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Students, parents divided over athletic program

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Divided. This best describes the mood of the 100-plus parents, staff, students and community members who piled into the Meadows Auditorium of the Salado Civic Center for the monthly Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting Jan. 16 to voice their support for or opposition to Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Glenn Talbott and his coaching staff. The Community Input portion of the monthly school board meetings is typically a formality with few, if any, speaking before the board of trustees. This month, however, it boiled over into more than an hour

long session of speakers -- students as well as parents -- critical and supportive of the athletic program. It boiled over after simmering since Dec. 1, when a group of 16 parents met with Dr. Michael Novotny to air their concerns about the athletic program in general and about allegations of bullying and harassment and a lack of concern for student safety in particular. Since that meeting, a petition for "Positive Change in SISD Athletic & Instructional Programs" has circulated in the community and cites nine areas of concern and requests a "change in leadership and program administration in the Salado ISD Department of Athletics." Ty Hankamer told trust-

ees during the Public Comment portion of the meeting that the petition has 340 signatures of parents, former and current district employees and other community members, including "some of the parents of the star players in our school." While the petition for positive change was not formally presented to the board, Hankamer reviewed the areas of concern: 1. Decrease in student population in search of excellence. 2. Loss of qualified/effective coaches. 3. Loss of student athletes within Salado ISD. 4. Seventh, eighth, ninth, JV and varsity football concerns. SEE ATHLETICS, PAGE 8A



Chamber honors Citizens of Year
Salado Chamber of Commerce honored the "Salado Creek Cleanup Crew" as the Citizens of the Year during its annual awards banquet Jan. 17 at Tenroc Ranch. The group was lauded for its volunteer efforts to clean up the creek following the floods of 2009 and 2010. Shown above are (from left) Larry Nathanson, Joe Oliver and Danney McCort. Not shown are volunteers Bill Pinkston, Harold Schwake and Rip Van Winkle. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Sales taxes drop

While the state and county are seeing noticeable increases in their most recent sales tax revenues, the Village of Salado and the Salado Public Library District have both seen a decrease in sales tax revenues this month. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced recently that state sales tax revenue in December was \$1.98 billion, up 9.5 percent compared to December 2010. The sales tax figures represent sales that occurred in November. Combs sent January sales tax allocations totaling \$495 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 9.1 percent compared to January 2011. "Sales tax revenue continues to grow in almost all major economic categories and revenue has now increased for 21 consecutive months," Combs said. "Sales taxes from retail trade and restaurant activity continue to improve, with tax revenue from the oil and natural gas sector also providing a lift to overall collections." The Village of Salado, however, saw a 2.7 percent decline in sales tax revenues for January, receiving a payment of \$26,452.39 compared to \$27,183.54 paid in January 2011. The Village levies a 1 cent sales tax. Salado Library District received \$19,663.43, which is down 4.3 percent from last January's payment of \$20,538.36. Meanwhile Bell County received \$1.13 million for the half-cent sales tax it levies, an increase of 4.3 percent over last January's payment of \$1.08 million.

Village to discuss Civic Center restrooms

Salado aldermen will discuss the restrooms at the Salado Civic Center during their 6 p.m. Jan. 19 meeting. The board will also discuss revising the Building Code Ordinance as well as an ordinance calling for a May election and a resolution to hold a joint May election. The Salado Civic Center Foundation directors

are investigating the construction of a new septic system to handle the load of visitors during high traffic weekend events. The SCCF board is reportedly seeking a \$40,000 commitment from the Village of Salado to fund the construction of a new septic system. The current septic system is comparable to most

residential systems and does not have the capacity to handle large weekends, such as the Gathering of the Clans and the Wildflower Art Show. The system is also pushed beyond its limits by tour buses and other large groups that are dropped off to use the facilities when they arrive in Salado for gatherings and visits.

Village of Salado Tourism pays a monthly lease of \$906.34 to maintain the bathrooms at the Civic Center. In a letter to the Village, the SCCF is also seeking a renewed lease agreement of \$1,100 per month for maintenance of the restrooms. During budget discussions in the summer and fall, aldermen mulled

dedicating a portion of the increased franchise fee to construction of public restroom facilities. Even though aldermen adopted the increase franchise fee in October, they did not include the possible income of the increase in the revenue stream of the budget adopted in September. That income is estimated at \$20,000 per year.

State Water Plan now available to public online, warns of consequences of not conserving

The Texas Water Development Board's 2012 State Water Plan is now available to the public at <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/wrpi/swp/swp.asp>. The plan, updated every five years, was approved by the Board at its Dec. 15 meeting and delivered to the governor and Texas Legislature Jan. 5. The purpose of the State Water Plan is to ensure that our state's cities, rural communities, farms, ranches, businesses,

and industries will have enough water to meet their needs during a drought of record. The plan lays out recommended conservation and water management strategies, the cost of the strategies, and estimates of the amount of financial assistance that would be required by the state to implement the strategies. The population of Texas is expected to increase 82 percent by 2060, and existing water supplies are

expected to decrease 10 percent in the same time period. If the state does not implement new water supply projects or management strategies, Texans will not have enough existing water supplies to meet demand in times of drought. By 2060, the state is projected to need 8.3 million acre-feet of additional water supply per year in the event of a drought. Annual economic losses from not meeting water

supply needs could result in a loss of \$11.9 billion in income a year if current drought conditions persist, and as much as \$115.7 billion annually by 2060, with over a million lost jobs. As the state experiences rapid growth and declining water supplies, implementation of the plan is crucial to ensure public health, safety, and welfare and economic development in the state. The TWDB is the state

agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional water supply planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.



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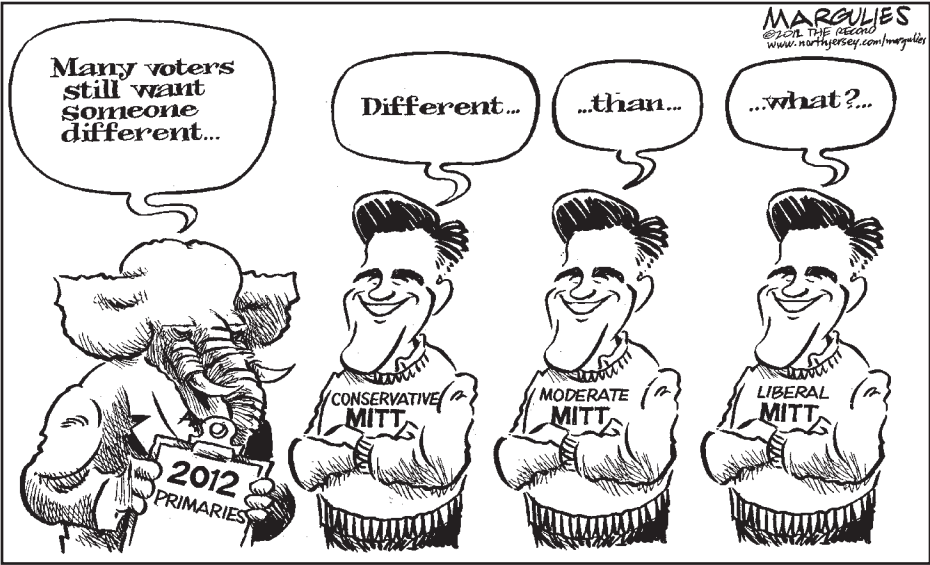
Voter registration drive Jan. 26

Salado Area Republican Women will hold a voter registration drive at the Salado High School 8-11:30 a.m. Jan. 26, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Any student who turns 18 by the primary election date of April 3 will be able to participate in the primary election and those who will turn 18 by the Nov. 6 general election date will be able to vote in that election. Pocket copies of the U.S. Constitution will be given out to new registrants as well.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The unsatisfying Mitt Romney

Mitt Romney has one advantage over his rivals above all others: He is running a presidential campaign. None of his competitors has been able to manage it in quite the same way.

A Romney rally in Exeter, N.H., was a textbook exercise in traditional presidential politics. The venue was big, a high-school gym. The advance work was flawless. The American flag backdrop was enormous. The three generations of the Romney family arrayed in front of it were so picturesque that they might have arrived straight from a photo shoot for a Tommy Hilfiger advertisement.

When so many commentators have said that, with anti-establishment sentiment running so high, everything is different in Republican presidential politics, Romney has been the old-school candidate. He hews to the familiar instruction manual with a pharisaical devotion. Raise scads of money and build a national organization. Always stay on message and evaluate every move with an eye to the general election. Win endorsements. Take apart opponents precisely to the extent necessary, no more, no less.

As Philip Klein of The Washington Examiner has observed, Romney has been the only guy to show up for the job interview wearing a suit. He hasn't been on a book tour masquerading as a presidential campaign (Herman Cain). He hasn't banked everything on the debates (Newt Gingrich), or showed up unprepared (Rick Perry). He hasn't bet on his performance in just one state (Rick Santorum, Jon Huntsman). Anyone who has won a presidential nomination during the past 30 years would recognize what Romney is doing and why.

Romney's campaign is all technique and no music. His speech in Exeter was schmaltz piled on top of saccharin in a perfect storm of substanceless sentimentality. First, he said he believed in Amer-

Rich Lowry



ica. Then, he said he loved America. And in conclusion, he quoted verses from "America the Beautiful." In Romney's case, patriotism is the first refuge of a politician who doesn't dare say anything new or interesting.

Neither of those will ever be a quality associated with Romney. He continues to excel in debates by routinely coming up with answers that feel as though they were produced by a crack marketing team for maximum unassailability. His stumbles are so rare that they become as noticeable as the tiny wobbles of an Olympic skater trying to nail a triple Lutz.

Challenged over the weekend on why he didn't run for re-election as Massachusetts governor in 2006, he said he "went back into business," even though he was already running for president when he left the governor's mansion. Romney wanted to hang on to the scripted presentation of himself as a businessman above all else -- plausibility be damned. It was a small falsity that stood for larger worries about his genuineness.

Very few politicians have what it takes to follow the old rules with the proficiency of a Mitt Romney. It takes brains, discipline and managerial skill. But people have trouble warming up to the (almost) flawlessly executing candidate from a flawlessly executing machine. The Romney campaign notwithstanding, there's no rule against inspiring people.

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Debt Fictions vs. Social Wealth

By RIANE EISLER AND KIMBERLY OTIS

What we really need, as Nobel Prize-winning economists Paul Krugman and Joseph Stiglitz point out in recent columns, is to get over the current obsession with debt reduction and instead focus on investing in our material and human infrastructure.

This requires the exact opposite of what is happening in Washington. Our most important national asset is our social wealth: the high-quality human capital essential for both individual and national success as we shift from a manufacturing to a knowledge and service economy. In economic terms, this translates into reversing the downward trend of U.S. international competitiveness. In human terms, it translates into ending enormous suffering.

Regarding our debt, consider, as Krugman points out in his New Year's Day column in The New York Times, that it's actually lower now than during WWII. Consider also that interest rates have not increased with big deficits. Indeed, they are at historic lows. Moreover, regarding the argument that foreigners who invest in the U.S. are reaping big profits, Krugman also notes that "America actually earns more from its assets abroad than it pays to foreign investors."

However -- and this takes us straight to the critical need to re-examine our national priorities -- U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries, from General Electric to Nike and General Motors, are not America. U.S. companies may be reaping big profits by investing in other nations, but by so doing they are creating jobs overseas and not for Americans. In short, these are not the kinds of investments that will economically benefit people like you and me, or that will really benefit the American economy in the long term. What we actually need, and this is urgent given our decline in global competitiveness, is a massive national investment in the work of caring for people, starting in early childhood.

This wealthy nation is already behind other developed countries in the measurements that reflect the real wealth of America, not only international competitiveness, but basic measures such as child mortality and poverty rates, our standing in educational math and science rankings, and the state of people's health and well-being. Unlike our gross domestic product (GDP), which is also rising along with Wall Street, these are the social wealth measures that we should be prioritizing.

As Joseph Stiglitz wrote in his recent Vanity Fair article, "The Book of Jobs," instead of cutting health, education, and other such programs, we desperately need more public investments in education, research, and infrastructure.

A major step toward this change in national priorities is the development of more inclusive and accurate economic indicators than GDP -- social wealth indicators that assess the real state of our nation. We must show the general public and policymakers both the enormous "back-end" financial costs of failing to invest in people, such as more unemployment, poverty, crime, and despair, and the enormous social and economic benefits of investing in human capacity building so that our nation can weather the drastic technological changes afoot.

As Krugman states, "the fault lies not in our debt, but in ourselves." It's up to us to tell our elected officials that we demand public investments in our most essential national assets, our people. Let's demand changes to the ways in which we measure economic success by demanding more inclusive and accurate indicators. And let's make sure that corporations that are doing so well pay their fair share of taxes so we can invest in the real wealth of America: our people.

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Shop local in 2012

To the Editor:

I have enjoyed my 16th Christmas season in Salado and want to thank my neighbors in this wonderful little village for making it special. Christmas in Salado is a labor of love for many people and magical for others. What set it apart for me from other years were the number of familiar faces who came in to shop in my store. It is always a pleasure to welcome the visitors to our village but it warms my heart when neighbors come in to shop and offer support to this weary old shopkeeper.

Several of our neighbors shared that they were making an effort to buy all of their Christmas gifts in Salado. Others were sent by friends and some came to purchase a gift on their loved ones list who just happened to know the gift could be found here.

There are always things we see that perhaps don't fit our taste and events we wish we had been able to enjoy. We are all to quickly approaching our next

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Christmas season. Perhaps more of us can take notice of what can be done to have the vendors we invite to participate support rather than detract from the festivities and make more visible events that make it a time people will treasure.

I was so moved by the Shop Local effort of many friends and neighbors that I want to acknowledge them and reward them for their effort. I am starting a Shop Local program on my little corner of Salado by offering a Shop Local frequent buyer rebate card. There will also be frequent special emphasis shopping where a percentage of day's sales will be given to local organization or community effort. Watch the *Salado Village Voice* for details and Shop Local in 2012.

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Girl Scouts

Celebrating 100 Years of service, leadership

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



This year the rich history of the first 100 years of Girl Scouting will be celebrated across the country. Girl Scouts USA, with the help of dedicated parents, volunteers and staff, develops important qualities of leadership and service in young women, and encourages families and communities to invest in our country's future leaders. Girls Scouts was founded to empower girls and to help teach important values like honesty, fairness, courage, compassion, character, sisterhood, confidence, and citizenship. Those founding principles are as important today as they were in 1912.

Through the Girl Scouts organization, girls are encouraged to pursue four goals: developing their full potential; relating to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; developing a meaningful set of values to guide their actions and to provide for sound decision-making; and contributing to the improvement of society.

The invaluable qualities and skills that Girl Scouts develops in young women have propelled Scouts to the top of virtually all industries and professional fields. Girl Scout alumnae include Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Astronaut and Space Shuttle Commander Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Collins, comedian Lucille Ball, television host Katie Couric, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and First Lady Laura Bush. More than twenty of NASA's career astronauts have been former Girl Scouts. In fact, the first American woman to spacewalk was a former Girl Scout, Dr. Kathryn Sullivan. It is no surprise that eighty-two percent of high achieving alumnae believe that Scouting influenced their success.

Today, more than 50 million women in the United States are Girl Scout alumnae, including my colleague Barbara Mikulski, the senior U.S. Senator from Maryland. When Barbara was first elected to the Senate in 1987, she was one of only two female senators. Twenty-four years later, there are 17 of us women serving in the U.S. Senate. Barbara would be the first

to say that many of the experiences she had as a Girl Scout have been invaluable in meeting challenges and opportunities she has faced throughout her life, particularly during her long and distinguished career in the Senate.

Like many Texans, I, too, am proud to count myself among the ranks of former Girl Scouts. As a Girl Scout alumna, I have made it a priority to give back to this organization that has made such a difference in my life. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of serving as the Honorary Chair of the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas Alumnae Association and as the honorary Senate Co-leader of the Congressional Girl Scout Troop, with Senator Barbara Mikulski. To recognize the valuable role Girl Scouts play in our society, the Senate recently unanimously passed my resolution in honor of their 100th anniversary convention that was hosted in Houston.

In 2002, when my female Senate colleagues and I published the book "Nine and Counting," about our life experiences and how we overcame obstacles, we agreed unanimously that all the proceeds from the book would go to the Girl Scouts organization. Most of us had been Girl Scouts and we knew firsthand about the leadership qualities that it instills in young women.

For a century, Girl Scouts has fostered courage, confidence, and character. Today, the possibilities are limitless for young women. They are living in a world of opportunities that may have been unavailable to their mothers and grandmothers. And I am honored to be a part of an organization that empowers young women to pursue their goals — no matter how high.

By instilling a sound foundation of positive values, developing a sense of service, and facilitating creative decision-making, the Girl Scouts continue to help develop girls into model citizens and leaders in our communities, our country, and the world.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Saving the American Dream

Every election, we're told, is important. Critical, even. But it's more than the usual hyperbole this time.

Right now, our nation's on the wrong path. If nothing is done, our next generation will experience not liberty, freedom and prosperity, but crushing debt, higher taxes, and job-killing regulations.

Unlike any generation before us, we face the very real possibility that our grandchildren may be worse off than their grandparents.

But a comprehensive program that we at The Heritage Foundation have developed, "Saving the American Dream," shows how we can preserve the American Dream.

First, the budget problem must be addressed. Left alone, entitlement programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid and their unfunded liabilities will cripple the nation.

Reforms to entitlement programs, health insurance, and the federal tax code under Heritage's plan would balance the budget within 10 years, and keep it balanced -- not with tax hikes, but with serious cuts in government spending.

Next is debt. Currently, the federal debt is 70 percent of the economy and rising. By the early 2020s, debt would amount to 100 percent of GDP.

That's why each of my three grandchildren has a \$200,000 + mortgage -- with no home attached to it. This share of the unfunded liabilities of entitlements will be used to pay for the benefits of my wife and me. It's morally and financially irrespon-

Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner

sible to have debt like this.

The Heritage plan cuts the nation's debt to 30 percent of GDP by 2035, and puts it on a downward path. This helps to guarantee that future generations will not be drowned by debt, and the interest costs that come with it.

Big government is another problem. The role of the federal government has been expanded vastly in recent years. The Heritage plan calls for a major realignment of the federal government, reducing it to about one about half its currently projected size within 25 years.

Our plan focuses on eliminating the federal government's micromanagement of our economy that should be dealt with on a state or local level -- or, better yet, by the private sector.

Redundant and wasteful programs are eliminated completely, while other responsibilities are granted to the states with greater flexibility. And those functions that the private sector performs better would be removed from the grasp of planners in Washington.

Speaking of the private sector: If we expect it to expand significantly any time soon, we must be sure that government isn't standing in its way. Scheduled tax increases discourage business from expanding, push existing business overseas, and stop startups, especially among the most creative small-business sectors.

The complicated and unfair tax code would be changed under the Heri-

tage plan, and replaced with a simplified, flat-tax rate system. The new rate is expected to be roughly 27 percent to achieve the revenue goal. And it would fold Social Security, Medicare and all other federal taxes into the single-rate income tax.

This proposed system would reward savings, offer greater wealth creation, and empower Americans to take charge of their financial future.

As for Social Security and Medicare, the Heritage plan strengthens and preserves these programs by scaling back benefits for the most affluent seniors and focusing help on those who truly need it.

Heritage's reforms mean seniors would no longer have to fear living in poverty or facing financial ruin due to catastrophic health care costs.

Lastly, the savings-oriented design of Heritage's fiscal plan helps working families save and create more wealth by avoiding double taxation of savings. It encourages a growing economy.

"Saving the American Dream" will help Americans become less dependent on the government for maintaining their standard of living, and become more self-reliant.

Ronald Reagan had a plaque on his desk that read, "It can be done." He was right.

It can be done -- and it must. It's time to promote the principles that made this nation great.

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At least we're not last place



Jim Hightower

"USA: We're No. 1!"

Oh, wait — Iceland is No. 1. But we did beat out Poland and Slovakia, right? Uh...no. But go on down the rankings and there we are! No. 27, fifth from the bottom. So our new national chant is, "USA: At Least We're Not Last!"

A foundation in Germany has analyzed the social justice records of all 31 members of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), ranking each nation in such categories as health care, income inequality, preschool education, and child poverty. The overall performance by the United States — which boasts of being an egalitarian society — outranks only Greece, Chile, Mexico, and Turkey. Actually, three of those countries performed better than ours in the education of pre-schoolers, and Greece did better than the United States on the prevention of poverty.

Our bottom-of-the-heap ranking in social justice confirms the economic and political inequality that the Occupy movement is protesting. It also helps explain why this grassroots uprising in America has spread so rapidly to more than 600 communities and has generated such broad public support. After all, our nation is fabulously rich, ranking well ahead of nearly every other OECD member in national wealth, so there's no excuse for us sitting at the bottom of the list in education, health care, poverty, and other measures of a democratic and egalitarian society.

Bluntly put, We the People have let today's elites abandon America's founding principles of fairness, justice, and equal opportunity for all.

These privileged few have purchased our government, stolen the wealth and economic future of working families, and reduced America to a plastic imitation of the country we thought we had. The Occupy rebellion is long overdue and on target.

Join it.

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One regulation away from being out of business

By GENE HALL

"One regulation away from being out of business." Reed Rubinstein, senior council of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, began his presentation at the American Farm Bureau Federation convention that way.

For the farmers and ranchers in his audience, that was no surprise, but Rubinstein also claimed that unfortunately the Sword of Damocles hangs over the head of many other business entities. He spoke of the growth of the regulatory juggernaut and the complexity of environmental law.

It's a governmental phenomenon that does not necessarily respect the division of Democrat or Republican administrations. George W. Bush did not have the reputation of being necessarily green, but

EPA regs grew during his eight years in office. Even that might be viewed as a speed break after the last three years of the Obama administration.

Rubinstein told his audience that it's helpful to look at the structure of government agencies and their work force. Regulators are hired to regulate...and that's what they do. He quoted government communications that pretty much admit that many of the "big" environmental issues have been solved or nearly so. So now, this great regulatory apparatus, built to regulate, will continue to regulate. For agriculture that means "beginning a transformative process of collaborative efforts" toward sustainability in agriculture." This, despite acknowledgment that agriculture has made substantial progress not only in production but in farming more sustainably.

The audience did not have long to wait for the BIG question. Rubinstein asked it. "Who gets to define what sustainability is?"

Okay, this is me talking now. I'd put a big bet down that it won't be farmers. Those of you who've read me know that I have some problems with that word. "Sustainable" has far more political than scientific meaning. It will

mean, almost certainly, whatever the regulators want it to mean.

Rubinstein says that EPA operates today by lawsuit. The formula is repeated over and over again. EPA is sued by a green group of some kind. EPA capitulates. EPA regulates. He's not the first to notice that the regulators don't put up much of a fight on most of these lawsuits. The unfortunate thing is that this model, now being fought out in places like the Chesapeake Bay, will be in the laps of farmers all over the nation before long. Decisions ably made by farmers and ranchers over decades will be taken out of their hands. U.S. agriculture might be run like the Post Office. That's me again.

What can be done?

By the time you get a letter from the government, it will probably be too late. Sometimes, EPA ignores Congress for awhile, but they can't do so indefinitely. Rubinstein (and me) encourages farmers, ranchers and citizens to approach Congress in numbers and insist on being heard. Activism...advocacy. We have to make it real. Some of the regs EPA is churning out now are not even achievable, let alone profitable.

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Salado Police Report January 9-14

Jan. 9

5:30-6:45 p.m., 1670 at 2484. Assist Other Agency, dispatched to residence near intersection of 1670 and 2484 for a disturbance. Advised on radio subject was fleeing the scene in a green in color Ford Ranger. While en route to assist, passed suspect vehicle on 2484 EB in front of Salado High School. I fell in behind suspect vehicle and activated emergency lighting to perform investigative stop on behalf of BCSO. Suspect activated hazard lights and slowed, turning south onto N. Robertson. SO unit fell in behind me. As suspect approached I-35 entrance ramp at Sonic, he accelerated, entering the highway and attempting to evade in a motor vehicle. Suspect attempted to run white passenger car off of roadway near Thomas Arnold overpass. Suspect continued SB on I-35. Suspect was reported as potentially armed, a psych patient and off his medication. Pursuit stayed at approximately 50mph with no traffic visible in front. Williamson County was notified as pursuit approached. I was requested to stay with pursuit upon entering Williamson County. Attempt to disable suspect vehicle with spikes just south of Jarrell was unsuccessful. Next spike strip set up near MM261. Suspect vehicle front tires disabled by second spike strip attempt. Suspect vehicle yielded and driver exited. Driver was taken into custody and transported to Bell County Jail by BCSO. Clear.

Jan. 10

9:28-10:00 a.m. 300 Block Van Bibber. Medical, fell and hurt her hip. Transported to Scott & White.

5:35-5:45 p.m., 1000 Block N. Robertson (Bush's Chicken). Suspicious Person, white male seen coming from behind Bush's Chicken on a bicycle. Subject stopped and identified. Nothing appeared disturbed at the building. Subject released. Clear.

Jan. 11

3:38-4:00 p.m., 300 Block S. Main. Theft, Theft of jewelry.

9:30-9:50 p.m., 2000 Block Bluff Circle. Alarm (Res.) not able to get anyone at the

door. Knocked several time. Checked all windows and door. Secure. Cleared.

11:45 p.m.- 3:00 a.m., 000 Block S. Stagecoach. Disorderly Conduct (Fighting), on the above date and time I witnessed the suspect fighting with the complainant. I was able to breakup the fight. SVFD and Scott & White Ambulance Service was called due to a cut on the suspect's head. Once my investigation was complete. It was determined that the suspect started the fight by hitting the complainant in the face

with his fist. Suspect arrested and taken to jail. The jail would not accept him due to his injury. Suspect was then taken to Scott & White hospital. He received 3 staples in his head. He was then taken back to jail and released to the jail staff. Report.

Jan. 12

8:00-8:20 p.m., Stagecoach Inn. Suspicious Person, complainant stated that a black male was walking the parking lot. Checked area, UTL. Cleared.

Jan. 14

12:45-1:05 a.m., 700 Block McKay. Shots

Fired (Heard), complainant states shots heard from behind residence, possibly in area of the creek or field in between residence and creek. Area checked from Main to Salado Plaza to Van Bibber and back to Main, twice. No shots heard. No other complainants for this call. Caller did not want contact per dispatch UTL. Clear.

5:40-6:15 p.m., MM278 NB I-35. Assist Other Agency, BCSO requesting I be en route to above location in response to a Violent Domestic. Three Jarrell units out with vehicle at this time awaiting Bell County Response. Arrived on scene and identified subjects who were already separated. BCSO arrived shortly after and took over the scene. DL returns on file in call if needed. Clear.

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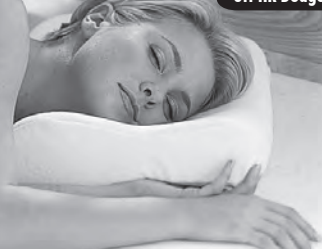


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Ladies squash Ducks, Jackets

Salado Lady Eagles crushed their District 25AAA competitors last week with a 61-22 win over the Taylor Ducks on Jan. 10 and a 65-13 bruising of the Llano Lady Jackets on Jan. 13. As of presstime, the Lady Eagles were 11-10 and 3-0 in district play.

Lady Eagles 61
Taylor 22

Salado Lady Eagles defense held Taylor to 4 points in the first quarter and 3 points in the second quarter as they ran past the Lady Ducks on their



PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER
Senior Post Kirstie McGillick defends against two Lady Yellowjackets during the Lady Eagles' 65-13 win over Llano on Jan. 13.

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own home court 61-22 on Jan. 10.

Three girls were in double figures, scoring more points individually than the entire Taylor team did in the first half.

Meredith Ward led the team with 15 points. Ward also had six rebounds, six assists and three steals. Alexis Bowman scored 13 points and went a perfect seven-for-seven from the free throw line. Bowman also had two rebounds, four assists and eight steals.

Kirstie McGillick had 12 points. She led the team with seven rebounds and five blocks, as well as seven steals and two assists.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Jaylee Sebek and Taryn Kornegay, 4 points each. Sebek had five rebounds, three steals and two blocks and Kornegay had five rebounds, three assists and five steals.

Senior post Carling Urben did not play in the game.

Lady Eagles 65
Llano 13

Salado ran up a 23-1 first period lead before coasting to a 65-13 win over the Llano Lady Jackets at home Jan. 13.

Salado held a 49-6 halftime lead and a 61-10 third quarter lead.

Urben led the scoring

with 22 points, including 8-of-10 free throws before sitting out the fourth quarter. Urben had a double-double by grabbing 10 rebounds, as well as two assists, two steals and one block.

Ward followed with 20 points, 18 of them in the first half. She also had four rebounds, an assist, a steal and a block.

McGillick also had double figures with 11 points for Salado, all in the first half. She grabbed four rebounds and two steals and blocked four shots.

Also scoring for Salado were Kornegay, Katie Kyle and Ashley Adams, 4 points each in the game. Kornegay had four rebounds, three assists and four steals and Adams had four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Sebek had four rebounds and two steals and Bowman had an assist and two steals.

Salado will face Burnet and Lampasas on the road Jan. 20 and Jan. 24 respectively before hosting Liberty Hill on Jan. 27. The girls played host to Liberty Hill Jan. 17, but the game was held after presstime this week. Games begin at 5 p.m.

JV Girls 21
Taylor 16

Salado JV Girls Bas-

ketball team defeated Taylor Jan. 10.

Salado took a 6-0 in the first quarter of the game and entered the half leading 16-2. The JV Girls were held scoreless in the third to make the score 16-8. Salado scored 5 points in the fourth to win 21-16.

Salado's Taylor Atwood led the team in scoring with 14 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Reina Drake, 2 points; Shyenne Hicks, 2 points; Cece Cantu, 2 points; Rachel Ray, 1 point.

JV Girls 29
Llano 33

Salado JV Girls Basketball team lost to Llano Jan 13.

Salado JV Girls scored 8 points in the first quarter of the game to trail by one and would enter the half behind 10-20. Salado scored 10 points in the third quarter to make the score 20-27. The JV Girls scored 9 points and were unable to take the lead to lose 29-33.

Salado's Taylor Atwood led the team in scoring with 17 points. Followed by Carmela Perez and Rebecca Carroll, each scoring 4 points.

Also scoring for Salado were; Shyenne Hicks, 2 points; Cece Cantu, 2 points.

SYBA registration begins online

Salado Youth Baseball-Softball Association is currently having 2012 sign-ups for all Divisions online at www.saladoyouth.org. Online signups continue through Jan. 31.

Parents must provide a copy of their child's birth certificate with the stamp of the Bureau of Vital Statistics on it. A hospital birth certificate will not be accepted for registration.

Registration fees are \$85 for one child, \$170 for two children, and \$75 for each additional child. These fees along with donations from sponsors are the funds that allow us to provide quality fields, equipment and umpires for our children throughout the year. Pants, shorts, socks and belts are not provided.

Age divisions for baseball are Pre T-ball for age 4; T-ball for 5-6; machine

pitch Midget for 7-8, Senior Midget (kid pitch) 9-10, Freshmen 11-12 and Sophomore 13-14. Softball ages are the same, except there is no Pre T-ball division.

Play day will be held at the Salado youth baseball fields on Feb. 11. Team selections will be made on Feb. 12 and the first practice will be Feb. 20. Games will be played March 20-June 2.

Soccer kicks off season

Salado soccer teams had a rough go of it in tournament play last week, as the girls played in the Centex Tournament losing to Copperas Cove, Killeen, Byron Nelson and Elgin.

Copperas Cove shut out Salado 2-0. The girls tied Killeen 1-1, but lost in a shootout. Kylie Robinson scored in the regular time and shoot out goals were scored by Rilee Wong and Chelsea Boaz. The girls then lost to Byron Nelson 9-0 and Elgin 2-0. Taylor Valeriano was awarded an All Tournament medal for her play as goalkeeper.

Salado varsity Eagles soccer team could not score a goal during their games in the Marble Falls



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Jose Peres defends against a Copperas Cove junior varsity player during the JV Eagles' 2-1 loss Jan. 13. Eric McGregor scored the Salado goal.

tournament last week. The Eagles lost to 4A and 5A schools: Austin LBJ 5-0, Marble Falls, 4-0, Ellison 2-0 and Killeen Shoemaker, 2-0.

Up next for the teams

are the Lady Dawgs soccer tournament in Copperas Cove and the Harker Heights tournament for the boys.

District play begins in February.

Eagles start district with win

Salado Eagles started out district play with a big home win over Llano Yellowjackets 70-41 on Jan. 13, following a non-district home loss to LaVega.

Eagles 70
Llano 41

Koby Spears scored 22 points to lead the Eagles past the Llano Yellowjackets, shooting 53 percent from the field. He scored 15 of his game-high 22 points in the first half. Spears also had four rebounds, five steals, three assists and one block in the game.

Salado led 18-10 after the first period and 39-20 at the half. The Eagles held a 49-23 third quarter lead.

Brandon Womac had 9 points in the game, as well as leading the team in rebounds with six. He had two steals.

Jada Kornegay and Dane Hankamer both had 7 points on the night. Kornegay added a rebound and four assists. Hankamer had two rebounds and two steals.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Ty Roemer, 5 points, one rebound; Austin Adams, 5 points, five rebounds, three steals and two assists; Sam Barrett, 5 points, three rebounds, a steal and three blocks; Kase Spears, 4 points, three rebounds, a steal and three assists; Andrew Warren, 3 points, two rebounds and Cameron Smith, 3 points.

Eagles 51
LaVega 61

Salado could not stop Williams Stinnet in the second half of their 51-61 loss to LaVega Jan. 10. He scored 24 of his game-

high 27 points in the second half.

The Eagles trailed 16-12 after the first period but closed to within 2 points at the half, 27-29. The Pirates took a 45-39 third quarter lead before going six of six from the free throw line in the fourth quarter to take the win.

Koby Spears led the Eagles with 17 points, shooting 46 percent from the field. He had a rebound and three assists.

Kornegay followed with 16 points on 55 percent shooting from the field. He had five rebounds and two blocks.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Adams, 7 points, four rebounds and three assists; Womac, 5 points, seven rebounds; Hankamer, 4 points, three rebounds and Kase Spears, 2 points and a rebound.

The Eagles are 15-9 on the year and 1-0 in district 25-AAA. They will play Burnet Jan. 20 and Lampasas Jan. 24 on the road before hosting Taylor Jan. 27.

JV Boys 24
La Vega JV 54

Salado JV Boys Basketball team played against La Vega Jan. 10.

Salado scored 5 points in the first quarter and 6 points in the second to enter the half trailing 11-27. The JV Boys scored 6 points in the third to make the deficit 17-42 going into the fourth. Salado was unable to mount a comeback in the fourth scoring 7 points to lose 24-54.

Salado's Cameron Wong led the team in scoring with 7 points. Followed by Kyle Heiner, 6 points.

Also scoring for Sal-

ado were: Davis Little, 5 points; Kyle Nicholson, 3 points; Micah Neiburh, 2 points.

JV Boys 50
Llano 39

Salado JV Boys defeated Llano Jan. 13.

Salado scored 15 points in the first quarter of the game to enter the second tied up. The JV Eagles scored 9 points in the second to enter the half trailing 24-25. Salado outscored Llano 17-5 in the third to take a 41-30 lead. The JV Boys scored 9 points in the fourth and held the lead to win 50-39.

Salado's Cole Haag led the team in scoring with 11 points. Followed by Kyle Heiner and Kyle Nicholson, each scoring 10 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Cameron Wong, 8 points; Mason Price, 7 points; Micah Neiburh, 2 points; Davis Little, 2 points.

Freshman Boys 7
La Vega Freshman 57

Salado Freshman Boys Basketball team played against La Vega Jan. 10.

Salado scored 6 points in the first quarter of the game and would enter the half trailing 6-37. Salado Freshman scored a point in the fourth quarter to make the final score 7-57.

Scoring for Salado were: Chase Kelly, 2 points; Roddy Noonan, 2 points; Tyler LeGuin, 2 points.

Salado Freshman 28
Llano 38

Salado Freshman Boys Basketball team played against Llano Jan. 13.

Salado scored 5 points in the first quarter to trail

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5. Student injuries.
6. Harassment/bullying.
7. Athletic program management “dropped balls”
8. Loss of community/athletic support
9. Anticipated loss of additional students.
A “Student Led Petition” in support of coaches and the athletic program and addressing each of the nine areas of the Positive Change Petition was presented to the board of trustees with approximately 150 signatures of students and parents. The petition was circulated at the high school last week.

At the same time, a sur-

vey of student athletes was conducted by administrators on Jan. 13. All student athletes at school that day answered 20 questions pertaining to their satisfaction. According to Dr. Novotny, coaches were not present when the students completed the anonymous survey.
The complete text of the Petition for Positive Change in SISD’s Athletic and Instructional Programs” and the text of the four-page “Student Led Petition” and the student survey results can be viewed online at www.saladovillagevoice.com.

Student athlete Dan Goldman spoke to trustees about why he and other athletes formulated the Student Led petition.
The Positive Change petition, Goldman said, had “outrageous claims” that could not be supported. He pointed out the survey of athletes as an indication of the support that the coaching staff has from its students.
“Eighty percent of Salado athletes are satisfied,” Goldman said, adding that “We are pushed by our coaches for academics, to be successful.... it’s not just sports, sports, sports.”
Parent and former school board member and president Jeff Kelley recalled how cross country coach and girls athletic coordinator Cindy Mewhinney went out of her way to support his daughter when she broke her back. “At one point, we did not know if she was going to walk or not,” Kelley said, “much less run cross country. Her coach was one of the first people to come to

the hospital.”
He added that Mewhinney “was there through the process of getting our daughter to walk again.... She strongly encouraged her to take those first steps.... if you know her, you know just how strongly she encouraged Madison.”
During the season, Mewhinney made Madison feel “like part of the team,” he said. “She made her feel included and needed.”
“I never competed in athletics in school, but I do know character,” he said, adding his thanks for the “coaches aboard who care more about the students themselves than just about the sport.”
“No one is saying all the coaches in SHS are bad,” Hankamer told the board. “No one is saying fire the coaches.” Rather, the group signing the petition is looking at the leadership position in the athletic program as needing to change.
Hankamer spoke about a ninth grade player who was diagnosed with a concussion and was given a doctor’s note not to practice or to play. The player was “accused by coaches of faking it and being a ‘wuss.’” Hankamer said, adding that the harassment and bullying is “a culture issue that is led from the top.”
Hankamer also discussed injuries in the athletic program, including a student suffering a compound fracture in the weight room, other documented back injuries and a student crushing his toe.
Steven Lastovica spoke about the number of students leaving the school district for other local schools and asked, “How many do we have to lose?” before addressing the reasons students are leaving.
“The community is speaking,” he said, “It is time for them to be heard.”
Lastovica added that there are many issues that have been “repeatedly brought to teachers, administrators and board members. They deserve to be addressed.”
A parent read anonymous letters from parents who fear that their concerns about the athletic program will result in repercussion for their students from coaches and other players.
One of those letters alludes to text messages from a male coach to a female student. The anonymous letter calls these texts and actions “predatory.”
Dr. Novotny told *Salado Village Voice* that when he was made aware of the texts, that he investigated the incidents and found that the texts were not in any way out of line.
This issue was addressed appropriately, Dr. Novotny said.
Dr. Novotny said that he will give the concerns of the parents, students and staff serious consideration. He told *Salado Village Voice* that he will appoint a committee of parents, students and staff to review the athletic program for areas of improvement.
Specific incidents of harassment or bullying, however, should be brought directly to administrators to be handled directly.

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Nomination & Election of Directors: Fletcher Rhodes

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Lions speech winners listed

During the Jan. 11 Salado Lions meeting, Ed Care, project chair of the "Lions Speech Writing Contest" presented information on the contest and the contest results. The assigned topic for the speeches was "drugs".

Working with the Salado High School students and staff, the judges have awarded First, Second and Third place prizes.

First Place Prize of \$100 was awarded to Cai Hopkins.

Second Place Prize of \$75 awarded to Haylee Young.

Third Place Prize of \$50 awarded to Tommy Armstrong

Hopkins competed on Jan. 14 for winner of all Lions Clubs in District 2, and she won! Her next competition is May 18 - 19 in Houston for the State

Finalist.

At the meeting, Bill Bartlett of Century 21 and also an elected member of the Water District spoke on the local situation. Since water is one of Salado's main concerns, he shared with us, that last year, with only verbal request that our citizens try and conserve water, usage went down 30 percent.

REPORTED BY DENA PARKS
AND GERRY REIHSEN

Classic and jazz mingle for Jan. 27 pops concert

The Temple Symphony Orchestra mingles classical and jazz music genres for a fusion for its January Pops concert at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Center on the Temple College campus. Note that this concert is on Friday.

The concert, designed for those with a wide variety of musical tastes, is sure to please everyone," said Tom Fairlie, TSO conductor and musical director.

Featured soloist will be Christian Howes, jazz violinist who has electrified the international jazz scene with his ability to fuse traditional classical styles with creative uses of jazz.

Howes received the top spot in last year's Downbeat magazine's Critics Poll (Rising Star Violin). He was also nominated for "Violinist of the Year" by the Jazz Journalists Association in 2011.

The Minneapolis Tribune called him "arguably the most intriguing young violinist in jazz," while the Chicago Reader said, "Not since Jean-Luc Ponty has a violinist ranged from pure classical to fuzz tone rock to convincing jazz with such authority."

A classically trained violinist with a doctorate in music, Howes formerly served on the faculty of Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass. Howes continues to teach in addition to his busy performing schedule. He takes students one-on-one and through email and Skype.

The concert opens with "Grand Canyon Suite," Ferde Grofe's elegant musical essay on the nation's remarkable natural wonder.

Howes then commands the stage. The audience will warm up with an upbeat "Winter" from Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons," arranged by Temple College music professor Benjamin Irom.

Also on the program will be Howes performing classical selections



Christian Howes

"Caprice" by Niccolò Paganini; "Cascade" by Bert Ligon; and Prelude from Cello Suite No. 1 in G major by J.S. Bach. Moving on to jazzier fare, Howes and the orchestra will present "Daydream" by Billy Strayhorn and Duke Ellington; "I Got Rhythm" and "Summertime" by George Gershwin; and James Anderson's arrangement of "Spain" by Chick Corea.

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Auxiliary introduces 2012 officers

The 2012 officers for the Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary were introduced at the first meeting for the year. Left to right: Sandra Gromacki, Hospitality; Barclay McCort, Publicity; Tommye Prater, Treasurer; Maurine Nathanson, Secretary; Pat Broecker, President; Dorothy Dentry, Vice President and Ursula Karo, Historian. Ramon Carver gave a preview presentation of his planned February program to the Ladies Auxiliary Thursday. He read excerpts from his book, "Texassity: Profiles of Texans, A Collection of Monologs and Scenes. After his performance Dorothy Dentry asked him to autograph one of his books being donated to the Salado Public Library. A second book, "Drama: An Actor's Education" by actor John Lithgow, is also being given to the library in honor of Carver.

UMHB Highways and Byways Concert Jan. 28

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor presents Highways & Byways: A Traditional & Folk music concert series featuring "Wheatfield" 7 p.m. Jan 28 in Hughes Recital Hall. Wheatfield, with Connie Mims, Craig Calvert, Ezra Idlet and Keith Grimwood have established themselves at the forefront of the Texas music scene and continue to stretch their musical influences from country, bluegrass, and folk into jazz and rock genres. Currently, Ezra Idlet and Keith Grimwood play together as "Trout Fishing in America". Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10. Free admission for UMHB Students/Alumni/Faculty/Staff with I.D.



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Night of Music at Salado United Methodist Church

A Night of Song will be presented 6 p.m. Jan.20 in the Salado United Methodist Church chapel. The vocal recital will feature Sean Hale (Bari-tone), Mary Hale (Soprano), and Erin Calata (Mezzo-soprano). Nelda Milligan will be playing the piano with works from Gerald Finzi, Samuel Barber, George Crumb, and Broadway favorites. The performance is free, an offering will be accepted to benefit the music fund for Salado United Methodist Church.

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Daily Choice: Toast & Jelly, Cereal (Frosted Corn Flakes, Honey Nut Cheerios), Milk (Fat Free Chocolate, 1% Strawberry, 1% White)

Lunch - Thomas Arnold Elementary, Salado Intermediate and Junior High

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Cheesy Dog Baked Beans Chocolate Pudding Mixed Fruit	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato/Gravy Spinach Apricots	Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Peaches w/topping Breadstick	Fish Nuggets Brocoli Banana Bread Square Applesauce	Cheeseburger Burger Salad French Fries Vanilla Pudding

Daily Choice: Milk, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Fresh Fruit (Jr. High: Baked Potato) | Friday: Fruity Freeze

Lunch - High School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Cheesy Dog Beans Cheetos Applesauce Cake Mixed Fruit	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato/Gravy Green Beans Pineapple	Pepperoni Pizza Iron Man Salad Breadstick Peaches	Fish Nuggets Broccoli Coleslaw Hushpuppies Peaches	Cheeseburger French Fries Burger Salad Fruit Pan Dowdy

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Obituaries

JARED KANE BENSON

Memorial services for Jared Kane Benson, 40, of Belton were held Jan. 12, at Heartfield Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Yohan Baek officiated.

Jared was born on November 12, 1971 at La-crosse, Wisconsin to John and Debra (Sudderth) Benson. He attended Killeen Schools and worked for IGA Food Stores as a meat cutter for many years. Currently he was employed by Sam's Wholesale Club and worked in the tire department. He attended the United Methodist Church of Little River.

Jared died January 8, 2012 in Nolanville.

His mother Debra Weigant preceded him in death.

Survivors include one son, Jay Benson of Harker Heights; Father and step-mother, John and Barbara Benson of Salado; three brothers, Jim Benson of Belton, Jimmy Campbell of Belton, Steve Campbell of Belton; sister Stacey Johnson of Wills Point.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton.



ELIZABETH IRENE BUSHEE

Elizabeth Irene Bushee 84, of Belton died January 9, 2012 at her home.

Services were held, Jan. 11, at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton with the Rev. Bob Livingston officiating.

Burial was later in the Salado Cemetery.

She was born Feb. 6, 1927, in Creek County, Okla., to Walter B. and Virgie Cranfield Sorrels.

She married George Bushee on Jan. 27, 1950, in Fort Worth. She moved from Houston to Belton over 23 years ago. She was a registered nurse and worked for King's Daughters Hospital from 1989 to 1999.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Dale Bushee of Houston and John Bushee of Dallas; a daughter, Lynn Bushee of Phoenix; a grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

DR. WINSTON LEE KINSEY

Dr. Winston Lee Kinsey, age 68, of Deep Gap, North Carolina passed away January 9, 2012 at his residence.

Born March 7, 1943 in Lampasas, Texas, he was a son of the late Lee Roy and Loretta Hazel Jernigan Kinsey of Salado, Texas.

Dr. Kinsey received his PhD in History from Texas Tech University in 1969. He taught at Appalachian State University for 35 years and was a former Assistant Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. Winston was a Watauga County Commissioner for six years and a member of First Baptist Church where he was a former Deacon and Sunday School Teacher. Winston was also a Mason and a member of Ashlar Lodge #373 AF & AM.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Bone Kinsey, two daughters; Tricia Kinsey Masters and husband David L. Masters, MD of Lenoir, North Carolina and Robyn Kinsey Mooring and husband Dewey Mooring of Durham, North Carolina, four grandchildren; Benjamin Scott Masters, Rachel Kinsey Masters, Winston Tyler Mooring and Thomas Alexander Mooring, two brothers; Nolan Kinsey of Salado, Texas and Travis Kinsey of Moody, Texas and an aunt, Shirley Jernigan Townsend and husband Weldon of Round Rock, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his son; Winston Scott Kinsey and his parents.

A Celebration of Life Service for Dr. Winston Lee Kinsey was conducted Jan. 13 at the First Baptist Church. Burial followed at Mount Lawn Memorial Parks and Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Brenner's Children's Hospital, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157 or to Watauga County 4-H, in care of Karee Mackey, Cooperative Extension Service, 971 W. King St., Boone, N.C. 28607.

Online condolences may be sent to the Kinsey family at www.austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com.



GORDON "GORDY" MCQUIRE

Funeral services for Gordon "Gordy" McQuire, age 53 of Salado, were held 10 a.m. Jan. 17 at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton with Layman Minister, Raul Velasquez and Pastor John Swedlund officiating. Burial will follow at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

Visitation was held, Jan. 14, at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton.

Gordon "Gordy" McQuire died January 10, 2012 in Temple.

He was born October 12, 1958 in Newport Beach, California, the son of Joe and Patricia McQuire. He married his wife Rachel (Velasquez), November 02, 2000 in Bell County.

Gordy McQuire graduated from Fort Benton High School and went on to pursue a Master's Degree in Science from Tarleton State University in 2005 and was a candidate for a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice. In 2004 he was certified as a Master Peace Officer.

Gordy McQuire served his country honorably in the United States Army for 30 years, retiring at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. After retiring from the military, he went on to serve as an officer for the Bell County Sheriff's Office and as Reserve Constable for Precinct 3. He also worked as a Pilot for Metro Aviation and a Air Medical Pilot for Petroleum Helicopters, Inc..

He lived in the Central Texas area for over 30 years after moving from Montana. He was member of the 3C Cowboy Fellowship Church in Salado. Mr. McQuire was a Master Mason and a member of the Salado Masonic Lodge #296, the Rotary Club of Salado, and Blue Knights.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Ann (Kelley) McQuire, and two brothers, Joseph and Jack McQuire.

Survivors include his father, Joseph McQuire; wife, Rachel (Velasquez) McQuire; sons, Kyle Doug McQuire, Junior Ceballos; three daughters, Kimberly Ann-Marie McQuire; Vanessa Lynn Alvarado, Harley Visa

McQuire; three brothers, Greg, Jay, and George McQuire; three sisters, Kelly, Autumn, and Allison McQuire; nine grandchildren, Campbell Caroline McQuire, Kameryn Amora Vaden, Triton Drake Vaden, Chris Ceballos, Chris Garcia, Jacob Romo, Nathan Romo, Destynie Ceballos, and Gianah Ceballos.

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5-12 and scored 12 points in the second to enter the half down 16-18. Salado Freshman scored 10 points in the third to enter the fourth leading 25-24. The Freshman Boys were out-scored 3-13 in the fourth to lose the game 28-38.

Salado's Deal led the team in scoring with 10 points. Followed by Chase Kelly, 9 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Ellis VanSickle, 3 points; Keaton Phillip, 2 points.

8th A Boys	31
Llano	28
Lightfoot, 8 points.	
Payne, 7 points.	
Kyburz, 6 points.	
Moerbe, 4 points.	
Armstrong, 2 points.	
Ebeling, 2 points.	
Ray, 2 points.	
8th B Boy	31
Llano	23
Fischer, 9 points.	
Taylor, 9 points.	
DePoy, 6 points.	
Armenta, 2 points.	
Dunnahoo, 1 point.	
Lowrance, 1 point.	
Verdine, 1 point.	

8th A Boys	40
Liberty Hill	49
Lightfoot, 13 points.	
Buckley, 7 points.	
Payne, 5 points.	
Moerbe, 4 points.	
Kyburz, 3 points.	
Sebesta, 3 points.	
Ray, 3 points.	
Armstrong, 2 points.	
8th B Boys	33
Liberty Hill	39
DePoy, 12 points.	
Taylor, 7 points.	
Armenta, 5 points.	
Verdine, 5 points.	
Dunnahoo, 4 points.	
Fischer, 2 points.	
Lowrance, 2 points.	

7th A Boys	21
Llano	10
Trevor Stump, 7 points.	
Mark Richardson, 5 points.	
Austin Henry, 4 points.	
Parker Seaton, 3 points.	
Dalton Westbrook, 2 points.	
7th B Boys	6
Llano	26
Connor Hill, 2 points.	
Jay Quintanilla, 2 points.	
Salado 7th A Boys	15
Liberty Hill	60
Trevor Stump, 5 points.	
Austin Henry, 4 points.	
Mark Richardson, 4 points.	
Dalton Westbrook, 2 points.	
7th B Boys	4
Liberty Hill	53
Allen Sirois, 2 points.	
Connor Hill, 2 points.	



Tommy Armstrong, Tanner Pitts, Addison Burns, Courtnie Taylor display the Midway trophy.

SHS sweeps Midway

Salado High UIL Academic squad took first place in the Midway Tournament Jan. 14.

Following are the individual and team placements for Salado.

Number Sense: First place team.

Number Sense (ninth/10th grade): Ellis Van Sickle, first; Sammy Nguyen, second; Dane Hankamer, third. Contributing team points: Robert Cortes.

Number Sense (11th/12th grade): Dale Clement, fourth; Tommy Armstrong, fifth.

Calculator Applications: First place team.

Calculator Applications (ninth/10th grade): Sean Clement. Calculator Applications (11th/12th grade): Tommy Armstrong, first; Andrew Warren, second.

Mathematics: First place team.

Individual: Annie Nguyen, first; Tommy Armstrong, fifth.

Spelling and Vocabulary: Second place team.

Individual: Kelsey Palomino, second, Kyle Heiner, third. Contributing team points: Megan Cook, Javier Cruz, Dane Hankamer.

Journalism: First place team.

News Writing: Katy Liller, second, Tanner Pitts, third.

Feature Writing: Tanner Pitts, first, Katy Liller, second, Robert Cortes, fifth.

Editorial Writing: Rachel Habiger, first, Tanner Pitts, second.

Headline Writing: Tanner Pitts, first, Carlie Block, fourth, Robert Cortes, fifth.

Ready Writing: Athena Yeaw, first.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Barrett Snyder, first.

Prose Interpretation: Megan Cook, fifth place.

Poetry Interpretation: Addison Burns, sixth.



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Carol Meyer Willingham, of Salado, will sing in solo recital at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 as part of the Caliber Oak Chapel Music Series to benefit SADS, an organization that promotes awareness and research of Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes. The performance is in memory of Carol's nephew, Brett Ivan Anderson (1985-2009).

Works by Fauré and Poulenc, as well as songs made famous by Edith Piaf, will be featured in an all-French recital. Carol will be accompanied by Dr. Cameron Hofmann, a collaborative pianist, organist and vocal coach on the music faculty of Baylor University.

Carol Meyer Willingham is a 1981 graduate of the University of Iowa where she also received her Masters in Music in 1985. She received a certificate from the conservatory "Mozarteum" in Salzburg, Austria, in 1983. Carol sang with several opera companies across the United States, the most notable of which was a consecutive nine-year career as a principal soloist at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City between 1991 and 2000. She also sang concerts in Europe and parts of Asia and the Middle East. She was a 2004 Grammy Awards nominee.

In 2000, she began re-training as a psychotherapist, receiving her Masters in Social Work from New York University in 2003. In addition, she received a post-graduate certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy from Blanton-Peale Institute in New York City in 2006 and from 2006 to 2008 interned at the Family Life Chaplain Training and Resource Center at Fort Hood. She is currently a psychotherapist in individual, marriage and family therapy, with offices in Salado and Georgetown, Texas. She is married to Douglas B. Willingham, D.D.S. of Salado.

The concert will be held at the Chapel at Caliber Oak outside of Salado, and refreshments will be served. The requested donation is \$25 and reservations are required. Call Denise at (254) 760-1590.



Carol Meyer Willingham

Brett Ivan Anderson (1985-2009)

Brett Anderson was the son of Cathy Simon and the stepson of Randy Simon, of Winterset, Iowa. He was the son of Roger Anderson, of Van Meter, Iowa. He graduated from Central College in Pella, Iowa, in 2007 with a BA in Athletic Training and received his Masters in Kinesiology from the University of Wyoming in 2009. He joined the Wichita State University faculty in the summer of 2009 as Assistant Athletic Trainer for Track and Field.

Brett died suddenly of "probable cardiac arrhythmia". He had never shown any signs or symptoms of heart problems.



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TUESDAYS
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Chorus practice, 6 p.m.,
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less otherwise noted.

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

SATURDAYS
Recycling program,
9 a.m.-noon on the
grounds of the Salado
Arts Workshop, 113
Salado Plaza Drive.

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

JANUARY 19
Singer and songwriter
circle at Kinky Fried-
man's Smoking Lounge,
corner of Royal Street and
Center Circle, 6:30 p.m.
Mark Huber and Rick
Bussey with host RPT.

JANUARY 19
Village of Salado
Board of Aldermen
meeting, 6 p.m. at the
Municipal Building, 301
Stagecoach Rd.

JANUARY 20
Mermaid Art Open-
ing Reception at Salado
Wine Seller, 841 N. Main,
5-8 p.m.

JANUARY 20
A Night of Song in the
chapel of Salado United
Methodist Church at 6
p.m. Vocal recital featur-
ing Sean Hale (Baritone),
Mary Hale (Soprano),
and Erin Calata (Mezzo-
soprano). Nelda Milligan
will be playing the piano
with works from Gerald
Finzi, Samuel Barber,
George Crumb, and
Broadway favorites. Free
admission, any offering
will benefit the music
fund for Salado UMC

JANUARY 21
KNCT Wine Clas-
sic with local wineries
participating. For info,
visit [http://www.knct.org/
wineclassic/](http://www.knct.org/wineclassic/)

JANUARY 23 & 24
Community meeting
to solicit input from the
community regarding
the new high school
principal selection, 7
p.m. at the Salado Civic
Center. The process will
be explained and parents
will have an opportu-
nity to provide feedback
regarding the desired
characteristics of the new
principal. Any parents
of current high school stu-
dents and/or future high
school students are wel-
come to attend. Meeting
was originally scheduled

for Feb. 13.

JANUARY 25
Salado Lions Club,
11:30 a.m., Salado Civic
Center, luncheon meet-
ing.

JANUARY 26
Voter registration
drive in the foyer of
Salado High School,
8-11:30 a.m. For informa-
tion, call Barclay McCort
254-947-3617.

JANUARY 26
Singer and songwrit-
er circle at Kinky Fried-
man's Smoking Lounge,
corner of Royal Street and
Center Circle, 6:30 p.m.
Host RPT welcomes Phil
Greer and John Dunnam.

JANUARY 26
Salado Area Republi-
can Women Candidates
Forum, 6 p.m., Tenroc
Ranch Event Center.
Call Sherril Gardipee
939-7085.

**JANUARY 26, FEB. 2, 9,
& 16**
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Knit ages 7-14. 4-5 p.m.
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ting bag and pattern.
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inside Southern Comforts,
22 N Main. [saladoyarn@
gmail.com](mailto:saladoyarn@gmail.com).

JANUARY 27
Fourth Friday Gospel
Singing at Cedar Valley
Baptist Church, begin-
ning at 7 p.m. 8 miles
west of Salado on FM
2843. Potluck dinner
served.

JANUARY 27
Salado Village Artist
SuZan Workshop. For
more information, email
sqrver428@yahoo.com.

JANUARY 27
Knit or crochet a
square for "Warm Up
America" at The Salado
Yarn Co., 7-8:30 p.m.
Pattern and some yarn
provided. inside Southern
Comforts, 22 N Main.
saladoyarn@gmail.com.

JANUARY 28
San Gabriel Winter
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Rising Star Vineyard
and Salado Creek Win-
ery. For more informa-
tion, visit [www.sangabriel-
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JANUARY 28
Bayleigh Ringo
Day will be held to
remember the young
girl who touched our
lives. Bayleigh's Day will
begin with a tree planting
ceremony in her honor,
followed by a balloon
release and a benefit bar-
becue for the Ringo fam-
ily. Bayleigh Ringo Day
will be held at The Play
Yard Christian Preschool
located at 15299 South
IH-35 in Salado.

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. \$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. 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.

FEBRUARY 6

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

FEBRUARY 9

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting. Civic Center, 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Titia Arledge of Mud Pies with Sir Wigglesworth Fudge recipe and pottery.

FEBRUARY 7-MARCH 27

Teen Knitting Tuesdays 3-4 p.m. \$5

per session. The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. \$20 class fee plus supplies saladoyarn@gmail.com.

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 plus 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 glass of locally made Texas wine accompanied by a happy plate of cheese and fruit. Reservations are encouraged. Questions email tiffyoranch@gmail.com.

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, 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. Price is \$25. For registration or more information on the class schedule, call 254-947-3456, or go to www.SilverSpurArts.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.



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FEBRUARY 11

Salado Village Artists' Juried Art Show, "Art From the Heart" public reception at the 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 Willingham soprano. Reservations required Call Denise at (254) 760-1590.

FEBRUARY 14

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

FEBRUARY 21

Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library.

FEBRUARY 23

Salado Area Republican Women State-wide Candidates Forum, 11:30 a.m., Tenroc Ranch Event Center. Sherril Gardipee 939-7085.

FEBRUARY 24

Talent Show featuring the talents of Thomas Arnold Elementary and Salado Intermediate School students, 6-8 p.m. in the SIS cafeteria.

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 Tourna-

ment 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

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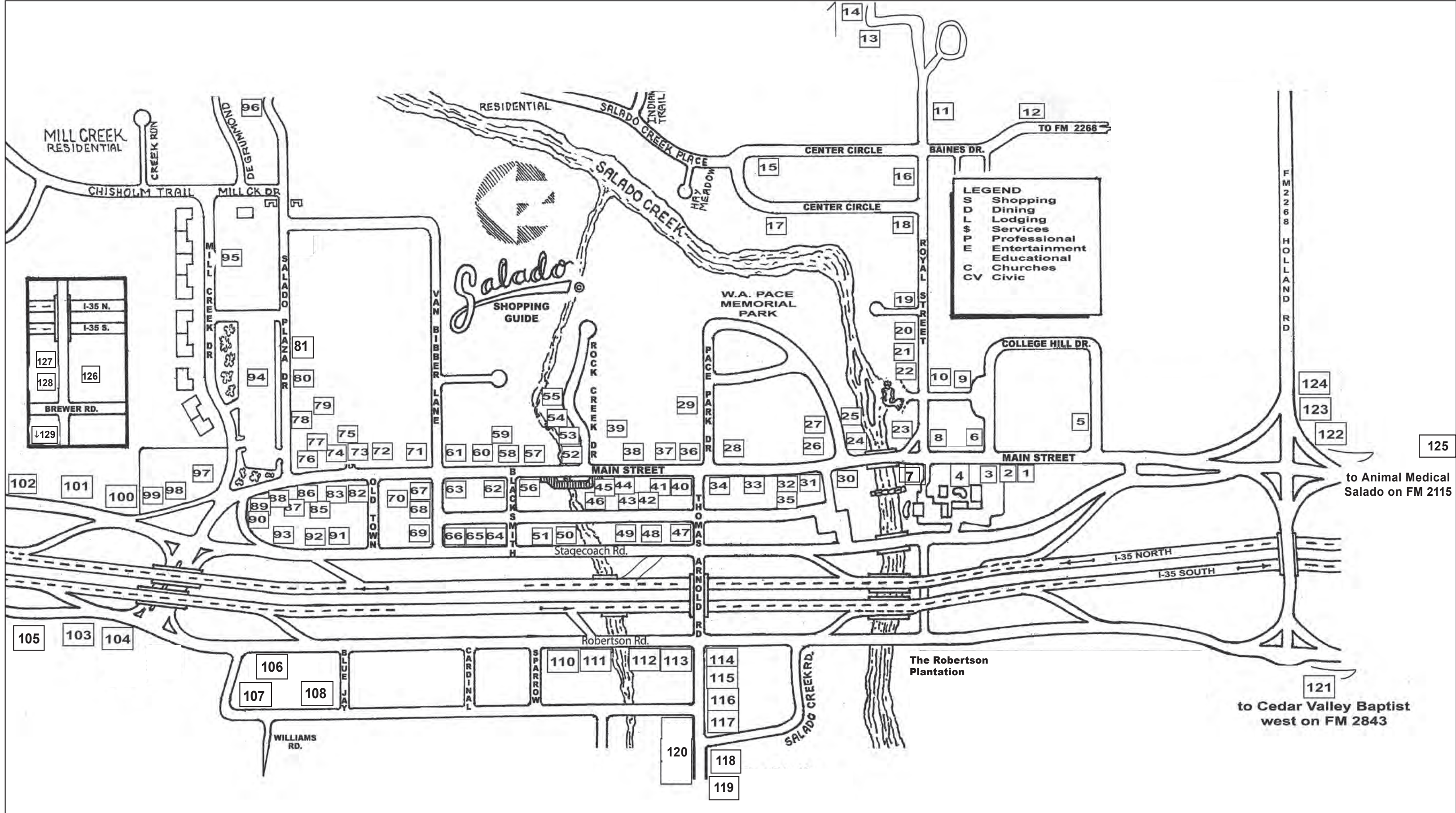
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15.	Inn on the Creek B&B	254/947-5554	D		Linda Rountree Pritchard-Egg	254/947-4263	P	70.	<u>STAGESTOP</u>				Ace Hardware	254/947-4008	S		Dr. Howard Lufburrow					
16.	Alexander's Distillery	254/947-5544	D	40.	Family Dentistry	254/947-5242	P		Bruce A. Bolick, CPA	254/718-7299	P		Salado Village Voice	254/947-5321	\$		The Play Yard Infant Center	254-947-1129	P			
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23.	Salado Merchantile	254/231-1399	S						Salado Realty	254-947-9700	P		Peggy Sutherland, Agent				(Inside JD's Travel Center)					
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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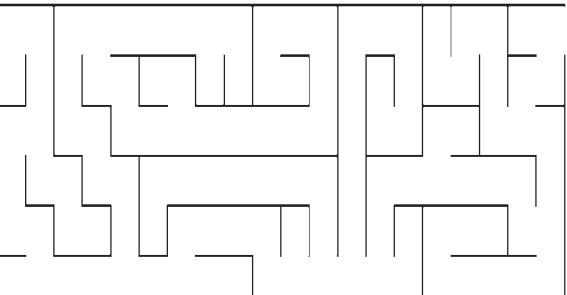
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BY Cindy Brook

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31 Across: British rule in India

35 Across: Beer vessel

38 Across: Historic period

40 Across: Martini ingredient

42 Across: Book of maps

45 Across: Angelic instrument

47 Across: Lost vital fluid

48 Across: Olympic 27-Down

49 Across: Verve

50 Across: 24 hours

51 Across: First lady?

52 Across: See 17-Across

54 Across: Pod occupant

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ —
♥ J 8 7 5 4 2
♦ A J 10
♣ A Q 9 4

WEST

♠ Q 7 6 4
♥ 10 9 6 3
♦ 6
♣ K J 6 2

EAST

♠ A K J 9 8 2
♥ A K Q
♦ Q 9 7
♣ 8

SOUTH

♠ 10 5 3
♥ —
♦ K 8 5 4 3 2
♣ 10 7 5 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Dble

Opening lead: four of spades.

Assertiveness to the Nth degree

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Those who hold the opinion that female players tend to be somewhat timid when compared with their male counterparts should have their convictions shaken by the goings-on in today's deal. It occurred in the final of the 1992 United States Women's Team Championship.

The auction shown took place when Sue Picus and Sharon Osberg held the North-South cards against Joyce Lilie, West, and Jo Morse, East. The bidding started quietly enough when Picus opened one heart, then picked up steam with Morse's aggressive leap to four spades.

After two passes, Picus decided not to sell out. She bid four notrump, asking her partner to choose a suit. This was a two-way action designed to find a makable game or a profitable sacrifice.

Osberg bid five diamonds, and West carried on to five spades. Convinced that the opposition could make this contract (actually, five spades went down two at the other table when South secured two heart ruffs), Osberg continued on to six diamonds, doubled by East.

West led a spade, ruffed in dummy, and Osberg ruffed a heart. A club to the nine, which held, was followed by another heart ruff. Declarer continued with a diamond to the ace and a third heart ruff, establishing the suit.

The ten of clubs was covered by West's jack and dummy's queen and ruffed by East with the diamond nine. East returned a spade, forcing dummy to ruff with the jack, but Osberg was in complete control. She ruffed a heart, drew East's queen of diamonds with the king, crossed to the ace of clubs and discarded a club and a spade on the J-8 of hearts to make the slam for a score of 1,090 points.

Fifteen high-card points -- plus a goodly measure of assertiveness -- can, at the right time, go a long, long way!

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Eating healthy in 2012

ROASTED FISH AND VEGGIES WITH QUINOA AND PINE NUTS

Serves 4

This easy, colorful meal is roasted in a parchment-paper-lined pan to avoid the need for added oil. We garnish the finished dish with cilantro and pine nuts, but a combination of basil and almonds or walnuts and parsley would be delicious as well.

Ingredients
2 carrots, cut into 2-inch sticks
1 large yellow bell pepper, cut into strips
1 1/2 cups grape tomatoes
1 red onion, halved and thinly sliced
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt, divided
4 (3-ounce) pieces mild white fish fillet such as tilapia, sole or flounder
Zest and juice of 1 lemon



1 cup quinoa, cooked according to package directions
3 tablespoons chopped cilantro
3 tablespoons toasted pine nuts, chopped

Method
Preheat oven to 400°F and line a 9- x 13-inch baking pan with parchment paper. Place carrots, bell pepper, tomatoes, onion, garlic and 1/4 teaspoon salt in the pan and toss. Bake in the top third of the oven until vegetables are tender, about 25 minutes.

Stir vegetables, arrange fish on top and sprinkle with remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt, lemon zest and juice and bake until fish is just cooked through, 15 to 20 more minutes. Transfer fish and vegetables to plates or a platter along with the quinoa and sprinkle with cilantro and pine nuts.

Nutrition per serving: 330 calories (80 from fat), 9g total fat, 1g saturated fat, 45mg cholesterol, 220mg sodium, 40g total carbohydrate (6g dietary fiber, 8g sugar), 26g protein

NOT-TUNA SALAD

Makes 3 cups
Enjoy the flavor and texture of tuna salad with this vegetarian garbanzo bean mixture. Perfect for sandwiches, wraps or spread on crackers.

Ingredients
1 (15-ounce) can no-salt added garbanzos beans, rinsed and drained
1/2 apple, cored and chopped
1/4 cup finely chopped celery
1/4 cup chopped pecans
2 tablespoons dill relish
2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice



1 teaspoon kelp granules
Ground black pepper to taste

Method
Pulse the garbanzo beans in bowl of a food processor until coarsely chopped. Transfer to a medium bowl and add apple, celery, pecans, relish, red onion, dill, lemon juice and kelp gran-

ules. Stir until well combined. Season with pepper and chill until ready to serve.

Nutrition per serving (1/2 cup): 90 calories (40 from fat), 4.5g total fat, 0g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 120mg sodium, 12g total carbohydrate (3g dietary fiber, 3g sugar), 3g protein

ANCIENT GRAIN STUFFED RED BELL PEPPERS

Serves 4

Impressive, yet simple with whole grains and arame, a mild sea vegetable. Feel free to add more herbs or top with toasted sesame seeds.

Ingredients
1/2 cup uncooked quinoa, rinsed
1/4 cup uncooked amaranth (or more quinoa)
1 cup frozen edamame, thawed
1 cup loosely packed (about 12 grams) dry arame seaweed, soaked in cold water for 15 minutes, drained well
6 green onions, thinly sliced
3 carrots, grated
1/3 cup roughly chopped fresh cilantro, dill or parsley
2 tablespoons brown rice



vinegar
4 red bell peppers, tops removed and reserved, then cored and seeded

Method
Preheat oven to 350°F. Put grains and 1 1/2 cups water into a medium pot and bring to a boil. Reduce to medium-low; cover and simmer until liquid is gone and grains are tender, about 15 minutes. Let rest 5 minutes; fluff with a fork and transfer to a large bowl. Toss in edamame, arame, onions,

carrots, cilantro and vinegar. Stuff peppers with mixture and arrange in a baking dish; pour 1/4 cup water into dish. Place tops on peppers, cover with foil and bake 30 minutes. Uncover and bake until tender, 20 to 30 minutes more.

Nutrition per serving: 320 calories (60 from fat), 6g total fat, 1g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 110mg sodium, 48g total carbohydrate (14g dietary fiber, 11g sugar), 20g protein

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Library celebrates Robert E. Lee Day

By ELAINE EDDINGS

January 19, 2012 marks the 205th anniversary of the birth of one of the nation's most revered Civil War heroes – General Robert E. Lee. His actions during the conflict shaped a nation that worked with great purpose to become united. Lee led with compassion and dedication to his beliefs and service for his country.

The library offers an interesting variety of books and DVDs that highlight the diversity of Lee and his historical contributions. In Emory M. Thomas's Robert E. Lee, A Biography, great care is taken to present a more down-to-earth, and yet triumphant Lee.

An interesting "what-if" presentation arises in The Secret Trial of Robert E. Lee by Thomas Fleming where Unionist Assistant Secretary of War Charles A. Dana secretly

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puts Lee on trial for his life. The characters are both historical and fictional in a dialogue that captivates the reader.

Even more alternative history is imagined in Newt Gingrich and William Forstchen's novel, Gettysburg: A Novel of the Civil War. A Confederate victory at Gettysburg is presented with military detail that would appeal to any Civil War aficionado or military fiction fan with, for instance, its climactic and intense battle scene. The authors, both respected historians, make the reader a true believer in possibilities.

Viewers will enjoy the Gods and Generals DVD for its attention to detail and effort to honor faith and patriotism with rev-

erence for the Civil War saga that took place – focusing on the events of 1861-63. Robert Duvall portrays General Robert E. Lee with subtle grace. In non-fiction DVD, there is the series, Gettysburg: The Unknown Civil War Series, which contains 12 complete episodes of Civil War History featuring rare photographs, amazing reenactments and interviews.

For youth, there is a variety of Robert E. Lee biographies and Civil War publications, such as Meet Robert E. Lee by George Swift Trow, a "STEP-UP" book that presents precise material in a simple, readable form for young readers. Also, Robert E. Lee: Southern Hero of the Civil War by Mona Kerby, a

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This will be Dr. Carver's last show for the Living Room Theatre, and he has chosen the subject, "Out-of-the-ordinary goings-on in a small Texas town café," having spent thousands of hours in Salado's coffee shops during the past fifteen years. When asked why he wrote this full-length show to close his career here after writing and editing over 75 shows, he said that he's learned more during this time of his life about politics, personalities, and interpersonal relationships than he ever expect to learn in retirement, and he had to write about it.

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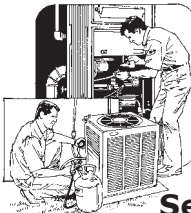
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Dear EarthTalk: Are there healthy, green-friendly mouthwashes? I've heard that some contain formaldehyde and other nasty substances. -- Marina Sandberg, Albany, NY

Many mainstream mouthwashes contain ingredients that you definitely don't want to swallow, or even put down the drain. According to the Environmental Health Association of Nova Scotia's (EHANS's) "Guide to Less Toxic Products"—a free online resource designed to help consumers choose healthier, greener everyday products—conventional mouthwash is often alcohol-based, with an alcohol content ranging from 18-26 percent. "Products with alcohol can contribute to cancers of the mouth, tongue and throat when used regularly," the guide reports, adding that a 2009 review in the Dental Journal of Australia confirmed the link between alcohol-based mouthwashes and an increased risk of oral cancers.

And you might want to avoid mouthwashes with fluoride (aka sodium fluoride). While fluoride may help fight cavities, ingesting too much of it has been linked to neurological prob-

Healthy, green friendly mouthwashes/Cutting emissions in Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states



Many mainstream mouthwashes contain ingredients that you wouldn't want to swallow or rinse down the drain. Fortunately, there are many natural alternatives available now, including recipes for making your own.

lems and could be a cancer trigger as well. Common mouthwash sweeteners have also been linked to health problems: Saccharin is a suspected carcinogen while sucralose may trigger migraines. Synthetic colors can also be troublesome.

Some brands contain formaldehyde (aka quaternium-15). According to the National Cancer Institute, overexposure to formaldehyde can cause a burning sensation in the eyes, nose and throat as well as coughing, wheezing, nausea and skin irritation. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency considers formaldehyde a "probable human carcinogen" and research has shown an association between long term workplace exposure and several specific cancers, including leukemia. Few of us are exposed to as much formaldehyde as, say, morticians, but does that mean its okay to swish it around in our mouths every day?

Other problematic ingredients in many conven-

tional mouthwashes include sodium lauryl sulfate, polysorbate, cetylpyridinium chloride and benzalkonium chloride, all which have been shown to be toxic to organisms in the aquatic environments where these chemicals end up after we spit them out.

So what's a concerned green consumer to do? EHANS recommends the following mouthwashes that do not contain alcohol, fluoride, artificial colors or sweeteners: Anarres Natural Candy Cane Mouthwash, Auromere Ayurvedic Mouthwash, Beauty with a Cause Mouthwash, Jason Natural Cosmetics Tea Tree Oil Mouthwash, Dr. Katz TheraBreath Oral Rinses, Hakeem Herbal Mouthwash, and Miessence Freshening Mouthwash. Besides these brands, the Environmental Working Group's Skin Deep Cosmetic Database also lists Tom's of Maine Natural Baking Soda Mouthwash, Healing-Scents Mouthwash, and Neal's Yard Remedies Lavender and Myrrh Mouthwash as least harmful to people and the environment.

You can also make your own all-natural mouthwash at home. Eco-friendly consumer advice columnist Annie Berthold Bond recommends mixing warm water, baking soda or sea salt, and a drop of peppermint and/or tea tree oil for a refreshing and bacteria-excising rinse. Another recipe involves combining distilled or mineral water with a few dashes of fresh mint and rosemary leaves and some anise seeds; mix well and swish! A quick Internet search will yield many other down-home

natural mouthwash formulas.

CONTACTS: Guide to Less Toxic Products, www.lesstoxic.ca; Skin Deep Database, www.ewg.org/skindeep/; Annie Berthold Bond, www.anniebond.com.

Dear EarthTalk: I understand that some Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic U.S. states have banded together to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions. Can you enlighten?
-- Bo Clifford, Cary, NC

Given the lack of federal action to curb greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S., several East Coast states joined together in 2008 to form the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), committing to a market-based system to cap carbon pollution and lower energy bills while creating more green jobs.

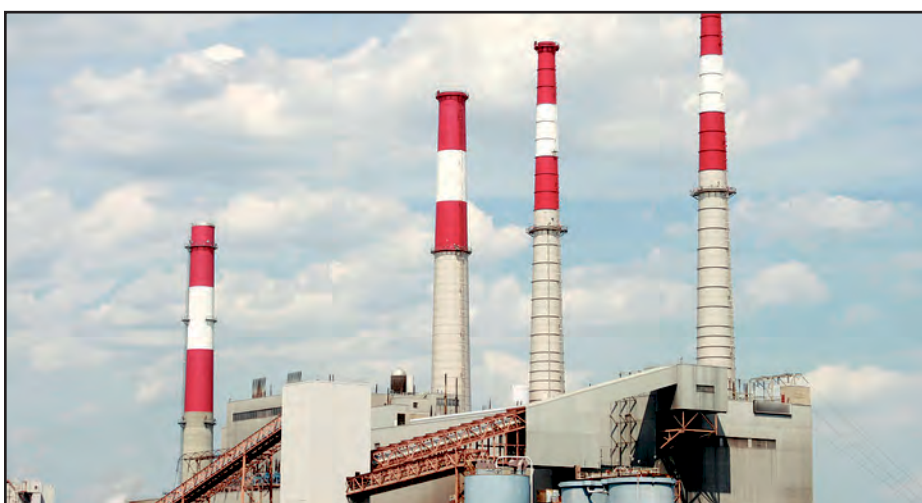
Under RGGI, the 10 participating states—Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont—agreed on a region-wide greenhouse gas emissions limit, enforced through the sale of pollution permits to large fossil fuel power plants there. The utilities that run the plants purchase the right (at quarterly auctions) to emit certain capped amounts of carbon dioxide (CO₂). The money raised is in turn invested in local businesses throughout Northeast and Mid-

Atlantic states that promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. RGGI's overall goal is to reduce CO₂ emissions from the power sector in the states involved by 10 percent by 2018.

The program was conceived in 2008 by then New York governor George Pataki based on a similar federal program launched by President George H.W. Bush in 1990 that successfully curbed emissions of other pollutants that led to acid rain.

While RGGI had strong bipartisan support at launch, changing priorities have since forced some states to reconsider their commitments. According to RenewableEnergyWorld.com, New Jersey is likely to back out, while factions in New Hampshire and Maine have also called for a withdrawal. "The political tides have turned significantly since the program was started, and many legislatures are now dominated by a new crop of lawmakers looking to cut spending in cash-strapped states," the website reports.

Environmentalists and many business owners have banded together to try to save RGGI in the face of economic threats to its viability. Last July some 200 Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic businesses signed on to an open letter urging the governors of the 10 participating states to keep up with the program so that it can achieve its goals. "The Regional Greenhouse



Ten Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states have, in the face of federal inaction, agreed on a region-wide greenhouse gas emissions limit, enforced through the sale of pollution permits to large fossil fuel power plants there. Money raised is invested in local businesses throughout the region that promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. Pictured: The Big Allis Power Plant, Queens, New York City

Gas Initiative shows that market-based programs can reduce greenhouse gas emissions while boosting our economy and improving energy security, and we encourage you to support and strengthen RGGI going forward," the letter states. The letter goes on to cite research showing a \$4-6 increase in economic output for every \$1 invested in energy effi-

ciency programs in the RGGI states. "Even better, these market-driven investments create jobs in the clean tech sector—one of the most dynamic segments of our state economies."

Perhaps more important, RGGI "serves as a powerful model for what a comprehensive national energy policy should do" says the Natural Resources

Defense Council (NRDC), a leading environmental group. Whether or not the economy will improve enough or climate change will become dramatic enough for Congress and the White House to take federal action to limit greenhouse gas emissions across the board is anybody's guess. In the meantime, keeping alive programs like RGGI might

be the best we can hope for.

CONTACTS: RGGI, www.rggi.org; RenewableEnergyWorld.com, www.renewableenergyworld.com; Businesses Letter to State Governors, www.cleanenergycouncil.org/files/RGGIJuly2011Final.pdf.



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Q: What do I need to look for when checking around my house for termites? -- Jason in Tampa, Fla.

A: Inspecting your home for termite infestation on a regular basis can make a big difference in the amount you'd have to pay to eradicate them, should there be a problem. Most homeowners aren't able to decisively confirm that a termite infestation exists, but there are tell-tale signs to watch for: --Dirt tunnels on the house's masonry foundation and on pipes traveling through the foundation. --Crumbly areas inside masonry cracks or holes.

--Small dirt-like formations inside cracks or holes. These could be termite nests. --In wooden areas of the house, especially those close to the ground, look for rotten or decayed spots. Use a pocketknife to poke into the spot; if it penetrates a half-inch or more, you might have a termite problem. If you notice any of these suspicious signs, contact an exterminator to do a more thorough inspection of your house and start treating for termites. Be sure to get a written estimate of the work to be done before

allowing the exterminator to start treatment. How do you prevent termites? In addition to scheduling a professional inspection and preventive treatment once per year, keep moisture from affecting the house -- particularly at the foundation. Don't allow standing water near the foundation. If that's a problem after rains, improve drainage away from the area. Trim back hedges and plants to about 1 foot from the foundation so pests can't work their way into the house from them. Fill and seal cracks in outside masonry.


HOME TIP: If termites are a big problem in your area, talk to a contractor about installing a sand barrier around your home's foundation, a method that will discourage the pests from getting into your house.

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BY DAVID UFFINGTON

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--Plumbing: You can repair a leaky faucet or toilet that keeps running, install washers, toilets and sinks, and more, but know when the project is too big. If the project involves pipes that bring water into your home or if it involves digging up the yard, it’s too big.

--Simple electrical repairs: You can install a new outlet, dimmer switch or thermostat. You can rewire a lamp. Buy a voltage detector and be sure to cut off the power at the circuit panel. The key is to know when a project is out of the range of your abilities -- and safety. For many electrical projects, your local code likely will require a licensed electrician.

--Decorating: Look through magazines at the library for ideas that appeal to you. Paint, wallpaper and new slipcovers or throw pillows can change the look of any room. Here are some more tips:

Some of the big-box hardware stores have videos on project how-to, but the best ones are on YouTube.com where others have posted videos of their own. You’re also likely to learn more about what NOT to do by watching these.

Expand your tool box if you need basics such as a hammer, two types of screwdrivers, and so on, but borrow any expensive tools you’ll only need once.

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