The Planetarium’s resident astronomer, Warren Hart, will lead you on a guided tour of the many constellations appearing in the winter sky and teach you how to find them on your own.

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Eco-friendly construction on the rise

The green building movement is starting to make serious progress, reports E – The Environmental Magazine in its January/February 2007 cover story (now posted at www.emagazine.com). Eco-friendly construction is on the rise, from single-family houses and planned communities to schools, hospitals and other large built environments.

Today, five percent of new commercial construction meets standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program (LEED), a voluntary, consensus-based standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. Ten percent of new homes satisfy the federal government's Energy Star guidelines, meaning they're nearly one-third more energy-efficient than regulations require.

Still, considering that U.S. buildings put out about a third of the country's greenhouse gasses, at the rate green building is penetrating the market today it will be many years before we cut emissions by the 70 percent thought necessary to stabilize global climate.

The green building movement expands on the 1970s solar-energy craze, when drastic oil shortages spurred interest in sun-powered homes and President Jimmy Carter installed solar panels on the White House (later removed by Ronald Reagan). When oil prices came back down, interest waned. But by the early 1990s, the green building movement took off again, broadening its focus to consider other issues such as the environmental impacts of materials and whether the buildings offer health benefits, according to Alex Wilson, president of Vermont-based BuildingGreen, executive editor of Environmental Building News and author of Your Green Home.

A number of cities around the country, including San Francisco (and neighboring Pleasanton, Berkeley and San Mateo), Boston, Seattle and Scottsdale, Arizona, are leading the way with laws that require new public buildings be green. So far, 54 cities and 23 federal agencies have adopted LEED standards for buildings,

says Bill Browning, senior fellow for Rocky Mountain Institute and co-author of Green Development: Integrating Ecology and Real Estate.

Obstacles abound. Part of the problem is the resistance to change and refusal by some professionals to learn new methods. And the technology will continue to cost more until economies of scale are realized.

And there are doubters. Some question whether the term "green building" is too easily co-opted for marketing purposes. Some builders, they charge, do little more than erect townhouses that increase urban density rather than build energy-efficient products that are truly lighter on the land. Critics wonder whether efficiency standards, when applied, can be objectively proven to deliver desired results -- such as lower electric bills. Historic preservationists bristle at a perceived bias toward new edifices thrown up at the expense of older buildings that could instead be sustainably retrofitted while maintaining the character of a community.

Buildings are definitely energy hogs. While the SUV is the environmental bad-boy symbol, buildings consume far more energy than cars and trucks. It's estimated that commer-

cial and residential buildings in the U.S. consume 65 percent of all electricity, as well as 12 percent of drinkable water and 40 percent of all raw materials.

"I believe that buildings are the worst thing that people do to the environment," says Rob Watson, former senior scientist at Natural Resources Defense Council. "We don't associate the fact that when we turn on a light switch, coal is mined in a mine. It goes to a power plant that comes up the stack as acid rain producing sulfur dioxide, planet-cooking carbon dioxide."

"The new green building movement arises from the realization that we can't go on living as we have in the past: that treating the environment in general and energy in particular as afterthoughts no longer makes sense," says author Bill McKibben. He was marking last October's opening of the 46-story glass-and-steel Hearst Tower in New York City. The building required 20 percent less steel than a conventional skyscraper and is made of 90 percent recycled material. Sensors there switch off lights when no one is in a room. "They're sensible, cost-effective, obvious [measures]," McKibben said. "Someday they'll be code. But for now they're noble, pioneering examples."



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