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Salado Art Showcase features reception, student open house

The Village of Salado Art Showcase will have a Wine and Cheese Reception and Silent Auction at the Salado Arts Workshop located at 113 Salado Plaza Drive from 6-8 p.m. April 7.

There will be 70 pieces of student artwork displayed at the Workshop. Artwork displayed will range from Pre-K through 12th grade.

The Student Open House will be 4-6 p.m. April 8 at the Salado Arts Workshop. At that time, the student may come by to see what artwork has been displayed and pick up their pieces.

The Silent Auction on April 7 will feature work by local artists, including the following:

Helen Alexander, paint-

Kay Griffith, painting. Cheryl Russell, paint-

Jill Shipman, jewelry Coyote Glass, glass butterfly box

William Menzies, Rolling Wine Decanter.

Jennifer Menzies, "Star Nebula" limited series interchangeable focal pendant set.

Gail Allard, a medium flared amber bowl.

Gail Allard, a blue long-stemmed glass rose.

Andrea McLester, An twisted amber all-glass wine topper

Andrea McLester, a clear and pastel sweet heart pennant.

Gail Allard, A cobalt

blue paperweight

Larry Prellop, artwork. All proceeds will go to the Salado Education Foundation to promote the arts education within Salado.

It is sponsored by the SEF, Salado Village Artists. Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary, Salado Arts Workshop, Salado I.S.D. and Public Arts League of Salado (PALS).



Claire (Haley Williams) and Anton (Jace Barton) remenince about their youth in a scene from "The Visit." Both actors were named to the District UIL One Act All Star Cast. PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HOOD

Salado Play is 'shades of wonderful' at UIL One Act Play Competition

Salado High School was selected as alternate during the District 25 AAA UIL One Act Play competition held March

The SHS production of "The Visit" by Friedrich Durrenmatt was commended for being "shades of wonderful" by Judge Nancy Jo Humfeld.

The two schools advancing from district competition are Llano with "Sweet Nothings in my Ear" and Liberty Hill with "Rivers and Ravines."

Other schools competing were Burnet with "The Crucible," Taylor with "Crimes of the Heart" and Lampasas with "Macbeth."

Salado cast members are: Dennis Quesinberry - Doctor/Third Man, Dakota Creasy - Blind Eunuch/First Man, Peyton Best - Blind Eunuch/Second Man, Audley Miles - Butler (Bobby)/Fourth Rachel Spinks - Painter, Tanner Pitts - Station Master/Conductor/First Woman, Tori Sellers - Second Woman, Sharla Gilchrest - Police-

man, Savannah Stanley -Burgomaster, Jace Barton - Anton Schill, Kandace Little - Teacher, Tommy Armstrong - Pastor, Haley Williams - Claire Zachanassian, Chris Norman - Mike the Brute/Truck Driver, Lucas Wooley -Max the Brute/Reporter Crew members are: Sebastian Rocha, Jacob Krustchinsky, Janson Oyler,

Lainey Sirois and Nate

Tauferner. Alternates were Josh Oyler and Samantha Yeager.

The play is directed by J. J. Jonas and Kyra Mann.

Earning individual honors were: All Star Crew - Sebastian Rocha, All Star Cast - Haley Williams and Jace Barton, Honorable Mention All Star Cast - Audley Miles and Kandace Little.

Bridge garden features native plants

Keep Salado Beautiful (KSB) unveiled the sign designating the Historic Green Bridge as a native plant garden on March 30.

The sign was designed by Salado High student Jace Rex. His computer design instructor is Bobbette Bell. The two were honored by Alderman Susan Terry during the unveiling of the new sign.

This project partnered the Central Texas Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists with KSB. Nine Master Naturalists, one Bell County Master Gardener along with Salado community volunteers spent many days weeding, cleaning and trimming.

Additionally 43 native plants in eight species were added to the garden. KSB partnered with students in the Eagle Prints Graphic Design class at-Salado High School where they created the design for the sign and also with



Jace Rex is shown above with Susan Terry (left) and Bobbette Bell (right). (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

the SISD High School students from the Village Brigade that painted the sign.

Keep Salado Beautiful, is an organization that is charitable and educational while promoting public interest in the general improvement of the environment of Salado, Texas; to initiate, plan, direct and coordinate programs for litter control and solid waste management for the community on a sustainable basis; to develop and implement the Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc. goals and to study and develop plans

SPORTS

for improving the quality of life in Salado, Texas by beautifying the Village; encourage the placing, planning and preservation of landscaping the hardscaping in the Village and advise and coordinate plans with other agencies of the Village and the State.

For more information on programs, events and how you can become a member, call 254-947-8634; e-mail: dcharbonneau@saladotx.gov visit the website at www. keepsaladobeautiful.com.

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Community performance of "The Visit" April 7 and 21

Public performances of eryone in town. "The Visit" are scheduled Salado High School.

story of a wealthy woman returning to her debt-ridden home town. She offers the town a huge cash gift, with one condition: she wants the life of a villager who caused her to be expelled from town in disgrace years ago.

Denial of this absurd demand is followed by the gradual corruption of ev-

The Salado High for 8 p.m. April 7 and 21 at School Theater Department has put its own spin "The Visit' by Friedrich on the 1956 tragi-com-Duerrenmatt and adapted edy. The characters of the by Maurice Valency is the fictional town of Gullen come to life in an alternate Steampunk universe, where a Victorian view of the what the future would look like unfolds.

> Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door, refreshments available. Proceeds from public performances support the Theater program at Salado High School.

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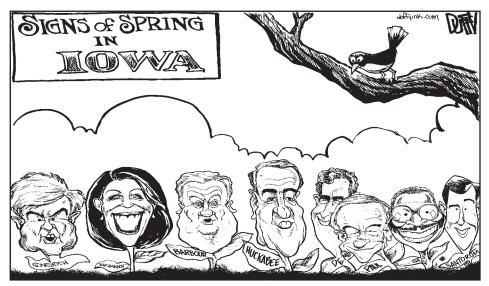
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Booster Club Golf Tourney The Salado Athletic Booster Club will be hosting its

Annual Golf Classic at Mill Creek Golf and Country Club on April 15. It will be a shotgun start beginning at High Noon. Chairpersons for the event are Ronnie Schoepf - 254-421-3424 and Randy Bloomer at 254-760-4302 or randy@bloomertrailers.com. The Golf Classic benefits scholarships for eligible Salado Eagle graduating seniors. Sponsorships and teams are signing up now!

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The Triumph of the Green Eyeshade

A Tomahawk missile costs \$1.4 million. If you don't know that, you haven't paid attention to the debate over the Libya

The war is America's first conflict initiated against the backdrop of \$1 trillion deficits, and as such practically every strike is subject to the accountant's beancounting. Our first fusillade of 160 cruise missiles, we are told, cost hundreds of millions of dollars alone. Even Indiana's Sen. Richard Lugar, a Republican establishmentarian and internationalist of long standing, argues the cost of the war is too damn high. "Who has really budgeted for Libya at all?" he asks.

Yes, by all means, the next time we're faced with an international crisis requiring a hair-trigger response -- saving the rebellion once it was reeling back toward its base in Benghazi required action in a matter of days -- let's first have a hearing of the Senate Budget Committee and a cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office.

There are compelling reasons to oppose the Libya War. Cost is not one of them. That we are now to consider every act of U.S. foreign policy merely as a line item in the federal budget is a sign of fiscal monomania and superpower degeneracy, not to mention a failure in basic math.

In the late 1960s, defense spending was about 10 percent of GDP, and so was nondefense spending. Since then, defense spending has fallen roughly in half as a proportion of GDP, while nondefense spending has roughly doubled. In our long-term fiscal crisis, guns are a pittance compared with all the butter.

Libya would have to be a conflagration rather than a brush fire to move the fiscal needle. About those Tomahawk missiles: Scott Lilly of the Center for American Progress points out that there are 3,500

Rich Lowry



Tomahawks in our arsenal. We buy about 200 more each year to maintain our production capability. In short: We can spare a few for Moammar Gadhafi. As for the cost of the ships and the planes involved, they were already deployed in the region anyway.

As a country, we haven't had happy experiences with stinting on defense, whether prior to the War of 1812, World War II or the Korean War. It may not seem fair that we have to shoot the Tomahawk missiles and fly the B-2 bombers of the Libya War, but would we really prefer that someone else matched our capabilities, or that we didn't have the hardware to respond rapidly in urgent circumstances?

The world can't always be counted on to throw up challenges precisely calibrated to our preferences. When someone suggested at the Constitutional Convention that the standing army not exceed 3,000 men, George Washington illustrated the folly of the proposal with wry countermotion stipulating that "no foreign enemy should invade the United States at any time, with more than 3,000 troops."

The reaction against the Libya War exhibits symptoms of imperial exhaustion, the feeling that the world is too much with us and we can't expend the energy or resources to cope with it now. An understandable sentiment, perhaps, but nothing good will come of it.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

Distress growing over GOP's calamitous school fund cuts

"Why continue to weaken our schools?" is the plaintive question resonating across Texas, as parents and educators become more acutely aware of what the planned multi-billion dollar reduction in education will do to our statewide public school system: that's already mired near the bottom of national norms in per pupil spending; graduation levels; achievement test scores.

It's always a perilous political journey to complain about the penurious governmental mind-set here in Texas, since we are a "hyper-red" Republican state, led by Rick Perry, an eleven year, snidely-tagged "GOPguv for Life": who is aided-abetted by a solid phalanx of statewide officials, all of whom support the Grand Old Party.

Plus a Legislature: controlled by a 19-12 GOP Senate majority; and a 101-49 conservative "super majority" in the House.

EDUCATION-NO! GAMBLING-YES?

The Republican State hierarchy, along with a band of neophyte T-Partiers, have combined under the sordid banner of "Slash Gummint and To Hell With Taxes!" They began their destructive foray in January by reducing public school funding by \$10 billion: which would delete 110,000 professional and staff positions - just

Ironically, our State Pooh-Bahs are also considering some 17 legislative proposals that would bring gambling to Texas for revenue reasons. However, most independent observers tag it as a political "strawman": since budget experts report gambling would produce a relatively scant \$1 billion bucks annually in taxes: "scant" when compared to our expanding budget needs.

Bearing in mind however, that "Gaming Syndicates" are notoriously generous in supporting friendly politicos!

THE GUV SAID WHAT?

Topping all that "No-Tax and Cut-Government" self-delusional palaver from our TOP-GOPs: Governor Perry recently told reporters something that "knocked our hat in the creek": as cowboys are wont to

Perry's quote: "Today's State budget shortfall is not that much different than it was in 2003!" Statewide newspapers checked that "whopper" out and found it absolutely false!

This column also researched the blunder and found the budget deficit in 2003 was close to \$10 billion: education was cut; many low income children were deprived of health insurance; thousands of state workers were dropped: and millions were sneakily shifted to the following year's spending bill.

By 2006 the economy had rebounded and Texas enjoyed (temporarily) an \$8 billion surplus, along with a startling population growth: unfortunately no new taxes were enacted to help provide "growth ser-

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



vices" for the newcomers.

FAST TAX-SHUFFLE

Perry and associates (in '06-7) were also busily scheming: Cutting and freezing school property taxes (\$1.50 to \$1.04 per hundred dollar valuation) to be repaid with a nebulous series of business taxes that never came close to picking up the lost school revenue.

That tax deal naturally helped the commercial community, whose lobby (our term: "perps") not only directed a willing Perry to cut (M&O) school taxes, but also reduce their franchise taxes: In two years (2009), those multiple-machinations helped create a deficit of \$15 billion.

President Obama then came to the rescue with a "stimulus" check that balanced the '09 budget. Perry and his GOPgang stopped denigrating Obama long enough to grab the Fed-bucks, albeit grudgingly. These "fast-shufflers" also purposely failed to resolve their deepening fiscal disorder: so when this year rolled around, Texas was \$27 billion in the hole!

As to Governor "Goodhair's" incorrect statement about the 2003 financial deficit, which was a cakewalk compared to this year's mess: truth is that unless we pass a tax bill soon, we're going to soon find ourselves in hazardous financial difficulty. We've already passed California's budget shortfall level and without new taxes we'll rank "disgracefully" among the nation's four-largest budget deficit State's next year!

PARENTS NEED TO **INCREASE PRESSURE**

The thing that amazes this writer is why parents and other interested citizens are not more upset and outraged. They need to increase pressure on local State Representatives and Senators, demanding that our pending educational disaster be averted: yes, even by calling for new

Texas has ridden a "no-new-tax gravy train" for over a decade, but that trip is over: and unless we're satisfied to drop to the bottom quartile of States, that provide below-minimum education opportunities for their children, then we need to instigate a massive political "house-cleaning" in Austin!

Our kids are too important to allow partisan, self serving, business controlled, vitriolic divisive nonsense, that passes for governance - to continue.

It must be stopped: and best suited for that job would be an alliance of parents, educators, nonpartisan tax payers, and anyone else with a grain of sense who wants Texas to regain its position as a leader in education.

The task also includes eliminating today's hyper-maniacal "anti-tax and minimalized-government" towards our public education system that should be among the nation's best: but sadly at this point in time, it is not!

That's -30-

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I have been reading the letters to the Editor regarding the upcoming bond to improve the extra-curricular facilities for Salado ISD. Many excellent arguments have been made regarding the justification for the bond, but I would like to add my own personal experience. As the mother of three sophomores currently enrolled at Salado High School (yes, triplets!), I can attest to (1) the unsatisfactory nature of the current facilities especially as compared to other similar schools of equal and even smaller size, and (2) the positive effect that activities such as marching band and track/cross country have had on my children in terms of academic achievement and overall sense of well-being.

Although my kids do not play football, they are actively involved in cross country and track and marching band. This has allowed our family to visit a myriad of athletic fields throughout Central Texas. We have been absolutely stunned by the wonderful quality of the facilities we see in such towns such as Lampasas, McGregor, and Lorena. These communities have obviously gotten behind their kids to help pay for a part of their education which helps to give students a tremendous sense of pride, accomplishment, physical fitness, and selfesteem. With our current facilities, for instance, we are not even able to host invitational track meets, because we don't even have the required number of lanes. I urge the voters to become informed--take a drive out to McGregor (a 2A school) and then compare them to our own.

Investing in these facilities is a direct investment in our children's future. It does not take away from academics--it enhances it! I have seen the miraculous change taking place with my own kids. We moved here in 2006, and it was difficult at first for the kids to find their way in a brand new community. As they have gotten involved in these activities, their sense of belonging, competitiveness, and achievement have risen tremendously. It is for this reason, I will not hesitate to vote for the bond, even though my own children will most likely never set foot in the new facilities because they will have graduated. But I would like to help leave a

legacy that will allow the future students of Salado to continue to prosper.

Mary Beth Cooke, LMFTA, LPCI

Dear Editor:

Carolyn Williams' recent letter has prompted me to write as well. Let me begin by saying that I completely agree with what she said. When the owner of one of Salado's most important anchor stores sounds that alarmed city leaders need to listen. That said I have some insights of my own to share.

The cause of Salado's woes can be divided into two basic categories. The first being events and trends that happen at the county, state, national, and even global level. The second is the witches brew of causes ladled up right here in Salado. These are things that we have the power to change if we recognize them and take action. this second Category is what this letter will address and includes but certainly is not limited to the following.

Salado lacks any kind of

real architectural vision or

control. Several incongru-

ous and some down right

ugly strip centers built

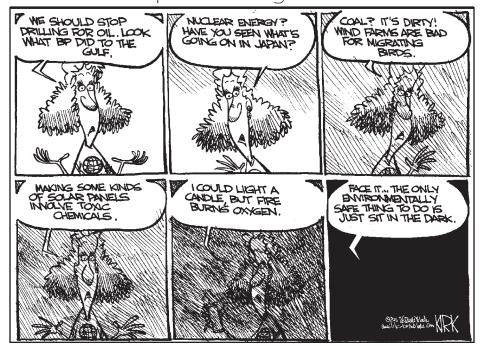
in Salado in the last few years stand as monuments in stone and hardyboard to this complete lack of vision and to the misplaced and screwed up priorities of the people who were in charge of writing the voluminous ordinances that regulate construction here. Does anyone think it's a coincidence that these generic Belton style strip centers happen to be where most of the vacancies are? There should never have been any such building built on Main Street. Salado had a wonderful template it could have followed in both the historical buildings in town and the buildings lovingly crafted by Darwin Britt. There are never many vacancies in that part of town. Not one bit more of construction in the historic district should be approved until there are rules on the books covering style and aesthetics. I would suggest that city officials go to Roundtop and have a look around. There has been lots of new construction there the last few years and it's almost all charming and wonderful.

I'll stay brief on the next self inflicted pox on Salado's house. This is the subject of unsustainable high rents on commercial

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



NATO and Allies should step up and take the lead _____

After 10 days of U.S. military operations in Libya, President Obama gave his first direct address to the American people about this mission. And while I welcome his acknowledgement of the need for international partners to lead in this effort going forward, more questions than answers remain about our ultimate objectives and what "mission accomplished" will look like for the United States and the international community. The American people still need adequate explanation and justification for the president's decision to order military force in Libya.

Certainly, we want to help citizens of oppressed nations help themselves as they fight a despotic government, but the line must be drawn at America leading the effort to topple a government, when there are questions to be answered first. We don't have enough information about the insurgents. Who are they, and what is their goal? What kind of government would replace the one overthrown?

Now that the president has unilaterally ordered military force and laid out the imperative to remove Gadhafi from power, America's credibility is on the line and will be undermined if Gadhafi remains in control.

The president has stressed that international cooperation is essential for success in this military endeavor in Libya, as well as future conflicts that will arise in the world. Indeed, it is critical that NATO and The Arab League take on a greater share of the responsibility in Libya and help foster more cooperation and consensus

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison U.S. Senator



among our allies.

Neighboring countries in the Middle East have vital national interests at stake and possess the military capabilities, including fighter planes, to share in the responsibility. It is not enough for them merely to give permission or make statements of support. The Arab League must not remain only an observer to the atrocities unfolding in its own backyard, but it needs to become an active participant in the fight against tyrannical governments that promote terrorism and oppress and murder their own people.

We know from history that nations, like Libya, which are ruled by an iron fist with complete disregard for human rights, have a weak foundation of authority and when challenged will not be sustained. Eventually the oppression of their own people leads to revolution, civil war, and instability and that can spread beyond its own borders. The stable Arab nations should take the lead in their sphere to promote responsible solutions in Libya.

America has already taken on the major share of the challenges facing the Middle East through our involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the time has come for other nations to share in this responsibility.

America's standing in the world would not be diminished by other countries taking the lead in Libya. What diminishes

U.S. standing in the world is to be sucked into a quagmire: our allies back away, the United States becomes the leader and we announce that it is too difficult to continue and retreat accomplishing without our stated mission. Sharing the responsibility with NATO, the Arab League, and other allies is the prudent course, and I hope we will see allies be willing to provide the lion's share of the military effort.

As the U.S. priorities unfold in Libya, I hope the president will consult with Congress at every decision point. Members of Congress should be given the opportunity to ask questions about the mission, its strategy, and its impact on our military and offer counsel.

The Constitution gives Congress the power to declare war, not the president. But when the president takes action that eventually places our military in a position of having no alternative but to get gradually more and more deeply involved, it becomes a defacto declared war without Congress' approval. This is a dangerous precedent.

The interests of the American people will ultimately be best served when the president willingly involves Congress in decisions that put our security, our economy, and the lives of American service men and women at risk.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas

Japan's Earthquake Jolts Shreveport Globalization's "efficiency' is nothing but a cross-your-fingers fantasy



Jim Hightower

The corporate chieftains who've relentlessly pushed American factories and middle-class jobs offshore rationalize this globalization of production by declaring that it's all about efficiency, as though that's the highest value to which a civilization can aspire.

Values aside, however, the problem with corporate efficiencies is that too often they are simply not efficient. The corporate scheme of moving stuff from A to B to G to Y to achieve the narrow goal of maximizing profits can look so simple, sensible, and even slick in a boardroom Power Point presentation. This is largely because it ignores inconvenient realities, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, and nuclear meltdowns.

For example, Shreveport, Louisiana has been jolted by the horrific onetwo-three blow that has pummeled Japan. What hit Shreveport was not a seismic aftershock, a tsunami, or a radioactive nuclear plume--but the inherent fragility of the distant supplier networks built by profiteering globalizers. A GM truck plant in this city has shut down because one truck part, made at a factory in a devastated area of Japan, isn't presently available. One part. Amazing. Cars and trucks have about 20,000 parts, but the inability to get even a single one delivered from abroad can bring an entire assembly line to a halt.

GM's bean counters had decided at some point that they could have this gizmo made in and shipped from Japan a bit cheaper than making it here. So GM and other globalizers have made themselves--and all of us--dependent on an unreliable, far-flung network of foreign factories. Moreover, these scattered suppliers also are at their suppliers' mercy--a plastic gadget-maker in Japan, for example, might rely on a Chinese factory for the chemical to make the plastic.

Globalization's "efficiency" is nothing but a cross-your-fingers fantasy.



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Your Voice

property in the village. Any Salado property owner who believes they can charge much over a buck a square foot the way things are right now is living in a fantasy world. And it's a fantasy that is bleeding the life out of the Village.

The last thing I'll discuss is the single factor that I believe has done more to damage the business climate in Salado than any other but is also, happily, the easiest to remedy. What could this be? What I speak of is this crazy closed on Sunday thing that has spread through town like a metastatic cancer and is just as destructive. As owner of a store that is always open on Sunday I see and hear all day long the disappointment visitors express as they realize that they drove here to spend the day or maybe the whole weekend and a big chunk of the town has the sidewalks rolled up. Ask yourselves why anyone would want to come here and spend the night on Saturday when they know some of their favorite stores won't be open the next day. I believe tourists are voting in droves by driving their cars and their money to other places on weekends. It is crystal clear to me that the obvious drop

Salado directly correlates two all these Sunday closures. Salado must return from this Blue Law era dreamland and rejoin the real world. Closed stores say to tourists "we don't care if you come or not, you don't matter. Go spend your weekend someplace else". If Carolyn Williams is as worried as she sounds then she will put her resources and time where her sentiments are and lead the way back this coming Sundav. I'll watch and hope. The people will not come back right away; it's going to take a long time to get the word out that Salado is a weekend destination again. Some of the people may never come back but we have to try. It seems to me that Salado is in need of what you might call a charm offensive because it appears anything resembling it is in very short sup-

in Saturday shopping in

Sincerely, Les McCollum co-owner Garden Spirits

ply here these days.

To the Editor:

Thank you, Carolyn Williams, for taking a stand and making a point on businesses in Salado. If I may I am going to add some additional input, using the last paragraph published in Our Voice "Editorial Opinion" dated January 27, 2011. "More than that, it will save the soul of our village. And no price can be attached to that." What is the soul of Salado? Is it not TOURISM? If the answer is yes, WHY are most of the stores closed on Sunday? Why do restaurants close at 3 p.m. on the weekends?

People come to Salado on the weekends as a place to escape for a little while, be it a day or the whole weekend. If they come on a Sunday, more than half of the businesses are closed. This has adversely affected the number of visitors to Salado, not to mention the sale of merchandise from the stores staying open to accommodate the tourist. The number of people that have stated how disappointed they are that the town is basically closed on Sunday is ridiculous. I think the store and restaurant owners need to wake up before it is too late. Salado is dying. And I for one, love this small tourist town and would hate to see it buried.

Michael Pursley Owner, Hannie's Corner

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To the Editor:

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A tornado took out our house and while fleeing the monster storm we totaled the car. My husband was so upset he had a heart attack. Now we have no money, no car, no house, and medical bills up the wazoo. We have a very bad deficit/debt problem but I found a solution. We will give up our Social Security for a year until we get back on our feet.

Actually none of the catastrophes happened to us personally but it seems to be conservative thinking about our current fiscal problems in government. (We will cut our income sources until we can afford our outgo.) If this line of reasoning doesn't make sense to you then you are the part of America that I know and connect with.

Deficit is the fancy term for debt. Debt is promising to pay out of future income for a house, a car, or a college education; or foolishly to junket to Las Vegas. Debt of itself is not bad; only the reasons you incur it may be. You cannot pay it off without income and income, for government, comes from taxes: sales taxes, property taxes, income taxes, or fees. Getting Americans well paying jobs would increase government income so it could pay its debts/deficit at the state and national level. Cutting the size and scope of government won't accomplish the creation of jobs only demand for services and goods will.

Glenda Turck

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As I read through a number of the letters to the Editor and as I contemplate my decision in regards to the upcoming Bond Election for the athletic complexes at the Salado High School, I feel the need to express my opinion on the matter. One of the growing concerns that we all have are the impending budget cuts and potential loss of teachers jobs in our district. It is somewhat difficult to understand and justify spending \$11 million of bond money on a new sports complex when these cut-backs are occurring. Unfortunately, whether this bond is for \$11 million or \$100 million, it would not impact these cut-backs in any way, shape or form. The school district is governed and operated by the state government and the cut-backs are a direct result of its inability to manage and contain its spending relative to the amount of income it is generating. We, as tax pavers, should be out-raged by such poor and ineffective fiscal responsibility by our state government. It is important to note that this bond election has nothing to do with that nor will it change anything, save any jobs, reduce any cut-backs, etc. It is a sad situation that our state government has put us in, and unfortunately, most states are experiencing the same issues.

So, why vote for this bond election given our current set of circumstances? I, by no means, want to spend more of my money for taxes, unless I can see that it will distinctly improve the town of Salado and its residents as well as the businesses that operate here. I view that there are three valid reasons that I firmly believe justify this bond.

The first is revenue for the town of Salado. This sports complex will be able to host all of the

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sporting events (i.e. football, softball, baseball, track, soccer, tennis, etc), not to mention Ag and Band, in which the children attending our schools participate. This is not the case today. Our current facilities (or lack thereof) limit Salado's ability to support these events and our students will be forced to travel to other facilities to participate in extra curricular events. As a parent, I can firmly state that even with the tough economic times, I will make the effort to see my children participate in sporting events (or any activity) regardless of the location. I suspect that I am not unique in this decision. Parents of children of schools visiting will travel to Salado, will need places to eat and sometimes stay in Salado, and will hopefully enjoy all of the benefits and charm that Salado brings. Additionally, these facilities will have the ability to host a number of other events that may or may not be directly tied to SISD such as regional playoff games, sports off-season clinics, and tournaments. Again, these events would bring more visitors to the town of Salado.

The second is to handle and encourage growth in our community. It is very apparent that Salado is growing rapidly given the fact that we have recently grown from a 2A to a 3A school. I believe this trend will continue given the fact that Salado is a unique gem in Central Texas. Isn't that why we all have chosen to live here, raise a family here, etc? With growth, the SISD facilities need to grow accordingly.

Finally, as I understand it, if we elect to not approve this bond today, at some point, Salado will be forced to enhance the sports complex to properly host 3A sporting events or other schools will refuse to come to Salado. Larger 3A schools are already encouraging their fans not

to attend sporting events due to limited parking and seating at our current facilities. This means, that all sporting events could become "away" games, tournaments and meets. Students will have to spend even more time on the road. So it is not a question of "if" these sport facilities will be built via increased taxes, it is a matter of "when". The control we have with this bond election is to build the complex to suit our needs and requirements at a price that will likely be less than what will be forced upon us in the fu-

Based on the above reasons, I will be voting "yes" in the bond election next month. I hope you will also.

> Scott Wales Salado

To the Editor:

Last week, business owner Carolyn Williams took the time to voice in a public forum what many of us have been discussing privately. While I am sure she has received heat for her refreshingly honest assessment of Salado's current woes, as a resident I am grateful to her for doing so.

I have two comments regarding Ms. Williams' comments in her letter to our community.

First, if there is anyone in on Salado's payroll or occupying a volunteer leadership position who has a problem with either the letter's content, or its publication, please tender your immediate resignation for the good of this community. You are part of this growing nightmare and Salado's problems are so obvious they driving away both residents and tourists.

Second, if other communities are actively courting what's left of Main Street's businesses, are we

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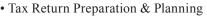
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Salado Police Report March 28 - April 3

2:30-2:43 p.m., 800 block Blaylock. Snake in yard. Snake killed. 18" Copperhead.

10:50-11:10 p.m., block of Brazos Court. Noise Violation. Complainant states juveniles playing basketball in driveway with stereo on too loud. Located, no music playing on my arrival, not playing basketball but had been. Advised of noise violation and warned. Juveniles mother spoken to also. Clear.

March 29

12:20-12:30 a.m., 100 block Rock Creek. Open door. Walk in door on west side of garage open with interior light on. No one inside. Does not appear forced. Made contact with resident. Purposefully left open. Clear.

01:40-01:50 a.m., 100 block of North Main. Open door. While on foot in 000 block and 100 block of North Main found North facing door (slim glass panelled doors) open. Cleared building. Nothing appears disturbed. Doors do not appear to have been forced. Unable to shut. Clear.

March 30

p.m., North 4:34-4:45 Church Street. Medical. 71 year old fell and needed to be helped back in bed. Assisted SVFD. Clear.

5:45-5:50 p.m., Call asking about report made through Bell County. No information to give. Unable to assist. Said will check with Bell County.

6:00-6:35 p.m., 800 block West Village Road. Theft. Property taken from this location between 6 p.m. 03/29/11 and 6 p.m. 03/30/11. 2010 John Deere Mower and flat bed trailer.

6:38-6:45 p.m., Gregory's. Manager called dispatch when #104 drove by to have #104 come by. She wanted to advise she was having locksmith fix door. Checked and there was nothing wrong - door shifted and dead bolt was hard to

9:53-10:25 p.m. 100 Block Salado Creek Place. Fire. Responded with SVFD. Assisted. Fluorescent light problem. Homeowner had chest pain. Scott & White EMS arrived - did not transport. No fire. March 31

12:45-1:30 a.m., Welfare concern. Young man at Exxon upset because his girlfriend drove off in his pickup and went back to Killeen. He did not want to file charges against his girlfriend, who lives with

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doing the same? Are we offering incentives to bring in new and retain existing operations? If not, why

The time for business as usual is over. Store owners, daily and weekend visitors are not the only ones giving up on Salado. Just drive through Mill Creek and you will see growing numbers of abandoned creekside properties and "for sale" signs popping up in front of homes that so far have been spared from the persistent flooding.

Yes, we need to address the eyesores created by the creek and business losses. But the answer is not the implementation of a property tax or hikes to current sources. Salado is not delivering a good enough return on existing funding and village leaders have

took him to Killeen. Neither of us could tell if he had been drinking. Clear.

5:36-6:05 p.m., 200 block North Bound I-35. Medical. Assisted SVFD. Secured area and traffic control. 22 year old male with chest pains. EMS Scott and White arrived but did not transport. Clear.

10:12-10:45 p.m., Church Street. Medical. 71 year old could not get back into bed. Assisted SVFD. Clear.

April 1

12:27-12:57 p.m., Thomas Arnold at Robertson Road. Traffic Assist. Antique car stalled at corner, assisted and got it to Stagecoach Inn. Arrived for show this weekend. April 2

8:32-8:50 a.m., 2000 block West Amity. Medical. Assisted SVFD and Belton EMS. 53 year old female fell and hit head. Transported by Belton EMS. Having trouble breathing and dizzy.

1:39-1:55 a.m., 200 block South Bound I-35. Accident. Roll over accident. Lost control on frontage road and wound up on I-35. No one seriously hurt - 3 passengers. No one transported. Secured and assisted.

7:05-7:30 p.m., 401 Stagecoach (Stagecoach Inn). Disturbance. Four to five white males and at least two white females on property using pool and hot tub. Asked by employee to see room keys. Became belligerent, using profanity. Told to leave. Employee states group in possession of beer. Group did leave, one white male pulling his pants down as they did so. Red 2006 Dodge pickup traced to address in Moody. Bell County Sheriffs Office asked to check address for me. Unable to locate. Numerics not found. Two phone numbers listed in ILEADS, neither correct. No vehicle involvement in ILEADS. Checked gas stations, restaurants, parks, golf club and creek access areas. Unable to locate, gone on arrival. Complainant stated he would be able to identify anyone from the group. Advised to call again if truck seen on property. Clear.

10:15-10:40 p.m., 401 Stagecoach (Stagecoach Inn) Suspicious Circumstances. Room occupants left room at approximately 6 p.m. Returned at 10 p.m. and found security latch on back sliding glass door not secure. Stated they remember it being secure when they left. Latch lock was still engaged

when they returned. Screws were not fully tightened into wall on back door latch. No signs of tampering or of forced entry at front or back doors. Nothing missing from inside. I tightened the screws for the lock for them and secured the sliding glass doors. Advised to call again if any further suspicious circumstances occur.

April 3

12:05-12:25 a.m., Pace Park. Suspicious vehicle. In park after hours. One white female and one white male in bed of pickup. Parents were contacted and okayed male driving female home. Left park on request and advised of park hours. Female is 18 and male is 17. Clear.

10:58-11:35 a.m., Burglary of vehicle. 900 Block Santa Maria. Homeowner said she is having her garage floor painted and left her car in drive way. Car was unlocked with several items inside. However the only item taken was a red Compass Bank bag containing \$100

12:08-12:21 a.m., 1800 block of Chisholm Trail. Welfare concern/child locked in car. 2 year old and 11 month old white male accidently locked in car. Father talked 2 year old into pushing unlock button on car. SVFD said no danger with short time and shade covering car. Clear.

8:45-9:10 p.m., 300 West Village Road. Missing child. 9 year old white male, autistic. last seen wearing t-shirt and boxer shorts ran from residence after argument with parent. Described to businesses along North Robertson and School playgrounds checked while on route. Child located at neighbors house just north of residence. Returned home. Clear.

10:35-11:45 p.m., 200 block South Bound I-35. Dispatch advises brown SUV has struck center wall and reflectors along I-35. Belton P.D. is A.T.L. Caller is behind vehicle. Belton PD located vehicle as it took exit 286. Vehicle stopped in 1800 block North Robertson Road as I arrived. No odor of alcoholic beverage on driver. HGN, one leg stand and walk and turn all failed. SVFD and Scott & White called to scene to verify if diabetic or not. Blood sugar normal. Belton PD transported for blood test. Vehicle towed. Clear.

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not demonstrated an ability to manage or maximize current revenues.

We need a master plan for the short and long terms, created by people with vision and experience. We need to fill the empty store fronts by identifying Salado's retail and pastime deficiencies and then actively bring them into our community. We need to levy fees on commercial landlords who allow storefronts to decay or remain empty for longer than six months.

importantly, Most while our bed and breakfast facilities do an excellent job of attracting weekend tourists, we need more festivals and entertainment venues to seal the deal. We need to insist our tourism representatives also bring in weekday business trav-

full-service chain hotels that feature full-service conference facilities to harness crucial convention. We have an ideal location of Interstate 35 for such business and if we have not been actively seeking it, again – why not?

To survive, Salado needs people in positions of authority who understand what it takes to run a village, a corporation. We need aldermen, chamber and tourism leaders who want more than just a title. They must be willing to bring to the table creative ideas, dedication, time and guts to set this wonderful village back on track. We should accept nothing less. Thank you, Ms. Williams, for getting the dialogue started.

Dale & Debbie Stevenson, Mill Creek residents

Eagles tied with Liberty Hill for second in district

The Salado Eagle baseball team won both of their district games last week. The victories give the Eagles a 2-1 district record. They are tied with Liberty Hill in second place behind 3-0 Llano.

On March 29, the Eagles fell behind Lampasas 1-0 in the first inning but erupted for nine runs in the second to cruise to a big win. Salado used a walk, an error, and seven base hits to produce the runs. Clint Scarborough, Cole Calder, and Marshall Mann had rbi hits in the inning. Paul Warren, Taylor Rudduck, and Braxton Tucker all drove home two runs in the inning.

Lampasas added a run in the third but the Eagles answered with two in the fourth. Scarborough led off the inning on an error. Courtesy runner Hunter Ward then raced home on a triple by Calder. Calder would eventually score on a passed ball to make the score 11-2.

The Eagles scored a single run in the sixth. Scarborough walked and his courtesy runner Ward moved to third on a walk

and a Warren single. He scored on Colton Norman's fielders choice.

Two runs were scored by Lampasas in the sixth. This made the final score 12-4.

Warren and Calder both had two hits on the night and drove in two runs. Tucker and Rudduck also had two rib's on the night.

Scarborough was the winning pitcher in the game. He went six innings striking out 4 and allowing 4 hits and two earned runs. Tucker pitched the seventh.

On April 1, Salado travelled to Taylor to take on the Ducks. The Eagles scored three runs in the top of the second for an early lead. Scarborough doubled and Calder followed with an infield hit to put runners on first and second. A sacrifice fly by Paul Warren moved the runners up. Taylor Rudduck delivered with a double to drive in both runners. Colton Norman came up with a single to drive in Rudduck.

Salado made two errors in the bottom of the second that led to two unearned runs. The Eagles got them back with a run in the third and a run in the fourth. The latter coming on a home run by Colton Norman.

After Taylor closed to within 5-3 with a run in the fifth, Salado put six runs on the board to put the game away. Big hits in the inning were a two run double by Calder, and rbi singles by Rudduck and Norman.

In the top of the seventh the Eagles added two more runs for a 14-3 final. Tucker had an rbi single in the inning and Josh Hartman drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Salado pounded out fifteen hits in the game. Norman had his best game of the year. He was 4 of 4 with 3 rbi's. Scarborough, Calder, Rudduck and Bubba Luna had two hits each. Calder drove in four runs and Rudduck three in the game.

Luna was the winning pitcher in the game. He allowed four hits and one earned run. He now has a 5-0 record on the mound.

Salado is currently 14-7 on the year. They will be hosting Liberty Hill on Friday at 7 p.m. in a big district contest

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JV, Freshmen Eagles sweep recent district 25AAA foes

Salado JV Eagles beat both Lampasas and Taylor last week, shutting out the Ducks JV squad.

Salado 8 Lampasas 2

Salado scored six runs in the fourth inning, batting through the order and running away from the JV Badgers.

The Eagles took advantage of five hits and an error to run away with the game in the fourth inning.

Trey Moehler led off with a single and advanced on a single by Andrew Warren. Cole Haag hit two RBIs with a single. He scored on a double by Jon Franz.

Bryce Martin reached on an error, Ty Hedrick walked and both scored on a double by Coby Giniewicz with two outs. Giniewicz was stranded on second.

The Eagles scored in the first inning after Haag reached on a single. He scored on a single by Frazier.

Warren and Haag both went two-of-three at the plate with Haag hitting two RBIs.

Franz hit a double with an RBI.

Regan Bazar and Martin both had RBIs.

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The top of the order for the JV Eagles scored all six runs in the shut out of Taylor April 1.

Lead-off batter Warren scored three times, reaching on a single, a fielding error and a walk. He was two-of-three, with a walk and scored three runs.

Haag reached on a fielder's choice and then hit an RBI triple in final inning.

Franz scored in the last inning after reaching on a single.

The Eagles had six hits in the game: Warren and Franz both hit two singles, Haag hit a triple and Casey Frazier hit a single.

Freshman Eagles

Salado Freshman Eagles baseball team swept Taylor in a doubleheader on April 2.

Salado 13 Taylor 3

Salado took no mercy on Taylor in the first of their doubleheader, winning by the 10 run rule in five innings.

Earning hits for Salado were these: Kole Hearne, one for three with a home run and 2 RBIs; Cody Proctor, two for three with 3 RBIs.

Drew Van Winkle

pitched five innings with five strikeouts and one earned run.

Salado 9 Taylor 3

Salado beat Taylor in the second half of the doubleheader in a time-limit game of six innings.

Pitchers for Salado were these: Britton Hawes, three innings, one earned run; Proctor, two innings, no earned runs (winning pitcher and Davis Little, one inning and two earned runs.

Leading the bats for Salado were these: Little, two of three with 2 RBIs and two runs scored; Caden Eary. two for three with two runs scored and Rogers, one of three with one run scored.

"This is the first year that we have had a freshmen team," Coach Kory Craddick said, "I am very proud of the success that the freshmen are having. Each week our freshmen baseball players are getting better. We get good pitching performances from our pitchers and we are doing a very good job at the plate of being aggressive and hitting the pitches that we want to hit."

The Eagles are 3-0 against district teams and will play Liberty Hill April 9 in a double header.

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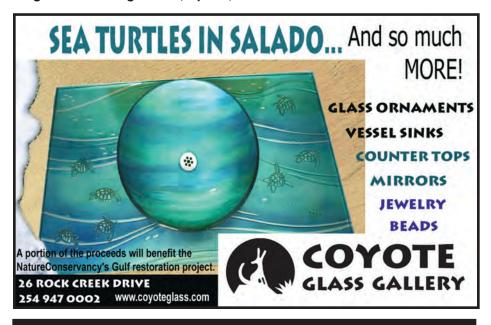


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Salado High boys tracksters are shown above. Top Row Left to right--- Alex Brown, Joe Owens, Jada Kornegay, William Cleveland, Ben Perrin, Bobby Golding, Nick Cooke. Second Row--- Coach David Simmons, Peyton Best, Ryan Simmons, Copper Cox, Reece Nicholson, William Grace, Robert Emrick, Coach Chase Tenney; Third Row--- Patrick Murray, Tristan Bragg, Cade Beniot, Stephen Sibbit, Austin Silva, Jake Simmons, Tristan Blizzard; Fourth Row--- Todd Bailey, Tate Waechter, Alex Cooke, Robert Pereira, Chase Crenwelge, Clayton Cole; Bottom Row--- Eric McGregor, Zach Robinson, Mikey Sellers, Josh Robinson, Blake Nash, Coach Rocky Boaz.

Healthy legs could launch district 25AAA Track Championship

If the varsity boys track team can get healthy before the District 25AAA Meet April 13-14 at Burnet High School, then they may not have to settle for second place.

Salado has placed second in every meet they have competed in this year. Four times, the Eagles have been leading the field going into the last

"It should be very interesting to see how we will do if we have our full team back at district," Track coach David Simmons said.

The Eagles placed behind Lampasas in one meet, but have soundly beaten every other team they have faced from 25AAA. Taylor is the only team that the Eagles have not run against this year.

"The meet should come down to Lampasas and Salado fighting it out for the team district championship," Coach Simmons

Junior Peyton Best will return from last year's varsity team. He placed first at district in the 200 Meters with a 22.69. "Peyton has only run in three meets this year and run close to his fastest time with a 22.8," Coach Simmons said. The 200 Meter field is a tough one with five runners from around the district who have run in the mid to low 22 second range. Best also competes in the Triple Jump with a best mark of 40'.

He will also run on the Sprint Relay and 800 Meter Relay.

The Sprint Relay team has only run one time with all four runners be-

"With a poor handoff they ran a 43.2 early in the year, but injuries and other commitments have hampered progress," Simmons said. "Lampasas is the only team in district to run faster with a 43.1. Should be a big battle at district if Salado can show up healthy."

Junior Austin Silva is another of the Sprint Relay members who has been nagged by injury. The junior was third in district last year with a time of 11.16. His best time this year has been 10.9. The best time in the district comes from Brown in Burnet, the odds-on favorite with a 10.6.

Junior Jake Simmons set a school record in the pole vault at 14'6" early in the season. But District 25AAA is very competitive with four vaulters who have matched that mark. He is also one of the best in the 300 Meter hurdles with a time of 41.0. Jung of Burnet has the time to beat at 40.8. Simmons also runs on the mile relay, which has the third fastest time in district with a

Fabian Sophomore Suaceda suffered an injury early in the season but has been improving every week. He ran a 51.5 400 Meters. Lampasas' Luis Marquez is the favorite in that event with a 51.3. Sauceda also runs on the 1600 Meter, 800 Meter and Sprint Relays.

Junior Reece Nicholson has only competed once this year due to injuries. He should be healthy for district and a help on the Spring Relay and 1600

Meter Relays. He may also run in the 400 Meters and compete in the Long

Junior Joe Owens will also run on the Sprint Relay and 800 Meter Relay. His time of 11.3 in the 100 Meters was good enough for fifth place last year. His best time this year was 11.0. "Joe has been nursing injuries all year and is now healthy," Simmons said. "He has been getting strong each week." Owens also long jumps, with a best measure of 19'2".

Although just a sophomore, Alex Cooke has dominated most meets this year, winning the 1600 Meters and 3200 Meters. He has times of 4.42 in the 1600M and 10.20 in the

Others to watch at the Meet are these:

Junior Jada Kornegay in the 800 Meters.

Sophomore Nick Cooke in the 800 and on the Mile Relay.

Sophomore

Pereira in the 1600 Meters and 3200 Meters. Patrick Sophomore

Murrary in the 3200 Me-

Freshman Ryan Simmons who is one of the top discus throwers in his age group in the nation. Simmons also competes in the shotput.

Senior William Cleveland in the High Jump.

Junior Ben Perrin in the High Jump.

The rest of the varsity is rounded out by Stephen Sibbit, shot and discus; Bobby Golden, shot and discus, Andrew Warren in the 300 hurdles, Blake Nash, pole vault and Zach Robinson, 200 Meters.



Salado Lady Eagles runners are shown above. They are coached by Cindy Mewhinnev and Bree Holz-Gonzales.

Lady Eagles hope to repeat District championship at 3A

Salado Lady Eagles look to repeat as District champs when they move up to 25AAA competition April 13-14 in Burnet.

In their last year in AA competition, the Lady Eagles won district and placed third at Region.

Salado returns several varsity players from last year's team, including these: Taylor Eary, Kasey Smetana, Carling Urben, Rachael Lea, and Chelsea Boaz.

"We will be competing against a tougher district than we have competed against in the past," said Coach Cindy Mewhinney. Top among those teams is a Liberty Hill team that defeated Salado earlier in the year.

The strength of the Lady Eagles team this year is Salado's best relay team the 400 Meter Relay, the Dicus, Triple and Long Jump. Depending on injuries, the Lady Eagles will compete well in the Pole Vault, and distance events.

Senior Taylor Eary will compete in the Triple Jump, Long Jump, 400 Meter Relay, 800 Meter Relay and the 200 Meter.

Senior Carling Urben will compete in the High Jump.

Sophomore Rachel Lea will compete in the 100 Meter Hurdles, 300 Meter Hurdles, Long Jump, and Triple Jump.

Junior Chelsea Boaz will compete the 300 Meter Hurdles, 800 Meter

Relay and the 1600 Meter Relay.

Senior Camryn Bintz will compete in the Shotput and the Discus. Bintz set a school record this year in the Discus.

Senior Abby Rangel will compete in the 800 Meter Run, 1600 Meter Run, and the Pole Vault.

Senior Jenna Sebek will compete in the 400 Meter Relay, 800 Meter Relay, and 1600 Meter Relay.

Senior Kasey Smetana will compete in the Pole vault, 400 Meter Relay, 800 Meter Relay, and the 100 Meter Dash.

Junior Alexis Bowman will compete in the High

Junior Danielle Howe will compete in the 800 Meter Run, and 1600 Meter Run.

Junior Kylie Robinson will compete in the 1600 Meter Relay.

Junior Jessica Carmona will compete in the Shotput and Discus.

Sophomore Madi De-Priest will compete in the 400 Meter Relay, 100 Meter Dash and 800 Meter Relay.

Sophomore Sarah Toler will compete in the 400 Meter Relay, 800 Meter Relay, and the 100 Meter Dash.

Sophomore Mildred Tonchez will compete in the 1600 Meter Run, and the 3200 Meter Run.

Freshman Jessica Umpleby will compete in the Discus, and the 100

Meter Hurdles.

Freshman Ashley Adams will compete in the 1600 Meter Run, 3200 Meter Run, and as an alternate for the 1600 Meter Relay.

Freshman Molly Colvin will compete in the 400 Meter Relay, 100 Meter Dash, and the 800 Meter Relay.

Freshman Rachel Hildebrand will compete in the Shotput and Discus.

Freshman Morgan Hill will compete in the 100 Meter Hurdles, 300 Meter Hurdles, and the 1600 Meter Relav.

Freshman Jaylee Sebek will compete in the 400 Meter Relay, and the 1600 Meter Relay.

Freshman Katie Kyle will compete in the 400 Meter Run. 800 Meter Relay, and the 100 Meter Dash.

Freshman Haley Sampwill compete in the 1600 Meter Run, and the 3200 Meter Run.

Athena Yeaw will compete in the Discus, Shotput, and the 1600 Meter Relay.

Lindsey Lightfoot will compete in the 1600 Meter Run, and 3200 Meter Run.

Annisa Peralta will compete in the Sprint, 800 Meter Relay, and the 100 Meter.

Injuries to competitors that will keep them out or hamper them during their performances include Taylor Eary, Carling Urben, and Sarah Toler (400 Meter Relay).



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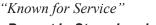
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Girls run away with McGregor meet

The Salado Varsity Girls Track Team placed first in the McGregor Bulldog Relays March 31 with 104 points.

Camryn Bintz placed fifth in the Shotput with a distance of 33'3-3/4".

Camryn Bintz placed first in the Discus with a distance of 124'1/2".

Rachel Lea placed sixth in the Triple Jump with a total distance of 32'1-1/2".

Alexis Bowman placed third in the High Jump with a height of 4'8".

Kasey Smetana placed first in the Pole Vault with a height of 11'. Molly Colvin placed fourth with a height of 6'6".

Ashley Adams placed third in the 3200 Meter Run with a time of 13:14.03. Mildred Tonchez placed fifth with a time of 13:16.12.

The 400 Meter Relay Team of Kasev Smetana. Madison DePriest, Taylor Eary, and Molly Colvin placed second with a time of 51.38

Danielle Howe placed fifth in the 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:35.83.

Rachel Lea placed third in the 100 Meter Hurdles with a time of 16.10. Morgan Hill placed fifth with a time of 17.08.

Kasey Smetana placed fourth in the 100 Meter Run with a time of 12.78.

Jenna Sebek placed third in the 400 Meter Run with a time of 1:03.89.

Lew placed fifth in the 300 Meter Hurdles with a time of 50.85. Morgan Hill placed sixth with a time of 51.00.

Madison **DePriest** placed sixth in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of

Ashley Adams placed second in the 1600 Meter Run with a time of 5:41.90. Danielle Howe placed third with a time of 5:47.65.

The 1600 Meter Relay Team of Jaylee Sebek, Jenna Sebek, Kylie Robinson, and Chelsea Boaz placed fourth, 4:24.51.

Boys trail Lorena at McGregor meet

The Salado Varsity Boys Track Team placed second behind Lorena in the McGregor Bulldog Relays March 31.

Rvan Simmons placed first in the Shotput with distance of 47'. Nash placed third with a distance of 43'6-3/4".

Ryan Simmons placed first in the Discus with a

distance of 144'.

Ben Perrin placed sixth in the High Jump with a height of 6'2".

Jake Simmons placed third in the Pole Vault with a height of 13'.

Alex Cook placed second in the 3200 Meter Run with a time of 10:26.34. Pereira placed fourth with a time of 10:45.11.

The 800 Meter Relay

Team of Peyton Best, Aus-second in the 300 Meter tin Silva, Fabian Sauceda, Joe Owens placed fourth with a time of 1:33.41.

Jada Kornegay placed third in the 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:01.72.

Joe Owens placed fourth in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 11.26. Austin Silva placed sixth with a time of 11.54.

Jake Simmons placed

Hurdles with a time of 41.07.

Joe Owens placed fourth in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 23.13.

Alex Cook placed third in the 1600 Meter Run with a time of 4:41.73. Pereira placed fourth with a time of 4:46.95. Jada Kornegay placed fifth with a time of

Lady Eagles struggling in district

Salado Lady Eagles inning. struggled on the road last week, losing district games to Lampasas and Taylor. The girls are 0-4 so far in district play.

Salado Lampasas 11

Salado Lady Eagles gave up five runs in the first inning of their district road game against the Lampasas Lady Badgers March 29 and ended up losing 11-3.

Lampasas took advantage of two fielding errors, two hits and a walk in the first inning.

The Lady Badgers added two runs in the second and two runs in the third

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Salado scored two runs in the third inning. Jenna Franz walked, reached second on a passed ball, advanced to third on a single by Kaitlyn Moseley and scored on a second passed ball. Moseley stole second base and scored on a fielder's choice that yielded the second out of the inning.

Salado added one more run in the seventh inning, trailing 11-2. Camryn Bintz hit a single to reach first and advanced on two infield outs. She scored on a passed ball before the final out was recorded.

Salado had five hits in the game: Shyenne Hicks, double, M. Hill, Bintz,

Franz, Moseley all had singles.

Salado **Taylor**

Salado Lady Eagles likely felt more like june bugs during the fourth and fifth innings of their district road loss to Taylor April 1. Taylor scored five runs in the fourth and four more in the fifth

Meanwhile, Salado scored two runs in the fifth inning. M. Hill started off with a walk then stole second base. Rachael Piatt reached on a fielding eror and advanced when Lorna Payne reached first on a fielder's choice that put Hill out at home. Kirstie McGillick hit a single to load the bases and Camryn Bintz hit a two-RBI double.

Salado managed just three hits in the game: Shyenne Hicks and Mc-Gillick both had singles and Bintz had a double.

Taylor pitcher S. Lopez struck out six Salado batters, all swinging and walked three over the seven innings on the mound.

Jenna Franz pitched four innings for Salado, allowing none to score until the fourth, when Taylor scored five runs on three hits and four errors.

Hicks pitched the final two innings. Taylor scored four runs in the fifth, taking advantage of three walks and two hits before Hicks retired the side.

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Track Results

JV Girls track' place fifth at **McGregor**

The Salado JV Girls Track Team placed fifth at the McGregor Bulldog Relays March 31.

Athenia Yeaw placed third in the Discus with a distance of 77'3".

Molly Danner placed first in the Pole Vault with a height of 7'.

Sampson placed third in the 3200 Meter Run with a time of 14:30.69.

The 800 Meter Relay team placed fifth with a time of 2:01.52.

The 400 Meter Relay team placed third with a time of 56.01.

JV Boys runners place fourth at **McGregor**

The Salado JV Boys Track Team placed fourth in the McGregor Bulldog Relays March 31.

Emrick placed first in the Shotput with a distance of 47'. Sibbitt placed third with a distance of 43'1". Sellers placed fourth with a distance of 41'1-1/2".

Emrick placed first in the Discus with a distance of 130'1-1/2". Sibbitt placed third with a distance of 112'2-1/2".

Robinson placed third in the Long Jump with a distance of 18'3".

The Salado 800 Meter Relay team placed sixth with a time of 1:41.97.

The Salado 400 Meter Relay team palced third with a time of 46.79.

Cole placed third in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 11.67.

Benoit placed fourth in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 55.47.

7th Grade Girls fifth in district

The Salado 7th Grade Girls placed fifth at the District Track Meet.

Cheyenne Vaca placed sixth in discus with a mark of 62'4".

Blake Stephenson placed sixth in the Pole Vault with a height of 6'6".

Haven Getchell placed second in the Triple Jump with a total distance of 31'6.5".

Malory Schattle placed fourth in the Long Jump with a distance of 13'8.75".

Katie Ewton placed second in the 2400 Meter Run with a time of 10:07.81.

The 400 Meter Relay team of Abby Quick, Megan Hill, Malory Schattle, and Haven Getchell placed fifth with a time of 56.12.

The 800 Meter Relay team of Abby Quick, Tabitha Mazo, Anna Katherine Fort, and Malory Schattle placed fourth with a time of 2:00.59.

Morgan Bird placed sixth in the 100 Meter Hurdles with a time of 19.12.

Tabitha Mazo placed second in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 1:08.84.

The 1600 Meter Relay team of Megan Hill, Chyna Saxton, Tabitha Mazo, and Malory Schattle placed fourth with a time of 4:48.87.

"We are extremely proud of our track teams," said coach Kim Torczynski, "and they performed well. We look forward to them competing as eighth graders next year and continuing to improve each year."





Back to Regionals

Both the Lady Eagles and Eagles golf teams will return to the Regional Tournament. The Lady Eagles won the District 25AAA tournament outright while the boys placed second behind Lampasas. Individual scores will be available in next week's edition. Pictured left to right: Kyle Heiner, Taylor O'Rear, Kase Spears, Hailee Pipes, Koby Spears, Leah Ray, Dane Hankamer, Meredith Ward, Cole Brentham, Kathryn Crouch and Cody Parette. The Regional Tournament will be in Corpus Christi April 18-19.



Twenty-eight students who are 18 or will turn 18 this calendar year were registered to vote today by Deputy Voter Registrars Marie Jackson and Barclay McCort. The service was sponsored by the Salado Area Republican Women. Each new voter was given a pocket copy of the U.S. Constitution. Shown in the photo It to rt.: Braxton Tucker, Stephen Sniggs, Ethan Bracken and Chance Williams.



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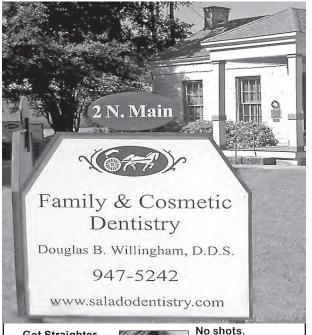
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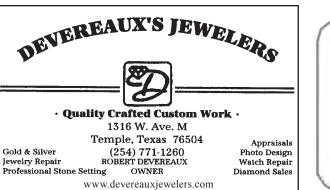


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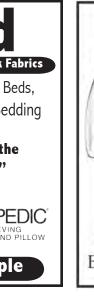
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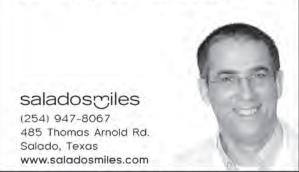
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Austin concert benefits local

Friends will gather at The Rockin' Tomato in Austin for a benefit concert April 16 for Saladoan Taylor Willingham.

Willingham is well-known in both Austin and the Salado area for her professional and volunteer efforts.

Local Austin musicians who will perform, beginning at 6 p.m., include these: The Damn Torpedoes, The Gene Pool & Friends, Brad Dunn & Ellis County, Mother's Cookin', Fluid, The Red Leaf Teen Band, Kim L. & Friends and special guests Dan Barrett and Brent Willingham.

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said on her website. "I have my work friends, my Salado friends, my Austin friends, and friends from all over the country. How cool would it be to get all these diverse people together all at the same time?"

The second goal of the benefit is to raise money to help cover the medical costs associated with Willingham's treatment.

"Fortunately, my husband Terry has good medical benefits, but there are still many items that are not covered," she said. "Since I was self-employed and am now unable to work (at least full-time), even small co-payments add up."

There's no cover charge



Taylor Willingham

for the show, just show up, have a good time and drop some money in the jar.

It's an all ages, nonsmoking venue so feel free to bring the kids, order a pizza, sip a brew and catch some good live music.

The Rockin' Tomato is located at 3003 South Lamar Blvd., Suite 150 in Austin.

Junior League to discuss success of new programs on April 19

A General Membership Meeting (GMM) of the Junior League of Bell County (JLBC) will be held April 19 at Central Texas Cultural Activities Center, 3011 North Third St., Temple, TX, 76501.

Social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

Membership will be recap two successful events: Kids in the Kitchen and Project Prom. Kids in the Kitchen was held on March 12. JLBC was able to inform over 100 children in the Bell County area about healthy eating and lifestyle habits. Childhood obesity is a national epidemic that the women of JLBC are passionate about ending.

Membership will also share touching stories about Project Prom. JLBC was able to help 18 high school girls attend their prom. JLBC pampered the girls on April 2 by closing our resale store, Second Hand Rose. The teenagers were treated like royalty while picking out the dresses and accessories. JLBC received

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The General Membership of JLBC will be voting for one or two projects that have been identified to become the new Community Project in 2011-2012 League year. JLBC has been researching ways to focus our impact in the community. The results of the voting will be an-

nounced that night.

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

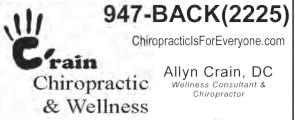
Prostate Cancer Support Group meets April 14 in Temple

The Central Texas Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet 5:30 p.m. April 14 in Room 110 in the Scott & White Medical Education Building, located on the main campus off of 31st street in Temple.

Dr. Sherronda M. Henderson of Scott & White Hematology and Oncol-

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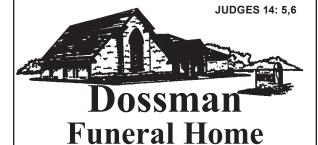
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Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died at Carl R. Darnall Medical Center after collapsing while standing in formation March 29 here. The cause of death is unknown at this time.

Sgt. 1st Class Randy Richard, 40, of Mamou, La., joined the military in February 1991 as an automated logistical specialist and was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Brigade Troops Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade. 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Fort Hood, since November 2010.

Richard deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from April 2003 to July 2004 and from August 2008 to October 2008.

Richard's awards and decorations include the four Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, six Army Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon with numeral three, six Overseas

Service Ribbons, Army Service Ribbon, United Nations Medal, NATO Medal and Driver and Mechanic Badge.

Circumstances surrounding this incident are under investigation.

SPECIALIST JUSTIN S. RICHARDSON

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died from a gunshot wound to the chest April 2 at Carl R. Darnall Medical Center, here.

Specialist Justin S. Richardson, 25, whose home of record is Bronx, N.Y., joined the military in December 2005 as a motor transport operator and was assigned to Company A, 15th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, since September 2010.

Richardson deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from January 2008 to January 2009.

Richardson's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon and Army Service Ribbon.

Circumstances surrounding his death are under investigation. **APRIL 15-16**

CTCS plans annual Walk-A-Thon, Family Fun Run

The Central Texas Christian School annual Walk-A-Thon, sponsored by McLane Company, is 8:30-11:30 a.m., April 15 at the school at 4141 West FM 93 in Temple.

The theme for this year's event is Walk in the Light, which is taken from Isaiah 2:5, "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord."

Students obtain pledges for walking laps around the CTCS campus. All money goes toward kingdom education. It is a fun day that begins with prayer and includes bounce houses, a climbing wall, an obstacle course and other games.

The school's praise band provides music throughout the morning.

For information, contact Jim Bell at jbell@ctcslions.com or call 254-939-5700.

Central Texas Christian School will also host a community wide family fun run April 16 to promote family togetherness and wellness.

This is a multi-generational event. It is a relay in which a child will run the 1K leg and hand off to the adult who will run the 5K leg. It is an organized, sponsored and professionally timed running event for the whole family.

It has been enjoyed in the past by competitive runners who want to get their kids involved in their hobby, as well as beginners who want to enjoy a fun spring event.

The fee for a team of one adult and one child is \$30. This fee includes a t-shirt for both participants. The run will take place at 9 a.m. at Central Texas Christian School at 4141 West FM 93 in Temple. Registration continues through April 14. You can register at www.active. com or on the CTCS website at www.ctcslions.com

Divisions will be determined by the child runner's grade level (kindergarten and first grade, second grade, third grade, fourth grade, fifth and sixth grade). Prizes will be awarded to the overall fastest team and the top three places in each division.

For information, contact Stephen Sewell at CTCSrun@aol.com.



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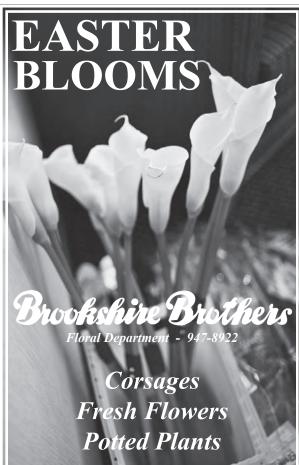
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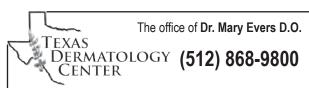
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Barrow Show at the Star of Texas Fair & Livestock Show in Austin held March 21, Colby's White OPB won 1st place and Breed Champion. Colby is in the 8th Grade at Salado Junior High. L-r Jenny Medlin, Trace Medlin, Colby Medlin, Bell County Agent Randall Rakowitz, and Jason Medlin.

Combs reminds businesses of April 15 deadline for filing Property Tax Renditions

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today reminded business owners that April 15 is the deadline to file property tax renditions with their county appraisal districts. To render is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property a business owned or managed as of Jan. 1. The appraisal district may use the information to set property val-

"Rendition helps the appraisal district appraise property fairly and accurately," Combs said. "If some businesses are not paying their fair share of property tax, it places a greater tax burden on other business owners and homeowners."

Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before changing a value on their property. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or a farmer's equipment used for farm-

If more than one ap-

praisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district of-

Failure to render property carries a penalty of 10 percent of the total amount of taxes due. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension

Combs also reminds owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year that they may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 15 to file the decreased value

report, which indicates their property's condition on Jan. 1, 2011.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from county appraisal district offices statewide or they can be downloaded on the Comptroller's website at http://www.window.state. tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/02forms.html.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121, ext. 2, or visit the Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/ proptax/.

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Kindergarten round-up April 11-12

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Round-Up 2011-2012 will be held at Thomas Arnold Elementary 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

April 11-12.

Copy of birth certificate, social security card. immunization record, proof of residency are required and a copy of driver's license of person enrolling the student is also required.

For more information, please contact the school office at 254-947-6925.







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Section B

GREGORY'S

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'The Fourth Wall" opens Silver Spur's 2011 season

The Silver Spur Theater kicks off its "Our Whole Bloomin' Season" at 7:30 p.m., April 8, with A.R. Gurney's absurd comedy, "The Fourth Wall." The play will run Friday and Saturdays evening through April 30, with no matinees.

"This four-character play, with its Cole Porter songs, is like a love letter to the theatre," said Grainger Esch, Executive Director and Co-founder of the Silver Spur.

"The playwright uses the stage to comically explore our place in the world today, using his sharp wit to explore such topics as cola wars, politics and even the very audiences that attend plays," added Tony Blackman, the show's director and the Spur's long-time Technical Director.

The couple of Peggy and Roger are portrayed by Betsy Tyson and Kevin Reid. Julia and Floyd's roles are acted by Karen Ewton and Doug LeBelle. All four actors have appeared on the Spur stage. Tyson and Ewton are Saladoans and Reid and LeBelle are Austinites.

Admission is \$15 for adults; \$12 for senior citizens, military personnel and students with ID; and \$8 for children aged 12. Group rates are available.

For reservations, call the box office at 254-947-3456. For directions or more play info, visit www.saladosilverspurtheater.com. Wine, beer, cider and expanded food choices will be available at the evening shows through The Spuradical Social Club in the lobby. http://www.spuradicalso-



The cast of the comedy "The Fourth Wall" in a rare quiet moment during rehearsa are, from left, Karen Ewton, Doug LeBelle, Kevin Reid, Betsy Tyson.

cialclub.net.

Tyson, a former child actor in Dallas grew up working with the late, celebrated director Paul Baker, who wrote, directed and produced children's plays adapted from books for area schools. She joined Salado's Living Room Theater in 2000, became its President in 2008 and has appeared in numerous Spur productions.

Reid, a Houston native, studied under Larry Goodman and Susan Rutan ("L. A. Law") and others in Los Angeles. In Palm Springs, he was in "Meet Me in St. Louis," "Victor Victoria" and "Hair;" in Houston, "The Boyfriend," "Hello Dolly," "Man of La Mancha" and "Cabaret." He's had his own cabaret show along the Texas Gulf Coast for a number of years.

Ewton, a school teacher, was last seen in the Spur's "Steel Magnolias" and "Bell Book and Candle." She is a regular

Spuradical Player, beginning in Spur melodramas in 2005. She has appeared regularly in the annual Christmas variety show and also contributes to the scripting of the Spur's original productions.

LeBelle of Austin, a veteran cabaret and variety show performer, has had roles in "Cabaret," "A Chorus Line," "Showboat," "Singing in the Rain," "Your a Good Man Charlie Brown," "Fiddler On The Roof," to name just a few.

Theatricality vs. Reality?

The play's storyline has Peggy abandoning her exquisite taste and redecorating the living room as if it were a stage set with everything facing the blank "fourth wall" – the invisible barrier between actors and patrons – much to husband Roger's dismay. Roger and his old friend Julia realize something strange is going on, since

everyone who enters the room begins to behave as if they were acting in a play or even a musical.

Roger invites Floyd, a local theatre professor, in hopes Floyd can "doctor" Peggy's play and bring it to a close, allowing Roger to resume his happily married life. Unexpectedly, Floyd sides with Peggy and at his urging, she sets out to break the fourth wall in order to connect with her feelings.

"Gurney is a sophisticated writer who draws dizzying and diverting parallels between art and politics, between characters and audience members, between the theater and the world," explained Blackman, a veteran of dozens of plays, both as actor and director.

"This is not Gurney's standard fare, but rather two hours of devilishly comic cleverness filled with amusing literary references and urbane characters," he said. "The real fun comes from watching Gurney play with the changing reality of the moment as his characters and the audience respond to the fourth wall between them."

The Chicago Sun-Times reviewer wrote: "It's a whimsical meditation on the theatre – its history and its conceits, its degradation in the video age and its enduring potential for enabling people to connect. And, above all, it's a clever, playful prayer for its survival."



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Dine Dining this Weekend

Salado Historical Society board of directors meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

THIRD MONDAYS Salado ISD Board of

Chef Denice prepares an

Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. Salado Civic Center, unless otherwise noted.

EVERY TUESDAY

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn Restaurant.

EVERY TUESDAY

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

Second Tuesday

Community Emergency Response Team of Salado (CERTS) meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. All interested community members and volunteers are invited to attend.

Second and Fourth WEDNESDAYS

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

FIRST THURSDAY

Chisholm Trail American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6 p.m. at McCain's Bakery, N. Main Street at Van Bibber Lane.

THURSDAYS THRU APRIL 7 **Precept Upon Pre-**

cept Bible Study, 9 a.m. Thursdays at Stone-**Creek Settlement Bed** and Breakfast, 711 College Hill Drive. The group is open to any interested parties. It will study Romans Part 2 of 4 and "Unveiling the Book of Revelation" in Revelation, Chapters 4-22. Call 947-1974 or 718-2030 for more information. The

FRIDAYS

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

FOURTH FRIDAY

study book is \$30.

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

EVERY SATURDAY

Recycling program, 9 a.m.-noon on the grounds of the Salado Arts Workshop, 113 Salado Plaza Drive. No recycling on holidays.

EVERY SATURDAY

Blow glass at the Salado Arts Workshop, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$35-70. Call 254-654-9171 to make arrangements. Families or groups welcomed. Easter Egg extravaganza in March and April.

SATURDAYS

Afternoons of Art with Sheryl Russell. On each Saturday accomplish

a finished piece of art or sample of decorative techniques that are ready to use at your home with instruction and encouragement from Sheryl Russell. Class fee, \$80. Supply fee, \$20. All skill levels are welcomed. Visit saladoartsworkshop.com for information and to register.

SATURDAYS

Live music at Salado Creek Winery and Vineyard, 7-10 p.m.

Saturday Matinees

The Spuradical Follies beginning at 2 p.m. Two hours of family fun for all ages, chock full of slapstick comedy, song and dance, special guest variety artists, classic cartoons and silent cinema with live musical accompaniment. For reservations, 254-947-3456. Visit www.saladosilverspur. com.

APRIL 7

Public performance of Salado One Act Play, 8 p.m. at Salado High School. Salado is the Alternate play at District. "The Visit" by Friedrich Duerrenmatt, adapted by Maurice Valency. A wealthy woman returns to her debt-ridden home town and offers a sum greater than they have ever imagined to help out. But there is a condition. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

APRIL 7-8

Village of Salado Art Showcase, featuring the works of local artists and students at Salado Arts Workshop. Wine and Cheese Reception with silent auction, 6-8 p.m. April 7. Student Open House 4-6 p.m. April 8. Sponsored by Salado Education Foundation, Salado ISD, Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary, Salado Village Artists, Salado Arts Workshop and Public Arts League of Salado.

APRIL 8

Salado Eagles district baseball home game against Liberty Hill, JV at 4:30 p.m. Varsity at 7 p.m.

APRIL 8

Salado Lady Eagles varsity district softball at home against Liberty Hill, 7 p.m.

APRIL 8-30

"The Fourth Wall" - by A. R. Gurney at Salado Silver Spur. Visit www.saladosilverspur. com for playtimes and tickets or call 254-947-3456.

APRIL 9

Salado Eagles ninth grade baseball double header, noon and 2 p.m. at Liberty Hill.

Live music at the Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main St., 4-7 p.m. Enjoy live music and Texas wines on the grounds of Salado Wine Seller (weather permitting). Michael and Julie Hare will perform.

APRIL 11

Salado Eagles ninth grade baseball home game against Burnet, 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 11-12

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Round-up for the 2011-2012 school year will be 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary. Parents or guardians of prospective Pre-K or Kindergarten students are asked to bring the following to the Round-up: copy of birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency and a copy of driver's license of person enrolling the student. For more information, please contact the school office at 254-947-6925.

APRIL 11-13

Artist Workshop with well-known oil artist Ellie Taylor at StoneCreek Settlement, 9 a.m.-4 **p.m.** Ellie is known for her colorful landscapes and cottages. Cost is \$250 includes lunch. This will be a small group with lots of help from Ellie. All levels of painting welcome, call Jill at 254-947-9099 to reserve your place.

APRIL 12

The Salado School Alumni Association will meet at 6 p.m. at Lucye's Place on Royal Street. Electing new officers and discussing fundraisers. Please plan to attend! All are welcome. Call 947-5196.

APRIL 12

Salado Eagles district baseball game at Burnet, JV at 4:30 p.m. Varsity at 7 p.m.

APRIL 12

Salado Lady Eagles varsity district softball at Burnet, 7 p.m.

APRIL 13 & 14

The final show of the **Living Room Theatre** season will be A TRIB-**UTE:** General Howard Prince of Belton adapted and directed by Ramon Carver. Salado Civic Center on April 13, and the Bell County Museum on April 14, both performances at 7 p.m. The public is always welcome to reserve admission (\$5), calling 947-8300.

APRIL 15

Salado Eagles district baseball home game

against Lampasas, JV at 4:30 p.m. Varsity at 7 p.m.

APRIL 15

Salado Lady Eagles varsity district softball at home against Lampasas, 7 p.m.

APRIL 15

Salado Athletic **Booster Club An**nual Golf Classic at Mill Creek Golf and Country Club. Shotgun start at noon. Chairpersons for the event are Ronnie Schoepf - 254-421-3424 and Randy Bloomer at 254-760-4302 or Randy@ bloomertrailers.com.

APRIL 16

Easter Celebration for Kids at First Baptist Church of Salado.

APRIL 16

Cowboy Round-Up, celebrating the Fifth Anniversary of the 3C Cowboy Fellowship in Salado. Ranch Rodeo starts at Noon at 16258 Gooseneck Rd. in Salado with events throughout the day. Family Concert and Dance 6-9 p.m. Food and drink all afternoon. Visit www.3ccowboyfellowship.org for more information. Call 254-947-7211

APRIL 16

Salado Earth Day **Celebration Great** American Clean-up! Begins at 8:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. Recycling 9 a.m. to Noon at 113 Salado Plaza Drive. Normal recycling plus metals, computors, cell phones, CFL bulbs, small TVs and electronics. The Salado Creek Gathering 1-4 p.m. (east of Main St bridge) for demonstrations of rain barrel building, composting, bird-house making, kiteflying, water bug picking, water monitoring, native plant sales, and "stone stacking" contest. Join "Keep Salado Beautiful" and receive a KSB bag.

APRIL 16

Salado JV Eagles baseball tournament. Teams, times to be announced.

APRIL 16

Jazz Under the Stars, 6:30 p.m. at Tablerock **Amphitheater.** Annual scholarship fundraiser for the Killeen/Fort Hood Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Tickets for the event will be \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate. There are a limited number of VIP tickets available on the front two rows at \$50 per couple. Tickets for this event may be purchased at Creative Touch Hair Salon in Killeen, Floyd's

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Calendar

APRIL 17

Community Easter
Egg Hunt, at Salado
United Methodist Church,
650 Royal St. at 3 p.m.
Lots of Easter Eggs,
Easter Bunny, Games and
prizes. For children 12
and under. Children must
be accompanied by an
adult.

APRIL 17

2011 Chapel Music Series at Caliber Oaks Chapel, 6:30-9 p.m.. Performance features Bella Sona Choir of Holy Trinity Catholic High School. Reservations are Required Denise at Deniset@Clearwire.net or call (254) 760-1590 Admission \$25 per person.

APRIL 18

Central Texas Master Singers will be performing at Salado United Methodist Church, 650 Royal St., 7:30 p.m. This is a free concert.

APRIL 18

Salado ninth grade baseball at Taylor, 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 19

Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Village of Salado Chapter will meet at 11 a.m. for Second Annual Spring Texas Honor Days Picnic. Please call 947-5196 for directions to picnic.

APRIL 19

Salado Eagles district baseball home game against Taylor, JV at 4:30 p.m. Varsity at 7 p.m.

APRIL 19

Salado Lady Eagles varsity district softball at home against Taylor, 7 p.m.

APRIL 21

Salado Eagles district baseball game at Llano, JV at 4:30 p.m. Varsity at 7 p.m.

APRIL 21

Public performance of Salado One Act Play, 8 p.m. at Salado High School. Salado is the Alternate play at District. "The Visit" by Friedrich Duerrenmatt, adapted by Maurice Valency. A wealthy woman returns to her debt-ridden home town and offers a sum greater than they have ever imagined to help out. But there is a condition. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

APRIL 22

Salado Lady Eagles varsity district softball at Llano, 7 p.m.

APRIL 23

Divine Desserts, 8 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch.

A fund raising event for the Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas (www.cacct.com). Tickets are \$50 per person. For Divine Dinner and Desserts with dinner beginning at 6 p.m., tickets are \$100 per person. Call 254-939-2946. Included in your ticket price is a concert by a Central Texas crowd favorite... THE GTOs.

APRIL 28

Annual Fine China Luncheon, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Fund raiser for the Salado Area Republican Women. Celebrating the 175th Year Anniversary of Texas Independence. Admission is \$25 per person. For information and reservations, contact Sherrill Gardipee at sgardipee@hot.rr.com or 254 939-7085.

APRIL 28

Salado Community Chorus Spring Show, 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church of Salado.

APRIL 29

Texas Naturalist
Series at Salado Public
Library at 1 p.m. "Texas
Springs: Leaking into an
Uncertain Future." Chad
W. Norris, aquatic biologist with the Texas Parks
and Wildlife Department,
will speak on the freshwater springs of Texas
and their importance as a
water source.

APRIL 29

Salado Eagles district baseball game at Liberty Hill, JV at 4:30 p.m. Varsity at 7 p.m. APRIL 30

The Institute for the Humanities' Mayborn Lecture will be at 4 p.m. at the Stagecoach Inn Longhorn Conference Room. The speaker will be Evan Smith, founder and editor of the Texas Tribune and former longtime editor of Texas Monthly.

May 5

ABWA Style Show at Tenroc Ranch, 11 a.m. Barclay McCort at 947-3617.

May 6 and 7

The 13th Annual Gospel Festival, at the Salado United Methodist Church on Royal St. On Friday May 6, begins at 6 p.m. and on Saturday, May 7 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. Christian singers, bands, groups, trios, duets and soloists in Central Texas. Food booth, drinks, gift booth, dessert booth open each day. \$5 adults, \$3 child (12 and under). Tickets sold at the gate. Contact event coordinators for entry applications: Jim and Alvalin Woodul at 254-634-4658

or by E-mail jimwoodul@aol.com.

May 11-13

Walt Davis will instruct a three day drawing class called "Sketching for Travelers" at the Village Artists building behind the Civic Center. Cost is \$150 for SVA members, \$160 for non members. Point of contact is Joan Hoffman at 947-0073.

May 13-14

The Fantasticks - by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. Producer Barbara Schuler brings this beloved musical back to the Silver Spur stage for one weekend only. For reservations, 254-947-3456. Visit www.saladosilverspur.com.

May **14**

General local elections, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center.
MAY 28

Central Texas Spring Holistic Living Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Stagecoach Inn Longhorn Room. Visit www.sanctuaryoftheawakenedsoul. com for more information.

May 30

Annual Memorial Day Service at historic Salado Cemetery will be held at 9:30 a.m. For more information call Bill Kinnison, 254-947-1958.

JUNE 3-25

Nunsense - by Dan Goggin. A hilarious musical-comedy spoof about the misadventures of five nuns trying to manage a fundraiser. For reservations, 254-947-3456. Visit www.saladosilverspur. com.

June 4

The annual Wilmer Memorial Lecture will be 3-5 p.m., hosted by the Institute for the Humanities at Salado. Inventor Joel Carter will talk about his invention, the Hexbug, last year's Toy of the Year top selling toy.

JUNE 6-9

Salado Boys Basketball camp (incoming 3rd-9th graders).

JUNE **11**

San Gabriel Wine Trail, with stops at six central Texas wineries, including Salado Winery Co. and Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main St., http://saladowinery. com, 254-947-8011, and Salado Creek Winery and Vineyard are both participating in this event. For details, visit www. sangabrielwinetrail.com.\

JUNE 13-17

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church of Salado.

JUNE 13-JULY 22 Salado Legends

Rehearsals. Cast, crew & supporters of over 100 men, women and children rehearse by scene, as per rehearsal schedule, at Tablerock Amphitheater from 7 p.m.- 9:30 p.m week days.

JUNE 16-18

Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) Team Camp (high school boys).

JUNE 19-21

Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) Junior High Team Camp.

June 22-24

Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) Skills Camp (ages 9-15).

JUNE 25

Annual Summer Genealogy Workshop at the Central Texas Area Museum. Focusing on the 150th Anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. Which side were your ancestors on? Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the program commences promptly at 9 a.m. More information coming soon.

JULY 3

"Old Fashioned
Fourth of July Picnic" 6
p.m. at the Salado Middle School Cafeteria. All
guests are asked to bring
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invited. Salado Community Chorus will provide
entertainment.

July 17-24

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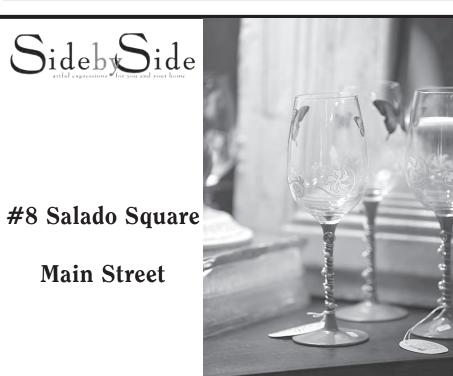
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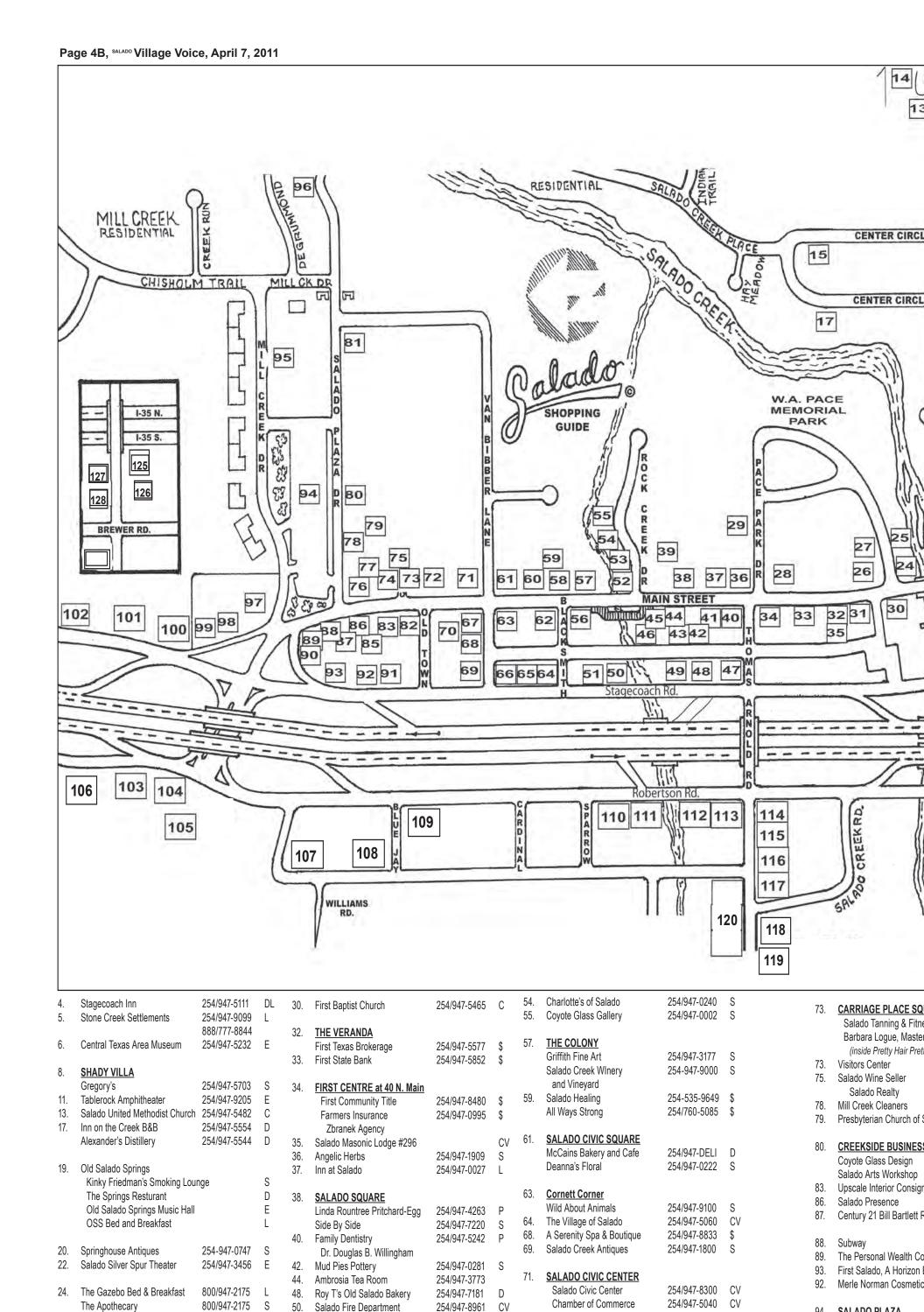
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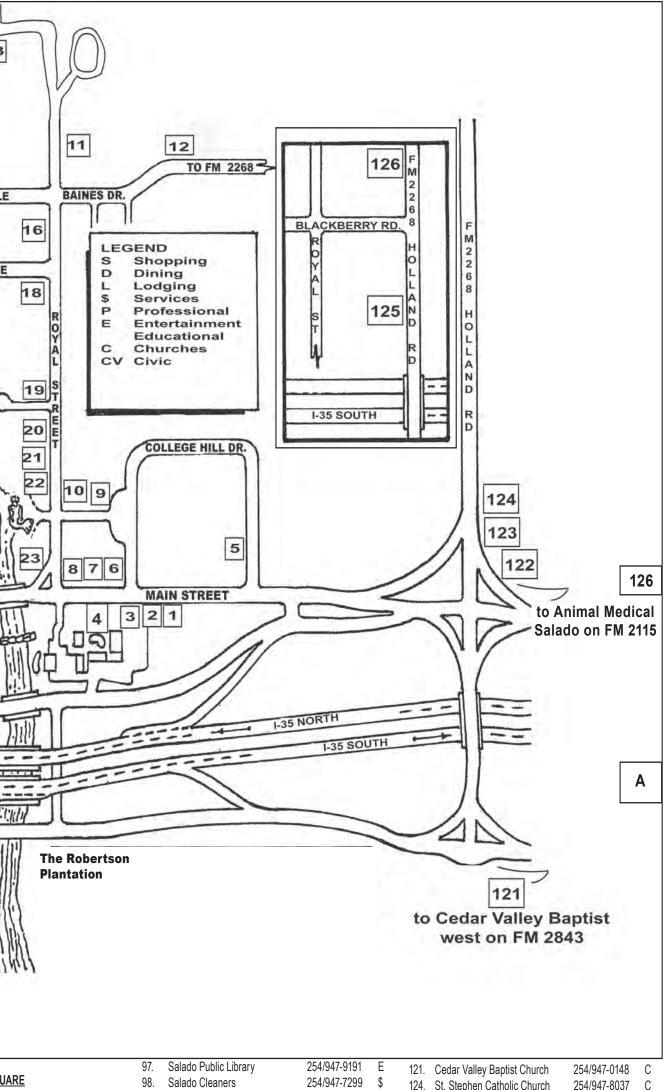
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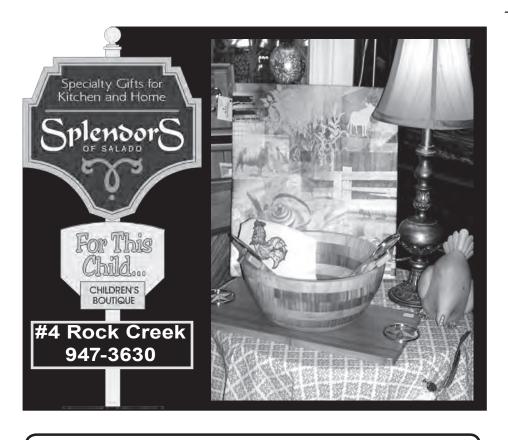
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Doing what comes naturally

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Occasionally, the correct play is missed by declarer because there is a natural aversion to doing it. For this reason, declarer must make every effort to keep an open mind, regardless of how pat a particular situation may seem to be.

Consider this case where South was in three notrump and West led a spade. Declarer played the jack from dummy and allowed East's queen to hold. The next spade was likewise refused, and a third spade was taken by the ace.

South now cashed the queen of diamonds, led a club to the ace and played the A-K of diamonds. But when the suit failed to divide 3-3, declarer was finished. The only tricks he could score were his seven top winners, so he wound up down two.

Declarer erred by banking everything on an even split of the missing diamonds, about a 36 percent proposition. This approach made him nearly a 2-1 underdog.

South could have nearly doubled his chances by making the seemingly unnatural play of overtaking the queen of diamonds with the king and cashing the ace. When West's ten appears, the nine is conceded to the jack, assuring declarer of nine tricks

This line of play is far better than the one actually adopted by South. It not only makes the contract when the diamonds divide 3-3, but also whenever the suit breaks 4-2 and the player with the doubleton has either 10-x or J-x.

Since the doubleton ten or jack will be dealt to one defender or the other 29 times in 100, declarer can thus elevate his chances of bringing in five diamond tricks to about 65 percent, making him almost a 2-1 favorite to finish with at least nine tricks.

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Celebrating 175 Years of Texas

The Texas-theme table is one of many which will be on display April 28 at the Salado Area Republican Women's china luncheon and fundraiser. This year's theme is Celebrating 175 Years of Texas Independence, according to chairman, Sherril Gardipee. For information regarding tickets contact Sherril Gardipee at 939-7085 or sgardipee@hot.rr.com and are \$25. The speaker for the event will be Bell County Attorney, Rick Miller, who will discuss the earlier days of Texas history. Funds raised from the event benefit Republican candidates, candidate campaigns, scholarships, school literacy projects and community Americanism projects.

Tribute

LRTS shows honor Gen. Howard Prince

The final show of the veteran, a professor at Living Room Theatre season will be A TRIBUTE: General Howard Prince of Belton adapted and directed by Ramon Carver.

Performances will be at the Salado Civic Center at 7 p.m. April 13, and the Bell County Museum at 7 p.m. April 14.

The public is always welcome to reserve admission (\$5), calling 947-8300.

The subject of this show, Brigadier General Prince, was a Viet Nam

West Point, and now, head of the Center for Ethical Leadership at the University of Texas, Austin. He is so highly esteemed by the military that in 2006 he was selected for the highest honor given by the Association of Graduates of West Point to its alumni, the Distinguished Graduate Award.

General Prince is a pioneer in the area of leadership education and development.

After West Point, he

studied at the University at the U.S. Military Acadof Bonn in Germany as an Olmsted Scholar. In addition, he earned a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from American University and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from The University of Texas at Austin. He is also a graduate of the Army War College with a military career that spanned twenty-eight years.

He was the first Professor and Head of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership

emy at West Point.

His military awards and decorations include the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Stars for valor, the Bronze Star for service, two awards of the Purple Heart, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

He will attend the Thursday performance of the show at the Bell County Museum.

New books for you to read

By Karen P. Kinnison

There are so many good books right now, that choosing one is like making me choose my favorite flavor of Blue Bell-impossible.

I am re- reading "Mildred Pierce" by John M. Cain (because of the new series on HBO), and reading "Lucifer's Tears" by James Thompson.

Now let's take a look at some new goodies at the library:

"Started Early, Took My Dog" by Kate Atkinson: Jackson Brodie---private eye, survivor, champion of the lost, is a very appealing Scottish sleuth. Jackson now has a dog; a little rescued terrier exuberant and attentive. Enter Tracy Waterman, a retired cop, now working in a rundown mall. ("All human life was here. Britain-shoplifting capital of Europe.") Tracey crosses paths with Brodie when. in a moment of crisis, she "buys a child" she sees be**Check It Out**

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ing brutally dragged by an enraged prostitute in the mall. She finds herself on the run, pursued by murderers, police and Brodie. These Brodie novels will soon be a new HBO series. Love the title, gotta

Love of My "The Youth" by Mary Gordon: High school sweethearts, reunited in Rome after 40 years, agree to meet and discuss their breakup. Parted by a passionate betrayal, they seek to find ways they both are and are not the same people. Through flashbacks and interior monologue you meet the activist that Miranda was and the insecure pianist that was Adam. But who are they now? This novel captures the 60's both for our country and for these struggling young lovers. Were Adam

and Miranda in love in their youth or just in love with their youth?

"The Fifth Witness" by Michael Connelly: Connelly is now hailed as the best legal thriller writer in the business and I am a long-time fan. Mickey Haller - the "Lincoln lawyer," who has added "foreclosure defense" to his repertoire, mounts the best defense of his career in a trial where the last surprise comes after the verdict is in. When a woman is accused of murdering the bank employee who foreclosed on her, Haller battles a ton of evidence and crafts an impressive defense that includes a "fifth witness." The story is compelling, intense and terrifying as an in-depth look at the mortgage crisis and foreclosure mills and is surprisingly very interesting. Who knew? "The Troubled Man"

by Henning Mankell: This

is a wonderful series. In this 11th and probably final Kurt Wallander novel, the 60 year old brilliant, honorable, quirky Swedish detective is unofficially pursuing a baffling case that is part mystery, part cold war thriller. As usual he forages, lies, and interferes as he gathers his clues tidbit by tidbit all along battling his newest personal Waterloo of inescapable aging. Diabetic, bipolar, possibly on the cusp of Alzheimer's, he battles this bleak future--the only bright spot being his young granddaugh-While he struggles through this winter of his discontent, Wallander will inspire and grip you hard. He is flawed and exasperating, but a rare and true original. That's it for this week.

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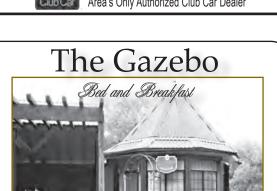
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'Divine' evening at Tenroc benefits abused children

Divine Dinner and Divine Desserts will be served April 23 at Tenroc Ranch to benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas.

The Divine Dinner will be catered by Cactus Jacks Restaurant of Temple, followed by D ivine Desserts. These two events raise money to help abused and neglected children in Bell County.

Salado Wine Seller will provide Texas wines to accompany the dinner that evening.

Tickets are \$200 per couple for the Divine Dinner and Desserts or \$100 per person. Tickets for the Divine Desserts, which will be 8 p.m.-midnight, are \$50 per person, or \$90

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information and reservations for the event.

When you contribute to Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas, you're helping over a thousand children a year who need it most. The children that the Advocacy Center serves have suffered extensive abuse and neglect within their own homes. By supporting Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas, you're supporting the work of trained and dedicated volunteers who speak up for the community's most vulnerable resource: children.

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Kathy Nicklebur has been a closet rock star her whole life, from her humble beginnings singing songs from the Go-Gos

and Madonna into her hair brush

Bryan Daniel is the animal behind the drum kit. Bryan has performed with many bands and provides The GTOs with his own style of Beach Boys vo-

Miles Casad is an all around talented man playing lead guitar and bass guitar and pays tribute to The Beatles, Free, Ronny & the Daytonas, Wild Cherry, Van Morrison and other legends through

Keith Wallace arranges the music, sings some Jimmy Buffett - Big Bopper - Danny & the Juniors, provides comedy relief, and drives the bus!

Getting garden ready for spring

By Ursula Nanna Bell Co. Master Gardener

By now, the St. Augustine lawn should be scalped down to the lowest mowing level and the pre-emergent herbicides

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should have been applied and watered in. The scalping gets the lawn ready for good spring growth. Clean up all that dead grass (bag it for compost) because it inhibits the intake of watering. Dead grass causes water run-off instead of water penetration.

In the next two to three weeks, fertilize the lawn with a good fertilizer giving 1 lb. of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. feet. A good plant center will be able to advise you of this. Actually, 1 lb. is all that's required per year. Just follow the directions for calibrating the spreader. The phosphorous and potassium ratios are negligible in this area as these macronutrients aren't required or already abundant in the soil. Please remember to add an iron supplement preferably in the chelated version. This minimizes chlorosis (a common problem with grass and plants in our area), which causes the leaves to turn vellow, and the veins remain green.

Watering is a science in itself. The basic rule-ofthumb is one inch of water per week. An easy way to measure is to set out empty tuna or cat food cans on

the lawn and watering for 20 minutes. Add up all the water in the cans and divide by the number of cans measured i.e.: 10 cans at 2" = 20". Divide that by 10 cans = .2 " in 20 minutes x 4 (for 60 minutes)=. 8". This means you'd have to water one hour and about 10 minutes to get that one inch per week. Water one round at 35 minutes allowing the water to penetrate the soil, and then 35 minutes again. This is called watering deeply but infrequently and will ultimately save you money on the water bills. Deeper watering is also better to encourage root growth, which will then sustain plantings in drought conditions.

Short, shallow watering of a few minutes each causes the grass roots to remain close to the surface and remain vulnerable to wind and dryness. Watering deeply will thus cause the roots to grow down to search for the available ground water resulting in stronger, more deeply rooted grass. Also, in the coming months of no rain, don't forget to deep water your trees and plantings in addition to the foundation of your house.

Have any questions about gardening in Central Texas? Question, email them to ask.bcmga@ gmail.com.





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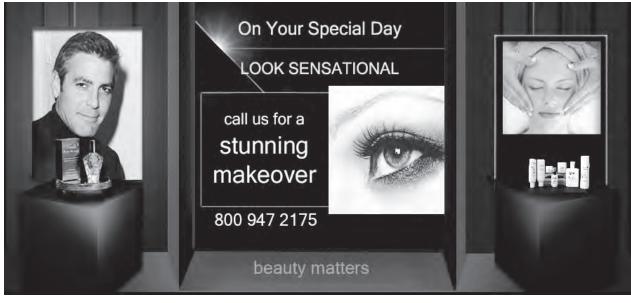
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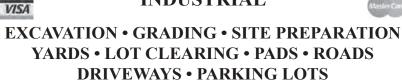
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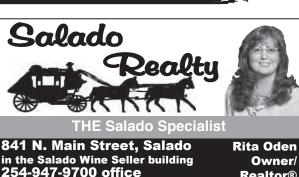
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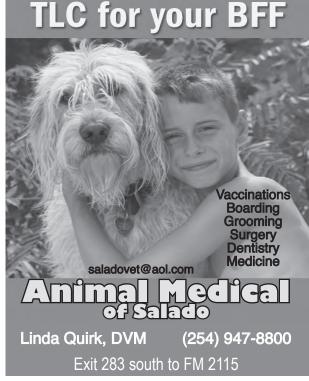
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Dear EarthTalk: Recently the UN voted to declare access to safe and clean water a "human right." Isn't that a nobrainer? What are the ramifications of this declaration? -- P. James, Boston, MA

In July 2010 the United Nations (UN) agreed to a new resolution declaring the human right to "safe and clean drinking water and sanitation." One hundred twenty-two nations voted in favor of the resolution; 41 (primarily developed) countries abstained; and there were zero "no" votes. The agreement comes on the heels of a protracted effort on the part of Bolivia and 30 other (mostly developing) nations determined to improve access to clean water and proper sanitation systems for the poorer human residents of the planet.

Bolivia's Permanent Representative to the UN, Pablo Solon, cheered passage of the resolution that he had campaigned hard for, and stressed the need to recognize access to safe drinking water and sanitation as a human right as global supplies of fresh water get fewer and farther between. "Approximately one out of every eight people does not have drinking water," Solon told reporters. "In just one day, more than 200 million hours of the time used by women is spent collecting and transporting water for their homes." According to the declaration, approximately 884 million people lack access to safe drinking water.

"The lack of sanitation is even worse, because it affects 2.6 billion peo-

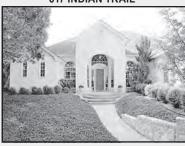
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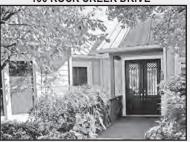
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ple [or] 40 percent of the global population," Solon said, citing a 2009 World Health Organization and UNICEF study which found some 24,000 children in developing countries were dying each day from preventable causes like diarrhea resulting from polluted water. "This means that a child dies every three-and-a-half seconds," added Solon.

The resolution itself carries no regulatory weight, but backers view it as important to raising awareness of the problem and engendering support for solutions. "We are calling for actions...in communities around the world to ensure that the rights to water and sanitation are implemented," said Anil Naidoo of the Council of Canadians, a group that has been crucial in the international struggle for the right to clean water. "Governments, aid agencies and the UN must take their responsibilities seriously," he added.

Some developed countries—including the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand and several European nations-tried to block passage of the resolution in hopes of minimizing their future obligations. As one official from



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the United Kingdom put it, these countries "don't want to pay for the toilets in Africa." Also, six African countries (Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Tanzania and Zambia) and two in the Caribbean (Guyana and Trinidad/ Tobago)—all former European colonies-joined efforts to try to kill the declaration. But when it was time to vote, these nations abstained so as not to go on record as opposing

"This matters because we are a planet running out of water," said Maude Barlow, an expert affiliated with the Council of Canadians as well as the Blue Planet Project and Food and Water Watch. Indeed, a still-growing human population, global warming and other factors combine to make fresh water supplies scarcer around the world. A recent World Bank study predicted that demand for fresh water will exceed supply by some 40 percent within just two decades. While the UN resolution may not move any mountains, it is a step in the right direction for the world's increasing number of have-nots.

CONTACTS: United Na-

tions, www.un.org; Council of Canadians, www. canadians.org; Blue Planet Project, www.blueplanetproject.net; Food and Water Watch, www.foodandwaterwatch.org.

Dear EarthTalk: Were Japan to close all its nuclear plants following the recent damage and radiation leaks from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, what could its energy mix look like? Would it be able to provide all of its power in other ways?

- Richard Miller, New York, NY

Most experts agree that Japan would be hard pressed to close all of its 54 nuclear reactors anytime soon, especially given that these plants provide over a third of the nation's electricity supply and 11 percent of its total energy needs. Japan relies so much on nuclear power because it has so few other domestic sources of energy to draw upon. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, Japan is only 16 percent energy self-sufficient, and much of this comes from its now-wounded nuclear power program.

Despite producing only trifling amounts of oil domestically from fields off its west coast, Japan is the third largest oil consumer in the world behind the U.S. and China, as well as the third largest net importer of crude oil. Imported oil accounts for some 45 percent of Japan's energy needs. Besides bringing in a lot of oil, Japan is the world's largest importer of both coal and liquefied natural gas. Against this backdrop of imported fossil fuels, it's no surprise that Japan has embraced nuclear power; worldwide, only the U.S. and France produce more nuclear energy.

Factoring in that it would take decades to ramp up capacity on alternative renewable energy sources-right now hydropower accounts for three percent of Japanese energy usage and other renewable sources like solar and wind only one percent—and that Japan must import just about all its fossil fuels, it becomes obvious that the country will need to rely on nuclear power for some time to come, despite the risks.

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