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Will SHS remain 3A? Find out today

Even though Salado High School is smaller than it was two years ago, it is unlikely that it will drop back down to 2A when the University Interscholastic League (UIL) announces its biennial realignment of conferences and districts this morning.

In fact, it is unlikely that any of the schools within District 25 AAA will change classifications. Lampasas was the closest to the top of the 3A numbers two years ago with 987 students (the ceiling being 989). However, the Badgers reported 9 fewer students for this go-around.

Salado will likely be one of the smaller 3A schools (unless the bottom is moved by 15 students or more) with a reported enrollment of 444, down 23 students from the enrollment reported two years ago when the Eagles were first kicked up to 3A. The cut off two years ago was at 429 students to remain in 2A.

Burnet will probably remain beneath the threshold of 4A, having dropped 14 students in enrollment to 942. Taylor, Liberty Hill and Llano are all mid-



dle-of-the-field 3A teams. Llano is closest in size to Salado with just over 500 students enrolled.

Some prognosticate that Salado may be moved into a northern district to compete with teams from the Waco area, rather than the current district 25 AAA, which is the northern-most district in Region IV. If this happens, Salado would not only move districts, but regions. Some think that both Salado and Lampasas will move north while the current district will pick up teams from Wimberley and Fredericksburg.

Salado Village Voice will announce the realignment as soon as it is released. Look to the Salado Village Voice Facebook page and Twitter (salado-voice), as well as the website www.saladovillage-voice.com for the formal announcement the morning of Feb. 2.



Remembering Bayleigh

Saladoans came together despite cold, blustery winds on Jan. 28 to celebrate and remember the life of Bayleigh Ringo, who died in a car accident over the Christmas break. Above, the Ringo family listens to remarks by The Play Yard owner Dede Knight about the young girl had in the lives of her teachers and fellow students. Balloons, with hand written notes from her friends, were released after a tree was dedicated at the playground in her memory. The day raised funds for a memorial scholarship and for children's books for the library. Barbecue was also served to the hundreds of friends gathered to remember Bayleigh. Below, classmates and other friends gather around the marker honoring Bayleigh. (Photos by Tim Fleischer)



Final curtain

The Village this weekend will be last performance of Living Room Theatre

The Village, by Dr. Ramon Carver is a new full-length comedy/drama which takes place in a fictional village located somewhere between Heaven, Hell, and Austin. Performances will be at Salado's Silver Spur Theatre on Feb. 3-4 at 7 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Feb. 4 matinee.

There is also a Gala Retrospective Performance (limited to 150 persons) at the Salado's Super Silver Spur at 7 p.m. Feb. 5, featuring scenes from past productions of the Living Room Theatre. Tickets for the Gala as well as The Village are available by calling 254-947-5722. Or send a check in the amount of \$25 per person to LRTS, P. O. Box 1023, and receive confirmation that your tickets will be available at the door. Be sure to indicate which performance, how many tickets, and your name.

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

The Author/Director and Producer of the show, Dr. Ramon Carver, has staged over 75 shows - in over 100 Salado homes - featuring over 150 local performers - during the last 15 seasons and summer seasons -touring Texas, but primarily serving Salado, Belton, and Temple. Dr. Carver is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama, and served his longest professorial tenure as Angelo State University's Theatre Director and Fine Arts Department Head.

He and his wife, Barbara, have lived in Salado for the past 15 years where he served as a Village Alderman, and the Public Arts League of Salado which he founded. In 2009 he was named by the Salado Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Citizen of the Year, and he is very, very proud of that and of the folks who recognized him for his work.

Public invited to hear Jody Conradt Feb. 7 at Stagecoach

Legendary Longhorn basketball coach Jody Conradt will be the special guest speaker at the 11:30 a.m. Feb. 7 luncheon meeting of the Salado Rotary at the Stagecoach Inn conference center. The meeting has been moved to the Stagecoach conference center to allow more people to attend.

The lunch will be \$10 per person. Reservations are necessary and can be made by emailing Peggy Sutherland at peggy.sutherland@finneyinsur-

ance.com or by calling Sutherland at 947-3599.

Conradt led the Lady Longhorn to a perfect season and national championship in 1986.

She says that she was nurtured by the small, West Texas town values of Goldthwaite (pop. 1,345), where her childhood memories revolved around community, family, friends and sports.

Her love was basketball. Her aspirations were to teach. Armed with passion and a can-do attitude,

as well as a graceful, compassionate style, Texas-sharp wit and humor, and a desire to bring education and sport opportunities to young women, Conradt emerged as a visionary leader for women's college basketball and women's sports administration.

North Carolina's Dean Smith and his Tar Heels' run-and-jump full-court press inspired her eventual coaching style on the hardwood.

Conradt's classroom eventually became a

16,000-seat arena at her beloved University of Texas. In 38 years as a collegiate head coach, Conradt's players won 900 games. More important 99 percent of them graduated.

As the second woman inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1998, Conradt is known as a pioneer, but also a durable, dynamic and ethical leader who gave credibility to her sport for 31 years as head

coach with the Longhorns.

Especially at Texas, Conradt showcased her female student-athletes, their speed and athleticism in a fast-breaking, run-and-shoot attack that lifted her players above the rim. With a full-out style that was unprecedented and unmatched during its time, Conradt led the 1985-86 Longhorns to a 34-0 record and national championship, the NCAA's first perfect season in the sport.

From 1992-2001, Con-



Jody Conradt

radt served UT in a dual role as basketball coach and women's athletics director.



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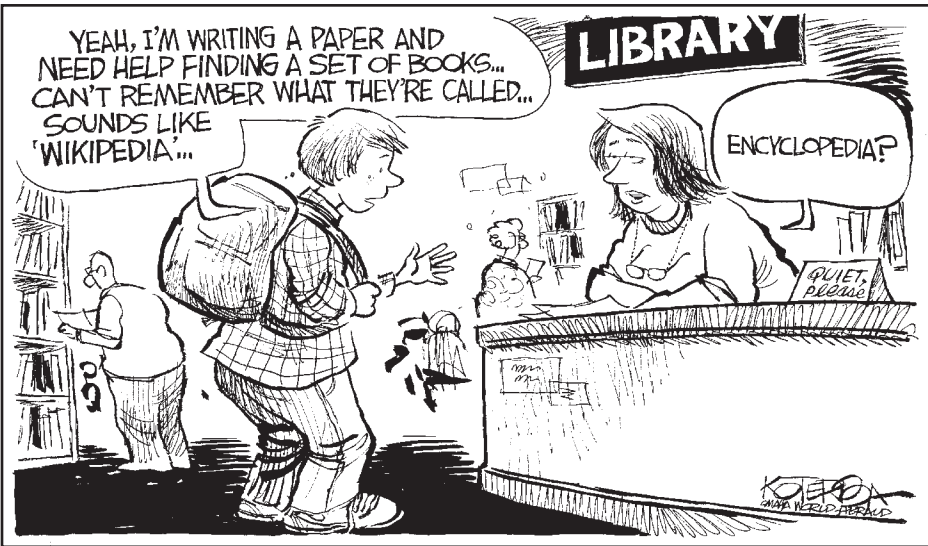
Mayor will not seek re-election

Mayor Merle Stalcup told Salado Village Voice that he will not seek a third term in May. The first day for filing in the Village and School Board races is Feb. 6. "I feel that I have been able to move the village along in a more progressive direction," Stalcup said. "It is time for other people to do their civic duty to come and be part of the city government." Stalcup served three years on the Board of Aldermen before being elected Mayor.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Republican Clinton

The South Carolina primary ended the Thursday before the voting, at around 8:05 p.m. That's when Newt Gingrich stopped berating CNN's John King for asking him about his ex-wife Marianne's allegation that he wanted an "open marriage." Newt's reply was a virtuoso display of bluff and indignation.

He angrily dismissed her account as false, even though the balance of evidence suggests it's true. He summoned dubious evidence in his defense, saying all their mutual friends knew Marianne's charge was untrue, although there could have been no witnesses to a private conversation. But his outraged forcefulness carried the day.

Only one other politician in America could have played the victim card so expertly when confronted by the story of a wronged woman. Only one other politician would have thrown out so many obfuscating "facts." If he was watching the debate somewhere, Bill Clinton must have chuckled in admiration and thought, "Well played, my friend. Well played."

Newt is the Republican Clinton -- shameless, needy, hopelessly egotistical. The two former adversaries and tentative partners have largely the same set of faults and talents. They are self-indulgent, prone to disregard rules inconvenient to them and consumed by ambition. They are glib, knowledgeable and imaginative. They are baby boomers who hadn't fully grown up even when they occupied two of the most powerful offices in the land. Steven Gillon, author of "The Pact," a book about the Gingrich-Clinton interplay in the 1990s, was struck by their "unique personal chemistry, which traced back to their childhoods." Both were raised by distant or abusive stepfathers and surrounded by strong women.

Yet their personalities are different. Growing up in an alcoholic household, Gillon notes, Clinton was a natural conciliator. Gingrich was given to defiance.

Rich Lowry



Clinton was gregarious, a people-pleaser. Gingrich was bookish, a lecturer at heart. Clinton made his way in politics in the unfriendly territory of Arkansas; he had to dodge and weave and seduce. Gingrich climbed through the ranks of the House Republican conference; he stood out as a partisan provocateur.

And so he remains today. He utterly lacks the Clinton soft touch. Quin Hillier of the American Spectator says he's the "Bill Clinton of the Right With Half the Charm and Twice the Abrasiveness." Republican voters lit up by his debate performances believe he's the most electable candidate, even though the three recent national polls show him with a favorable rating in the 20s.

Could he turn it around with smashing debate performances against President Barack Obama in the fall? Doubtful. In a presidential debate, a candidate's bearing matters. Al Gore may have beaten George W. Bush on points in their first debate in 2000, but he audibly sighed. That small indicator of an arrogant impatience sank him. If Gingrich shows the slightest bombast or ill temper, if he hectors or gives off a sense of intellectual superiority -- in short, if he conducts himself in a typical Gingrichian manner -- he will lose the debates in a rout even if he bests President Obama on the merits.

It's another reason why wily old Bill Clinton has to be pulling for his Republican alter ego.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2012 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Students will take new STAARS test

This year our students in grades 3 through 9 will be participating in a new state testing system called the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR). The previous systems included the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills (TABS), the Texas Education Assessment of Minimal Skills (TEAMS), the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), and the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). Each time the state has implemented a new testing system the tests are more rigorous. Students in 10th and 11th grade continue taking the TAKS tests, so the new STAAR tests only apply to students in grades 9 and younger.

The STAAR tests in grades 3 through 8, while more rigorous than TAKS tests, will continue to be administered in the same subjects and grade levels:

- Grade 3 -- reading and mathematics
- Grade 4 -- reading, mathematics, and writing
- Grade 5 -- reading, mathematics, and science
- Grade 6 -- reading and mathematics
- Grade 7 -- reading, mathematics, and writing
- Grade 8 -- reading, mathematics, science, and social studies

However, the STAAR tests for high school students (beginning with students currently in grade 9) will be significantly different. Under the TAKS testing system, high school students had the following exams:

- Grade 9 -- reading and mathematics
 - Grade 10 -- English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies
 - Grade 11 -- English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies
- Only the 11th grade TAKS tests counted for graduation purposes as students were required to pass those four exit level tests in order to graduate. However, under the STAAR testing system, high school students will take the following end-of-course exams:
- Grade 9 -- English 1, Algebra 1, biology, and world geography
 - Grade 10 -- English 2, geometry, chemistry, and world history
 - Grade 11 -- English 3, Algebra 2, physics, and U.S. History

All twelve of these exams will count for graduation purposes as students will be required to achieve an average or cumulative score for all the exams in each of the four subject areas (i.e., English, mathematics, science, and social studies). Which exams a student takes at each grade level may vary slightly depending on their graduation plan. For example, students that take Algebra 1 in 8th grade will take the Algebra 1 end-of-course exam in that grade. Another change is that state law requires that 15 percent of students' course grades shall be determined by the end of course tests. If you have additional questions regarding the STAAR tests, please contact your student's teacher, counselor, principal, or myself.

We are in the process of selecting a

Novotny's Notebook

Dr. Michael Novotny
Salado ISD
Superintendent



new principal for Salado High School. We advertised the position on three different websites in December. We held meetings with employees on January 23 and with parents on January 23-24 to explain the process, answer their questions, and receive their feedback regarding the most important characteristics we are looking for in a high school principal. These are the ten most important characteristics based on the feedback from the parents and employees:

- Leadership -- ability to lead and motivate people to perform at their highest level or to a common goal
- Employees/Colleagues -- able to hire quality staff, makes hard decisions, hold accountable
- Student Oriented -- Passionate about educating every child to his/her full potential

Ethical/Moral -- Exhibits deep commitment to, keeps word, open and honest with the staff

School Improvement -- Managing people, data and processes to foster school improvement

Vision -- Shaping a vision of academic success for all students

Curriculum -- Understands what engages students, conditions for teachers and students to perform

Instruction -- Improving instruction

Teamwork -- Creates conditions for success, gives credit to others, takes blame

Climate -- Creating a climate hospitable to education

We are using this "profile" to decide which candidates to interview and to develop some of the interview questions.

We received 80 applications by the Jan. 27 deadline. I have selected eight candidates for the first round interviews to be held on Feb. 3. I anticipate that we will select between two and four of those candidates for the next round of interviews.

Congratulations to our students in grades 2-5 for taking 1st place overall at our Elementary Academic UIL Competition: The team scores were: Salado 367.5; Kline Whitis 241.5; Hanna Springs 238; Taylor Creek 200 and Taylor 163.

Finally, congratulations to the following Salado football players that were recently selected to the All-Area teams: Peyton Best, Senior; Jim Wentreck, Senior; Austin Silva, Senior; Mike Richardson, Junior and Ryan Simmons, Sophomore

Thank you for your support of our students and our school district.

Michael Novotny
Superintendent

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We need to get serious about entitlement reform

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



The President's annual State of the Union address is an opportunity for our country's elected leader to put aside partisan politics, talk to Congress and the American people about our country's direction, and outline his priorities. This speech to the nation has carried even greater weight during the trying times, when Americans look to the President for unifying and inspiring leadership.

Unfortunately, President Obama's 2012 State of the Union Address missed this mark. Our economic recovery is still very fragile. Nearly one-half of the 13 million unemployed Americans have been out of work for more than six months, the highest proportion of long-term unemployed since the Labor Department started tracking the statistic in 1948.

How to boost economic recovery and spur businesses to invest and create more jobs remains our country's most critical priority. For the past three years, the higher taxes and ongoing threats of new taxes, skyrocketing government deficits, and over-regulation have put a wet blanket on new hiring. But rather than offering a new, more hopeful direction, the President's State of the Union speech focused on familiar calls for higher taxes and even bigger government.

In 2009 and 2010, a Democrat-controlled Congress approved the President's priorities, including sweeping changes to our health care system that have already begun. These priorities produced an unprecedented surge in spending and bigger government, including nearly \$1 trillion in economic stimulus that has raised the national debt to \$15.2 trillion. But the situation today is worse by any measure that is important to ordinary Americans: unemployment is higher, the rate of foreclosures is higher, gasoline prices are higher, and 46 million Americans are living in poverty. For the first time in our history, our national debt is larger than our Gross National Product.

Rather than championing fiscal responsibility, reining in over-regulation, and promoting tax reforms to support sustained economic growth and job creation, the President in his State of the Union speech instead focused on repackaging many previously failed policies. Rather than focusing on bipartisan approaches to strengthen our country and put Americans back to work, the President spoke as if his audience was at a political rally.

I was particularly disappointed that in a nearly

7,000-word speech, the President devoted only 40 words to Social Security and Medicare. Those two programs, vital to the welfare of tens of millions of Americans, account for more than one-half of all federal spending. The payroll tax-supported Trust Funds that pay out Social Security and Medicare benefits are speeding towards financial brick walls. Medicare is on course to be bankrupt in 2016. Social Security's Chief Actuary calculates that a 23 percent cut in benefits in 2036 will be required in order to maintain solvency.

Last year, I introduced the Defend and Save Social Security Act, which would ensure that Social Security is solvent for the next 75 years, through very gradual yearly increases in the retirement age and a modest adjustment to the annual cost-of-living increases. It would keep core benefits untouched and requires no new taxes. Enacting such modest, incremental changes would avoid bankrupting the Trust Fund and forcing a 23 percent cut in core benefits in 2036.

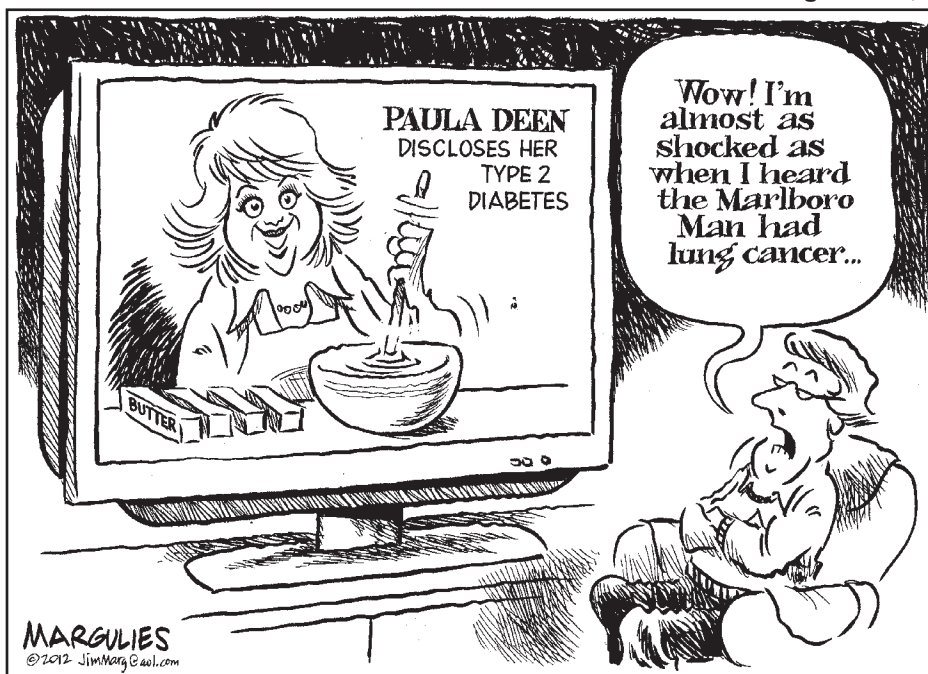
Proposals for reforming Medicare have also been brought forward in this Congress. I applaud those of my colleagues who are working to find responsible solutions in this sensitive area. Constructive dialogue and timely reforms are required to assure health care security for millions of current and future retirees.

In the Republican response to the President's State of the Union address, Governor Mitch Daniels of Indiana wisely noted, "The mortal enemies of Social Security and Medicare are those who continue to mislead Americans that we should change nothing."

Entitlement reform is a critical component of a larger vision for economic growth and a strong, prosperous, and secure America. This vision should include comprehensive tax reform, a prudent approach to regulation, and development of our vast domestic resources. This vision must also be accompanied by hard choices — eliminating unnecessary spending and steering taxpayer dollars only to our nation's long-term priorities.

With the start of the second session of the 112th Congress, I hope the President and Congress will curb the politics and focus on putting American workers and businesses back to work and get our country moving in the right direction again.

HUTCHISON IS THE SENIOR U.S. SENATOR FROM TEXAS.



On athletics, coaches

To the Editor:

Oh, may the "Sports god" be offended, better yet eradicated. We, US, may be required under that ruse of unbridled governmental socialism, also known as 'public school funding', to educate children, even illegal alien ones, but where does the US/TX Constitution say we, US, are financially required to over pay athletic coaches and entertain public school students like professional athletes via school sports on the backs of taxpayers? Want sports for your kid as a parent-pay for it out of pocket, not on the taxpayers back--check that property tax box to self fund athletics for your 8 or 10 kids, even illegal ones, or better yet, allow me to check my property tax box--NO school sport funding on my nickel. Fiscal austerity is here to stay for, US, folks and it's not going away, particularly with all levels of government and overspending ways, "here to help"!

So, maybe Premont TX ISD has recently come to near financial ruin and gotten real about the mandated reason for public schools--education through academics! Yes, Premont ISD TX has a huge budget shortfall and decided to go with academically educating their kids and in doing so sacrificed that big, fat hog of overspending by irresponsible school systems--yep, Premont did away with athletics! No really, even here in sports fanatical TEXAS, the Great State of TAXES!! Premont ISD cancels sports to save money, focus on academics in effort to stay open... check it out in the address below from the Corpus Christi Caller Times: <http://www.caller.com/news/2012/jan/18/premont-isd-cancels-sports-to-save-money-focus/>

Here in Salado, many other aspects of reality are realized by doing away with publicly funded sports programs--no need to agonize about sports parity, sports bullying or inept sports coaching as seen in a recent Bell County newspaper article of Jan. 15, pg 1A,

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

"Some parents in Salado have issues with athletics." Sports be gone, no more sports distress by parents over sports bullying, incompetent coaches, or lack of participation by the many, rather than just the few and no more torture for taxpayers over being placed in eternal debt by self glorifying school boards wanting to perpetuate themselves by proposal of school bonds for palatial, majestic, expensive "sports complexes." The reality of austerity just got solved in Premont, TX, for all in OUR school systems!

Be gone "Sport god", be gone...and take your cleats and supporters with you!

T.R. "Tom" Pappas
Salado

To the Editor:

After reading the petitions concerning the athletics program at Salado I have several thoughts to offer. First, every parent wants a good education for their children. Extracurricular activities enhance an education and some parents place a high emphasis on athletics. I have been a resident in Salado ISD since 1995 and have had two kids graduate from Salado High School and go on to be successful in college. I found their education to be more than adequate and I am very proud of them. Your children will receive a good education in Salado.

Secondly, all parents should offer positive input to solve whatever problems or concerns they may have about the athletic program. I don't believe the current athletic director was given adequate chance to address the concerns the initial petition brought forward. The notion that any type of retaliation would be offered to children of the parents doesn't seem likely at all. An "anonymous" petition isn't the way to be proactive; if you feel strongly enough about something

to take action be bold and be open.

Third: Coaches, superintendents, students and athletes come and go depending on what their expectations are regarding themselves and their futures. Since I arrived here I have noticed parents over the years taking their kids to different districts, typically where they had their jobs, seeking something bigger and better. Sometimes the kids stayed, sometimes they returned to Salado, but I don't recall any of them ever making it to the "pros". I have also seen bigger, wealthier districts hire away a superintendent and at least one coach. All of the above were exercising their right to pursue happiness and I don't fault people for that. I do believe that parents should support the town where they live, be true to the school district and encourage their kids to do the same.

Finally, I attended all but two of the Salado varsity football games. Coach Talbott led the boys admirably and I never thought we were outplayed or outcoached, only outlasted by numerically superior teams from much larger towns. Salado lost four games in the last minute of the fourth quarter and two games in overtime. I can assure you that the smallest 3A school in the district gave the biggest schools a "run for their money" and we can be very proud of what I consider to be an excellent season. The student athletes involved in these contests NEVER gave up and their devotion to the school and coaching staff is evident both by their determination on the field and in their efforts at organizing a petition to support the current athletic director and program. I join them in supporting Salado, Salado ISD, and coach Glenn Talbott. Thank You for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,
Stan Drake, RPh.

Buying our future



Jim Hightower

Already, four of the top GOP presidential contenders have dropped out. Michele Bachmann went first, because she was too wacky, followed by Jon Huntsman, because he was too sane. Herman Cain gave up because he was too exposed, and Rick Perry because he was too dim-witted.

But the greatest surprise is the sudden surge of the Adelson campaign. Little-known until now, Adelson was the big winner in South Carolina, has made his mark in Florida, and looks to have the political kick needed to go the distance.

Never heard of the Adelson campaign? It's the married duo of Sheldon and Miriam, neither of whom is actually on the ballot. Rather, they are running on the cash ticket.

Sheldon Adelson, a Las Vegas-based global casino baron who has long been a major funder of far-right-wing causes, is Newt Gingrich's very special political pal.

When Newt's presidential bid nearly flat-lined after his electoral collapses in Iowa and New Hampshire, Sheldon rushed in with emergency CPR: Cash-Powered Resuscitation. This one rich guy wrote a \$5-million check to Gingrich's Super PAC, which is named "Winning Our Future." The PAC injected Sheldon's money directly into toxic attack ads against Mitt Romney in South Carolina's primary, jolting Newt's campaign back to life.

However, Gingrich still lacked the financial vitality to match Romney's media buy in Florida's pricey primary. No worries, though — Miriam Adelson stepped in to infuse Winning Our Future with another \$5-million jolt of CPR. The Gingrich campaign, you see, is a vessel for the Adelson campaign, and word is that this one power couple is prepared to spend another \$10 million to make their boy the GOP nominee, with more to come if he's the one to run against President Barack Obama.

Forget "Winning Our Future." The ultra-rich Adelsons are "Buying Our Future."

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Fracking nuts

Industry executive admits oil & gas people can't label 90% of public as 'nuts' anymore

By LYLE HOPKINS

Wall Street and CEO culture in America is out of touch, arrogant, condescending, and those are probably their good qualities. Recent examples run the gamut, from snooty finance employees sipping champagne while mocking Wall Street protesters to a sign posted in the Chicago Mercantile Exchange proudly stating

"we are the 1%." It's clear that our titans of industry are in dire need of an attitude adjustment. One of the worst offenders is the energy industry. Case in point, the CEO for the Colorado Oil & Gas Association reportedly said of fracking opponents: "These nuts make up about 90 percent of our population, so we can't really call them nuts any more. They're the

mainstream."

Contrast that with what she could and should have said: "Opposition to fracking is widespread and accounts for up to 90 percent of the population, as such we need to address mainstream concerns and reassure the public about our industry."

She didn't choose to use that language, just as the Wall Street examples chose not to use conciliatory gestures. Instead she revealed what she really thought, that anyone who opposes her industry must be nuts.

To be fair to the CEO, let's consider the issue. What's fracking and why do so many members of the public oppose it? Here's the short version. Pressurized fluid is injected in the ground and used to fracture rock to get at hard to reach fossil fuels.

A variety of toxic chemicals are involved with the industry and if methane gas from the


fracking operation seeps into your water table then your drinking water can become flammable. You read that correctly. Your tap water can be set on fire.

This problem became so bad in one town in Pennsylvania that the local fracking company had to build a special pipeline to bring drinking water to affected residents. The fracking industry contends that methane accumulation and flammable tap water have been a problem for years in some areas.

Residents near fracking operations in Colorado, Texas, and Wyoming report various negative health effects. Fracking companies consider these health complaints to be unproven coincidences. The debate continues.

You'd think that in a free market system a clever corporation would just pursue a less risky energy SEE FRACKING, PAGE 9A

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Follow-up Criminal Mischief, in reference to criminal mischief that occurred over the past two week-ends. Follow up investigation revealed five area juveniles were responsible for the egg-ing of vehicles and structures. Contact was made with these individuals, they admitted their part in the offense and charges were filed. Bell County will also be pursuing charges. Case closed.

Jan. 23

4:20-4:55 p.m., 2200 Smith Bluff. Medical, dispatched as 56 year old white female unconscious and breathing. Possibly reaction to medication. Marked address with patrol unit for SVFD and Scott & White EMS. Patient transported. Clear.

Jan. 24

2:15-2:35 p.m. Brookshires. Suspicious Circumstance, subject wanted to weigh gun. (Memo) On Jan. 22 an older white male driving a well-kept brown jeep entered Brookshire's. He was nicely dressed and carrying a tan handgun case. He went to the deli and asks the lady if she could weigh his gun? She told him no but he could use the scales on the counter. and he did. After writing the weight down he left. The handgun was a large black semi auto. On Tuesday she told the manager and they called us).

12:25-12:34 p.m., 3400 Block Chisholm Trail. Alarm, Secure, no one home.

8:15-8:20 p.m., #2 Rock Creek (Business). False Alarm, owners opening.

5:15-5:20 p.m., 423 S. Main (C.T.A.M.) Business Alarm, dispatched as rear kitchen door. Building secure ground level. No keyholder contact per dispatch. Clear.

Jan. 25

7:40-7:58 p.m., 1300 Block Natasha. Fire Call, SVFD was not able to locate anything wrong. Home owner stated that she could smell smoke. Cleared.

8:30-9:40 p.m., Bo's Barn. Assist Other Agency, responding to a Burglary in progress call from the Bell County dispatcher. I arrived on scene and found a door on the west side that was open. I entered to building, and found 3 suspects hiding in the south east side of the building in the dark. At gun point all 3 suspects were ordered

to follow all of my commands. The 3 suspects complied. They were held at gunpoint for approximately 2 minutes until the first SO unit arrived on scene. They were all handcuffed and detained. Report.

Jan. 27

9:40-10:15 a.m., 400 Block Mill Creek. Suspicious Circumstance, white male going door to door. Leaving notice of attempt to leave something.

12:20-12:25 p.m., 400 Block Roseway. Burglary, wants to file report from Jan. 14.

Jan. 28

9:15-10:00 a.m., PD. Walk-in/Domes-

tic, called in for walk in complainant wishing to report a Domestic Disturbance. Dispatch advised this happened somewhere on the access road and the caller was now in Temple. Dispatch stated the caller attempted to report this to T.P.D. and was referred back to Salado. Unknown if original incident occurred on our stretch of the access road or not. I was advised complainant is 15-20 minutes away when I was called. Complainant did not arrive at P.D. Dispatch was unable to contact complainant by public service and did not have any more information for me. Clear.

10:00-10:10 a.m., 800 Block Baines. Dog at Large, dispatched to loose dog in the area of the 800 Block of Baines. Asked for further details and dispatch advised the caller sounded confused and wasn't making much sense. Stated I was looking for a 5 f.t. tall dog. No animals found in area. No caller contact. Clear.

10:10-10:20 a.m., 1112 N. Robertson (Sonic). Found Property, employees found baby stroller in grass next to service road. No calls of lost or stolen baby property in area. Employee is keeping stroller at location in case owner contacts. Clear.

10:45-10:55 p.m., 432 S. Main (Central Texas Area Museum). Business Alarm, dispatched as rear kitchen door. Door was secure. No keyholder contact per dispatch. Clear.

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Eagles fighting for final playoff spot

Salado Eagles are in fourth place in district after the first loop of District 25AAA with losses to Liberty Hill, Lampasas and Burnet. The Eagles fell to Lampasas 45-36 Jan. 24 before beating Taylor 58-40 on Jan. 27.

Eagles 58
Taylor 40

Salado beat Taylor 58-40 to finish the first round of district play on Jan. 27. The Eagles jumped out to a 12-6 first quarter lead before Taylor scored 16 points in the second quarter to close the gap to 24-22 at the half. The Eagles scored 13 points in the third quarter

and put the game away with 21 points in the fourth.

Koby Spears scored 23 points to lead the Eagles, shooting 50 percent from the field. He also had six rebounds, two steals, an assist and a block.

Jada Kornegay followed with 15 points. He also had eight rebounds, a steal, three assists and a block.

Austin Adams led the team with 10 rebounds, scoring 9 points.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Kase Spears 7 points, three rebounds, an assist and two steals; Ty Romero, 2 points; Andrew Warren, 2 points, a rebound and two assists; and Dane Hankamer, 1 point and a rebound.

Eagles 36
Lampasas 45

Salado Eagles blew a four-point halftime lead, scoring just 15 points in the second half.

Salado took a 21-17 first half lead, but got into foul trouble in the second half, committing 10 team fouls, Lampasas shot 10-of-14 from the free throw line in the second half.

The Badgers scored 28 second-half points, while holding Salado to just 15 points.

Koby Spears led the Eagles with 15 points. He also led the team with six rebounds and four steals.

Also scoring for Salado were Austin Adams, 5 points, six rebounds, a steal and an assist; Sam Barrett, 4 points, two rebounds and an assist; Kornegay, 3 points, a rebound and a steal; Brandon Womac, 3 points, a rebound and a steal; Kase Spears, 3 points, a rebound, an assist and a steal; Warren, 2 points

and a rebound and Hankamer, 1 point and two rebounds.

The Eagles travel to Llano and Liberty Hill this week. The Llano game was played after presstime for this edition. The Eagles face Liberty Hill on Feb. 3, followed by home games against Burnet and Lampasas on Feb. 7 and Feb. 10. Games start at 5 p.m. with under-varsity teams playing early.

JV Boys 35
Lampasas 54

Salado JV Boys Basketball Team lost to Lampasas Jan. 24.

Salado fell behind 10-19 in the first quarter and scored 11 in the second to enter the half trailing 21-41. The JV Boys scored 9 points in the third quarter to make the score 30-48. Salado was unable to come back in the fourth to lose 35-54.

Kyle Heiner led Salado on offense scoring 11 points. Followed by Mason Price and Cameron Wong, each scoring 6 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Cole Haag, 5 points; Kyle Nicholson, 5 points; McLane Matthews, 2 points; Matt Garcia, 2 points.

JV Boys 37
Taylor 44

Salado JV Boys were beaten by Taylor Jan. 27.

Salado scored 6 points in the first quarter to trail by 4 and scored 13 points in the second to enter the half tied at 19. In the third Salado scored 5 points falling behind 24-26. Salado was outscored 13-18 in the fourth to lose 37-44.

Kyle Nicholson led Salado on offense scoring 8 points. Followed by Micah Nieburh, 7 points.

Also scoring for Salado

were: Davis Little, 5 points; Cole Haag, 4 points; McLane Matthews, 3 points; Mason Price, 3 points; Cameron Wong, 2 points.

Freshman Boys 38
Lampasas 43

Salado Freshman Boys Basketball team were defeated by Lampasas Jan. 24.

Salado Freshman Boys scored 14 points in the first quarter to take a 1 point lead going into the second. Salado was held scoreless in the second quarter to enter the half trailing 14-26. Salado Freshman scored 12 points in the third to make the score 26-41. Salado scored 12 points in the fourth and was unable to come back to lose 38-45.

Chris Deal led Salado on offense with 14 points. Followed by Chase Kelly, 13 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Roddy Noonan, 3 points; Derek Wales, 3 points; Ellis VanSickle, 3 points; Cody Brown, 2 points.

Freshman Boys 41
Taylor 59

Salado Freshman Boys Basketball team were defeated by Taylor Jan. 27.

Salado Trained 6-15 in the first quarter and entered the half trailing 16-27. In the third the Freshman Boys scored 9 points to make the score 25-34. Salado was outscored 16-25 in the fourth to lose 41-59.

Kelly led Salado on offense scoring 21 points. Followed by Deal, 14 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: VanSickle, 3 points; Noonan, 2 points; LeGuin, 1 point.

Lady Eagles in third place in 25 AAA

Salado Lady Eagles trail Liberty Hill and Burnet in the District 25 AAA race with a 4-3 district record going into games this week against Llano and Liberty Hill. Salado split games last week with Taylor and Lampasas. The Lady Badgers and Lady Eagles could end up in a tie for third place.

Lady Eagles 23
Lampasas 55

Lampasas Lady Badgers thrashed Salado on its home court 55-23 on Jan. 24, led by a 21-point effort by Mize.

Kirsten McGillick led the Lady Eagles with 8 points, 3 rebounds and a block. Meredith Ward followed with 6 points, 6 rebounds and a steal. Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Carling Urben, 3 points, a rebound and 2 blocks; Jaylee Sebek, 2 points, a rebound, a block and an assist; Alexis Bowman, 1 point, 7 rebounds, 5 steals and a block and Ashley Adams, 1 point, 7 rebounds, 5 steals, a block and 3 assists.

Lady Eagles 59
Taylor 25

Salado squashed the Taylor Lady Ducks like a june bug 59-25 in their district contest Jan. 27.

Ward led the Salado squad with 18 pts. 11 reb, 5 stl, 3 ast. Adams followed with 12 pts, 9 reb, 2 stl, 1 ast. Sebek had 11 pts., 11 reb, 2 stl, 1 ast.

Also scoring for Salado were Taryn Kornegay, 9 pts, 7 reb, 1 stl, 4 ast; Kegan Owen, 4 pts, 4 reb, 3 stl, 1 ast; Regan Best, 4 pts, 8 reb, 5 stl, 3 ast and Carmella Perez, 1 pt, 6 reb, 2 stl

JV Girls 30
Lampasas 28

Salado JV Girls Basketball team defeated Lampasas Jan. 24.

Salado JV Girls scored 7 points in the first to lead by 1 and scored 6 points in the second to enter the half trailing by 1. Salado scored 8 points in the third to tie the game up at 21 going into the fourth. The JV Girls outscored Lampasas 9-7 in the

fourth quarter to take the win 30-28.

Shyenne Hicks and Owen led Salado on offense, each scoring 9 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Taylor Atwood, 6 points; Carmela Perez, 4 points; Kayli Beck, 2 points.

JV Girls 18
Taylor 7

Salado JV Girls Basketball team beat Taylor Jan. 27.

Salado JV Girls led 4-0 in the first quarter and entered the half leading 4-2. In the third quarter Salado scored 6 points to extend the lead to 10-2. Salado JV Girls scored 8 points in the fourth to secure the win 18-7.

Kayli Beck led Salado on offense scoring 6 points. Followed by Taylor Atwood and Cece Cantu, each scoring 4 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Rachel Ray, 2 points; Shyenne Hicks, 2 points.

With the win over Taylor the Salado JV Girls now have an 8-12 overall record (3-4 district).

Soccer teams place in tournaments

Salado Eagles boys soccer placed third in their own 3A Classic tournament last week. La Vega was the champion after four rounds of play.

Following are the game results of that tournament:

Salado 1
Cameron 1

Salado won in a shootout. Scoring in the game were Daniel Lemus assisted by Brad Cosper. Shootout goals scored by Edson Rios, Brad Cosper.

Salado 1
LaVega 1

Salado lost to LaVega in a shootout after being tied 1-1. Scoring for the Eagles were Chase Crenwelde, assisted by Daniel Lemus. Scoring in the shoot out was Edson Rios.

Salado 3
Alvarado 3

Salado won their third game in the shootout, after a tie score of 3-3 with Alvarado.

Salado tied Alvarado 3-3, but won in a shootout.

Scoring for Salado were Clayton Coles with no assist, Dennie Barker assisted by Chase Crenwelde and Daniel Lemus

Shootout goals were scored by Tristan Bragg, Daniel Lemus and Pablo Castelan.

Salado Lady Eagles soccer team played in the Leander High School Think Pink tournament Jan. 26-28. After a 0-1-2 record in the preliminary games on Jan.

26, Salado was placed in the "White Cup" division. On Jan. 27, Salado played against La Vega, but lost 1-3. Janna Arguellez scored Salado's goal. On Jan. 28, against Leander, Salado won by a margin of 3-0, with goals scored by Lorna Payne, Chelsea Boaz, and Jessica Carmona.

In the "White Cup" Championship, Salado went on to play Del Valle in a tough match. Salado lost 2-4, with goals scored by Chelsea Boaz and Casey Weathersbee.

Casey Weathersbee was named to the All-Tournament Team.

Salado placed second in the "White Cup" division of the tournament.



Speech team takes trophy at Round Rock meet

Even with a limited number of students competing, Salado High School won the first place team Speech sweepstakes at the Round Rock UIL Tournament Jan. 28.

A small number of students competed in the meet from Salado due to others taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Following are the individual results from the Round Rock UIL Tournament.

First Place Team Speech Sweepstakes

First place Varsity CX Debate: Haylee Young and Dale Clement

Quarterfinals: Annie Nguyen and Courtnie Taylor.

First place Varsity LD Debate: Isaac Hopkins

First place Novice LD Debate: Abigail Sullivan

First Place/Top Speaker: Rachel Evans

Spelling: Second place Team. Team Mem-

bers: Kyle Heiner, Kelsey Palomino, Dane Hankamer, Megan Cook, Javier Cruz-Cortes. Third place: Kyle Heiner; Sixth place: Kelsey Palomino

Number Sense: Sixth place: Dane Hankamer.

News Writing: Second place: Sydney Walter.

Feature Writing: Fourth place: Tanner Pitts.

Editorial Writing: Sixth place: Tanner Pitts.

Headlines: Fourth place: Tanner Pitts.

The Speech Team won the Speech Sweepstakes trophy at the Round Rock UIL Academic Meet recently. Shown at left are these: (bottom row) Haylee Young, Dale Clement; (second row) Rachel Evans, Abigail Sullivan, Sydney Walter, Isaac Hopkins, (third row) Annie Nguyen, Courtnie Taylor, Amy Manna, Samantha Laurenson.

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Legends auditions set

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Salado Legends requires singers, actors of all ages, dancers, and stage/tech crew. Last year's cast, crew and workers consisted of over 100 people ranging in age from 3

years to 79 years of age. Thirty-five families used Salado Legends' rehearsals and performances as a family project. The old saying, "The families that play together stay together," still holds true.

Singers should bring tape and tape player for their accompaniment, CD player will be available. Actors will give cold readings from a Salado Legend script. Dancers need only list their experience.

Rehearsals, by scene, begin in June.

Performances will be

held on July 21, 28 and Aug. 4.

Scholarships are available for college students, and high school students graduating in May of 2012, or high school students taking college courses.

Total scholarship funds available are over \$8,000 distributed by the Director according to need and service. Tablerock is a volunteer theater, no compensation for cast or crew.

Call Tablerock Amphitheater at 947-9205 with audition questions.

Political activist training planned in Belton Feb. 18

Despite no firm date for the Texas primary, the election cycle is underway with anticipation of a politically-charged 2012. To educate citizens about the process, an activist training session and a candidate training session are scheduled 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Belton La Quinta, I-35 at West Loop 121 (exit 292). Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The event, sponsored by American Majority and Americans for Prosperity-Texas, will equip residents of Bell and surrounding counties with the tools necessary to

win elections and promote limited government and free market principles.

"Helping new and experienced activists become more engaged in the public policy process is the morning session's goal," Lou Ann Anderson, Americans for Prosperity - Texas policy advisor, said. "The afternoon session will aid citizens interested in running for office. Anyone considering a run for public office can learn more about the political process be it for city or school board, county or state level races."

"The Killeen recall

election brought political activism to new heights here in our area," local event host Jonathan Okray said. "This event is a next logical step to encourage citizen involvement in the political process through activism or actual elected office candidacy."

Registration for the activist session is \$25 for the morning. The morning and afternoon (activist and candidate) sessions are \$50.

The fee includes training materials and a box lunch. Seating is limited so pre-registration is strongly encouraged.



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Members of the Leadership Salado group gathered at Taylor Willingham's garden (a project of a previous Leadership Salado group). Willingham helped to launch Leadership Salado. She passed away last year.

Leadership Salado

Students learn about history, culture in fourth session

The 16-member Leadership Salado Class of 2011-12 held their fourth all day session on Jan. 26. The theme for the day focused on Salado's cultural activities and began with a tour and history of the Salado Civic Center. Hulda Horton provided the history of the Civic Center property and Janet Dianna Zulauf, a Leadership Salado class member, attended Salado High School at the Civic Center. Our first presentation

of the morning was by the Salado Historical Society's Vice President Jim Bienski, who provided an overview of the Historical Society's events along with tidbits of Salado's rich history. Dr. Wallace Davis, President, then gave an inspirational message entitled "Where did Salado begin?" Dr. Wallace's delivery and content held us all captive as he referred to Salado as the "Williamsburg of Texas". Charlene Carson, archivist for the Salado

Historical Society, taught and demonstrated the art and science of archiving Salado's history. The Central Texas Area Museum (CTAM) was our second stop of the morning where we heard from CTAM President George Shott. His presentation covered CTAM's history, it's famous annual Scottish Gathering, and CTAM's vision for the future. Mr. Shott then provided us with a tour of the museum. After a great lunch, provided by the Leadership Salado Board, our class arrived at the Silver Spur Theater. We were greeted by owner/actor Grainger Esch and technician/actor Tony Blackmon, along with Poncho dog/actor. After a comfortable overview of Silver Spur's operations and upcoming events, our class was made uncomfortable (in a good way) by performing improvisational scenes and exercises. It was great fun and hilarious. Our final stop for the day was at Coyote Glass where Margaret Hughes, operations director, toured and taught us on the creative artwork of glass sculpturing and beauty. Our Cultural Activities Day provided our class with insight and greater appreciation for Salado's history and cultural artistic talent and gifts. Our takeaway was to be engaged and support our beautiful, historical, and cultural community so we can influence "Where is Salado going?"

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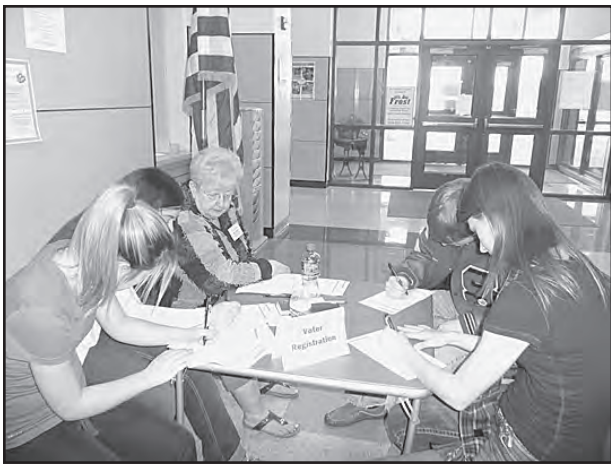
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Over 100 attend candidate forum

Nancy Boston, Chairman of the Republican Party of Bell County, introduced local candidates running for office in the upcoming primary election at the Salado Area Republican Women's meeting. Over 100 people attended the candidates forum at Tenroc Ranch Thursday night. A second forum for statewide candidates is scheduled by the Republican Women for Feb. 23.



Salado Area Republican Women representatives Marie Jackson and Barclay McCort registered 23 students and two new residents to vote at Salado High School last week.

Fracking

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strategy. It's not like we don't have other alternatives. Why not just invest in renewables and avoid the exploding tap water debate entirely?

There's money to be made in these proven, safe, cost effective energy technologies. Capitalists all over the planet have realized this and are massively investing and building renewable energy plants. The notable exception is the United States, which brings us back to the Wall Street and CEO attitude problem.

The earlier quoted CEO noted that the energy industry has a 7 percent approval rating. Her solution is for the energy industry to use a hipper marketing campaign that catered to "people that like South Park." She reportedly urged executives to get on

Facebook and get savvy with social media tools.

Her solution, in essence, is to listen to the public only up to the point of being able to better sway them to her point of view. Compare this with the customer is always right mantra, which was thrown in a landfill at some point in the 80s. It was replaced with a belief that CEOs are infallible, irreplaceable, and downright better than everyone else. As such, they're not interested in changing their behavior. They're only interested in changing your behavior to better fit their business model.

This gets to the heart of our current economic and growing social crisis. Wall Street and the CEOs are too out of touch to know they're wrong and too arrogant to admit it. When

an industry has a 7 percent approval rating and still can't admit its business model is fundamentally wrong then they lose the privilege of dictating the status quo.

They must change, and we must make them do it since they refuse to. The bottom line is the middle class can't survive another 30 years of Wall Street and CEO mismanagement.

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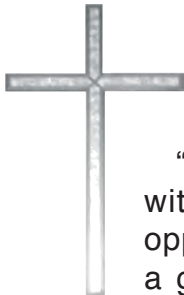
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Character traits considered in the selection of youth to be honored are: courageous spirit, generous temperament, positive attitude and influence

on others even during difficult circumstances, outstanding community service, heroic nature plus overall academic performance.

Anyone wishing to nominate a youth may use the website, <http://aikdct.com/> (click on nomination form or call 254-493-8240. Both nonmembers and members of Camp Fire USA Tejas Council may be nominated. Nominations must be received by Feb. 10.

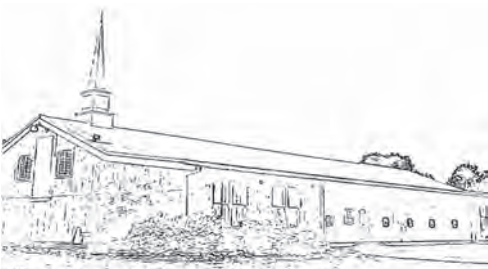
Reservations for the event may be made by calling the above phone number. Cost per person attending is \$25. Camp Fire is a nonprofit youth organization serving local youth and families.



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Raborn graduates Howard Payne

Justine Joy Ferrell-Raborn of Salado was one of 78 graduates to receive a degree from Howard Payne University in Brownwood at the university's Commencement held at the close of the fall 2011 semester.

Ferrell-Raborn graduated with a Bachelor of Science in exercise and sport science.

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Salado students named to UMHB deans list

Over 3,200 Baylor University students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the 2011 fall semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7, while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours. A private Christian university and a nationally ranked liberal arts institution, Baylor is classified as a research university with "high research activity" by the Carnegie

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Two students from Salado were named to the list: Kandace E. Little, College of Arts and Sciences and Garrett Gaylon Ward, Hankamer School of Business.

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Lunch - Thomas Arnold Elementary, Salado Intermediate and Junior High

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato Gravy Peas & Carrots Wheat Roll Pears	Corn Dogs Baked Beans Celery Sticks Applesauce Cake	Pepperoni Pizza Iron Man Salad Peaches w/topping Wheat Breadstick	Chili Mac Peas Wheat Roll Apple Crisp Pineapple	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
Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato Gravy Green Bean Roll Choc Cake Pears	Meatball Sub Ranch Style Beans Corn Apple Slices Applesauce Cake	Pepperoni Pizza Iron Man Salad Peaches Cobbler Breadstick	Chili Mac Peas Corn Garlic Toast Apple Crisp Pineapple	Cheeseburger French Fries Burger Salad Strawberry Pineapple
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Obituaries



ROBERT H. COTTLE

Services for Robert H. Cottle, 89, of Salado will be Saturday, 2 p.m. February 4, at St. Joseph's Episcopal Chapel, 945 N. Main St., Salado with Fr. Bob Bliss officiating. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, 6-8 p.m. February 3, at Broecker Funeral Home. Burial will be with military honors at Salado Cemetery on Saturday, following the service.

Bob was born in Everett, MA to Clyde G. Cottle and Mary H. Haggart November 26, 1922.

Bob attended West Haven High School; West Haven, CT then started a military career at Randolph Macon Military Academy, Front Royal, VA. and, after service, received his Business Management degree from Northwestern University, Chicago.

Bob joined the Navy in 1942 and served 4 years at sea in WWII. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Bob married Doris in Shelton, CT, November 14, 1946.

He started his business career as Asst. District Mgr. U. S. Mengel Plywood in Tampa, Fla. After a series of progressively increasing positions, Bob joined Formica Corp in Cincinnati, OH in 1954 as Vice

President – Marketing. He then joined Parkwood Laminates, Inc., Lowell, MA as Executive Vice President and moved to Temple in 1973 to join Ralph Wilson Plastics as Vice President – Marketing. He was also Senior Vice President – Decorative Products Group for Premark International in Illinois.

Bob was very active in his industry. He was a trustee for the National Council Housing Industry, Washington, D. C., Director of Decorative Laminate Fabricator Association, Washington, D. C., and Director of National Architectural Woodwork Institute, Washington, D. C.

He was President of the Ralph Wilson Employees Profit Sharing Trust, Temple.

His activities in the community were Director of Temple Family Services and Alternatives to Abortion, Temple.

Bob was Chairman of Board, Trustees of Bell County Museum, Director Salado Chamber of Commerce, Salado Lions and Salado Cemetery Association.

Bob served as Sr. Warden and Vestry member at Christ Episcopal Church, Temple.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, wife and sister Barbara Conrad.

He is succeeded by his daughter, Audrey Cook and husband Vic, Plano, two grandsons, Dr. Jonathan McKinney, San Francisco and Christopher Dandridge, Los Angeles. He also has two step-grandsons, Scott Cook, Dallas and

Dr. Craig Cook, Houston and two grand-daughters, Jennifer Warheit and Emily Utay.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Belton and Belton Meals on Wheels.

Services are in the care of Broecker Funeral Home of Salado.

TRACY MARIE McDANIEL

Services for Tracy Marie McDaniel, 70, of San Gabriel were held Jan. 31 at the Salado Church of Christ

Tracy Marie McDaniel died Saturday, January 28, 2012 at her daughter's home in Florence after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was born September 25, 1941 to Ludwig and Agnes Jezisek in Granger, TX.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and one sister.

She is survived by son Gary McDaniel and wife Cindy of San Gabriel, daughter Glenda Torres and husband David of Kyle, son Allen McDaniel and wife Christy of Salado, son David McDaniel and wife Sandy of Bastrop, daughter Shawn Williams and husband Bubba of Florence, one brother, Ed Jezisek and wife Leta of Oklahoma and sister-in-law Betty Jezisek of Rockdale.

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The Great Bell County Quilt Crawl arrives in Salado this weekend

A diverse group of cultural and tourism partners have formed a partnership to produce the county-wide Great Bell County Quilt Crawl. The project's goals are to promote the rich artistic and historic nature of quilts throughout the county, and to promote tourism in Bell County and Central Texas.

The event is being held Jan. 14 through Feb. 18, with the Village of Salado being the focus of the Feb. 3 weekend. Special events are planned across Salado as the 'Quilt Crawl' makes its way to town.

Salado's ongoing exhibit is at The Central Texas Area Museum on Main Street. Heirloom and Quilts by Salado artists are on display Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. until Feb. 18.

Special events for this weekend include:

Feb. 3

Quilt blocks created by 3rd graders at Salado Elementary School are on display at the Salado Civic Center on Main Street.

The Salado Public Library is hosting a quilt exhibition and noon book review. Jennifer Chiaverini's novel *The Wedding Quilt* and its companion pattern book *Sylvia's*



Members of the Salado Historical Society hang quilts at the Central Texas Museum in preparation for The Great Bell County Quilt Crawl. This 'Lone Star' quilt was donated by Weeta Sue Holland Evans. It was presented to her upon her 1960 graduation from Salado High School by her grandmother, Nettie Holland. The 8 pointed star of diamonds radiating in concentric circles from a central point is among the oldest of quilt designs. PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HOOD

Bridal Sampler from Elm Creek Quilts will be reviewed by Laura Murphy, a member of the quilt crawl committee. Murphy says "We hope the community will get into the spirit to welcome visitors interested in quilts and our historic village."

Feb. 4

An additional exhibit of

quilts at the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities building on Royal Street will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. This exhibit will feature quilts by local artists and heirloom quilts from early Bell County families.

A restoration workshop will be held at 11 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center. Visitors can make a small fabric bag as a "make and take." Restoration of an early Willingham family quilt will be presented during the workshop.

Local business will also have quilts and quilt related items displayed in their shops across the village.

Visitors to the events will be able to purchase a magnetic quilt block sec-

tion. Sections from each host city can be combined to make a magnetic quilt memento for display.

The Great Bell County Quilt Crawl continues through Feb. 18 at other County locations.

The Temple Railroad & Heritage Museum at 315 W. Ave. B will host on Feb. 11.

The Killeen Convention & Visitors Bureau will host activities at 3601 S. WS Young Dr. and 802 N. Second St. in Killeen on Feb. 18.

For more information about this first annual event contact Stephanie Turnham at (254) 933-5243 or museum@co.bell.tx.us. A complete schedule for the event can be found online at www.quilt-crawl.org



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Toilet trailers a portable solution to permanent problem?

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen will consider at its Feb. 16 meeting ending a monthly contract with the Salado Civic Center foundation to keep open and maintain public rest rooms at that location.

Unless the Civic Center board beats them to the punch. The Civic Center Foundation board will meet Feb. 10 to consider ending the \$906.34 monthly lease agreement with the Village of Salado for keeping the public rest rooms open daily.

Aldermen, at their Feb. 2 meeting, unanimously rejected a demand from the Salado Civic Center Foundation board of an increase to \$1,100 per month “cost for continuing usage of the current rest room facilities.” The current lease was signed on Feb. 17, 2011 by Mayor Merle

Stalcup and Gary Bartlett, President of the Salado Civic Center Foundation.

The SCCF in its letter also demanded an investment of \$40,000 from the Village of Salado for “system upgrades to meet our needs,” according to a Feb. 1 letter from the SCCF Board President Bartlett.

“In the event, the Village of Salado does not approve these requests,” the Feb. 1 letter stated, “the Salado Civic Center Foundation Board will call a special meeting to discuss the situation.”

In December, the SCCF requested an increase to \$1,100 per month to continue the operations of the public rest rooms “after carefully reviewing the 2012 public rest room expenses,” a Dec. 9, 2011 letter from the SCCF to the Village stated.

Those expenses totaled \$15,401 over 11 months, according to a report by

the SCCF for Jan. 1-Nov. 30 as the following: cleaning labor, \$8,813; supplies, \$2,592; water, \$1,304; repairs and maintenance, \$1,167; septic pumping, \$1,525. After deducting 20 percent for the use of its long-term lease tenants (Salado ISD Administration, Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools and Salado Historical Society), the average monthly cost for the upkeep of the rest rooms is \$1,120.

Both tenant and landlord are preparing for the end of the public rest rooms at the Salado Civic Center, after almost two decades of such use.

Aldermen discussed alternatives to the Civic Center rest rooms during a workshop session Feb. 2. Terry Potts, owner of Stagecoach Inn, spoke with aldermen about the Village purchasing portable toilet trailers that have running water and

air conditioning and placing them on the grounds of the Stagecoach Inn.

The toilet trailers would give the Village an advantage of portability to other locations for large gatherings and events, such as fairs and car shows that draw hundreds of people to Salado.

Aldermen discussed but took no action on the alternatives to permanent rest rooms at the Civic Center.

Consideration of building a permanent rest room facility on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center stalled -- for lack of a better word -- when aldermen struck the possible expenditure from its 2011-12 budget. At that time, however, aldermen said that the expenditure could be added back into the budget at a later date after income from the four percent utility franchise fee from the Salado Water Supply Corporation began to flow in

to the village coffers.

Throughout 2011, SCCF President Bartlett has been telling the Village that the demands on the Civic Center septic system have been excessive, particularly during peak weekends, when the rest rooms have seen as much as 2,470 gallons water usage over one weekend. “It has been advised by Bell County personnel that our daily average usage is 300 gallons,” building manager April Lazarus stated in an Oct. 10 letter.

Civic Center has continued to keep the rest rooms open while the Village looks at a permanent solution to the demands on the old septic system either through construction of a stand-alone rest room facility or replacement/improvement of the current septic system at the Civic Center.

Bartlett researched the cost for improving the cur-

rent system and received a professional estimate of \$40,000 for a system that could handle the peak demands on the system.

In a Dec. 9, 2011 letter, SCCF initially made its request for an increase to \$1,100 per month and further requested “the Village of Salado upgrade the Salado Civic Center septic system or install a new septic system with the capacity to withstand high usage.”

Aldermen responded with an offer to pay the amortization of a loan secured by the SCCF to pay for the cost of the septic system improvement.

The SCCF unanimously denied this offer and unanimously agreed on the \$1,100 cost per month.

At their Feb. 2 meeting, aldermen unanimously rejected both the \$40,000 request and the increase in rent to \$1,100. The \$1,100 rent is paid out of the Village tourism funds.

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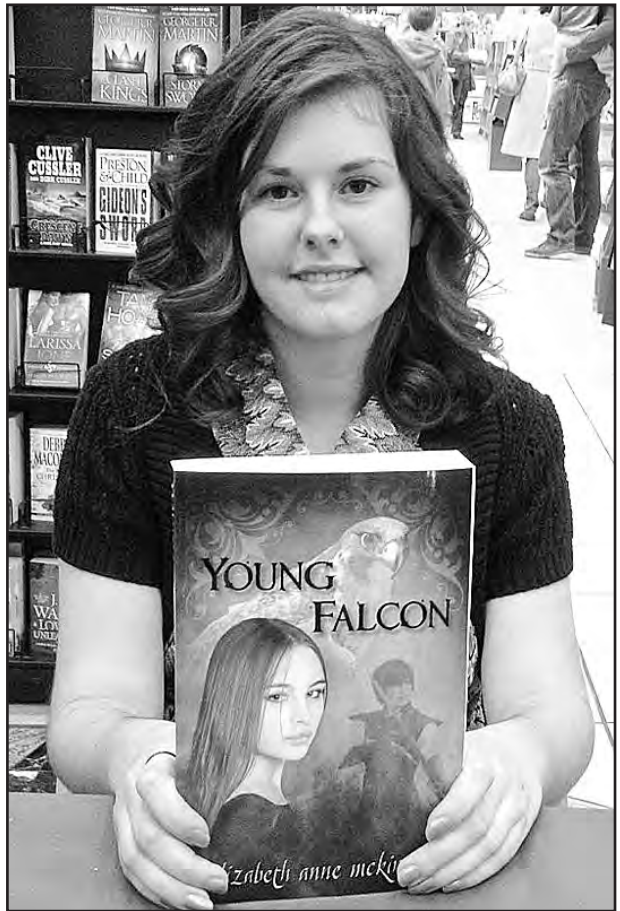
Sixteen year old Elizabeth Anne McKinney of Dripping Springs, TX has recently released *Young Falcon*, a young adult fantasy. She is the daughter of Michael and Susan McKinney and granddaughter of Salado residents Jeff and Joyce McKinney and Geneva Aiken, former manager of Stagecoach Inn Properties. The Aiken family was one of the original founding families of Salado.

Elizabeth began writing short stories when she was in kindergarten and continued to develop her interest during the elementary years by excelling in her school's Young Author contests. At age twelve, she conceived the idea for the multi-book series, *Sons and Daughters*, of which *Young Falcon* is the first. Her book was inspired by her love of the fantasy genre and books that she read and loved as a child.

Young Falcon chronicles the perilous journey of seventeen year old Elysia into a world that is far bigger and more dangerous than she ever

imagined. When asked by her father to travel to the capital on a routine mission, Elysia is eager to experience life beyond her safe borders, but soon encounters a sinister threat to her once peaceful elven country of Yaracina and risks her life to save her beleaguered country and those she loves.

The young adult fantasy genre has been extremely popular with teen readers in recent years as evidenced by the success of the *Twilight* book and movie series and Christopher Paolini's *Inheritance Cycle* including *Eragon*, his first book also made into a motion picture. However, McKinney's *Young Falcon* is purposely unlike either of these and is free of many of the usual clichés that are prevalent in these and many of the current fantasy books. She believes her book series will offer a less predictable and therefore more intriguing plot line that will leave the reader wondering what will happen next. Her editor commented that McKinney's writing is better than most



Elizabeth Anne McKinney with her new novel *Young Falcon*.

adults and that *Young Falcon* is “a masterful work.”

Young Falcon is available for purchase online at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com and as an eBook for both Kindle and Nook. Locally, copies of her book are avail-

able at the Central Texas Area Museum at the Wee Scots Shop. You may visit Facebook at *Sons and Daughters - Young Falcon* or McKinney's website at youngfalcon.com for more information.

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The 16th Annual Texas Western Swing Showcase and Dance at the Bell County Expo in Belton is set for March 3. The event, which started as a small gathering of fiddle and Western Swing fans at the home of Mitzi and Nan Ray, has grown into one of the premier events of its type in the country. With the growth of the Showcase came the creation of parent group known as The Texas Western Swing Heritage Association of Belton.

The Showcase is the main event of the association, which brings together some of the best Western Swing musical talent available.

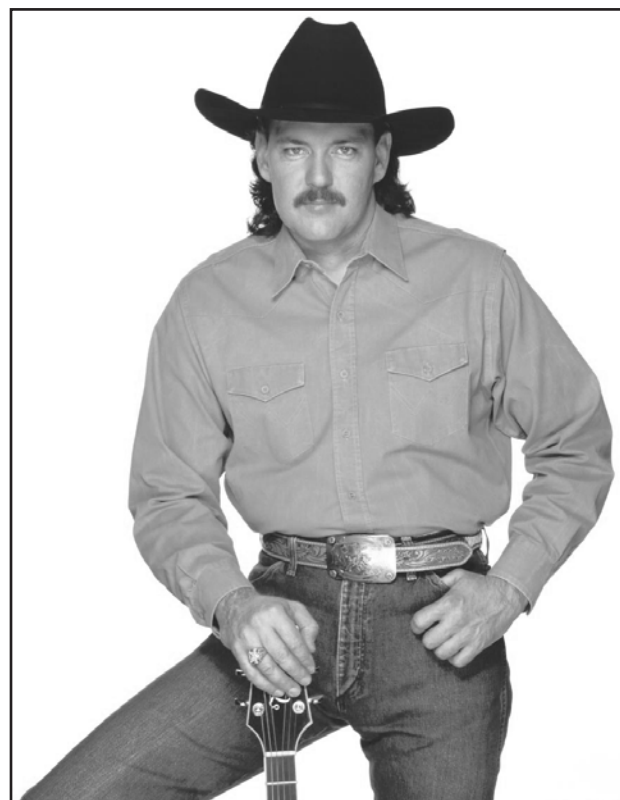
Doors open at the Expo Assembly Hall at 11 a.m. and the music starts at

noon. Dinner (by reservation only) will be served at 5:30 p.m. The dance will be 8 p.m.- midnight. Tables may be reserved for the dance.

Featured showcase performer is Dave Alexander, Academy of Western Artist "Vocalist of the Year" and "Entertainer of the Year."

Alexander has appeared with such names as George Strait, Clint Black, and Reba McEntire. In 1984, he performed at the White House for Ronald Reagan's inauguration.

Tickets for the afternoon performance are \$20, Dinner tickets are \$8.50 (by reservation only) and Dance Tickets are \$20 with reserve tables available. Call 254-939-8390 for more information.



Dave Alexander will be a featured performer during the Western Swing Showcase at the Bell County Expo Center Assembly Hall on March 3.

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Stated or Called Meeting
nights.

TUESDAYS

Salado Rotary Club,
11:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS

Salado Community
Chorus practice, 6 p.m.,
Salado Civic Center, un-
less otherwise noted.

TUESDAYS

Sit & Knit Session
at The Salado Yarn Co.
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forts, 22 N Main join
fellow knitters for casual
knitting. 10 - Noon. sal-
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TUESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

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Ladies night at
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9000, [www.saladoswirl-
andsip.com](http://www.saladoswirl-
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knitters for casual knit-
ting. 6 p.m. [saladoyarn@
gmail.com](mailto:saladoyarn@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

Live music beginning
at 6 p.m. at The Lounge,
upstairs at The Range.

LAST FRIDAY

Charity Knitting
7-8:30 p.m. At The
Salado Yarn Co. inside
Southern Comforts, 22 N
Main. no cost, some yarn
supplied. [saladoyarn@
gmail.com](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 26

Singer and songwriter
circle at Kinky Fried-
man's Smoking Lounge,
corner of Royal Street and
Center Circle, 6:30 p.m.

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.

FEBRUARY 2

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

FEBRUARY 2

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

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,
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gmail.com](mailto:saladoyarn@gmail.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 perfor-
mances 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. Please
feel free to bring food (no
outside alcohol).

FEBRUARY 4

Sample Wiseman
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Salado Merchantile. 371
Main Street.

FEBRUARY 5

Living Room Theatre
Retrospective and Gala,
7 p.m. at the Salado
Silver Spur. Dr. Ramon
Carver will retire as di-
rector of Salado's Living
Room Theatre, following
the Retrospective and
Gala performance featur-
ing scenes from past
shows. Call Hulda Hor-
ton 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.
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FEBRUARY 6

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ful gardening day at
the Salado Sculpture
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FEBRUARY 8

Introduction to the
Internet class at Salado
Public Library, 1 p.m.
Free class. Info call 947-
9191.

FEBRUARY 8

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

FEBRUARY 9

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

FEBRUARY 7-MARCH 27

Teen Knitting
Tuesdays 3-4 p.m. \$5
per session. The Salado
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Comforts, 22 N Main.
\$20 class fee + supplies.
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FEBRUARY 7 & 14

Adult Learn To Knit
class 12:30 p.m. The
Salado Yarn Co. inside
Southern Comforts, 22 N
Main. \$20 class fee + sup-
plies. [saladoyarn@gmail.
com](mailto:saladoyarn@gmail.com).

FEBRUARY 8 & 15

Pocket slippers Knit-
ting Class 10:30 a.m. The
Salado Yarn Co. inside
Southern Comforts, 22 N
Main. [saladoyarn@gmail.
com](mailto:saladoyarn@gmail.com).

FEBRUARY 9

Evening of Yoga and
Wine at Salado Wine

Seller, 841 N. Main, 6:30
p.m. After yoga, enjoy a
terrific, refreshing glass
of locally made Texas
wine accompanied by a
happy plate of cheese and
fruit. Reservations are en-
couraged. Questions and
so on, email [tiffyoranch@
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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
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FEBRUARY 11

Evening for Wine
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more information on the
class schedule, call 254-
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SilverSpurArts.com](http://www.
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FEBRUARY 11

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

FEBRUARY 11

Salado Village Art-
ists' 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 Audi-
tions, 3 p.m. each day.
Director Donnie Wil-
liams, 254-947-0717 or
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com](mailto:mr.duck@embarqmail.com).

FEBRUARY 12

Concert at Caliber
Oaks, featuring Carol
Meyer Willingham-
soprano.

FEBRUARY 14

Community Emer-
gency Response Team of
Salado (CERTS) meet-
ing, 6:30 p.m. at the
Municipal Building, 301
N. Stagecoach Rd.

FEBRUARY 15

Introduction to email
class at Salado Public
Library, 1 p.m. Free
class. Info call 947-9191.

FEBRUARY 16

Salado Chamber of
Commerce Board Meet-
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Salado Chamber office
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FEBRUARY 16

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

FEBRUARY 17

Texas Naturalist Series at Salado Public Library, 1 p.m. Citizen Science and Bird Conservation: How You Can Contribute to Large-Scale Bird Conservation Effort by Watching Birds in Your Own Backyard, presented by Jim Giocomo, the Oaks and Praires Join Venture Coordinator for the American Bird Conservancy.

FEBRUARY 18

Bell county native Jack Oliver will be signing his new autobiography "Full Circle" at the Salado Public Library at 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21

Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting on Austin's Old 100, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library. Public is always welcome.

FEBRUARY 22

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

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.

FEBRUARY 24

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

FEBRUARY 28

Scott & White Blood Drive at Salado High School, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., sponsored by SHS National Honor Society. Contact Susan Shobe susan.shobe@saladoisd.org (254 947-6975) to reserve a time to donate blood.

MARCH 7

Intermediate Microsoft Word class at Salado Public Library, 1 p.m. Free class. Info call 947-9191.

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 14

Intermediate Micro-soft Excel class at Salado Public Library, 1 p.m. Free class. Info call 947-9191.

MARCH 19

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

MARCH 19

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

MARCH 21

Intermediate Micro-soft PowerPoint class at Salado Public Library, 1 p.m. Free class. Info call 947-9191.

MARCH 22

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

MARCH 24-25

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

MARCH 29-31

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

MARCH 31

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

APRIL 13

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

APRIL 13-15

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

APRIL 14

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

APRIL 20-22

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

APRIL 20-22

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

here for details.

APRIL 23

Candidates Forum, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center Meadows Auditorium, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. All candidates in the Salado I.S.D., Salado Public Library District and Village of Salado elections will be invited to take part.

MAY 4 & 5

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

MAY 10

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA Style Show 11 a.m. at Tenroc Ranch. for info call Barclay McCort 947-3617.

MAY 11, 12

Music Weekend in Salado. The Temple Jazz Orchestra in concert on Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater Stage at 7:30 p.m. May 12 will be the final musical production of the weekend. Concessions served by Men in Black Tie. Groups and singers playing daily in shops throughout the Village. Jazz Concert: \$20. Tickets sold at gate or www.tablerock.org Call 254-947-8634 or 254-947-9205.

MAY 11-13

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

JUNE 11-JULY 21

Salado Legends Rehearsal. Call director Donnie Williams at 254-947-0717

JULY 22 - JULY 29

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JULY 21, 28 & AUG. 4

20th Annual Salado Legends. Dinner reservations required. Dinner 7:15 p.m. \$8 adult or child. Show 8:15 p.m., \$17 Adult, \$5 child under 12. Tickets: www.tablerock.org or call 254-947-9205. Ticket office, concession opens at 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 3

Midnight Madness down Main Street, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce. Details to come.

OCT. 6 & 7

A Christmas Carol & Fright Trail Auditions at Tablerock. Call 254-947-9205.

OCTOBER 12-13

Christmas in October at the Salado Civic Center, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary.

OCTOBER 27-28

Annual Salado Art Fair, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce. Call 254-947-5040 or visit www.salado.com.

OCTOBER 27 & 28

Tablerock's Fright Trail, 6:30-10 p.m. \$5 Adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Information 947-9205

NOVEMBER 10-12

Fifty-first Annual Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games on the grounds of Salado Civic Center, sponsored by the Central Texas Area Museum.

NOVEMBER 29

Christmas Stroll Parade. Salado Chamber of Commerce. Details to come.

NOV. 30, DEC. 1-2

Christmas Stroll, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce. Details to come.

NOV. 30, DEC 1, 7, 8

20th Annual - A Christmas Carol. Performances 7 p.m. each night. Adult \$10, Student \$5, Child \$3 (12 and under) Call 947-9205.



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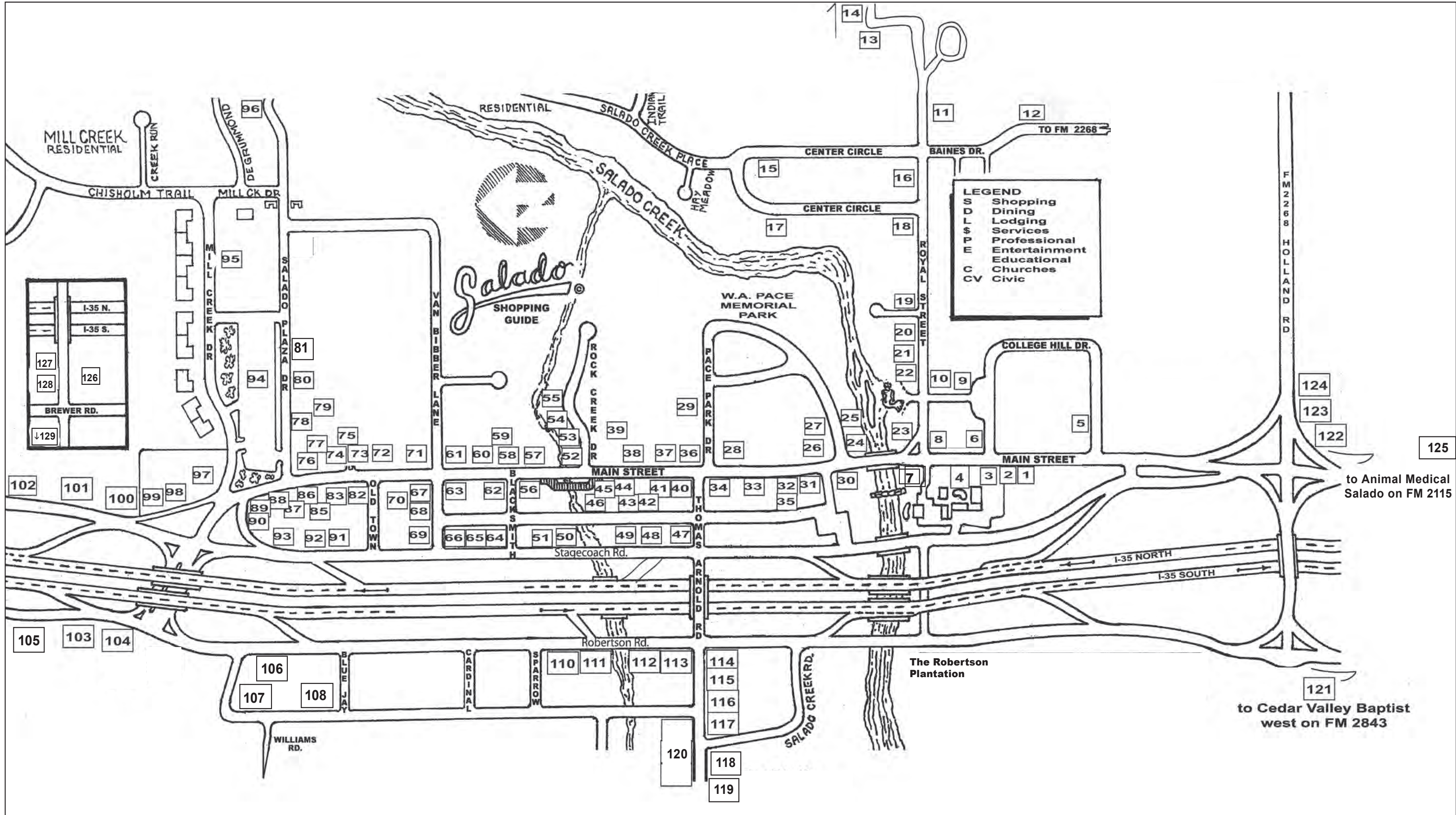


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- 14 Hold sway
- 15 Intl. cartel
- 16 Actress Gardner
- 17 Elevator name
- 18 Railyard sight
- 20 Result
- 22 Every last bit
- 23 15-Across' product
- 24 Gullets
- 27 And so on
- 32 — Beta Kappa
- 33 Vast expanse
- 34 Blue
- 35 Unrelenting pest
- 38 Snakes
- 39 Storm center
- 40 Keyboard abbr.
- 42 Take out of context?
- 45 Small yellow fruit used in preserves
- 49 Vicinity
- 50 "Hail!"
- 52 Loosen

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- 53 Optimistic
- 54 Family member
- 55 Particular
- 56 Being, to Brutus
- 57 "Of course"
- 58 "Piggies"
- nered with Burt Baskin
- 7 Suitor
- 8 Toaster's word
- 9 Cruel
- 10 Medley
- 11 Into the sunset
- 19 Mr. Pacino
- 21 "Ulalume" writer
- 24 Speedo-meter stat
- 25 "Caught ya!"
- 26 Brit's radio
- 28 Ball-bearing gizmo
- 29 Negligent
- 30 Knock
- 31 Billboards
- 36 Sailor's assent
- 37 Collection
- 38 Find not guilty
- 41 Therefore
- 42 Challenge
- 43 Love deity
- 44 Uncompl-cated
- 46 "Do — others ..."
- 47 "Zip- — Doo-Dah"
- 48 — River, NJ
- 51 Struggle (for)

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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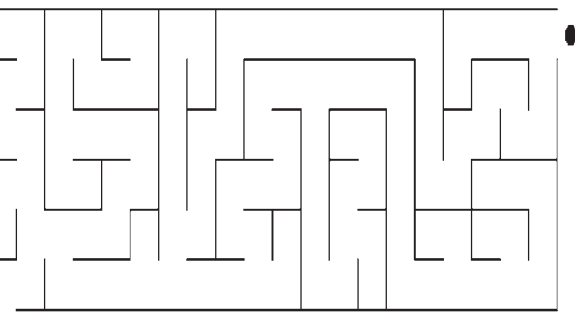
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze



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Birding
BITS BY
Cindy Brook

Waxwing Sighting
Fresh water is very important during the winter months. I have four birdbaths and lots of migrating visitors. One year about a dozen cedar waxwings dropped down from the trees to drink from my birdbaths. It was quite a sight, and worth the effort of maintaining bird-baths in winter.

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Answers

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Answer

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 9
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K J 7 6 2

WEST
♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ A K 10 9
♦ Q 7 4
♣ 10 4

EAST
♠ 7 2
♥ 8 6 5 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ Q 9 8 5

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 4
♥ Q J
♦ A K J 3
♣ A 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♠ *	Pass	2 ♦ **	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

* strong, artificial ** negative
Opening lead — king of hearts.

When to draw trumps

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Whenever declarer plays a suit contract, he is faced with the problem of whether or not to draw trumps. There is no hard and fast rule that governs this recurring problem. The best declarer can do is to exercise his judgment in accordance with the circumstances he faces.

Take this deal where West leads the K-A-10 of hearts, declarer ruffing the third round. If South draws trumps at this point, he runs himself out of them, since the trumps are divided 4-2.

Regardless of what he does next, South must now go down one as the cards lie. If, for example, he crosses to dummy with a club in order to try a diamond finesse, West wins with the queen and cashes the nine of hearts to score the setting trick.

But if South makes allowance for a 4-2 trump split (which occurs nearly half the time), he makes the contract. He simply delays drawing trumps because he is not yet ready to extract them.

Declarer's proper play is to ruff the third heart high and lead the four of trumps to dummy's nine. The ten of diamonds is then led and finessed, losing to the queen.

This leaves West in a hopeless position. If he returns a heart, declarer ruffs in dummy, crosses to the ace of clubs, draws trumps and easily makes the rest of the tricks. If West returns any other suit, South wins and draws trumps that much sooner to make the contract.

In effect, declarer makes it his first order of business to establish his 10th trick before drawing the missing trumps. In that way, he protects against the 4-2 trump division that is a primary threat to the contract.

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Game Day Grub

EIGHT-LAYER MEDITERRANEAN DIP

Serves 8

This healthy dip will be a hit at your next party. Layer it in a glass bowl or small trifle dish, if you like. To avoid the dip becoming watery, be sure to drain the wet ingredients well.

Ingredients

1 (8-ounce) container hummus
1 cup firmly packed baby spinach, roughly chopped
1 cup thinly sliced roasted red peppers, drained
1 (6-ounce) jar marinated artichoke hearts, drained and roughly chopped
1 cup plain lowfat or nonfat Greek-style yogurt
1/2 cup sliced pitted black olives, such as Kalamata



1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions
1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
Pita chips

Method

Spread hummus evenly in the bottom of an 8-inch square dish. Scatter spinach over the top and press down lightly. Arrange peppers, then artichoke hearts over the top. Drop

yogurt in dollops over the artichokes, then spread out to make an even layer. Sprinkle with olives, green onions and feta and serve with pita chips on the side.

Nutrition per serving: 180 calories (80 from fat), 9g total fat, 1.5g saturated fat, 5mg cholesterol, 560mg sodium, 20g total carbohydrate (4g dietary fiber, 4g sugar), 6g protein

BLACK-EYED PEA NACHOS

Serves 4

Move over, salsa! Flavorful, fiery Sriracha sauce is a superb topper for nachos made with delicious black-eyed peas.

Ingredients

2 teaspoons expeller-pressed canola oil
1/2 red onion, diced
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1/2 (16-ounce) bag frozen 365 Everyday Value® Black-Eyed Peas, prepared according to package directions (1 1/2 cups)
1/4 teaspoon sea salt
4 ounces (about 5 cups) tortilla chips
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1/2 cup chopped cilantro
1/2 lime
Sriracha sauce to taste



Method

Preheat oven to 450°F. In a medium skillet, heat canola oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic and cook, stirring frequently, until onion is softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in peas and salt and cook 1 more minute.

Spread chips over the bottom of a 9- x 13-inch baking dish and spoon pea mixture over the top. Sprinkle with cheese and bake just until cheese

melts and the nachos are very hot, 8 to 10 minutes. Sprinkle with cilantro and squeeze lime over the top of the nachos. Squirt Sriracha sauce over the top (careful, it's very spicy!) and serve warm.

Nutrition per serving: 330 calories (90 from fat), 10g total fat, 2g saturated fat, 5mg cholesterol, 310mg sodium, 50g total carbohydrate (9g dietary fiber, 6g sugar), 13g protein

CHIPOTLE MUSHROOM AND GOAT CHEESE QUESO

Serves 6 to 8 as an appetizer (Makes about 3 1/2 cups)

Goat cheese and earthy mushrooms give this rich hot cheese dip a uniquely satisfying flavor. Spoon it hot into warm tortillas, or use it over nachos or as a dip for tortilla chips or veggies. Leftovers are excellent as a filling for omelets.

Ingredients

2 teaspoons expeller-pressed canola oil
1/2 pound mixed mushrooms, thinly sliced
1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
6 ounces goat cheese, crumbled
6 ounces (about 1 3/4 cups) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1 1/2 cups sliced baby spinach leaves



1/2 cup diced red onion
2 chipotles in adobo (from a can), seeded and minced
Method

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add mushrooms and salt and cook, stirring frequently, until mushrooms have released their liquid and are dry and lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Spread mushrooms over the bottom of a small ovenproof casserole or gratin dish. In a

large bowl, combine goat cheese, Jack cheese, spinach, onion and chipotles and toss until combined. Spread cheese mixture evenly over mushrooms and bake until bubbling, about 25 minutes. Serve hot.

Nutrition per serving (based on 1/8 of the recipe): 160 calories (110 from fat), 13g total fat, 7g saturated fat, 25mg cholesterol, 270mg sodium, 4g total carbohydrate (1g dietary fiber, 1g sugar), 9g protein



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Enjoy the two-hour workshop and design and finish two yard stakes.

All creations will then be fired by the artist and made ready to put in the garden. This workshop will fill up fast so sign up now to reserve your spot. Registration must be completed week prior to March 7.


The cost is only \$25 per person which is two yard stakes, so gather your girlfriends, date, or co-workers and create at the CAC.

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Pansies are a winter delight

By JANN DWORSKY
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Many gardeners love the tradition of planting what they saw as children in their parents’ and grandparents’ gardens; pansies are no exception. I have watched my mother plant pansies for years on 9th Street in Gatesville and both of my daughters are enjoying planting pansies. Appropriately enough, the name pansy is from the French word pensie, meaning thought or remembrance. Pansies are also associated with love. (theflowerexpert.com)

Pansies have a long history and are often found illustrated and referred to in works of literature. William Wordsworth has written about them; Georgia O’Keefe has painted exquisite white and black pansies, and the gardenfairy.com reminds us that William Shakespeare’s character, Puck, used the juice of pansies to make “man or woman madly dote upon the next live creature that it sees.” Fortunately for the many pansy lovers, that is fiction. Look closely and you will see a “face” in the pansies, no matter their color or size.

The fact is, pansies and their leaves are edible and can be used on cold fruit



Pansies can brighten your winter landscape.

or as a beautiful garnish on a salad. Several times a year I pick some beautiful purple and yellow pansies and float them in a shallow dish for a centerpiece at the table.

Pansy plants can be found in several sizes. The diameter of the large blooms is 3-4 inches, the medium 2-3 inches, and the multiflora 1-2 inches. Pansy plants only grow slightly larger over the winter, so plant as closely as possible for the maximum effect. The 1-2 inch multiflora or Johnny-jump-up is the ancestor of our pansies today. The gardenfairy.com states that in 1810 Mr. William Thompson crossed varieties of the viola tricolor with viola lutea and viola altaica to create our lovely pansies. Since then a huge variety of colors have been developed over the years, including “Antique shades”, and a “True Blue” as well as “sorbet” series.

Plant pansies in the ground as well as in several pots and in mass plantings. As you can see from the photograph, a strawberry jar works well also. The most important thing to remember about pansies is that deadheading, or pinching off the dead blooms and seedpods, keeps the new blooms coming all winter.

I cover my pansies if the temperature drops significantly below freezing, but frost or a light freeze will not damage them. Fertilize pansies every 4 weeks with a nitrogen fertilizer and water well. Plant your pansies where they receive at least 6 hours of sun for maximum blooming.

Enjoy growing your pansies and passing the tradition down to others in your family.

Have any questions about gardening in Central Texas? Contact ask.bcmga@gmail.com

Bell County Master Gardeners’ spring plant sale is 8 a.m.-1 p.m. March 24.

Dinner Tonight healthy cooking school offered Feb. 6 in Waco

Are you looking for quick, easy and healthy meals to feed your family this year? You are invited to attend the First Annual Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School! This event is taking place 6-8 p.m. Feb. 6at the ExtraCo Events Center in Waco.

This event will not only feature recipe demonstrations that promote Texas agriculture, but easy and

nutritious meals that can be prepared in 30 minutes or less.

The cost of the cooking school is \$20 at the door.

You can register online at <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu>, keyword: Cooking or contact your local County Extension Office.

The doors will open at 5 p.m. so participants can enjoy the vendors.

“While there are many groups who conduct cooking schools, we believe the Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School has a unique niche,” Ballabina said. “Our demonstration recipes are cost effective, easy to prepare and fit into a healthy meal plan. We are targeting busy people who still want to make time for meal preparation and feel good about what

they are feeding themselves and their family. Our goals are to promote family mealtime, teach families healthy meal planning and food preparation techniques, and promote Texas agriculture.”

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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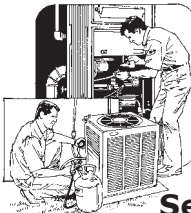
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Carbon emissions are making our oceans acidic/ The energy waste of TV top boxes.

Dear EarthTalk: I was horrified to read recently that our oceans are actually becoming acidic, that the continued burning of fossil fuels is changing the chemistry of our seas. What's going on?

-- Kim Richardson, San Diego, CA



It's a known fact that our oceans are becoming more acidic as a result of the increasingly large load of human-generated carbon dioxide (CO₂) entering our atmosphere. About 25 percent of all the CO₂ we send skyward out of our tailpipes and smokestacks ends up in the world's oceans, where it triggers chemical reactions in the water column that lead to increased acidification. Researchers estimate that the acidity of our seas has increased 29 percent since the dawn of the Industrial Revolution. If we do not slow down the pace of greenhouse gas emissions, our oceans could be two to three times as acidic in 2100 as they already are today, which could prove disastrous to marine ecosystems and the world's food chain.

"When carbon dioxide is absorbed by seawater, chemical reactions occur that reduce seawater pH, carbonate ion concentration and saturation states of biologically important calcium carbonate minerals," reports the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). These calcium carbonate minerals, typically abundant in areas where most marine life congregates, are the building blocks for the skeletons and shells of many marine organisms, from oysters to

coral. "However, continued ocean acidification is causing many parts of the ocean to become undersaturated with these minerals, which is likely to affect the ability of some organisms to produce and maintain their shells," adds NOAA. The process will not only wreak havoc on the shellfish we eat, but also on smaller marine organisms that are key components on the lower end of the marine food chain.

According to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a leading green group, coral reefs around the world may face an even greater risk than shellfish because they require very high levels of carbonate to build their skeletons. "Acidity slows reef-building, which could lower the resiliency of corals and lead to their erosion and eventual extinction," they write. This would be an unmitigated environmental disaster, given that an estimated one million marine species depend on healthy coral reefs for survival.

"Such losses would reverberate throughout the marine environment and have profound social impacts, as well—especially on the fishing and tourism industries," NRDC reports. "The loss of coral reefs would also reduce the protection that they offer coastal communities against storms surges and

hurricanes—which might become more severe with warmer air and sea surface temperatures due to global warming."

Researchers are working on strategies to protect aquaculture farms from further losses due to acidic water, but any large-scale effort to address ocean acidification will require the slowing down or phasing out of fossil fuels. Powering our cars, heating our homes and running our machines and appliances all require burning fossil fuels which generate greenhouse gas emissions and in turn cause acidification. Cutting back on our consumption of oil, gas and coal and switching to renewable energy sources—solar, wind, biomass and others—will be a necessary part of the strategy to counteract ocean acidification.

We can all help by driving less and walking/biking more; upgrading our vehicles, light bulbs and appliances to more energy efficient versions; patronizing companies that work to reduce their carbon footprints; and pushing our state and federal governments to enact binding reductions in CO₂ pollution.

CONTACTS: NOAA, www.noaa.gov; NRDC, www.nrdc.org.

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that cable and other pay TV boxes that sit atop television sets consume massive amounts of energy, in part because they are always on, even when the TV is off?

-- Sam Winston, Metairie, LA

We hear a lot about how much energy mod-

ern day flat screen TV sets consume, but the innocuous set-top boxes that drive them, along with their built-in digital video recorders, may be even more to blame. A recent analysis conducted by the consulting firm Ecos on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) found that "the average new cable high-definition digital video recorder (HD-DVR) consumes more than half the energy of an average new refrigerator and more

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than an average new flat-panel television.” Overall, set-top boxes in the U.S. consume some 27 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity. This is equal to the annual output of six average (500 megawatt) coal-fired power plants and accounts for the emission of 16 million metric tons of carbon dioxide.

Part of the reason these boxes are such energy hogs is that they typically operate at nearly full power even during the two-thirds of the time when they are not actively in use driving TV screens or recording to built-in DVRs. “As a nation, we spend \$2 billion each year to power these boxes when they are not being actively used,” reports NRDC.



To make matters worse, American consumers have little if any choice about which set-top boxes they get from their cable or satellite service providers. Since the providers usually own the boxes yet don’t have to pay consumers’ electric bills, they have little incentive to utilize or develop more efficient models. In Europe, Sky Broadcasting is beginning to distribute more efficient equipment to subscribers there. NRDC is urging the largest pay-TV service providers in the U.S. (Comcast, Time Warner, DirecTV, Dish Network, Verizon and AT&T) to heed the efficiency call with their own set-top box and DVR offerings.

Redesigning set-top boxes to power down when not in use is perhaps

the biggest opportunity for energy savings. “Innovation to reduce power consumption when not in active use—such as has occurred with mobile phones, which also work on a subscriber basis and require secure connections—is sorely needed in set-top boxes,” counsels NRDC. Also, re-jiggering content delivery systems so that only one main set-top box sends signals to all the televisions in the house (or to lower power “thin client” boxes) could also cut down household electric bills and carbon footprints. The group adds that “better designed pay-TV set-top boxes could reduce the energy use of the installed base of boxes by 30 percent to 50 percent by 2020.”

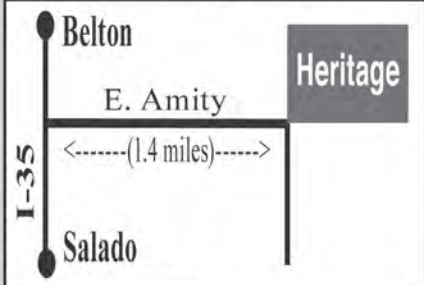
Last year the U.S. government released new energy efficiency standards for set-top boxes within its EnergyStar appliance efficiency rating program. While this new specification is a step in the right direction, consumers have little knowledge about such options. NRDC urges pay-TV subscribers to request that their providers make available set-top boxes and DVRs that meet the newer EnergyStar 4.0 standards. The more of us that request such improvements, the likelier they are to happen. And the cable or satellite provider that can save customers money while reducing overall environmental impact may just win over an increasingly large sector of the American people that actually cares about being green.

CONTACTS: NRDC’s “Better Viewing, Lower Energy Bills, and Less Pollution,” www.nrdc.org/energy/files/settopboxes.pdf; EnergyStar, www.energystar.gov.



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Q: Why do seed companies -- those selling small amounts of seeds to backyard gardeners like me -- send their catalogs so early? I started receiving them at the end of December. -- Darla J., Cleveland

A: Catalogs are sent early to give you plenty of time to plan this year's garden and order your seeds, of course. While we tend to be preoccupied in January and February with shoveling snow and staying warm, February is prime time for ordering seeds. Most companies make their shipments this month.

It's also just a nice, quiet time of year for most homeowners, right after the holidays and before spring lawn care and exterior house repairs gear up. So this is a great time to sit down with your catalogs or browse the Web looking for ideas on things to grow and ways to configure your garden.

One of my favorite Web sites is A Way to Garden (<http://awaytogarden.com>), which features plenty of advice for gardeners of all levels, as well as video and pictorial instructions, podcasts and other fun. It's a good place to start if you're new to researching gardening and seeds on the Web.

If you want to do something more than sowing herbs or struggling with tomatoes (not saying other people struggle to get big red tomatoes, but I sure do), look into planting vegetables or flowers native to your area.

A number of online garden planners also are out there. These can help you lay out and plan your outdoor garden, offer hints and ideas, and generally make this stage of gardening more fun, or as fun as it can be when you're anxious to get outside and start turning over dirt.

HOME TIP: Have an old, leaky garden hose you don't know what to do with? Use a section of hose as a blade guard for a hand saw.



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