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Humbug Christmas Carol returns for 20th Salado season

Shannon Ashe will direct Tablerock's 20th annual performance of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol at the Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal Street in Salado. Dates for the production on the Tablerock stage are on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 7-8.

Harry Sweet adapted Charles Dickens's famous Christmas story to the stage and directed "Carol" for 14 years.

Shannon Ashe, the 2012 Director, has served as Stage Manager, Assistant Director and has portrayed Mrs. Cratchit in previous presentations of A Christmas Carol on the Tablerock stage. She was elected to the Tablerock Board of Directors in 2007. Shannon is a Theater Arts Major and has acted for the Waco Civic Theater and Temple Civic Theater productions. She is married to Rick Ashe who was the Mayor of Salado for six years and is the mother of Addie Ashe who plays The Ghost of



Keith McCormack will portray Ebenezer Scrooge.

Christmas Past in A Christmas Carol. Rick Ashe will be in charge of Sound. Shannon also serves as a Village of Salado Alderman.

Keith McCormack will grace the Tablerock stage with his portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge. Keith has acted in many Temple Civic Theater productions and has played in Tablerock's Salado Legends, Fright Trail and has been a cast member of A Christmas Carol for the past 13 years.

Performance will begin at 7 p.m. each evening at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater. Tickets are available at the gate: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets may also be purchased on line at www.tablerock.org. The concession stand opens at 6:30 p.m. for sandwiches, cold and hot drinks, chips and candy. For information call Tablerock at 1-254-947-9205 or e-mail tablerock1@aol.com

Water rights in Texas based on Spanish law

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In the earliest history of Texas, water rights were much the same as they are today.

The surface water belonged to the King of Spain. The water in the ground belonged to the landowner and was his to pump and use in whatever way he chose.

Dr. Charles Porter, assistant professor at St. Edwards University in Austin, discussed individual property rights and the role of the government (King or Congress) during his presentation "300 Years of Groundwater Management in Texas (Viceroys to GCDs) at Clearwater Underground Water Control District's (CUWCD) 12th Annual Bell County Water Symposium Nov. 15 in Belton.

"Respect for water was bred in the bone of the Spaniard," Dr. Porter said. Dr. Porter spoke about Isidoro Felix de Espinoza, who wrote back to the King in 1709 that he had discovered San Antonio spring, which shot a geyser about nine feet high. "He wrote to the king that 'the water here can support a ciudad.'"

The Catholic missions and settlers in San Antonio were instructed by the King in December 25, 1731 to divide and distribute the water, to share it and to work in "cooperation and conservation" with each other, Dr. Porter said.

In 1742, Dr. Porter said, is found the first example in which a land deed severs the water rights. "The first deeds in Spanish Texas," Dr. Porter explained, "de-

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scribed the amount of water that the land yielded.... that's how important water was."

Spanish law protected individual property rights, initiative, use of the land for economic development and accumulation of wealth. It respected local control and management of water rights, Dr. Porter said.

Many similarities remain between Spanish law regarding water rights and Texas law, including these:

- Groundwater belongs to the landowner. Surface water belongs to the state (or King, as the case may be).

- Local control is important.

- There is no liability for drilling next to your neighbor, as long as it is "not wasteful or malicious."

- The right to water is protected for domestic and livestock uses.

Dr. Porter opened his presentation with a quote from Dr. David Weber: "Water doesn't run downhill, it runs toward money."

This quote continues to prove itself everyday in the courts of Texas and will do so even more in the coming years, particularly with the more recent impact of fracking and urban issues on water needs.

With photos of 50-acre tanks capable over his shoulder, Dr. Porter talked about the fracking industry in Texas and the willingness of agricultural landowners to lease water rights to the fracking industry.

"They (ranchers and farmers) are looking at \$10,000 to \$20,000 per month in leases from them (fracking industry)," Dr. Porter said, adding that these landowners may find that they lose their ag valuations in the process. "If that happens, they have a five year rollback of taxes due and then another five years of ag use before they can qualify again for the ag valuation," Dr. Porter said.

Dr. Porter explained that there are 100 active oil wells being drilled in Reed County. He pointed to a picture of a Public Fresh Water tank that has instructions to users: "If you take water, fill out a card with what you take and send in a check," Dr. Porter explained, asking, "What is the long play on that?"

The long play Dr. Porter predicts will end up with hard choices between urban use, industrial use and rural use of water.

Splashtown in San Antonio generates \$800,000 to \$1.6 million per year in sales tax revenues to the state and local governments. "That's using the same amount of water that might make a Hondo farmer another \$15,000 or \$30,000," Dr. Porter said, asking "Who's going to win that fight?"

Dr. Porter referred to the recent election maps. "The difference in the election was urban versus rural," he said.

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Aldermen approve trolley purchase

Salado aldermen, at their Nov. 15 meeting, unanimously approved the purchase of a \$16,995 trolley to be initially funded through the general fund and paid back over five years.

Alderman Bryan Fritch proposed the purchase of the trolley shuttle, which will have the capacity to seat 14 passengers and will come equipped with a radio/CD player and public address system. This


"would make it eminently suitable for the Tourism Director to use in conducting historical tours and to transport groups that are contemplating making the Village a destination event for weddings, conferences, etc."

Golf carts have been rented several weekends each year for \$450-700 per weekend. Purchase of the trolley would allow for the use of the vehicle at any time by the Village

for groups and weekend events.

Alderman Fritch suggested that the trolley could be rented by local groups such as the Salado Rotary Club for weekend fund raisers.


In other business, aldermen appointed Bill Shepperd to the Planning and Zoning commission (replacing Larry Nathanson) and Shannon Ashe to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (replacing Sheila Lehmann).

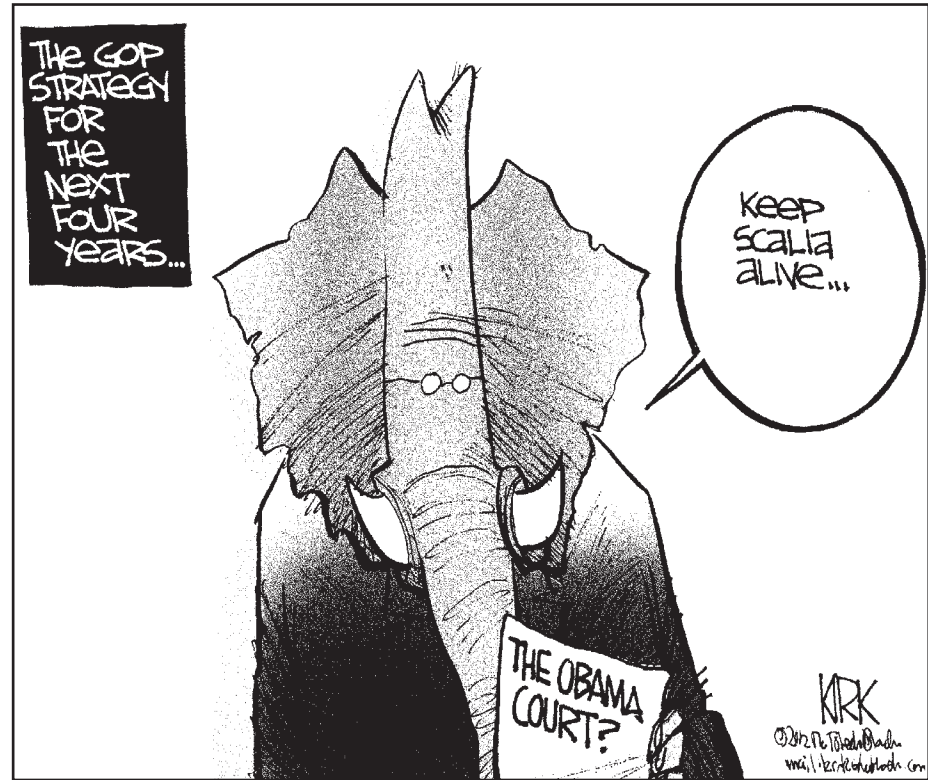


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GOP's cold comfort

No sooner had the electoral thundercloud arrived Nov. 6 than some Republicans began searching it for a silver lining. It is an understandable impulse after a defeat to want to minimize its magnitude and rationalize away its causes. But there are no comforting augurs for Republicans in President Barack Obama's victory. It was crushing and ominous, and it's pointless to try to deny it. Republicans are comforting themselves with a few arguments, none of which is persuasive.

It was a close election. Yes, but that doesn't quite capture it. A better way to think of it is as a narrow landslide. The president won by more than two points nationally, a big margin by contemporary standards. The Electoral College magnified it into a 332-206 stomping. While just 400,000 more votes in four key states would have won the election for Mitt Romney, two can play that game. John Kerry lost by about 120,000 votes in decisive Ohio in 2004, and Al Gore by 500 votes in decisive Florida in 2000 (while he won the national popular vote). These, by the way, are the only two presidential elections Democrats have lost in the past six.

This year, Republicans only managed to take back Indiana and North Carolina from 2008. And Obama had coattails. Democrats picked up two Senate seats in a year when Republicans dreamed of taking back the majority because so many Democratic seats were up. They picked up about seven House seats despite re-districting that tilted the playing field in the GOP's direction. Republicans had better hope they don't suffer defeats in many more such close elections.

Mitt Romney was a weak candidate. Sure, Romney was flawed. He was never a natural politician, and his private-equity background amplified negative perceptions of Republicans. But Romney was clearly the strongest of the candidates in the primary field in the run-up to a winna-

Rich Lowry



ble general election. What does that say about the party? The Washington Post points out that in almost every important Senate race, the Republican candidate actually underperformed Romney.

Romney was too moderate. No doubt, Romney is ultimately a pragmatic problem-solver. But he ran on arguably the most conservative platform since Barry Goldwater. He won conservatives handily, 82 percent to 17 percent. But conservatives are only 35 percent of the electorate. He lost moderates, who were 41 percent of the electorate, by 56-41. Presumably, they weren't voting against him because they thought he wasn't conservative enough.

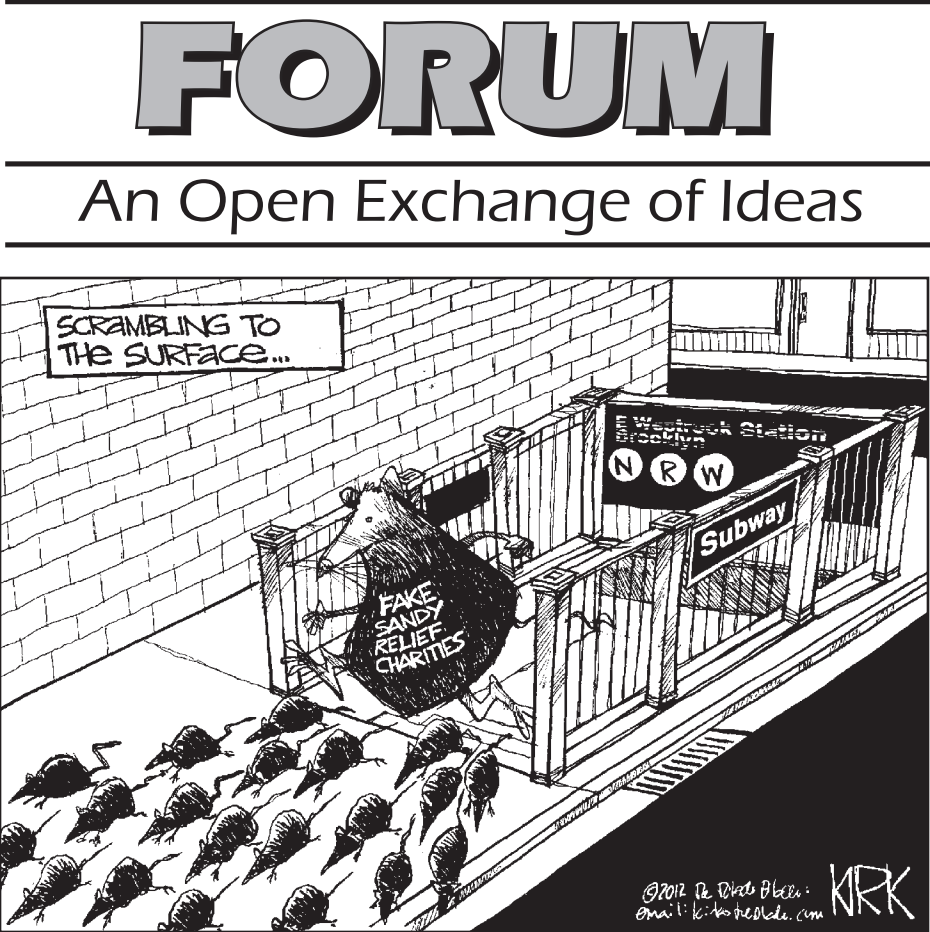
The GOP has a strong bench. True enough. The party has talented up-and-coming politicians, but no one can know if any of them will make a compelling presidential candidate. Or know that Democrats won't have a compelling new candidate of their own.

Republicans will benefit from a period of soul-searching. Well, they might. On the other hand, it could just as easily be a period of divisiveness, folly and self-delusion.

Denial is a natural stage of grief. It's a psychological mechanism that is of no use to a political party, though. Republican clarity must begin with a frank assessment of the Debacle of 2012.

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Schools and storms

To the Editor:

"The safety of our students is our top priority" stated the district in its only parent response immediately following last month's teacher sexual misconduct charges. Nothing more and nothing since.

Over the last several months, there have been other chinks in the armor of SISD student safety - none rising to the most recent level of public exposure - rather running their course, quietly disappearing into the abyss and preserving the nebulous vision of "Salado ISD, where excellence is expected."

Many students don't speak up or out because they fear retaliation or worse yet - are desensitized - knowing that at best, nothing will be done.

Dozens of transient faces are a mere block from campus working on the I-35 expansion, two dozen registered sex offenders live or work in the area (three within a half-mile of the elementary campus) and a blind eye is turned to beer, wine and live music across from the elementary campus and down the street from the high school; yet campus access points are wide open.

Our district must choose action over words and work with safety experts, law enforcement, staff and families to take meaningful steps toward stronger security controls, training, and standards of conduct that demand zero tolerance for unacceptable behaviors; creating proto-

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cols that protect Salado's youth from bad actors and situations, both from outside...and within.

Only then will all parents be assured that student safety is indeed a top priority and we'll provide thanksgiving our children are secure.

Brian Sunshine
Salado

From the Editor:

The administration responded in the most appropriate and quickest manner possible.

Within 24 hours of Superintendent Michael Novotny having information about the accusation, the teacher was no longer on campus and had resigned. Information was immediately turned over to law enforcement and Child Protective Services. Since Sunshine provides no specifics of how the district might have better handled the situation, one might assume that nothing short of a public flogging -- before guilt is even proven -- would have satisfied him.

Sunshine uses one incident to cast a shadow on the entire school operation and management. This is not only unfair but scurrilous.

Truth is, our elementary children run and play safely behind a tall fence every school day, under the watchful eye of teachers and volunteers, including the WATCH DOGS (Dads of Great Students).

Mentors can only meet with their students at the school or school-sponsored events. When a sex offender moves into the district, law enforcement informs administrators.

Perhaps in the name of "safety" SISD could:

- erect watch towers
- post armed guards at each entrance
- bar the doors and windows of every building.
- inject GPS chips underneath the skin of each and every child.

Or, perhaps in the name of sanity, parents might better be served by realizing that the district is doing a very good job of keeping their children safe. In the name of safety, those parents could teach their own children to always be alert and aware.

But not to always be afraid.

Tim Fleischer

To the Editor:

The front pages of daily newspapers have reported about the horrific conditions in New York City following hurricane Sandy. Here's one guy who is being forced to leave town with his young child for sanctuary out of state. And, another who is afraid to leave because he only has a half tank of gas in his car. The article goes on to explain how dark the streets are and that makes it scary for everybody. It's

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Texas Thanksgiving

BY JOHN CARTER
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Thanksgiving, like the Fourth of July, is a uniquely American holiday, one in which we put aside for a day our political differences and give thanks for the blessings we have received for our families and our nation. But that shouldn't stop us from taking a look at the history of Thanksgiving as it relates to Texas.

Most Americans are ignorant of the fact that Thanksgiving was celebrated in Texas 23 years before the first Pilgrim set foot by accident in Massachusetts in 1621. Now we in Texas don't mean that as an insult to our northern brethren. As Will Rogers said, we're all ignorant — just about different things.

When and where Thanksgiving officially began always hinges on one of three arguments. Is the birthplace of Thanksgiving determined by the location of the first official feast of Thanksgiving by Euro-

pean colonists, or the first proclamation declaring an annual day of Thanksgiving, and is the recognition of a late Thursday in November a pre-condition for winning the contest?

If the answer is the former, Texas wins, and out with the turkeys. According to the Texas Almanac, El Paso celebrated the first Thanksgiving in North America. Spanish explorer Juan de Onate and his expedition of some 600 soldiers and colonists officially celebrated April 30, 1598 as a day of Thanksgiving on the site of what would become El Paso. They reportedly had ducks, geese, and fish.

Unfortunately, if we insist on the establishment of November as the month, we're back to turkeys and some other state.

But Texans are certainly not the first to challenge the traditional misunderstanding that Massachusetts invented Thanksgiving. Those misdirected Pilgrims were supposed to be part of the Virginia Colony, which officially celebrated

a day of Thanksgiving in 1610 in Jamestown following their survival of the infamous "Starving Time", when the young Colony almost perished.

Now to argument number two — when did it become an official annual event? Here comes Connecticut, which proclaimed the first annual celebration in 1639. And so the argument goes, through the centuries, with states celebrating a day of Thanksgiving towards the end of November or first week of December across the country. Texas Governor George Wood proclaimed our official annual Thanksgiving Day in 1849 as the first Thursday in December.

President Abraham Lincoln (R-IL) in 1863 became our first President to officially proclaim a national day of Thanksgiving, establishing the last Thursday in November as the official day.

President Franklin Roo-

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The way ahead

Heritage Forum

BY EDWIN FEULNER

For the first time since the early days of our republic (Jefferson-Madison-Monroe), we'll have three straight two-term presidents.

One of the advantages -- and challenges -- of winning a second term is that there's no transition period. So in the spirit of bipartisanship, here are three areas policymakers should tackle before the end of the year.

1) Prevent Taxmageddon.

A massive tax increase, almost \$500 billion, is set to hit at the end of this year. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke calls it a "massive fiscal cliff," and the Congressional Budget Office forecasts that it would trigger another recession. The effects would be felt by Americans across the board. In 2013 alone:

- Families with an average income of \$70,662

would see a tax increase of \$4,138.

- Baby boomers with an average income of \$95,099 would see a tax increase of \$4,223.

- Low-income workers with an average income of \$24,757 would see a tax increase of \$1,207.

- Millennials with an average income of \$23,917 would see a tax increase of \$1,099.

- Retirees with an average income of \$42,553 would see a tax increase of \$857.

Obamacare alone is set to increase taxes by more than \$22 billion, and that's the president's signature program. All of these tax hikes can and must be avoided. The president should work with lawmakers in the House to craft a

bipartisan solution before the end of the year.

2) Get the economy growing.

During the 2012 campaign, we heard plenty of rhetoric about "women's issues." But the most pressing issue for women -- and all Americans -- is a good economy. Long-term prosperity comes not only from income but also from the ability and willingness to save and invest in the future, to help finance one's human capital and, for many, to build productive enterprises. An important way to build prosperity is to encourage marriage.

The married poverty rate is 75 percent lower than the rate for single mothers. Yet the number of

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The biggest political loser



Jim Hightower

You know it's a good election night when Karl Rove throws a hissy fit on national television.

It came just after 11pm, when the man known as George W. Bush's "architect" heard a TV network declare Obama the winner in Ohio. This wasn't just any network, but Fox, the Republican Party's official propaganda machine. The rabidly partisan GOP hit man doubles as a Fox commentator.

Rove was just off-camera on the Fox set as the on-air anchor team called Ohio, the state that sealed Barack Obama's reelection. In fact, he was on the phone at the time with a top Romney staffer who was wailing that Fox was wrong, that Romney was winning Ohio.

Rove immediately demanded to be put on the air to rebut the network's own professional vote counters. He got what he wanted, spewing a bunch of out-of-context numbers and publicly chiding his Fox colleagues for being "premature." This prompted a rare moment of dead air, after which anchor Megyn Kelly said, "Well, that's awkward."

Every media outlet and even Republican officials were by then recognizing Obama's win. So Kelly asked Rove the night's most memorable question: "Is this just math that you do as a Republican to make yourself feel better, or is it real?"

Bingo! Karl the Kingmaker was having a really bad night. He had talked assorted corporations and fat cats into putting some \$300 million into his attack ads against Democrats — and he had some serious explaining to do. American Crossroads, one of Rove's two political funds, spent \$103.5 million to defeat Democratic candidates, but the return on that investment was a pathetic 1.29 percent. Billionaires expect better.

In response to this brouhaha, Jon Stewart said that "Math You Do as a Republican to Make Yourself Feel Better" is a better slogan than the one Fox has now. No kidding.

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Letter

just one tragic story after another.

Obviously, neither the reporter, editor nor most readers have ever been through a Gulf Coast hurricane of any magnitude. We made it through Camille in 1968. Let's see, a large tree was through our roof. We had no electricity. The storm surge was over thirty feet high (not eleven as was the case with Sandy) and it washed away all beach front homes, restaurants, apartments, everything. And many boats and ships were driven ashore, not the least of which was an ocean going freighter that hauled bananas from Central America to Gulfport. In comparison, from the TV reports we notice that most of the beach front homes on the Jersey shore were still standing although there was some significant damage. But, they were not washed away, never to return as was (and is) the case on the

Mississippi coast.

We were the only home in our subdivision that had natural gas to fuel our outdoor cooker. So, ours became the soup kitchen as we fed all our neighbors and friends (even the National Guard) with the food stored in freezers and refrigerators that were idled by the lack of electricity. We cooked for days and nights and speaking of nights, we also stood guard for the looters were out in mass. The guy across the street just returned from active service in Nam and we set up a line at the entrance to our sub division. Anyone who approached heard the ratchet of a 12 gauge. Anyone who crossed the line heard even more.

And, yes we also finally deserted after the food, fuel and everything else ran out. And, we left with far less than a half tank of gas in our car. But, we returned as soon as the power was

restored by the Wichita Lineman and all his helpers. We pooled resources and donated clothing and other necessities that were made available to anyone for the taking. We joined forces and worked together and got through it on our own initiative.

Yep, if you've been through a Cat 5 storm on the Gulf Coast you know what it's all about. This thing in NYC was a Cat 1 storm and there is absolutely no comparison. But then, after all, it is New York City when our little community on the Gulf Coast was a nothing. Interestingly, the evening news never covered the follow on damage of Sandy. What happened in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, even Chicago? We will never know because NYC got all the ink. Poor Babies. They deserve even more attention.

Jack Schrock
Salado

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Salado Police Report Nov. 12 - 18

Nov. 12

7:45-8:00 a.m., 1600 Block Indian Trail. Shots Fired, complainant stated he heard 3 shots from a small caliber gun south of this address. Checked the area. Unable to locate... Clear.

10:20-10:30 a.m., 1500 Block Hilltop. Agency Assist, notified of fire alarm activated. Spoke with homeowner he stated it was a false alarm... Clear.

7:15-7:55 p.m., 1200 Block Chisholm Trail. Domestic, husband and wife arguing over various issues. Have been doing so most of the day. Verbal only. Husband left premises for the night. DL and LP returns attached to call sheet if needed. Clear.

Nov. 13

10:30-10:40 a.m., 900 Block Center Circle. Dog at Large, notified several times of a dangerous dog at large in the area. The same description was given each time. Located the dog at the above address and advised the owner of the leash laws. Also advised her that with any further incidents a citation would be issued. Clear.

Nov. 14

6:11-6:27 a.m., 301 Stagecoach (City Hall). Alarm, no entry- false.

4:15-4:55 p.m., 2200 Block Indian Trail. Medical, assisted SVFD and Scott & White on an elderly white male "87" fall victim. Transported to Scott & White.

4:55 p.m., City Hall. Animal Call, a small white and black dog was found at large on plaza drive. The dog was brought to the police department. I made contact with the owner. She came to the station and picked up her dog. She was warned for Animal at Large.

4:05 p.m., 500 Block Santa Rosa. Suspicious Smell (Gas), checked the area several times. Not able to smell anything suspicious.

5:40-6:10 p.m., 1000 Block Mill Creek Lane. Animal Cruelty, complainant stated that there were 3 dogs inside a fence without food and water. Not able to see if in fact they were without food and water. No one at home. I will be following up.

Nov. 15

4:50-5:25 p.m., 2300 Block Chisholm Trail. Burglary Unfounded, individual came home to her garage door open. House was searched. No signs of anything tampered with or missing. Cleared.

5:35-5:45 p.m., 900 Block N. Ridge. VCO Noise- Dog Barking, dispatch advised that a neighbor was complainant of the dog at 900 Block barking. He did not wish contact. No one at 900 Block. Dog was not barking before I knocked on the door. Will check back later. Subject was warned for VCO.

5:26-5:45 p.m., Vanessa 1300 Block. Theft, some unknown person(s) took 3 batteries from a boat without the owners consent. No suspects. Report.

Nov. 16

5:45-6:05 p.m., 700 Block Roseway. BMV, obtained statement and information for BMV case.

Nov. 17

10:43-10:50 a.m., 1600 Block Indian Tr. Alarm, notified of rear perimeter alarm activated at the above address. No key holder on scene. House secure... Clear.

2:00-2:05 p.m., Pace Park South. Abandoned Trailer, noticed what appeared to be an abandoned trailer at Pace Park. Ran the LP and did not return stolen. Clear.

3:29-3:30 p.m., Pace Park. 911 Open Line. Notified of a 911 open line at the above address. Upon arrival discovered a child had inadvertently dialed. No emergency. Clear.

9:03-9:11 p.m., 600 N. Main (Civic Center). Noise Complaint, resident on Van Bibber called to ask where loud music was coming from. Was advised a wedding was being held at the Civic Center. Advised Complainant music would be turned down soon. Went and spoke to subjects holding the wedding. They were in the process of shutting it down. Music was off by 2200. Clear.

Nov. 18

12:20-12:26 a.m., 882 N. Main (Subway). Suspicious Vehicle, observed vehicle parked in front of business, lengthwise across the marked parking spots. Vehicle unoccupied. Building secure ground level. Clear.

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Water rights

FROM PAGE 1A

"Are they (politicians and judges) going to take away all my water in Floresville and give it to San Antonio," Dr. Porter reflected. Dr. Porter is a sixth-generation Texan and owns a ranch near San Antonio, in addition to teaching at St. Edwards and being an expert witness in water rights cases.

"Big money will get the water," he said, answering his own question. "The small rancher and farmer is not going to stand a chance."

Groundwater control districts (GCD) were authorized by the Texas legislature to strengthen local control of the groundwater throughout the state.

Most of the GCDs in Texas (including Clearwater UWCD) are drawn up along county boundaries, except for some in west Texas encompassing multiple counties.

"The aquifers, though, go under other counties, so sometimes regardless of what one county does, it can be hurt by what another county does or doesn't do," Dr. Porter said.

He alluded to Travis County, which has no GCD, where residents within Austin city limits are drilling wells for irrigating their expansive lawns, tapping into the Ed-

wards Aquifer. This could affect drinking water quality and quantity in San Antonio.

Dr. Porter said that he would like to see "a GCD for every single square inch of the state."

Further, he added, he would like to see those GCDs and the resources dedicated to them drawn along the geography of the aquifers, rather than the political boundaries of counties.

"There's not anymore water," Dr. Porter said, "but there are going to be more people in Texas."

As the state population grows, the availability and cost of water will begin to have more dramatic impacts on the economic growth and stability of communities competing

for industries and jobs.

Municipal bond ratings take into some consideration the availability of water. The state, if it is to continue to be economically attractive, "is going to have to have a good water plan," Dr. Porter said.

He suggested that the state also implement what he called a "Water Trust Fund" to set aside money for the future infrastructure needs for major water projects and right of way acquisition.

"The three most expensive words in water is 'right of way,'" he said, adding that if a water project needs 30 miles of right of way for a pipeline, "There will be 30 miles of lawsuits going there.... and 30 miles of lawsuits coming back."

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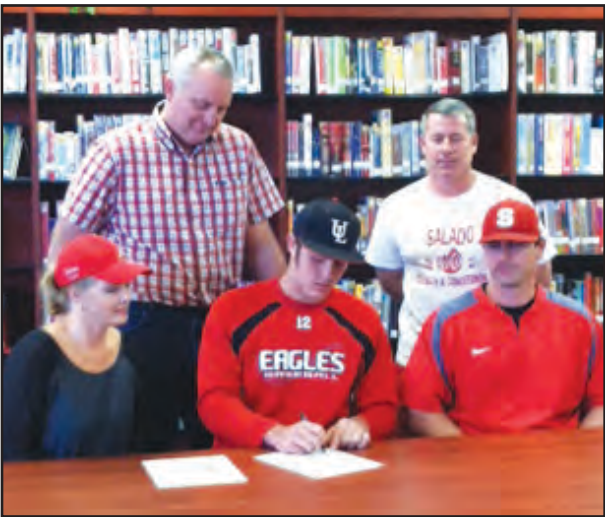


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Salado High student James Reagan Bazar signed a baseball scholarship with the University of Louisiana Lafayette on Nov. 14. Pictured with James are his parents Chris and Nicole Bazar (left), Head Coach Crempin and Athletic Director Talbott (right).



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Eagles start 2-0

Salado Eagles 52
Lorena 44

Salado Varsity Eagles defeated Lorena for their season opener Nov. 16.

The Eagles led 8-5 in the first and scored 15 in the second to enter the half leading 23-20. Salado scored 15 points in the third quarter to extend the lead to 38-34 and scored 14 points in the fourth to end the game 52-44.

Brandon Womac led Salado in scoring with 15 points. Followed by Austin Adams, 11 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Kyle Heiner, 10 points; Dane Hankamer, 9 points; Sam Barrett, 3 points; Andrew Warren, 2 points; Preston Rosebrock, 2 points.

Salado Eagles 53
Mexia 40

Salado Varsity Eagles beat Mexia for a 2-0 start Nov. 17.

The Eagles trailed 11-18 in the first quarter and outscored Mexia 15-2 in the second to enter the half leading 26-20. Salado scored 7 points in the third to make the lead 33-30. The Eagles scored 20 points in the fourth quarter to secure the win 53-40.

Dane Hankamer led Salado in scoring with 12 points. Followed by Womac and Adams, each scoring 9 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Heiner, 8 points; Warren, 5 points; Kole Hearne, 4 points; Cameron Wong, 2 points; Kase Spears, 2 points; Rosebrock, 2 points.

Salado Varsity Eagles played Taylor Nov. 20, results were past press deadline. The Eagles will play Georgetown East View Nov. 27.



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
Austin Adams drives past a Lorena defender during Salado's 52-44 win over the Leopards.

Girls named All-District Volleyball, Academic

Four Salado players were named in the District 22AA Volleyball All-District Selections.

Jenna Franz, Sr, OH was named to First Team Defense.

Maddy DePriest, Sr, RS and Hanah Perkins, Sr, S were named to Second Team All-District.

Honorable mention was Sarah Toler, Sr, OH.

In addition, all nine varsity volleyball lettermen were named to the District 22-2A Academic All-District team including: Taylor Atwood, Madi DePriest, Jenna Franz, Shyenne Hicks, Katie Kunz, Hanah Perkins, Sarah Toler, Cheyenne Vaca and Meredith Ward.

Lady Eagles off to slow start

Lady Eagles 38
McGregor 44

Salado Lady Eagles were defeated in the fourth quarter by McGregor Oct. 13.

The Lady Eagles led 12-9 in the first quarter and scored 12 points in the second to enter the half leading 24-17. McGregor tied the score 35-35 in the third and Salado was outscored 3-9 in the fourth for a final score of 38-44.

Meredith Ward led Salado in scoring with 10 points. Followed by Jaylee Sebek and Taylor Atwood, each scoring 8 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Ashley Adams, 6 points; Taryn Kornegay, 6 points.

Lady Eagles 26
Thorndale 52

Salado Lady Eagles were beaten by Thorndale Oct. 17.

Salado trailed 8-11 in the first quarter and entered the half behind 14-26. The Lady Eagles were outscored 12-26 in the second half for a final score of 26-52.

Ward led Salado in scoring with 9 points. Followed by Sebek with 8 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Carmella Perez, 4 points; Ashley Adams, 2 points; Kornegay, 2 points; Taylor Atwood, 1 point.

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Salado FFA Public Relations Team advances to State Leadership Development Event Competition

Salado FFA's Public Relations team will advance to the state competition after capturing second place in the Area round.

Public Relations Team members Rachel Jordan, Shelby Zizzo, Reagan Best and alternate Colby Medlin will compete in the State FFA Leadership Development Event competition held Nov. 29 to Dec. 2 in Huntsville.

During the event the team will develop and present a presents a short program to inform a specified target audience regarding the Texas FFA and what it represents. Team members are asked questions in response to their program following the presentation.

Other Salado FFA participants in the Area competition were:
Sr. Creed fifth place - Liza Spurlock

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Airi Witmer– Member #1
Cheyenne Vaca – Advisor

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William Dabney – Sentinel
Morgan Marburger – Advisor
Kyle King – Member #1
Kindell Hill – Member #2
Chase Kelly – Member #3

Ag Issues ninth place team
Jim Robison

Orion Polkowski
Taylor Valeriano
Faith Renfro

Sr. Skills tenth place team
Kevin Fleagle
Ray-Vernard Crusoe
Reed O'rear
Kaleb Killingsworth
Wyatt Jenkins (alt)

Jr. Creed tenth place team
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Kyle King

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Salado FFA advisors are Lochie Darling and Tara Beaty.

Members of the Salado FFA Public Relation Team placed second during area competition. The team will advance to the State LDE.

Pictured left to right: alternate Colby Medlin, team members: Rachel Jordan, Reagan Best, Shelby Zizzo and Tara Beaty, FFA Advisor. Eight teams competed in the Area round of LDE.



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Heritage

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out-of-wedlock births has skyrocketed, from 10 percent as recently as 1970 to more than 40 percent today (for black Americans, out-of-wedlock births are 72 percent). Welfare, tax and social policy should help and not hurt families.

Meanwhile, unless we change course, continued massive government spending and the surging public debt will gradually destroy the foundations of our economy and put the American Dream beyond the reach of our children and grandchildren.

3) Sink the Law of the Sea treaty.

According to its advocates, we need the U.S. Convention on the Law of the Sea (which often goes by the acronym LOST) for a variety of reasons. One of them concerns the oil and gas resources located in the outer limits of our

continental shelf. LOST's proponents say we can obtain legal title to it only by signing on to the treaty. But under international law and long-standing U.S. policy, we already have access to these areas.

Environmental activists are high on the treaty, too. That's because they anticipate suing the U.S. if it joins LOST -- to force America to adopt the radical climate-change agenda they've been unsuccessful at imposing. So far, at least. Groups such as Greenpeace would love a chance to make the U.S. pay in international court. And that's just what we'd do under LOST: pay.

This treaty amounts to little more than an expensive power-grab by America's detractors worldwide. President Reagan was right to reject it 30 years ago. The U.S. Senate should do the same thing today.

An election is a time to choose our leaders, and Americans have done so. Now we need to hold those leaders responsible, as we try to solve the big problems our country faces.

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

Carter

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sevelt (D-NY) moved the official day from the last to the fourth Thursday in November to give shoppers more time before Christmas. That was part of Roosevelt's 1939 economic stimulus plans, since all the massive federal spending he had undertaken since 1933 had failed to end the Great Depression, and he was finally turning to the free market for help. History repeats.

But back to putting aside our political differences.

There's nothing wrong with having some grilled duck alongside that traditional turkey this Thursday, or some great Tex-Mex too for that matter. That's real diversity that I whole-heartedly endorse.

We have adopted our current Thanksgiving traditions over centuries of American history and folklore to come up with our current version and that's fine. There is just one thing about this holiday that cannot be altered or debated, even in good-natured regional jibing, regardless of where, when, or how we celebrate it.

Thanksgiving is our national holiday to thank the Lord God Almighty for the incredible blessings He has poured on us as a nation, and to recommit our country to being the kind of nation He would have us to be.

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SHS Students celebrate Veteran's Day by previewing a Betty Martin DAR scrapbook

Rachel Evans, student at Salado High School helped promote the project to her peers expressing thanks to veterans for their sacrifice and service. Rachel has family members involved in the military, and understands the importance of patriotism. She is a member of Children of the American Revolution and National Honors Society.

"I was touched by an obituary about World War II veteran Bobby G. Carr. A confident, proud, young soldier looked at me from the obituary, his service cap cocked in an 'I can do anything, and will protect you sort of way,'" said Carole Owen, National Defense Chair for the Betty Martin DAR chapter.



SHS students review DAR scrapbook.

Carr's obituary noted he entered the service November 25, 1941 and made the invasions of North Africa and Italy. He was wounded four times in combat, received two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Veterans Day, which is observed on November 11, is a time to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime and to acknowledge their contributions to our national security, to underscore the fact that all those who served have sacrificed and done their duty.

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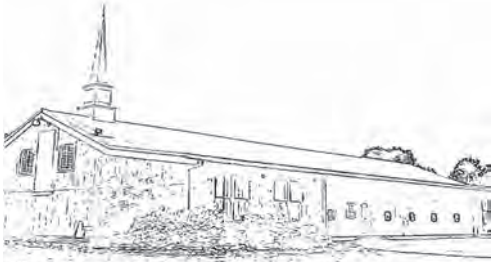
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Sondra and Dwayne Dean will mark a milestone this Thanksgiving as the couple celebrates their 50th wedding anniversary. Married on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 22, 1962. The couple exchanged their vows in the First Baptist Church of Coffeyville, Kansas. As a retired Navy Civil Engineer Corps Capt., Dwayne and his wife Sondra made their home in Salado in 1998. The couple will be joined in celebration by daughter Dana and husband Jamie Bryant of Lawrence, Kansas and son Darin and wife Julie Dean of Huntsville, Alabama along with six grandchildren.



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Junior League holds Christmas in the City Sale Dec. 1

Every spring and fall, Junior League of Bell County's New Member Class is asked to put together a project that will benefit both the JLBC and the community. The name of this year's sale is called "Christmas in the City." The sale will be on Saturday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. December 1. A preview party will be held on Friday 6-8 p.m. November 30. Sale hours will also be extended until 7 p.m. after the Temple Christmas Parade on Monday December 3.

The sale and preview party are to be held at Second Hand Rose, 17 East Central Avenue, Temple, TX. Second Hand Rose is a resale shop operated by the Junior League of Bell County.

Refreshments will be served during the sale. Santa Claus will be available for pictures on Saturday December 1 from 10-4 p.m. Pictures will be emailed to the families or available on the Junior League of Bell County's Facebook page for download. Donations will be accepted but not required for both of these events. There will also be a raffle for items such as Scentsy, Tupperware, and products from other local businesses. The items offered during the sale will be clothing, accessories, jewelry, holiday décor, home décor, house wares, furniture, et

cetera, that are all sold at Second Hand Rose.

The proceeds from this sale will help the JLBC in fulfilling their mission to help displaced women and children through a variety of programs.

One of the programs offered by the Junior League of Bell County and Second Hand Rose is the Rosie Bucks Program. With the Rosie Bucks Program they partner with local organizations such as: Christian Farms and Tree House, the Veterans Administration Hospital – Temple, and the Texas Workforce Commission. These partnerships ensure that parents and children alike in Bell County have the clothing they need to go to school, keep warm or to apply for a job in order to care for their family, free of charge. If you are interested in supporting the women's and children's programs, the store is stocked by donations received from Junior League members and a generous community.

They accept new and gently used clothing, shoes, house wares, furniture, accessories, etc. For added convenience, JLBC offers a Petal Pick-Up service. Any member of the Bell County community can contact the store at (254) 770-0610 and have donated items picked up at your residence or work place, at no charge.



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Obituaries

SPECIALIST KYLE EVAN BERGELAND

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who was found unresponsive in his barracks room Nov. 13. Doctors pronounced him deceased the same day.

Specialist Kyle Evan Bergeland, 21, whose home of record is also listed as Keizer, Ore., entered the military in July 2009 as a M1 armor crewman. He arrived at Fort Hood in January 2010 and was assigned to 2nd Squadron, 38th Cavalry Regiment, 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Fort Hood, since June 2010.

Bergeland deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from June 2011 to May 2012.

Bergeland's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal and Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver Wheeled Vehicles.

Circumstances surrounding this incident are currently under investigation.



MYRTLE PAULINE LYDA

Graveside services for Myrtle Pauline Lyda were held Nov. 20 at Salado Cemetery with John Warden officiating. Visitation is private.

Lyda died November 17, 2012 in a Waco nursing home. She was born on June 22, 1924 in Madill, Oklahoma to James Griffin and Ollie Birdie Higginbotham. She married George Nimrod Lyda and the couple raised seven children.

Lyda moved to Salado in 1987 and worked for her daughter Dr. Juanita Duel, DVM before retiring in 1992. Her favorite pastime was sewing, cooking, and reading western novels.

She is survived by her children: George Lyda of Waldron, Arkansas, John Lyda of San Antonio, Jim Lyda of Mesquite, Murry Lyda of Billings, Montana, Dr. Juanita Duel of Salado and Charles Lyda of Georgetown; eleven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband and daughter Karen Bradley of De Ridder, Louisiana.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Salado Public Library, PO Box 706, Salado, TX. 76571.

Funeral arrangements under the care of Broecker Funeral Home of Salado.

SGT.

JUAN MENDOZA VARGAS

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died from injuries suffered when he was hit by an automobile Nov. 16. Bell County Justice of the Peace Garland Potvin pronounced him deceased at 11:40 p.m. the same day.

Sergeant Juan Mendoza Vargas, 38, whose home of record is listed as Las Vegas, Nev., entered the military in August 2006 as a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear specialist. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Phantom Command, III Corps, Fort Hood since September 2012.

Vargas deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from February 2008 to February 2009 and from April 2010 to April 2011.

Vargas's awards and decorations include two Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign

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9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship Service (Family Life Center)
11:00 am Glory Worship Service (YAC)

Tuesday, November 27-Ladies Crockpot Bunko
6:00-8:00 pm. Call church office to RSVP.

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Marine Corps birthday honors 237 years of tradition and service

A Central Texas break-fast celebrating the 237th Marine Corps birthday was held Nov. 10 at Johnny’s Steaks & BBQ, 301 Thomas Arnold Road in Salado.

70 Marines and Navy Corpsmen attended, an overflow crowd. When GySgt Caleb Lazard said “Marines, Attention,” everyone snapped to attention like 19 year old Marines. “Once a Marine, always a Marine!” as the saying goes.

Scottish bagpiper Bill Herridge played America the Beautiful, followed by The Marines Hymn. Among many OORAH’s, the group again rose to attention and sang their beloved Corp’s hymn.

Iwo Jima veteran Keifer Marshall, and former mayor of Temple, then gave a moving talk on his combat experiences on Iwo Jima during World War II,

and how it has influenced his life. Jesse Cope from Wheelock, TX showed slides from his tour of duty in Vietnam. Gunny Mike Cabrero from the Killeen Recruiting Substation said a few words about “the heart of a Marine.”

Several Marine traditions were observed, including the reading of MGen John A Lejeune’s 1921 order authorizing this annual event, read by SSgt Johnathan Marturano. Spencer H Smith led the cake cutting ceremony. The first piece of cake was served to the honored guest, Keifer Marshall. The next piece was given to the oldest Marine, 91-year-old Chester Burnett, who passed it on to the youngest Marine, 18-year-old PFC Marcus Mapps.

There was drawing for Marine door prizes



Iwo Jima veteran Keifer Marshall shared stories of his combat experience during WWII at a Marine Corps birthday celebration in Salado.

donated by Sgt Grit, the Navy Memorial, the Central Texas Area Museum, Killeen combat artist Don Moore, and Sen. Jim Webb (D, VA).

For more information on future events, please bookmark www.Central-TexasMarines.org.

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Chapel at Caliber Oaks on Homes Tour

By DALE GORE

You're one of the many who've come to Salado for the annual Christmas Stroll, Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

You've seen five fine homes opened by the Village Homes Tour sponsored by the Historical Society.

You've stepped into the past as you visited two Log Cabins from the 19th Century behind the Civic Center, and you've seen the Center with its interesting history and rebirth for modern use.

And having spent time in the shops, you're packing up to go home, but as the spokesman on TV sales exhorts, "Wait! There's more," and there truly is.

Approximately five miles east on Royal Street there's a chapel at 5235 Royal hidden in the trees like no other chapel you've ever seen. It's called Chapel at Caliber Oaks.

What was a dream for a place where Rick and Denise Thomssen could celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary and repeat their vows in a rural rustic setting has become a venue



You haven't seen it all until you have seen the Chapel at Caliber Oaks.

for birthday parties, family reunions, weddings and (of course) musical performances.

The chapel is not old, but almost 90 percent of the materials accumulated to build it were old barn wood, antique stained glass and many items that have become something else in the creative hands of Rick and Denise.

The foyer alone is worth the drive out there. A hun-

dred or more mirrors of every size and period greet astonished visitors and afford rooms for brides and grooms, an unbelievable kitchen with cabinets from the Potts' hardware store on the square in Belton in the 1800's.

A great room of many uses from weddings to banquets is a masterpiece of planning with numerous woods and other ancient articles. Today the room

is set for a Christmas dinner, at other times 120 chairs for a wedding, and frequently set for a musical concert with Grand piano in place.

The Bridal Courtyard was cleared of cedar trees during the drought of 2011 and the amazing "sacristy" of four very old oak trees appeared during the clearing. Outdoor chandeliers, one of which once hung in the Killeen Country Club and thought to be over 100 years old, are used for parties and weddings.

The Historical Society's Tour of Homes offers the Caliber Oak Chapel on this year's Tour because of its unique use of old things, its owners' obvious passion for beauty wherever it's found, and their joy in offering it for multiple uses. Visitors who made the trip out Royal Lane will agree: "It was worth it".

Homes on the tour will include Jack Husung, 609 Willow Creek; Calvin and Edith Phillips, 1014 South Ridge Road; Michael and Paula Quinn, 1009 North Ridge Road; Terry and Jan Whitley, 1317 Jack Nicklaus Circle; and the home on DeGrummond. Also open to the public will be the Salado Civic Center, and Two 19th Century Log Cabins behind the Civic Center.

Homes, cabins, Civic Center, and Chapel will be open on Fri., Nov. 30 from 5-8 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sun., Dec. 2 from 1-5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Salado Tourism Office, 881 N. Main, or call 254-947-8634.

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MONDAYS
Salado Masonic
Lodge #296 practice,
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MONDAYS
Beth Moore study
of Revelation, “Here
and Now... There and
Then,” 9:15 – 11:15 am at
Salado United Method-
ist Church 650 Royal St.,
info: 254.947.5465. **NO
MEETING ON NOV. 12**

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, un-
less otherwise noted.

TUESDAYS
Sit & Knit Session
at The Salado Yarn Co.
inside Southern Com-
forts, 22 N Main join
fellow knitters for casual
knitting. 10 - Noon. sal-
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TUESDAYS
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FRIDAY
Al-Anon Meeting, 12
noon, at United Method-
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Street) in the Youth
Activities Building in
the back to the left of
the church. Newcomers
and seasoned Al-Anons
are encouraged to visit.

FRIDAYS
Live music at The
Lounge, upstairs at The
Range Restaurant on
Main St., beginning at
7 p.m. Artists change
weekly.

SECOND SATURDAY
Game Night at 3C
Cowboy Fellowship, 7-10

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newspaper for shops
advertising their specials.

SATURDAYS
Recycling program,
9 a.m.-noon on the
grounds of the Salado
Arts Workshop, 113
Salado Plaza Drive. Will
be closed Nov. 24 and
Dec. 29 for Holidays.

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

SATURDAYS
Live music at The
Lounge, upstairs at The
Range Restaurant on
Main St., beginning at
7 p.m. Artists change
weekly.

SUNDAYS
Brunch at Inn on the
Creek, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Call 254-947-5554.

SUNDAYS
New open discussion
Al-Anon Meeting in
Salado, 6 p.m. Salado
at United Methodist
Church in the Youth
Activities Building in
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Salado ISD Holiday

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NOVEMBER 22
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NOVEMBER 23
Joe Berg at The
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NOVEMBER 23
Fourth Friday Gospel
Singing at Cedar Valley
Baptist Church, FM
2843, 7 p.m. Potluck at
10 p.m.

NOVEMBER 24
George Ensle at The
Lounge, upstairs at The
Range Restaurant on
Main St., 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 27
Ladies Crockpot
Bunko, 6-8 p.m. at
Salado United Method-
ist Church in Room 101.
Call 947-5482 to RSVP.

NOVEMBER 28
Salado Lions Club
luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
Salado Civic Center.

NOVEMBER 29
Christmas Stroll Pa-
rade. Salado Chamber
of Commerce. Details to
come.
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NOVEMBER 30

Scott & White Salado Clinic Blood Drive, 8-11 a.m. at the clinic located at 3525 FM 2484. All November donors will receive a commemorative snowflake ornament, a coupon for a free large drink and a chance to win a \$100 HEB gift card.

NOVEMBER 30

Paul Cox at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., 7 p.m.

Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2

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

Nov. 30, Dec 1, 7, 8

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

Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2

Salado Historical Society Christmas Tour of Homes. Tickets at Salado Tourism office on Main street. www.saladohistoricalsociety.org for more info.

DECEMBER 1-22

Christmas Is On the Air annual holiday show weekends at the Salado Silver Spur. For information, visit www.thesaladosilverspurtheater.com or call the box office at 254-947-3456.

DECEMBER 1

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.

DECEMBER 1

Judith Miller Band, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 2

Salado United Methodist Church Choir will present their Christmas Cantata at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services.

DECEMBER 3

Monday Club, 2 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church in Youth Activities Center.

DECEMBER 3

Salado Athletic Booster Club meeting, 7 p.m. in the Salado High School Library.

DECEMBER 3

Holiday Extravaganza at The Haire Shop, 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite #160, 4-7 p.m. Over a dozen vendors will have Christmas gift items on sale from hand-made knives to Mary Kay products, leather work, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Thirty One and many more.

DECEMBER 4

National Honor Society hosts a Scott and White Blood Drive at Salado High School, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

DECEMBER 5

Advent Communion, 6 p.m., in the Chapel at Salado United Methodist Church.

DECEMBER 6

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

DECEMBER 6

Salado Community Chorus annual Christmas Concert, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church.

Admission is free and no ticket is required.

DECEMBER 7

Annual Christmas Party for the Mill Creek Community Association, 6-8:30 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn Longhorn Room. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, entertainment by The Old Geezer magician. \$20 per person. Reservations by Dec. 4. Mail check to MCCA, PO Box 562, Salado, TX 76571.

DECEMBER 7-9

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

DECEMBER 8

Second Salado Saturdays. Shops will be open late. Look for specials and events.

DECEMBER 8

Paul Cox at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 9

The Chapel at Caliber Oak Music Series performance. Paula Lohse, vocalist and Jimmy Baas, pianist. Email Denise Thomssen at deniset@clearwire.net for details, reservations.

DECEMBER 10

Salado Ambassadors annual Holiday Party at The Venue. Details to come.

DECEMBER 12

Salado Lions Christmas luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Salado Church of Christ Activity Center.

DECEMBER 12

Children's Christmas Musical, "In a Galilee Far, Far Away", 6 p.m.

at Salado United Methodist Church in Main Sanctuary.

DECEMBER 13

Salado Toastmasters Club meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Salado Visitors Center. For information, contact Frank Jaworski, at 254-541-7677 or frankjaworski@ymail.com.

DECEMBER 14

Paul Cox at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 15

Victor Andrada at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 15

The music of 2-Bit Palomino, 7:30 p.m. at The Stagecoach Inn Longhorn Room.

DECEMBER 16

Children's Christmas Musical, "In a Galilee Far, Far Away", 5 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church in Main Sanctuary.

DECEMBER 17

Salado United Methodist Women, 5:45 p.m.,

Salado United Methodist Church room 117.

DECEMBER 19

Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

DECEMBER 20

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, 8:30 a.m. in the Salado Visitors Center.

DECEMBER 20

Journeymen, 6:30 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church in the Youth Activities Center.

DECEMBER 20-JANUARY 1

Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

DECEMBER 28

Cassandra Taylor at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 29

Sing for Sirena fundraiser at Salado Silver Spur Theater. For more information, please contact Gary Askins at 947-9066 or Richard Paul Thomas at 947-4717 or via email at RpT@tbc-group.com.

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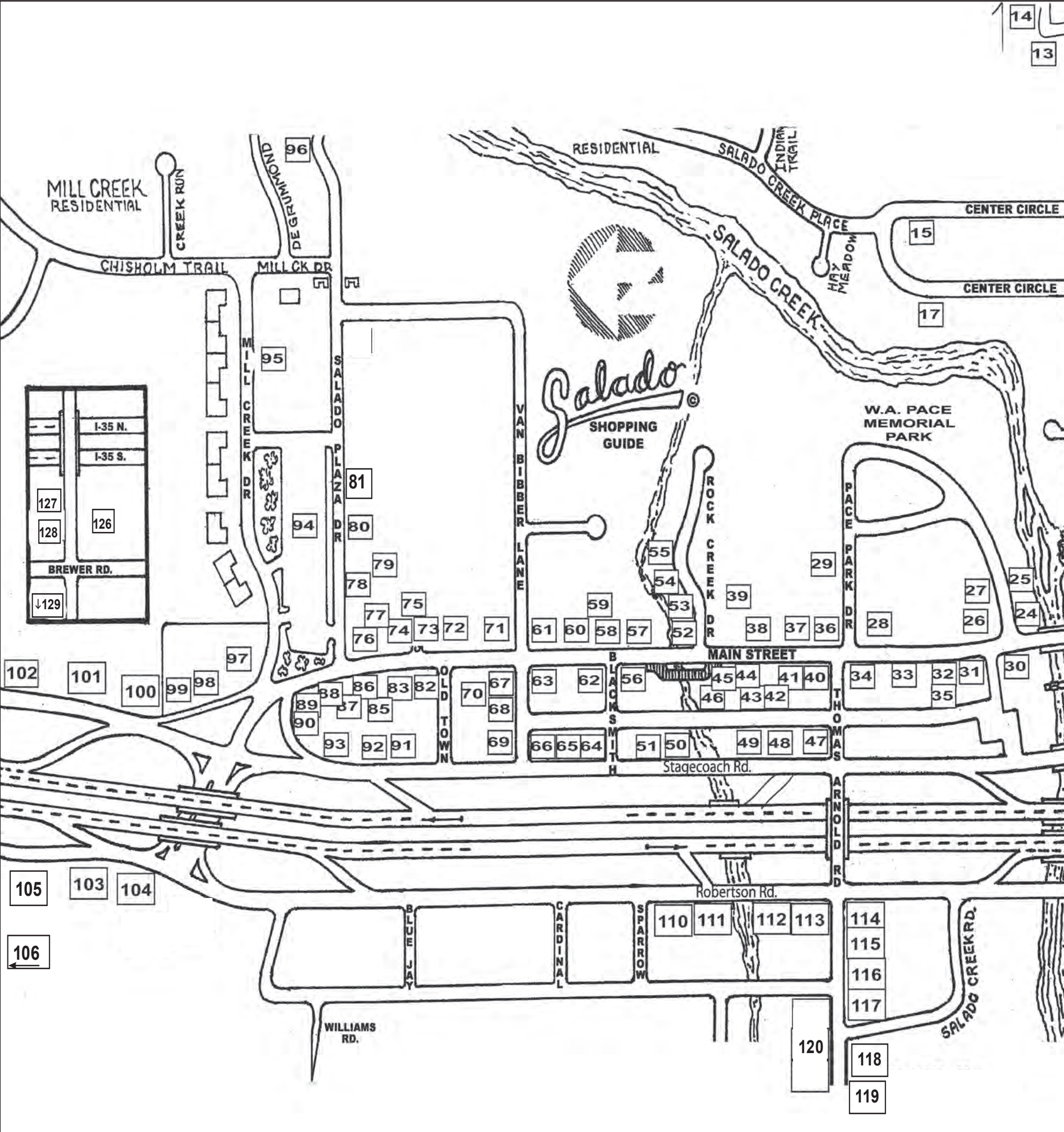
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10-11 a.m. Yoga Basics & Beyond

Thursday
9-10 a.m. Hatha Yoga
5:30-6:30 p.m. Yoga Basics and Beyond

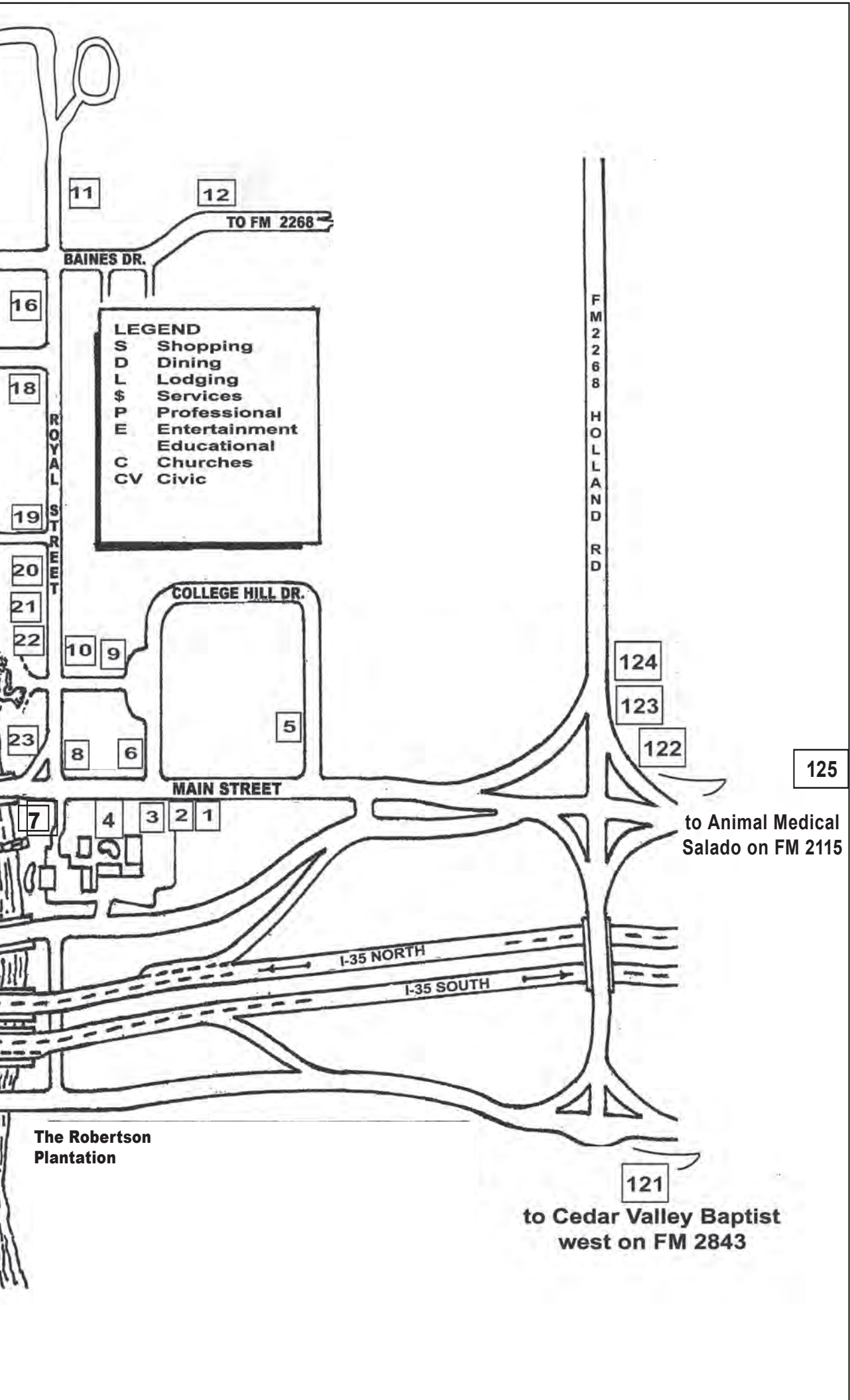
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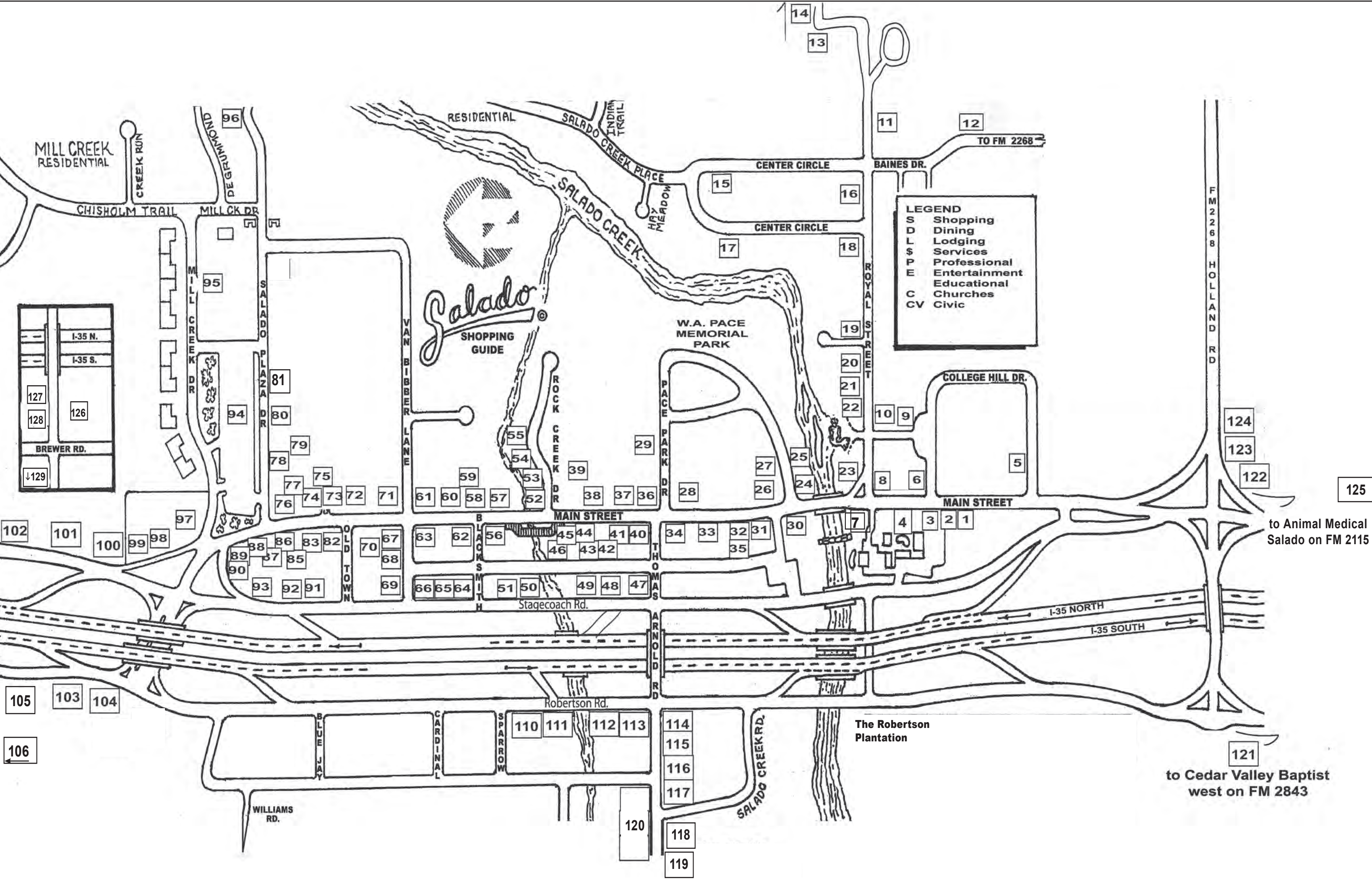
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- 1 Wrigley product
- 4 Cleopatra's snake
- 7 Highway
- 11 From the start
- 13 Zero
- 14 Loosen
- 15 Peru's capital
- 16 Genetic evidence
- 17 Gas in signs
- 18 Coral ring
- 20 Potter's oven
- 22 Youngster
- 24 Rid of frost
- 28 Custodian
- 32 Battery terminal
- 33 Prayer ending
- 34 Card player's call
- 36 Stefani Germanotta, a.k.a. Lady —
- 37 Neighbor of Leo and Libra
- 39 Klutz
- 41 Makes sense
- 43 Chinese "way"
- 44 Jog
- 46 Peppermint —

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- 50 Bamako's country
- 53 Knight's address
- 55 Comical Caroline
- 56 Grand story
- 57 Anger
- 58 Sketch
- 59 Tech whiz
- 60 Danson or Nugent
- 61 Coffee vessel
- 5 Go under by
- 6 Tartan
- 7 Feature near the door of a really old car
- 8 Indivisible
- 9 Commotion
- 10 Get dressed in
- 12 Cane
- 19 Torched
- 21 Meadow
- 23 Pooch
- 25 Furnace fuel
- 26 Rim
- 27 Darling
- 28 Coffee, slangily
- 29 Surrounded
- 30 Uncool sort
- 31 Cage component
- 35 Pecan or almond
- 38 "— Town"
- 40 Atlas page
- 42 Suggest
- 45 Grow weary
- 47 By way of, for short
- 48 Rip
- 49 Show boredom
- 50 "Family Guy" daughter
- 51 Gorilla
- 52 Whopper
- 54 Crimson

DOWN

- 1 Big party
- 2 Troop group
- 3 Note
- 4 Moreover

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West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ A			
♥ 10 6 5			
♦ A J 10 3			
♣ 9 6 4 3 2			
WEST		EAST	
♠ 8 7 3		♠ J 5 2	
♥ A J 9 7 2		♥ K Q 4 3	
♦ —		♦ 8 7 4 2	
♣ A J 10 8 7		♣ K Q	
SOUTH			
♠ K Q 10 9 6 4			
♥ 8			
♦ K Q 9 6 5			
♣ 5			

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ 4 ♠
Pass Pass Dble
Opening lead — nine of hearts.

Famous hand Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Brilliances are not always rewarded. For example, take this deal from the match between Taiwan and the United States at the 1979 world team championship.

The U.S. North-South pair at the first table got to four spades doubled as shown, and West, Che-Hung Kuo, made the remarkable opening lead of the nine of hearts! After East, Patrick Huang, won the trick with the queen, he recognized that the purpose of his partner's underlead of the ace of hearts was to get a ruff. Huang also recognized that West's lead of an unnecessarily high heart was a suit-preference signal, asking for the return of the higher-ranking of the two remaining side suits.

Accordingly, Huang returned the deuce of diamonds, transmitting a suit-preference signal of his own. West ruffed the diamond and, obeying East's signal, returned the seven of clubs! West's second underlead of an ace was likewise successful. East won with the queen and led another diamond, and West ruffed to put the contract down one.

But alas, this brilliant defense by the Taiwanese East-West pair was more than offset by what occurred at the second table, where the U.S. West wound up playing at five hearts doubled. Ordinarily, he would have gone down one, losing the first three spade tricks. But luckily for declarer, North's singleton spade was the ace, which he led, and that was the only trick scored by the defenders.

So the outcome was that the American East-West pair at the second table made five hearts doubled with an overtrick for a score of 1,050 points. This was 950 points more than the Taiwanese pair at the first table had scored with their extraordinary defense, providing ample proof that brilliances are not always adequately rewarded.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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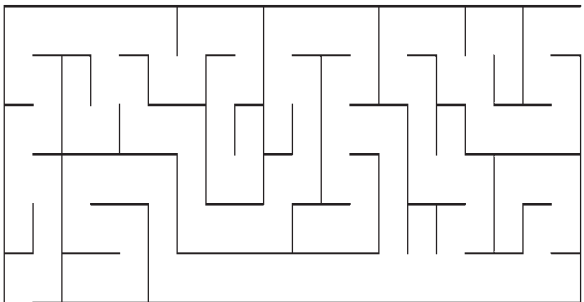
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

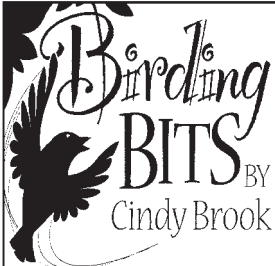
★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Answers
King Crossword

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1	7	2	5	6	4	3	9	8
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Answer
Weekly SUDOKU

NOODLE GRATIN WITH TURKEY AND LEEKs

Crunchy whole wheat bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese make a delicious topping for this holiday comfort dish of creamy noodles, leeks and turkey (use leftovers!).



1 tablespoon Kerrygold Unsalted Pure Irish Butter, melted, plus more for the dish
1 teaspoon fine sea salt, plus more for pasta water
1 (16 ounces) package 365 Everyday Value Extra Wide Enriched Egg Noodles
3 leeks, trimmed and chopped (about 2 cups)
3 cups shredded cooked turkey (about 3/4 pound)
1 (11 ounces) package 365 Everyday Value Cream

of Mushroom Condensed Soup
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh thyme, divided
1/2 cup 365 Everyday Value Whole Wheat Bread Crumbs
1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly butter a 9x13-inch casserole dish. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add noodles and

cook until al dente, about 5 minutes. Arrange leeks in the bottom of a colander, and then drain pasta over them; transfer to a large bowl. Add turkey, milk, soup, 2 teaspoons thyme and salt. Toss well; transfer to casserole dish. Combine breadcrumbs, cheese, butter and remaining 1 teaspoon thyme and scatter over the top. Bake until hot throughout and golden brown, about 45 minutes.

CURRIED TURKEY AND RICE CASSEROLE

This boldly flavored casserole is an excellent way to use leftover turkey, but you can also purchase precooked skinless turkey or chicken breast to enjoy it any time. If you'd like you can bake it in ramekins for individual servings.



Canola oil spray
1/2 cup unseasoned brown and wild rice blend, cooked according to package directions and omitting salt or fat (1 1/2 cups cooked rice)
1 1/2 cup low-sodium vegetable broth
1 large onion, diced
4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1/2 cup raisins
2 teaspoons curry powder

2 cups diced cooked skinless turkey breast, (about 8 ounces)
1 1/2 cup Health Starts Here cubed sprouted wheat bread
1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley
1 large carrot, grated
1/2 cup finely chopped hazelnuts

Preheat oven to 350°F. Oil an 8-inch-square baking dish. Place rice in a large bowl and set aside. In a large skillet, com-

bine broth, onion, garlic and raisins and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer, stirring frequently, until onion is very tender, about 6 minutes. Stir in curry powder and pour mixture into bowl with rice. Add turkey, bread, parsley and carrot and toss to combine. Scrape mixture into baking dish and smooth the top. Sprinkle with hazelnuts and bake until top is browned, 30 to 40 minutes.

HAM AND ASPARAGUS SKILLET MEAL

You need only one skillet to put together this quick supper with Monterey Jack and leftover spiral-sliced ham. If you wish, add a squeeze of lemon before serving.



1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
12 baby red potatoes, cut into small wedges
1 yellow onion, cut into small wedges
1 pound asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces
1/2 pound Wellshire Spiral Sliced Ham, cut into bite-size pieces
1 1/2 teaspoon 365 Everyday Value Herbes de

Provence
1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
1 cup shredded Rumiano Organic Monterey Jack
1 cup 365 Everyday Value Organic Seasoned Croustons, lightly crushed

Heat oil in a large oven-proof skillet over medium-high heat. Add potatoes and onion; cook, tossing occasionally, until golden brown, about 10 minutes.

Stir in asparagus, ham, Herbes de Provence and salt. Add 2 tablespoons water, immediately cover, reduce heat to medium-low and cook until asparagus and potatoes are tender, 8 to 10 minutes more. Preheat broiler. Scatter cheese and croustons over hash and broil until bubbly and toasted, 2 to 3 minutes.

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Joy concert set for Dec. 6

The Salado Community Chorus announces its annual Christmas Concert 2012.

Normally, the Christmas Concert is in conjunction with the popular Christmas Stroll and Tour of Homes. This year, however, the Salado Chorus Concert will be held 7 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Auditorium of the First Baptist Church, 210 South Main in Salado.

Admission is free and no ticket is required.

The theme this year is “JOY!” and features a wide variety of Christmas selections including: “Ding Dong Merrily On High,” “A Merry Madrigal,” and “Nutcracker Jingles.”

Special Women’s and Men’s sections will perform noted selections.

The First Baptist Church Handbell Choir and a select string ensemble will

also perform.

The Chorus will also perform selections from the “Messiah” by Handel.

As an added bonus for those attending Christmas Concert 2012, the Range Restaurant is offering a fine dinner with chef de cuisine, Carson Symmonds. Cost is \$20, tax and gratuity included. Visit the restaurant website at Therangerrestaurant.com for menu, reservations and directions. Seating is 5-5:30 p.m.

The Salado Community Chorus is comprised of over 50 members this year, representing Salado and surrounding Central Texas communities. Other annual performances include its Spring Concert, Salado’s July 4th Picnic and Christmas in October.

The Chorus was recently performed at the Salado

United Methodist Church as part of its Thanksgiving Celebration on Nov 18.

Chorus officers are: Kathy Keyes, President; David Blackburn, Vice-President; Ann Moore, Secretary; Shirley DeGraw, Treasurer; Wanda Stanley and Patsy Thacker, Librarians.

The Salado Chorus, founded in 1994, is under the direction of Jakie Shirley, since 2009. Previous directors include: (1994-1999) Katherine Wende, who organized the Chorus as a Ladies Chorale; (2000-2004) Dr. Betty Thorn, a Chorus member, included male voices; (2004-2005) Dr. Mike Bergman also directed; and (2005-2008) Dr. Kim VanCura was the Chorus’ director after beginning as the pianist in 2003.



Nelda Milligan, Tony Blackman and Grainger Esch ready for Christmas on the Air performances.



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Weekends this holiday season find the crew of fictional WSPR Radio back “on the air” – and on the Salado Silver Spur Theater stage – readying for its annual live Christmas Eve broadcast. Naturally, nothing goes as planned, and hilarity ensues.

“‘Christmas Is On the Air 2012’ is chock-full of the side-splitting slapstick and comedy routines that have made the evolving, annual holiday show a must-see for the entire family and their visitors,” said Grainger Esch, Co-founder and Artistic Director of the Silver Spur.

“This holiday show guarantees relief from shopping overload, decorating duties and party planning,” Esch emphasized. “Think of the Spur as a safe, family oasis of laughter far from the chaos of Christmas which is on comedic display on our stage.”

Theater patrons will be right in “the studio audience” for the music, merriment and memorable, mirthful staging of an “on-the-air” radio variety show, Esch explained.

The holiday scenario has been conceived, written and performed by The Spuradicals, the theatre’s cast of seasoned actors who continue the Silver Spur’s tradition of home-spun, heartfelt, original family entertainment.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, with 2 p.m. Saturday matinees: Dec. 1 (eve-

only), Dec 7-8, 14-15, 21-22. Admissions are \$18 for adults; \$15 for senior citizens, military personnel and students with ID; and \$10 for children aged 12 and under for evening shows.

Matinees, tickets are \$10. Group rates are available. For reservations, call the box office at 254-947-3456. Reservations are strongly recommended for the 150-seat venue. For directions or more info, visit www.saladosilverspur.com.

WSPR Proves Inalienable
WSPR’s production crew and maintenance staffs are in a panic. They’ve just learned the station has been purchased by out-of-state interests with nefarious objectives for its airwaves during the holiday variety show. Once again, it looks like the rag-tag WSPR crew will have to improvise to maintain holiday cheer and thwart the new owners’ abominable plot.

The seller, broadcast executive Edna Bigg, played by Melodee Lenz of Garland, gives the staff fair warning of the “visitors from New Jersey.”

The inspired, rag-tag crew hustles to perform a variety of holiday-themed acts in viewers in exchange for monetary pledges. The result is an evening of song, satire, sentiment and fast-paced slapstick comedy in a Yuletide vein.

This year’s gift of comedy from the Spuradical players’ burgeoning bag of

goodies will include “remote telecasts” on Santa’s whereabouts as well as tap-dancing and a parody of “The Nutcracker.”

“The holidays are typically filled with planning, pandemonium and presents,” Esch observed. “Every member of the family should consider taking a break from the decorating, cooking, shopping, wrapping, endless football games and greeting cards and treat themselves to hearty laughter and the enjoyment of live entertainment.”

The cast includes Saladoans Esch as station manager “Slim Chance,” Karen Ewton as “Trudy,” the staff secretary; Logan Kimes of Garland as the ad sales rep, and teen actor Garrett Clark of Belton as “Gus the Go-fer.” Stetson Gilchrest of Salado and Paula Kavanaugh of Austin portray the new owners.

Rounding out the entertaining ensemble are the Spur’s tuneful troubadour, Tony Blackman of Belton as the singing technical director, and Melodee Lenz of Garland in the roles of the former owner Edna Bigg and Charlie the maintenance engineer. Every actor is a veteran of the Spur stage.

Nelda Milligan of Harker Heights, the Spur’s longtime accompanist and Musical Director, will provide live music, and there will be an audience sing-along, making the show itself another great form of seasonal togetherness

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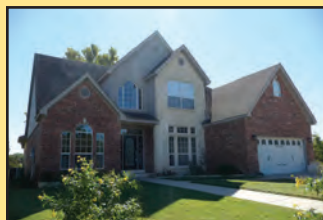
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New nutrition standards for school lunches; The controversy over the federal government’s “predator control” program

Dear EarthTalk: What are the new nutrition standards for school lunches that have some students boycotting their cafeterias and discarding the food?
--Melissa Makowsky, Trenton, NJ



significant hardships employing the new calorie requirements, we stand ready to work with them quickly and effectively to remedy the situation with additional flexibilities.”
The benefits of the new standards far outweigh the costs. “School meals can help children develop

program does much more than so-called “predator control”—threatened and endangered species conservation, invasive species mitigation, wildlife disease monitoring, airport bird strike prevention, rabies and rodent control—

killing bears, wolves, coyotes and mountain lions to protect livestock does take up \$100 million of the federal budget each year.
Animal advocates say it’s not fair to kill animals owned in essence by the public trust and indispen-

able to ecosystem health just to protect privately held livestock, let alone spend millions of tax dollars doing it.
“Working directly with commercial operators and
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Indeed, some 31 mil-



New school meal standards hope to sway American children away from unhealthy foods, which have led to 32 percent being overweight and 17 percent obese. Whole-grains, beans and dark green and orange vegetables now replace things like pizza and French fries as staples in schools that follow the program.

lion American kids participating in the federally supported National School Lunch Program have been getting more whole grains, beans, fruits and vegetables in their diets—whether they like it or not. The change is due to new school meal standards unveiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) last January, per the order of 2010’s Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. The new standards are based on the Institute of Medicine’s science-based recommendations, and are the first upgrade to nutritional standards for school meals since 1995 when low- and no-fat foods were all the rage.
The non-profit Environmental Working Group (EWG) believes the new standards represent an important milestone in efforts to improve the dietary habits and health of increasingly obese American kids. “Schools’ misguided reliance on processed foods for speedy, low-labor cost production, industry’s \$1.6 billion in child-targeted advertising and a lack of faith in our children’s dietary curiosity [have] created a generation of ‘picky eaters’ with dull palates,” reports the group. “With nearly 17 percent of America’s children now clinically obese and a staggering 32 percent overweight, the time is long past to address the

unhealthy food environments our children live in.”
The new standards limit calories per meal to 850 for high school meals, 700 for middle school and 650 for elementary and more than double the mandated minimum servings of fruits and vegetables while reducing the sodium, saturated fats and trans fats in school kids’ diets. Whole-grain foods, beans and dark green and orange vegetables such as broccoli, spinach, carrots and sweet potatoes have replaced things like pizza and French fries as staple items in schools that follow the program.
Of course, not everybody likes the changes. Lunch strikes, Facebook protest pages, Twitter campaigns, YouTube parody videos and other means have been utilized coast-to-coast to voice opposition to the healthier meals. Some affected cafeterias blame the new smaller portions and healthier fare for causing as much as a 70 percent drop-off in school lunch program participation since the new standards took effect.
Psychologists understand that kids may not come around to new foods right away but will eventually eat them—so the federal government and most participating schools are sticking to their guns. And the USDA says that if a school “encounters

healthy eating habits—or they can prime them for a life of poor health and unnecessary suffering,” says EWG.
EWG lauds the new standards for significantly expanding access to and appreciation of nourishing food. Whether they can help shift eating norms across the country remains to be seen, but regardless millions of American kids will likely now get their healthiest meals of the day on a tray in their school cafeterias.
CONTACTS: EWG, www.ewg.org; National School Lunch Program, www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/; Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/legislation/cnr_2010.htm.
Dear EarthTalk: A friend of mine told me that our government kills thousands of wild animals like bears and wolves every year in the name of protecting livestock. How can the government, which is supposed to protect dwindling numbers of animals, instead be killing them? -- Amy Pratt, Troy, NY
Actually, the federal government kills some 100,000 carnivores every year under the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA’s) Wildlife Services program. While the

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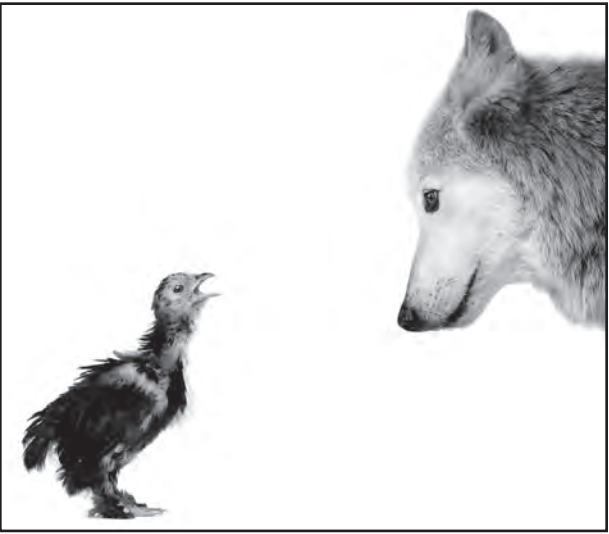
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state and local governments, Wildlife Services uses a combination of lethal control methods, like trapping, aerial gunning, poisoning, and denning (killing young in their dens), and some non-lethal control methods,” reports the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). “But driven by narrow agricultural interests, these predator control activities often ignore the greater public need for a healthy environment, fiscal responsibility, and safe public lands.”

NRDC cites USDA statistics showing that most livestock losses result from weather, disease, illness and birthing problems—not predation. They also argue that the lethal methods employed by Wildlife Services have led to dozens of human and pet injuries and deaths and degrade ecosystems that rely on healthy predator populations to function. Also the two most commonly used poisons, Compound 1080 and sodium cyanide, go beyond killing animals and wreak havoc on entire ecosystems.

Predator Defense, another group committed to ending federal predator control efforts, says that it is important to maintain healthy populations of the very predators Wildlife Services works to kill. When, for instance, predators are around to keep

deer and elk populations in check, more and varied kinds of plants are given space and time to grow, in turn preserving and creating habitat for many different species.

“Wildlife Services’ predator control work cries out for reform,” says NRDC. The group recommends bringing more transparency to the process so the public can assess how tax dollars are being used; taking a more scientific approach instead of centering the program around the demands of commercial interests; holding the program to higher environmental standards; ending the cruelest, most hazardous and environmentally harmful killing methods; and requiring non-lethal methods when possible.

There has been no decisive legislation to stop predator control efforts, but a bill introduced into the House by California Republican John Campbell III calls for amending the Toxic Substances Control Act to prohibit the use of Compound 1080 and sodium cyanide for predator control. The bill (H.R. 4214) was referred to committee and may or may not see a floor vote this year.

CONTACTS: NRDC, www.nrdc.org; Predator Defense, www.predatordefense.org; H.R. 4214, www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/112/hr4214.



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Here's How to Store Tools for Winter

Q: What's linseed oil, and how do I use it on my gardening tools? Can I use it to lubricate the metal parts of my lawnmower? -- Jerry in Canton, Ohio

A: Linseed oil is a natural oil made from flaxseed that has long been used as a wood preservative and protectant (along with other uses such as an additive to paint). While other treatments are available to protect your garden and lawn tools' wooden handles, it's good to know about this treatment and how you should use it.

First and foremost, know that there are two types of linseed oil for DIY applications: raw and boiled. Raw linseed oil has been pressed from the flax seeds and left untreated -- not heated or had any chemicals added to it. Boiled linseed oil has either been heat-treated (not boiled, despite its name) or had chemicals added to it for specific reasons. Raw linseed oil is very slow drying (we're talking

weeks or months here) and can stay tacky for a long time. That makes it great for certain applications where slow drying is preferable. For tool handles, that's not preferable (or enjoyable).

Boiled linseed oil dries faster, but keep in mind that most brands are treated with certain chemicals to get it to do so. If you're determined to use an "all-natural" product

to treat wood handles, be aware of this when purchasing this type of linseed oil.

An important caveat when using linseed oil, either raw or boiled, is that it is considered a fire hazard. Because oxidation is what causes the oil to dry, in certain circumstances -- like piling together a bunch of linseed oil-soaked rags -- the oil can ignite. Don't put oil-

soaked cloth through the washer and dryer cycle at all: hand-wash them with soap and water and hang them up to dry, and don't discard several rags at once.

To treat wooden handles, apply a single very light coat of boiled linseed oil. Don't apply linseed oil to the metal parts. To protect those, you can apply a light coat of all-purpose oil. For metal parts

that contact the wooden handles, use a protectant that won't damage wood. If your hardware store doesn't have a product for this, look for a woodworking store in your area or online.

Store your wooden-handled tools in a dry location, protected from sunlight and temperature extremes. Don't pile them together. Ideally, hang them up on a pegboard or

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Dove's Landing - Starting from \$39,900. Large lots with trees. Call Ryan

Under 10 acres

Heritage Lot - 1.3 acres w/ trees. \$49,900

Hidden Springs:

Lot 125, 2 acres \$34,900
Lot 243, 2.27 acres \$55,000
Lot 291, 5 acres \$49,900
Lot 313, 5 acres \$49,900
Lot 216, 5 acres \$45,000

Eagle Rock

Lot 10, 2.5 acres \$34,900
Lot 8, 2.6 acres \$35,900
Lot 6 SOLD 2.6 acres

ACREAGE

Salado Area

10.00 Acres West-Bell County This is a very nice 10 acre wooded tract that is secluded \$89,900

10.00 Acres unbelievable views \$99,900
11.71 Rare large tract 11.7 acres in Hidden Springs with scattered trees and well onsite \$119,400

33.00 Great home site and ready to be built. \$129,900
40.00 Vineyard, wells and home sites \$269,900

20.10 Hill country estate with live oak trees with an over 1 acre lake. Subdividing possible. \$349,900

55.69 Acres with great views and trees. \$6950 per acre Salado

44 Acres overlooking Stillhouse Lake. Great home sites \$49,900

Other Areas

Bartlett 41.38 acres Productive blackland farm with small stock tank. \$132,000

Lake Belton-North \$159,000 11.80 NICE TRACK close to Winkler park. Great Recreation

Lake Belton-North \$274,000 21.79 Paradise! Lakeview/lake access!

87.79 Acres Milam County Beautiful rolling terrain with so many trees. 308,000

226 Acres west of Troy \$565,740



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