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McCort only candidate in village elections

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Danney V. McCort is the only candidate to file in the Village of Salado election. The filing period ends March 5.

McCort, who has served three years as an alderman, has filed for Mayor after Merle Stalcup announced that he would not seek a third term at the helm of the Village of Salado.

“We have a great challenge ahead of us,” McCort said, “especially with the I 35 expansion and the slowed economy. We need to find creative ways to keep our current merchants and also to attract new ones.”

McCort added that he considers building a sewer for downtown and includ-

ing the west-side of I-35 to be of the utmost importance for the board of aldermen in the next few years. The west side access road and West Village Road will be “our major development area for commercial business after I-35 is completed.”

He said that he would also like to work to “continue to restore the damaged areas of Salado in order to bring back its natural beauty,” he said, adding that “We need to continue to upgrade and repair our infrastructure throughout the village.”

He said that he would also work with outlying property owners to bring them into the city limits in order to increase the tax base of Salado.

In his three years on the board of aldermen,

McCort points to several programs and successes:

- Headed a volunteer work team to clean up Salado (creek, Pace Park, various sites)
- Worked with an Turley and Associates to update flooding plain.
- Ran community service for Judges Eads and Engleking to do minor projects, such as street repairs.
- Set up priority based schedule for maintenance, repair and reconstruction of roads and streets based on engineering principles used by other communities and the Texas Department of Transportation. Currently planning on major repairs of Whispering Oaks and Smith Branch.

Oversaw major street

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(PHOTO BY JIM MOHLER)
Salado High School junior Trey Mohler shows his market swine during the Bell County Youth Fair Livestock Show last week. Photos of the Salado students who made the auction can be found on pages 8A-9A of this edition.

SARW host candidate forum

Even though a date has not yet been set for the Party Primaries, Salado Area Republican Women will be hosting the state-wide Republican candidates 11:30 a.m. Feb. 23 at Tenroc Ranch.

The luncheon will be \$20 and reservations made by mailing a check to SARW, PAC; P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 76571 to be received by Feb. 20.

Anyone interested in hearing the candidates is invited to attend. There will be a full catered meal and time to hear and visit with candidates both before and after the meeting.

Email reservations and questions may be addressed to First Vice President, Sherril Gardipee at sgardipee@hotmail.com or 254-939-7085.

Civic Center tells Village it will close restrooms in 30 days; Aldermen to discuss public facilities at Feb. 16 meeting

By TIM FLEISCHER
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Salado Civic Center Foundation informed the Village of Salado that it would end its contract to operate public restrooms facilities in 30 days. Mayor Merle Stalcup has placed the Civic Center Foundation’s request for assistance with Civic Center restrooms on the agenda for both the workshop and regular meeting Feb. 16. Aldermen will also discuss portable restrooms during the workshop meeting at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 16.

Aldermen rejected the request for assistance from the Civic Center Feb. 2. They also discussed placing the contract for the restrooms on the Feb. 16 as an action item.

The SCCF requested in December an increase to \$1,100 in the monthly rent from the current rent of \$906.34. The SCCF also requested that the Village pay \$40,000 for the projected cost of improving the septic system at the Salado Civic Center.

The Civic Center septic system cannot continue to accommodate the demand placed on it by large groups (such as buses) and weekend events.

SCCF President Gary Bartlett said that when the 30 days have passed that the public restrooms on the downstairs level will be closed.

Both tenant and landlord have been preparing for the end of the public restrooms at the Salado Civic Center, after almost two decades of such use.

Aldermen discussed alternatives to the Civic Center restrooms 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 restrooms at the Civic Center.

Consideration of building a permanent restroom

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. The Village anticipates almost \$40,000 in additional revenues this year from the water franchise fee.

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 restrooms 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 restrooms open while the Village looks at a permanent solution to the demands on the old septic system either through construction of a stand-alone restroom facility or replacement/improvement of the current septic system at the Civic Center.

The Village and the Civic Center Foundation were in discussions last year of building a stand-alone restroom facility

on the grounds of the Civic Center. Bartlett had priced the construction of the building (without the cost of a septic system) at \$80,000; however, the cost of a new septic system for the building had not been estimated. The building would likely have been placed on the back of the Civic Center property.

Bartlett also researched the cost for improving the current 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

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Avoid Tahuaya!!

ALL I-35 mainlanes (northbound & southbound) will be closed at Tahuaya Rd. 7 p.m. Feb. 16-7 a.m. Feb. 17. All traffic will be detoured to the frontage roads as crews pour the new bridge deck for the crossover. *Salado Village Voice* will announce lane closures on www.saladovillagevoice.com and on our Facebook page.

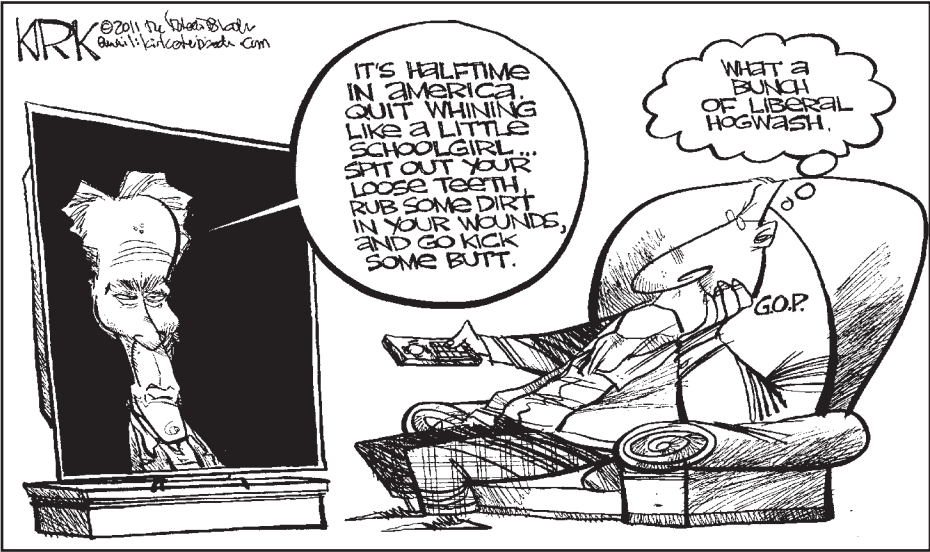


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Clint Eastwood: Half-Baked in America

If Clint Eastwood narrated “The Cat in the Hat,” the words of Dr. Seuss would instantly take on a menacing authority. He could read the latest worthless United Nations condemnation of Syria and make Bashar Assad tremble.

So if you’re Chrysler and want to air a propagandistic advertisement implicitly touting your government bailout as what’s best about America, Eastwood is a natural frontman. The movie tough-guy and former Republican mayor of Carmel, Calif., will make everyone take notice. He will dare you not to believe him. He will invest a sugarcoated narrative of Detroit’s comeback with every bit of his gravelly voiced credibility.

Eastwood’s two-minute ad during halftime was one of the most memorable of the Super Bowl (putting aside all the Doritos spots, of course). Eastwood walks toward the camera in a dark tunnel and says, in his slightly threatening near-whisper, “It’s halftime.” Lest you think that’s a cue to get up and reload on nachos and beer, he intones, “It’s halftime in America, too.”

What follows is a half-baked tale about the revival of the automotive industry wrapped in economic nationalism: Dirty Harry does corporatism. Eastwood says that Americans are hurting and that “the people of Detroit know a little something about this. They almost lost everything. But we all pulled together. Now, Motor City is fighting again.”

We all pulled together? As euphemism, this is clever; as history, it is false. Congress never approved the bailouts. Given the option to do so explicitly, it declined. The Bush and Obama administrations acted on their own, diverting TARP funds to Detroit regardless of the letter of the law. In Eastwood’s telling, a legally dubious act of executive high-handedness qualifies as patriotic collective action.

Rich Lowry



What Chrysler and GM desperately needed in their extremity was to go through Chapter 11 reorganization to pare down wages and benefits, shed uneconomical dealerships and ditch unnecessary brands. When the government got its hooks in them, it politicized this process and threw some \$80 billion at the companies. Since we’ll never get an estimated \$23 billion back, we all must be “pulling together” behind Detroit still. Amid all the patriotic piety, Eastwood neglects to mention that Chrysler is now 58.5 percent owned by Fiat, an Italian company. The heart-tugging images of Turin, Italy, apparently were left on the cutting-room floor.

Walking near the end of his tunnel, Eastwood assures us of our hoped-for national comeback: “Detroit’s showing us it can be done. And what’s true about them is true about all of us.” Yet if Detroit is the model for our future, we should prepare for national collapse. Yes, it is getting a boost from resurgent auto sales. Otherwise, it remains a byword for urban apocalypse. More than anything, the city is a standing warning of the perils of social disorder and unaffordable, dysfunctional government.

It is good that Chrysler and GM are now off life-support, but they took a lot of money we’ll never recover. A simple apology would be nice. Surely, Clint Eastwood could be hired to deliver an impressively sincere-sounding one.

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

Politics, Perpetrators, and plight of women

By Allyson Neville-Morgan

Angelina Jolie’s writing and directorial debut “In the Land of Blood and Honey,” snubbed by the Oscars and screened in very few U.S. theaters, isn’t generating the blockbuster actress’s usual buzz. It deserves better.

“Blood and Honey” hinges on a personal relationship between a man and woman from opposing sides of the Bosnia war in the 1990s. Even before filming began, Bosnian women’s groups expressed outrage about the possible portrayal of a romance between a perpetrator and victim. They accused Jolie, a well-established global humanitarian advocate, of exploiting the war.

The accusations were “very painful, especially that women would think that I would not honor them properly,” Jolie has said.

Graced with remarkable acting by actors from the region speaking in their native languages, this is no love story. It merely uses the bond between the two main characters to expose the truths of a complicated conflict. Jolie’s ability to unearth difficult stories buried below the public consciousness is what makes “Blood and Honey” so compelling.

The film offers a glimpse of the war and atrocities that took place in the former Yugoslavia. It bears important lessons for the tragedies now unfolding in places like Sudan and Syria.

Similar to “Hotel Rwanda,” which depicted the 1994 African genocide, “Blood and Honey” demonstrates why documenting and acknowledging atrocities just isn’t enough. Actions by individuals and the global community are critical.

One of the central characters, Danijel — a Serbian soldier and the son of one of the Serbian generals — questions his

father about the execution of civilians and the use of rape as a weapon of war, bringing these key themes to life. Downplaying Danijel’s concerns about how the international community might react, his father responds that the world will see, but no one will care enough to do anything.

This proved partially true. Despite the deployment of United Nations troops during the conflict, it wasn’t until much later that Washington and other players took more robust actions. Even then, it was very much too little, too late. The end result in Bosnia was the death of nearly 100,000 people.

The reluctance to launch early and decisive responses to such situations is a challenge that the international community still struggles to overcome, raising questions about how little has changed over the two decades that have passed since the horrors in Bosnia.

What distinguishes “Blood and Honey” from similar films is its focus on sexual and gender-based violence. The other main character, Ajla, is a Bosnian Muslim woman held captive by Danijel and his men. Claiming to care deeply for Ajla, Danijel manages to save her from the repeated rapes suffered by the other women with whom she’s imprisoned. However, she’s still terrorized and subjected to dehumanizing treatment throughout the movie.

While Ajla’s voice is limited throughout the movie, we’re given insight into Danijel’s thinking. It’s a challenging look at a man who’s conflicted, but ultimately complicit in crimes against humanity. His story exposes how easy it can be to make the wrong decisions when meager

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Civic Center cannot subsidize Village

To the Editor:

The Salado Civic Center Foundation Board has been diligently working and meeting with the Village of Salado Board of Alderman for the past 18 months in an attempt to establish a viable agreement concerning the rest room facilities located in the Civic Center. These system utilization concerns are created solely by rest room utilization in the “**Other than Tenant**” (Village of Salado) realm. These facilities are currently used by Civic Center tenants as part of our contractual agreement. Further the “**Tenant**” use does not extend the septic system beyond proper limits as defined by Bell County, Texas, whereas the “**Other than Tenant**” (The Village of Salado) utilization does to an extremely significant degree.

Septic system use beyond its proper limits greatly shortens the operational life of the entire system. Therefore, the Civic Center Foundation Board must protect the system from sever maintenance

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problems, as well as from overall system replacement. It is the Boards’ unanimous view that contract events that do extend the system beyond its proper limits must fund the additional maintenance required, as well as the likely possibility of overall system replacement.

Further, the Salado Civic Center Foundation **cannot** continue to subsidize the Village of Salado budget for their use of the Civic Center’s rest rooms. Providing public rest rooms is the sole responsibility of the Village of Salado. The Civic Center rest rooms will continue to be efficiently operated in a clean, safe, and wholesome manner for facility tenants and scheduled Civic Center events only.

Sincerely, Gary Bartlett
Salado Civic Center Foundation Board



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Black women make history too Coretta Scott King was MLK's

By MARTHA BURK

We celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in January, and now the country has moved into Black History Month. MLK left an enduring mark on our hearts and souls. But he was part of a team, and the other half of that team — his wife Coretta Scott King — made her own kind of history, with her husband and without him, both before and after his death.

Before her own death in 2006, King met many times with biographer Dr. Barbara Reynolds, one of the founding editors of USA Today and the only woman and African American on the paper's editorial board. Of the time right after MLK's assassination, Reynolds says this: "Most of the male civil rights leaders didn't want to talk to me as a journalist, because they were afraid I would write something negative [about their desire to usurp King's legacy]. But Mrs. King had nothing to hide — she opened her life to me."

Coretta Scott King was a peace activist, an advocate for children, and a champion of the poor both before her marriage and long after her husband's tragic death in 1968. But because she was also the wife of a great man, her own participation in the civil rights movement is often minimized. She put her life on the line every day, endured taunts and threats, and narrowly escaped death when the Kings' house was bombed while she was home alone with their baby daughter.

"What people don't understand is that Mrs. King was in the line of fire," says Reynolds. "She was the one who answered the phone when racist whites would call and say 'I'm going to kill you.' This aspect of her life is not part of her profile as a leader — but it said she could be trusted with trouble."

After MLK's death, Mrs. King, as she preferred to be called, trav-

eled throughout the world speaking out on behalf of racial and economic equality, women's and children's rights, gay rights, and the needs of the poor.

Dr. King's posthumous profile is much larger thanks to his wife's tireless work preserving his memory. Through seemingly endless fundraising and advocacy, Coretta Scott King founded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta. It's a memorial to the work they shared, and it houses the nation's largest archive from the civil rights movement — an archive that exists in no small part because Coretta Scott King took notes, kept photos, and preserved documents throughout the struggle. She also spearheaded the 15-year education and lobbying campaign to establish her husband's birthday as a national holiday, now celebrated by millions worldwide in over 100 countries.

Yet for all this, there's no mention of Coretta Scott King at the recently dedicated memorial to Dr. King on the National Mall in Washington. "It is an outrage that Coretta is nowhere to be found," says Reynolds. "Telling one story without the other creates a flaw and an imbalance — a scar on history."

Coretta Scott King was far more than "the woman behind the man." Never a mere appendage, she was an equal partner with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. throughout their lives. Her life and legacy with — and without — her husband, serve to remind us that black women make history too.

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FAA legislation takes flight in Congress benefiting economy, Safety, security

In the increasingly interconnected and innovation-driven world in which we live and work, aviation provides a vital link to economic opportunity. U.S. airports are the starting points for nearly 22,000 daily flights that carry about 2 million people across our country and the globe. Nearly 11 million Americans are employed by the aviation industry, which generates \$1.3 trillion in economic activity annually. Aviation provides vital services — in commerce, agriculture, and medical and law enforcement emergencies — for small and rural communities.

Congress recently approved bipartisan legislation that reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and extends vital programs for airports and air travel. Arriving at a good, balanced bill wasn't easy. The previous FAA reauthorization bill expired nearly five years ago. Repeated (23) short-term extensions of the FAA kept commercial air travel going. But short-term extensions didn't provide the long-term stability which airports, commercial airlines, and private aviation needed to make capital investments in new runways, terminals, and other facilities.

As the Ranking Republican on the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, which has jurisdiction over the FAA, I worked with the Democrat Chairman, Jay Rockefeller, to produce a long-term, fiscally responsible reauthorization bill that earned both Republican and Democrat support. It makes a number of improvements for air trav-

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Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



elers, assures public safety, and will strengthen a vital sector of our economy in the years ahead.

This bill provides for modernization of our antiquated air traffic control system, and moves us one step closer to more efficient and safer travel through our national airspace. When fully implemented, the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) initiative will transform air traffic control (ATC) from a ground-based radar system to a satellite-based system that uses Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation and surveillance, digital communications, and more accurate weather services. In addition to improving safety for commercial and general aviation, and reducing flight times and delays, NextGen will help airlines to conserve fuel, reduce jet engine emissions, and reduce costs.

For the millions of Americans who reside in rural areas and for those who travel to and from these areas of the country, the FAA bill contains important provisions that will strengthen rural communities' access to air service by continuing incentives for carriers to gain improved service to small and rural communities. The bill also authorizes the Small Community Air Service Development program to support creative financing at rural airports.

The new legislation also moves forward use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). UAS deployment

to bolster border security and law enforcement is a particularly important new capability for rural areas and smaller communities along our border. UAS technology can also be a valuable new resource for fighting the kinds of wildfires that ravaged scores of Texas communities last year.

Now — more than ever — it is critical for leaders in Washington to work together to advance policies that are both fiscally responsible and provide the private sector with the certainty and predictability needed to create jobs and revive our weak economy. I am proud that this legislation helps to accomplish both of those imperatives. For instance, this bill establishes a process to address outdated and obsolete FAA air traffic control facilities to save taxpayer money. The long-term certainty and predictability this bill gives to one of the largest industries in our country and its stakeholders allows for more effective and efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

Ultimately, what this legislation means for our economy, for our safety, and for our national security is paramount, and in turn it will undoubtedly have a positive impact — either directly or indirectly — on the lives of all Americans.

HUTCHISON, A REPUBLICAN, IS THE SENIOR U.S. SENATOR FROM TEXAS AND RANKING MEMBER ON THE SENATE COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The chief Twinkie goes Ding Dong



Jim
Hightower

Here's a case of good news oozing out of bad news, and vice versa.

The bad news is that Hostess Brands has sunk into bankruptcy. It couldn't stay afloat with the \$860-million debt piled onto it after a group of Wall Street speculators took over the 82-year-old company.

The good news, though, is that devoted customers can still get their daily fix of five kinds of sugar, partially hydrogenated oil, polysorbate 60, artificial flavors, and yellow dye No. 5 — just a few of the ingredients in Hostess Twinkies. When top executives filed for Chapter 11 in January, they assured an anxious nation that the corporation would keep chugging out Twinkies, Ho Hos, Ding Dongs, and its other caloric delights while they dealt with a few legal details to restructure Hostess.

Oh, goodie! But wait — those "details" constitute the bad news flowing out of the good news. The CEO says that to become "a highly competitive company that provides secure employment for our employees," Hostess must make those employees less secure by busting their pensions, cutting their medical benefits, and abrogating their labor contracts. Does this Twinkie-in-Chief even understand how twisted his logic is? Apparently not, for he also asserts that one of the "tremendous inherent strengths" that Hostess can build on to become a viable company is "a talented and experienced workforce."

Thanks for the compliment, chief, but I'm guessing the workforce would prefer a decent pension. Without that, your words are as empty as the calories in a Ding Dong. Meanwhile, the union workers who literally deliver the goods for the company point out that they've already made concessions — and it's time for the profiteering corporate executives who filled Hostess with all that debt to stop sucking all the cream out of its Twinkies.

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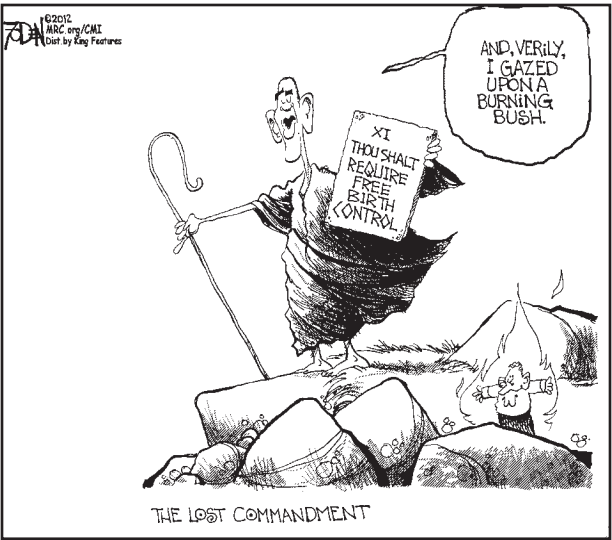
Obama's anti-religious implosion

By MATT BARBER

Barack Obama may have just lost the election. He has foolishly gone to war in an election year with tens of millions of Catholics, Protestants and Jews – Democrat, Republican and independent alike. He has thrown down a radical feminist gauntlet and dared the Church to pick it up.

They've picked it up. From running up trillions in debt and deficit, to the vast expansion of the size and scope of federal bureaucracy, Mr. Obama has done more in three years to supplant our 236 year-old Constitutional Republic with a Euro-style socialist autocracy – than a lesser Marxist could have accomplished in a lifetime.

But controlling the purse strings is not nearly enough. A central element of full-blown secular-socialism is the suppression of religious liberty



– principally, freedom of conscience.

Karl Marx once said: "The first requisite for the happiness of the people is the abolition of religion."

When Karl Marx speaks, Barack Obama listens.

In what is perhaps the most egregious executive overreach in our lifetime, the president's Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius, has unconstitutionally decreed that both Catholic and Protestant organizations must violate fundamental tenets of the Christian faith by providing ObamaCare coverage that includes birth control, sterilization and various forms of abortion. This is as blatant a violation of the First Amendment's guarantee to religious "free exercise" as we've ever seen.

Despite two pathetic feints at "compromise," Obama's illegal requirement that faith-based groups pay for policies providing immoral "reproductive services" remains in full force.

On Friday, the Obama administration offered its latest non-compromise "compromise." LifeSiteNews.com reports: "The White House announced today that, instead of forcing religious employers to pay for birth control, it will force insurance companies to offer the drugs free of charge to all women, no matter where they work."

America: this arrogant, narcissistic, amoral man thinks you're stupid. Who do you think pays for the insurance policies that provide "free" birth control, sterilizations and abortifacients to employees? Why, the very religious organizations doctrinally prohibited from paying for these "services" in the first place, of course.

This is nothing but a South Side Chicago shell game, dressed up as a concession. Obama's unprecedented attack on the First Amendment continues full steam ahead.

In Dreams from My Father, Mr. Obama writes: "To avoid being mistaken for a sellout, I chose my friends carefully." It should come as little surprise that, among those carefully selected friends, he gives his "Marxist professors and the structural feminists" top billing. In fact, as we approach the 2012 general election, it has become alarmingly clear the degree to which various secular "isms" have shaped the development of Obama's ungodly worldview.

From the moment he falsely claimed, "Whatever we once were, we are no longer a Christian nation," many have screamed from the rooftops that, despite his incongruous claims to be a Christ follower, Barack Obama, in reality, harbors tremendous animus toward all things Christian.

It's not surprising, then, that – even prior to his latest act of anti-religious authoritarianism – a Pew Research Center survey had determined that, under Obama's leadership, "the number of [religious] voters who identify as a Democrat has declined, while the number saying they lean toward the GOP has risen."

Some highlights: White evangelical Protestant support for the GOP has grown from 65 percent in 2008 to 70 percent today;

80 percent of Mormons now say they identify with or lean toward the Republican Party;

White mainline Protestants, who were evenly divided between the parties in 2008, now favor the GOP by a 12-point margin;

White non-Hispanic Catholics, who gave Democrats an eight-point advantage in 2008 now give Republicans a seven-point advantage at the end of 2011 (a remarkable 15-point swing);

Even Jewish voters – traditionally one of the

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Resurrecting Washington's birthday

By JOHN CARTER
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The chopping down of a cherry tree, rejection of a crown, caution against foreign intrigue, holding fast to God, country, and virtue – these were all lessons that generations of American school children learned about our first President, General George Washington, on his February 22 birthday each year. I still remember all those traditional cherry pies on this date in remembrance of the great “father I cannot tell a lie” Washington lore.

However, this February 20, most Americans believe we are celebrating Presidents Day. That is in fact what it says on every calendar I have seen. If you ask, most people will say this federal holiday is to memorialize all our Presidents. A few believe it is specifically to commemorate George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Officially, by federal law, it is neither. It is solely to recognize George Washington's birthday. But due to a variety of reasons

stretching back to the 50's, we have gradually lost sight of the purpose and even proper name of this important federal holiday.

George Washington's birthday was celebrated unofficially nationwide as early as the late 1700's. Congress first approved an official federal holiday to commemorate President Washington in 1880, to be celebrated on his February 22nd recognized date of birth. Washington was actually born on February 11, 1731, but that date was changed retroactively to February 22 after the British Empire converted from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar in 1752.

But starting in the 1950's, Congress began debating whether to combine Washington and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays into a single federal holiday to be celebrated as Presidents day. That debate continued up to the passage of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1968. Throughout these debates, every attempt to transform Washington's birthday into a generic

Washington-Lincoln day was defeated.

The Uniform Monday Holiday Act moved federal holidays to Monday to allow more three-day weekends, and designated the third Monday in February to commemorate Washington's Birthday. But due to all those debates over a Presidents Day since 1951, we have gradually resorted to referring to this day – incorrectly – as Presidents Day.

Why does it matter? Because federal holidays are more than just a day off. They are to remind us of the sacrifices and virtues that make our nation a great exception in world history, and provide the foundation for our freedoms and prosperity. And they provide a powerful incentive to teach our children the same.

No President provides a greater number of teachable stories than George Washington. From the cherry tree tale, to his leadership, defeats, and victories in the French and Indian and Revolutionary War, his personal sacrifices

to help finance our young country, the rejection of his admirer's offers to declare him King, his rules and practices of decency, civility, honor, and religious duty, Washington provides a powerful example of the high standards that built our nation, and that are necessary to preserve it.

The clear and indisputable annual recognition of Washington is vital to maintaining this tradition. That has unfortunately eroded over the last several decades as we have allowed this holiday to devolve into a far less meaningful generic Presidents Day.

For this reason, I have co-sponsored the bipartisan H.R. 2268 by Congressman Frank Wolf (R-VA) and Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), which would re-establish February 22nd as the official date for this federal holiday. With this change, we can help resurrect the nation-changing importance of our first President, and hopefully implant those virtues in a new generation of Americans.

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Religious — FROM PAGE 5A

strongest Democratic constituencies — have moved noticeably in the Republican direction; Jewish voters favored the Democrats by a 52-point margin in 2008 but now prefer the Democratic Party by a significantly smaller 36-point margin. It stands to reason that, in the wake of his most recent attack on religious freedom, Democrat's favor with the faithful will only further erode.

Catholics especially are having none of it. Bill Donohue, president of the non-partisan Catholic League lashed out last week: "Never before; unprecedented in American history for the federal government to line up against the Roman Catholic Church."

Ms. Sebelius first feigned compromise in the aftermath of the original announcement, haughtily granting some religious groups one year "to adapt to this new rule."

"In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences," responded Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr., many Catholic priests across the nation have vowed civil disobedience. On January 29, they read a form letter to parishioners pledging that Catholics "cannot — we will not — comply with this unjust law."

Nor should they.

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) has introduced a bill called the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 2012 that would restore liberty of conscience to religious groups. Evangelical leaders are allying en masse with their kindred papist travelers.

Mathew Staver, Founder and Chairman of Liberty Counsel, said "ObamaCare is a direct attack on the moral and religious beliefs of our nation. One year will not change religious tenets that have been in place for thousands of years. This administration has pressed its radical pro-abortion agenda on the American people and around the world ... ObamaCare is an assault on our freedom."

Dr. Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC), has said "we will not comply" with this law. He has pledged to face jail time instead: "We want the law changed, or else we're going to write our letters from the Nashville jail, just like Dr. King wrote his from the Birmingham jail."

This is the stuff of civil war. This is a battle Barack Obama and Democrats cannot win. He has two choices: He can either stubbornly stand firm and continue to give the GOP a tremendous election year bat with which to beat him about the head and neck; or he can cave and further cultivate the snowballing narrative that he is weak and impetuous.

Either way, the president has suffered a self-inflicted wound so deep that it may not heal before November; especially since, as evidenced by his latest illusory "accommodation," he can't seem to stop picking at the scab.

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Women — FROM PAGE 2A

justifications win over one's conscience.

As the film notes in a postscript, the mass rape that occurred during the Bosnian war would later mark the first time that rape was considered a crime against humanity.

Today, in places like Darfur, Burma, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, women still bear the brunt of atrocities in the form of sexual and gender-based violence. Far too often, these stories remain untold and unaddressed, further marginalizing these victims.

The Bosnian war set the stage for increased opportunities for justice and accountability, but contemporary crimes still fail to generate the attention and response that is needed.

One of the most profound moments of the film occurs when, at one point during an intimate conversation with Ajla, Danijel justifies the actions of the Serbian forces as not murder, but "politics." This must be our call to do more.

Atrocities aren't about politics. Relying on a refrain about complicated historic grievances between groups, inconvenient timing, or just sticking one's head in the sand are dangerous justifications to do nothing.

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Army docs fight heart disease

By Patricia Deal
CRDAMC Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas - The statistics from the American Heart Association and other agencies are shocking: cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of both men and women in the United States with about one person dying from cardiovascular diseases every 38 seconds; cardiovascular diseases claim more lives each year than cancer, chronic lower respiratory diseases and accidents combined; every year, approximately 785,000 Americans have their first heart attack; approximately 17 percent of Soldiers have reported having high blood pressure since they entered the Army.

Statistics alone are usually not enough to spur patients to take action, so Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center professionals have stepped up their efforts during American Heart Month this February to encourage beneficiaries to take small steps to help protect their heart health.

“Heart disease is not reversible but it is treatable. So it’s better to prevent it in the first place. An ounce of prevention is really worth 1000 pounds of cure in this case,” said Maj. (Dr.) Manju Goyal, CRDAMC cardiologist.

Everyone should be aware of the risks of heart disease, added Goyal, which include high cholesterol levels and blood pressure, obesity, physical inactivity, tobacco use, and diets high in saturated fats and sodium.

“High blood pressure, high cholesterol, and smoking are three of the five most preventable and treatable risk factors for

heart disease,” she added.

CRDAMC Army Public Health Nurse 1st Lt. Jennifer Istre, encourages patients to “just get moving” to help reduce their risk.

“Inactivity leads to obesity, which is a major risk factor,” Istre said. “It is astounding when you consider how many Americans aren’t active, despite knowing the many benefits from regular exercise.”

The American Heart Association recommends exercising for 30 minutes most days of the week for the best heart health benefit. Yet 36 percent of adults and nearly 50 percent of teens and young adults reported they do not exercise or engage in vigorous physical activity on a regular basis, according to the 2011 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistical Update.

“If you can’t find the time for 30 minutes continuous exercise, try doing 10 or 15 minute bursts. Look at simple ways to incorporate activity to your life such as parking further away and taking the stairs versus taking an elevator,” said Istre. “Don’t get caught up in the specifics or worry about what you can or cannot do. No matter how slow you go, you are still lapping everyone on the couch.”

While even moderate bits of activity are beneficial, Brian Lehmann, dietitian at the Army Wellness Center located at the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Training Center campus suggests patients exercise with more intensity.

“We directly measure patients’ V02max to help them determine their personal 70-85 percent

maximum heart rate, the recommended range for exercising to get the best heart healthy outcomes,” he explained. “In our Weigh to Live program, we teach patients to aim for at least 10,000 steps per day from all activities. More is always better, as 12,000-14,000 daily steps are recommended for weight loss.”

Quitting smoking is another way to reduce risk of heart disease. Despite shocking statistics that show cigarette smoking accounts for approximately one of every five deaths in the United States each year, 21.5 percent of adult men and 17.3 percent of adult women continue to smoke cigarettes. Almost 20 percent of high school students reported current tobacco use.

“Many people link cigarette smoking just to lung cancer, but it also is a big risk factor for heart disease. The nicotine constricts blood vessels and the increased carbon monoxide impact the body’s efficiency to process oxygen. When you smoke, your heart has to work so much harder,” said Mary Jackson, community health nurse. “We know that’s it not the easiest

thing to quit. But is probably the single best thing you can do to improve your health.”

While the benefits of quitting smoking are proven, unfortunately, many smokers mistakenly think of smoking as a way to reduce stress for them.

“There are definitely more healthy ways to reduce stress. When stress is overwhelming, or poorly managed, it can negatively affect your health by raising blood pressure, heart rate, and levels of the stress hormone cortisol,” said Donna Vajgrt, director, Army Wellness Center, located at the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Training Center campus. “These days, people are less and less capable of leaving stress at the office because everyone is connected 24/7. Try turning off your phone, tablet, or computer for at least 15 minutes. Put on some relaxing music, close your office door for 10 minutes, and listen and breathe.”

Vajgrt added that the Army Wellness Center also helps patients reduce stress through its free massage chairs and upcoming Stress Management/Bio feedback classes.

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Lunch - Thomas Arnold Elementary, Salado Intermediate and Junior High

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bad Weather Day	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy TX Toast Spinach Apricots	Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli/Iron Man Salad Breadstick Peaches w/Topping	Fish Nuggets Broccoli Coleslaw Hushpuppies Bananna Bread	Cheeseburger Burger Salad French Fries Vanilla Pudding
Daily Choice: Milk, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Fresh Fruit (Jr. High: Loaded Baked Potato) Friday: Fruity Freeze				

Lunch - High School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bad Weather Day	Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Carrots Pears Yellow Cake	Pepperoni Pizza Iron Man Salad Peaches Cobbler Wheat Breadstick	Fish Nuggets Broccoli Coleslaw Hushpuppies Bananna Bread	Cheeseburger Burger Salad French Fries Strawberry Pineapple
Daily Choice: Milk, Hoagie w/Chips, Salads, Fresh Fruit, Pizza Hut Pizza, Baked Potato Friday: Fruity Freeze				

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Middle Weight Medium Wool



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Salado Eagles will play Wimberly, the second place team in District 26AAA in the bi-district round of the Region IV 3A playoffs. A time and location will be announced on saladovillagevoice.com or the newspaper Facebook page and Twitter feed.

Koby Spears scored 22 points to lead the boys past Taylor 53-29 Feb. 14 to secure third place in District 25AAA. Liberty Hill won district and Burnet took second place.

Also scoring in the game were Jada Kornegay, 10 points, Brandon Womac, 9 points, Austin Adams, 3 points and Andrew Warren, Cameron Smith and Sam Barrett, 2 points.

Eagles 38
Burnet 36

Salado Eagles came back from a 3 point third

quarter deficit to beat the Burnet Bulldogs on Feb. 7.

Burnet led Salado 11-8 at the end of the first quarter, but the Eagles took a 21-19 halftime lead, thanks to Womac scoring 9 points in the quarter.

Kornegay led the Eagles past Burnet, scoring 19 points and shooting 89 percent from the free throw line. He also grabbed 3 rebounds, and had 3 assists and 2 blocks.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Womac, 9 points, 2 rebounds and a steal; Koby Spears, 6 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals; Roemer, 2 points and Adams, 2 points, a rebound and 2 assists.

Eagles 50
Lampasas 29

Salado Eagles swept past the Lampasas Badgers 50-29 on Feb. 10 in

their final home game of the season.

The Eagles held Lampasas to 4 points in both the first and third quarters and took a 23-12 halftime lead.

Womac led the Eagles with 14 points, and shot 78 percent from the free throw line. He also had 4 rebounds, 2 steals and an assist.

Kase Spears followed with 13 points. He grabbed 2 rebounds, 2 steals and had an assist.

Kornegay also had double figures with 11 points, 8 rebounds, a steal and 2 assists.

Also scoring for Salado were Koby Spears, 9 points, 4 rebounds and a steal; Sam Barrett, points, 6 rebounds and a steal; Adams, 1 point, 6 rebounds, a steal and 3 assists.

JV boys beat Lampasas, Burnet

Salado JV boys beat Lampasas and Burnet last week, while the Freshmen boys lost.

Salado JV Boys 44
Burnet 31

Salado JV Boys Basketball Team beat Burnet Feb. 7.

Salado JV Boys scored 13 points in the first quarter and 7 in the second to enter the half leading 20-15. Salado scored 14 in the third to make the lead 34-20 and scored 10 in the fourth to secure the win 44-31.

Cameron Wong led Salado on offense scoring 11 points. Followed by Kyle Heiner, 10 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Mason Price, 7 points; Davis Little, 4 points; Kyle Nicholson, 4 points; Cole Haag, 2 points; Micah Nieburh, 2 points.

Salado JV Boys 30
Lampasas 29

Salado JV Boys Basketball Team took a fourth quarter win Feb. 10.

Salado trailed 4-6 in the first quarter and entered the half tied up at 10-10. Salado JV Boys scored 4 points in the third to fall behind 14-21. Salado outscored Lampasas 16-7 in the fourth quarter to win by a point 30-29.

Freshman Boys 31
Burnet 40

Salado Freshman Boys were defeated by Burnet Feb. 7.

Salado trailed 3-15 in the first quarter and entered the half down 14-24. Salado Freshman scored 6 in the third and 11 in the fourth for a final score of 31-40.

Chris Deal led Salado on offense scoring 12 points. Followed by Chase

Kelly, 11 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Roddy Noonan, 4 points; Wales, 2 points.

Freshman Boys 36
Lampasas 48

Salado Freshman Boys lost to Lampasas Feb. 10.

Salado scored 14 points in the first quarter to trail by one and entered the half behind 20-29. Salado matched 8 points in scoring with Lampasas in the third to make the score 28-37. Salado Freshman were unable to make a comeback in the fourth to lose 36-48.

Chase Kelly led Salado on offense scoring 14 points. Followed by Roddy Noonan, 7 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Chris Deal, 6 points; Ellis Vansickle, 5 points; Quick, 4 points.



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SHS soccer teams kick off district play

Salado boys soccer have started out 2-0 in District competition with wins over Killeen and Lampasas.

Eagles 5
Lampasas 0

The varsity boys defeated Lampasas 5-0.

Goals were scored by Tristan Bragg, Edson Rios in first half and three goals by Dennie Barker in second half. Chase Crenwelge had two assists, Aron Fraire and Patrick Murray each had an assist.

Team totals were 18 blocked shots and another 22 shots that missed the target. Dakota Creasy had 6 saves as keeper.

Eagles 2
Killeen 1

Varsity Eagles won their district match against Killeen 2-1 on Feb. 7. Goals were scored by Pablo Castelan and Tristan Bragg. Dennie Barker and Patrick Murray had an assist each. Dakota Creasy made eight saves in the game.

Lady Eagles 0
Lampasas 5

The Lady Eagles lost to Lampasas in district soccer 5-0. Katie White blocked 19 shots in the game. Mean-

while Chelsea Boaz took four shots, Lexi Daniels, one shot, Lorna Payne, one shot and Anissa Peralta one shot. All failed to make the net.

Lady Eagles 0
Killeen 1

Lady Eagles lost to Killeen in district play after the Lady Roos scored a goal from a handball in the 18th

minute leading to a penalty kick.

JV Eagles 3
Killeen JV 1

The JV Eagles soccer team beat the Killeen JV 3-1 in a district match.



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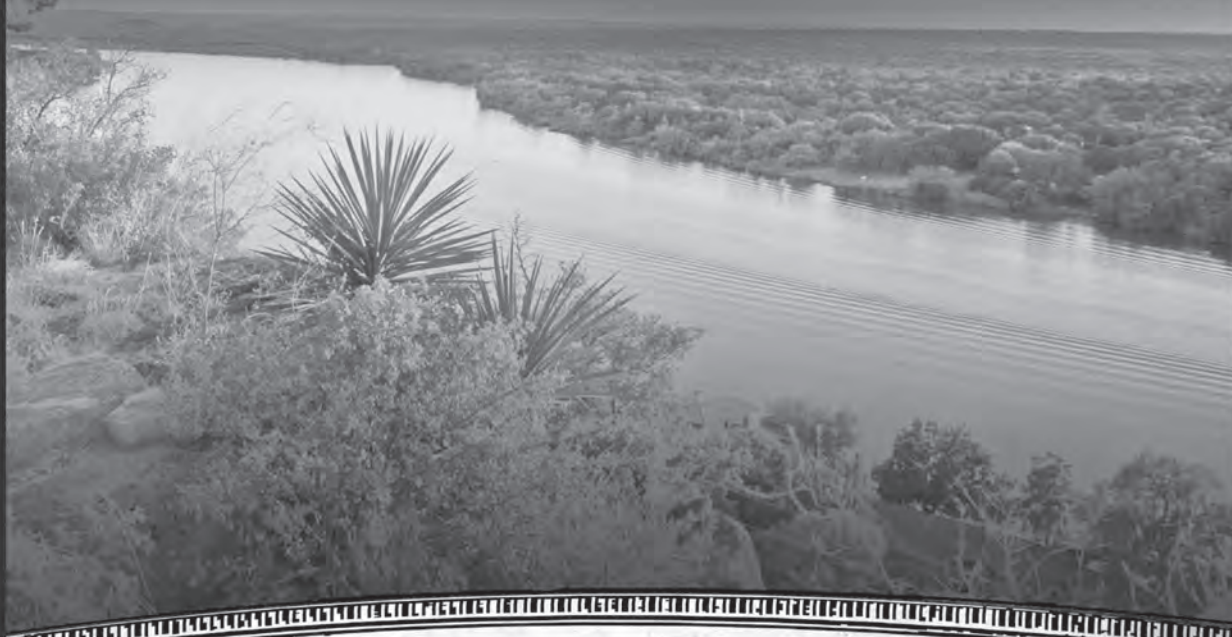
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Ladies face Devine in area

Salado Lady Eagles will face Devine in the area round of the Region IV-3A playoffs, after handling the Boerne Greyhounds 56-42 on Feb. 13. The area game will tip off 6 p.m. Feb. 17 at Wimberley High School .

The Devine Lady Warriors are 25-3 on the year, including a perfect 12-0 run in District 27. Senior post Carlin Urben led the Lady Eagles with 23 points. She scored nine of those points in the fourth quarter. The Greyhounds sent her to the free throw line seven times, where she shot nine of 13.

Fellow senior Kirstie McGillick had 16 points on the night. Six of her points came in the fourth quarter, all from the free throw line, where she shot 10-of-12 from the free throw.

Also scoring for Salado

were Ashley Adams, 6 points; Meredith Ward, 5 points; Taryn Kornegay, 4 points; and Alexis Bowman, 2 points.

JV Girls 36
Burnet 28

Salado JV Girls defeated Burnet Feb. 7 to close the season with a win.

Salado scored 9 points in the first quarter to lead by 1 and entered the half leading 13-10. Salado JV Girls scored 13 points in

Academic squad adds another Sweeps

Salado High School UIL Academic Squad won another Sweepstake trophy, winning the Lampasas Tournament last week.

Following are the individual results:

Number Sense, First Place Team

First, Sammy Nguyen

Second Ellis Van Sickle

Third (tie), Dane Hankamer - Michael McCullough

Calculator Applications, First Place Team.

First, Morgan Daniels;

Second, Tommy Armstrong; Third, Andrew Warren; Fourth, Sean Clement

Mathematics, First Place Team: Second, Tommy Armstrong; Third, Annie Nguyen; Fourth, Morgan Daniels and Seventh, Dale Clement.

JOURNALISM, First Place Team

News Writing: Second, Sydney Walter; Third, Rachel Habiger and Sixth, Addison Burns.

Feature Writing: First, Tanner Pitts; Fourth, Robert Cortes; Fifth, Rachel Habiger.

Editorial Writing: First, Tanner Pitts; Second, Sydney Walter; Fourth, Carlie Block and Fifth, Rachel Habiger.

Headline Writing: First, Tanner Pitts, Second, Carlie Block and Fifth, Robert Cortes.

Ready Writing: Second, Athenia Yeaw.

Literary Criticism:

Sixth, Athenia Yeaw

Spelling, Second Place Team: Second, Kyle Heiner; Third, Kelsey Palomino. Other team members contributing points: Dane Hankamer, Javier Cortes, Megan Cook.

SPEECH EVENTS:

LD Debate: First, Abigail Sullivan and Second, Isaac Hopkins

Poetry Interpretation: Fourth, Averi Fischer

Prose Interpretation: Fourth, Megan Cook.

Elementary wins Lampasas UIL

Salado Elementary Teams competed in the District 25AAA- Zone B UIL Competition. Salado had a total of 367.5 points, 126 points ahead of the next school.

Storytelling (Second Grade). Michael Edward-Sarver, first place.

Creative Writing (Second Grade). Charley Thomas, first place; Kayla Matlock, second place; Lauara Willingham, sixth place.

Storytelling (Third Grade). Aaron Trela, second place; Kaelan Westbrook, third place;

Priscilla Torczynski, fifth place.

Ready Writing (Third Grade). Jordan Boysen- Best Alternator.

Oral Reading (Fourth Grade). Heidi Kelly, first place; Hunter Howton, third place.

Ready Writing (Fourth Grade). Averie Piatt, third place; Taylor Rich, fourth place.

Oral Reading (Fifth Grade). McKayla Gudenau, third place; Haley Tabor, fifth place; Nathan Cahoon, sixth place.

Ready Writing (Fifth Grade). Sarah Umpleby, first place; Jonathan Keyes, second place.

Listening (Fifth Grade). Christian Ortiz, third place; Lindsay Dube, sixth place.

Dictionary Skills (Fifth Place). Barrett Schoenrock, first place; Ben Sunshine, third place; Jeremy Jarvis, fourth place.

Painting (Third Grade). Macy Tabor, second place; Presley Maddux, sixth place.

3D (Third Grade). Macy Tabor, fourth place; Hunter Drouillard, fifth place.

Painting (Fourth Grade). Maddy Thoreson, first place; Jess Flynn, second place; Katherine Yalch, third place.

3D (Fourth Grade). Brooke Dunlap, first place; D'Monte Ross, third place.

Painting (Fifth Grade). Sophie Stockman, first place; Beth Flynn, second place; Grace Barker, fourth place.

3D (Fifth Grade). Bryan Ross, second place; Samantha Borque, fifth place.

Music Memory Team (Third Grade). Third place.

Music Memory Team (Fourth Grade). First place.

Music Memory Team (Fifth Grade). First place.

Spelling (Third Grade). Ryder Haas, first place; Kaelan Westbrook, third place; Amy Manning, fourth place.

Music Memory (Third Grade). Meagan Wolf, tied for fifth; Holly Wright, tied for fifth.

Spelling (Fourth Grade). Amy Simmons, third place; Hunter Howton, fifth place.

Music Memory (Fourth Grade). Matthew Warren, first place; Andrew Novotny, second place; Averie Piatt, third place.

Spelling (Fifth Grade). Barrett Schoenrock, fifth place.

Music Memory (Fifth Grade). Savannah Reeder, first place; Rayne Polkowski, second place; Aunnika Deen, fourth place.

Misc. (Third Grade). Chloe Ebeling, first place; Grant Sellers, first place; Campbell Vansickle, third place.

Drawing (Fourth Grade). Stephanie Ramirez, third place; Brittney Brown, fourth place.

Number Sense (Fourth Grade). Natlie Sequin, fifth place.

Chess Puzzling (Fourth Grade). Reese Brown, third place.

Number Sense (Fifth Grade). Sarah Umpleby, fourth place.

Maps, Graphs and Charts (Fifth Grade). Lindsay Dube, fourth place.



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Obituaries



MYRA ANN YOUNG

Myra Ann Young, of Holland, passed away February 2, 2012.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Church of Christ in Youngsport, 201 Youngsport Loop.

On March 23, 1947, Myra was born to Frieda Gibbs and Will B. Young Jr. She was raised on the family ranch in Georgetown.

She is survived by her children: James and Amy Branton of Austin, John and Amy Branton of Flor-

ence and Travis and Michelle Dube of Holland.

She is also survived by her grandchildren; Kristi, Daniel, Lindsay, Cooper, and Avery to love and trust in Her Lord.

Because of Myra's love for Texas Wildflowers, memorials may be made to the Lady Bird Wildflower Center 4801 La Crosse Ave, Austin, Texas 78739.

Final arrangements are being managed by Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home 3220 South 31st Street Temple, TX 76502 (254) 773-3999.

Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home for pick-up on Feb. 17, or picked up at The Flower Box in Georgetown.

MORE OBITUARIES, PAGE 15A

Bayleigh's Bears will help kids in times of crisis

Bayleigh's Bears will be collected through March 8 to remember Bayleigh Ringo, who died at the age of five last year.

Teddy bears up to 12 inches in size are being gathered together to be given to law enforcement officers and emergency responder teams who will share them with children in times of crisis.

You can donate teddy bears at the Salado ISD school campuses, First Baptist Church of Salado or Brookshire Brothers of Salado.

Filings

FROM PAGE 1A

repairs, including Chisholm Trail, Park Drive and DeGrummond Dr.

• Reviewed most ordinances and made recommendations for improvement.

He continues to work toward installation of a downtown sewer system and is a member of the I-35 Impact committee.

Two seats on the board of aldermen will also be decided in the May elec-

tion, but no candidates have filed. Aldermen Stephen Peters told *Salado Village Voice* that he will likely file for either reelection to the board of aldermen or election as Mayor. Carol Walls said that she would not file again.

Two candidates have filed for two spots on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees: incumbent Jim Reed and Kristi Jarvis.

Miriam Ervi, who has served 12 years, has not decided whether she will seek a fifth term on the board.

Meanwhile, Dr. Bob Denton and Bill Kinnison have both filed for reelection to the Salado Public Library District Board of Directors. Three positions on the board come up for election in May.

Facilities

FROM PAGE 1A

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 Civic Center opened to the public in 1994 with the Salado Chamber of Commerce, Salado Public Library, Salado Historical Society and Salado ISD Administration office as its first tenants.

Salado Police Report Feb. 7-11

Feb. 7

4:35-5:00 p.m., FM 2268- Laly Ln. Assist Other Agency, Holland Police Chief needed assistance in stopping an 18 wheeler tanker truck that had knocked over stop signs in Holland. Located and held suspect unit arrived on scene.

9:00-10:30 p.m., Exxon (Stagecoach Rd.). Disturbance (Arrest), while responding and investigating a Disturbance it was found that the suspect Black Female had a usable amount of marihuana in her possession. Individual was arrested. She also received a ticket for possession of paraphernalia and DOC Language.

10:34-11:00 p.m., Sonic. Medical, assisted SVFD and Scott & White Ambulance. 1 transported to hospital by ambulance.

Feb. 8

2:06-3:15 p.m., 500

Block Santa Rosa. Medical-Unattended Death.

3:15-3:30 p.m., 000 Block S. Main St. Alarm, no emergency, new employee.

8:05-9:05 p.m., Hodge Canyon. Assist Other Agency (Welfare Concern), assisted in locating a suicidal 17 year old white male out in the woods. Located subject. BCSO investigating offence. Cleared.

Feb. 9

2:55 p.m., Church of Christ. Funeral Escort, from church to Salado Cemetery.

5:04-5:30 p.m., I-35 SB 285. 10-50 Major/Assist W-Injuries, assisted SVFD and DPS with traffic control. Cleared.

7:30-7:45 p.m., 17000 Block FM 2115. Assist Other Agency, complainant met with me at the Police Dept. and reported that she had been assault-

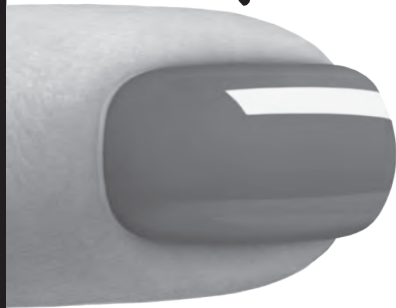
ed. The offense occurred in the County. She was referred to a BCSO Deputy. Cleared.

8:10-9:20 p.m., 500 Block College Hill. Civil Matter, individual stated that the tenant was breaking windows and tearing up her property. Arrived on scene and there was no one there. Individual arrived and told me that she received this information via text message. This is going to be an eviction civil matter. No new damage was found to the house. Cleared.

Feb. 11

5:45-6:05 p.m., 900 Block Santa Maria. Disturbance, resident stated has a family member in the house he is asking to leave and who is refusing. Family member does not reside at this location. Did leave upon request. Clear.

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Jr League promotes Heart Gallery, SMILE

Junior League of Bell County members worked for area children last month through two different but complimentary programs: The Heart Gallery of Central Texas and Project S.M.I.L.E. (Sharing Moments in Laughter and Encouragement) at the Children's Hospital at Scott and White.

"It feels amazing to be a part of something so much bigger than me," said Kellie Tiner, Junior League of Bell County mem-

ber. "When you walked through the gallery the eyes of the children in the photos waiting to be adopted just hits you. You see these wonderful children who are just looking for a home, for someone to love, and for someone to love them."

Tiner and other members of the Junior League of Bell County acted as docents last month for the Heart Gallery of Central Texas, where they welcomed visitors and



shared information about the children in the photographs on the Gallery walls. The goal for the day was to help find "forever homes" for the pictured children of all ages.

A project of the Adoption Coalition of Texas and CASA organizations across Central Texas, The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is both an art exhibit and community education effort. The Heart Gallery features professional portraits of children in foster care who are waiting to be adopted. The portraits were taken by renowned documentary and portrait photographers.

"It was great to see that three photos that day had adopted stickers on them," said Monica Agarwal Junior League of Bell County member.

The goal of The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is to elicit support for and interest in the lives of these children – and ultimately find each child and sibling group a "forever family." Many of the foster children featured in the gallery are older or special needs children, minorities, or members of a sibling group. All are considered hard-to-place children.


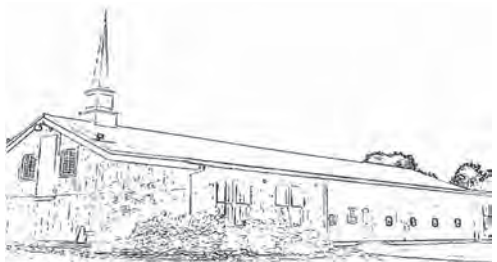
S.M.I.L.E. (Sharing Moments in Laughter and Encouragement) brought "Big Hearts, Little Hands" sponsored by Central Realty Partners to the pediatric patients of the Children's Hospital at Scott and White. The themed event shared valentine handprint painting crafts, valentine boxes and cards with the patients and their siblings. The children also enjoyed adding personal messages and drawings to JLBC's Project S.M.I.L.E. Scrapbook.



All patients receive a Project S.M.I.L.E. Welcome Bag full of community information, local coupons, generous donations of free gifts from local businesses and a collection of the crafts from the night's event to do in their rooms if they were not able to attend the event. "It would not be possible for us to provide this service to our community without all the generous support of our local businesses and sponsors," says Kim White, Project S.M.I.L.E. Committee Co-Chair.

Part of the JLBC mission is to help with the development and well-being of children in Bell County area through community service. Project S.M.I.L.E. (Sharing Mo-

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The Junior League of Bell County's Project

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Mud Pies owner shares business history with Ladies Auxiliary

Titia Arlende, owner of Mud Pies, shared her experiences in starting her business in Salado. She opened her hand thrown stoneware pottery shop in 1993. About the same time the Sir Wigglesworth owner was closing her shop and offered Arledge the famous Wigglesworth fudge recipe. Arledge said she was reluctant wondering how making pottery would go with fudge-making. Much to her surprise her business has not only survived but thrived. She informed the group Brookshire Brothers now sells her fudge. When asked what the most

popular varieties of fudge are she stated the Chocolate Regular, Chocolate Pecan Regular and the Pumpkin. She thought she would do the pumpkin fudge only in the fall but having soldiers coming in from deployment asking for it at various times during the year she decided to make it year round. She says she has 52 varieties now. Her shop is located on Main Street in Salado. Pic: Dorothy Dentry, Vice President, shows Arledge a book entitled Introduction to Pottery, that is being donated to the Salado Public Library in her honor.


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Obituaries



PATRICIA BARTLEY

Funeral services were held for Patricia Bartley, 87, of Salado, February 11, at Heartfield Funeral Home Chapel with Sandra Jacobsen officiating. Interment followed at Salado Cemetery.

She died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012 at her home in Salado.

Patricia Bartley was born on January 25, 1926 at Detroit, MI to the late Richard Anthony and Aleth Mc Bride Taylor. She married Leonard Bartley on November 26, 1947 and they have lived in Texas since 1976. She retired from J.C. Penny in Temple after many years of service.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Leonard Bartley of Salado; son, Al Bartley and wife Jacqueline of Livonia, MI; two daughters, Patricia Bolton of Dearborn HTS, MI, Janet Burson and husband Jackie of Salado; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Scott & White Cancer Research Institute 2401 S. 31st St. Temple, TX 76508.

ERNA LEE MATTHEWS

Funeral services for Erna Lee Matthews, 90, of Belton, were held February 11 at the Dossman Funeral Home Chapel.

Erna Lee Matthews died Thursday, February 9, 2012 in a Temple Hospital.

Erna Lee Matthews was born May 9, 1921 in Bell County, the daughter of Henry and Martha Ann (Huber) Wilcoxson. She married Carroll Lee "Chesty" Matthews June

15, 1938 in Temple. She was a member of the Nolanville Church of Christ since 1946. She was also a long time member of T. O. P. S. #751 in Temple. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters Charlotte Stroud and husband David of Belton and Carolyn Cabaniss of Belton; foster daughter Betty Dulaney of Eddy; six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Cherokee Children's Home P. O. Box 295 Cherokee, Tx 76832



PFC.

JOE CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who was found unresponsive in his barracks room Feb. 8, 2012.

Pfc. Joe Christopher Robinson, 21, was transported by Fort Hood Emergency Medical Services to Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center here and later to Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Texas, where he died Feb. 9.

Robinson, whose home of record is listed as Mineral Wells, Texas, entered active-duty service in July 2008 as an infantryman. He was assigned to 1st Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood since January 2009.

Robinson deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from January to December 2009. Robinson's awards and decorations include the Army

Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with campaign star, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and Driver and Mechanic Badge.

Circumstances surrounding the cause of death is under investigation.

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(Front row 2nd from left) Kerry King owner of Youphoria Day Spa and Salon received the Chamber of Commerce greeting and ribbon cutting Feb. 8 at what is now their second location on Pace Park Dr. Youphoria offers a full service spa and salon featuring massage (single or couples), manicures, pedicures, facials, wraps, reflexology, sinus detox, sugar scrub, spray tanning, with the salon catering to full color, partial foil, highlighting, full service cuts, formal styles and updos. Stop in to meet the staff or call 947-3772 to make an appointment. The original Youphoria is also located in Belton.

Thomas Arnold remembers Anna Ruth Thompson

Former Thomas Arnold Elementary principal Anna Ruth Thompson passed away on Feb. 4. She began her job as elementary principal in

1980 and retired in 1988. Because of her love for reading, she started the library at the elementary school from her own collection of children's books.

"I didn't have the opportunity to know Anna, but she must have been a wonderful person to want to share her love for reading and what a special way to do this, sharing her own books," Principal Lisa Nix said.

Salado ISD is accepting books donated in memory of Anna Thompson. Anyone in the community can donate children's books to Salado ISD in memory of Thompson.

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ments in Laughter and Encouragement) is a grassroots community program initiated in 2011 by the Junior League of Bell County. Through this newly developed program, JLBC welcomes families to the Children's Hospital at Scott and White through welcome bags, encourages children through entertaining monthly events, and serves the children and families through additional volunteer opportunities.

The Junior League is comprised of active, sustainer and provisional members. Active members serve JLBC through a committee or council, contributing volunteer hours in the community and supporting the fundraising efforts of the signature project. Sustainers are those members who no longer serve JLBC through an active placement, but instead offer support through guidance, advice and a financial commitment. Provisionals are new members participating in a training program to learn more about the Junior League.

Junior League of Bell County is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Junior League of Bell County is a nonprofit volunteer organization of women committed to supporting the development and well-being of children in Bell County through community service.

Would you like to become a member? The Junior League of Bell County does not require sponsorship to become a member. All women of the community are welcome to submit names of potential members to membership-info@jlbellco.org or to the Junior League of Bell County, Second Hand Rose, 17 East Central Avenue, Temple, TX, 76501. For more information, please visit the website at jlbellco.org.

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is a project of the Adoption Coalition of Texas, a nonprofit organization whose funds come from individual donors and community foundations. All funds used to support The Heart Gallery of Central Texas are community funds, either derived from direct sponsorships or from the Adoption Coalition of Texas' general operating budget. No state funds are received for this project, or any other Adoption Coalition of Texas project. <http://www.heartgallery-texas.com/>

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Chef Teresa Wilson and Adelea's on Main invite you to join them for an Evening of Fine Dining to Support a Friend.

Dinner by Chef Wilson of Aquarelle in Austin will be served at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at Adelea's on Main. Reservations are limited.

The menu for the dinner include these items:

Appetizers from Almo Alcocer-Thomas and Kristine Kittrell: Jumbo Lump Crab Crepes and Blood Orange Gastrique.

Local Green Salad with Habanero Glazed Quail and Honey Vinaigrette.

Tenderloin of Beef with

Roasted Califlower Puree, Baby Bok Choy and a Black Pepper Demiglaze.

Dessert of Almand Pear Cake and Lemon Creme Anglaise.

The dinner is \$65 and proceeds will benefit Chef Denise Woods, who was diagnosed last year with stage 4 colon cancer. Since her diagnosis, the cancer has metastasized into her liver. She has not been able to work since September due to the side effects of the treatment she is undergoing.

All proceeds will go toward medical expenses that Chef Woods has incurred while fighting this



Chef Denise Woods.

cancer.

For reservations and additional information call 214-293-4579 or email chefdenice@yahoo.com.

For those who cannot attend, donations can be mailed to Denise Woods, 901 Center Circle, Salado, TX 76571.

Packards return to Salado

The 35th Annual Texas Packard Meet will be held March 30-April 1 in Salado.

It is the oldest regional Packard meet in the country and one of the largest.

This meet is sponsored by the Texas Packard Association, comprised of the four Packard Clubs in Texas.

It will be held at the Stagecoach Inn in historic Salado.

Typically there are 40 to 70 cars and well over 100 master registrations. Being the 35th edition of this great meet will likely increase the numbers!

Participants enjoy a tour, all Packard swap meet, people's choice competition, seminars, and awards dinner. Packard lovers from all over the country compete for the long distance award.

Fees for registration vary according to activities selected but fees are among the most reasonable for like events.

Viewing for the public is free on Saturday morning March 30 on the grounds of the Stagecoach Inn.

Packards were once seen as some of the most



A graceful hood ornament atop a classic Packard automobile.

prestigious on the market. The founder of the company, James Ward Packard, was an engineer by trade and began producing automobiles as early as 1899. The first Packards were designed as luxury automobiles and were priced much higher than the competition. In 1902, the Ohio Automobile Company was renamed The Packard Motor Car Company and moved to Detroit. The last Packard came off of the assembly-line in 1958.

For more info contact meet registrar Beverly Clark at bclark@stic.net or 210 922 1300. Detailed information can be found at the website www.texaspackardmeet.com

Teen raises money for Europe trip

Salado teen Meghin Deakins has been chosen to go on a trip to Italy, Sicily and Greece this summer through the People to People Ambassador Program.

She is raising funds for the trip by offering David James gourmet coffee. The coffees are for sale at Mud Pies Pottery on Main St. Salado.

Every bag of coffee purchased makes a significant contribution toward the cost of Deakins' trip.

David James gourmet coffee "is made with a century's old recipe of South American Arabica beans that are carefully blended to produce one of the world's finest coffees," Deakins said. "And my dad -- who is a coffee connoisseur -- absolutely



Meghin Deakins

loves it!"

The People to People movement was launched in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. It bridges cultural and political borders through direct interaction, unparalleled access and unique experiences.



Sales of David James coffee at Mud Pies Pottery will help Meghin Deakins take a People to People trip this summer.



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

MONDAYS
Village Quilters and Knitters, 1:30 p.m. at Village Art Building.

TUESDAYS
Salado Village Artists, Village Art Building, 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS
Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

THURSDAYS
Ladies night at Salado Creek Winery, 227 N. Main St., 254-947-9000, www.saladoswirl-and-sip.com.

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

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

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

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

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

THROUGH MARCH 27
Teen Knitting Tuesdays 3-4 p.m. \$5 per session. The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern

Comforts, 22 N Main. \$20 class fee + supplies. saladoyarn@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 16
Salado Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. in the Salado Chamber office and Visitor's Center.

FEBRUARY 16
Children Learn to Knit ages 7-14. 4-5 p.m. \$10 includes yarn, knitting bag and pattern. At The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. saladoyarn@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 16
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 Stagecoach Rd.

FEBRUARY 17
Texas Naturalist Series at Salado Public Library, 1 p.m. Citizen Science and Bird Conservation: How You Can Contribute to Large-Scale Bird Conservation Effort by Watching Birds in Your Own Backyard, presented by Jim Giocomo, the Oaks and Praires Join Venture Coordinator for the American Bird Conservancy.

FEBRUARY 18
Bell county native Jack Oliver will be signing his new autobiography "Full Circle" at the Salado Public Library at 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20
Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

FEBRUARY 21
Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting on Austin's Old 100, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library. Public is always welcome.

FEBRUARY 22
Salado Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center, luncheon meeting.

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

FEBRUARY 24
Talent Show featuring the talents of Thomas Arnold Elementary and Salado Intermediate School students, 6-8 p.m. in the SIS cafeteria.

FEBRUARY 24
Fourth Friday Gospel Singing at Cedar Valley Baptist Church, beginning at 7 p.m. 8 miles west of Salado on FM 2843. Potluck dinner served.

FEBRUARY 26

Bring your own brush art project and dinner, 2-5 p.m. at Salado Merchantile, 371 South Main St. For info, 254-231-1399.

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 12
St. Stephen Women's Society meeting, 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Catholic Church Parish Hall. Program on Native Plants, with Master Naturalists Debbie Blair and Becky Denton.

MARCH 12
Community Emergency Response Team of Salado (CERTS) meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

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://smokinspokes.homestead.com/

APRIL 13
Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. Call 254-947-5040.

APRIL 13-15
Buick car club gathering in Salado. Public viewing of the cars will be held. Details to come.

APRIL 14
Second Annual Jazz Under the Stars, sponsored by National Pan-Hellenic Council, Killeen/Fort Hood Chapter. Gates open at 6 p.m., showtime at 6:30 p.m. Catered Food, and Tablerock Concession Food available. Information: Stephanie Miller at 254-291-6015.

APRIL 20-22
Lincoln car club gathering in Salado. Public viewing of the cars will be held. Details to come.

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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.

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MAY 11-13

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JULY 21, 28 & AUG. 4
20th Annual Salado Legends. Dinner reservations required. Dinner 7:15 p.m. \$8 adult or child. Show 8:15 p.m., \$17 Adult, \$5 child under 12. Tickets: www.tablerock.org or call 254-947-9205. Ticket office, concession opens at 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 3

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

OCT. 6 & 7

A Christmas Carol & Fright Trail Auditions at

Tablerock. Call 254-947-9205.

OCTOBER 12-13

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

OCTOBER 27-28

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

OCTOBER 27 & 28

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

NOVEMBER 10-12

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

NOVEMBER 29

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

Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2

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

Nov. 30, Dec 1, 7, 8

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DECEMBER 7-9

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



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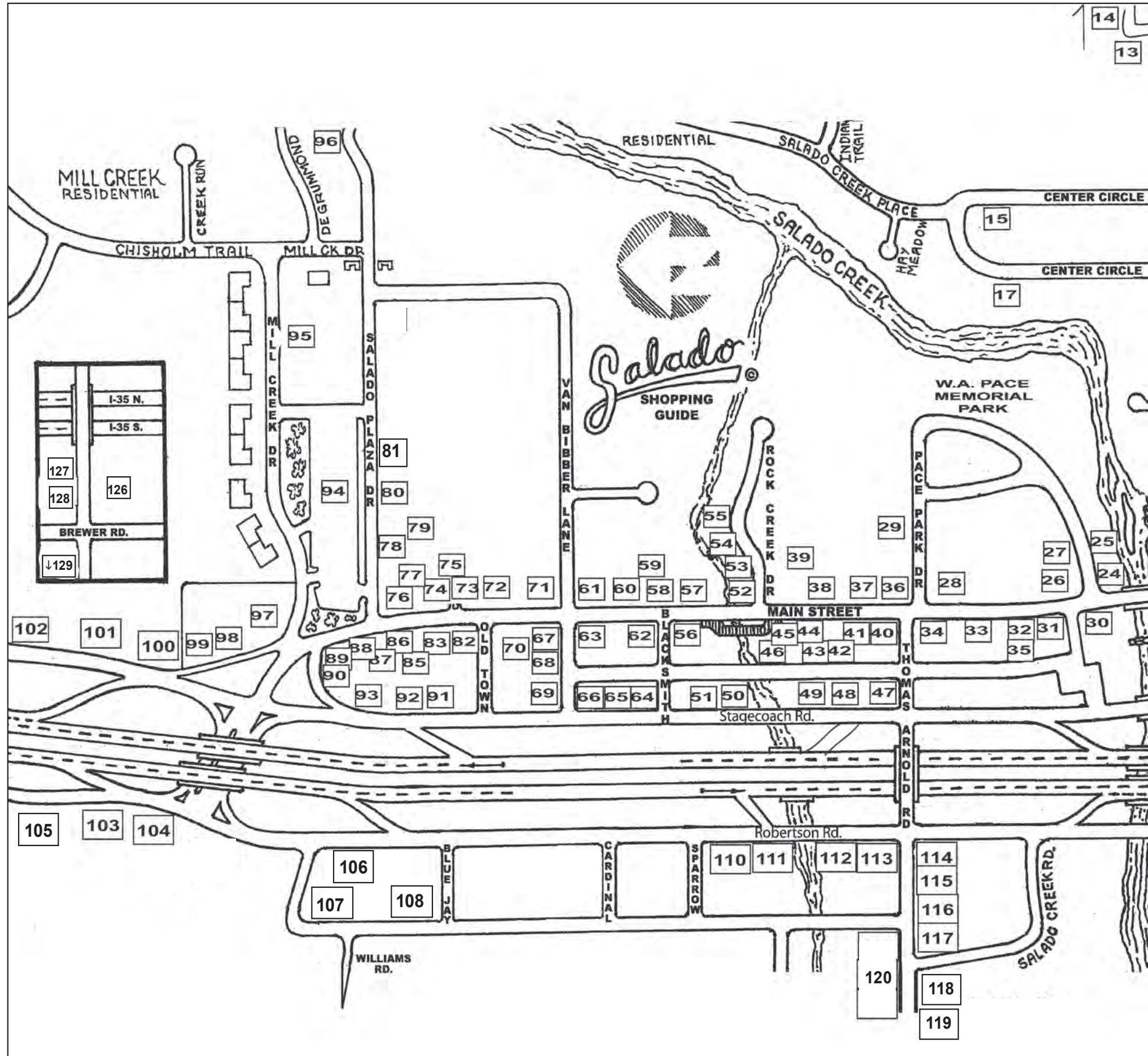


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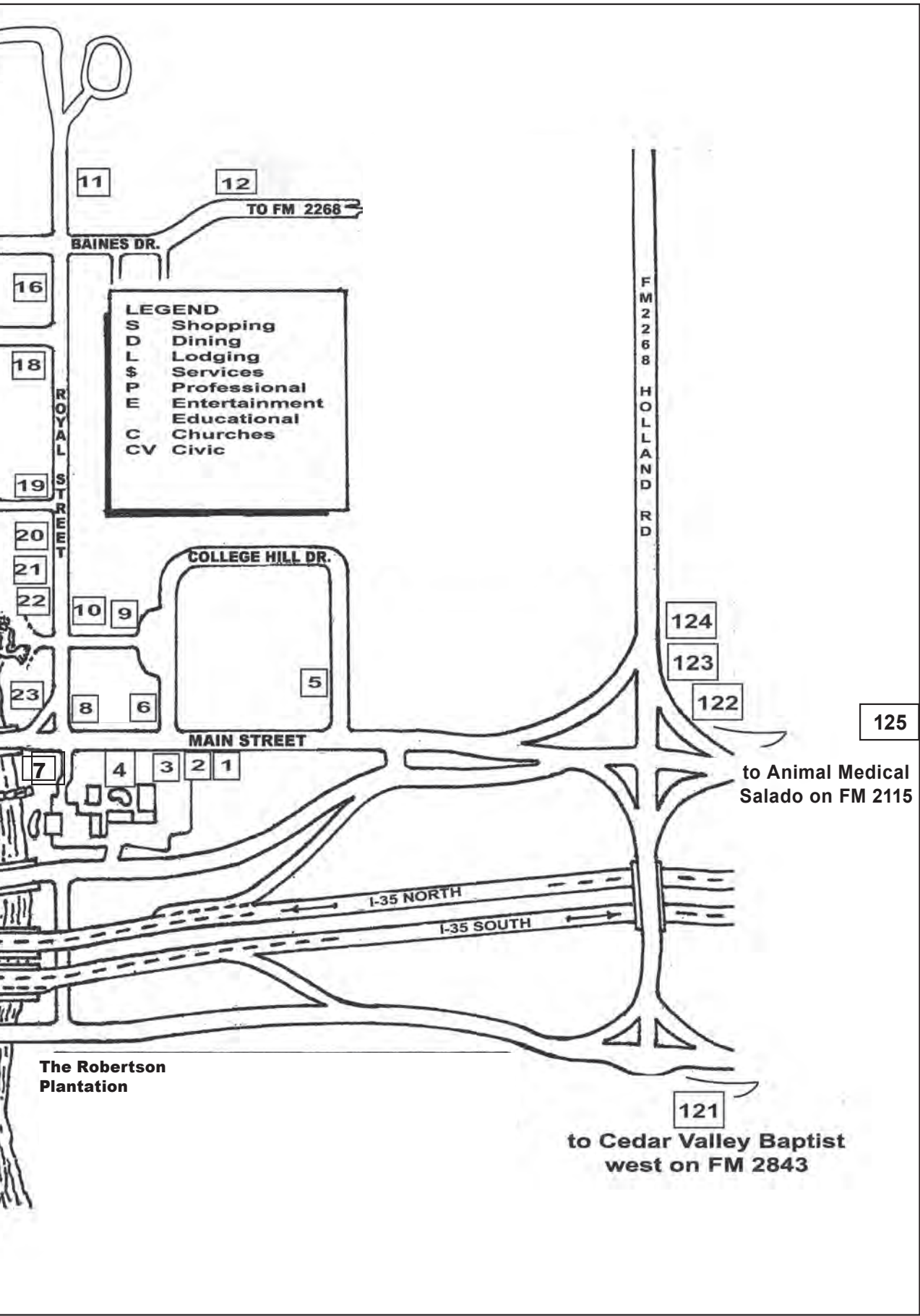
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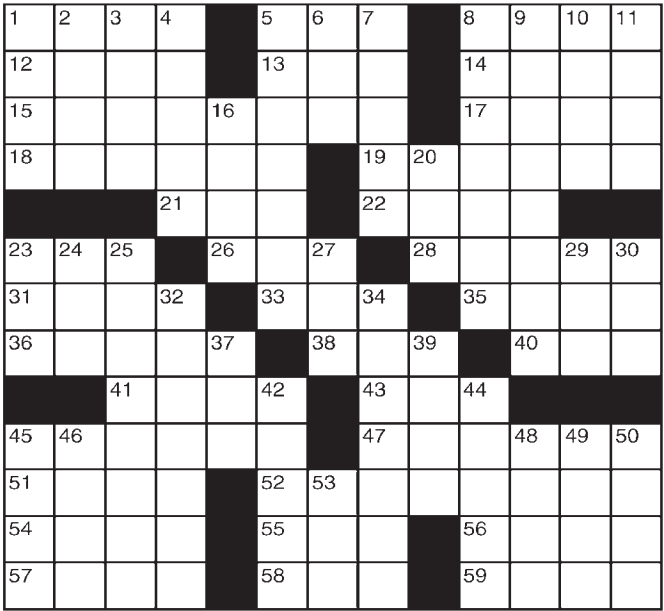
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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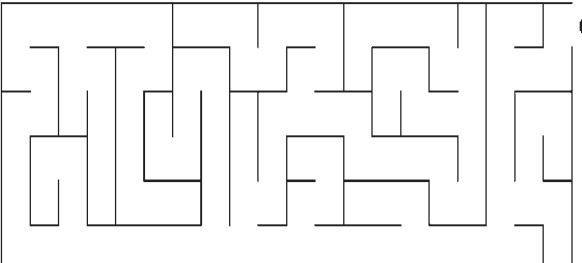
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze



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Birding BITS

BY Cindy Brook

Winter Visitors

Every winter, migrating chipping sparrows come to my little-bird feeding area and stay until May. Last year I hosted more than two dozen. This year I have seen only a few, but much to my surprise, American goldfinches are here. I love migration. You never know who will show up.

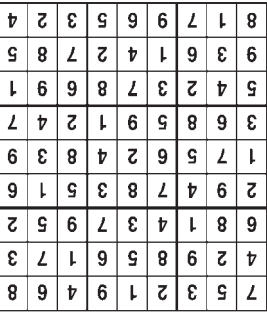
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Answer

— Weekly SUDOKU —

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ Q J 8 6 3
♥ 10 9
♦ K J 8 5 4 2
♣ —

EAST
♠ A 10 9 5 2
♥ Q
♦ A 10 9 3
♣ Q 8 3

SOUTH
♠ 4
♥ A 8 4
♦ 7
♣ A K J 7 6 5 4 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
2♥	2♠	3♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♣	Pass
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Opening lead queen of spades.

It takes two to tango

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

This deal comes from a team-of-four match. At the first table, South wound up in six clubs doubled after North had opened with a weak two-heart bid.

West led the queen of spades, on which declarer played low from dummy. East followed with the deuce, in effect asking his partner to stop playing the suit. (Had East wanted another spade lead, he would have played a higher spade.) But West, ignoring his partner's request that he shift to another suit, continued with a spade.

For declarer, this was manna from heaven. He ruffed the spade, cashed the ace of clubs, led a heart to dummy's king, returned the ten of clubs to his jack, drew East's last trump and claimed the rest of the tricks. West's failure to lead a diamond at trick two, the obvious shift, allowed declarer to score 1,090 points instead of losing 100.

The deal demonstrates the importance of partnership cooperation on defense. Perhaps West was constitutionally unable to bring himself to lead away from the king of diamonds at trick two and decided instead to make the "safe" lead of another spade. But, as later events proved, the spade continuation was not really safe.

Oddly enough, West's mistake was only a small part of a double disaster for his team. At the other table, his teammates, sitting North-South, allowed their opponents to play six spades doubled, making with an overtrick, for a score of 1,860 points! Declarer ruffed South's king-of-clubs lead in dummy, finessed the queen of spades and easily took the rest of the tricks.

The successful team thus gained 2,950 points on this one deal!

Hearty vegetarian soups

VEGGIE RICE BOWL

Serves 2

It doesn't have to be Valentine's Day to share this "rice-bowl-built-for-two" from a large, decorative bowl with two pairs of chopsticks.

- Ingredients
- 3/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth
 - 2/3 cup uncooked brown rice*
 - 1/4 pound (2-3 pieces) frozen Nature's Rancher Chicken Tenderloins
 - 2 cups broccoli florets
 - 2 carrots, thinly sliced
 - 1/2 red bell pepper, stemmed, cored and thinly sliced
 - 1/2 avocado, peeled, pitted and thinly sliced
 - 1 sheet toasted sushi nori, cut or torn into small pieces
 - 1/4 cup orange juice
 - 1/2 tsp barley miso



Method

Put broth, 2/3 cup water, rice and chicken into a medium pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer until rice is almost tender, about 35 minutes. Scatter broccoli and carrots over the top, cover and continue to cook until vegetables are tender, 6 to 8 minutes more. Transfer broccoli and carrots to a plate, and then shred chicken, stirring it into the rice. Spoon

rice and chicken into a large bowl and attractively arrange broccoli, carrots, peppers, avocado and nori on top. In a small bowl, whisk together orange juice and miso; drizzle over bowl, or serve on the side for dipping.

Nutrition per serving: 290 calories (80 from fat), 9g total fat, 1.5g saturated fat, 35mg cholesterol, 210mg sodium, 34 total carbohydrate (9g dietary fiber, 8g sugar), 20g protein

ANCIENT GRAIN STUFFED RED BELL PEPPERS

Serves 4

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

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



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

Method

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

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

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

APPLE-SCENTED BREAKFAST OATMEAL AND BUCKWHEAT

Serves 4

Top this nutritious, hearty breakfast with fresh berries, dried fruit and nuts or flax seeds and then pour a bit of hemp or almond milk over the top. Only have frozen fruit on hand? Stir it into the pot during the last few minutes of cooking.

- Ingredients
- 1 cup rolled oats
 - 1/2 cup buckwheat groats
 - 2 cups pure apple juice
 - 2 cups water
 - 1 cinnamon stick

Method

Put oats and groats into a medium pot and cook



over medium heat, stirring often, until toasted and fragrant, 5 to 7 minutes. Meanwhile, put juice, water and cinnamon into a small pot and heat over medium heat until hot. Carefully add hot juice mixture to oats and groats and return to the heat. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium low and simmer, stirring oc-

asionally, until liquid is absorbed and oats and groats are tender, about 10 minutes. Remove and discard cinnamon, ladle into bowls and serve.

Nutrition per serving: 210 calories (15 from fat), 2g total fat, 0g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 10mg sodium, 43g total carbohydrate (4g dietary fiber, 15g sugar), 6g protein



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Full Circle: Oliver to sing autobiography at Salado Library Feb. 18

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Jack Oliver will sign his new autobiography at 2 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Salado Public Library.

The autobiography Full Circle was published late in 2011 and recounts Oliver's life as a Bell County native, former county commissioner and World War II bombardier-navigator.

His name at birth was John W. Oliver, Jr., but everyone knows him as Jack. And Jack doesn't know many strangers, if any at all.

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Oliver was born on a farm in the Three Forks community on Sept. 21, 1924, the second child to John Walthall and Elizabeth Miller Oliver.

Oliver touches on scenes throughout his life, from early schoolhouse memories to attending Texas A&M University to flying 53 missions as a bombardier-navigator in the European campaign of World War II. His unit



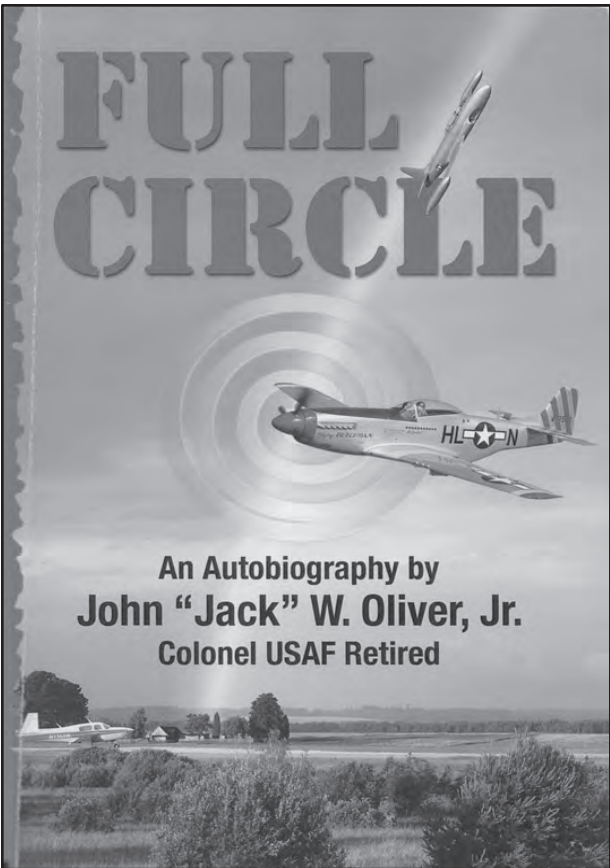
John W. "Jack" Oliver, Jr.

had 100 percent turnover rate from fatalities and casualties during Oliver's years and he received two Purple Hearts, the Distinguished Flying Cross and several Group Commendation Medals.

During his 30-year career first in the Army Air Corps and later in the US Air Force Jack was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Throughout the timeline, Jack continually deflects attention to the other men and women in his life, from his wife of 67 years Miriam to his father to County Judge John Garth to his Sergeants to his Generals to his Civilians. The readers find the word "we" accentuating Jack's story.

Oliver received his regular Army commis-



"Full Circle" is now available in soft-cover for \$10.

sion in 1947 just before he graduated from pilot training. Upon graduation from pilot training, he transferred to the new Air Force, where he served for 25 years, flying all types of aircraft.

The Olivers moved to a 208 acre farm near Salado in 1972.

He served as county commissioner representing Salado and parts of Killeen for 12 years.

He served several years as the Air Corps representative on the Retiree

Council. He continues to serve on the Ft. Hood Retiree Council as an associate member.

He was honored by III Corps and Fort Hood as a Distinguished Retiree during a retiree awards ceremony at III Corps' flagpole last fall.

He and wife Miriam remain active in many Salado community events.

Oliver's book is now available for order online for \$10 per copy for soft-cover from www.createspace.com/3687592.

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Republican women planning annual fine china luncheon

Salado Area Republican Women are making plans for their seventh annual fine china luncheon and fundraiser set for 11 a.m. March 22 in the Sirena Room of Tenroc Ranch. This year the theme will be elegant or eclectic, according to third vice president, Nancy Norris.

Funds raised at the luncheon will help support the many Americanism projects, such as the do-

nation of books to a local library and providing personal dictionaries to each third-grader in the Salado school. This past year the Salado Republican Women participated in several projects for the military. The group has sent care packages to troops for two years now. In addition SARW distributed 11,000 Psalm 91 books to Ft. Hood. "We crocheted helmet liners and sent in the packages along with candy, books, toiletries and more," said member Barclay McCort.

This past fall some of

the members participated in the Star Quilt Project (Just One Star through modafabrics.com). The project of Star Quilt is innovative in that it is a new program started in Texas. "Anything we do for our troops shows strong support for the military, a basic tenet of the Republican platform," stated McCort, Awards chairman.

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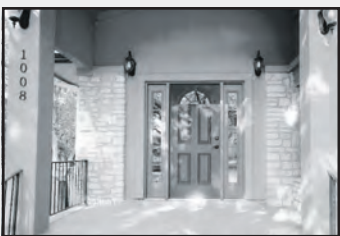
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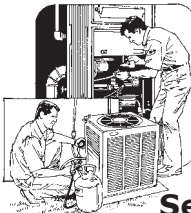
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BY JOANN DERSON
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• Looking for a more natural way to clean? Here's one for the bathroom: Clean chrome with baking soda on a soft, damp cloth. Follow up with vinegar for some shine. Spray lightly and wipe away with a clean cloth.
• "Men, make your own aftershave. Thin a bottle of baby lotion with a little rubbing alcohol. Put in a hand-lotion bottle, and use half a squirt. No sting, and soft, smooth skin." -- T.G. in Illinois
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BPA in cash register receipts

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that Bisphenol A (BPA)—which is harmful to human health—was found to be present in retail cash register receipts and that, since those receipts get recycled, the chemical may also be present in toilet paper and other paper products?

-- Jocelyn Mitchell, via e-mail

Many of us already know the risks associated with regular use of products containing the plastic hardener and synthetic estrogen Bisphenol A (BPA)—and have switched over to BPA-free water and baby bottles and food storage containers. But the recent revelation that many of the receipts handed around every day in the U.S. contain the chemical has been a real shocker to those already worried about BPA exposure.

Many thermal papers used in the U.S.—receipts, event tickets, labels—contain so-called “free”



BPA (that is, not bound into resin or plastic), which helps “develop” the inks to make the printed information visible. “While there is little concern for dermal absorption of BPA, free BPA can readily be transferred to skin and residues on hands can be ingested,” reports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Laboratory tests commissioned by the non-profit Environmental Working Group (EWG) and carried out by the University of Missouri Division of Biological Sciences Laboratory in 2010 found high levels of BPA on 40 percent of receipts sampled from major U.S. businesses and services, including McDonald’s, Chevron, CVS, KFC, Whole



Foods, WalMart, Safeway and the U.S. Postal Service, among others. “The total amounts of BPA on receipts tested were 250 to 1,000 times greater than other, more widely discussed sources of BPA exposure, including canned foods, baby bottles and infant formula,” reported EWG. Wipe tests conducted by the lab easily removed BPA “indicating that the chemical could rub off on the hands of a person handling the receipt.”

While BPA contamination of food is still a bigger problem, says EWG, a large number of Americans—especially

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to additional amounts of BPA through handling receipts. An EWG analysis of U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data found that retail workers carry an average of 30 percent more BPA in their bodies than other adults.

Another more exhaustive study of BPA in thermal paper receipts and 14 other types of papers found the chemical in a whopping 94 percent of samples from the U.S., Japan, Korea and Vietnam. The State University of New York researchers behind the study, which was published in September 2011 in the peer-reviewed journal Environmental Science & Technology, estimate that receipts and other thermal paper products contribute around 33.5 tons of BPA to the environment in the U.S. and Canada each year. Even more disturbing was their finding that BPA in thermal paper receipts also contami-

nates paper recycling and is showing up in napkins, toilet paper and other common papers with recycled content.

On a more encouraging note, Wisconsin's Appleton Papers, the world's largest thermal paper maker, removed BPA from its products in 2006. And the EPA has since launched a program to evaluate the safety and availability of alternatives to BPA in thermal paper. Public health advocates and environmentalists, of course, would like to see BPA phased out entirely.


CONTACTS: EPA, www.epa.gov/oppt/existingchemicals/pubs/actionplans/bpa_action_plan.pdf; EWG, www.ewg.org; "Widespread Occurrence of Bisphenol A in Paper and Paper Products: Implications for Human Exposure," Environmental Science & Technology, www.pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es202507f.

FLASHBACK

By MICK HARPER


1. When did the Beatles arrive in the U.S. for the first time?
2. Name the all-instrumental group that outsold the Beatles in 1966.
3. Where did the band Mungo Jerry get its name?
4. Why were police called to a California radio studio in March 1972 when Donny Osmond's "Puppy Love" was played?
5. How did Klaatu get its name?
6. In what year was the Rolling Stones' last tour with long-time bass guitarist Bill Wyman. Hint: It promoted their "Steel Wheels" album.

Answers
1. Feb. 7, 1964. The two-week tour took them to New York City, Washington, D.C., and Miami.
2. Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass. Alpert had five albums in the Top 20 at the same time.
3. Mungo Jerry is a takeoff on a poem "Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer" from "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats" by T.S. Eliot. Their first hit was "In the Summertime" in 1970.
4. Because DJ Robert W. Morgan of studio KHJ in Hollywood had repeatedly played the song for more than 90 minutes. Worried fans thought something was wrong.
5. Rock band Klaatu named themselves after the alien in the movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still," no doubt the original black-and-white 1951 version.
6. The Stones' Urban Jungle tour began in the Netherlands in May 1990.

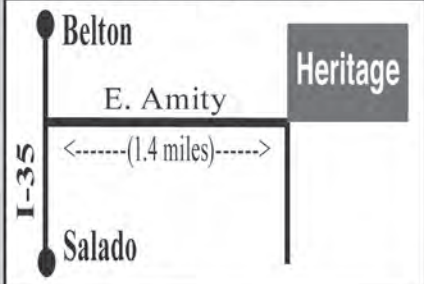


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It's still February, but spring planting season is just around the corner -- even in traditionally colder areas of the country like the Northeast, which experienced a warm winter with little snow this year. That means homeowners should be going over their outdoor lawn-care and garden tools and equipment, making sure everything is ready to go when March roars in.

If you treated wooden-handled tools with linseed oil or other wood treatment and hung them up over the winter, take those tools down now and wipe away excess oil and check for water damage or other problems. Make sure that hinged parts move smoothly and are free of corrosion and dirt. Then, place the tools in an easily accessible place, ready to grab when you need them.

Lawnmowers and other equipment also need to be readied for the growing season, even though it may be awhile before they're needed. Take the lawnmower out of the ga-

rage or shed to a well-ventilated area. Check the blades to make sure they're free of rust and corrosion; if you detached the blades for storage, reattach now.

Turn the mower upright and, with the spark plug disconnected and the fuel tank empty, give the starter cord a few pulls. Next, connect the spark plug and fill the tank with the proper fuel-oil mixture (see the manufacturer's manual for details). Start the mower and allow it to run for a minute or two. Then, shut it down and store it upright in an easily accessible place, ready to use.

Do the same with other outdoor equipment over the next couple of weekends. Not only will you know that your tools are ready when the weather is, but you'll be able to repair any damaged tools or equipment before they're needed.

HOME TIP: Keep tools dry and accessible by installing a pegboard with adjustable hooks on one wall of the garage, shed or workspace.

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