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Meet your newspaper staff

The *Salado Village Voice* newspaper has seen more than three decades of service to the Village of Salado.

During that time, the newspaper has always been a family affair, since its founding by Dayton Kelly in 1979. After Dayton's death, his sons Dennis and Bill operated the newspaper until the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper in 1988.

As we begin 2012, *Salado Village Voice* staffers would like to introduce themselves to the community they serve.

Salado Village Voice has a staff of five, including publishers Tim and Marilyn Fleischer. Other staffers are Stephanie Hood, advertising composition and Royce Wiggin, office assistant.

In addition to individual awards by staff members, *Salado Village Voice* has been honored by the community and state. The newspaper was the first-ever Business of the Year, awarded in January 2003 by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. The newspaper has also been named multiple times to the Texas Association of School Board's Honor Roll for news coverage of the Salado school district.

The newspaper qualified for the Periodicals rating from the US Post Office in 2009 and joined the Texas Press Association in 2010.

Tim Fleischer

Tim Fleischer has been a newspaperman since he was 16, working for both weeklies and daily newspapers. "I got the Devil's Ink at an early age and haven't been able to get rid of it," he said of his 26 years in the newspaper industry.

For more than 20 years of it, he has been the editor of the *Salado Village Voice*.

But his love for Salado has been for more than two decades. "I came to Salado for the Art Fair and Gathering of the Clans with my parents when I was growing up in Coryell County," he said. "I drove through it every day on my way to run a small newspaper in Florence."

Tim and Marilyn Fleischer have published the newspaper since 1988. During that time, the newspaper has grown from an eight-page tabloid to a 28- to 44-page paper of three sections including two sections with full color.

"We have grown with the community and are a reflection of it," he said.

In those years, the newspaper has won several awards from the Texas Community Newspaper Association, where *Salado Village Voice* competed against



Tim Fleischer

newspapers from San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, Austin and around the state.

Tim has won several TCNA awards: advertising design (third in state for large ad format and third in state for advertising series); editorial work (first in state for editorial writing, third in state for editorial writing, third in state for column writing) and second in state for community service (for articles during the incorporation election).

Fleischer has been named to the Texas Association of School Boards Media Honor Roll several times during his tenure at the helm of the newspaper, including the 2011 Honor Roll. Media are recommended and nominated for the Honor Roll by local school boards for their coverage of schools.

He has also served the community in a variety of capacities, including four years on the board of directors of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and six years on the board of directors of the Institute for Humanities at Salado. He was president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and treasurer for two years of the Institute for Humanities

Fleischer recently completed a second term the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He and wife Marilyn chaired the Salado Art Fair in 2010.

Tim is also a Mason and twice Past Master of the Salado Masonic Lodge #296.

He and wife Marilyn share responsibilities at the newspaper. "She runs the office and I make editorial decisions," he said



Marilyn Fleischer

Marilyn Fleischer

Marilyn got the Devil's Ink in her blood after meeting Tim more than 20 years ago.

She worked for TU Electric prior to the purchase of the *Salado Village Voice* in March 1988.

She also owned and operated a plant business in the Killeen/Copperas Cove area for several years while raising her three children

During their years in Salado, Marilyn has served the community in many ways. "I think I have been most satisfied with my work with the Salado Family Relief Fund," she said. In addition to her work to establish the Family Relief Fund, Marilyn has also been Art Fair chairperson for two years, and served three years as a Chamber of Commerce Director. She recently retired from the Salado Civic Center board of directors after six years.

She has also won awards from the TCNA. She has twice been honored. She won second place for Best Feature Photo and second place for Community Service for her work with the Family Relief Fund.

The Fleischers' children -- Royce Wiggin and Jenny Wiggin, are both graduates of Salado High School -- have grown up in the eye of the community. Royce graduated in 2007, beginning in second grade in Salado schools. Jenny began her school career as a kindergartener at Thomas Arnold Elementary School and graduated in 2009.

The newest addition is Nate Timothy Potter, who was born to Jenny Wiggin and Joey Potter on Dec. 13.

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Chamber awards banquet Jan. 17 at Tenroc Ranch

The Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet will be 6 p.m. Jan. 17 at Tenroc Ranch Event Center.

Classic Catering will serve the dinner, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. following a social time

Tickets are available online at salado. com or by calling the Chamber office at 254-947-5040. Tickets are \$35 per person. Tables of eight can be reserved for \$280. Table sponsorships are available for \$100.

The Salado Chamber of Commerce will announce the recipients of its Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Hall of Fame Award, all of which will be presented during the Jan. 17 the Chamber Banquet.

The Business of the Year must be a current Chamber member. Their nomination essay should include the contributions made by that business in the past year to the Chamber of Commerce, as well as to the overall business climate in Salado.

The Citizen of the Year: What person has made a difference in the community by their personal contributions? They must be a Chamber member. This could be a singular person or a couple.

Hall of Fame Award: What person or couple significantly contributed to the development of the Salado community in the past. They could be alive or deceased.

Aldermen revisit sign ordinance

Salado aldermen will consider amending its Sign Ordinance during its 6 p.m. Jan. 5 meeting at the Municipal Building, 301 Stagecoach Rd.

The board will conduct the second reading of the revised sign ordinance.

A committee was appointed last year to review the ordinance and make changes to the 28-page ordinance which regulates the construction of signs within the Village and its extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

The ordinance regulates the sizes and numbers of signs allowed within the Village of Salado, including stricter regulations for the historic district of Salado.

The committee addressed issues concerning multiple-tenant locations, such as shopping centers. Those regulations limit the total number of signs on a shopping center location and the size of a shopping center's main sign listing its tenants.

Aldermen will review the year-to-date financials through November 2011.



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An Open Exchange of Ideas



ame the rich

A haze of ugliness hung over President Barack Obama last month in Osawatomie, Kan., where he delivered a speech as malodorous as an Occupy Wall Street encampment and about as thoughtful. The president needs a campaign theme to patch him over for the next year. He settled on all but blaming the rich for trashing the American Dream. Income inequality, he said, "gives lie to the promise that's at the very heart of America."

How so? The president maintains that with inequality on the rise, it had already become more difficult in 1980 than at the end of World War II for a child to climb out of poverty into the middle class. What happened between World War II and 1980? For one, we had the advent of the Great Society. The fact that the creation of a liberal dream state coincided, in his view, with the diminution of advancement might make a more reflective man stop and think. Not our president.

President Obama implied that some people are poor because other people are rich, an assumption of class antagonism antithetical to the American idea and tenuously connected to the evidence. Consider a concrete example. The president's former top budget official, Peter Orszag, departed the administration to work at Citigroup for upward of \$2 million a year. Putting aside the seemliness and the merits of Orszag's pay and that of his cohorts on Wall Street, how does his paycheck make it harder for anyone else to get ahead? Orszag's income doesn't increase out-of-wedlock childbearing, incarceration or lack of work effort -- all significant obstacles to advancement up the income scale.

If inequality were foreclosing opportunity, we would have seen steadily declining mobility since the late 1970s. Scott Winship of the Brookings Institu-

Rich Lowry



as we can tell, the data doesn't bear that out. We are "sticky at the bottom," meaning we have trouble getting people out of the bottom fifth, but that has been a longstanding failing.

Everyone agrees the ticket ahead in America is education. Children from the bottom fifth who get a college degree have only a 16 percent chance of staying in the bottom fifth and a 19 percent chance of making it to the top fifth and getting excoriated by the most powerful man in the world.

In his speech, President Obama called for a "national mission" to improve education in the same breath he inveighed against "laying off good teachers." Does it ever occur to him that some of the teachers might not be good? The teachers unions have surely done more to hamper upward mobility in America than the nation's most loathsome collection of banksters.

We should endeavor to create the conditions for economic growth, transform education fundamentally and champion the bourgeois virtues at every opportunity. But President Obama only wants shiny new wrapping paper for his same old proposals -- taxes on the rich, infrastructure spending and regulation. This familiar litany is now supposed to be the answer to complex, decades-long trends. It's good to know he takes himself so seriously; no one else should.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National tion, an expert in this area, says as near Review. (c) 2011 by King Features Synd., Inc.

The Undependable **Wealthy Taxpayer**

By Brendan Miniter

The President recently took the stage in Osawatomie, Kansas and delivered what looks to be his administration's definitive statement on income inequality.

Obama called this a "make or break it" moment for the American middle class. And he made it explicitly clear his favored solution for inequality is higher taxes on the rich, calling the current tax rules on top earners "the height of unfair-

This idea is picking up steam well beyond the Democratic caucus. Even Warren Buffet wants higher rates on the wealthy. In this push, however, tax activists are ignoring an inconvenient truth: a tax system heavily dependent on the wealthy is highly volatile and a breeding ground for bitter budget battles.

Consider three examples.

The first is California. The Golden State has been stumbling for years. We can blame its economic woes on a wide range of things, including environmental regulations, unstable electricity markets, and tax rates that have driven businesses to Colorado, Texas and elsewhere. But we can also see that its budget deficits are, in large part, due to movement in one category of taxpayers.

From 2007 to 2008, California saw a sharp decline in taxes paid by those with incomes above \$200,000 a year. After crunching the numbers, UCLA professors Andrew G. Atkeson and William E. Simon Jr. concluded in January that this decline accounted for "fully 93 percent of the decline in total tax revenues from 2007-08." A collapse in taxes paid by the wealthy put the state into the red.

The second example is New York. A full fifth of the Empire State's revenues come from taxes on financial companies. So the economic collapse of the past few years has led to plummeting revenues and a huge increase in public debt. In June 2007, the sixteen highest taxed banks paid \$173 million to the New York treasury. A year later, as the country was about to plunge into financial panic, those same firms paid just \$5 million in state taxes -- a 97 percent decrease.

For all the trouble they have had, at least California and New York have confronted their budget problems in real time -- however misguided their tax-rateraising approach.

Our third example -- the federal government -- shows us that putting off the day of reckoning doesn't make it easier to solve deficit problems.

According to data from the IRS, between 2007 and 2009, the number of tax filers with reported incomes of \$1 million or more decreased from 390,000 to 237,000. As a result, the taxes paid by this group dropped 42 percent -- from \$309 billion to \$178 billion. The drop-off in tax payments gets steeper the higher up the income ladder you go.

In the same period, the number of Americans with incomes of \$10 million or more fell by 55 percent -- from 18,394 to 8,274 -- causing tax revenue from this category to drop by 51 percent. Falling tax revenue from the rich is a huge reason federal revenues are now just 15 percent of GDP, down from 18% or more in recent years.

Back in the early 2000s, when public officials thought tax revenues from the wealthy would remain robust, it looked like the feds might actually pay off the national debt. Today, with spending far outstrips revenues total federal debt has climbed to \$15 trillion.

This is spike in national debt is precisely the danger of a tax system overly dependent the rich. And it's a very good reason to believe that hiking rates on the "one percent" won't solve our budget problems.

The truth is that the wealthy are unreliable taxpayers because their income is volatile. So a deadlocked super committee might have saved us from a Washington deal that would have left us more dependent an unstable tax source -- the rich -- and thereby has provided us with an opportunity to debate a reliable solution to our debt problems: economic growth.

Instead of seeking to tax the rich, we would do better to curb excessive spending and concentrate on enacting policies, such as tax simplification, aimed at sparking economic growth. With growth all things are possible. We can lower unemployment, raise living standards, and pay down our national debts. What's more, in a booming economy we'll also likely find that the wealthy are once again paying a bumper crop in taxes.

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China is no model

By MARIO LOYOLA

The West has reached a fork in the road. Our current models of governance and economics aren't working. The consensus is gathering strength — both in Europe and in the United States — that we must choose a different path. The Tea Party, Occupy Wall Street, the protests in Greece, and the increasingly frenetic debate over the future of Europe — all these are signs that people no longer believe in the system we've got and want a different one.

In a recent Wall Street Journal op-ed ("China's Superior Economic Model"), former union leader Andy Stern tries to show us the way. He urges us not to "double down on an empirically failing free-market extremism." Instead, he says, America should "study the ingredients of its competitors' success." China, he argues, is "on a clear trajectory to knock America off its perch by 2025," because of its government's success in setting strategic priorities and "arraying the forces of organization."

This view is increasingly fashionable nowadays. Every bit of it is nonsense.

American society today is further away from "free-market extremism" (a fancy liberal way to describe economic freedom) than at almost any other point in its whole history. The federal government is spending a greater proportion of our GDP (nearly a quarter) than at any previous time, with the exception of World War II. Combine that with state and local government, and

our public sector is now nearly large enough (40 percent—plus) to qualify the U.S. as a socialist country. The highest corporate-tax burden in the developed world and a mind-boggling array of pointlessly expensive regulations are driving U.S. companies offshore to the comparative freedom of socialist economies elsewhere.

It bears recalling how we got here. The Reagan Revolution coincided with a widespread consensus — in both the developed world and among east-Asian countries — that limited government, low taxes, and low regulations were necessary to unleash the economic potential of our societies. These principles were captured in the G-7's Bonn Declaration of 1985.

In the 1990s, with the welfare state largely discredited, the New Left of Tony Blair and Bill Clinton pursued a kind a triangulation, by seeking liberal goals through conservative means. The '80s and '90s were a period of unprecedented sustained economic growth in the West, among the Asian Tigers, and in China, precisely because our societies took the road of free-market capitalism.

In the first decade of the 21st century, the Bush administration often defaulted to seeking conservative goals through liberal methods. Witness its big federal programs in health care, education, and the environment. This pattern was also generally followed in Europe. And now, in the Obama administration, we see an unabashed return to SEE CHINA, PAGE 4A

Join work on College Hill

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Thank you to all citizens of Salado and surrounding area for your interest in a community public park to be developed in the 8 acre site around the ruins of old Salado College.

I invite everyone to attend the next meeting of Salado College Foundation advisors and trustees at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center.

To prepare for the meeting, I suggest a drive or walk beginning at the northwest corner of College Hill, going east, turn-

ing south, circling back west and then north to Foundation Headquarters - Wells Gallery.

Most helpful would be a walk - through the acreage. Enter at the northwest gate. Exit east side or return to the gate.

Everyone is welcome, 5:30 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 12, Church of Christ Activity Center.

Doris Kemp, President Robertson Colony Salado College Foundation

Note: College Hill is located at the corner of South Main and College Hill Drive.

Letters to the Editor

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Fumbling Foreign Policy

By Peter Certo

From Mitt Romney's juvenile \$10,000 bet with Rick Perry to Ron Paul's declaration that death by untreated illnesses is "what freedom is all about," the Republican presidential candidates haven't missed an opportunity to sound off-base and out-of-touch with ordinary Americans.

But during a December debate in Des Moines, an exchange between Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich brought the campaign to an entirely more surreal level. When Romney criticized Gingrich for his intemperate characterization of Palestinians as an "invented people," the two men didn't bother to debate the remark's substance. Instead, they argued over which of them was better friends with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Then, they debated which of them would be of more use to their buddy "Bibi."

Gingrich's remark was ludicrous. Palestinians are no more or less invented than Israelis — or, for that matter, Americans. But Romney didn't say that. He only objected to Gingrich's willingness to hurl a foreign-policy firebomb consultwithout first ing Netanyahu. "Before I made a statement of that nature," Romney said, "I'd get on the phone to my friend Bibi Netanyahu and say, 'Would it help if I say this? What would you like me to do?""

Tactfulness and consultation are, of course, admirable habits. But it's

bizarre that Romney, an unabashed "American exceptionalist," would plan on letting a foreign official put words in his mouth about such a crucial part of the world. Romney — who has so often accused President Obama of "apologizing" for America — has also scolded President Barack Obama for "chastening" Israel, promising to visit the country before any other should he be elected. Don't call it apologizing, though.

Sure, Israel is a U.S. ally. But what if Obama called another ally — say, French President Nicolas Sarkozy or King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia — and asked, "What would you like me to do?" You can be sure Romney would treat that like treason.

Gingrich comes off equally obsequious and un-presidential. In addition to his incendiary comments about Palestinians, he has strongly suggested that he would support an Israeli request for a U.S. invasion of Iran, evoking in the process the questionable claim that Iran intends to attack Israel with a nuclear weapon (which it still does not possess). However one feels about Iran, Gingrich's willingness to outsource U.S. military policy to Tel Aviv is even more mindboggling than Romney's deference on diplomacy. The underlying GOP

argument, tailored to the whims of right-wing evangelical voters, is that Obama has been insufficiently supportive of Israel. But this is absurd. Not only has his administration maintained U.S. military aid to Israel to the tune of \$3 billion per year, it has also spent considerable diplomatic capital to quash popular UN resolutions recognizing a Palestinian state and condemning Israel's illegal settlement policy in the West Bank — favors to Israel that fly in the face of longstanding U.S. policy.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak has even said that he "can hardly remember a better period" of U.S. support for Israel.

The GOP's criticisms are mistaken at best. At worst they send a coded message to certain voters that Obama — whether because of his race, his name, or his father's religion — is somehow incapable of supporting Israel.

A better critique of Obama's Israel policy is that it has enabled Israel's right-wing government to prolong the statelessness of Palestinians at the expense not only of international law, but perhaps even of Israel's democracy. It bolsters the view that the United States cares little for Arab or Muslim lives, and it furthers the spread of anti-Semitism. No true friend of either Israel or Palestine should support it.

But maybe Gingrich and Romney are only interested in being friends with Bibi.

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Shoveling America's wealth to the top



Jim Hightower

As an old country saying puts it, "Money is like manure — it does no good unless you spread it around."

Yet America's corporate and political leaders have intentionally been shoveling wealth into an everbigger pile for those at the top. They've gotten away with this by lying to the great majority, which has seen its share of America's prosperity steadily disappear. Yes, they've told us, the rich are getting richer, but that's just the natural workings of the new global economy, in which financial elites are rewarded for their exceptional talents, innovation, and bold risktaking.

Horse dooties. The massive redistribution of America's wealth from the many to the few is happening because the rich and their political puppets have rigged the system. Years of subsidized offshoring and downsizing, gutting labor rights, monkeywrenching the tax code, legalizing financial finagling, dismantling social programs, increasing the political dominance of corporate cash — these and other self-serving acts of the moneyed powers have created the conveyor belt that's moving our wealth from the grassroots to the penthouses.

Not since the Gilded Age, which preceded and precipitated the Great Depression, have so few amassed so much of our nation's riches. Having learned nothing from 1929's devastating crash, nor from their own bank failures in 2008 that crushed our economy, the wealthiest of the wealthy fully intend to keep taking more for themselves at our expense.

Now, however, the people are onto their lies. In an October poll, two-thirds of Americans expressed support for increased taxes on millionaires, an end to corporate tax subsidies, and policies to more evenly distribute the wealth we all help create. This rising egalitarianism shows the true American character, and it's changing our politics — for the better.

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the Old Left philosophy of labor-union militancy, high taxes, high spending, and crushing regulation. That — not "free-market extremism" — is the model we have in the West today. That is the model that is failing us, and that is the model the Obama administration is asking us to double down on.

If we were to study the ingredients to China's success, what would we discover? That Marxist-Leninism and Mao Zedong Thought were right after all? That the "capitalist road" should be vilified? That we should reprise the Great Leap Forward? (Hint: Between 20 and 40 million Chinese starved to death during that "government-led reform.")

Of course not. Deng Xiaoping's reforms have been successful only because he allowed the free market back into the Chinese economy — as he himself would be the first to explain. Deng's "socialism with Chinese characteristics" set the goal of creating a society that was half free-market and half government-controlled — and guess which half has produced China's success.

Recall, too, that the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre occurred after ten years of spectacular economic growth in China. The tension between the Communist party's political monopoly and its freemarket reforms could not be controlled except through repression. That tension still exists today - along with problems of corruption, ineffective rule of law, waste, pollution, and profound market distortions. Don't be fooled: China faces major problems on its path to the future, problems nobody in the West would want to be facing. China's future is likely to play out the way its past has played out: When it chooses the path of big government, it fails; when it chooses the path of economic freedom, it succeeds.

The same will be true for us — as it has ever been. The tension between the collectivist impulse and the yearning for individual liberty has been at the heart of the West's political economy since the beginnings of the Industrial Revolution. Which model benefits society more may be gleaned from studying the successes — and failures — of our competitors and, more important, of America itself. In this debate there is nothing new under the sun.

Collectivist programs that were meant to achieve social justice, or anything else, by transferring wealth away from the productive parts of the economy have usually failed - more often than not with frightening unintended consequences. In the decade after China's Great Leap Forward, Lyndon Johnson created the Great Society's "War on Poverty." Needless to say, the effort didn't eliminate poverty. Instead, it created a permanent underclass of families caught in a cycle of listless dependency on government. Today tens of millions of Americans live in households where no adult has a full-time job, households where the family unit has degenerated into little more than an assembly line for vagrants and criminals. That demographic didn't even exist in 1960. Our own government created it. So much for "governmentled reform."

Millions of Americans have benefited from federal entitlement programs. Those programs also helped to create a society that consumes more than it produces, which

led directly to the overleveraging of the American household, and to the mortgage crisis. And by the way, though the current administration seems blissfully unaware of the fact, those entitlement programs are unsustainable and are bankrupting our country.

Europe faces similar challenges. Hence the protests in Greece: People like free stuff, and many people now feel entitled to it. The Greeks' insistence on consuming far more than they produce - as if that were some sort of human right is pushing the Eurozone to the brink of a catastrophic breakup. Notice that in all of this, very little of Greece's bloated public sector has been laid off. "Free-market extremism"? You decide.

The West faces a fork in the road, true enough. But we've been here before. And though we sometimes seem to forget it, we Americans already know what the Chinese are only now learning: that the promise of the future lies in the creative ingenuity, hard work, and self-reliance of a free society.

So don't go looking to China for a "superior economic model." That model is right here at home, waiting to be unleashed.

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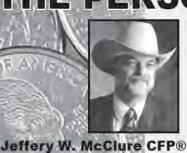
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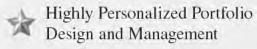
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1:15-1:30 p.m., 200 Block N. Main - Jewelry Salado. Unlocked Door, business closed, front door unlocked, secured, contact owner.

7:10-7:20 p.m., 1000 Block Southridge. Residential Alarm, dispatched at kitchen/living room/ office alarm with an entry/exit showing as well. Met keyholder on scene. All doors and windows secure. Walked through residence and nothing appeared disturbed. Advised keyholder to contact P.D. if anything found missing. Clear.

8:20-8:30 p.m., 800 Block N. Main. Found Animal, dog found near Salado Fitness. Was taken home by reporting party for the night. Contact information was obtained for R.P. Owner of dog called later to report him missing and was put in touch with original R.P. Clear.

9:15-9:30 p.m., Pace Park. Suspicious Vehicle/ Parking Violation, vehicle found on east side of park, parked in lane of traffic on Pace Park Rd. Vehicle was unoccupied. Occupants found walking back to vehicle from playground area and were identified. Subjects moved vehicle on request. TXLP and TXDL's in call if needed. Clear.

Dec. 27

12:15-12:40 p.m., 800 Block Center Circle. Someone threw eggs on his vehicle.

3:11-3:30 p.m., 1300 Block Robertson. Found Property, person placed a computer in a box next to dumpster.

Dec. 28

12:20-12:25 a.m., 215 Mill Creek. (Brookshire Bros.) Suspicious Vehicle, observed vehicle occupied by one in parking lot with lights on after business was closed. Occupant is local resident waiting on company to lead them to residence, Code-4, Clear.

8:10-8:40 p.m., 2650 FM 2268. Medical, 59 year old white male possible stroke. Assisted SVFD and Scott & White Ambulance Services. One transported to Scott & White.

Dec. 30

3:40-3:55 p.m., 15 S. Stagecoach Rd. Medical, 10 year old Hispanic male with seizures. Assisted SVFD and Scott & White Ambulance Services.

8:00-8:30 p.m., 380 S. Main (Brooke's). Suspicious Circumstance, mer-

chant left several items of clothing outside. No contact information. Transported all items back to the station for safe keeping.

Dec. 31

7:55-8:05 p.m., 1400 Block Stagecoach Cr. V.C.O.- Fireworks, complainant states fireworks going off in Mill Creek. Area checked and a second complainant spoken to on Chisholm Trail. Fireworks being set off at Salado Fields by Holiday Inn, outside of city limits. No complainant contact per dispatch. Clear.

9:00-9:15 p.m., 1000 Block Old Mill. Suspicious Person, complainant states unknown sub-

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her neighbor's door. At two units. Neither resident saw anyone or had a description, both state they heard someone outside. Checked area on foot. Unable to Locate. Area close patrolled for rest of shift. Clear.

9:05-9:20 p.m., Indian Trail at Hillcrest. V.C.O .-Fireworks, complainant states fireworks heard in this area. Located at 1300 Block Indian Trail. Spoke to resident and advised him of City Ordinance. Resident the fireworks away. No complainant contact per dispatch. Clear with voluntary compliance.

9:45-9:55 p.m., Am-

Fireworks, complainant states fireworks heard in area. Patrolled area and U.T.L. any fireworks withing city limits. No complainant contact per dispatch. Did observe fireworks being set off north of Mackie near Stinnett Mill. Clear.

Jan. 1 6:40-6:45 p.m., 1112 N. Stagecoach (Sonic). Civil Matter, resident of Killeen uses Sonic to meet half way with ex-wife for child custody exchange. Stated ex-wife has not arrived and he has no means to contact her, stated exwife is supposed to meet at 1800 hrs. Stated he was concerned about being in trouble if he took his son back home to Killeen. While obtaining information for call sheet, ex-wife arrived and took custody of her son per their Order of Possession. Matter

ject was at her door and brose at Mackie. V.C.O .-







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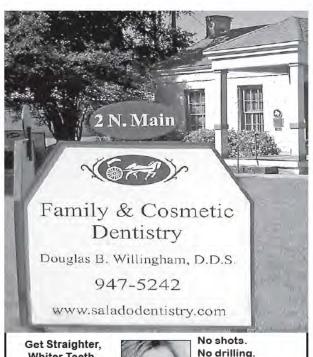






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Mission Defenders are Champions for the second tournament in a row. The Mission Defenders are an 11U SuperSeries Baseball team based at Mission Field in Salado. The team is made up of players from Rosebud, Temple, Belton, Florence and Jarrell. The boys competed in the Super Series Taylor Gobbler Tournament and won the Championship game. Then took the Championship once again at the GYBA Blue Santa 12U National League Tournament in Georgetown. Two of the players also competed with a second team, the Harker Heights Royals and won the championship game in the Harker Heights Fall League Tournament. Pictured here are (front row, from left) Hayden Dozier, TJ Gift, Brandon Goynes, Corey Goynes; (middle row, from left) Garrett Knight, Reese Sims, Alex Klepac, Colin McAfee, Jonathan Montgomery, Jorge Enciso; (back row, from left) Coaches Morris Goynes, Robbie Sims, Daniel Klepac and Head Coach Kevin Knight.

Eagles cent competition.

tip 3-of-5 in recent games Salado Eagles won three of five games in re-

Varsity Boys Robinson

Salado Varsity Eagles Basketball team defeated Robinson Dec. 20. Salado trailed by one point 9-10 in the first quarter and would enter the half trailing by a point 18-19. Salado scored 19 points in the third quarter to take the lead 37-33. The Salado Eagles scored 10 points in the fourth to win 47-46.

Koby Spears led the Eagles offense with 15 points. Followed by Jada Kornegay, 12 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Kase Spears, 10 points; Andrew Warren, 4 points; Brandon Womac, 3 points; Austin Adams, 3 points

Prosper Tournament

Salado Varsity Boys Basketball team competed in the Prosper Tournament Dec. 27 and 29.

Varsity Boys 52 Bonham 49

Salado Eagles won their first game of the Prosper Tournament Dec.

Salado trailed 9-16 in the first quarter of the game and would take the lead in the second quarter to enter the half up 25-21. The Eagles scored 11 points in the third to make the score 36-26. Salado scored 16 points in the fourth quarter to win 52-

Jada Kornegay led Salado on offense scoring 14 points. Followed by Koby Spears, 13 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Austin Adams, 12 points; Kase Spears, 5 points; Dane Hankamer, 3 points; Sam Barrett, 3 points; Andrew Warren, 2 points.

Varsity Boys 46 Pilot Point 27

Salado Varsity Boys beat Pilot Point in the second game of the Prosper Tournament Dec. 27.

The Eagles led 9-8 in the first quarter and would enter the half leading 22-13. Salado scored 9 points in the third to make the lead 31-17. The Eagles scored 15 points in the fourth to win the game 46-

Koby Spears led Salado on offense scoring 15 points. Followed by Jada Kornegay, 11 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Dane Hankamer, 7 points; Austin Adams, 7 points; Ty Roemer, 2 points; Andrew Warren, 2 points; Cameron Smith, 2 points.

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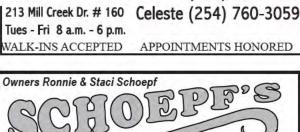
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Royce Wiggin

Royce Wiggin is one of those rare species: a native of Salado, born here in 1989.

He has attended school in Salado since second grade graduating in 2007. While in high school, he was a trumpet player in the Salado Eagle Marching Band and a tennis player.

He began work at the newspaper over the summer of his junior year in high school. His responsibilities include placing and rotating ads on pages, directing phone calls in the office, proof reading, typesetting and a myriad of other duties.

He is the son of Tim and Marilyn Fleischer, owners of the newspaper, and is glad to finally get paid for all the hours he spends at the newspaper office.

Stephanie Hood

Another native of Salado is Stephanie Hood, a 1987 graduate of Salado High School, Stephanie is a hometown girl at heart and the third generation of her family to have graduated from Salado High School,

"I grew up here, Salado is more to me than just a tourist destination. Salado is its history and its people. I grew up swimming in Salado creek. I remember when people lived in the houses on Main Street. I really enjoy working in my hometown where the news is about the people who I know and love."

Stephanie joined the newspaper in 2006 as the composition person. She has spent her career creating images that express ideas. "My background is in Broadcasting, taking a complex idea and fine tuning it into a few simple images and words that make sense to everyone." Stephanie finds using those skills to help out in her community to be the most rewarding.

For 15 years she worked with Children's Miracle Network, creating 'Miracle Stories' about pediatric patients at Scott & White. CMN is not the only place She has served her community.

She has been active in community theater, serving on the Tablerock Board of Directors for several years. She has served as a 4-H leader and Girl Scout leader.

A long time interest in pottery led Stephanie to the study of minerals used to formulate glazes. She is a past president of the Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society.

Currently she volunteers with Boy



Royce Wiggin



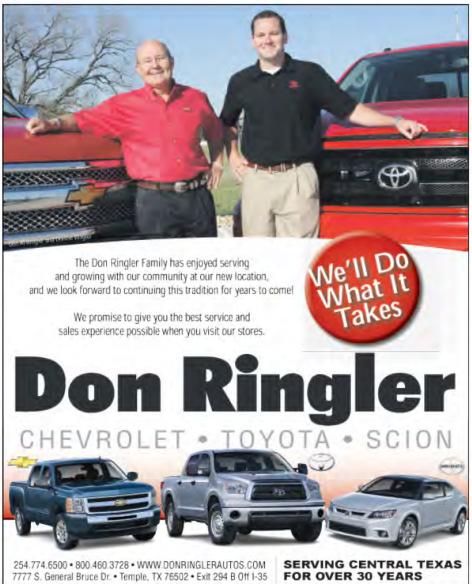
Stephanie Hood

Scout units across Central Texas; a Troop, two Venturing Crews and two Sea Scout Units count her as an advisor. She has directed regional camps for BSA and has been named a Scout Leader of the year by Longhorn Council, Chisholm Trail District.

Stephanie is a member of the Salado Chapter of Daughters of the Republic of Texas and a founding member of the Salado School's Alumni Association. She is currently working on a book of photos, stories and recipes from Salado alumni as a fundraiser for the association.

As a 10 year state level volunteer for Keep Texas Beautiful she serves as a judge for the organizations annual awards program.







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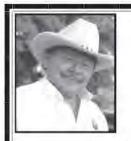


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SPC. MICHAEL HENRY BAILEY II

Fort Hood officials have -- The Department of released the name of a Defense announced the Soldier who died Dec. 29 in Temple, Texas, from injuries suffered from a gunshot wound Dec. 23 in Killeen, Texas.

Spc. Michael Henry Bailey II, 26, whose home of record is listed as Flint, Mich., joined the military in August 2008 as an air traffic control equipment repairer. He was assigned to 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood since June 2010.

Bailey deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from May 2011 to November 2011.

Bailey's awards and rations include deco the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with campaign star and Army Service Ribbon.

Circumstances rounding this incident are currently under investigation.

SPC. KURT W. KERN

FORT HOOD, Texas - FORT HOOD, Texas death of a Soldier who was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

> Spc. Kurt W. Kern, 24, whose home of record is listed as McAllen, Texas, died Dec. 27 in Paktia, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered from the detonation of an improvised explosive device.

Kern joined the military in September 2009 as military police and was assigned to the 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, since September 2011.

Kern deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in December 2011.

Kern's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Service Ribbon.

Sgt. NOAH M. KORTE

FORT HOOD, Texas -- The Department of Defense announced the death of a Soldier who was supporting Opera-

tion Enduring Freedom. Sgt. Noah M. Korte, 29, whose home of record is listed as Lake Elsinore, Calif., died Dec. 27 in Paktia, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered from the detonation of an improvised explosive device.

Korte joined the military in May 2003 as military police and was assigned to the 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, since September 2011.

Korte deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in December 2011. He also deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from September 2007 to December 2008, from March 2005 to February 2006 and from January 2004 to April 2004.

Korte's awards and decorations include four Army Commendation Medals, two Good Conduct Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medals with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral two, Army Service Ribbon, three Over-

seas Service Ribbons, Driver and Mechanic Badge with operator and Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-Wheeled Vehicles.

PFC. KENNETH McDANIEL

FORT HOOD, Texas -Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died Jan. 1 in Tomball, Texas.

Pfc. Kenneth McDaniel, 23, whose home of record is listed as Tomball, Texas, joined the military in May 2010 as an Infantryman. He was assigned to 3rd Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood since September 2010.

McDaniel deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from February 2011 to November 2011.

McDaniel's awards and decorations include the Commendation Army Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with campaign star and Army Service Ribbon.

Circumstances rounding this incident are under investigation.

PFC. JUSTIN M. WHITMIRE

FORT HOOD, Texas -- The Department of Defense announced the death of a Soldier who was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Pfc. Justin M. Whitmire, 20, whose home of record is listed as Easley, S.C., died Dec. 27 in Paktia, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered from the detonation of an improvised explosive device.

Whitmire joined the military in September 2010 as a health care specialist and was assigned to the 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, since September 2011.

Whitmire deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in July 2011.

Whitmire's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal and Army Service Ribbon.

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Sweet Adelines are shown above performing a Christmas concert. The group will hold open houses throughout January for interested singers.

Sweet Adelines set January Open Houses

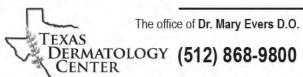
All over the globe, Sweet Adelines International choruses are joining together to teach the world to sing, including right here in Central Texas. Women of all ages who would like to learn about four-part, a cappella music are invited to join Chisholm Trail Chorus every Thursday night in January at 6:45 p.m. at the Cultural Activities Center, 3011 North 3rd St. in Temple, during a Global Open House. Admission is free.

Each week the group will introduce something new about the barbershop music craft. On Jan. 5, participants will see how barbershop has hit television by watching DVD performances of quartets and choruses that have performed on network shows such as The Sing Off.

On Jan. 12, visitors will watch past performances of Chisholm Trail Chorus at annual shows, as well as contest DVDs. The Jan. 19 rehearsal will put the spotlight on music education with a coaching session by barbershop superstar Dale Syverson, director of international gold medal Rich-Tone Chorus of Richardson, TX. The open house continues Jan. 26.

Directed by Carol Scherer, the chorus has shared its talents at the Bloomin' Temple Festival, the HEB Feast of Sharing, the Belton Senior Center and the Salado Stroll, among other community events. Members of the group also performed at New York's Carnegie Hall last May.

For more information, email: chisholmtrailers@ aol.com or visit online at: www.chisholmtrailchorus.org or look for the group on Facebook.



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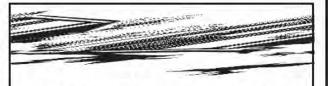
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Sharum graduated from Angelo State University on Dec. 10, 2011. He was enrolled in the University's Honors program and U.S. Air Force ROTC. Clayton earned Cum Laude and was one of only five candidates who earned High University Honors at the graduation ceremony. Clayton is a 2007 Salado High School graduate. He is shown with his parents Curtis and Christy Sharum.

Second Lt. Clayton

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Humble people are more likely

likely to offer time to some- is agreeableness, but we one in need than arrogant found that humility prepeople are, according to findings by Baylor University researchers published online in The Journal of decision to help some-Positive Psychology.

"The findings are surprising because in nearly helping behavior, very few studies have shown any effect of personality variables on helping," said lead author Jordan LaBouff, Ph.D., a lecturer in psychology at the University of Maine, who collaborated on the research while a doctoral candidate at Baylor. "The only other personality trait

Humble people are more that has shown any effect dicted helping over and above that.'

In most cases, a person's one in need is influenced by temporary personal or situational factors such as 30 years of research on time pressure, number of bystanders, momentary feelings of empathy or a person's own distress, said Wade C. Rowatt, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology and neuroscience in Baylor's College of Arts & Sciences, who led the study and co-authored the article.

"The research indicates that humility is a positive quality with potential benefits," Rowatt said. "While several factors influence whether people will volunteer to help a fellow human in need, it appears that humble people, on average, are more helpful than individuals who are egotistical or conceited."

The research involved three studies of college students:

In Study 1, participants who reported themselves as humble also generally reported that they were helpful, even when other important personality factors, such as agreeableness, were statistically controlled. Because people

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Humble People ——

can easily under-report or exaggerate their humility to create a desired impression, the subsequent studies used an implicit measure of humility.

In Study 2, students evaluated a recording they were told might be broadcast later on the campus radio station. The recording described a fellow student who had injured a leg and could not attend class

regularly. Each participant was asked how many hours over the next three weeks they would be willing to meet with the injured student to provide aid. Humble persons offered more time to help than less humble ones.

In Study 3, both implicit and self-report measures of humility were used. Students were asked to associate as quickly as

Obituaries

KEVIN F. MANCHESTER

Graveside services for Kevin F. Manchester, 58 of San Diego, California, were held Jan, 4 at the Salado Cemetery with Rev. Andy Davis officiating.

Manchester died December 25, 2011 in a San Diego hospital.

Kevin was born November 16, 1953 in San Diego the son of Robert and Helen Manchester. He served in the United States Marine Corps 1971 to 1973. While in the Marine Corps he became an expert Marksman and Sharp Shooter. For 25 years he has been a service advi-

sor with Mercedes Benz. Kevin was an avid reader as well as studying and playing guitar.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Manchester.

Survivors include his mother Helen Manchester Wolfe of Belton and two brothers Jack Manchester and Steven Manchester both of San Diego.

Memorials may be made to the San Diego area Salvation Army or First Baptist Church of Belton.

Friends may sign the online guest book at www. dossmanfh.com

Dossman Funeral Home of Belton is in charge of arrangements.

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Varsity Boys 44 Princeton 62

Salado Eagles lost the third game of the Prosper Tournament Dec. 27.

Salado Eagles led 13-11 in the first quarter of the game and would enter the half trailing 21-27. Salado scored 16 points in the third quarter to tie the game 37-37 going into the fourth quarter. The Eagles were outscored 7-25 in the fourth quarter to lose 44-62.

Koby Spears led Salado on offense scoring 16 points. Followed by Austin Adams, 12 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Dane Hankamer, 6 points; Jada Kornegay, 4 points; Cameron Smith, 2 points; Sam Barrett, 2 points. Varsity Boys 49 Prosper 75

Salado Varsity Eagles were beaten by Prosper in their final game of the Prosper Tournament Dec.

Salado trailed 10-17 in the first quarter of the game and would enter the half down 17-35. The Eagles scored 19 points in the third to make the score 36-58. Salado was unable to catch up in the fourth to lose 49-75.

Jada Kornegay led Salado on offense scoring 17 points. Followed by Koby Spears, 13 points. Also scoring were: Dane Hankamer, 5 points; Austin Adams, 5 points; Andrew Warren, 4 points; Cameron Smith, 3 points; Sam Barrett, 2 points.

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possible traits that applied to themselves. Among stimulus words in the humility association test were humble, modest, tolerant, down to earth, respectful and open-minded. Stimulus words in the arrogance portion included arrogant, immodest, egotistical and conceited. Again, humility was associated with amount of time offered to help a student in need, especially when pressure to help was low.

"Our discovery here is that the understudied trait of humility predicts helpfulness," Rowatt said. "Important next steps will be to figure out whether humility can be cultivated and if humility is beneficial in other contexts, such as scientific and medical advancements or leadership development."

Other research collaborators are Baylor doctoral candidate Megan K. Johnson and Jo-Ann Tsang, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology and neuroscience at Baylor.

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Sunday Morning (January 8)

8:30 am Worship (Main Sanctuary)
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship (Main Sanctuary)
11:00 am Glory Service (YAC)

Wednesday Night (January 11)

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Sunday

Wednesday

9:45 a.m. Bible classes for children, youth, and adults

11:00 a.m. Worship service

6:00 p.m. Evening activities

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study and prayer RAs and GAs, Mission Friends, Upstairs youth ministry The Living Room Theatre of Salado

CenTex Master Naturalists to offer 2012 class

The Central Texas Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists is currently taking applications for its 2012 class.

Registration fee is \$150 which includes all training materials and annual chapter dues.

Deadline for registration is March 9. Orientation will be March 20 classes beginning March 27. A full day of class will be held every Tuesday for seven weeks.

For more information on the Central Texas Master Naturalist Chapter, please visit the website at txmn.org/centraltexas or email ctmn.bell@gmail. com or call the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 254-933-5305 or Zoe Rascoe at 254-913-1013.

The Central Texas

Chapter was founded in 2010 and includes volunteers from Bell County.

Land management and stewardship of natural resources are the main messages of the group.

Some of the projects in which Central Texas Master Naturalists have participated are varied and include cleanup and trail building at Mother Neff State Park, planting over 1,000 plants at Stillhouse Hollow Wetlands, working with middle and high school youth at Lake Waco Wetlands, butterfly count during the summer, Angler Education, tree evaluation, bed maintenance, and plantings at Temple College, Turtle Fest, Family Fun Festival, and invasive plants reporting. Some advanced training has included invasive training, box turtle watch, Texas Bluebird Symposium, and the geology of Miller Springs.

Locally, Central Texas Master Naturalists have been involved in Nature series with local speakers and book reviews at the Salado Library, developing natural gardens at the Green Bridge, the Sculpture Garden and on College Hill. The newest Salado beautification venture, pocket gardens, will begin in 2012.

Some of the partnerships include Corps of Engineers, Keep Temple Beautiful, Keep Temple Beautiful, Blackland Research Center, and Temple College.

An individual becomes a certified Texas Master Naturalist after participating in a local chapter training course with 40 hours of field and classroom instruction, obtaining 8 hours of advanced training and completing 40 hours of volunteer service. To remain certified, advanced training and volunteer service hour requirements must be met annually.

The Texas Master Naturalist organization is a state-wide program de-

signed to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers who provide education, outreach and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the state of Texas. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and AgriLife Extension serve as sponsors for the program.

Since its creation in 1998, Texas Master Naturalist volunteer efforts have provided more than 1,003,409 hours of service valued at more than \$20 million. The service has resulted in enhancing 90,000 acres of wildlife and native plant habitats, reaching more than 1.2 million youth, adults and private landowners. One member even discovered a new plant species.

Currently, many great projects are happening because of the work of Texas Master Naturalist chapters, such as helping renovate and restore parks, waterways, rivers, streams, and wildlife habitats. Many chapters host educational events for adults and children on topics like the use of native plants, wildlife management and wetlands and stream restoration.

BRC offer Launching **Entrepreneurial Future** training programs

The Central Business Resource Center (the BRC) is conducting an economic revitalization program to introduce entrepreneurship under current economic conditions. Launching Your Entrepreneurial Future is a halfday long training program being offered in response to the many workers who have lost their jobs, and the entrepreneurs leading existing businesses that are struggling due to the current economic environment.

The Launching program is part of the Fast-Trac business training programs being offered by the BRC, which is certified by the Kauffman Foundation based out of Kansas City, Missouri. The Foundation programs are devoted to advancing entrepreneurship as one of the fundamental aspects

In this three hour workshop, participants will address business startup concerns and fears and learn to move forward with a mind set conducive to seizing the opportunity to create a new future as an entrepreneur. Participants will be introduced to entrepreneurship under current economic conditions and begin the entrepreneurial planning process by identifying potential business ideas and determine the research needed for business viability.

The workshop will be 9 a.m.noon Jan. 12 at the Killeen Workforce Center, 300 Cheyenne, Killeen TX 76542.

There is no cost to attend, but seating is limited. Pre-egistration is required. Call (254) 200-2001 or e-mail dianed@

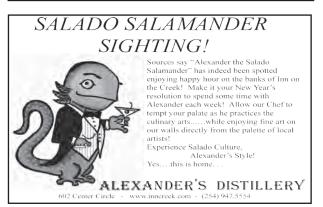




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Fine Dining this Weekend

Appetizer Course Warm Creamy Artichoke and Black Peppercorn Bacon **Spread with Golden Crostinis**

> **Soup Course** Winter Parsnip Bisque finished with Fresh Herb Oil Drizzle

Entrée Course Roasted Cornish Game Hen over Ciabatta and Pancetta Dressing with Haricot Vert Almandine and Finished in a Natural Jus

Black Angus Roasted Prime Rib of Beef with Ciabatta and Pancetta Dressing and Haricot Vert Almandine Finished with Horseradish C and Natural Au Jus

Housemade Winter Vegetable Lasagna with Basil Marinara Sauce and Topped with Buffalo Mozzarella

Dessert Course Warm Cranberry-Peach Crisp served with Housemade Brandy Ice Cream

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The Village

Living Room Theatre presentation will be Dr. Carver's swan song

Performances of The Village at the Salado's Silver Spur Theatre are Feb. 3-4 at 7 p.m. with a matinee on Feb. 4 at 2 p.m.

There is also a Gala Retrospective Performance (limited to 150 persons) at the Silver Spur on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m., featuring scenes from past productions of the Living Room

Advanced Tickets Sales are now available for both presentations (The Village and A Gala Retrospective) of this final season.

To reserve admission, send a check in the amount of \$25 per person to LRTS, P. O. Box 1023.

Tickets are also available at the door for The Village; however, admission to the Gala Retrospective is available during advance sales only. For further information, call 254-947-3104.

The action of the play, a comedy-drama, is about Ghosts who haunt a small Texas village coffee shop where they observe live persons witnessing an accidental murder ("Real murders and accidental murders are pretty much the same thing.")

Setting is designed by John Davis, lights and sound by Tony Black-

The Board of Produc-

ers of LRTS will serve as the production staff for the show: Current President Jeanie Lively, Vice President-for-life Jane Wilmer, Secretary Anna Lou Raney, and Past Presidents Carolyn Britt, Vic Means, Shirley Pinkston, Merle Stalcup, Patsy Tynes, Betsy Tyson, and Margaret Williamson. Assisting will be Former Presidents not noted above and Board Members like Hulda Horton, Gwen Morrison and spouses.

This final season will be Dr. Ramon Carver's swan song to Salado after having staged over 75 shows in over 100 homes featuring over 150 local performers during the last 15 seasons and summer seasons, touring Texas, primarily serving Salado, Belton, and Temple.

Dr. Carver is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama, and served his longest professorial tenure as Angelo State University's Theatre Director and Fine Arts Department Head. He designed two distinctive theatres at ASU and produced over 150 full-length shows during his career. Several of his original full-length shows were produced off-Broadway at the Samuel Beckett Theatre, in Hollywood at the CAST The-



The Feb. 3-4 performances of The Village and the Feb. 5 Gala Retrospective will be the finale for Dr. Ramon Carver.

atre, in San Francisco at the American Conservatory Theatre, in New Haven at the Yale Drama School Theatre, and in Washington, D. C. at the Kennedy Center Theatre.

He and his wife, Barbara, have lived in Salado for the past 15 years where he served as a Village Alderman, and as a member of the Central Texas Orchestral Society, The Bell County Museum, and the Public Arts League of Salado which he founded. In 2009 he was named by the Salado Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Citizen of the

At present, he lives in Austin where his daughter and her family have lived since 2000.

Poetry and prose readings at Tablerock

inside stage to read their works 7-9 p.m. Feb. 2.

An open microphone at 9 p.m. encourages new poets and writers to read two minutes of their works.

Guest Poet will be Thom Woodruff, originally from Australia and a hardy transplant to Austin. Thom Woodruff tours England and Australia Poetry Festivals when possible and in his adopted city of Austin he can be seen improvising with bands at open mics or hosting open mic venues in Austin and towns all over Central Texas. Tom, the tireless poet, is the co-founder of the Austin International Poetry Fes-

Invited Central Texas tival. His tour of Poetry poets and writers of prose Festivals all over the world will grace Tablerock's and writing poetry every day keeps him in tune with the times and in demand at lectures and gatherings.

> All participants in Central Texas Writers of Poetry and Prose must read from their original work or have a designated The writer's reader. works may be published or unpublished. A table will be provided for writers to display published works, sell books or tapes. Poets wishing to add their poem to the Tablerock Poets Annual Anthology, Cat Tales, may send one poem about animals to tablerock1@aol.com for consideration. There is no admission fee on Feb. Refreshments are available for purchase.



Thomas Woodruff (shown above, left) will return to Tablerock for the annual Poetrey and Prose readings on Feb. 2.

Tablerock Amphitheater is located in Salado, Texas on Royal Street. The indoor stage is located in the building behind the amphitheater stage. Call 947-9205 for more infor-

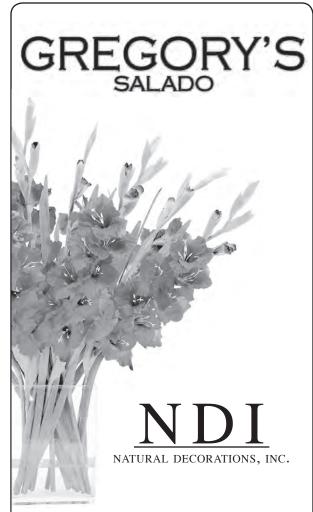
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Salado Calendar of Events

MONDAYS

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 practice, 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge 90 N. Church St., except on **Stated or Called Meeting** nights.

TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Salado Community Chorus practice, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center, unless otherwise noted.

TUESDAYS

Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 10 - Noon. saladoyarn@gmail.com

TUESDAYS

Weekly Yoga class 6:30 p.m. at Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main St., info tiffyoranch@gmail.com.

THURSDAYS

Ladies night for all the working girls at Gypsy's Closet. Gypsy's Closet will remain open until 6 p.m. on Thursday evenings, so come by and enjoy a glass of wine and after work shopping.

THURSDAYS

Ladies night at Salado Creek Winery, 227 N. Main St., 254-947-9000, www.saladoswirlandsip.com.

THURSDAYS

Singer and songwriter

circle at Kinky Friedman's Cigar Lounge, corner of Royal Street and Center Circle beginning at 6:30 p.m. Artists changes each week.

FIRST THURSDAY

Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. Join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 6 p.m. saladoyarn@ gmail.com

upstairs at The Range.

Last Friday

Charity Knitting 7-8:30 p.m. At The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. no cost, some yarn supplied. saladoyarn@ gmail.com.

SATURDAYS

Recycling program, 9 a.m.-noon on the grounds of the Salado Arts Workshop, 113 Salado Plaza Drive. NO **RECYCLING ON Dec.**

SATURDAYS

Yoga classes at the Old Salado Springs Celebration Center. Classes begin at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

SATURDAYS

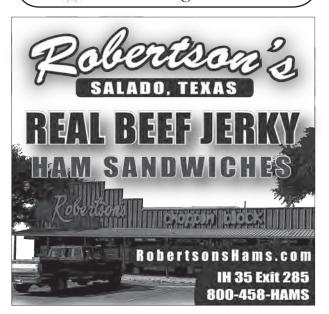
Live Music at Rising Star Vineyards. 7-9:30

January 4, 11 & 18

FRIDAYS Live music beginning at 6 p.m. at The Lounge,

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January 5 & 19

Village of Salado **Board of Aldermen** meeting, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 Stagecoach Rd.

January 5 & 12

Knitting Class: Fingerless Handwarmers using Magic Loop Method 10 a.m. The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. saladoyarn@gmail.

January 7

Evening of music and wine at Salado Wine **Seller,** 841 N. Main, 4-7 p.m. The Sons of Leisure will be playing. Please feel free to bring food (no outside alcohol).

January 9

Salado Masonic **Lodge #296 Stated** Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Masons Hall, 90 N. Church St.

January 10 & 17

Adult Learn To Knit class 12:30 p.m. The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. \$20 class fee + supplies. saladoyarn@gmail. com.

January 10

Community Emergency Response Team of Salado (CERTS) meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

January 11 & 18

Knitting Class: Fingerless Handwarmers using Magic Loop Method 6:30 p.m. The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. saladoyarn@gmail.

January 11 & 25 Salado Lions Club,

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

January 12

Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. Salado Civic Center "Scenes from Salado" play with Ramon Carver and cast.

January 12

Evening of Yoga and Wine at Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main, 6:30 p.m. After yoga, enjoy a terrific, refreshing glass of locally made Texas wine accompanied by a happy plate of cheese and fruit. Reservations are encouraged. Questions and so on, email tiffyoranch@ gmail.com.

JANUARY 12

Meeting of Salado College Foundation advisors and trustees 5:30 p.m. Salado Church of Christ Activity Center. Public encouraged to

January 14

Evening of music and wine at Salado Wine **Seller,** 841 N. Main, 4-7 p.m. Serenada Hill will be playing. Please feel free to bring food (no outside alcohol).

January 15

The Chapel at Caliber Oak concert featuring Frank Allbright on oboe, 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required for a donation of \$25 to the charity and can be made by contacting Denise Thomssen at deniset@ clearwire.net or calling 254-760-1590.

January 16

Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. Salado Civic Center, unless otherwise noted.

JANUARY 17

Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library. Speaker: Ramon Carver. The public is invited.

January 17

Salado Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet at Tenroc Ranch. Details to come.

JANUARY 20

Mermaid Art Opening Reception at Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main, 5-8 p.m.

January 21

KNCT Wine Classic with local wineries participating. For info, visit http://www.knct.org/ wineclassic/

January 26

Voter registration **drive** in the foyer of Salado High School, 8-11:30 a.m. For information, call Barclay McCort 254-947-3617.

January 26

Salado Area Republican Women Candidates Forum, 6 p.m., Tenroc **Ranch Event Center.** Call Sherril Gardipee 939-7085.

January 26,

FEB. 2, 9, & 16

Children Learn to Knit ages 7-14. 4-5 p.m. \$10 includes yarn, knitting bag and pattern. At The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. saladoyarn@ gmail.com.

January 27

Fourth Friday Gospel Singing at Cedar Valley Baptist Church, beginning at 7 p.m. 8 miles west of Salado on FM 2843. Potluck dinner served.

JANUARY 27

Knit or crochet a square for "Warm Up America" at The Salado

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Yarn Co., 7-8:30 p.m. Pattern & some yarn provided. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. saladoyarn@gmail.com.

Calendar

January 28

Central Texas Area Museum will hold Burns Night in the Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach **Inn, 7-10 p.m.** The program includes the "Piping in of the Haggis" and the poem "To A Haggis." Cost of the event is \$50 per person. For information call the Museum at (254)947-5232. email office@ctam-salado.org. What to wear to a Burns Night? Top Table speakers, dignitaries traditionally wear formal evening and Highland attire. Other guests dress informally, are urged to partake of the pageantry by wearing something tartan, Highland attire or formal evening dress.

FEBRUARY 1, 8 & 15

Pocket slippers Knitting Class 10:30 a.m. The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. saladoyarn@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 2

Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings. Guest MC: Thom the World Poet. Call 1-254-947-9205 or email Tablerock1@aol.com

FEBRUARY 3-4

Living Room Theatre of Salado production of The Village, a full-length comedy-drama by retiring LRTS director, Ramon Carver. Evening performances at 7 p.m., matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Sat. at the Silver Spur Theater. Advanced sales of tickets begin Oct. 2, \$25 per person.

February 4

Evening of music and wine at Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main, 4-7 p.m. The Sons of Leisure will be playing. Please feel free to bring food (no outside alcohol).

FEBRUARY 5

Living Room Theatre Retrospective and Gala, 7 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur. Dr. Ramon Carver will retire as director of Salado's Living Room Theatre, following the Retrospective and Gala performance featuring scenes from past shows. Call Hulda Horton at 947-5722. Tickets are \$25 per person.

FEBURARY 7-MARCH 27
Teen Knitting
Tuesdays 3-4 p.m. \$5
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FEBRUARY 7 & 14
Adult Learn To Knit

class 12:30 p.m. The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. \$20 class fee + supplies. saladoyarn@gmail. com.

FEBRUARY 9

Evening of Yoga and Wine at Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main, 6:30 p.m. After yoga, enjoy a terrific, refreshing glass of locally made Texas wine accompanied by a happy plate of cheese and fruit. Reservations are encouraged. Questions and so on, email tiffyoranch@gmail.com.

February 11

Dads & Daughters'
Dance for TAE and
SIS students. 6 - 9 p.m.
Blue Heron Ballroom at
Tenroc Ranch. RSVP by
Feb. 4 (254) 541-1065.

FEBRUARY 11

Evening of music and wine at Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main, 4-7 p.m. Serenada Hill will be playing. Please feel free to bring food (no outside alcohol).

FEBRUARY 11

Evening for Wine Lovers at Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main, 7-10 p.m. Music, Wine, and Candle Light! Come anytime 7-10 p.m. for some goodies and a bottle of wine for \$40/couple. For tickets contact the shop, stop by, or purchase them at www.saladowinery.com

FEBRUARY 11

Art So Delicious & Divine, Be Mine:
Music, Dance, Valentine Crafts, food art and more. Session is 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for ages 3-18. Halloween arts, crafts, song and dance. Price is \$25. For registration or more information on the class schedule, call 254-947-3456, or go to www. SilverSpurArts.com.

FEBRUARY 11

Salado Village Artists' Juried Art Show, "Art From the Heart" public reception at the



overlooking the lake

SVA Building (behind the Civic Center), 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

FEBRUARY 11-12

Salado Legends Auditions, 3 p.m. each day.
Director Donnie Williams, 254-947-0717 or
mr.duck@embarqmail.
com.

FEBRUARY 12

Concert at Caliber Oaks, featuring Carol Meyer Willinghamsoprano.

FEBRUARY 13

Community meeting to solicit input from the community regarding the new high school principal selection, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

February 23

Salado Area Republican Women State-wide Candidates Forum, 6 p.m., Tenroc Ranch Event Center. Sherril Gardipee 939-7085.

March 8 & 15

Tea Cozy Knitting Class 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. saladoyarn@gmail.com.

March 19

Circle the Wagons retrospective, Inn on the Creek, 4-7 p.m.

March 19

The 17th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament at Mill Creek Golf Course in Salado. \$80 entry fee. Shot gun start at 1 p.m., Denver Mills, 254-451-480 or call Chris Carpenter 512-748-1223 or tablerock1@aol.com

March 22

Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon fundraiser, 11:30 a.m., Tenroc Ranch Event Center. Nancy Norris 947-3333. MARCH 24-25

Wildflower Weekend, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. Details to come.

March 29-31

The Packards are coming back to Salado. There will be a public viewing of the antique cars. Details to come.

March 31

Tenth Annual Smokin' Spokes bike ride, sponsored by Salado Volunteer Fire Department. Begins at 8 a.m. at Pace Park. Pre-registration is \$25. Register at http://smokinspokes. homestead.com/

APRIL 13

Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. Call 254-947-5040.

APRIL 13-15

Buick car club gathering in Salado. Public viewing of the cars will be held. Details to come.

APRIL 14

Second Annual Jazz Under the Stars, sponsored by National Pan-Hellenic Council, Killeen/Fort Hood Chapter. Gates open at 6 p.m., showtime at 6:30 p.m. Catered Food, and Tablerock Concession Food available. Information: Stephanie Miller at 254-291-6015.

APRIL 20-22

Lincoln car club gathering in Salado. Public viewing of the cars will be held. Details to come.

APRIL 20-22

The Corvairs are coming to Salado with a public viewing of their collectible cars. Look here for details.

May 4 & 5

Seventeenth Annual Gospel Festival. Times are 6-9 p.m. May 4 and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. May 5.
Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children (12 & under).

May 11, 12

Music Weekend in Salado. The Temple Jazz

Orchestra in concert on Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater Stage at 7:30 p.m. May 12 will be the final musical production of the weekend. Concessions served by Men in Black Tie. Groups and singers playing daily in shops throughout the Village. Jazz Concert: \$20. Tickets sold at gate or www.tablerock.org Call 254-947-8634 or 254-947-

May 11-13

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The Texas MG Register will be gathering in Salado. The classic English cars will be on display. Look here for details.

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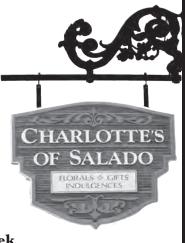
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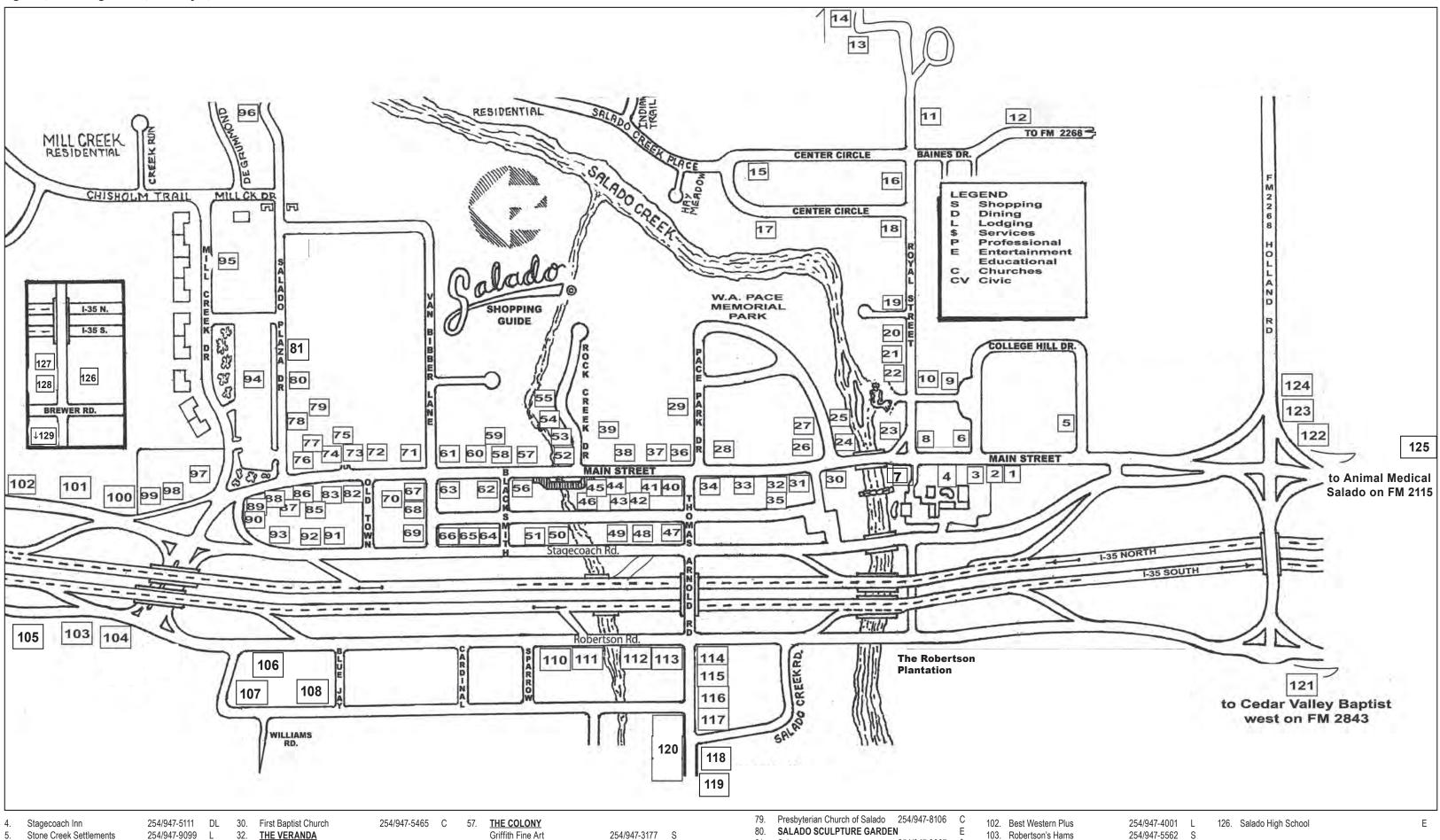
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The magic number

Opening lead — queen of spades.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

I have done a lot of bridge teaching in my day, and I have always been baffled by why so many players have trouble making use of the number 13. Everyone knows that each player is dealt 13 cards and each suit has 13 cards, but far too many players don't utilize this bridge fact of life as they should. If they would simply invoke the magic number 13 more often, they'd find the play of the cards much, much simpler.

Take this deal where East overtakes the queen of spades with the king and continues with the ace, South ruffing high. Declarer now plays the ace of diamonds, on which East shows out. It is only trick three, but declarer already has a vast amount of information about the opposing hands.

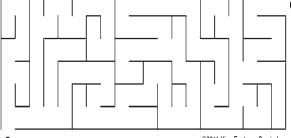
He knows from the play thus far that West started with one spade and four diamonds. He also knows from the bidding that West has at least five hearts headed by the ace (and probably the jack also) because West could not double five diamonds without the ace and surely would not have bid two hearts with fewer than five of them. Ten of West's cards in three suits are thus known, leaving him with at most three clubs.

South now tries to take advantage of what he has learned. He realizes that if he simply draws trumps and plays a heart to the queen, he is likely to lose two heart tricks and go down one. To deal with this danger, he first cashes the A-K of clubs, leads a trump to the ten and ruffs a club. This eliminates the clubs from West's hand.

South then draws West's two remaining trumps before leading the king of hearts. West, who now has only hearts left, can do no better than take his ace and return a heart, allowing South to score his ten and make the con-

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Warm yourself with these wholesome winter dishes WINTER SOUASH AND APPLE SOUP

Serves 4 to 6

Roasting squash and apples intensifies their flavors. Use a mixture of winter squash varieties for a more complex taste.

Ingredients

- 3 pounds winter squash such as butternut, kabocha, acorn or delicata, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks (about 8 cups)
- 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, sliced 1 teaspoon ground ginger 3 cups low-sodium veg-
- etable broth 2 tablespoons nutritional
- yeast 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Method

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line two rimmed baking sheets or shallow roast-



ing pans with parchment paper. In a large bowl, toss squash, apples, onion, garlic and ginger until mixed well. Spread mixture on baking sheets in a single layer. Roast squash mixture until tender and beginning to brown, about 45 to 50 minutes, rotating pans between oven racks halfway through baking. Remove from oven and puree squash mixture with broth, 1 cup water and nutritional yeast in a blender or food processor

in 2 batches until smooth. Transfer to a medium saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Add more water if needed to thin soup to desired consistency. Serve garnished with parsley.

Nutrition Per serving: 220 calories (5 from fat), 0.5g total fat, 0g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 105mg sodium, 53g total carbohydrate (14g dietary fiber, 17g sugar), 6g pro-

CHICKEN AND BROWN RICE SOUP

Serves 8

To make a vegetarian version, use low-sodium vegetable broth and substitute quartered button mushrooms or cubed firm tofu for the chicken.

Ingredients

low-sodium cups chicken broth, divided 1 medium onion, chopped medium carrots,

chopped 2 stalks celery, chopped

2 cups water 1 cup long-grain brown

1 small chicken breast (about 6 ounces), cut into

1/2-inch cubes 1 bay leaf

1 bunch kale, thick stems removed and leaves thinly sliced

Method: In a large pot over medium-high heat,



bring 1/2 cup broth to a simmer. Add onion, carrots and celery and cook about 8 minutes or until onion is translucent, stirring occasionally. Add remaining 7 1/2 cups broth, water, rice, chicken and bay leaf. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer, cover and cook about 35 minutes or until rice is tender and

chicken is cooked through. Remove bay leaf and stir in kale. Continue cooking just until kale is wilted and tender, 3 to 5 minutes.

Nutrition Per serving: 130 calories (20 from fat), 2.5g total fat, 0g saturated fat, 20mg cholesterol, 200mg sodium, 17g total carbohydrate (3g dietary fiber, 3g sugar), 11g pro-

CELEBRATION LENTIL LOAF

Serves 6

This festive main course is rich and tasty on its own, but you can also pair it with Vegan Mushroom Gravy.

Ingredients

1 cup brown lentils, picked over and rinsed

3/4 cup bulgur wheat 8 ounces cremini mushrooms, sliced

1 large onion, chopped 1/2 cup apple cider (nonalcoholic)

2 teaspoons poultry seasoning

1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt 1/2 cup rolled oats 1 red bell pepper, finely

diced 1/4 cup chopped fresh

parsley leaves

Method

Put lentils in a small saucepan with 2 cups water and bring to a boil over high heat. Cover and simmer until lentils are very tender, about 40 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Put bulgur in a small



saucepan with 1 1/2 cups water and bring to a boil over high heat. Cover and simmer until bulgur is tender and water is absorbed, about 15 minutes. Set aside.

In a medium skillet, combine mushrooms, onion, cider poultry seasoning and salt. Cover and simmer over medium heat until vegetables are very tender, about 12 minutes. Transfer to a food processor and pulse until just chopped. Scrape into a bowl and fold in lentils, bulgur, oats, bell pepper and parsley.

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Line the bottom and sides of an 8- or 9-inch loaf pan with parchment paper. Pack lentil mixture into pan and smooth the top. Bake until edges brown slightly, about 1 hour. Cool in pan 25 minutes, then invert it onto a serving plate. Remove parchment and use a serrated knife to cut the loaf into 1-inch-thick slices.

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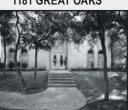
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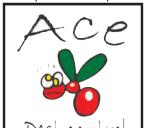
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Many people assume that having something left over at the end of the pay period, or at least not resorting to credit cards to get through the last few days, constitutes living within a budget.

By definition, a budget is a detailed plan for how you?ll spend and save your money. Living within a budget means sticking to a plan that accounts for every dollar of your income -- everyday expenses, paying off different debts at certain rates and saving a set amount for various

DOLLARS AND SENSE

BY David Uffington

future goals and emergencies.

To set up a budget, start with realistic and accurate numbers: the income you bring home after taxes are deducted. Don?t include the extra money from odd jobs or selling items you own. From this amount, subtract all of your fixed expenses, such as rent or mortgage, car payment and loans. Variable expenses are next and can be determined from previous expenses. Electric costs, for example, likely vary through the year. Groceries can be

estimated. Other variable expenses, such as creditcard debt, will be determined by how quickly you?re working to pay off the balances.

The goal is to account for where the money goes and analyze it to find places you can cut back.

The one category in your budget that needs more attention than any other is your rate of saving. In addition to the 10 percent that you should be paying yourself out of every check, do everything you can to increase what you put away. Your greatest success at finding more dollars to save will likely come from the small daily expenditures you make without giving them much thought.

Look for opportunities not to spend and put the money in savings. Take your shoes to a repair shop for new soles and heels instead of investing in a new pair. Learn how to stretch meals by adding inexpensive ingredients to casseroles and stews, and take the extra for lunches at work instead of eating out. Consider starting a swap group for children's clothing.

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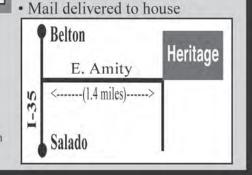
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Q: Several weeks ago, I found a pair of salt and pepper shakers at a flea market. The set was made by the U.S. Glass Company, and the pattern, in dark amethyst, seems to be "California." I paid \$25, and the condition is good to excellent. --Robert, Lyons, N.Y.

A: Your set was made in about 1900 and probably would retail in the \$135 to \$150 range. The U.S. Glass Company was actually a consolidation of more than a dozen companies, all based in Pittsburgh. Although it went into receivership in 1907, several of the companies continued to produce ware for several more decades.

The rare amethyst color is one of the factors that makes your salt and pepper shakers particularly valuable.

Questions & Answers

About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: There are a number of companies out there now doing "energy audits" for the home, after which they try to sell you attic insulation and other products and services. Is this just a scam or would it be wise for me to look into -- Bill Richards., this? New York, NY

For the most part, companies offering energy audits are reputable and legitimate and will help you both save money and reduce your carbon footprint if you follow their advice in regard to upgrading things like insulation, windows and appliances. "A home energy assessment, also known as a home energy audit, is the first step to assess how much energy your home consumes and to evaluate what measures you can take to make your home more energy efficient," reports the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). "An assessment will show you

Home energy audits / Is Echinacea effective at preventing or treating colds?

problems that may, when corrected, save you significant amounts of money over time."

"During the assessment, you can pinpoint where your house is losing energy," adds DOE. "Energy assessments also determine the efficiency of your home's heating and cooling systems [and] may also show you ways to conserve hot water and electricity."

You can conduct your own energy audit if you know where to look for air leaks (drafts), water waste and other key areas of a home's inefficiencies. The DOE's energysavers. gov website has guidelines to help homeowners conduct their own do-itvourself home energy assessments. For instance, DOE recommends that homeowners make a list of obvious air leaks, such as through gaps along baseboards or at the edges of flooring and at wall and ceiling junctures. The potential energy savings from reducing drafts in a home can be as high as 30

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DOE. (The DOE website also provides information on other ways to save money and resources through less obvious things such as outdoor landscaping. It also posts guidelines for energy-efficient designing and remodeling.)

You should also check the filters on heating and cooling equipment to see if they need to be changed so as to keep your furnace and air conditioners functioning at maximum efficiency. And if these or other appliances over 15 years old consider replacing them with newer models that meet federal EnergyStar efficiency criteria. Also, swapping out older incandescent bulbs in light fixtures with higher efficiency compact fluo-

percent per year, reports rescent or LED bulbs will save money and energy.

> A professional energy auditor with dedicated assessment tools and the knowledge of how to use them will in all likelihood carry out a more comassessment prehensive than you can do yourself. "Thorough assessments often use equipment such as blower doors, which measure the extent of leaks in the building envelope, and infrared cameras, which reveal hard-to-detect areas of air infiltration and missing insulation."

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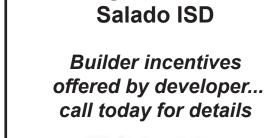


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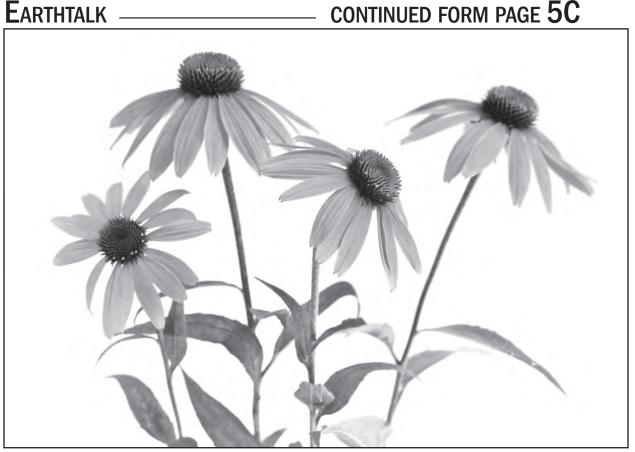
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EarthTalk: What's the story with Echinacea? Many herb teas contain it, and many people swear by it as a cold remedy. But I've also seen headlines saying that the herb has no medicinal value whatsoever. Can vou set the record straight?

-- Arlene Hixson, Portland, ME

Echinacea, known as purple coneflower, has gained popularity in recent years as a nutritional supplement that proponents believe is helpful in staving off the common cold and shortening its duration. But given the variation between dosages and formulations—such herbs are not regulated as medical drugs by the U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and so makers have little incentive to standardize—it's hard to get definitive answers as to Echinacea's effectiveness.

Historically, Native Americans relied on the root of Echinacea to numb toothache pain and treat dyspepsia as well as snake, insect and spider bites. While some modern day folks rely on Echinacea just based on this anecdotal evidence, scientific studies have verified that the herb can be effective. To wit, a 2008 University of Connecticut review of 14 different clinical trials of Echinacea use found that taking the supplement reduced the chances of getting a cold by 31 percent, and helped people get over cold and flu symptoms a day and a half earlier than those who didn't take it.

Researchers initially thought Echinacea's effectiveness was due to immune-boosting traits, but they now believe instead that the herb works more as an anti-inflammatory agent. A 2009 University of British Columbia study found that typical commercially available Echinacea preparations are effective in reducing the body's production of inflammatory proteins in human bronchial cells. In layman's terms, this can help lessen the annoying symptoms of common colds, the flu and other respiratory ailments. Furthermore, the study found that Echinacea is just as effective in reducing bronchial inflammation whether it is consumed before or after a viral infection sets in, indicating that taking moderate doses on a regular basis during cold season can help prevent some bronchial irritation if and when cold symptoms begin.

Interestingly, though, a 2010 study of 719 participants in Wisconsin focusing on illness dura-

tion and severity found that the duration of the common cold could be shortened by taking a pill of some sort, whether Echinacea or a placebo with no active ingredients. But this study merely underscored the importance of psychological factors in fighting illness and did not say that Echinacea isn't effective.

Given the lack of FDA oversight of herbs, different formulations may contain vastly different amounts of Echinacea. A 2004 evaluation of 19 different Echinacea brands by the non-profit Consumers Union and published in Consumer Reports found that the amount of Echinacea actually present in supplements varied considerably from brand to brand—and even in some cases from bottle to bottle of the same brand. The magazine recommended a few brands as "best picks," including Spring Valley, Origin means that Echinacea and Sundown, all which featured high concentrations of Echinacea and reliable dosage amounts from pill to pill.

> Before taking Echinacea plunge, beware that the herb can cause allergic reactions in some people and may interact negatively with some common medications. Researchers warn that anyone with autoimmune disease or a handful of other illnesses should not take Echinacea without first consulting with their doctor.

CONTACTS: FDA, www.fda.gov; Consumers Union, www.consumersunion.org.

NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

To make a nice ice pack, enclose several ice cubes in a sealable plastic baggie, then wrap in a bandana. You can tie the ends together to keep the cover from slipping. When you want to refreeze, put the baggie in the freezer, and hang the bandana to dry. It will dry very quickly and can be reused soon.

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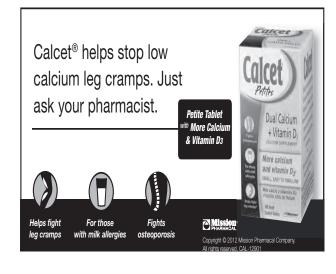
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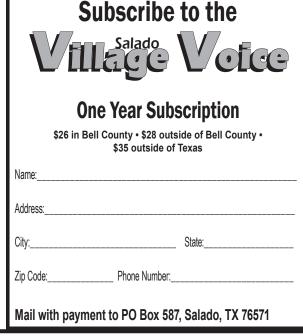
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