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Stalcup will not run, McCort files for Mayor; others announce plans

Danney V. McCort filed for Mayor on Feb. 7 as filing began this week for three local races. Two incumbents have announced that they will not seek re-election and two other incumbents are undecided on their plans.

The filing period for the Village of Salado Mayorial and Board of Aldermen race, the Salado ISD Board of Trustees election and the Salado Public Library District election continues through March 5.

Two two-year terms on the Board of Aldermen will be decided, as well as the two-year Mayorial team.

Mayor Merle Stalcup will not seek a third term at the helm of the Village of Salado. He announced this last week in the *Salado Village Voice*.

"I feel that I have been able to move the village along in a more progres-

sive 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.

Alderman Carol Walls also announced that she will not seek re-election to the board. She has served two terms on the Board of Aldermen.

"I think it is time for others to get involved, because that is the only way to truly know about the Village," Walls stated. "Those who know will hopefully keep us on the right path."

Walls added that the Village has had three classes of Leadership Salado. "I would hope some new faces run for office while maintaining continuity with some ex-

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Salado drops back to 2A

Salado Eagles will compete in 2A for the next two years, after the University Interscholastic League (UIL) announced its biennial alignment Feb. 2.

In football, the Eagles will compete in 2A, Div. 1, Region IV in district 13AA.

The Eagles will play football against Cameron Yoe, Florence, Lago Vista, Little River Academy, Marlin, McGregor and Troy.

Salado is the fifth-largest school in the newly-aligned 2A.

The Eagles will com-

pete in basketball in 2A District 22 in Region III. They will play Cameron Yoe, Florence, Jarrell, Lexington, Little River Academy, Rogers and Rosebud-Lott.

Former District 25AAA opponents remain in 3A, but have been reshuffled. District 8 will include Lampasas, Liberty Hill, Llano from District 25AAA and Brownwood, Burnet and Gatesville.

Taylor moves to 3A, District 18 where they will play Caldwell, College Station, Madisonville, Navasota and Rockdale.

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(PHOTO BY JIM MOHLER)

Kegan Owen goes over last minute details with her lamb before showing the animal this week in the Bell County Youth Fair Livestock Show and Rodeo. She is shown above with her father Brit Owen. The Fair will conclude with the annual Auction at 1 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Bell County Expo Center. Salado Youth Fair Boosters ask local businesses to come out in support of Salado youth by bidding and buying projects at the Auction.

14th Wildfire Ranch Open to World

Wildfire Ranch Arena welcomes some of the biggest names in professional rodeo Feb. 10-12 to its indoor arena.

Professional cowboys including Rich Skelton, Joe Beaver, Trevor Brazile, Jake Barnes, Clay O'Brien Cooper and many, many more will be converging on Wildfire Ranch in Salado to compete for over \$200,000 in cash prizes.

The 14th Annual Wildfire Ranch Open to the World is one of the richest, highest-paying ropings in the world.

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Sign up begins at 10 a.m.

In the 12th Annual Ladies Open Roping, Montana Silversmith is adding \$25,000 to the total payout, making it one of the most lucrative ropings during the year for the

teams of ladies.

Finally, the #11 Businessman's Roping on Feb. 12 will have a guaranteed payout of \$75,000 to first place, sponsored by Pro Equine, Cactus Saddlery, Heel-O-Matic and Cactus

Ropes.

Bring the family to Wildfire Ranch Feb. 10-12 for a weekend filled with team roping excitement, rain or shine!

Wildfire Ranch is located at Exit 283 on I-35.



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Avoid I-35 at 190

Texas Department of Transportation has announced the following construction lane closures for 7 p.m. Feb. 9 through 7 a.m. Feb. 10: US 190 westbound mainlanes closed at I-35. Traffic will detour to frontage roads. *Salado Village Voice* will announce lane closures on www.saladovillagevoice.com and on our Facebook page.



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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Last WASP

Mitt Romney summoned all the righteous indignation he could muster after a Newt Gingrich ad called him “anti-immigrant.” Romney blasted the ad shortly afterward in an interview: “It’s just inappropriate.”

“Inappropriate.” For Romney, that qualifies as a stinging rebuke. He also regretted in the strongest possible terms the Gingrich ad’s “terrible terms.” The Republican campaign now pits a man, in Newt Gingrich, expert at channeling and expressing emotions against a man, Mitt Romney, who can’t or won’t.

“I have emotion and passion,” Romney said the other day, in an assurance an overtly emotional and passionate person would never have to make. In Gingrich, Romney is fighting fire with reticence. He is a throwback to a cultural archetype that lost its purchase in American culture decades ago. Mitt Romney is the last WASP, Mormon edition.

In his book “The Way of the WASP,” Richard Brookhiser summarized the main traits of the species as “Conscience,” “Industry,” “Success” and “Civic-mindedness.” All can be seen in Romney, the private-equity titan and Mormon bishop who served as the head of the Salt Lake City Olympics and once swept the floor of an aide’s garage when he had an idle moment. The same charges that were leveled at the long-ago, buttoned-up WASP establishment are now directed at Romney -- stiff, boring, inauthentic.

There is an inherent politeness to him. Interrupted by a heckler in New Hampshire, he says she lacks “courtesy,” obviously an offense he takes seriously. Whenever he resorts to trash talk -- at one debate he promised to take President Barack Obama’s attack on his wealth and “stuff it down his throat” -- it feels awkward. It is as if the Marquess of Queensberry briefly strayed into a mixed martial arts octagon.

Rich Lowry



It’s not that Romney won’t fight. His Super PAC filleted Gingrich in Iowa, and his campaign apparatus crushed the former House speaker in Florida. Yet, Romney himself has no relish for the task. In the first Florida debate, he worked early on to hit Gingrich with his entire opposition research file. Rushed and uncomfortable, he seemed to enjoy it as little as Gingrich did. When he got off the attack, he shifted back into his accustomed measured and unflappable mode.

Gingrich is unburdened by any inner guardrails. He loves combat. As a campaigner, he can be loudmouthed, unscrupulous and angry. It’s a style that fits the public mood, and it has been validated through the decades in our culture. We’ve been taught to trust a let-it-all-hang-out spirit over an ethos of emotional restraint. It’s an irony of Romney’s candidacy that his genuine reserve is taken as confirmation of his inauthenticity.

If Romney doesn’t wear his emotions on his sleeve, he doesn’t wear his riches there, either. He seems uncomfortable with his own success, a classic WASP trait. When he says he makes no apologies for his wealth, he clearly would rather not be talking about his wealth at all.

If Romney seems alien, it’s not his Mormonism or bank account so much as his adherence to a code of conduct that was overthrown long ago, and now feels quaint and odd. His is the plight of the last WASP.

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Can GOP ever win the Latino vote?

By MARTIN FROST

Now that the Florida primary is well behind, it is important to take a longer look at the battle for the Latino vote in the general election. This growing voting bloc could be the deciding factor if the results prove as close as expected.

This is particularly true in five swing states — Florida, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona. President Barack Obama carried the first four of these in 2008 and is planning a strong push in Arizona this time.

Responding to the GOP base, the Republican Party and its leading presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, may be unable to embrace comprehensive immigration reform and reject harsh right-wing, anti-immigrant rhetoric. So it’s difficult for Romney to make significant headway among this important part of the U.S. electorate. It may well tilt the playing field to Obama — who won two-thirds of the Latino vote in 2008.

I represented a large Latino population in Texas for the 26 years I served in the House. So I understand this important political struggle. Here are several lessons going forward.

First, though Romney captured the Cuban vote in the Florida primary, this doesn’t mean the GOP can win Latino votes this fall. Unlike other Latino voters, Cuban-Americans are reliably Republican.

The vast majority of Latinos in other states, however, are not from Cuba. Many are from Mexico, as well as Central America and Puerto Rico. Even in Florida, there is now a significant number of non-Cuban Latinos, who tend to vote Democratic.

Second, assuming Romney is the Republican nominee, he has a lot of ground to make up with Latinos after being pushed far to the right on the immigration issue during the early primaries and caucuses.

Many Latinos are culturally conservative, patriotic and remarkably entrepreneurial. On paper, this sounds like fertile territory for the GOP. But once Latinos have heard the GOP’s strong anti-immigrant rhetoric, they may well stop listening to anything else Republicans have to say.

Look at what’s happened so far.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry actually said some sensible things about immigration in an early debate. He spoke favorably of the DREAM Act, which permits illegal immigrant children to attend state colleges and pay in-state tuition. He condemned the proposed fence along the U.S.-Mexico border as a terrible idea.

Perry quickly had to backtrack when attacked by Romney and the GOP candidates, as well as influential conservative

groups.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, in another early debate, supported the framework of earned legalization — under which illegal immigrants who have lived in the U.S. for a long time, have families and jobs and have stayed out of criminal trouble, could apply for citizenship after going to the end of the line and paying a fine.

As soon as he was attacked by the far right for this sensible proposal, Gingrich had to do back flips to say he did not favor amnesty. He ultimately had to back away from this approach.

Meanwhile, the Republican Legislature in Texas, in a high-profile action, recently refused to create additional Hispanic congressional districts. It did this even though Latino communities accounted for most of the state’s population growth in the decade, which gained Texas four new districts. This matter is still in the federal courts, but it is being closely monitored by Hispanic groups, who filed lawsuits challenging the Legislature’s plan.

In addition, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer continues to be a lightning rod for the most xenophobic, anti-immigrant sentiments in the Republican Party.

So despite a good showing among the Cuban community in Florida, the Republican presidential nominee starts in a deep hole with Latino voters nationally.

Can Republicans repair the damage?

Romney, for one, late in the Florida primary took a baby step on the subject of the DREAM Act. He said he would consider a path to citizenship for young Latino illegal immigrants now living in the U.S., who agree to serve in our military. He will probably have to move even further on this issue to win real support.

Romney will have to move off his hard-line position on immigration reform if he is to make a credible pitch to Latino voters. Building a fence and deporting 11 million people through “self-deportation” is not the answer. He may be considering moving toward Gingrich’s original position on earned legalization. But any change would need to be much more than baby steps to be credible.

The GOP must continue to showcase high-profile Republican officeholders, like Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez. However, putting people like Rubio on television as a spokesman won’t be enough if the party forces them into an ideological straitjacket on immigration reform.

Keep your eye on this important voting bloc. Right now, it’s advantage Obama.

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More on athletics

To the Editor:

I would like to give my thoughts on the Letters to the Editor in this weeks paper. To Stan Drake, RPh, you hit the nail on the head sir and thank you for your comments. My wife and I have two sons that have been in Salado schools since Kindergarten. Our oldest son graduated last year, class of 2011, and is presently serving our great country in the U.S. Air Force. Our other son is a Junior at Salado High School. Both of them have been in Salado athletics since the start of the 7th grade. We are very proud of both of them and I give much credit to all of the coach-

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

es, past and present, for our son’s success thus far in life. Our parenting, the teachers of Salado schools, and the wonderful community of Salado have played a big role in our son’s accomplishments as well. I would also like to say to Mr. T.R. “Tom” Pappas that it sounds to me like you might be happier living in Premont. I’m sure there is a house for sale there.

Sincerely,
Robert “Bobby” R. Golding III

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Commonsense approach to restoring our financial responsibility

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



Today, we face the most predictable – and preventable – crisis in American history. Consider the large, flashing warning signs: the U.S. has accumulated more than \$5 trillion in new debt in less than four years; total debt recently surpassed our country's Gross Domestic Product (more than \$15 trillion); and, the Congressional Budget Office forecasts that 2012 will be the fourth consecutive year of \$1 plus trillion federal budget deficits. There is no end in sight, unless we change direction.

After a tumultuous 2011, Congress and the White House still face the same challenge – to find a responsible, bipartisan way to bring down deficits by reducing spending. One bill I have cosponsored – The One Percent Spending Reduction Act, also known as the “Penny Plan” – illustrates how a modest, common sense approach could be used to put our financial house in order.

The Penny Plan would reduce total federal spending by one percent per year for six years. In the seventh year and thereafter, overall spending would be capped at 18 percent of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Of course, every program wouldn't be cut. But Congress would need to set budget priorities and cap annual spending by one percent overall.

Why stabilize spending at 18 percent of GDP? First, this is the average percentage of tax revenue as a portion of GDP since World War II. In contrast, federal spending has skyrocketed in recent years to a stratospheric 24 percent of GDP. Second, the Congressional Budget Office projects that tax revenues will return to about 18 percent of GDP as our economy regains strength in coming years. If spending is capped permanently at 18 percent of GDP, balanced budgets will follow.

Under the Penny Plan, if Congress and the White House fail to agree on

the required one percent annual reduction in total spending, automatic, across-the-board spending cuts would be triggered for all programs. This would put constructive pressure on the President and Members of Congress to do the jobs they were elected to do, and put our nation's financial house back in order.

The Penny Plan is not based on a particular political ideology but rather on the kind of everyday common sense that is familiar in every American home. When a family budget must be tightened, the adults in the household can figure out how to reduce spending by one percent per year. A little of that kind of reasonableness and discipline is what is needed to restore financial responsibility in Washington.

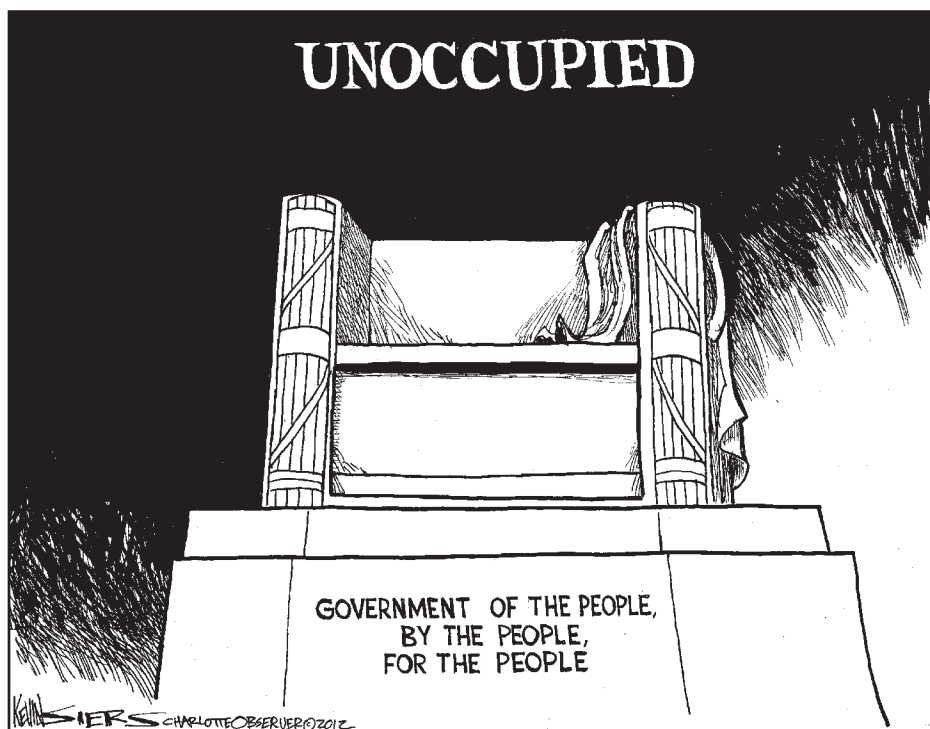
Continuing on our current path of record deficits is reckless and unacceptable. It assures that our weak economy will remain weak, and that unemployment will stay at historically high levels. The fiscal status quo also keeps Social Security and Medicare on course for bankruptcy in the years ahead, threatening the financial security and health care of tens of millions of current and future retirees.

The Penny Plan – reasonable, non-ideological, and fair – is a way for Congress and the President to come together to ensure that the federal government stops spending money it doesn't have, which is the most critical investment we can make in our future. Combine that practical approach to financial responsibility with pro-growth tax reforms and sensible regulatory restraint, and we'll get our economy moving again. Millions of unemployed Americans will again be able to find work to support their families and their communities. And America will get back on the right track.

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Mauling the Military

Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner

“Freedom isn't free.” We usually hear this on occasions such as Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. It's meant to remind us of the brave American troops who put their lives on the line daily to protect our liberty and preserve our security.

But that phrase also applies to matters of money. It takes dollars and cents to field a world-class military. Equipping and training the best soldiers, and providing them with the best vehicles and weapons, is expensive. So why are we preparing to slash the amount we spend to ensure that our defense remains as capable as possible?

For make no mistake: That's the upshot of what Defense Secretary Leon Panetta was talking about recently when he previewed the cuts to come under the Obama administration's latest budget request. They include:

A smaller Army and Marine corps. The Army would go from 562,000 now to 490,000. The Marines, meanwhile, would drop from 202,000 to 182,000. It would cut the number of U.S. combat brigades as well. Two would come out of Europe, where our allies would realize they can't rely on us to assist in keeping the peace. So much for defending what our troops once shed blood to achieve.

Fewer Navy ships. Under President Obama's budget, the Navy would give seven cruisers and two amphibious ships an early retirement. It also would delay or cut back on efforts to buy a variety of important vessels, including certain types of sub-

marines and combat ships that help keep vital international waterways safe.

A shrinking Air Force. Six tactical fighter squadrons would be broken up. The pace at which the Air Force is acquiring the F-35 (Joint Strike Fighter) would be slowed down. This will make the ones we do buy more expensive.

Scaled-back missile defense. Secretary Panetta didn't get specific here. He merely noted, as Heritage Foundation missile defense expert Baker Spring put it, that “not all funding was protected in this area.” That sounds ominous, to say the least. The U.S. is already lagging in its efforts to mount the comprehensive, layered (land, sea and space) system we need to protect all Americans from the threat of rogue missiles aimed at our soil from nations such as Iran and North Korea.

Worse, the military is right in the crosshairs for cuts beyond those in the budget that Panetta was outlining. That budget doesn't account for automatic spending cuts due to hit under last summer's Budget Control Act. The act, Spring writes, “triggers automatic spending cuts that could amount to as much as \$600 billion from the defense budget in

addition to those already contained in the pending budget.”

Have we forgotten what happened in the wake of post-Vietnam budget cuts? We wound up with a military that simply wasn't combat ready -- a hollow force. Asking a military that's too small to do too much means it wears out sooner. Troops and equipment get stretched too thinly.

The result? An embarrassing debacle such as the Iranian hostage crisis that began in 1979, for one thing. Small wonder that President Reagan campaigned successfully on a promise to rebuild our military. His vow resonated with the American people because they were tired of seeing America's prestige take a beating on the world stage. And they were genuinely alarmed by the realization that we had become far too vulnerable.

We can't afford to take another holiday from our responsibilities. The wholesale cuts now on the horizon for our military are irresponsible and reckless. Or do we have to learn the hard way, yet again, that “freedom isn't free”?

Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (www.heritage.org).

Save the Babies



Jim Hightower

Why do the Republicans in Congress hate unborn babies?

Yeah, I know they profess to love the unborn. They even consider them to be “persons” from the very moment of conception.

Yet, whose interest do you think these same politicians have chosen to protect when it comes to regulating an especially nasty industrial toxin that threatens unborn babies?

That nasty substance is mercury, a neurotoxin that spews into our air from old, coal-burning electric power plants. This toxic mercury lands in water, where it's turned into methylmercury, which builds up in fish. Many pregnant women unwittingly eat these contaminated fish, and the methylmercury messes terribly with the emerging nervous systems of their fetuses, producing babies with impaired IQs who are unable to think and learn as they should.

After 20 years of delay forced by lobbyists for utilities, the Environmental Protection Agency finally came out in December with regulations to control the mercury emissions from power plants. Hallelujah — save the babies!

But wait, the lovers of the unborn aren't celebrating this move to stop industry from doing gratuitous damage to children's IQs.

Far from it. GOP lawmakers are now howling to overturn the EPA's mercury regulations. A bunch of them say they want to kill the EPA itself to stop such “governmental interference” in the corporate pursuit of profits. Unborn babies make great politics, but they don't make big campaign donations. The GOP goes with whom it really loves.

How ironic that the defenders of mercury pollution are “mad as a hatter” about the EPA's protection of children. Maybe they don't know that the phrase comes from 19th-century hat makers who used mercury compounds in their work, often causing mental damage that literally drove them mad.

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Fracking Perils

Ongoing bonanza in the U.S. hydraulic fracturing industry marks a dangerous misstep

By DAPHNE WYSHAM

Folks, I've got some good news and some bad news about the nation's ever-elusive quest for a sound energy policy. The good news: Finally there's some under-the-radar bipartisan consensus in Washington. The bad news: Both parties are dead wrong.

This consensus is so strong that it's chipping away at our freedom of speech. Consider this: Capitol Hill police officers dragged Josh Fox out of a House Energy and Environment subcommittee hearing on Feb. 1. They arrested Fox, the director of the Oscar-nominated documentary "Gasland," who by all accounts was

simply trying to commit journalism. His charge? Unlawful entry to a public hearing on the environmental consequences of natural gas exploration. It turns out he wasn't alone. An ABC News team was also barred.

What's up? An ardent (and well-financed) belief on both sides of the aisle that hydraulic fracturing for natural gas — a process better known as "fracking" — is "cleaner" than coal and will result in greater U.S. energy independence. When President Barack Obama delivered his annual State of the Union address, he pledged his allegiance to continued exploration for natural "shale gas."

Fracking uses pressurized liquids to create cracks in shale deposits located deep underground to force pockets of natural gas to the surface. Recent discoveries in the Marcellus shale, a natural gas deposit that stretches from New York to West Virginia, suggest the U.S. could exploit this energy resource for what seems like an eternity by Washington standards: a century or more, if estimates prove accurate. But this seemingly endless form of energy will only be exploited rapidly and cheaply if critics and expensive regulations are kept at bay.

With mountaintop removal losing favor with the public, coal-fired power plants implicated in a host of health problems, and coal waste a burden no state wants to deal with, this "cleaner" form of energy — natural gas — has gotten a boost in the marketplace at a particularly auspicious time.

But it turns out gas has a host of environmental problems unique to fracking. Recent studies emerging from Cornell University suggest that gas could be far more heat-trapping than previously thought, and gas extracted by fracking could be twice as bad as coal from a climate perspective. This is because about 8 percent of the gas escapes into the atmosphere, where it is 105 times more potent than CO2 over its 20-year lifespan.

Then there's the groundwater contamination. Chemicals considered "trade secrets" for the gas industry (thanks

to an energy policy developed in secret meetings by former Vice President Dick Cheney) are killing cattle and deer. Residents living near fracking wells complain of health problems. In some cases, they can literally light the water coming out of their taps on fire.

In addition, scientists have started to link earthquakes — such as the rare ones that have been shaking Ohio, New York, and Arkansas — with fracking.

It's frightening that only a handful of politicians are voicing strong concerns about this increasingly common gas extraction method, including Rep. Ed Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat, and Greg Ball, a Republican member of New York's state senate.

Why is this kind of courage so rare? In a word, money. The natural gas industry has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on campaign contributions over the last decade to smother efforts to regulate fracking, as Common Cause has documented.

We need to stop relying on fossil fuels and instead embrace a bold "Green New Deal" that generates significant jobs for unemployed workers around the country while ramping up already booming investments in wind, solar, and geothermal electricity.

Let's invest in a grid that would allow us to drive electric cars and buses powered by the wind, to heat our homes with the sun, and to totally break our dependence on oil. Imagine full employment, with millions of public- and private-sector jobs developing this clean-energy infrastructure.

This kind of jobs program would both benefit our workers and our local economy — and cut the umbilical cord, finally and completely, from foreign oil. And, unlike fracked gas, these resources would be truly limitless, benefiting us and future generations.

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Oil profits are good

By ROBERT L. BRADLEY, JR.

The world's largest energy companies just released their fourth-quarter earnings.

Though slightly less than the previous quarter's gains, the figures were, nonetheless, headline-grabbing. Chevron generated \$5.1 billion. Shell earned \$6.5 billion. ExxonMobil, the leading U.S. oil company, earned a whopping \$9.4 billion.

On cue, left-leaning pundits and activists rose to condemn the industry for excess. How dare oil companies earn so much while so many people are hurting!

These accusations are hardly accurate.

Historically, when compared to other industries, big oil doesn't actually pocket that much. In 2010, for every dollar of sales, the oil and gas

industry earned just 6 cents. Across America's manufacturing sector, the average profit earned was 8 cents from every dollar. Among pharmaceutical companies and technology firms, profit margins are typically around 20 percent.

But more fundamentally, profits represent progress. Despite what the Occupy Wall Street crowd would have you believe, the benefits from oil revenues aren't confined to a ruling elite. They flow to millions of everyday Americans. And when the oil industry grows, so does the overall economy.

Too often, in discussions about public policy governing business, a vital question goes unasked: What exactly do profits represent?

To get a hold on the answer, think about an everyday transaction for an

oil company. A customer gives the company money in exchange for gasoline and maybe some items inside the store. Why? Because these are valuable to the buyer. Fuel enables drivers to get to work and school. (And snacks are tasty!)

Drivers aren't purchasing fuel because they've been coerced. They don't have to buy from a government monopoly. Customers are genuinely gaining from the transaction (they value fuel more than money at that moment) and choosing the company because of price, convenience, and/or quality.

So, in an open economy, profits mean a firm has transformed resources into more valuable goods and services. Profits demonstrate value creation, better known as economic growth.

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Already, the oil and natural gas industry supports 9.2 million American jobs. It accounts for 8 percent of GDP and is responsible for a stunning 78 percent of domestic energy production. This influx of new cash -- profits -- will fund new projects, which in turn will expand domestic energy production and create new jobs.

Strong profits also mean greater tax revenues. Currently, the average oil producer pays 41 percent of its net income to federal taxes -- a percentage that's much higher than virtually every other industry. All told, the oil and gas industry pays about \$100

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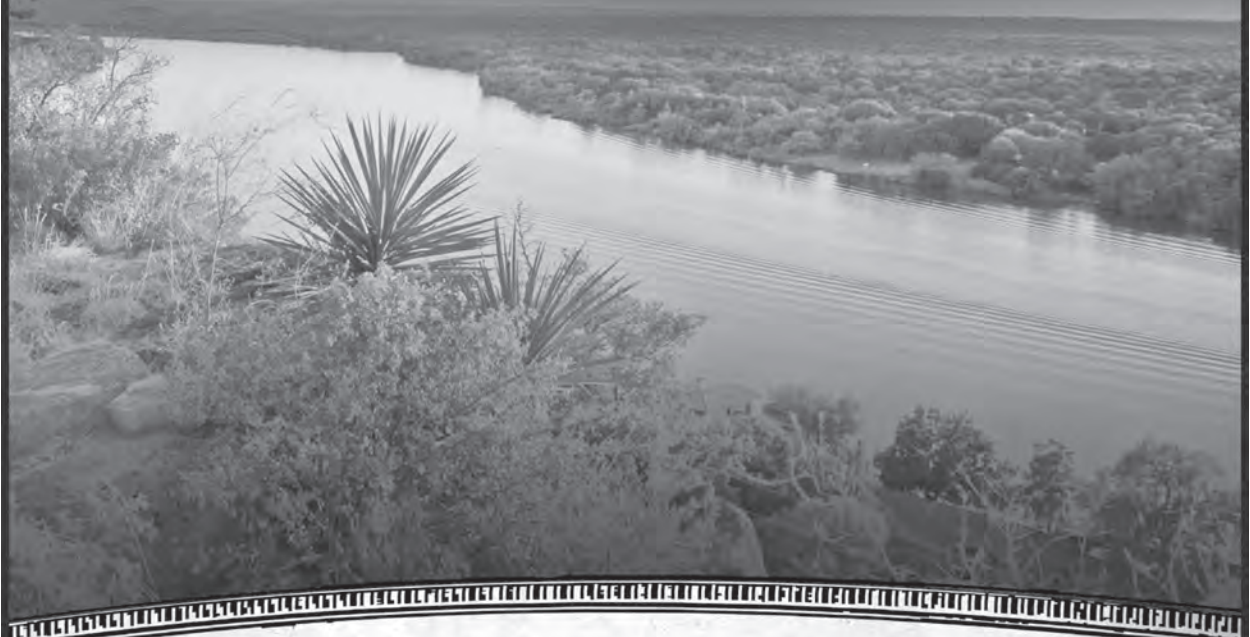


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Regulatory Avalanche

Agency is on collision course with recovering economy

By KATHLEEN HARTNETT WHITE

The nation's most powerful regulatory agency, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is on a collision course with America's still fragile economic recovery. As I outline in a report published today by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, 10 to 25 major EPA rules are scheduled to take effect over the next few years, each with a multi-billion dollar price tag and highly debatable benefits for public health.

In 2010, EPA regulations accounted for \$23 billion of the estimated \$26 billion total cost of new federal regulation. Expect a far higher tab from this new batch.

Consider the mercury rule restricting emissions from power plants, finalized last December 21. At \$11 billion, the rule is the EPA's most expensive ever.

An independent analysis by the National Economic Research Association found that the rule could increase average retail electric rates between 12 and 24 percent and lead to 180,000 annual job losses through 2020. The National Electricity Reliability Council concluded that the rule, in conjunction with other EPA rules, could force the closure of 8 percent of the nation's total electric generation.

For such a costly rule to be justified, common sense begs for commensurate benefits. Although EPA claims huge benefits from the rule, only \$6 million, or 0.004 percent of the \$140 billion of alleged health benefits, come from reducing mercury. The rest supposedly derive from coincidental

reductions in fine particulate matter (i.e. dust) long regulated by EPA at a level fully protective of human health.

Even total elimination of mercury emissions from U.S. power plants would not decrease the risk of mercury exposure at harmful levels. Deposition of mercury is a global phenomenon to which U.S. power plants contribute less than 0.5 percent. Natural sources such as volcanoes and fires dwarf all man-made releases.

Nevertheless, EPA devised a safe mercury limit two to three times stricter than the World Health Organization and the federal Food and Drug Administration.

The mercury rule is just the beginning. Using the same faulty analysis, the EPA has cranked out new restrictions on everything from cement kilns to industrial boilers and new federal ozone standards approaching or below natural levels that would exist without human activity.

The EPA has also asserted authority to regulate carbon emissions. EPA is now treading lightly on greenhouse gases, but federal courts may force EPA to regulate as the law requires. This means, by EPA's own estimate, regulation of more than 6 million facilities – including hotels and schools – and the need for 230,000 additional EPA employees.

The sheer volume, stringency, and speed of EPA's new regulations might suggest that America has an air quality crisis. Indeed, this is exactly the impression that the agency's top brass conveys. On HBO's "Real Time with

Bill Maher," Administrator Lisa Jackson said, "We are actually at the point in many areas of this country where on a hot summer day, the best advice you can give is don't go outside. Don't breathe the air. It may kill you."

The reality is quite different. As EPA's own data indicates, the last several decades have seen remarkable improvements in air quality in the United States. Since 1970, aggregate emissions of the six criteria pollutants regulated under the Clean Air Act have decreased 53 percent. EPA's Toxics Release Inventory documents a 65 percent reduction since 1988. And mercury emissions have declined by 58 percent between 1990 and 2008.

EPA's actions over the past three years represent a disturbing departure from the relatively balanced incremental, scientifically justified regulations evolving over the 40-year history of the Clean Air Act. The Act, however, no longer furthers cost-efficient regulation based on rigorous science. And its broad delegation of authority to EPA is easily manipulated by activist regulators determined to impose energy policies repeatedly rejected by the U.S. Congress.

Absent decisive congressional action, it may be many years before our economy digs out from the crushing cost of the EPA's regulatory avalanche.

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Date	Time	Nature of Call
01/02	7:14 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/02	9 a.m.	Authorized controlled burning
01/02	6:20 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/02	6:55 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/03	3:15 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/03	3:05 p.m.	Authorized controlled burning
01/03	3:07 p.m.	Person in distress
01/03	11:13 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/04	6:35 p.m.	Authorized controlled burning
01/05	10:11 a.m.	Building fire
01/05	11:38 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/06	12:41 p.m.	Building fire
01/07	3:02 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/08	5:17 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/08	7:59 p.m.	Good intent call, other
01/09	10:10 a.m.	Good intent call, other
01/09	10:10 a.m.	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
01/10	1:15 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/10	9:25 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/10	10:52 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/11	11:31 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/13	3:18 p.m.	Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire
01/15	2:05 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/15	9:22 a.m.	Good intent call, other
01/16	4:53 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/16	9:49 p.m.	Detector activation, no fire
01/18	7:06 a.m.	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
01/18	7:07 a.m.	Person in distress, other
01/18	8:57 a.m.	Good intent call, other
01/18	11:24 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/18	5:22 p.m.	Dispatched and canceled en route
01/19	2:44 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/20	10:35 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/20	6:57 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/21	6:38 p.m.	Authorized controlled burning
01/21	8:11 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/21	8:35 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/22	4:03 p.m.	Authorized controlled burning
01/22	6:15 p.m.	Person in distress, other
01/23	4:18 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/24	8:01 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/24	2:05 p.m.	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
01/24	6:44 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/25	3:46 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/25	7:45 a.m.	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
01/25	7:42 p.m.	Good intent call, other
01/27	8:18 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/27	3:03 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/28	12:43 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/28	6:58 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/29	3:01 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/30	12:44 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/30	12:21 a.m.	Dispatched and canceled en route
01/31	6:53 a.m.	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
01/31	1:50 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
01/31	3:16 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew

Profits
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million, per day, to the U.S. Treasury!
Oil company profits drive stock prices and support dividend payments for shareholders. But it's hardly only a bunch of tycoons who profit. It's estimated that only 1.5 percent of energy stocks are owned by company executives. Most ownership is in mutual funds and IRAs owned by over 100 million Americans.

When policymakers demonize oil industry growth, they're actually encouraging the industry to sit on its cash and not invest in new projects. After all, if their antagonistic rhetoric becomes policy, for example punitive tax increases or stricter exploration regulations, new projects could turn unprofitable. Firms are understandably hesitant to start new ventures when the policy environment could quickly turn sour.

And fewer new projects means fewer new jobs, depressed tax revenue, less energy innovation and, ultimately, economic slowdown. This isn't what the majority of Americans want or expect.

The oil industry might make for an easy target for political demagoguery. But their profits really represent good news in a struggling economy - and should not become a pretext for deprecating an industry that is playing a bright, vital role in the American economy.

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

Lunch - Thomas Arnold Elementary, Salado Intermediate and Junior High

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Patty on Bun Mixed Vegetable Cheetos Pears	Spaghetti Peas & Carrots Honey Wheat Roll Mixed Fruit	Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Peaches w/topping Breadstick	Nachos Pinto Beans Cornbread	Chopped BBQ on Bun Baked Beans Carrot Sticks Rosy Applesauce
Daily Choice: Milk, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Fresh Fruit (Jr. High: Baked Potato) Friday: Fruity Freeze				

Lunch - High School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Patty on Bun California Vegetables French Fries Chocolena Cake	Spaghetti Italian Green Beans Breadstick Pineapple Chocolate Pudding	Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Peaches Cobbler Breadstick	Nachos Pinto Beans Cornbread Straw. Apple Dessert	Chopped BBQ on Bun Baked Beans Carrot Sticks Vanilla Pudding
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Lady Eagles face Boerne in first round of playoffs

With a 54-51 win over the second-place Burnet Lady Bulldogs on Feb. 7, Salado Lady Eagles secured third place in District 25AAA and will face the Boerne Greyhounds in the first round of the playoffs. As of presstime, a location and time had not been set for the playoff game. Visit www.saladovillagevoice.com or become a fan on Salado Village Voice's Facebook page for the latest playoff information.

Lady Eagles 54
Burnet 51

Lady Eagles took a 10-6 first quarter lead in their final home game Feb. 7 against the Burnet Lady Bulldogs and withstood a fourth-quarter surge to win 54-51.

Salado led 26-21 at the half and 41-32 before being outscored 19-13 in the fourth quarter.

Carlin Urben scored 22 points to lead Salado, followed by Kirstie McGillick, 14 points, Taryn Kornegay, 10 points, Meredith Ward, 6 points and Jaylee Sebek, 2 points.

Lady Eagles 41
Llano 24

Salado Lady Eagles held the Llano Lady Jack-ets to just 9 points in the second half as they easily won 41-24 on Jan. 31.

Carling Urben led the team with 14 points, 9 rebounds, an assist, 8 steals and 4 blocks.

Kirstie McGillick followed with 13 points, 12 rebounds, 3 steals and a block.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Meredith Ward, 7 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals and a block; Alexis Bowman, 5 points, 4 rebounds, an assist and a steal; Ashley Adams, 1 point, 7 rebounds, an assist and 2 steals; Taryn Kornegay, 1 point, 4 rebounds, an assist and 3 steals. Also contributing were Regan Best, 3 rebounds, Jaylee Sebek, 5 rebounds and a steal and Katie Kyle, rebound.

Liberty Hill 66
Lady Eagles 33

Lady Eagles were over-run by the Liberty Hill Lady Panthers Feb. 3.

Ward led the girls with 12 points and 6 rebounds.

Urben followed with 11 points, 9 rebounds and a steal. Also scoring for Salado were McGillick 10 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal; Sebek, 6 rebounds and a steal; Bowman, 2 assists; Kornegay, 2 steals and a block and Adams, 2 rebounds, an assist and 3 steals.

Boys split games

Salado Eagles split their district games last week and face challenging games against Burnet and Lampasas this week in hopes of securing a playoff spot.

Eagles 69
Llano 56

Salado Eagles stretched a first quarter 23-15 lead over the Llano Yellow-jackets to a 69-56 win on Jan. 31.

The Eagles led 37-26 at the half and 56-39 at the end of three quarters.

Koby Spears led the team with 20 points. He also had 8 rebounds, 3 steals, 5 assists and 2 blocks.

Jada Kornegay also had double figures with 16 points, shooting perfectly from the field. He hit six two pointers and a three pointer. He also had 6 rebounds, 2 steals, 3 assists and 2 blocks.

Austin Adams was the third Eagle to have double figures, scoring 15 points. He grabbed 7 rebounds, 3 steals and made an assist and a block.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Andrew War-ren, 8 points, 1 rebound; Brandon Womac, 5 points, 2 rebounds and an assist; Kase Spears, 3 points, 2 steals and 4 assists; Dane Hankamer, 2 points, 2 rebounds and an assist.

Eagles 51
Liberty Hill 72

District-leading Liberty Hill Panthers beat the Salado Eagles 72-51 in their second loop contest Feb. 3.

The Eagles were close in the first, trailing 15-21 and trailed 26-33 at the half.

Liberty Hill poured on 21 points in the third quarter and 18 points in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

Adams led the Eagles with a double-double. He scored 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. He also had an assist.

Womac also had double figures with 10 points. He grabbed 6 rebounds and made 2 assists.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Koby Spears, 9 points, 4 rebounds, a steal and an assist; Kornegay, 9 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists; Sam Barrett, 4 points and a steal and Hankamer, 3 points and 4 rebounds.

The Eagles face Lampasas here at home on Feb. 10 before finishing district play against Taylor on Feb. 14.

Salado JV Boys 37
Taylor 44

Salado JV Boys Basketball Team were defeated by Taylor Jan. 27.

Salado JV Boys trailed 6-10 in the first quarter and scored 13 points in the second to enter the half tied at 19-19. Salado scored 5 points in the third to fall behind by 2 points going into the fourth 24-26. Salado JV Boys were unable to catch up to Taylor in the fourth scoring 13 points 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; Kyle Heiner, 5 points; Cole Haag, 4 points; McLane Matthews, 3 points; Mason Price, 3 points; Cameron Wong, 2 points.

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From the front row, left to right: Kim Torzinski and Tina Senkel, junior high girls basketball coaches; assistant girls coach Chris Corley, legendary UT Longhorn Coach Jody Condradt, Varsity girls basketball coach Jeanette McKinney, and Superintendent Michael Novotny. Back row are varsity manager Keshlei Bridges, and varsity players Katie Kyle, Alexis Bowman, Meredith Ward, Carling Urben, Kirstie McGillick, Jaylee Sebek, Ashley Adams, Taryn Kornegay. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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Team players

Legendary coach touts qualities of top prospects on court, in life

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It's not always the best player that you look for when you are scouting to fill your team.

Sometimes, it is the best role player, the best team member, the player with the most potential to help your team reach its goals.

Legendary Longhorns Women's basketball coach Jody Condradt talked about the qualities that make up a good team player (both on and off of the court) Feb. 7 when she spoke before a group of Rotarians and their guests -- the Salado Lady Eagles varsity basketball team.

Coach Condradt led the 1985-86 Longhorns to a 34-0 record and a national championship, the NCAA's first perfect season in the sport.

But perhaps what shaped that legendary team the most was not the perfect season, but the one before in which they were picked by everyone to win the National Championship as juniors. The Longhorns were expected to come home to the Frank Erwin Center for what should have amounted to a home game in the Final Four.

Yet, an unheard of team beat them in an unheard of way. Western Kentucky beat them in the round of eight at Bowling Green. A last second throw in and shot gave Western Kentucky a 92-90 win over the vaunted Horns.

"I'll never forget having to watch someone else play in the National Championship on our home floor," Coach Condradt said. "I can't tell you how that felt. to watch them cut down the net in our gym."



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
Jody Condradt talks about the three qualities she looks for in prospects for team players on and off the court.

The next fall, those juniors came back as seniors with a whole different attitude. Confidence and even cockiness was replaced by a feeling of "what can I do to make MY team better."

"It no longer mattered who the high point player was, or whose name was in the newspaper more," Condradt said. "All that mattered was winning."

And win they did.

Kamie Ethridge, a 5'4" player who Condradt says "couldn't jump the highest and who didn't have the best shot" was named the Margaret Wade Trophy recipient and Naismith National Player of the Year. "And she averaged just 5 points a game. But the writers and coaches who vote on these things saw in Kamie the same thing I saw."

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JV Girls

JV Girls 18
Taylor 7
Salado JV Girls Basketball Team beat Taylor Jan. 27.
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.
JV Girls 20
Llano 26
Salado JV Girls were defeated by Llano Feb. 3.
Salado JV Girls scored 1 point in the first quarter to trail 1-5 and entered the half down 6-13.
Taylor Atwood led Salado on offense scoring 8 points. Followed by Carmela Perez, 7 points.
Also scoring for Salado were: Rebecca Carroll, 2 points; Rachel Ray, 2 points; Cece Cantu, 2 points.

Jr. High boys results

Feb. 6
8th A Boys 52
Llano 26
Lightfoot, 13 points. Kyburz, 13 points. Ebeling, 8 points. Moerbe, 6 points. Buckley, 5 points.
8th B Boys 32
Llano 15
DePoy, 8 points. Fischer, 8 points. Taylor, 8 points. Lowrance, 4 points. Lastovica, 2 points.
7th A Boys 39
Llano 32
Mark Richardson, 19 points. Dalton Westbrook, 7 points. Trevor Stump, 5 points. Austin Henry, 5 points. Parker Seaton, 3 points.
7th B Boys 7
Llano 23
Jay Quintanilla, 6 points. Mason Sellers, 1 point.
Feb. 2
8th A Boys 40
Taylor 53
Lightfoot, 11 points. Payne, 10 points. Moerbe, 9 points. Buckley, 4 points. Ebeling, 3 points.
8th B Boys 31
Taylor 37
Fischer, 8 points. Verdine, 7 points. Lowrance, 6 points. Armenta, 4 points. DePoy, 4 points.
7th A Boys 29
Taylor 65
Trevor Stump, 14 points. Dalton Westbrook, 9 points. Mark Richardson, 6 points.
7th B Boys 3
Taylor 38
Mark Olivares, 2 points. Mason Sellers, 1 point.
Kory Kraddick coached 7th A and 8th A teams. Josh Harris coached 7th B and Grayson Townzen coached 8th B.

JV, freshmen boys basketball

Salado JV Boys 47
Llano 50
Salado JV Boys were beaten by Llano Jan. 31.
Salado fell behind 9-11 in the first quarter and scored 15 points in the second to enter the half leading 24-23. Salado JV Boys scored 16 points in the third to increase the lead to 40-33. Salado was outscored 7-17 to lose the game 47-50.
Kyle Heiner led Salado on offense scoring 13 points. Followed by Cameron Wong, 10 points.
Also scoring for Salado were: Kyle Nicholson, 8 points; Mason Price, 6 points; Cole Haag, 4 points; Davis Little, 3 points; Matt Garcia, 3 points.
points.
Freshmen Boys 41
Taylor 59
Salado Freshmen Boys Basketball Team were defeated by Taylor Jan. 27.
Salado fell behind 6-15 in the first quarter and entered the half trailing 16-27. Salado Freshman scored 9 in the third to make the score 25-34. Salado was outscored 16-25 in the fourth to lose 41-59.
Chase Kelly led Salado on offense scoring 21 points. Followed by Chris Deal, 14 points.
Also scoring for Salado were: Ellis Vansickle, 3 points; Roddy Noonan, 2 points; Tyler LeGuin, 1 point.
point.
Freshmen 17
Liberty Hill 46
Salado Freshmen were beaten by Liberty Hill Feb. 3.
Salado scored 5 points in the first and four points in the second to enter the half trailing 9-23. Salado Freshman scored 3 points in the third to make the score 12-37. Salado scored 5 points in the fourth for the final score of 17-46.
Roddy Noonan led Salado on offense scoring 7 points. Followed by Chris Deal, 6 points.
Also scoring for Salado were: Chris Kelly, 3 points; Ellis Vansickle, 1 point.



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Powerlifters compete in Taylor, Elgin

The Salado Girls and Boys powerlifting teams competed in the Taylor Invitational meet and Feb.4

Following are the individual results for the Boys: Marcus Mendoza, second place, 123 lbs.; Zach Robinson, fourth place, 165 lbs.; Blake Nash, fifth place, 181 lbs.; Mikey Seller, fifth place, 198 lbs.; Luis Villafranco, 16th place, 198 lbs.; Tayler

Talbott, ninth place, 220 lbs.; Jacob Popple, 11th place, 220 lbs.; Billy Gold- ing, second place, 242 lbs.; and Dan Goldman, fifth palce, 242 lbs.

Salado High powerlift- ing teams competed in the Elgin Invitation on Jan. 28, where the boys took fourth place overall. Com- peting schools including Salado, Elgin, Florence, Thrall, Lake Travis, A&M

Consolidated, Lago Vista and Hendrickson.

Following are the var- sity boys results: Mendo- za, first, 123 lbs.; Dustin Free, fifth, 132 lbs.; Nash, second, 181 lbs.; Sell- ers, third, 198 lbs.; Jody Hodges, fourth 242 lbs.; Goldman, fourth, 275 lbs.; Jacob Jimmerson, eighth, super heavyweights.

Following are the girls individual results: Noreli

Gonzales, sixth, 105 lbs.; Korey Verdine, seventh, 123 lbs.; Isa Rogers, third, 132 lbs.; Kindell Hill, fourth, 132 lbs.; Jody Con- rad, 10th, 148 lbs.; Keishly Bridges, 220 lbs.

The boys Junior Varsi- ty had the following place- ments: Luis Villafranco, first, 198 lbs.; Tyler Tal- bott, third, 198 lbs.; Pey- ton Womack, fifth, 220 lbs.

Conradt

Kamie possessed the three things that Coach Conradt has continually sought in her players.

#1. The ability to set goals and to work for those goals.

#2. Finding a role to play and doing your best to contribute to the team.

#3. Extraordinary com- munication skills.

To be the best, “you have to be sacrificing every day to reach your goals. And you may not always reach them. You may not have the perfect season, or even the perfect game,” Conradt said. “It is the striving towards it that makes you better along the way.”

Being the best team player does not mean be- ing the best athlete or the highest scoring player. Conradt recalled how freshmen players must feel when they have been

relegated to the bench af- ter being romanced by coaches during the re- cruiting process. “They have been told by every- one that they are the best, from when they were little, and here they are on the bench,” Conradt said, adding that the ideal player -- instead of think- ing the coach doesn’t like her -- is instead thinking about how she can help the team. “And when she gets called on, she is ready to help the team.”

Conradt said that the highest compliment she could pay Ethridge was this: “When you are on the court, you make every player better.”

That is a goal worthy of being worked toward both on and off the court, ac- cording to Conradt.

Being a good commu- nicator is not about talk- ing all the time. “It’s about

listening, sensing and feeling what is happening with the people around you,” she said.

At some point in their freshman year, Conradt said almost every player will come in to her of- fice, downtrodden. Their game is off, their grades are down and they are not improving.

“I’ll usually find out that they cannot stand liv- ing with their room mate for one second longer,” she said with a smile “They are miserable! She leaves her clothes on the floor and stays out too late...”

“What we usually find out is that it is something small that is irritating us and taking us away from performing at our best,” Conradt said.

Conradt told the Lady Eagles players that when this occurs, she always asks “have you talked to

that person about their be- havior?”

Invariably the answer is ...

“No, I can’t talk to her. She might not like me then!”

Instead, they talk to someone else and that is when the real trouble be- gins. The ability to com- municate and solve small problems before they be- come major problems is a skill that helps players on the court and in their lives, Conradt said.

“And at some point,” she added, “you get that great and glorious feeling where you have stopped being an individual player and started being part of a team.”

Being part of team, Conradt said, means “Ac- cepting your success, dealing with your failures and communicating with each other.”

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Jr. High girls results

Feb. 6
8th A Girls 20
Llano 17

Sam, 4 points.
Blake, 4 points.
Claire, 4 points.
Malory, 3 points.
Payton, 3 points.

8th B Girls 22
Llano 5

Katie C., 6 points.
Sam B., 6 points.
Jenna, 6 points.
Morgan, 2 points.
Daniela, 2 points.

7th A Girls 25
Llano 9

Sarah, 13 points.
Natalie, 7 points.
Madeline, 3 points.
Kelsey, 2 points.

7th B Girls 13
Llano 24

Jazmin, 8 points.
Taylor, 3 points.
Cassidy, 2 points.

Feb. 2
8th A Girls 34
Taylor 18

Schattle, 12 points.
Isbell, 8 points.
Dreitz, 4 points.
Manley, 4 points.
Vitolas, 3 points.

8th B Girls 27
Taylor 11

Gantenbein, 14 points.
Wagon, 8 points.
Bird, 2 points.
Blank, 2 points.
Champion, 1 point.

7th A Girls 18
Taylor 41

Kelarek, 9 points.
Ewton, 4 points.
Kearne, 2 points.
Martin, 2 points.
Bazar, 1 point.

7th B Girls 15
Taylor 18

Lowrance, 7 points.
Ortiz, 6 points.
Hawes, 2 points.

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FROM PAGE 1A

Jarrell and Rogers, which both will play Salado in basketball, move to 2A, Div. II, Reg. 4, District 14, where they will travel the roads a great deal.

District 14 (football) is composed of Blanco, Jar- rell, Johnson City, Lexing- ton, Rogers, Schulenberg and Universal City Ran- dolph. The closest game for Rogers and Jarrell will be each other. Other than that, the Rogers Eagles will be on the road for 100+ miles to their five other district foes.

Rosebud-Lott will play football in Region III, Dis- trict 11 in 2A: Teams are Brucevill-Eddy, Buffalo, Centerville, Crawford, Hearne, Moody, Risel and Rosebud-Lott.

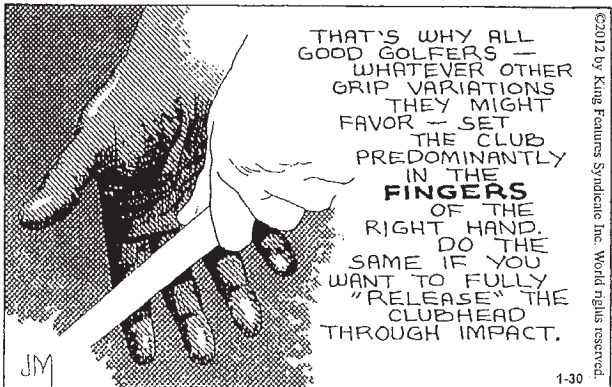
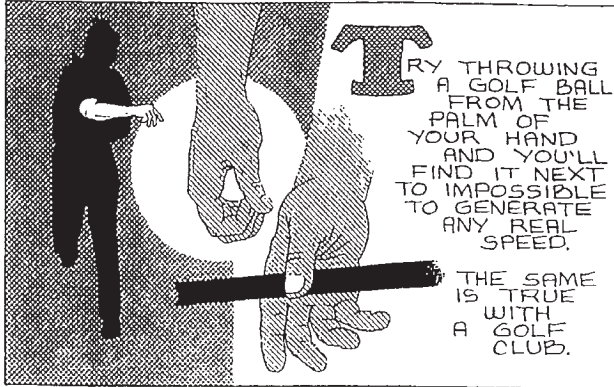
Other local Districts in- clude District 8 AAAAA: Belton, Copperas Cove, Killeen, Killeen Ellison,

Killeen Harker Heights, Killeen Shoemaker, Tem- ple, and Waco Midway.

The cut-off for 3A was 450 students. Salado turned in an enrollment of 444 students in Octo- ber. There were 17 schools moved from 3A to 2A: Aransas Pass, Bowie, Brownfield, Commerce, Farmersville, Goliad, Kemp, Kirbyville, Lame- sa, Mathis, Mount Vernon, Palacios, Palestine West- wood, Pilot Point, Salado, Van Alstyne, Whitesboro. There are 235 schools in 2A. There are 190 schools in 3A, which is the small- est division.

Division 1A is 199 stu- dents and below. Division 2A is 200-449 students. Division 3A is 450-1,004 students. Division 4A is 1,050-2089 students. Divi- sion 5A is 2,090 students and above.

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Toilet trailers a portable solution to permanent problem?

Civic Center may close restrooms after village rejects increase

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen, will consider at their Feb. 16 meeting whether to end 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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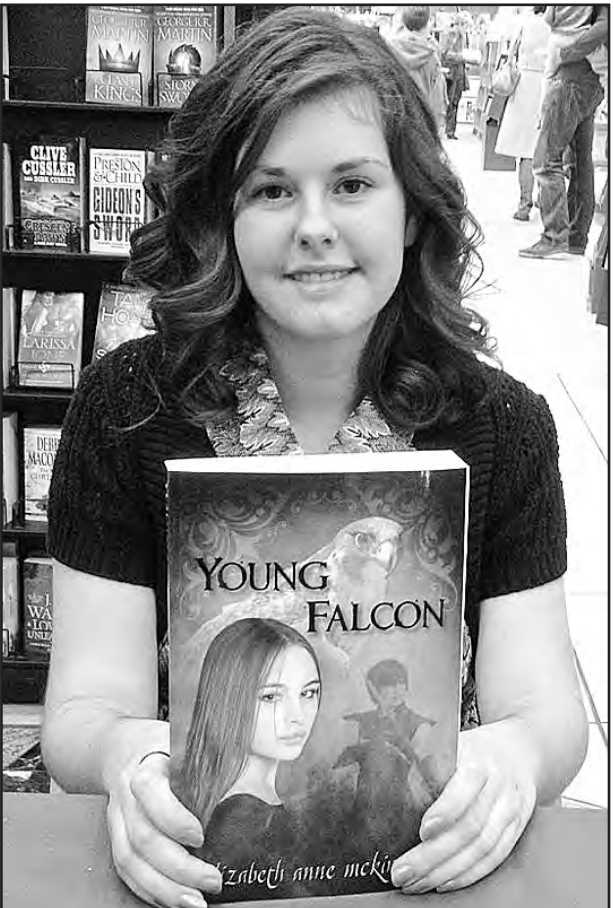
Sixteen year old Elizabeth Anne McKinney of Dripping Springs has recently released "Young Falcon," a young adult fantasy. She is the daughter of Michael and Susan McKinney and granddaughter of Salado residents Jeff and Joyce McKinney and Geneva Aiken, former manager of Stagecoach Inn Properties. The 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 12, 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



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

than most adults and that "Young Falcon" is "a masterpiece of 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. Lo-

cally, copies of her book are available 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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perienced officials,” she said.

Walls said that her health led to her decision not to run for re-election. “I am ready to take a break,” she said. “I have enjoyed my four years on the Board and feel I have contributed in a number of ways.”

At the Mayor’s request, Walls formed the committee, interviewed, and recommended the selection of a new police chief (whom we hired). She also worked on the Winner’s Circle bridge project, formed and headed the Leadership Salado board and researched and re-organized the COPS (Citizens on Patrol Salado) program. She served as Mayor Pro Tem and acts as the liaison to the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

“I have recently spearheaded the Salado Community Foundation, which has as its primary purpose the beautification of our business district during I-35 construction and the development of a long term plan for maintaining the ambiance of Salado,” she said.

“My greatest hope is that Salado gets some kind of wastewater system in place and continues to repair our roads,” she said. “For those reasons I regret leaving, but will not seek another term either as Alderman or as Mayor.”

Stephen Peters will seek election to the Board of Aldermen, either seeking re-election as an alderman or running for Mayor of the board.

He has served two terms on the board of aldermen and has served as the investment officer since his first term. He has been Mayor Pro Tem of the board of aldermen this year.

“I think that my tenure on the board has fostered an appreciation for the budget,” he stated, “and the implications any action by the board has upon the budget.”

“We have weathered several storms and two floods, completed several capital transactions and major repairs all within the constraints of what funding was available,” he added.

“I hope to continue that respect for financial solvency and maintain a working relationship with other board members and be able to call upon the citizens when financial resources are needed.”

In addition to serving on the Board of Aldermen, Peters serves as treasurer of the Salado Cemetery Association.

School Board

Two three-year terms on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees will be decided. They are currently filled by Miriam Ervi and Jim Reed.

Jim Reed has filed for re-election to the Salado ISD Board of Trustees.

“After much thought

and prayer I believe that I can continue to contribute valuable service to the District and the students it serves,” he stated.

Reed finishes a three-year term on the board in May.

“Much has been accomplished during the past three years,” he stated. “As a board member I played a role in hiring our new Superintendent and by the time of the election, our next High School Principal. These two hires are probably the most important that a district makes and I am confident we have chosen our Superintendent wisely and that his recommendation for Principal will continue our journey to the next level.”

“This term has seen unprecedented change with regard to school finance and I am proud of our districts fiscal management during these difficult times,” he added. “We have been able to continue providing excellence in our district while maintaining our amazing staff at a time when other local districts have been slashing their staffs and raising tax rates. Our administrators have worked diligently with the board to keep the focus on our students while maintaining as much stability in our district as possible.”

Reed also points to infrastructure upgrades, including security upgrades, roofing and covered sidewalks.

“Ultimately what I have been most proud of is the outstanding accomplishments of our students,” he said. “They have excelled in all aspects of their learning experiences, both in 2A and 3A and have scores that place them well above the state averages in all measures to include college readiness.”

Miriam Ervi has served 12 years on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees. She told *Salado Village Voice* early this week that she is undecided whether she will seek a fifth term on the board.

“The district accomplishments can only be credited to outstanding community support, highly qualified administrators, staff, and teachers, involved parents, and dedicated board members working together for best interest of our students,” she said of her years on the board.

“Some of the District’s accomplishments during my tenure include: increasing the fund balance from \$69,000 to over \$4 million to insure financial stability, purchase of a 50 acre campus to accommodate growth, construction of a new High School facility, renovation of current Jr. High and elementary, and working successfully with 3 Superintendents to improve academic standards while student population increased from 960 to 1390.”

Library Board

Three two-year terms on the Salado Public Library Board will be filled in May. They are currently filled by Dr. Bob Denton, Bill Kinnison and Susan Krals, who was appointed to complete the term of the late Taylor Willingham.

Dr. Bob Denton has filed for re-election to the Library Board. He has served two terms on the board and has served multiple terms as president of the Friends of the Salado Public Library prior to serving on the library board.

He says he filed for re-election “to see to completion the work we have started on the expansion of the library,” he said. “It is also important that we continue our push to maintain the Salado Library as the premier small town library in Texas. The library is a very positive part of our community and an asset for all of us.”

“During the past four years we have accomplished a great deal,” he stated, adding “I am especially proud of the fact that we have operated on a balanced budget while adding to the building fund for the expansion of the library. With the help of a master planner we have developed a master plan for the future expansion.”

“The board recently accepted the master plan and voted to solve our space issues by expanding the library at the current site,” he said. “We have also done much to keep the library up to date in the area of technology. Our usage numbers are sound and we continue to be one the reasons people are proud to call Salado home.”

Bill Kinnison will file for a second term on the Board. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Board and is in his first two-year term on the Board.

“I want to help the Library grow to meet the needs of the community, especially through the Library expansion that is planned,” he said.

As a board member, he has worked with the Librarian “to get a \$90,000 federal Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program grant and monitoring the investment to insure the savings grow and remain secure for any expansion projects.”

“During my tenure as Treasurer we have been under budget each year while adding over \$30,000 each year to our savings for expansion projects,” he added.

“One of my most rewarding experiences,” he says, “has been working with the Friends of the Library in its annual book sale to raise money, funding special library projects with money raised, and initiating the purchase of the new Library sign.”



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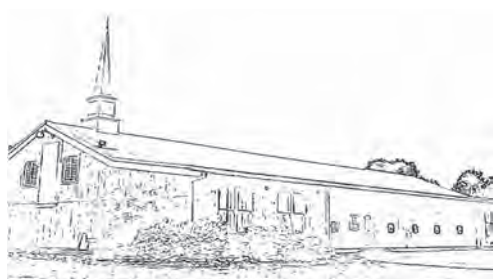
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Community

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Commencement ceremonies were held Dec. 17, 2011, at Tarleton's Wisdom Gymnasium.

Tarleton State University was founded in 1899 and is located in Stephenville.



CURRY-ROBERTS WED

Heather Curry of Salado and Paul Roberts, of Temple, were married on January 20, 2012 at A Little White Chapel in Las Vegas, NV. The bride is the daughter of Ron and Penny Curry, of Salado and is employed at Horizon Bank Salado. The groom is the son of the late Paul and Doris Roberts, Sr. of Temple. He is employed at 4C Transportation. The couple were wed in a double ring ceremony. Raina Foegelle, sister of the bride, served as the Matron of Honor. Fred Roberts, brother of the groom, served as Best Man. The couple will hold a reception at a later date. They will live in Salado.



BRYLIE CROCE BORN

Brylie Alyse Croce was born to Brittany and Sean Croce, of Salado, on January 16, 2012 at 1:02 a.m. at Scott & White Hospital. Brylie weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and measured 20 inches. Her mother Brittany is a graduate of Salado High School. Her father is a graduate of Georgetown High School. Brylie is the grand-daughter of Theresa Britt and Dustin Anderson, of Salado and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Croce, of Georgetown. Her great grandparents are Randy and Dana Britt, of Salado.

Obituaries



CECIL VAUGHN ELLIS

Funeral services for

Cecil V. Ellis, 74, of Salado will be held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9 at Salado Church of Christ. Burial will follow at Salado Cemetery. Joe Keyes and Steve English will be officiating.

Cecil Ellis passed away Friday, February 3, 2012 at a local hospital.

Cecil Ellis was born on May 18, 1937 in Young-

sport, Texas to Rube and Myrtle Jackson Ellis. He served as a military police officer in the U.S. Army from 1960-1962. Cecil was also a member of the Texas National Guard for several years. He married Linda Berry on June 2, 1960 in Temple. Cecil worked as a diesel mechanic for Wilson Art for 20 years before retiring in 1992. He was a member of Salado Church of Christ.

Mr. Ellis was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, Howard and W.P.; 2 sisters, Ollie Phillips and Ruby Lindsey.

Cecil Ellis is survived by his wife, Linda, of Salado; 2 sons, Kevin of Salado and Danny of Redlands, CA; 1 daughter, Kathy Wilhite of Salado; 1 brother, Jerry Don Ellis of Temple and 7 grandchildren.

Visitation was held
February 8.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Salado Church of Christ. Funeral services have been entrusted to Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton.

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Auxiliary \$1,000 scholarship applications available now

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Salado Chamber of Commerce is offering local high school seniors two \$1,000 scholarships. Last year we only received five applications, reported chair, Judy Fields. Appli-

cations for the 2012 scholarships are available now in the high school counselor's office. Deadline for submission is April 23.

Applications for organization grants are also available and applica-

tions may be obtained by contacting Salado Ladies Auxiliary; P.O. Box 161; Salado, TX 76571; attention Community Service Committee. The deadline for the grant applications is March 26.

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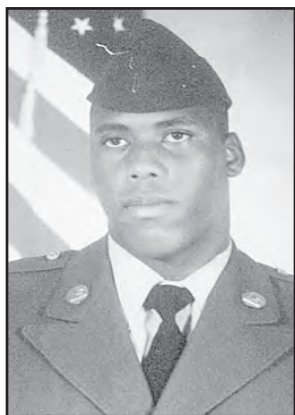
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**Sgt. 1st Class
HAROLD JOHNSON**

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died Feb. 3, 2012 from an apparent heart attack at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center.

Sgt. 1st Class Harold Demond Johnson, 39, who was born in Helena, Ark., entered active-duty service in February 1990 as a metal worker and recently served as a maintenance supervisor. He was assigned to 181st Chemical Company, 2nd Chemical Battalion, 48th Chemical Brigade, Fort Hood, since August 2011.

Johnson deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from January 2004 to February 2005.

Johnson's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, four Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, six Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with campaign star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Medal with numeral three, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and two Driver and Mechanic Badges.



ANNA RUTH THOMPSON

Anna Ruth Thompson, 83, of Salado, died on Saturday, February, 4, 2011.

A Celebration of her life will be held 5 -7 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, at Broecker Funeral Home.

Services were held Feb. 8, at the United Methodist Church of Salado Chapel with Travis Franklin officiating.

Anne Ruth Thompson was born in Dublin, TX to Nauflet Volentine Whittenburg and Johnnie Lucile Alexander on August 8, 1928.

She graduated from Texas Tech and later received her master's degree from Southwest Texas State. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority. She began her teaching career in Midland. From there she taught English in Lubbock, Austin and Belton before settling in Salado. She became principal of the Salado Elementary School; and, because of her love for reading, she started the school library from her children's book collections.

She was a lifelong member of the TSTA, served on numerous Scholarship Committees, including the Ladies Auxiliary, Rotary and Lions Club. She was instrumental in founding a Genealogy Scholarship for Area High School students.

Anna received the Businesswoman of the year award from the American Business Women's Association.

Anna and her deceased husband, Murrel, were avid genealogists. He wrote many books on the genealogy of the area now known as Ft. Hood, and she worked

very closely with him in research.

Her hobbies included raising cows, growing orchids, violets and roses in her greenhouse and had many bird feeders around her ranch. When she moved to the nursing home, Anna took some of the bird feeders with her.

She started the Salado Children's Fund which collected food and materials for the underprivileged children. She had a program which included 2 hours of private shopping at Wal-Mart.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Salado, and active in the Shepherds Program.

Anna is preceded in death by her parents, husband and brother Nauflet Leon Whittenburg.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Critchfield, Linda Williams and Carolyn Foster.

She also has 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to a charity of your choice. Services are in the care of Broecker Funeral Home of Salado.



SPECIALIST JOSHUA WINN

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died Feb. 4, 2012 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Florence, Texas.

Specialist Joshua Winn, 21, whose home of record is listed as Shreveport, La., entered active-duty service in July 2009 as a food service specialist. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop Support Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, since January 2010.

Winn deployed in support of Operation New Dawn from August 2010 to August 2011.

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

...There met him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"



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6:30 p.m. Youth Activities
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Dads dance with daughters on Feb. 11

Valentine's will be very special for Salado dads and their daughters when they gather Feb. 11 at Tenroc Ranch for the Second Annual Dads' and Daughters' Dance.

Thomas Arnold Elementary and Salado Intermediate School dads and daughters will be dancing the night away in the Blue Heron Ballroom at Tenroc Ranch.

Upon arrival, each Cinderella will be given a rose and a professional photographer will capture the moment.

MusiCOOLity will provide music for the evening. There will also be finger foods, chocolate fountains and punch throughout the evening.

There is no charge for the event; however, call Thomas Arnold Elementary or Salado Intermediate School or contact 254-541-1065 immediately to save a space.



Soldiers descend on Peaceable Kingdom

SPC Ricky Dale Scroggins, from Jamestown, TN, joined other Fort Hood Soldiers of C Company WTB as part of the Wounded Warrior Program through Management Training Consultants, Inc. at Peaceable Kingdom Retreat on Feb. 2. SPC Scroggins challenged himself by climbing a 50-foot rock wall, then descending the 300-foot zip line on the high ropes course at the retreat.

Legends tryouts Feb. 11-12

Auditions for the 2012 season of the outdoor musical drama, Salado Legends, will be held 3 p.m. Feb. 11-12. Auditioners may attend either day.

Auditions, conducted by Salado Legends Director Donnie Williams, will be at Tablerock Amphitheater's indoor stage located at 409 Royal Street in Salado.

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 June 11 weekday evenings 7-9:30 p.m.

Performances on July 21, 28 and August 4.

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

Stargazers look up at Space Station

After a holiday break, the Bell County Star parties will resume next weekend with a concentrated look at the planets in our solar system and a glimpse of the International Space Station as it goes overhead. The Central Texas Astronomical Society (CTAS) will host the public star party 6:30-10:30 p.m., Feb. 11.

This free event will be held at Overlook Park near Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

The clear and dry winter air makes February a great time for stargazing. So this month, the planets which are especially bright will be on the viewing agenda -- brilliant Venus, Uranus, and giant Jupiter, with its multicolored bands and four bright moons, along with the polar ice cap on Mars.

The group will even try for a glimpse of the International Space Station (ISS) as it goes overhead at 8:01 p.m. A central Texas company, the SpaceX test facility in McGregor, is currently making final safety checks for a future launch of the Dragon spacecraft to dock with

the ISS. SpaceX rocket engines are tested at the McGregor plant.

The astronomy group will provide telescopes for public viewing or guests are welcome to bring their own telescopes for some personal help tips from CTAS members.

If this event is cancelled due to weather, a cancellation notice will be posted by 5 p.m. Feb. 11 on the CTAS website: <http://www.centexastronomy.org/>.

Please check this site for directions and more information on CTAS and this event. You may register online for this event and receive monthly notices of future events.

Overlook Park is on the west side of FM 1670 about three miles south of Hwy 190 near the radio tower.

Participants are urged to dress for the weather and to bring a small flashlight to get from the parking lot to the viewing area nearby and a lawn chair to make upward gazing more comfortable.

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"The purpose of the Showcase is to promote "Texas Born" music by bringing together extremely talented musicians to the stage. Among these musicians, are Grammy winners, Hall of Fame members and recording artists. The organizers are proud to present to the public, Western Swing - the "Official Music of Texas" as voted on and passed unanimously by the Texas State Legislature on May, 23, 2011.

Doors open at 11 a.m. Music starts at noon and continues until 5 p.m.

Dinner by reservation only will be served at 5:30 p.m. The dance will be from 8 p.m. to midnight.

This Western Swing music event is sponsored

by Texas Western Swing Heritage Association of Belton, The Strawberry Patch of Salado Central Texas~ Kitchen Center of Temple; Brockway, Gersbach, McKinnon, & Nie-meir, PC of Temple and the Belton Chamber of Commerce.

Admission for the afternoon performance is \$20. Dinner tickets which must be reserved in advance are \$8.50. Dance tickets are \$20. Tickets for the show dinner or dance may be purchased now at the Bell County Expo or call 254-939-8390. Group tables available.

Back again this year is Bobby Flores of Blanco, Texas. Bobby is known for his fine vocal work on the bandstand as well as his great fiddle work. He played with Ray Price and the Cherokee Cowboys for three years. Bobby has been featured on over 300 albums. As of late when not touring, he is kept busy with Yellow Rose Record Co. producing other artist as well as his own. To the Showcase Bobby brings the Wills sound as well as the "Old



Bobby Flores

Ray Price" shuffle music.

Due to rave reviews, the Lake Travis Fiddlers will return for the second year. They play music such as San Antonio Rose, Faded Love, and many others for public and private events. The group consists of violinist, guitarist, mandolin and horn players, electric bassist and a drummer. Under direction of Anna

Macias, the LT Fiddlers have previously performed at the Texas State Senate Holiday Party, Relay for Life in Lake Travis, Texas Independence Day at the Capitol and Teens for Autism Benefit.

The public is invited to the Texas Western Swing Showcase & Dance March 3.

Local Soprano to sing at Caliber Oaks

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

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

Carol Meyer Willingham is a 1981 graduate of the University of Iowa where she also received her Masters in Music in 1985. She received a certificate from the conservatory "Mozarteum" in Salzburg, Austria, in 1983. Carol sang with several opera companies across the United States,



Carol Meyer Willingham

the most notable of which was a consecutive nine-year career as a principal soloist at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City between 1991 and 2000. She also sang concerts in Europe and parts of Asia and the Middle East. She was a 2004 Grammy Awards nominee.

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

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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.
inside Southern Com-
forts, 22 N Main join
fellow knitters for casual
knitting. 10 - Noon. sal-
adoyarn@gmail.com

TUESDAYS
Weekly Yoga class
6:30 p.m. at Salado
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wine accompanied by a
happy plate of cheese and
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FEBRUARY 11
Book signing with
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Smith and Maria Estela
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Main Street, 10 a.m. - 2
p.m.

FEBRUARY 11
Evening of music and
wine at Salado Wine
Seller, 841 N. Main, 4-7
p.m. Serenada Hill will be
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Evening for Wine
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gency Response Team of
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Municipal Building, 301
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FEBRUARY 15
Pocket slippers Knit-
ting Class 10:30 a.m. The
Salado Yarn Co. inside
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Main. saladoyarn@gmail.
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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-
ing, 8:30 a.m. in the
Salado Chamber office

and Visitor's Center.

FEBRUARY 16
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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 Con-
servation: How You Can
Contribute to Large-Scale
Bird Conservation Effort
by Watching Birds in
Your Own Backyard, pre-
sented by Jim Giocomo,
the Oaks and Praires Join
Venture Coordinator for
the American Bird Con-
servancy.

FEBRUARY 18
Bell county native
Jack Oliver will be sign-
ing his new autobiogra-
phy "Full Circle" at the
Salado Public Library at
1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20
Salado ISD Board
of Trustees meeting, 6
p.m., Salado Civic Cen-
ter.

FEBRUARY 21
Daughters of the
Republic of Texas meet-
ing 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 meet-
ing.

FEBRUARY 23
Salado Area Repub-
lican Women State-wide
Candidates Forum,
11:30 a.m., Tenroc
Ranch Event Center.
Sherril Gardipee 939-
7085.

FEBRUARY 24
Talent Show featur-
ing the talents of Thom-
as Arnold Elementary
and Salado Intermediate
School students, 6-8
p.m. in the SIS cafeto-
rium.

FEBRUARY 24
Fourth Friday Gospel
Singing at Cedar Valley
Baptist Church, begin-
ning at 7 p.m. 8 miles
west of Salado on FM
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FEBRUARY 26
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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 1

ABWA Meeting, 6 p.m. at McCain's.

MARCH 1

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

MARCH 5

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

MARCH 5

Keep Salado Beautiful gardening day at the Salado Sculpture Garden. For information contact beckydenton@embarqmail.com.

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 8

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting. Civic Center, 9:30 a.m. Speaker will be Troy Kelly talking about the Ft. Hood Memorial.

MARCH 14

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

MARCH 14

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

MARCH 15

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

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 Microsoft 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 28

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

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://smokinsspokes.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

Tablerock Theater Camp includes: classes,

food, lodging and trips. More information 254-947-9205 or e-mail tablerock1@aol.com or visit www.tablerock.org

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 & Frigate Trail Auditions at Tablerock. Call 254-947-9205.

OCTOBER 12-13

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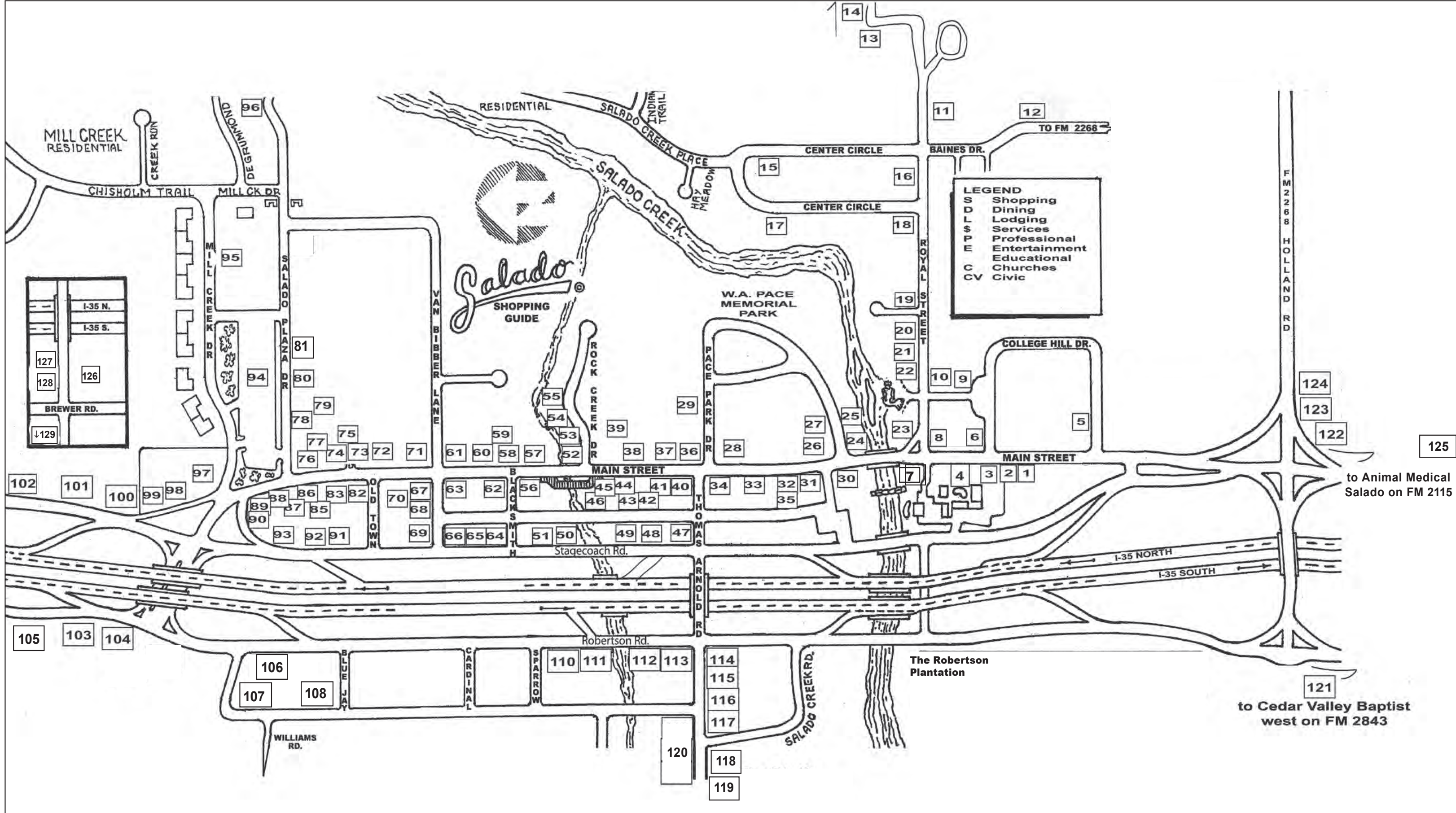
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1 Bar bill
4 Perspire
9 Use a crowbar
12 Knight's address
13 Actress Berry
14 Fish eggs
15 Alternative to a jail term
17 Eggs
18 Rhyming tribute
19 Vacuum brand
21 Salt companion
24 Opposed to
25 "— Town"
26 Congeal
28 Cord fiber
31 Cattle drive tool
33 Pooch
35 Location
36 Couches
38 Sphere
40 End for ball or bass
41 Western state
43 Basketball's Mr. Mourning
45 PBS "Street"
47 Extinct bird
48 Spoon-bender Geller
49 Raise accompani-

ment, often
54 Id counter part
55 Bounded along
56 That girl
57 Boxing promoter
King
58 Contest submission
59 Cut the grass

DOWN

1 Recipe meas.
2 Atmosphere
3 Kinsman, for short
4 Sunglasses

5 Irrigated
6 Inventor Whitney
7 Hawaiian greeting
8 Mortises' mates
9 Conditional stipulation
10 Wander
11 365 days
16 Jazz style
20 Elevator name
21 Bursts
22 Modern-day money
23 Lavish supply
27 Also
29 The gamut

30 Letterman rival
32 Information
34 "Frasier" star Kelsey
37 Taste
39 Sanguinary
42 Egret's cousin
44 Cheerios ingredient
45 Took to court
46 Therefore
50 Choose
51 Doctrine
52 Discoverer's call
53 Fresh



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West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 8 2
♥ A 8 3
♦ K Q 9
♣ A J 10 9 4

WEST

♠ A Q 10 7 6
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ J 8 4
♣ 7

EAST

♠ 5 4 3
♥ J 6
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ Q 8 5 2

SOUTH

♠ K J 9
♥ 10 9 4 2
♦ A 10 5
♣ K 6 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ 2 ♣ Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — seven of spades.

A stitch in time saves nine

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

There are many hands where it is much more dangerous for declarer to have one defender on lead than the other. It follows that if he has a genuine choice between which of two different methods of play to adopt -- one of which avoids the dangerous opponent, while the other does not -- he should choose to steer clear of the player who can do him the most harm.

Here is a typical case. South is in three notrump, and West leads a spade. Declarer wins West's seven with the nine and observes that his best source of tricks lies in the club suit.

Superficially, there appear to be two obvious approaches to the clubs. One possibility is for South to cash the king of clubs at trick two, planning to finesse against West for the missing queen at trick three on the basis that West, who opened the bidding, is more likely to have the queen than East. Alternatively, he can cross to the ace at trick two, planning to lead the jack next and finesse, on the basis that even if West wins with the queen, he will be unable to prevent South from scoring nine tricks.

But neither of these approaches is correct. In the actual case, declarer would fail against best defense even if he took the second-round club finesse successfully through East. East's four clubs to the queen would ultimately sink the contract.

However, South can assure his game by adopting a third and significantly better line of play. He leads a diamond to the queen at trick two (rather than a club to the ace) and finesses the jack of clubs at trick three. If the finesse loses to West, South has nine sure tricks; if the finesse wins, South repeats the finesse with equally deadly effect.

Arranging the play so as to avoid the more dangerous opponent -- but with the added measure of guarding against the Q-x-x-x(-x) in the East hand -- proves to be just what the doctor ordered.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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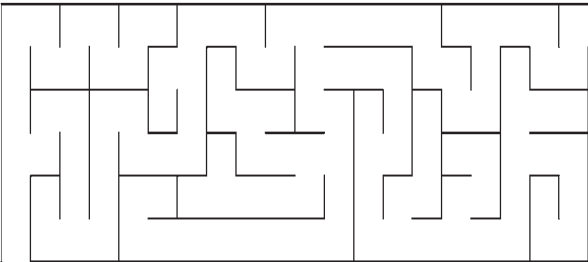
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze



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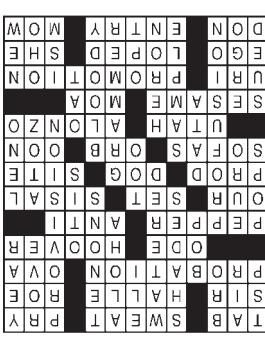
Birdling BITS

BY Cindy Brook

Owl ID

Did you say tiny? That was my question to Don in Orlando, Fla., who wrote asking me to identify a tiny owl sleeping in a palm tree. At about 9 inches in length, eastern screech owls are common throughout the U.S. Their trilling song is mesmerizing and can lull anyone to sleep.

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Solution time: 21 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

8	1	7	6	9	4	2	5	3
2	9	9	7	8	3	4	6	1
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5	9	7	2	1	9	3	8	6
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8	7	2	3	1	9	8	6	5
9	6	4	8	2	5	1	7	3

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Hearty vegetarian soups

VEGETARIAN TUSCAN KALE AND WHITE BEAN SOUP

Serves 4

This weeknight wonder is packed with veggies and beans. Top with crunchy croutons and grated Pecorino Romano cheese.

Ingredients
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 cup diced yellow onion
4 large garlic cloves, roughly chopped
1 (32-ounce) box low-sodium vegetable broth
4 cups packed chopped kale
1 (14.5-ounce) can Italian-style diced tomatoes
1 (14.5-ounce) can no-salt-added cannellini beans, drained and rinsed



1 (14.5-ounce) can sliced carrots, drained, or two large carrots, peeled and sliced
Method
In a large saucepan, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and cook 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook 2 minutes longer. Add broth, kale and tomatoes (and fresh carrots, if

using) and cover. Cook 5 minutes or until kale is tender. Add beans and canned carrots and heat thoroughly. Serve hot.
Nutrition per serving:
284 calories (80 from fat), 8g total fat, 1g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 460mg sodium, 33g total carbohydrate (8g dietary fiber, 7g sugar), 9g protein

HEARTY MINE- STRONE SOUP

Serves 6 to 8

Packed with vegetables, beans and pasta, this soup is a meal in itself. Serve with crusty bread and a green salad.

Ingredients
2 tablespoons olive oil
4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
6 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
1 cup thinly sliced Savoy cabbage
1/4 cup tomato paste
1/4 cup chopped parsley
1 tablespoon chopped basil
2 large stalks of celery, sliced
2 medium carrots, peeled and chopped
1 dried bay leaf
1 (28-ounce) can chopped tomatoes, with their liquid
1 cup canned chickpeas,



drained
1 cup dried fusilli pasta
1 (15-ounce) can cannellini or white beans, drained
Salt and pepper to taste
3/4 to 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Method
In a large stockpot, heat oil over medium high heat. Add garlic and onions and cook until translucent. Add broth, cabbage, tomato paste, parsley, basil, celery, carrots, bay leaf, and tomatoes with their juice and

cook for 30 to 40 minutes, until vegetables are tender. Add chickpeas, pasta, and beans and simmer for another 20 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.
Ladle soup into bowls and serve with Parmesan cheese sprinkled over the top.
Nutrition per serving:
280 calories (70 from fat), 8g total fat, 2.5g saturated fat, 10mg cholesterol, 830mg sodium, 41g total carbohydrate (8g dietary fiber, 8g sugar), 12g pro-

CREAMY CURRIED CAULIFLOWER SOUP

Serves 4

Curry powder and almondmilk conspire here with the cauliflower to produce a full-flavored blended soup that's creamy on the palate without including any actual cream. The toasted sunflower seeds on top are a beautiful touch both floating in the bowl and crunching in the mouth.

Ingredients
1/4 cup raw sunflower kernels
3 1/2 cups unsweetened almondmilk*, divided
3 teaspoons mild curry powder, divided, more to taste
1 cup chopped yellow onion
3 cloves garlic, chopped
5 cups (about 1 pound) cauliflower florets



Method
Preheat oven to 350°F. In a medium bowl, toss sunflower kernels with 1 teaspoon almondmilk and 1 teaspoon curry powder. Spread out on a small parchment paper-lined baking sheet and bake, tossing once or twice, until toasted and fragrant, 6 to 8 minutes; set aside. Meanwhile, heat 1/2 cup almondmilk in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, until soft, about 10 minutes. Add cauliflower, remaining 2 teaspoons

curry powder and almondmilk, cover and simmer until cauliflower is very tender, about 40 minutes. Taste and adjust seasoning with more curry powder if you like. Working in batches, carefully purée in a blender until smooth. Transfer to bowls, garnish with sunflower seeds and serve.
Nutrition per serving:
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Thinking Valentine's flowers

By CANDY MULLEN
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Many of us are thinking of romance and flowers for the upcoming Valentine's Day. As gardeners, we can celebrate the holiday by giving a gift certificate, digging a new special flowerbed, or presenting our loved one with some carefully chosen flowers.

The verse *Roses are red* echoes has conventions traceable as far back as Edmund Spenser's epic *The Faerie Queene* (1590): "She bath'd with roses red, and violets blew, And all the sweetest flowres, that in the Forrest grew."

The language of flowers, sometimes called floriography, was a Victorian-era means of communication in which various flowers and floral arrangements were used to send coded messages, allowing individuals to express feelings which otherwise could not be spoken.

Most of us today still give flowers, but have forgotten or are unaware of the 'language of flow-

ers.' During the Victorian times when standards restricted open communication, various flowers and their combinations were used to convey feelings and messages both positive and negative. This language was most commonly communicated through *Tussie-Mussies*, an art which has a following today.

Red roses still imply passionate, romantic love, and pink roses a lesser affection; white roses suggest virtue and chastity, and yellow roses still stand for friendship or devotion. There are also geographic variances. For example, in Texas yellow roses represent true and undying love.

As gardeners, we are always on the lookout for hardy plants, especially here in Central Texas. One of the better roses to investigate is the Texas Super Stars' Knock Out of various colors. They have super star tags, which mean they are heat and cold tolerant, drought resistant and require little maintenance in the garden once established. You might also consider the



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so-called "antique" or "old fashioned" roses for their fragrance and beauty, as opposed to the modern ones you buy in the store. They are bred for looks and appearance, not scent. There are many flowers and herbs that have a meaning that are just waiting to be chosen, given, or planted for that special someone in your life. Al-

though roses are traditional, don't be afraid to give some other romantic flower for the occasion!

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Now is time to pay attention to heart health

If you're over 40-years-old, a leading expert in cardiovascular care suggests that NOW is the time to pay close attention to the factors which most often trigger heart attacks and learn what you can do to reduce your risks.

"Approximately every 25 seconds an American will experience a coro-

nary event, and every 60 seconds one will die as a result," says Dr. Debra Braverman, of the Cardiology Department of the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. "Fatal heart attacks often come without warning, but most of us don't realize they are preventable."

In addition to making lifestyle changes such as exercise, healthy diet, no smoking, and managing the stress in your life, Dr. Braverman says new technology for heart health has emerged to help Americans get relief from the symptoms of angina and heart failure, chest pain, fatigue and shortness of breath, while improving the quality of their lives.

"Have a talk with your doctor about a simple treatment called EECP (Enhanced External Counterpulsation), which is a painless noninvasive, outpatient procedure for improving circulation to the heart," says Dr. Braverman.

Dr. Braverman says some physicians familiar with EECP therapy say it could eventually replace most of the drugs and invasive surgical procedures currently used to treat cardiovascular disease.

"Patients receiving EECP therapy lie down on a padded table while three sets of inflatable cuffs are wrapped around their calves, thighs and but-

tocks," says Dr. Braverman. "Triggered by the patient's own heart beat the cuffs are inflated with air during the heart's resting phase, gently squeezing the lower body and pumping extra blood throughout the body, especially to the heart and coronary arteries." Just before the pumping phase of the heart, the cuffs deflate, making it easier for the heart to pump blood throughout the body.

Dr. Braverman says EECP therapy's safety and effectiveness have been documented in over 150 publications, mostly in peer reviewed medical society journals, showing 75 to 80 percent of patients who receive the therapy obtain relief of symptoms associated with heart and circulatory problems for up to 5 years.

"EECP therapy creates additional blood flow through the arteries and this increased flow stimulates the cells which line the arteries, improving their health and actually reversing arterial inflammation, constriction, and the hardening of the arteries often associated with cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Braverman says EECP therapy is often prescribed by cardiologists whose patients have already undergone prior invasive procedures like stenting and coronary bypass but still suffer from

chest pains and other angina equivalent symptoms (fatigue and shortness of breath) which are also the related symptoms experienced by heart failure patients.

"EECP therapy can relieve pain and return mobility to patients who are ineligible or not good candidates to receive invasive procedures, but we feel that EECP therapy can be an effective first option for millions suffering from certain types of coronary artery disease prior to any other interventional procedures," she says.

ABOUT DR. DEBRA BRAVERMAN, MD
Author of "Heal Your Heart," Dr. Braverman is a graduate of Cornell University Medical College (now known as the Weill Medical College of Cornell University) and is board-certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. She was recently appointed Director of EECP in the Division of Cardiology at the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, PA. Founder of Braverman EECP Heart Centers, the largest EECP practice in the United States, Dr. Braverman has treated more patients with EECP than any other physician in the country. Her book is entitled "Heal Your Heart with EECP."

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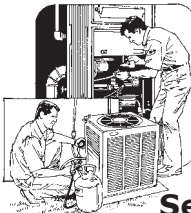
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How can I stop this from occurring? -- Jane in New Jersey

A: What you need to do right away is turn the compost pile -- meaning, take a shovel, spade or stick and stir the compost, remixing everything. The compost in the tub has compacted, so instead of actually composting (breaking down solids) it's putrefying.

Turning the compost will reintroduce air into the pile and help restart the process. If there's a lot of extra water after turning, pour off some, but not all of it. There's also the possibility that rain or snowmelt got into the tub. If you don't want to punch drain holes in the bottom of the tub (most apartment

managers frown on compost water stains on their patios) you should loosely cover the tub with a tarp so that air gets in but water does not.

From here forward, monitor your compost regularly and turn it every week. Also keep an eye on what you're putting into the kitchen compost. Under no circumstances should you put in meat scraps; this will attract flies and result in maggots. Keep a roughly 50/50 ratio of carbon-rich to nitrogen-rich ingredients.

Carbon-rich ingredients include anything "brown," such as sawdust, dead leaves, paper or straw; nitrogen-rich ingredients include anything "green" such as greens and vegetables. You can also add crumbled eggshells (calcium) and occasionally sprinkle wood ashes from the fireplace into the pile. When the danger of hard frost is past, add a handful of live earthworms to the freshly turned pile. They'll help aerate and break down the pile into rich compost.

If you want to learn more about composting, primalseeds.org has published detailed instructions on building a keeping a healthy compost pile.

HOME TIP: Keep compost piles in a far corner of the yard or as far from a home's exterior walls as possible to prevent pests from entering your home.



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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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According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, some 26.6 percent of U.S. Hispanics live in counties that violate the federal government's 24-hour standards for fine particulate matter, the greatest percentage of any ethnic group. Meanwhile, 48.4 percent of Hispanics live in counties that frequently violated eight-hour ground-level ozone standards.

According to the National Coalition of Hispanic Health & Human Services Organizations (COSSMHO), 80 percent of U.S. Latinos (compared with 65 percent of non-Hispanic U.S. blacks and 57 percent of non-Hispanic U.S. whites) live in so-called "non-attainment" areas where ambient air quality is worse than what the federal government considers safe. "Although Hispanics in general live as long as or longer than non-Hispanic whites, what morbidity data are available reveal that the quality of that life is severely impaired by a variety of chronic conditions, such as asthma," adds the coalition.


Meanwhile, another recent report from the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) found that seven out of 10 Hispanic Americans face air pollution threats some 16 percent greater overall than the overall U.S. population. "The increased exposure to air pollution makes Latino families more vulnerable to health problems associated with air pollutants such as low birth weight


and asthma attacks," stated the report. "Factors such as poverty, language barriers and lack of access to health care increase the danger."

In June 2011, 14 Latino groups from California, Texas and other states joined together to urge President Obama to bring permissible levels of ground-level ozone—a key component in the formation of smog—down to below 70 parts per billion. Under George W. Bush, the limit was lowered from 85 to 75 parts per billion, but environmentalists maintain that the limit must be even lower to reduce respiratory and related illnesses in densely populated, largely minority urban areas already hardest hit by pollution.

But in September 2011 the Obama administration cited economic concerns in announcing that it would leave the ozone standard as is for now. Lowering it further at this point, the White House argued, would cost American businesses and the federal government billions to upgrade or retrofit industrial facilities with pollution scrubbing equipment and other technologies. The administration hinted it would revisit the topic once the economy improves, but in the meantime those living in urban areas with unsafe amounts of air pollution should check daily air quality forecasts before going outside for extended periods. The federal government's Airnow.gov website offers daily air quality reports across 300+ urban areas from coast-to-coast, and also provides links to more detailed state and local air quality information sources.

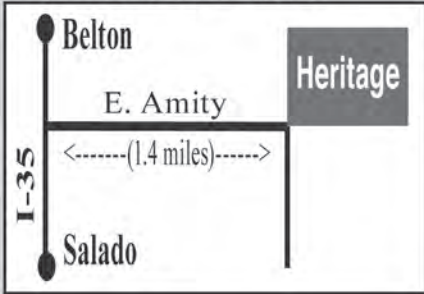
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