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The best ropers in the world will converge on Salado Feb. 13 for the Wildfire Ranch Arena Open to the World.

“The Old Lady Shows Her Medals” in local living rooms this month

“The Old Lady Shows Her Medals” by James Barrie (Author of Peter Pan and The Admirable Crichton) is the second play produced this season by the Living Room Theatre of Salado, featuring Saladoans Pat Ashe, Wallace Davis, and Doug Mackie. Ramon Carver adapts and directs the show.

Old Lady is a story about a London Charwoman and a Scottish Soldier during the First World War. First performed in 1917, the subject of the play is as current now as it was back when young men were sent to war during the first years of the 20th Century.

Sir James Barrie was close friends with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, George Bernard Shaw, Rudyard Kipling, and Robert Louis Stevenson, and the plays he wrote were highly regarded in his time. Old Lady is a jewel of a play addressing sentimental and cynical views of war concluding with an amusing reversal of fortune.

The performances begin at 7 p.m. each night in the living rooms of the following homes: Jan. 25, Pat Ashe, 1303 Old Mill Rd.;



Pat Ashe will appear in “The Old Lady Shows Her Medals.”

Jan. 26, Karin Borman and Joe Berg, 144 12th Green; and Jan. 27 at the Kinnison Home, 35 S. Main St.

Subscriptions to the 2009-10 season are no longer available for this season, but the show is open to the general public at \$5 admission per person. The

public is invited to attend.

For information and admissions, simply call April at 947-8300 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. weekdays.

“Call today; don’t delay; this minute; you’ll forget it if you don’t,” says Ramon Carver, producer of LRTS.

Plans underway for Open to World

Wildfire Ranch welcomes some of the biggest names in professional rodeo Feb. 12-14 to its indoor arena.

Professional cowboys such as Team Roping World Champions Rich Skelton and Speed Williams as well as repeatedly crowned All-Around World Champion Trevor Brazile and many, many more will be converging on Wildfire Ranch in Salado.

There is only one reason why all of these famous cowboys would be gathering in Central Texas... team roping for cold, hard cash!

Wildfire Ranch is offering up to \$500,000 in cash

prizes during the 12th annual Wildfire Open to the World Team Roping which is one of the richest, highest paying team ropings in the world.

Topping the payout is a pair of custom inlaid brief cases stuffed with cash totaling \$100,000, which will be awarded to the winning team of the open roping.

The roping begins at noon Feb. 12 with the Ladies Wildfire Championship team roping followed on Feb. 13 by the Wildfire Open to the World team roping also beginning at noon.

The weekend will be concluded on Feb. 14 with the Wildfire Businessman’s

roping in which amateur team ropers will be competing for over \$180,000 with \$75,000 awarded to the first place team.

Admission to this team roping buffet will be charged on Feb. 13 only and will be \$10 per person, \$5 for ages 6-12 and children under 6 are free.

So clear your calendar and bring the family to Wildfire Ranch Feb. 12-14 for a weekend filled with team roping excitement rain or shine.

Wildfire Ranch is located at Exit 283 on I-35 just South of Salado. “Burn a trail to Wildfire Ranch and rekindle the cowboy inside.”

Sales tax rebate plummets 23% for Village in January

Salado’s first sales tax payment of 2010 was almost 23 percent less than the 2009 payment. The Village of Salado received \$27,292.95 last week, down from \$35,237.65 paid last January.

This dip is far lower than that experienced elsewhere in the County and around the State.

Bell County, which levies a half-percent sales tax, received a \$1 million payment in January, which is only 1.8 percent less than last January.

The Salado Library District, which also levies a half-percent sales tax, also fared better than the Village this month. The payment of \$18,850.83 was 16.87 percent less than last year’s \$22,677.79 payment.

Payments in January represent sales taxes that were collected in November 2009 and reported to the State Comptroller’s office in December 2009. It represents only those collections by monthly depositors.

Comptroller Susan

Combs announced last week the state collected \$1.65 billion in sales tax revenue in December, down 11.6 percent compared to December 2009.

“Declining sales tax collections, beginning in February 2009, have now extended through December 2009,” Combs said. “As has been seen the past several months, collections are down across most major sectors of the Texas economy, including oil and natural gas, construction, manufacturing and retail

trade. It is expected the double-digit declines in tax collections seen over the last half-year will first moderate with collections returning to growth during the first or second quarter of 2010.”

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their first sales tax allocations of 2010 — \$405.2 million, down 11.8 percent compared to January 2009.

Combs sent January sales tax allocations of

\$274.4 million to Texas cities, down 11.4 percent compared to January 2009. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$24.3 million, down 16.1 percent compared to last January.

In addition, \$16.2 million went to 163 special purpose taxing districts around the state, down 11.5 percent compared to last January. Ten local transit systems received \$90.1 million in sales tax allocations, down 11.6 percent compared to a year ago.

December state sales

tax collections and January allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in November.

For details of January sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller’s Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allcsum/compsum.html.



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Village Board of Aldermen meeting scheduled for Jan. 7 has been cancelled and rescheduled for 6 p.m. Jan 14 at the Village Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Decade of disillusion

If the 1990s were the decade when history ended, in Francis Fukuyama's famous formulation, the 2000s were the decade it came back and human nature exacted its revenge for our fatuousness.

The 1990s were prefaced by the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, an exhilarating burst of liberty for tens of millions. In the 2000s, Russia backslid into a sullen authoritarianism, and the initially stirring liberations of Iraq and Afghanistan proved more inconclusive than advertised.

Major institutions in American life took a battering. The "voice of God" role of the network news anchor effectively ended when Dan Rather immolated himself with his fake Bush draft story. The Catholic Church was caught covering for priests who had abused young people. Baseball players cheated on a vast scale and the league looked the other way. Corporate America bookended the decade with the tech and the financial bubbles, giving us Ken Lay and Richard Fuld as corporate anti-heroes. A supposed pillar of the New York financial community, Bernie Madoff, turned out to be the rankiest crook. The great authorities of the 1990s boom, Alan Greenspan and Robert Rubin, were diminished in the bust of the late 2000s.

Two of the Big Three car companies, Chrysler and General Motors, went on the federal dole. The highly touted financial industry -- its titans once the subject of worshipful coverage in business magazines -- nearly died in the fall of 2008, brought to the brink by its own folly. The Dow started the decade at 10,000 and ended the decade right back at 10,000.

Under old management (the DeLay Republicans) or new (the Pelosi Democrats), Congress stuffed itself with pork and earned the low esteem in which the public held it. The Congress of the 1990s balanced the budget and passed one of the most successful social reforms in decades,

Rich Lowry



welfare reform. The current iteration of Congress is laddling on the debt and is on the verge of passing an ungainly, poorly financed health-care bill that won't reduce costs or improve care.

Yes, the 2000s had its heroes. The firefighters running into burning buildings on 9/11. The troops fighting our wars. Capt. Chesley Sullenberger landing in the Hudson. But a motto of the decade could have been "put your faith not in men." A paragon of probity as unassailable as Tiger Woods could be exposed as something entirely different within the space of a few days.

The 2000s didn't feature the convulsive internal shocks of the 1960s or the crisis atmosphere of the 1970s, when the Soviets were on the march and the economy was stuck in a stagflationary gear. But a drip-drip of disappointments made it a decade of disillusion. No wonder the national mood is characterized by doubt and anxiety, and -- on the right, left and in between -- a bristling populist spirit distrustful of established authority.

Through democratic accountability, the rigors of the market and the wide latitude liberty provides for individual initiative, the American system has always reinvigorated itself. It will again -- provided we don't block the wellsprings of renewal with an administrative state operating outside democratic consent, an increasingly politicized economy, and burdensome taxation and regulation. Then, we'll have cause to look back on the 2000s fondly.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2010 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Perry promoting California "super-majority" tax plan; Bell County creates "model" abatement program

If there were any additional reasons needed - for Governor Rick Perry's retirement, that hopefully will follow this year's first Republican primary - it would be his doltish (albeit consistently partisan) plan to imitate the dismal examples of California and Colorado, whose leaders led them into the abyss of instituting constitutional amendments that **require imbecilic super-majority (two-thirds) votes by their legislatures, to approve even a one cent increase in any State tax.**

"Old Landslide" is also toying with a second amendment that would force legislators to curtail spending growth (even when desperately needed) through a formula that includes only inflation and population.

Fact is - Perry is simply continuing his toadying to the State's wealthy, business oriented community that wants to **keep taxation from interfering with profiteering.**

Perry and his hard-liners apparently subscribe mightily to the motto of railroad magnate William Vanderbilt who originated the scurrility: **"The public be damned."**

In both California and Colorado the amount of dollars spent on education, health and welfare, and other public service programs have not only declined - but are reportedly among the lowest (per capita) in the nation.

Texas currently hovers near the bottom tier (nationally) in most services that assist its citizens - **not the wealthy you understand - but the less fortunate.** Example: We have the largest number of citizens (nationwide) with no health insurance, and that's just the tip of a dismal political-fiscal iceberg.

Funding for education at the State level has also been deteriorating (purposely) thus forcing school districts to pick up the legislatively mandated shortfalls: Question? How does moving a tax from Austin to another taxing level produce savings?

Or must we "somehow" learn to translate our politician's polyglot political language in order to find additional reasons for removing these rascals from office?

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CONGRESS COULD TAKE A HIT

President Obama and his Democratic followers in Congress have taken a barrage of political "hits" for over a year: Thanks in part to a **health-care "reform" hodge-podge that needs prompt medical attention;** an economy with nearly 25 percent of its workforce idle; and three wars going on at the same time - Afghanistan, Iraq, and Terrorism.

Regardless of all the "verbal skirmishing" it's almost certain the 2011 Senate, despite losing four Dems and six Repubs (so far), will remain in Democratic hands, but without the 60 vote majority needed to move legislation.

House Democrats will hold a comfortable edge despite anticipated losses: 14 Repubs and 10 Dems. Current membership 257 Democrats, 178 Republicans.

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TAX ABATEMENT POLICIES

It appears that the helter-skelter rush to "bribe" out-of-town companies to relocate, is taking a needed nationwide turn for the better. Not

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



that cities, counties, or States have "completely" curtailed promises of property tax abatements; free land and utility connections; and/or anything else the newcomer might demand, just for moving to town and (hopefully) creating a burgeoning workforce and sizeable payroll.

What's happening is that taxing entities across the country are wisely putting common sense in their contracts with newcomers: Requiring a minimum number of employees to be hired locally; solid estimates on future payroll levels; health insurance provided for all workers; and financial penalties against new businesses that might plan to skedaddle soon after their free tax ride ends.

WELL DONE: BELL COUNTY

Bell County is a notable example of how to properly work with companies interested in moving to this area, through contractual agreements that protect taxpayers and established commercial enterprises.

In December of last year, our Commissioner's Court approved an exemplary Economic Development Incentive Policy designed to attract high quality commercial-professional development in all parts of the County, and "help expand and diversify the tax base."

The "Policy" includes not only County tax abatements, but also stringent requirements that new companies must meet in order to qualify for property tax reductions: Including a "clawback" clause that recaptures taxes previously abated, should the new business fail to abide by their contractual agreement.

We commend Bell County: Specifically Judge Jon Burrows and Commissioners Richard Cortese, Tim Brown, Eddy Lange and John Fisher for creating what has been described as a **"model" incentive plan** to offer prospective business newcomers.

The new policy also protects County taxpayers from being ripped off by the less desirable commercial ventures that take advantage of tax breaks and other financial assistance. Then, after making quick profits they move on, leaving local governments and their taxpayers, with broken promises and loss of hard earned tax dollars.

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A PERSONAL NOTE....

This writer was thrilled by the presentation of our National Anthem prior to the BCS championship game last week. We expected the normal caterwauling, that some people think passes for singing this beautiful hymn - especially when a scraggly looking young man appeared, along with a "rock" type band.

Thankfully - we were wrong. The singer was Josh Groban, a trained operatic vocalist, who presented a most beautiful and stirring rendition of our anthem with such feeling that listeners were both enthralled and patriotically teary-eyed.

This guy needs to be presented with an award from President Obama for providing millions of Americans with a renewed feeling of patriotism, at a time of great need.

Our thanks to Josh and whoever it was that asked him to sing our National Anthem.

That's -30-

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Empowering Education

Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner

Name the speaker: "The way for a young man to rise is to improve himself in every way he can." No, not Descartes. Not Benjamin Franklin. Not even Mark Twain. It was a wise young man named Ronald, who attends school on an Opportunity Scholarship in Washington, D.C.

The federally funded program allows some 1,700 children to escape the failing District of Columbia school system and attend the school of their choice. Parents love it; every year they apply in droves. So why are members of Congress trying to kill the program, a move that would deny other children like Ronald a chance to rise?

Last year lawmakers changed federal policy so that Congress now must explicitly reauthorize the Opportunity Scholarship program each year. Since lawmakers declined to act in 2009, hundreds of students have already been dropped from the program.

In many cases, that bad news came just days after the good news that they'd been accepted. Latasha Bennet explains the roller-coaster ride many parents took that week.

"When I got the letter rescinding the scholarship, I was angry. I was frustrated," she says in the documentary "Let Me Rise," produced by The Heritage Foundation. "I was so appalled that I was going to fight to the end, fight as long as I can, because [my daughter] can't fight for herself. I'm the one that has to do that."

Ironically, the children seem to have a better idea of what's at stake than our political leaders do.

"If I could talk to the politicians who are considering eliminating this program, I'd just ask them to take a step back," says Jordan, a scholarship student. She adds that our leaders should "just sort of think of what it would be like if they couldn't afford the school their child wanted to attend and if every day their child went to school they had to worry about their safety or whether or not they were actually learning."

That's a crucial point. A Heritage survey, updated last year, shows at least 44 percent of senators and 36 percent of House members have sent a child to private

school. Nationwide, less than a third of families - roughly 11 percent of students -- attend private schools.

In short, our politicians enthusiastically exercise their ability to send their kids to the schools that will be best for them. They just won't allow poor D.C. residents have the same chance.

And poor parents desperately want those scholarships. They know what a life-changing difference a good education makes.

"I can see my daughter not being on the poverty level that I've been through," says Carmen Holassie. "This Opportunity Scholarship is working and will work." Adds Adrienne Lynch: "any parent who has a child in this program can tell you they can see the difference in their children."

So what will it take to save the program?

Virginia Walden Ford is president of D.C. Parents for School Choice. As a single mother years ago, she struggled to guide her own children through the District's school system. Now she works to help other parents.

"We need President Obama to stand up and say we need to keep this program. This is not fair," she says. "If the president of the United States stands up and says 'let's keep this program,' it will be kept."

Obama recognizes the importance of a good education. That's why he sends his daughters to Sidwell Friends, a highly-regarded private school and the alma mater of fellow presidential daughter Chelsea Clinton. At least two of her classmates are there on D.C. Opportunity Scholarships -- and couldn't afford to remain without the aid.

The scholarships cost federal taxpayers about \$15 million, and don't divert any funding from other students in D.C. public schools. Renewing the program should be a no-brainer.

Let's hope federal policymakers act quickly -- and show they've learned their lesson.

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FORUM

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Greater transparency in healthcare bill

On Christmas Eve, just as Americans were getting ready to celebrate the holiday with family and friends, Senate Democrats passed a partisan health care bill without a single Republican vote. It was crafted in secret and packed with sweetheart deals. A majority of Americans were rightly opposed to the bill, but it was rushed through without regard to the rising concerns raised by citizens throughout our country.

Over the past year, Republicans repeatedly offered constructive, concrete proposals to reform America's health care system, but over and over again we were shut out of the legislative process. In committee hearings, Republican commonsense amendments were defeated. On the Senate floor, we were blocked from offering a reasonable number of Republican amendments to address issues such as tax increases and Medicare cuts. And promises to give the public ample time to read the bill online -- a bill that was more than 2,000 pages long -- were broken. Even Senate Democrats reluctantly acknowledged that they had yet to see the final version of a bill that leaders of their own party had been amassing in secret.

Now that the Democrats have rammed this legislation through Congress, they are once again closing the doors on the American people as they merge the House and Senate versions of the bill. Closed door negotiations and political kickbacks in exchange for votes do not meet the expectations of the American people. Numerous Senators have reiterated the need for transparency, including then-Senator Barack Obama as a presidential candidate in August

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



2008:

"I'm going to have all the negotiations around a big table. We'll have doctors and nurses and hospital administrators. Insurance companies, drug companies -- they'll get a seat at the table, they just won't be able to buy every chair. But what we will do is, we'll have the negotiations televised on C-SPAN, so that people can see who is making arguments on behalf of their constituents, and who are making arguments on behalf of the drug companies or the insurance companies. And so, that approach, I think is what is going to allow people to stay involved in this process."

On his very first day in office, President Obama signed a memorandum to all federal agencies directing them to break down barriers to transparency, participation, and collaboration between the federal government and the people it is to serve. The President said at the time:

"For too long, the American people have experienced a culture of secrecy in Washington, where information is locked up, taxpayer dollars disappear without a trace, and lobbyists wield undue influence. For Americans, business as usual in Washington has reinforced the belief that the government benefits the special interests and the well connected at the expense of the American people."

I couldn't agree more with the approach the President promised. It's unfortunate, however, that we have yet to see the Admin-

istration, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi or Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid follow through on the President's pledge.

During the upcoming negotiations to reconcile the House and Senate versions of the bill, the American people deserve to see what will and will not be in the legislation, as well as to know who is sitting at the table during the talks. That is why several of my Senate colleagues and I recently wrote to Senator Reid urging him to fulfill President Obama's campaign pledge to allow C-SPAN cameras to go behind closed doors and televise the final health care bill deliberations live and in their entirety.

We look forward to the Majority Leader's response to our request and hope that he will demonstrate a renewed commitment to full transparency as the Senate works with Speaker Pelosi and the White House to come to a final compromise. The goal of health care reform should be to bring down the high cost of health care and make insurance coverage more affordable.

The closed door meetings and the Christmas Eve vote did nothing to make health care more affordable or accessible to Americans. And it is likely the bill will only be worsened during the upcoming conference meetings, unless the public has the opportunity to see with their own eyes what passage of this bill will do to our economy and the quality of our health care.

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Chuck the bottle!!



Jim Hightower

Bottled pollution.

I know we're a nation of inveterate consumers, but who would buy pollution in a bottle?

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Start with the little-reported fact that bottled water can contain a toxic mix of industrial chemicals never tested for safety. Also, many tests of bottled water are done by the corporations themselves, rather than by independent, certified labs. Even when contaminants are found, the marketers don't have to tell consumers or public officials about them. Chances are that your city's tap water, which is inspected several times daily, is at least as pure (and often more so) than the pricey stuff in bottles.

Speaking of bottles, both the production and disposal of billions of tons of these throwaways is a pollution nightmare. The Environmental Working Group, for example, has highlighted how an area of the Pacific Ocean that amounts to a massive plastic-water-bottle dump is twice the size of Texas. You can't throw water bottles away--because there is no "away."

Then there's the absurdly huge carbon footprint created by hauling bottled water back and forth across our country, not to mention across oceans, bringing water all the way from France or Fiji. If you need a textbook example of energy absurdity, try this: New York water is trucked to California, and California water is trucked to New York.

The good news is us: consumers! Individuals, companies, restaurants, cities, states, and other entities are chucking the bottle, ending their silly addiction to a totally unnecessary source of pollution and waste. To join the effort, go to www.takebackthetap.org.

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America's New Year's Unemployment Hangover

By CONGRESSMAN JOHN CARTER

One cannot drink oneself into sobriety. Yet that is precisely what Congressional Democrats and the Obama Administration have attempted with our economy for the past year with predictable and painful results.

Unemployment continues to stand at an official 10 percent for the third month in a row, the worst joblessness in 27 years. The real unemployment rate is far worse. Included in the December economic figures was a shocker – the percentage of adult men who are working has fallen to the lowest level in recorded U.S. history at just 80 percent. That means that one in five men in this country between 18 and 54 are neither working nor claiming unemployment. They have fallen completely out of the workforce.

That helps explain why December's unemployment rate remained at November's 10 percent rate in spite of an additional 85,000 Americans losing their jobs. At the same time the new jobless claims were added, many of the previously unemployed were simply removed from the workforce numbers altogether.

Economists estimate our true jobless rate as high as 17 percent, and that could grow in coming months as more Americans exhaust their unemployment benefits and lose homes to foreclosure.

When Barack Obama was sworn into office last January, unemployment stood at 7.2 percent. President Obama of course blamed this on the preceding Bush Administration, while ignoring the fact that his fellow Democrats had total control of the House and Senate since 2006.

We were told that unless we passed his \$757 billion stimulus plan immediately,

unemployment could jump to 8 percent before we started recovering midway through 2009. Democrats passed it, and unemployment has soared to over 10 percent and stayed there.

Did any of this budget-breaking spending do any good? Not according to the Associated Press:

"Spend a lot or spend nothing at all, it didn't matter, the AP analysis showed: Local unemployment rates rose and fell regardless of how much stimulus money Washington poured out for transportation, raising questions about Obama's argument that more road money would address an 'urgent need to accelerate job growth.'" (AP, 1/11/10)

So Congressional Democrats and the President pushed for a "cap and trade" energy tax and a health care takeover that will add millions more to the jobless roles through massive new taxes, higher consumer prices, oppressive regulations, and out-of-control federal spending and deficits.

The unemployment rate soared even higher, but Obama and Pelosi learned nothing. They pushed another "stimulus" bill through the House in December, putting taxpayers another \$75 billion in debt.

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Carol Walls
Village of Salado
Alderman

Carter

dren undermines economic growth. Lack of economic growth means more joblessness.

The Obama Administration and the House of Pelosi spent 2009 in a drunken binge of government spending and power grabs. We are left in January 2010 with a splitting deficit hangover, and the only way to recover is to set aside the bottle of fiscal irresponsibility.

We can begin by repealing whatever is left of the

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Bush and Obama Administration "stimulus" plans, ending the energy and health care takeovers, and recovering the taxpayer funds handed over to failed companies.

Then we can start creating sustainable new jobs through cutting taxes for individuals and small businesses, taking the burden of debt off our children, and restoring the vibrancy of our free market economy that has been stifled by Washington.

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SPORTS

Eagles fall to 1-2 in district

Salado varsity boys basketball team faces an uphill battle as the Eagles lost two of their first three district contests recently. Last week, the Eagles split their two district games, beating Lago Vista easily 63-30 on Jan. 5 and then losing at home to the Academy Bees on Jan. 8.

Salado 63
Lago Vista 30

Salado Eagles jumped out to an 18-8 first quarter lead and stole the district game against the Lago Vista Vikings 63-30 on Jan. 5.

The Eagles held a 35-23 halftime lead and then ran away in the third quarter with a 17-2 effort. The Eagles also outscored Lago Vista 11-5 in the fourth quarter.

Three Eagles scored double figures for Salado.

Braxton Tucker led the team with 20 points, shooting 80 percent from the field. Tucker also had another double-double by grabbing 10 rebound (five on each side). He had 4 assists, 3 blocks and 1 steal on the night.

Koby Spears followed with 16 points, shooting 58 percent from the field. Spears also had 2 assists, 2 rebounds and 1 steal.

Colton Meiman shot 11

points. He also had 2 assists and 2 rebounds.

Also scoring for Salado were these: Jada Kornegay, 6 points, 2 rebounds and 1 steal; William Cleveland, 3 points and 1 rebound; Hunter Ward, 2 points, 3 assists and 1 rebound; Shannon Ponder, 2 points and 1 steal; Caleb Litte, 2 points, 5 rebounds and 1 steal and Paul Warren, 1 point, 2 rebounds and 1 assist.

Salado 40
Academy 63

Salado Eagles gave up 20 points in the second quarter at home against the Academy Bees and could never overcome Academy's lead, losing 63-40 on Jan. 8. It was the Eagles' second district loss.

Salado trailed Academy by just two points in the first quarter, 16-14, but allowed the Bees to score 20 points in the second quarter while adding only four themselves, which gave Academy a 36-18 halftime lead.

The Bees extended that lead by four points in the second half.

No Salado Eagle scored double figures, but all 10 players got on the board.

Meiman led the Eagles with nine points, even

though he shot only 30 percent from the field. Altogether, the Eagles were only 33 percent from the field against Academy.

Meiman also had 2 assists and 1 rebound on the night.

Ward scored eight points, shooting 60 percent. He also had 2 assists, 2 rebounds and 1 steal.

Jacob Heiner had 5 points, 1 assist and 4 rebounds.

Also scoring for the Eagles were these: Warren, 4 points and 2 rebounds; Kornegay, 4 points, 1 assist and 2 rebounds; Tucker, 3 points, 1 block, 3 rebounds and 1 steal; Ponder, 2 points, 1 assist and 4 rebounds; Little, 2 points, 8 rebounds and 1 block; Cleveland, 2 points; and Spears, 1 point, 4 rebounds and 1 assist.

JV Boys Red 45
Lago Vista 19

Salado JV Red boys basketball team crushed Lago Vista 45-19, outscoring the Vikings 14-3 in the first quarter and never looking back.

The Eagles had a 23-6 halftime lead, stretched to 29-8 at the end of the third quarter.

Scoring for the Eagles

were these: Tony Sager, 12 points, Peyton Best, 10 points, Trey McGlothlin, 9 points, Cody Wortham, 5 points, Johnny Jordan, 4 points, Kyle Bradley, 3 points, Jim Wentreck, 3 points and Cameron Smith, 2 points.

JV Boys Red 31
Academy 36

Salado JV Red boys trailed Academy 15-18 after the first half and could not overcome the Bees' advantage, losing 31-36.

Scoring for Salado were these: Tony Sager, 15 points, Trey McGlothlin 5 points, Johnny Jordan, 5 points, Peyton Best, 3 points, Ty Roemer, 2 points, and Kyle Bradley, 1 point.

JV White 37
Lago Vista 36

The Salado JV White Boys team won a close game over Lago Vista. Salado led 15-10 in the first quarter, and would enter the half with a score of 23-17. Salado kept the lead in the third quarter 32-29. Salado managed to maintain a one point lead in the fourth quarter for a victory of 37-36.

Marshall Mann led

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Girls undefeated in district

The Salado Lady Eagles are 5-0 so far in district, but faced Rogers earlier this week to complete the first loop of play. The Rogers game was played after press time this week. Results of the Rogers game will be printed in the Jan. 21 edition.

Varsity Girls 51
Lago Vista 28

The Salado Varsity Girls team dominated Lago Vista. The Lady Eagles took control of the game early scoring 19 points in the first quarter and 13 points in the second quarter for a lead of 32-11 going into the half. In the third quarter Salado would maintain their lead 43-23. The game would end with a final score of 51-28.

Hadley Joiner led

Salado scoring 14 points. Followed by Alexis Bowman scoring 12 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Carling Urben, 10 points; Billi Pipes, 5 points; Katie Clark and Kirsten McGillick, 4 points each; Jessica Carmona, 2 points.

Varsity Girls 40
Academy 24

The Salado Varsity Girls defeated Academy. Salado allowed only 8 first half points for Academy. In the first quarter Salado outscored Academy 14-2. The Lady Eagles would enter the half leading 24-8. Salado would lead 38-18 in the third quarter, and would finish the game with a score of 40-24.

Joiner led Salado scoring 17 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Bowman and Pipes, each scoring 5 points; Clark, 4 points; Lupe Perez, 3 points; Chelsea Boaz, McGillick and Urben, 2 points each.

JV Girls 32
Lago V. JV 28

The Salado JV Girls team won against Lago Vista. Salado led 11-7 in the first quarter and led 19-11 going into the half. Salado's lead dwindled to 21-19 as they were outscored 2-8 in the third quarter. Salado held the lead over Lago Vista in the fourth quarter and finished the game 32-28.

Meredith Ward led Salado scoring 20 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Helna Carroll, 5 points; Kylie Robinson,

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To register call 254-526-1586. A complete schedule can be found online at www.ctcd.edu/ce.

Girls FROM PAGE 7A

Jenna Franz and Jennifer Girl, 2 points each; Chelsea Boaz, 1 point.

JV Girls 28
 Academy JV 26

The Salado JV Girls defeated Academy in the fourth quarter. Salado trailed 7-9 in the first quarter of the game, and would trail 14-15 going into the half. In the third quarter of the game Salado tied the score up at 20-20. Salado outscored Lago Vista 8-6 in the fourth quarter for a victory of 28-26.

Ward led Salado scoring 9 points.

Followed by Franz scoring 6 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Robinson, 4 points; Kasey Weathersbee, 3 points; Leah Ray, Kacie Wells and Sierra Pyle, each scoring 2 points.

Boys FROM PAGE 6A

Salado scoring 10 points.

Followed by Brandon Womac scoring 9 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Reece Nicholson and Jon Franz, 5 points each; Sam Barrett, 4 points; Cooper Cox and Andrew Warren, 2 points each.

JV White 40
 Academy 28

The Salado JV White Boys team defeated Academy. Salado led Academy in a low scoring first quarter 4-2, and would enter the half with a commanding lead of 21-8. Salado would maintain the lead in the third quarter 30-19, and would win 40-28.

Mann led Salado scoring 10 points.

Followed by Barrett scoring 8 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Nicholson and Warren, each scoring 6 points; Franz, 5 points; Cox, 3 points; Womac, 2 points.

Junior High boys basketball Florence results

8th A Boys 42
 Florence 23

Kase Spears, 10 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 2 steals; Kyle Heiner, 7 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal; Dane Hankamer, 9 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 3 steals; Davis Little, 2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals; Dexter Walingford, 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal; Chase Crenwelge, 6 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 2 steals; Cole Haag, 3 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals; Drew VanWinkle, 1 assist; Kole Hearne, 1 point, 1 rebound and Mason Price, 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal.

8th B Boys 15
 Florence 11

Kaden Eary, 2 points, Tyler Tishler, 6 points, Kacy Frasier, 4 points, Kory Sheffield, 2 points, Cody Proctor, 3 points.

7th A Boys 46
 Florence 17

Dalton Hankamer, 10 points, Emilio Villafranco, 15 points, Chris Deal, 10 points, Ellis VanSickle, 1 point and Kyle Nicholson, 10 points.

7th B Boys 12
 Florence 11

Jacob Quick, 2 points, Michael McCullough, 4 points, Cameron Marcham, 2 points, Chris Scott, 2 points and Jacob Little, 2 points.

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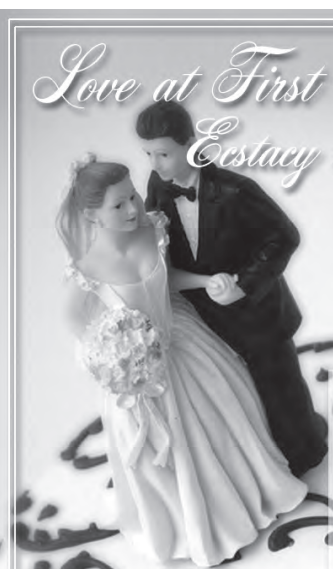
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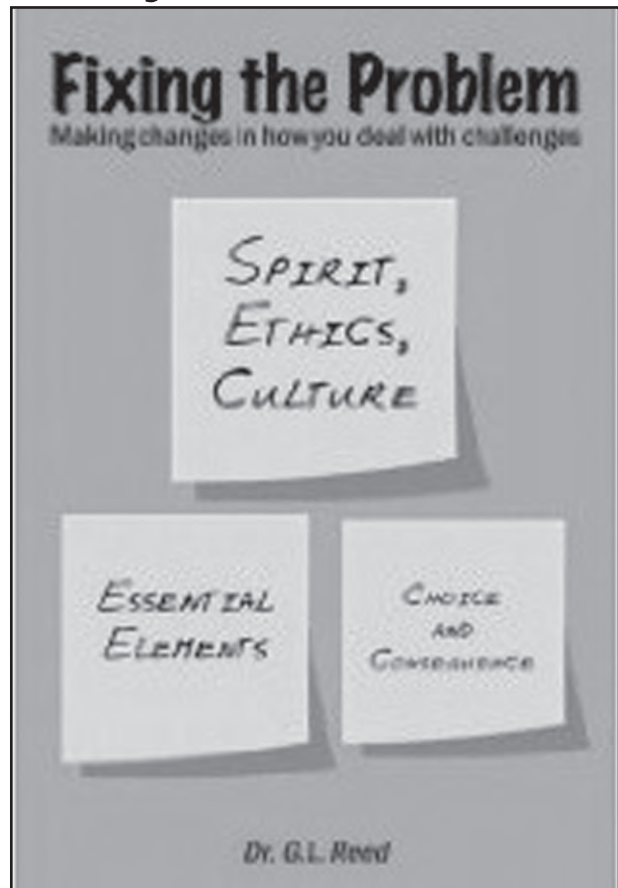
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Support group to address reducing childhood behavior problems

The A+ Support Group will learn more about “Reducing Problem Behaviors” during the 10 a.m.-noon Jan. 16 meeting at the First Baptist Church in Belton.

Kristi Tindell, MS Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst and LPC Intern, will be the featured speaker for the meeting.

He discussion will address the following: how to determine why your child is engaging in problem behaviors, how to prevent behaviors from occurring in the future, how to respond when behaviors do occur, and what to teach

your child to do instead of engaging in problem behaviors.

Childcare is provided for children with special needs and their siblings.

Registration is required for children by noon Jan. 15. Register (Adults and Children) by calling the Children’s Special Needs Network Office at 254-933-7597, 800-600-3940, or by email at csnn@special-children.org.

If registering by email, include the names and ages of the children attending as well as the diagnosis of the child with special needs.

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6:00 – 6:30 PM Youth Choir
6:30 – 7:00 PM Youth Meal
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and People

Hope Pregnancy Center concert Jan. 23

Hope Pregnancy Centers' second annual gospel fund-raising concert has been set for 6 p.m. Jan. 23, at Memorial Baptist Church, 4001 Trimmier Road, Killeen, TX. This year's theme is: "Songs For Life! Harmonies of Hope and Life".

Singers from area cities will join together to share their singing talents

to benefit Hope Pregnancy Centers. This year's concert which will showcase mostly groups including: Central Texas Master Singers, Divine Messengers, FMM, Joyful Hearts, Notable Gentlemen, 3 C Cowboy Fellowship Band and Salado First Baptist men quartet. Also participating are Ed Patterson, Jennifer Brown, Jim Mahon, La-

Becca Thompson, Linda Cawthon, Lynette Kunz, Margie Perez with John Abbey as pianist.

All participants are singing to help public awareness of Hope Pregnancy Centers' and to help raise the essential funds to help the Centers minister to their many clients of Bell and Coryell Counties. As of November 30 Hope

Pregnancy Centers served 3800 women this year in the various ministries in a record breaking year of ministry.

Tickets are suggested donation of \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and \$20 maximum for families.

Tickets are available at the four Hope Pregnancy Center locations.

Seminars for Alzheimer caregivers

During the months of February and March, The Alzheimer's Association, Capital of Texas Chapter, will be holding free seminars for individuals who need guidance to take care of someone suffering from Alzheimer's or related de-

mentia.

Lead by Suzanne Oliver, LCSW, these seminars provide complementary caregiver education on topics particular to caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. All sessions will be

held at the Chapter office, 3429 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Austin, TX, 78731. Following are the dates and topics of each session:

Tuesday, February 9 Part I - Introduction to Alzheimer's: ALZ 101 6-7:15 pm

What is Alzheimer's, Diagnosis and treatments, Stages, How to cope Tuesday, Feb. 16

Part II - Behaviors and Communication 4-5 p.m. Preserving dignity, Agitation, Combativeness.

Obituaries

ED BAKER

Funeral services for Ed Baker, 84, of Salado were held January 12 at Salado United Methodist Church. Travis Franklin officiated. Interment followed at Salado Cemetery.

Baker died Sunday, January 10 in a Temple hospital.

Ed Baker was born December 28, 1925 in Clear Creek to Herbert and Hernetta (Boyd) Baker. Baker married Kitty Middleton on October 29, 1977 in Temple. He graduated from Killeen High School in 1943. Ed proudly served in the United States Navy during WWII. He was a member of Salado United Methodist Church for over 25 years.

Ed is survived by his wife, Kitty Baker of Salado; five daughters, Donna Servello and husband Paul of Henderson, NV, Deb Adrian of Austin, Sean Park and husband Patrick of Russellville, AR, Alison Chambers of Austin, Melody Sparks of Austin; one brothers, Earl Baker of Belton; two sisters, Zoanna Curry of Austin, Ruby Miller of Killeen; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Dan Baker; two sisters, Joetta Gunn, Zalma Chandler; two brothers, Elmer Williams, Marvin Williams.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Salado United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 771, Salado, Tx

76571.

Arrangements are under the direction of Heartfield Funeral Home.

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DAVID ANDREW CROFT JR

Fort Hood announced the death of a Soldier who was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Spc. David Andrew Croft Jr. 22, of Plant City, Fla., died Jan. 5 in Baghdad, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive de-

vice and small arms fire.

Croft joined the military in June 2005 as a Cavalry Scout and was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division since April 2008.

Croft deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from October 2006 through January 2008, and from January 2009 through January 2010.

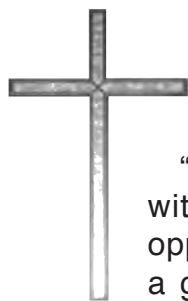
Spc. Croft's decorations and awards include

the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal,

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By BILLY WIGGINS
 SALADO ISD
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January is the National School Board Recognition month. It is a time set aside for us to show our appreciation to those citizens in our community who are willing to give freely of their time and talents to serve the needs of the students in our community by serving as members of the school district's Board of Trustees. Communities have a number of different boards and councils, but few require as large a commitment of time and receive as little recognition as does serving as a school board member.

Our school district has an elected Board of Trustees that is composed of seven members who are elected to serve three-year terms. Although our school board is required to meet once per month, our board members are active more than just one evening a month. In a typical month, each member receives a weekly Board Update from the superintendent plus a monthly board meeting packet that averages about fifty pages of material. Board members receive mailings directly from the state association of board members and from legislators. In addition to this mountain of written material, board members are invited to attend and participate in a number of school-spon-



Salado ISD Board of Trustees

(Seated, from left) Deborah Aldridge, Kim Bird, Miriam Ervi; (standing, from left) Chris Seaton, Jim Reed, Superintendent Billy Wiggins, Rodney Bell, Darrell Street.

sored events. Some of the board members serve on various committees within the district organization. Serving on these committees means more meetings and more material to read and understand.

All of our current board members have participated in training sessions that are designed to acquaint them with their governance responsibilities. In addition, they have participated in training on topics such as: school law, teamwork, Texas Open Meetings Act, ethics, budgeting and finance, school construction, and curriculum alignment. One can see from that list that school board members have to maintain a broad perspective on the operation of a school system. In order to maintain that perspective, the Board and superintendent must be able

to work well together as a team of eight. The Board President participates in additional leadership training through the state school board association. This intense training provided them with the skills necessary to lead a team of divergent thinkers toward a single mission . . . providing the best possible learning experience for the students of Salado ISD.

Currently, the Salado ISD Board of Trustees is composed of the following dedicated individuals:

- Darrell Street: (Board President) sixth year of service
- Kim Bird: (Board Vice-President) second year of service
- Debbie Aldridge: (Board Secretary) 8th year of service
- Rodney Bell: second year of service

Miriam Ervi: 10th year of service

Chris Seaton: sixth year of service

Jim Reed: first year of service.

These seven individuals give of their time and talents without hesitation. They are truly committed to serving the needs of the students of our district. They are proud of the Village of Salado and proud of our schools. Our current board members will be recognized for their service at the Jan. 18 board meeting at 6 p.m. in the Salado Civic Center. The public is invited to be present to honor them and thank them for their service to our children. The district staff wish to extend a special invitation to any former SISD school board member to attend this celebration and be recognized.

Ladies Auxiliary meets Jan. 14

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting 9:30 a.m. Jan. 14 at the Salado Civic Center.

The theme for the meeting is "Getting to Know You" and Jason Nosche, manager of the new Brookshire Brothers store, will be the speaker. Members

are asked to bring packages of diapers sizes 0 to 2 to be donated to the Ft. Hood Family Readiness Center, a charity group the Auxiliary plans to support all year. Helen Clayton, Membership Chair, will be collecting dues at the meeting before the Jan. 31 deadline.

Individuals interested in joining the group are encouraged to mail in dues, \$15 for only Auxiliary membership or \$35 for joint Auxiliary/Chamber membership. Dues may be mailed to the Auxiliary at P.O. Box 161; Salado, TX 76571 for those not able to attend.

MHMR sets public forum Jan. 19 in Rockdale

The Mental Retardation Authority (MRA) of Central Counties Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services (CCCMHMR) is conducting a public forum offered to the community 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at the MARC Center, 1702 Pecos Street in Rockdale.

The purpose of the public forum is to gather public input on what services and supports are important to you that CCCMHMR should provide to the residents in the local community who have been diagnosed with mental retardation and/or autistic spectrum disorder. The public will have time to ask questions after the gathering of public input and the presentation.

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By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Simply Charming...



Chamber will launch Salado Charm Trail in 2010

Salado is well-known for its charm.

With luck, a new project of the Salado Chamber of Commerce may make the village known for its charms as well.

The Chamber of Commerce is working toward kicking off its Salado Charm Trail for 2010 with a target date of March 1.

The Salado Charm Trail is a program intended to generate more interest in the Chamber member businesses by driving traffic to those stores throughout the year, according to Chamber President Joni Lange, who discussed the program during the Jan. 11 Salado Businesses Mean

Business breakfast meeting at Stagecoach Inn.

At the same time, it is a fun past-time for visitors and year-round residents alike.

Here is how it can work:

Participating Chamber of Commerce businesses will buy a specific charm that is unique to their business and depicts an aspect of their business or the Salado community as a whole. The Chamber staff will coordinate with Chamber businesses and track the charms that are selected by those businesses to avoid any kind of duplication.

Some of the possible charm designs include these: teacup and saucer,

brush and palette, cabins, clothing, jewels, music and many others. The company with which the Chamber is contracting to produce the charms can also customize a charm for additional cost.

The Chamber will also develop a map of all participating businesses to be given to visitors or residents when they purchase a Salado Charm starter bracelet.

The starter bracelets will primarily be sold at the Chamber of Commerce office. However, some stores may also sell the starter bracelets during the weekends when the Chamber office is not open.

With map in hand, the bracelet owners can visit the many businesses throughout the Village that participate to purchase the inexpensive charms to fill up their bracelet.

Chamber businesses that participate in the program will also have charm location maps, door signs, links to attach the charms to the bracelet. The Chamber will advertise and promote the Salado Charm Trail whenever applicable and possible.

Charms could also be developed for individual Salado events, such as the Art Fair, Christmas in October and Christmas Stroll, to be sold at participating businesses.

The first year start up

cost for a business is \$100 plus the purchase of 250 charms at 50 cents each for a total investment of \$225. The charms can be resold for \$1 each, according to Lange.

The Charm Trail may include an end-of-year party in late February 2011 where visitors and residents can compare the charms they have collected throughout the year in Salado. The Chamber hopes to promote the party by offering a grand prize to the person who collects the most Salado charm.

"This is a fun and exciting program for both businesses and shoppers," Lange said.

"It will be pretty cool when someone asks a

person about their charm bracelet and they tell them 'Oh, I got these in Salado,'" a business owner said during the meeting. "This can only help generate more interest in Salado."

For more information about participating in the Salado Charm Trail, contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040. The Chamber is planning an E-mail to its business members officially announcing the requirements for participation and goals of the project.

"The goal of this program is to get people through the door," Lange said. "Once they are there, it is up to the shop to charm them!"

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JANUARY 13

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

JANUARY 14

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m., 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

JANUARY 14

Salado Chamber of

Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. social, Salado Civic Center.

JANUARY 15

Free Computer Class, "Understanding Teens & Technology: A Class for Parents Only" taught by Jeanie Lively, 1:00-2:30 p.m., come early, class size limited, Salado Public Library.

JANUARY 16

Recycling at Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd., 9 a.m.-Noon. Gift wrapping paper is not accepted, as this is not recyclable.

JANUARY 18

Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m.

Salado Civic Center.

JANUARY 19

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

JANUARY 19

Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting, 11 a.m. at the Salado Public Library. For more info call 947-5196 or 947-5783.

JANUARY 21

Diet and Nutrition with Laura Murphy, 6-7:30 p.m., Salado Public Library.

JANUARY 21

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m., 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting may be canceled

by the Board on Jan. 14.

JANUARY 22

Fourth Friday Gospel singing at Cedar Valley Baptist Church, eight miles west of Salado on FM 2843, starts at 7 p.m.

JANUARY 23

Make a handmade gift for your Valentine this year. Blow a candy dish, a glass flower, a glass heart or even a heart wine-bottle topper for your love this year and be remembered every year! Salado Arts Workshop, 113 Salado Plaza Dr., 623-824-9435. Register on-line at www.saladoartsworkshop.org. You can also buy homemade candy for your handmade candy dish!

JANUARY 25

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge, 90 N. Church St.

JANUARY 26

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

JANUARY 27

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

JANUARY 28

Candidate forum and dinner, Tenroc Ranch, 6 p.m. social, dinner at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by Salado Area Republican Women. Reservations are \$20, payable to SARW PAC, PO Box 373, Salado, TX 76571 by January 22. All candidates serving the Bell County area are invited including statewide candidates

JANUARY 30

Recycling at Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd., 9 a.m.-12 noon. Gift wrapping paper is not accepted, as this is not recyclable.

FEBRUARY 1

Salado Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and Awards Program, 6 p.m. Tenroc Ranch. More details to be announced.

FEBRUARY 1

Salado Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m. Salado Historical Society Room at the Salado Civic Center.

FEBRUARY 4

The Central Texas Poetry & Prose Readings. Guest Speaker: Karla K. Morton the 2010 Texas State Poet Laureate. 7p.m. No fee, refreshments available. Details TBA.

FEBRUARY 4

Salado American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6 p.m., McCain's Deli and Bakery, corner of Main Street and Van Bibber.

FEBRUARY 4

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m. Village Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the Public.

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at www.saladoartsworkshop.org. You can also buy homemade candy for your handmade candy dish!

FEBRUARY 6-7

Valentine Bake Sale with homemade bakery goods from the St. Stephen's Catholic Church Women's Society at the St. Stephen Catholic Church.

FEBRUARY 8

St. Stephen's Catholic Church Women's Society, 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

FEBRUARY 9

Salado Businesses Mean Business meeting, 8:30 a.m., location to be announced later. This meeting, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce, is open to ANY and EVERY Salado business. Come get involved in promoting Salado businesses and ideas.

FEBRUARY 9

Community Emergency Response Team of Salado (CERTS) meeting, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. All interested community members and volunteers are invited to attend.

FEBRUARY 12-14

Wildfire Ranch 12th Annual Open to the World. Professional cowboys such as Team Roping World Champions Rich Skelton and Speed Williams as well as repeatedly crowned All-Around World Champion Trevor Brazile and many, many more will be converging on Wildfire Ranch in Salado, roping for cold, hard cash! The 12th annual Wildfire Open to the World Team Roping is one of the richest, highest paying team ropings in the world with a payout and prize line totaling over \$500,000. Visit www.wildfirearena.com or call 254-947-9929.

FEBRUARY 13

Anton Nel, pianist, along with the Miro Quartet, Salado United Methodist Church Sanctuary, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. Sponsored by Music in Salado.

FEBRUARY 14

The Texas Boys Choir in concert at the Salado United Methodist Church Sanctuary, 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. Sponsored by Music in Salado.

FEBRUARY 13-14

Salado Legends Auditions 3 p.m. either day. Call Donnie Williams 760-6838 or Jackie Mills 947-9205. Scholarships available. February 26-28

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MARCH 15

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MARCH 26-28

Texas Packard Meet at Salado. This meet has been featured in the national Packard Club magazine as well as in Hemming's Classic Car magazine and Old Car's Weekly. For information and to register, visit www.texaspackardmeet.com.

MARCH 27-28

10th Annual Wildflower Art Show. Salado Civic Center grounds. Artists and artisans from Texas and throughout the Southwest feature oil, acrylics, watercolors, pastels and mixed media including woodwork, sculpture, jewelry, glassworks, metal work and handmade clothing. Salado Chamber of Commerce, www.salado.com or call 947-5040.

MARCH 27-28

Rogue Art and Texas Wine Fest, Noon- 4 p.m., Salado Wine Seller will host 25 Texas wineries. Texas wine tastings, music, art and food. 841 N. Main Street. 254/947-8011. www.saladowine.com.

MARCH 27

Smokin Spokes Bicycle Race, Salado Fire Department, 254-947-8961.

MARCH 29

The Central Texas Master Singers will be performing at Salado United Methodist Church, 7:30-9 p.m. The Central Texas Master Singers presents "HYMN Resurrected!" A Holy Week Celebration. Anthems of praise, worship and remembrance sure to inspire and revive! This is a non-ticketed event open to all! For more information go to www.centraltexas-mastersingers.com or call 254.258.6844.

APRIL 1

Keep Salado Beautiful Earth Day Celebration. For information, call 254-947-8634 or click on ksb.saladotx.gov.

APRIL 17-18

First Annual Renewable Energy Stampede and Green Living Fair, Salado Civic Center. Learn solutions to global warming and how you can make a difference. Solar, Wind, Geothermal, Water Use & Reuse, Energy Conservation, Rainwater

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APRIL 30-MAY 1

The 13th Annual Gospel Festival Jim Woodul - 254-634-4658, Friday 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. \$5 adults \$3 child

MAY 1

Fine Art Gallery Trail 5-9 p.m. For info call 254-947-3930 or visit salado.com.

MAY 7-9

Texas MG Register in Salado. Weekend long gathering of car collectors. Events will be at Stagecoach Inn and Pace Park. 35th Anniversary of the Texas MG Register... 35 years of British cars gathering in Salado every Mother's Day weekend. For more information, visit the TX MG Register website at www.tmgr.org, or contact TMGR President Russell Read at 972-291-4543. As they say in the MG club... "safety fast!"

JUNE 7- JULY 16

Rehearsals for Salado Legends by scene 7-9:30 p.m.

JULY 18, 24, 31,

AUGUST 7

Salado Legends Dinner optional (need reservations) 7:15 p.m. \$8; Show 8:15 - \$17 Adult, \$5 child call 254-947-9205. Texas' favorite outdoor musical drama with cast & crew of over 100! Where history, legend and memories meet to weave the legends of the Tonkawa Indians, the dreams of Spanish explorers and the hopes of the Scottish settlers into a panoramic tale.

AUGUST 7-8

44th Annual Salado Art Fair - Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040 salado.com. Over 100 artists and crafters from Texas and throughout the Southwest feature oil, acrylics, watercolors, pastels and mixed media including woodwork, sculpture, jewelry, glassworks, metal work and handmade clothing.

OCTOBER 2

Fine Art Gallery Night. 5-9 p.m. For information call 254-947-3930 or visit salado.com

OCTOBER 8-9

Christmas in October. Christmas shopping, bake sale, style show, vintage car show and raffle. Admission is free. Sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. For information, call 254-947-5040 or visit salado.com.

OCTOBER 9-10

Auditions for A Christmas Carol and Fright Trail. 3 p.m. either day. Harry Sweet 624-8822 Jackie Mills 947-9205

OCTOBER 30-31

Fright Trail along Tablerock's 1/2 mile walking trail. Open 7:30 p.m. close at the witching hour of 10 p.m. call Jackie Mills 947-9205 \$5 adults \$3 children.

NOVEMBER 12-14

49th Annual Central Texas Area Museum Gathering of the Scottish Clans. 254-947-5292 or visit ctam-salado.org

DECEMBER 3-4, 10-11

Dickens' famous Yuletide story "A Christmas Carol," adapted to the stage by Harry Sweet. 7 p.m. \$10 adults \$5 Students \$3 children (12 and under).

DECEMBER 3-5

Salado Historical Society's Christmas Homes Tour. Call 254-947-5722 for information or visit www.saladohistoricalsociety.org.

DECEMBER 3-5, 10-12

Salado's Christmas Stroll. Enjoy the magic of Christmas with late night shopping, home tours, live nativity along with productions at Salado Silver Spur Theater and Tablerock Amphitheater. Sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce. Call 254-947-5040 or click salado.com

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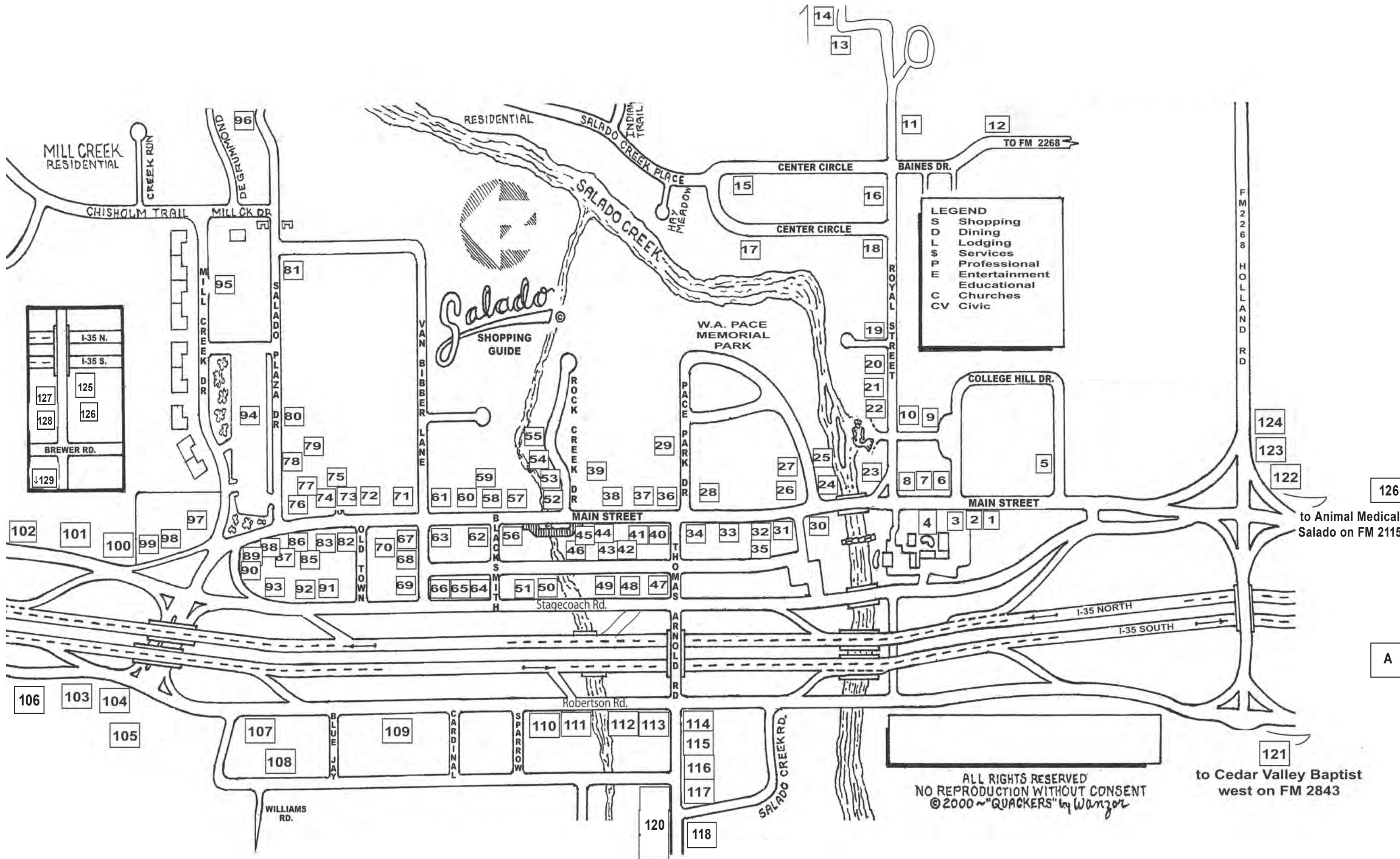
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6. Central Texas Area Museum 254/947-5232 E	33. First State Bank 254/947-5852 \$	54. Charlotte's of Salado 254/947-0240 S	73. CARRIAGE PLACE SQUARE Salado Tanning & Fitness 254/947-5814 \$	98. Salado Cleaners 254/947-4004 L	126. Animal Medical Salado 254/947-8800 \$
8. SHADY VILLA Gregory's 254/947-5703 S Gypsy Place Designs (inside Sofi's) 254/947-3636 S	34. FIRST CENTRE at 40 N. Main First Community Title 254/947-8480 \$ Farmers Insurance 254/947-0995 \$ Zbranek Agency	56. Eagle Rock Ranch 254/947-5369 \$ 56. Upscale Interior Consignments 254/947-8098 S	74. Visitors Center & Chamber of Commerce 254/947-5040 CV 75. Salado Wine Seller 254-947-9700 \$	101. Holiday Inn Express 254/947-4004 L	Salado Creek Grill / JD's Travel Center 254/947-5220 D
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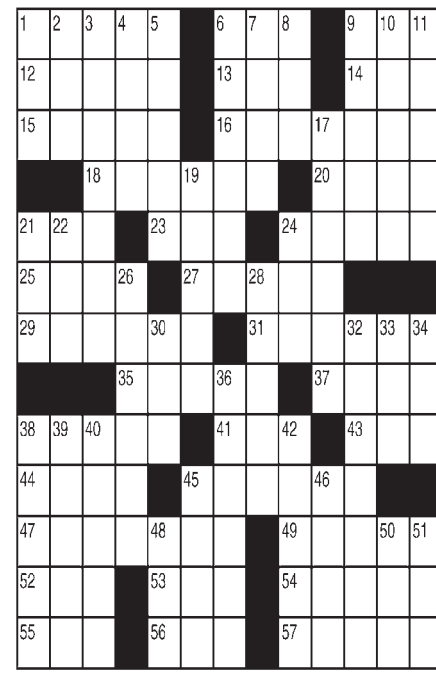
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ACROSS

- 1 Transfer
- 6 Decorate Easter eggs
- 9 Stannum
- 12 Not just prompt
- 13 "Alley —"
- 14 Pindaric piece
- 15 Pipe type
- 16 Chirp
- 18 Clan-related
- 20 Peruse
- 21 However
- 23 Smoke, for short
- 24 With fervor
- 25 Twist out of shape
- 27 Confuse
- 29 "Rabbit ears"
- 31 Unparalleled
- 35 Frock
- 37 Ringlet
- 38 Proverb
- 41 Turner or Williams
- 43 Squid squirt
- 44 Mysterious character
- 45 Disinclined to brag
- 47 Sparkle
- 49 Theme
- 52 Einstein's birthplace
- 53 \$ dispenser
- 54 Met show
- 55 Storm center



- 56 Kid's question
- 57 Vestige
- 11 Square
- 17 Catastrophic
- 19 Authoritative text
- 21 Merit-badge org.
- 22 Islander's strings
- 24 Calendar abbr.
- 26 Thingie
- 28 Amalgamated
- 30 Exist
- 32 Not one to see it through
- 33 Grecian vessel
- 34 Wapiti
- 36 Tempestuous
- 38 Battle verbally
- 39 In a boring way
- 40 "Pokemon" genre
- 42 Showroom samples
- 45 Part of SMU (Abbr.)
- 46 Erstwhile frosh
- 48 Spotted, to Tweety
- 50 Rage
- 51 Craze

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South dealer:
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ Q 5 4
- ♥ —
- ♦ A K J 8 7
- ♣ K J 9 5 4

WEST

- ♠ K 8
- ♥ J 9 4
- ♦ Q 10 9 5 4 3
- ♣ 10 6

EAST

- ♠ A 10 9 3
- ♥ 10 6 2
- ♦ 6 2
- ♣ A 8 7 3

SOUTH

- ♠ J 7 6 2
- ♥ A K Q 8 7 5 3
- ♦ —
- ♣ Q 2

The bidding:

South West North East
4♥ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead — king of spades.

Two of a kind

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

There is a lot of literature on the subject of opening leads, and for good reason: The fact is that one can never learn enough about this difficult phase of the game. Most good players lose more points because of unsuccessful opening leads than they lose on the play of the next 12 tricks combined. This is not surprising when you consider that when he makes his first play, the opening leader sees only his own 13 cards rather than the 26 that are in view after the dummy is tabled.

There are a few good guidelines that will work well on most hands, but, even so, the number of times when the lead is basically a shot in the dark is very distressing -- especially if the initial shot proves to be fatal.

Here is a dramatic example of a spectacularly successful opening lead. It occurred in the world championship match between Italy and the United States in 1957.

At the first table, the U.S. South opened with four hearts. Pietro Forquet was West and had a wide choice of leads. After considering the problem carefully, he decided that it was unlikely his side would get four tricks with passive defense. Accordingly, he made the aggressive lead of the king of spades!

This venture into the unknown paid the maximum dividend. After the king held, Forquet continued with a spade to East's ace. He then ruffed the spade return, led a club to partner's ace and got another spade ruff to put the contract down two.

The Italian South at the second table opened the bidding with only three hearts, which was passed all around. Peter Leventritt was West for the U.S. and, using the same reasoning, also led the king of spades and defeated the contract one trick. Apparently, great minds run in the same direction.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★

- ★ Moderate ★ ★ Challenging
- ★ ★ ★ HOO BOY!

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

Answer

D	E	C	A	L	D	Y	E	T	I	N
S	H	R	E	D	W	H	Y	W	H	E
R	E	A	T	M	A	T	M	A	T	M
O	P	E	R	A	T	M	A	T	M	A
M	O	T	I	F	G	L	I	T	E	R
M	O	T	I	F	R	I	N	E	R	T
S	T	R	E	S	T	R	E	S	T	R
M	O	N	E	S	T	R	E	S	T	R
I	N	K	D	E	D	E	I	N	K	D
T	E	D	E	I	N	K	D	E	I	N
C	O	U	R	L	D	R	E	S	S	C
U	N	I	Q	U	E	A	E	R	I	A
L	A	L	U	N	I	Q	U	E	A	E
B	E	R	E	F	O	G	W	B	E	R
B	E	R	E	F	O	G	W	B	E	R
M	A	D	L	L	Y	B	U	T	C	I
G	I	G	M	A	D	L	L	Y	B	U
T	R	I	B	A	L	R	E	A	D	D
B	R	I	A	R	T	W	I	T	T	E
E	A	R	L	Y	O	P	O	D	E	E

Solution time: 27 mins.

Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

King Crossword

Check It Out

News & Notes from Salado Public Library

By KAREN P. KINNISON



Wow. Is it cold or what? Hope all of you are warm and cozy at home with a good book!

Speaking of being at home, we have some good news for you homebodies. This year the library is going to begin a new service for those of you who can't come to the library. Remember the old time "bookmobiles"? Well in February of this year we are going to start the "Homebound Delivery Program". Now how's that for service and heart? Of course you will have to be qualified as "homebound". This will be a service to provide library materials to residents of the Salado Public Library District who are unable to come to the library. Trained volunteers will visit homebound residents to deliver, pick up, and return library materials. You can fill out a preference list for your volunteer and he/she will be ready to go! Before you can say "James Patterson's latest thriller, please", he or she will be at your door, book in hand! We will have application forms at the front desk for someone to pick up for you or you can call the library and ask that one be mailed to you.

And, of course, if YOU are NOT homebound and would love to do this for a homebound reader in your community, there will be a training session for the program in the library conference room on Tuesday, January 12th from 1:30-2:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your love of books and reading as well as do a good turn. Please call us for more information at 947-9191.

Marsha's been studying the movie marquee again and she bought these new

movies!

"Night at the Museum 2: Battle of the Smithsonian." Ben Stiller returns as hapless museum night watchman Larry Daley. This time he deals with the likes of Amelia Earhart, George Custer, and Ivan the Terrible.

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We also had a very generous donation of some great audio books. All these titles are in audio, and in some cases, also in hard copy.

"Six Armies in Normandy" by John Keegan: On D-Day, 1944, the armies of six nations converged on the beaches of France and began the final dramatic chapter of WWII.

"Intervention" by Robin Cook: Another "ripped from the headlines" medical thriller by Cook where DNA science, biotechnology, and religion collide.

"The World Without Us" by Alan Weisman: A penetrating, page-turning take on how our planet would respond if humans simply disappeared-- from five minutes later to millions of years later.

That's it for this week folks. Don't forget to library.

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Beef and root vegetables impart a rich, hearty flavor to this warm and comforting dish. Pair each bowl with sliced wholegrain bread, a small wedge of English farmhouse cheese and a crisp green salad for a truly satisfying meal. And remember, leftovers are perfect for lunch.

- Ingredients
- 1/4 cup unbleached white flour or oat flour
 - 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
 - 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
 - 3/4 pound lean beef round, cubes
 - 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided
 - 2 large stalks celery, chopped
 - 1 cup chopped onion
 - 1 cup chopped carrots
 - 1 cup chopped, peeled rutabaga
 - 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
 - 1/3 cup pearled barley
 - 1 quart beef broth, divided
 - 1 bay leaf
 - 1/4 cup chopped parsley for garnish

Method: In a medium bowl, combine flour with the salt and pepper. Toss cubed beef in flour mixture, coating all sides and reserving any leftover flour.

In a large Dutch oven or soup pot, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat. Brown beef on all sides and remove to a plate. Add remaining tablespoon of olive oil to the pan. Stir in celery, onion, carrots, rutabaga and mushrooms, scraping up any brown bits from the bottom of the pot. Cook vegetables, stirring for 2 minutes.

Add barley and continue to cook, stirring for an additional minute. Stir 1/4 cup beef broth into remaining flour until completely blended. Add this along with remaining broth and beef cubes back into the pot. Bring to a boil then reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until beef is tender and stew is thickened, about 1 hour. Remove and discard bay leaf. Garnish with parsley and serve.

Nutrition Per serving (about 13oz/357g-wt.): 290 calories (110 from fat), 13g total fat, 2.5g saturated fat, 45mg cholesterol, 900mg sodium, 23g total carbohydrate, 5g dietary fiber, 5g sugar, 20g protein.



Root Vegetable Stew with Beef and Barley

HEARTY GREENS SOUP WITH BOWTIE PASTA AND TOMATOES

Serves 6 to 8

Use all manner of kale, chard or other hearty greens in this filling cold weather soup. Look for Parmigiano Reggiano rinds, ideal for flavoring soups and stews, in the specialty cheese department.

- Ingredients
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 3 cloves garlic, chopped
 - 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
 - 1 bay leaf
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 4 plum tomatoes, cored and chopped
 - 2 carrots, chopped
 - 8 cups water
 - 1 bunch Swiss chard (about 3/4 pound), roughly chopped
 - 1/2 bunch escarole (about 1/2 pound), stemmed and roughly chopped
 - 1/2 pound dried bowtie (farfalle) pasta
 - 1 (3-inch) Parmigiano Reggiano rind, plus grated Parmigiano Reggiano for garnish
 - 1/4 pound baby spinach

Method: Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add garlic, onions, bay leaf, salt and pepper and cook, stirring often, until caramelized, about 15 minutes. Add tomatoes and cook until most of the liquid is released and absorbed, about 5 minutes more. Add carrots and water and bring to a boil, scraping up any browned bits from the bottom of the pot.

Stir in Swiss chard, escarole, pasta and Parmigiano Reggiano rind, reduce heat, cover and simmer until broth is flavorful and greens and pasta are tender, about 15 minutes. Stir



Hearty Greens Soup with Bowties and Tomatoes.



Chicken and Wild Rice Soup with Mushrooms

in spinach and season with salt and pepper.

Remove and discard bay leaf and rind from soup then ladle into bowls, garnish with grated cheese and serve.

Nutrition Per serving (about 17oz/476g-wt.): 200 calories (45 from fat), 5g total fat, 1g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 350mg sodium, 34g total carbohydrate (5g dietary fiber, 4g sugar), 7g protein.

CHICKEN AND WILD RICE SOUP WITH MUSHROOMS

Serves 6

This recipe is a great way to stretch your dollar at the grocery store and satisfy a crowd at the same time. When a cold or flu hits your house, this tasty soup nurses little ones back to healthy with whole grain nutrition, too.

- Ingredients
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 (8-ounce) package sliced

- mushrooms
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts or thighs, cut into (1-inch) cubes
- 3/4 cup long grain wild rice or wild rice blend
- 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

Method: Heat oil in a large pot over medium high heat. Add mushrooms and onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, 6 to 7 minutes. Add broth, chicken, rice, garlic and bay leaf, cover and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to medium low and simmer until rice and chicken are cooked through and tender, about 45 minutes. Remove and discard bay leaf then stir in parsley, salt and pepper and serve.

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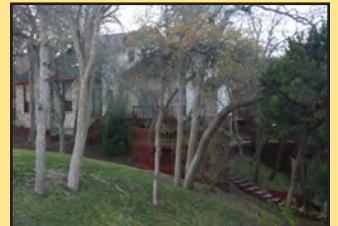
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By JoAnn Derson

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- "Some restaurants have really durable kid cups that come with a kids' meal. We tend to save these, like most parents. I have several in the

car, washed and stacked with their lids. I've also stashed some individually wrapped straws with them. Whenever we go to the park, we can pull them out and fill them at the water fountain. It's really convenient, and we don't feel bad if they need to get trashed or we lose track of them." -- T.C. in Texas

- To protect a boo-boo that's on an awkward spot on your finger, cut the finger off a rubber glove and wear it. It can help to keep a slipping bandage in place, and if you secure it

with waterproof tape, you can keep your wound dry.

- "I love pizza, but don't like reheated pizza -- at least I didn't until I found out about this little trick. Microwave the slice to warm. Then slip it into a nonstick skillet to cook the rest of the way. It takes only a few minutes, but you end up with a crispy crust and no cheese melting off the side (you can just flick it back on). It's great!" -- M., via e-mail
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A Galapagos penguin, one of thousands of endemic island species facing likely extinction unless we can get a handle on greenhouse gas emissions in short order.

Dear EarthTalk: Are there any conservation efforts focused on animal species endemic to islands likely to be submerged by rising sea levels?

-- H. Wyeth, Anahola, HI

Islands are indeed likely to be the areas hardest hit by our warming climate. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a group of leading climate scientists from

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around the world convened by the United Nations to assess the ongoing risk of global warming, predicts a global average

sea level rise of between 3.5 and 34.6 inches over the next century. And the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), a coalition of 42 small island and low-lying coastal countries that have banded together to lobby United Nations policymakers, reports that warming-induced sea level rises could threaten the very existence of some island nations including the Maldives, Kiribati and parts of the Bahamas.

Those low-lying nations that do manage to hang onto some land will contend with not only continuously rising seas and stronger more frequent storms, but also declines in the productivity of their agriculture and fisheries. Salt water intrusion will limit the amount of freshwater available for crops and in some cases under-

mine the integrity of the soil itself. And as coral reefs die off, the abundant marine life that once congregated around them will disappear.

As for wildlife, it's unclear just how much certain endemic species will be affected by rising sea levels and other environmental hazards exacerbated by global warming.

Clearly the biggest threat is habitat loss: Land forms that once sustained certain animals may no longer be above water or otherwise suitable for some species. Those fortunate enough to be on big continents may be able to move away

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Happy New Year!



This home is approx 2850 sq ft on 10.43 treed acres with a wet weather creek. The downstairs features a large great room with a fireplace and tile floors, kitchen that opens to a cozy sitting area or breakfast/dining room with hardwood floors and a stone fireplace a half bath, and master bedroom and bath with views. Upstairs there are 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. The party/workshop barn is approx 2200 sq ft with 2 rest rooms, central heat and air plus a multi purpose room. Beautiful country setting yet close to the Village of Salado.

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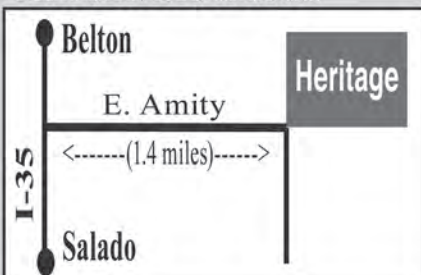


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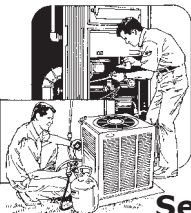
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Traditional auto detailing employs a range of not-so-eco-friendly products. But the industry is starting to examine its environmental footprint and some shops have a decidedly green bent. There are also now many do-it-yourself green detailing products and kits out there, easily found through an Internet search."

from shore to neighboring areas that can provide the resources needed for survival. But animals on islands may be hard pressed to find places better to go to where they can keep on keeping on.

The IPCC lists a few examples among thousands of endemic island dwellers facing likely extinction unless we can get a handle on greenhouse gas emissions in short order: the Tuamotu sandpiper of Tuamotu Island, the Bristle-thighed Curlew of French Polynesia, the Manus fantail of Papua New Guinea, the lorikeet and rail of New Caledonia, the moorhen and Savai'i of Samoa, the Santo Mountain starling on Espiritu Santo,

penguins in the Galapagos, petrels in Bermuda and seabird colonies from the Kerguelen, Crozet and outer Hawaiian islands, among others. The IPCC adds that endemic flora may fare even worse, which will in turn drive more animal extinctions.

What can be done to stem this rising tide of endemic species loss? According to the IPCC, the establishment of terrestrial, marine or coastal reserves has been found to be a "useful management option." Results from existing model reserves on islands across the Caribbean (including Dominica, Bonaire, the Grenadines and St. Lucia) have shown promise. Groups

including Conservation International, the Wildlife Conservation Society, the Nature Conservancy and others, are working to create more such reserves in other biodiversity hotspots, including many non-threatened islands around the globe.

CONTACTS: IPCC, www.ipcc.ch; AOSIS, www.sidsnet.org/aosis; Conservation International, www.conservation.org; Wildlife Conservation Society, www.wcs.org; Nature Conservancy, www.nature.org.

Dear EarthTalk: I recently got my car detailed at a local place and then gasped at the chemical fumes when I got inside. Are there green detailers out there, or products that I could use myself to keep my vehicle clean and my family out of harm's way? -- David Berkowitz, Newton, MA

Traditionally, auto detailing has employed a range of not-so-green-friendly products such as ammonia, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), non-

phenolethoxolates (NPEs), abrasive detergents, and chemical-based leather, vinyl, fabric and carpet treatments. Inside the car, they can off-gas harsh airborne pollutants; when washed down storm drains they can wreak havoc on public water supplies.

Unfortunately, while environmental awareness is beginning to crop up among auto detailing services (online discussion boards are full of posts from professional detailers sharing their tips for greener, more effective products and formulations), finding a green detailing service isn't very easy just yet, so doing it yourself might be the only way to ensure that the environment and your health are spared chemical insult. There are green detailing products and kits out there, easily found through an Internet search.

Two leading suppliers are Laura Klein's Green Cleaning, and Mean Green. These companies, among others, specialize in degreasers, dashboard dressings, tire cleaners,
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spot removers and other products made with natural, biodegradable water-and-plant-based substances (including coconut, palm, citrus, corn and soy), combined and concentrated to be as effective as or better than their chemical-laden counterparts.

Another way to be green and clean at the same time is to choose wash and wax products that don't contain harsh chemical surfactants—and as such don't require water-wasting, polluting rinses. No-Wet Waterless Concepts and Optimum Polymer Technologies are two leading manufactur-

ers for such goods.

Do-it-yourselfers should be careful not to dump wastewater into nearby storm drains not intended to carry toxic run-off. Most reputable car wash businesses go to great lengths to make sure the water, soaps, oils and other dirt from your car doesn't end up polluting groundwater, rivers and streams, and so should you. If you clean your car in your own driveway or garage, try to collect any run-off and dispose of it into a drain or toilet that will send it through the sewage treatment system, not into the curbside storm run-off drain that may well

lead directly to a local water body or shoreline.

While finding a green detailer may not be easy, you can start by asking those operators in your region if they currently use environmentally-friendly products and/or processes. If not, ask them if they would be amenable to greening up their operations for the sake of attracting customers like you.

Some detailers that have already taken the green plunge include: Ecodetail Services of Sacramento, CA; Car Wash Concepts of Aliso Viejo, CA; Gia's Detailing of Long Island, NY; Scott's Mobile Auto

Detailing of Tarrant County, TX; and Elite Detailing Service Inc. of Plainfield, IL. These providers share an interest in environmental protection, use minimal amounts of water and other resources, and dispose of run-off according to the stringent standards set forth under the federal Clean Water and Clean Air acts.

CONTACTS: Laura Klein's, www.laurakleinsgreencleaning.com; Mean Green, www.meangreen.com; No-Wet Waterless, www.nowet.com; Optimum Polymer Technologies, www.optimumcar-care.com.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 801 INDIAN TRAIL

The Village of Salado government has received a Conditional Use Permit request from the property owner of the above stated property. The owner has asked to be allowed to have possession of fowl (chickens) on their property.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning & Zoning Commission on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 1:30PM at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd..

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