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Last day to register to vote in March primaries is Feb. 1

The last day to register to vote in the March 2 primaries is Feb. 1. Voter registration cards can be picked up at the Bell County Voter Registration office in Belton.

The last day to apply for a Ballot by Mail for early voting in March 2 General Primary Election is Feb. 23.

Individuals 65 years or older may apply to the Bell County Clerk, Attn: Election Department, P.O. Box 480, Belton, Texas 76513 for a ballot to be mailed to them at their home. In order to apply, they must give their name, the address of where they are registered to vote, their actual mailing address,

their election precinct number, and their voter registration number. They need to sign the application themselves.

Early voting will be conducted in person Feb. 16-26.

Early voting will be conducted 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 16-19; 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 20; Noon-5 p.m. Feb. 21 and 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 22-26.

Following are the early voting polling places:

Belton: Bell County Courthouse Annex, 550 East 2nd Ave.

Harker Heights Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing.

Killeen: Bell County Annex, 301 Priest Drive

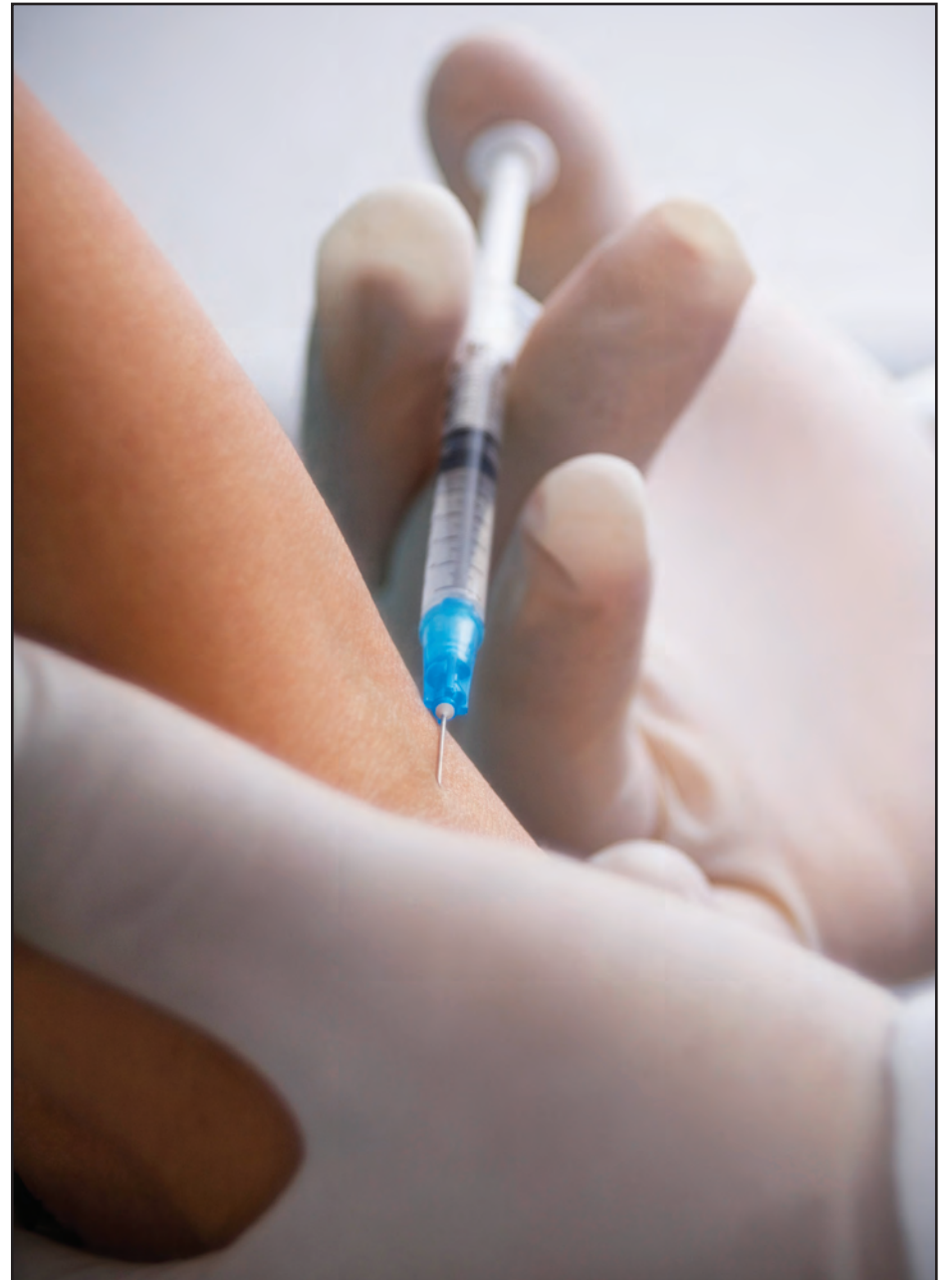
Killeen: Killeen Community Center, 2201 E. Vet. Memorial Blvd.

Temple: Bell County Annex, 205 East Central Ave.

Salado: Salado Civic Center, 601 North Main Street.

Election day will be March 2, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Salado voters will cast their ballots at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center, 225 North Church Street.

You may cast a ballot in either the Democrat or the Republican Party primary. Parties will conduct their precinct conventions following the primaries.



The best way to prevent getting the H1N1 Flu is to get vaccinated.

Filing period begins Feb. 6 for local May elections

The first day to file for a place on the ballot of any of the three local governing boards is Feb. 6. The last day to file for a place on the ballot in those races is March 8.

Two alderman positions and the mayor's position will come up for election on May 8. Those seats are currently filled by Stephen Peters and Carol Walls. Merle Stalcup is the current Mayor. Walls told *Salado Village Voice* Jan. 26 that she will file for re-election. She is in her second year on the board of aldermen. Stephen Peters said he has not decided whether or not he will file for re-election. He is in his second year on the board. Stalcup told *Salado Village Voice* that he intends to file for re-election. He is in his second year as Mayor. He served on the board aldermen for three years before being elected Mayor.

Two school board trust-

ee positions will also come up for election. Those seats are currently filled by Chris Seaton and Darrell Street. Street stated that he would file his paperwork to seek re-election. He is in his third year on the board, having served a term in 2000-2003 on the board. Seaton is in his sixth year on the board. He stated that he intends to file for re-election to the board.

Two Salado Public Library District Board of Directors positions will be decided this year. Those seats are filled by Dr. Bob Denton, Dave Kerr and Taylor Willingham. Dr. Denton and Willingham are in their second year on the board. Carr is in his fourth year on the board. None of the incumbents were available before presstime.

The first day to apply for a ballot by mail in these local races is March 9. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is April 30.

The last day to register to vote in the May election is April 8.

First day of early Voting is April 26, 2010 The last day of early voting is May 4.

Early voting hours have not been set.

Applications for aldermen may be picked up at Salado's Municipal Building between 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday Feb. 6-March 8.

Applications for school board may be picked up weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Salado ISD Administration Office in the Salado Civic Center.

Applications for Library Board may be picked up at the Salado Public Library during weekday hours of operation.

For complete information on elections, you may refer to the Election code in the Texas State Statutes or to the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.tx.us.

H1N1 Flu vaccine shots available at SVFD Feb. 23

Bell County Public Health District will be offering free H1N1 vaccine at the Salado Fire Station on the east side of the I-35 Service Road 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 23. Anyone six months of age and over is eligible to receive the free vaccine.

The county does ask that pregnant women in the second and third trimester bring a doctor's note stating that it is okay to receive the vaccine, as well as the number of weeks in the pregnancy.

The seasonal flu vaccine and the H1N1 flu vac-

cine are separate vaccinations. A seasonal vaccine is distributed routinely every year, the H1N1 flu vaccine has been developed and produced for the flu season.

Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are effective.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- Stay home if you are sick until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100°F or 37.8°C) or signs of a fever (without the use of a fever-reducing medicine, such as Tylenol®). Read detailed information about how long to stay away from others.

- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.



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Blood Drive February 3

The National Honor Society at Salado High School will sponsor a Scott & White Blood Drive 9 a.m.-3 p.m.. The Bloodmobile will be at the front of the school. To sign up to donate, please contact Susan Shobe susan.shobe@saladoisd.org or 254-947-6975.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Obama's anti-wall street jag

"We want our money back" is a battle cry you'd expect from a tea-party rally. Such lack of nuance. Such grasping materialism. Such us-vs.-them populism.

All the great and good should be expected to recoil from such a grubby sentiment. If it weren't for the fact that President Barack Obama has made the line the centerpiece of his call for a new tax on banks. A year into his presidency, Obama is attempting a brazen misdirection.

In his 11th-hour speech in Boston boosting Martha Coakley's failed Senate candidacy in Massachusetts, Obama said: "Martha is going to make sure you get your money back. She's got your back. Her opponent has got Wall Street's back." Subtle.

Obama's hackish anti-Wall Street jag tests the proposition: Whom do people despise and mistrust more? The bankers who nearly went bust but for a government bailout, or the politicians who bailed them out and now want to tax them under false pretenses?

There are only two things wrong with Obama's "get our money back" justification for the bank tax. 1) He's largely going to tax institutions that have already paid back their TARP injections, with interest. He leaves untouched the real sinkholes for federal funds -- the bankrupt automakers, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and AIG. 2) Taxpayers are unlikely to see a dime of the revenues from the bank tax, which will be devoted to whatever spending priority Congress alights on next.

The tax is a transparent political ploy, the only kind of transparency Obama has actually delivered. It even has a stereotypically Orwellian name, the "Financial Crisis Responsibility Fee" -- because in Washington, the only two things that are inevitable are death and slippery names for new taxes.

There's a genuine public-policy con-

Rich Lowry



cern here: The "too big to fail" major banks have an implicit government guarantee. There should be a resolution mechanism to take over and unwind these institutions in an orderly fashion when they fail, the way the FDIC does with smaller banks. If a new tax were intelligently dovetailed with such an effort, it might make sense. But a punitive approach better suits Obama's political needs.

He needs a villain as long as he can't plausibly tout his own record. The Associated Press reported the other day that its analysis "found there was nearly no connection between stimulus money and the number of construction workers hired or fired since Congress passed the recovery program." The stimulus has succeeded most directly at "saving or creating" government jobs, reinforcing the impression that government is fattening itself as the rest of the economy struggles.

Obama's curse is that most of what made him so winsome in 2008 was a pose. If he had been serious about a new kind of politics, he would have stood up to Nancy Pelosi and tamed his own runaway ideological ambitions, but that would have been hard and uncongenial. Now, he resorts to the easy expedient of dumping on Wall Street in a paint-by-numbers political play -- negative, poll-driven, dishonest, eager to cast about for someone to blame.

It's why, given a choice between Wall Street and Washington, most people will take neither.

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

Brown's expected "nay" health vote might put Obama back on track! How about a Perry-Palin ticket in 2012?

Undoubtedly the political aftershocks currently being dissected in minute detail, concerning the Massachusetts election of Republican Scott Brown to the U. S. Senate, will continue to be "enormous in quantity" - unfortunately proclaimed by many whose opinions are not always "equal in quality."

In concert with that "quantity vs. quality" thought, this column has an even less-than-eulogistic analysis of the blathering horde of TV heads and multi-striped writers: **A hubbub equalling the noise created by a "googol of gabbers."** (FYI: Googol = numeral one followed by 100 zeros).

REACTION TO POLITICAL DIVIDE

In all seriousness - this is hardly "Much Ado About Nothing" (Shakespeare, circa 1598-9). It is, in fact, not an unexpected reaction from the "Bay State" against what has become an insane division between two distraught national political parties.

Using our friends in the northeast to help create a "clear-cut example" of our nation's current Congressional cleavage, we combined the following ingredients: For starters: an election to replace the late Senator Kennedy, a lifelong Democratic advocate of universal health care. Mix in a pivotal element: Massachusetts' "unique" voter assortment, i.e. Democrats - 30 percent, Republicans - 12 percent, and Independents - 52+ percent.

Then we added the controversial national health plan prepared by a new President who won election as a centrist, but ended up with a divisive reform program that was "long on cost and short on details." And the final component: A Congress that's "long on Demos and short on GOPers" with both sides openly hostile.

The results of our concoction proved that the "Bluest of Blue State" voters did have healthcare reform worries. **However, they were even more frightened about the country's stagnant unemployment and economic future: An ongoing fear lurking within all of us - nationwide!**

Addendum: The healthcare reform factors (as noted above) were further exacerbated by our two "proudly nonproductive" political parties. Nor should we forget the negative impact of the insurance, medical, pharmaceutical "antis" who spent billions, attacking the health plan because there were profits to be lost and controls to be faced: Ergo - kill the plan!

QUO VADIS?

Surprisingly - President Obama now has a unique opportunity to snatch victory from the jaws of impending defeat: Namely his National Healthcare Reform bill that's headed down the porcelain privy as things now stand.

What can he do? Well, here's an idea: Have the President move politically to the "middle ground" and pull together both Democrats and Republicans who aren't tied to the fanatical ends of their political groupings.

Once this novel alliance is achieved, two results become possible: (1) Require (force) the power players (business and labor) to sit on the sidelines along with the rest of us run-of-the-mill citizens and (2) Produce and

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



pass a concise, cost effective healthcare reform law that would benefit everyone! **Which is not a bad "initial" result when you get right down to the lick-log.**

MODIFIED HEALTH REFORM

The "modified" health reform legislative package would need only four basic parts: (A) Provide healthcare for the legitimately uninsured; (B) Require Pharmaceutical Houses to bid on providing drugs for the Medicare-Medicaid programs; (C) Check-mate the pettifoggers through legitimate (and equitable) tort reform legislation; and (D) Objectively "scrub and discard" Medicare and Medicaid's incoherent rules and uneven fiscal payments and procedures.

That compact package would give everyone something to brag about: President Obama, Congress (most of them), and especially the public. **The greedy (insurers, pharmaceuticals, et al) will never be "satisfied" with profits gained from any "efficient -reform" package: Not to worry, they will find their way to "bonus-land!"**

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MORE "OFF THE WALL" STUFF.....

Foxy Philosophy: Finally we have an inside look at what passes for thinking within the Fox Network conglomerate. Comes from Bill Shine, Fox's executive programming-veep, who was bragging about the networks newest commentator - Sarah Palin: **"One of the most talked about and politically polarizing figures in the country."** (Austin American Statesman's January 17 edition.)

Shine ended his commendatory remarks with an honest (albeit curious) description of Fox policy: **"Not concerned about questions regarding Palin's attention to truth and accuracy."**

Wow! Now there's something for conservatives to chew on while bragging about their super-conservative network's philosophy: All the while fussing about the liberal media and its alleged malodorous carryings-on!

Perry For President?: February's issue of Texas Monthly arrived last Thursday and after one horrifying glance at the cover, this writer immediately called the family eye doctor for an "emergency" appointment. **What happened, you ask?** Pictured foursquare behind a "presidentially sealed" lectern was Governor Rick Perry: **Headlined "Perry For President!"**

The follow-up story, "Right Place, Right Time" was well written by the magazine's senior executive editor Paul Burka. It properly noted the dearth of GOP presidential hopefuls: "Sarah Palin, Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee (leftovers), Mark Sanford (self destructed), Newt Gingrich (old news)" which left, according to Burka - Rick Perry! **Story ends with the query - "Why Not?"**

Answer, from this observer's corner, is that a GOP presidential ticket featuring Perry and Palin would be a dream come true for Democrats: **Just imagine the dinosaurian-sized, happy-hour giddiness, that would emanate immediately from the Obama reelection committee - even three years in advance - just from pondering such a political windfall!**

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Swerving off path to prosperity

Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner

When future historians characterize this era, chances are they won't label it as America's "golden age." Indeed, they may well mark 2010 as the year the United States became the home of the "mostly free."

That's the finding of the latest "Index of Economic Freedom," an annual compendium published by The Heritage Foundation and The Wall Street Journal.

The U.S. earned an overall score of 78 out of a possible 100 points in the Index. That was good enough for eighth place, globally. But that score was down 2.7 points from last year's. It's the biggest drop recorded among the world's 20 largest economies. The decline was comparable to Venezuela's (down 2.8) and Yemen's (down 2.5), two poster children for bad economic behavior.

The American economy moved from the rarified air of the "free" to the more crowded (and less economically successful) realm of the "mostly free." That could haunt Americans for years to come.

That's because, as the Index editors note, less economic freedom means less economic prosperity. And that hurts everyone's bottom line.

The reason for the drop is obvious: In the face of a global recession, American policymakers intervened repeatedly in the economy. Uncle Sam bailed out banks, insurance companies, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The government bought up two major automakers, then announced a program (Cash for Clunkers) that aimed (unsuccessfully) to create demand for new cars.

Our government pumped out hundreds of billions in new federal spending, but failed to prop up the economy. "The early evidence is that such spending did not work," the Index editors write. Our nation's 10 percent unemployment rate backs them up.

Throughout its 16 editions, the Index has repeatedly shown that economic freedom isn't a dogmatic ideology. It actually represents the rejection of dogma and the embrace of diverse and even competing

strategies for economic advancement.

Yet the U.S. is leading a trend, as we so often do. This time, though, the trend line is down. "The average economic freedom score for the 2010 Index is 59.4, down 0.1 point from 2009," the editors write. "This is only the second time in the history of the Index that average scores for countries measured in successive years have declined."

That could be a problem. After all, none of the other systems tried throughout human history have come close to economic freedom in terms of providing broad-based prosperity. Experience teaches that even the best efforts of central planners and bureaucrats do not lead to sustainable growth. As the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall reminds all of us, countries taking that approach fail economically as well as politically.

The surer path to prosperity and a healthy society is the path of freedom: letting individuals decide for themselves how best to achieve their dreams and aspirations. By dispersing economic power and decision-making throughout an economy, economic freedom empowers ordinary people with greater opportunity and more choices.

People in economically free societies live longer and healthier lives. They enjoy greater political freedom and can better defend their human rights. Economic freedom reduces poverty, opening the gates of prosperity to ever more people worldwide.

It's not too late to reverse course. It looks as though ObamaCare, a trillion-dollar, centrally-planned government intervention in the economy, will fail this year. That's a start on the road back to economic freedom.

Policymakers should take other steps to advance freedom. Our goal must be to get the U.S. back into the Index's category of truly free economies, so we may once again enjoy the growth that position brings.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Message: No more big government

In November 2008, the American people gave President Barack Obama not only the White House but overwhelming majorities in both the House and Senate. Now one year after the President's inauguration, the American people are evaluating the past year and assessing where our nation stands.

On the economic front, our national unemployment rate is currently at 10 percent, and our national debt has surpassed \$12 trillion (with a pending Democratic bill to push that to \$14 trillion). On the domestic front, a partisan health care bill that will raise the cost of health care for the insured while cutting Medicare for our seniors is awaiting final action that the American people are hoping will never come. In our security efforts, the country was spared a terrorist-led disaster when the detonator to an explosive device aboard a Detroit bound flight failed in what will be remembered as a great Christmas miracle.

Last week, the people of Massachusetts cast a "vote heard 'round the world" when they elected Scott Brown, a Republican, to fill the term of the late Senator Ted Kennedy, a seat held by the Democratic Senator for 47 years. Many pundits are interpreting this surprising vote in a Democrat stronghold state as an objection to the many policies proposed and pursued in Washington over the last year. As many have reported, Senator-elect Brown campaigned against the Democratic health care legislation, and his election will now break

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



the Democrats' filibuster-proof majority in the Senate. He also campaigned against bringing terrorists from Guantanamo Bay to the United States for trial, a position on which a majority of Americans agree.

Over the past year, we have seen unprecedented federal actions, not the least of which has been unrestrained spending and federal encroachment in private markets. In 2009, government spending grew \$705 billion, or 24 percent, in just one year. The Democrats proposed taking over the entire healthcare sector, a full 1/6th of our economy. I believe these actions are contrary to the values a bipartisan majority of Americans support, a point illustrated in the election returns from the State of Massachusetts.

Most American families seek good-faith solutions from elected leaders who work collaboratively in the halls of government to spur economic growth, protect our homeland from threats both domestic and abroad, and provide the opportunity for American innovation and entrepreneurship. But in the face of runaway government spending, crippling debt, detainee transfers to the United States, and a highly partisan health care bill that is being jammed through Congress despite polls showing Americans overwhelmingly oppose it, 2009 represented a low point for bipartisanship.

It may take some time to undo the effects of the past year's unfortunate policies and programs, but with the new year we have the opportunity to turn around this disturbing direction by returning to our limited government principles and strong commitment to winning the War on Terror. We can start on this path by saying no to government-run health care and no to granting terrorists the same Constitutional rights afforded Americans. Health care reform deserves a fresh start: an honest deal brokered in broad daylight that can garner significant bipartisan support and the blessing of a majority of the American people. We can end the Troubled Asset Relief Program and reduce our public debt by \$319 billion. We can repeal the unused funding from the stimulus bill and pass measures such as lower tax rates that will actually spur economic activity and job creation. We can keep Guantanamo Bay open for the terrorists who threaten our lives and the American way of life. And we can recommit to the American people that we can work together to find solutions to the problems facing our country. Let's hope 2010 will be a year for new beginnings.

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The Global game that never ends



Jim
Hightower

Hey boys and girls, let's play "Name That Country." I'll give you a few clues, then the first one of you to guess the country's name wins a prize. Ready? Let's go!

This particular country is one that few Americans have known anything about, until recently, when Washington began to escalate our military involvement there. It's an extremely impoverished nation that's at war with itself. The country has long been a refuge for jihadists, especially in its rugged mountainous region. Fractious tribal leaders are the real power, with the weak central government essentially restricted to the capital city, having little public support, and battling armed insurgents. The president is vain and incompetent, and his government is corrupt and repressive—yet our government is backing him. So now, name that country. Afghanistan, you say? Wrong! It's Yemen.

Yemen? Yes, boys and girls, it's time to look at our world atlas again, to see where America's tax dollars and troops are headed next.

Located in the Middle East on Saudi Arabia's southern border, Yemen is a mess, much like Afghanistan. Adding to its problems is a small but rising al-Qaeda group of about 200 members, which is why Washington is once more thumping the war drums, saying our forces must get involved there. Already, our leaders have anted up \$70 million for the coming Yemen war, claiming that the strategy there is the same as it is in Afghanistan: train and arm Yemen's own weak security forces, build up the central government, try to get it to focus on fighting al-Qaeda, and provide nation-building resources to address the country's desperate economic and social problems.

So, boys and girls, if you guessed Yemen, your prize is another awful war! What nation will be next? Somalia? Indonesia? It's your guess in this global game that never ends.

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I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your staff for three decades of fine service to the Village of Salado with your award-winning *Salado Village Voice*. I wonder how many communities of this size can boast such a fine weekly paper. The quality of your writing, recognized by

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Letters to the Editor

awards from your peers, the overall reporting of the multitude of community happenings and the balanced journalism exhibited by yourself as well as such columnists as Ken Clapp, Rich Lowry, among others, make the *Salado Village Voice* truly a "jewel in the crown" that is Salado.

I also want to praise Stephanie Hood, Royce Wiggin and of course your lovely managing editor, Marilyn Flesicher, for their contributions. The myriad of details they attend to, the quality of the layout, graphics and overall design have helped make the *Salado Village Voice* the award-winner that it is.

On a more personal note, thank you for your spirit of volunteerism, the lifeblood of this or any community. Your leadership in such organizations as the Chamber of Commerce, the Civic Center, the Institute for Humanities, the Salado Family Relief Fund, the Masonic Lodge and the Art Fair are but a few examples of that spirit. By these contributions, along with your excellent newspaper, you all have "given back" to your hometown in a sincere, consistent and self-less fashion.

Sincerely,
Douglas B. Willingham,
D.D.S.

To the Editor:
Congressman John Cart-

er ought to be ashamed of himself. He showed up in Rockdale last week brandishing one of those larger-than-life "checks" from the federal government, as if he personally made sure struggling and laid off Alcoa workers would be able to get the jobs training they need.

The funny thing is, Rep. Carter voted against the legislation that authorized the \$2.5 million that funds the jobs package for our area. He actively campaigned against it and now the hypocrite wants to take credit for legislation he voted against.

He's not the only politician to do this. Gov. Rick Perry has taken credit for the same legislation, even though he famously threatened to have Texas secede from the Union rather than take even one federal dollar to help unemployed and under-employed Texans. Never mind that Texans get back barely 80-cents for every tax dollar sent to Washington.

These guys say one thing in Austin or Washington then something else entirely back here. How is that right? Do they think we're stupid? It's a YouTube world out there and it's easy to see what people say and check how Congressmen vote. See for yourself here: www.vote.smart.org.

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The impact of declining sales tax revenues in Texas

By TOM PAUKEN

This past week, the Texas Comptroller's office released the latest sales tax collection figures. December sales tax collections in Texas were down 11.6 percent compared to the same period last year. This follows 10 straight months of declines in sales tax revenue statewide since February 2009. Sales tax revenues are not only an important indicator of the health of Texas' energy, retail and construction industries, but also are an important source of revenue for state and local governments in Texas. They provide \$44 billion, or 57 percent, of state tax revenue and about a quarter of the overall funding of state government.

With much of the federal stimulus dollars going to increased government spending, a part of that has trickled down to state and local governments. In 2009, federal funds comprised a little more than 30 percent of our state government's budget. In this fiscal year, this is expected to rise to 41.9 percent, then fall back to 29.9 percent when \$12.1 billion in federal stimulus funds are removed in 2011.

Fortunately, Texas has

been fiscally prudent in recent years, unlike other large states which went on spending sprees during the boom years and now face massive budget deficits. Gov. Perry and Texas' legislative leaders worked together in the 2009 session of the Texas Legislature to pass a balanced budget while setting aside money for a "rainy day fund" just in case the national economy worsened. And, it turned out that we needed that rainy day fund as Texas feels the effects of the worst national recession since the Great Depression.

Just two months into our 2010 fiscal year, Texas is more than \$1 billion behind Comptroller Susan Combs' original budget estimate. If this trend continues, there will not be sufficient funds set aside in the rainy day fund to make ends meet in 2011. That's why Gov. Perry and our state legislative leaders are asking agency heads to come up with plans to cut five percent of their budgets in order to make sure the state budget is balanced in 2011.

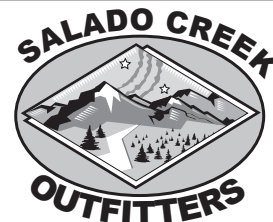
That is a process we are currently engaged in at the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). It is not an impossible task.

In 2003, Gov. Perry and our Texas legislators faced a \$10 billion prospective deficit. They cut spending and successfully balanced the budget without raising taxes.

Many local governments in Texas have not been as prudent as our state leaders in preparing for these difficult economic times. The City of Houston spent \$1.5 billion more than it brought in from 2004 to 2008. It made up that difference by issuing long-term revenue bonds and borrowing from its employee pension funds, endangering their future solvency. The problem is that the high debt levels in Houston were accumulated during good economic times. With tax revenues declining, it is likely that Houston's fiscal problems will get worse over the next few years, and Houston's municipal employees could be left holding the bag. The City of Dallas faces a similar problem as it overspent during the boom years. It has had to furlough employees, among other measures taken, in order to balance its budget this year.

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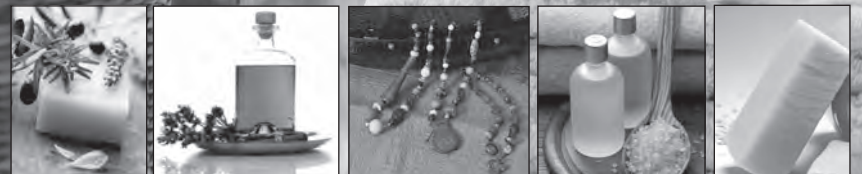
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Boys split games

Salado Eagles are struggling to qualify for the playoffs with two top twenty teams in District 25AA, Jarrell and Academy. After splitting games with Florence and Jarrell last week, the Eagles have finished the first loop of district play with a 3-3 record and 11-13 overall.

Eagles 37
Florence 27

Salado took a 22-13 first half lead and beat the Florence Buffs Jan. 19 37-27.

Despite a slow third period in which both teams scored two points, Salado added to its lead in the fourth quarter, 13-13 for the final 10 point spread.

Koby Spears shot 50 percent from the field on his way to the team-leading 11 points. He also had 5 rebounds and 2 steals.

Shannon Ponder followed with 8 points on 57 percent shooting from the field. Ponder also grabbed 5 rebounds in the game.

Also scoring for Salado were these: Jacob Heiner, 6 points, 4 assists, 1 rebound and 1 steal; Braxton Tucker, 5 points, 3 assists, 3 blocks, 8 rebounds; Colton Meiman, 3 points, 2 assists, 3 steals;

Paul Warren, 2 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals and Jada Kornegay, 2 points, 1 rebound.

Eagles 33
Jarrell 39

Salado Eagles stayed within a point of the top-20-ranked Jarrell Cougars at the start of the fourth quarter of their district 25AA matchup Jan. 22, but the Cougars outscored the Eagles 14-9 in the final stretch.

Jarrell took an 11-3 point first quarter lead, but Salado closed to within a basket in the second quarter, 17-18.

The teams fought to a 7 point third quarter before Jarrell pulled away in the fourth.

The Eagles shot only 28 percent from the field, while the Cougars shot 39 percent from the field.

Tucker led both teams with 11 points, shooting 31 percent from the field. He also had 2 assists, 2 blocks, 8 rebounds and 4 steals.

Meiman had 10 points, shooting 57 percent from the field. He also had 1 assist and 1 rebound.

Also scoring for Salado were Spears, 5 points; Ponder, 3 points, 2 blocks, 4 rebounds; Heiner, 2 points,



(PHOTO BY KATHY HOWERTON)

Koby Spears puts up a shot during the Salado Eagles' 33-39 loss to the Jarrell Cougars last week.

1 assist, 2 rebounds; and Warren, 2 points, 1 assist, 1 steal.

JV Red 41
Jarrell 25

Roemer, 2 points; Best, 5 points; Sager, 15 points; Bradley, 8 points; McGlothlin, 11 points.

JV Red 54
Florence 26

Jim Wentreck 3 points, Ty Roemer, 5 points; Peyton Best, 10 points; Tony Sager, 10 points; Bubba Luna, 4

points; Cameron Smith, 2 points; Kyle Bradley, 11 points; Trey McGlothlin, 7 points and Johnny Jordan, 2 points.

JV White 46
Jarrell 31

Cooper Cox, 7 points; Andrew Warren, 5 points; Jon Franz, 2 points; Marshall Mann, 9 points; Reece Nicholson, 2 points; Brandon Womac, 10 points; Josh Oyler, 3 points; Sam Barrett, 4 points; Jimmy Jimmerson, 4 points.

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Ladies still in hunt for playoffs

Salado Lady Eagles remain in the playoff hunt despite a 52-39 loss to Jarrell last week.

Varsity Girls 49
Florence 12

The Salado Varsity Girls team defeated Florence Jan. 19 in a district game. The Lady Eagles took a commanding lead of 15-3 in the first quarter and would enter the half 28-7. Salado would score 14 points in the third quarter for a score of 42-3 and would finish the game with a final of 49-12.

Hadley Joiner led Salado scoring 22 points total.

Followed by Alexis Bowman scoring 8 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Kirsten McGillick, 7 points; Jessica Carmona, 6 points. Katie Clark, 4 points; Carling Urben, 2 points.

Varsity Girls 39
Jarrell 52

The Varsity Girls suffered a district loss to Jarrell Jan. 22. Salado trailed in a high scoring first quarter 16-17, and would enter the half 25-30. In the third quarter Salado would trail 35-42, and would not be able to gain the lead as they lost 39-52.

Joiner led Salado scoring 11 points.

Followed by McGillick scoring 10 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Clark, 8 points; Billi Pipes, 5 points; Urben, 3 points; Carmona, 2 points.



PHOTO BY KATHY HOWERTON
Hadley Joiner dribbles the ball down the court during the Lady Eagles' 52-39 loss to Jarrell last week.

JV Girls 24	JV Girls 21
Florence 12	Jarrell 45
Kylie Robinson, 3 points; Meredith Ward, 5 points; Leah Ray, 4 points; Helna Carroll, 6 points; Jenna Franz, 2 points; Sierra Pyle, 4 points.	Chelsea Boaz, 2 points; Robinson, 2 points; Ward, 8 points; Carroll, 5 points; Franz, 4 points.

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Junior high boys, girls basketball results

8th Boys A 47 Lexington 35	Kase Spears, 2 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists, 3 steals; Kyle Heiner, 2 points, 1 assist, 2 steals; Dane Hankamer, 8 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals; Davis Little, 9 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals; Dexter Wallingsford, 6 points, 3 rebounds; Chase Crenwelge, 6 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists, 4 steals; Cole Haag, 4 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals; Drew Van-Winkle, 8 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block; Kole Hearne, 1 rebound, 1 steal and Mason Price, 2 points, 2 steals.	7th Boys A 38 Lexington 14	Chase Kelley, 4 points; Dalton Hankamer, 4 points; Emilio Villafranco, 2 points; Chris Deal, 8 points; Ellis VanSickle, 6 points; Vincent Yaltch, 2 points; Tyler LeGuin, 2 points and Kyle Nicholson, 10 points.	8th Girls A 30 Lexington 22	Jaylee Sebek, 10 points; Josie Norman, 6 points; Katie Kyle, 4 points; Morgan Mattson, 4 points; Reagan Best, 4 points and Anissa Peralta, 2 points
8th Boys B 20 Lexington 3	Britton Hawes, 2 points; Caden Eary, 2 points; Mathew Garcia, 4 points; Casey Frazier, 2 points and Cody Proctor, 10 points.	7th Boys B 14 Lexington 0	Keaton Mims, 2 points; Cameron Marcham, 4 points; Roderic Noonan, 6 points; Chris Scott, 2 points.	8th B Girls 22 Lexington 7	Rachel Hildebrand, 12 points; Rachel Ray, 4 points; Ashley Hodges, 4 points; Taylor West, 2 points.
		8th Girls A 26 Jarrell 11	Reagan Best, 6 points; Jaylee Sebek, 4 points; Taryn Kornegay, 4 points; Ashley Adams, 4 points; Morgan Mattson, 4 points; Katie Kyle, 2 points and Anissa Peralta, 2	7th A Girls 23 Lexington 33	Taylor Atwood, 11 points; CeCe Cantu, 4 points; Carmella Perez, 4 points; Bethany Cheatham, 2 points and Becca Carroll, 2 points.
		8th Girls B 7 Jarrell 11	Rebecca Stahnke, 2 points; Rachel Hildebrand, 2 points; Shyenne Hicks, 2 points; Rachel Ray, 1 point	7th B Girls 11 Jarrell 7	McKayla Hodge, 6 points; Ariana Rangel, 3 points; Rachel Evans, 2 points

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In conjunction with "World Marriage Day" on Feb. 14, Father Greg McLaughlin will be officiating at a Renewal of Marriage Vows ceremony at all the Masses. Continuing the Celebration of Marriage, a pot luck lunch will be held at 11:30 in the St. Stephen Parish Hall with the presentation of Marriage Certificates. All Catholics and parishioners are invited to attend. Please bring a photo of your wedding day or early days of your

marriage to share with one another. Marriage Certificates will be presented to all couples.

The SSWS encourages all parishioners' prayers and support the Youth Group Raffle and the Religious Classes in collecting funds for Haitians suffering from the devastating earthquake through the Catholic Relief Services. CRS is down there right now working with the people and providing care and supplies.

Monday Feb. 8, is the regular meeting of the St. Stephen Women's Society at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Stephen Parish Hall. All Catholic women in the community are invited to join and share fellowship with us on the second Monday of each month. For more information, call Barbara Hoelscher, 947-8700. Anne

Cowan is in charge of the 2010 membership drive.

Anne Marie Harwell, Pro-Life Liaison, encouraged parishioners to participate in the Pro Life Rally in Austin. About a dozen of the Confirmation students also participated with Confirmation teacher, Jennifer McGregor.

The "Creative Stitching" group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the home of Nita Benoit. They are making receiving blankets for the Our Lady of Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple.

The Society donated \$1000 to the Holy Trinity Catholic School in honor of Father Charles Davis, recently deceased, for their chapel to be named in his honor. They also donated the same amount to the Diocese for the education

of Seminarians who are becoming priests to support the Vatican "Year of the Priest" program for June 2010 to June 2011.

Other activities of St. Stephen Church include: Father Gregory McLaughlin is offering Scripture Study on Monday evenings from 6 t- 8 pm. and all are invited to attend.

Confirmation Classes are being held on Sundays from 7:50 - 11:45 am under the direction of Jennifer McGregor and a 7 p.m. Jovenes meeting also on Sunday. The Fellowship of Catholic Men meets for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings in the Marian Room.

Feb. 17 is the Deanery meeting at St. Mary's in Temple and all Catholic women in the area are invited to a luncheon and program.

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ernment is refusing to write checks to local school districts because the Governor says that the state is insolvent. The governor of California has admitted that his state is effectively bankrupt and has gone to Washington looking for yet another bailout. Many municipalities across the country are, for all practical purposes, bankrupt.

Texas and our local communities are in much better financial shape than comparable governments in most of the rest of the nation. However, we need to heed the lessons of what is happening elsewhere and tighten our belts before we wake up to a set of unpleasant surprises.

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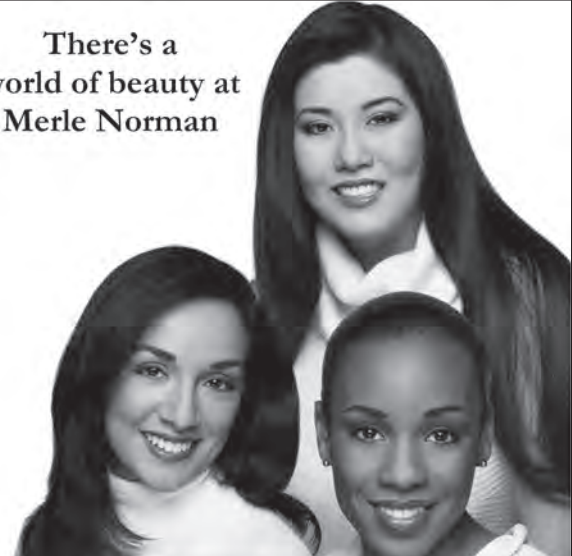
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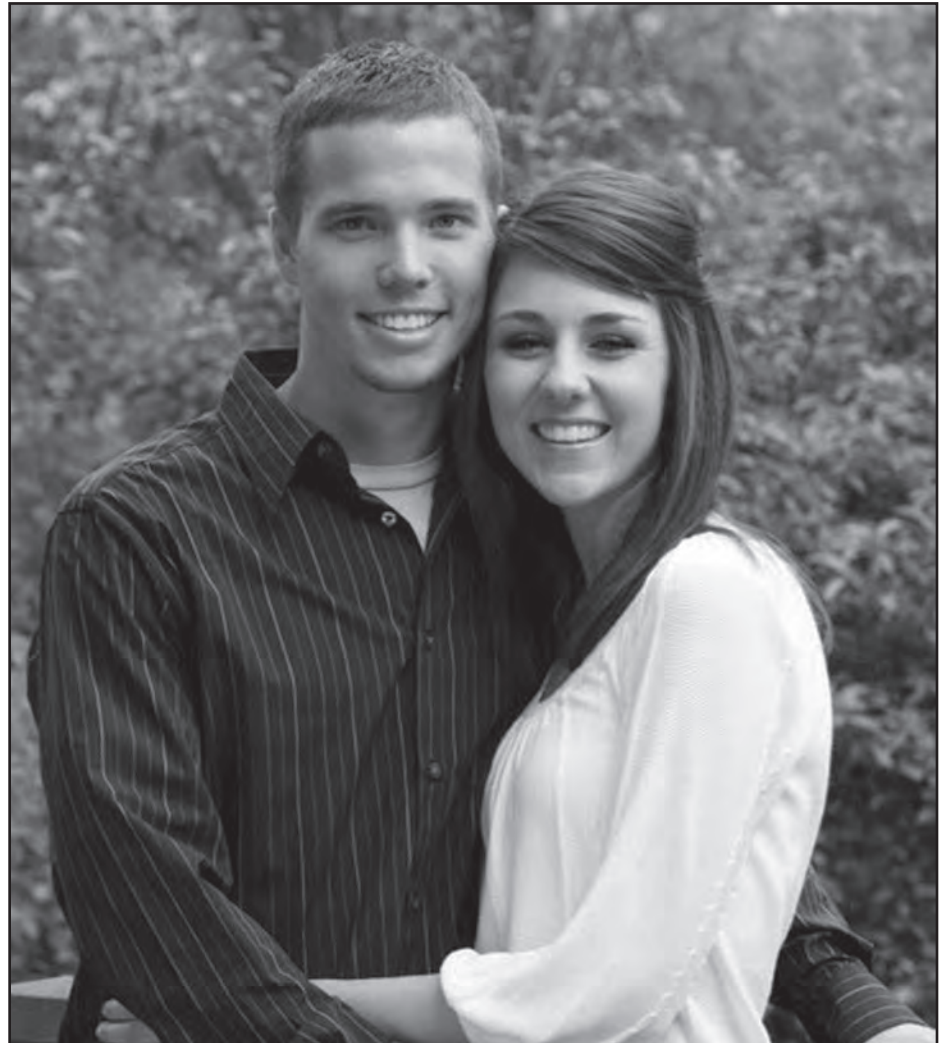
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	6:00 p.m. Evening activities
Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Fellowship dinner 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study and prayer RAs and GAs, Mission Friends, Upstairs youth ministry

Saladoans named to President's Honor Roll

The following students have been named to the President's Honor Roll at Stephen F. Austin State University for the fall semester.


Saladoan Ty Jordan Molyneaux enrolled in International Business was named to the President's Honor Roll, Also from Salado, Jessica

Lauren Shumate pursuing a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies has been named to the President's Honor roll.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain a grade-point average of 4.0.


Republican Women register high school students to vote

In preparation for the March 2 primary election registrars Marie Jackson and Jean Westerberg, members of Salado Area Republican Women, registered Salado High School students. Each student received a pocket copy of the US Constitution with the bill of rights and amendments when they registered. Thirty-seven students participated in the registration effort.



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5th Sunday Service held at Presbyterian Church Jan. 31

The Presbyterian Church of Salado will be presenting a special service on the fifth Sunday 10 a.m. Jan 31.

This service will feature talks by Bill Kraftson and Russ Meinen from Fort Worth who will be telling of their work with Bible Study Groups and their CD called "The Search for Answers."

Bill Kraftson has been leading Open Forum discussion groups since 1972. Bill earned a B. A. degree at Wheaton College in 1970 and a TH.M degree from in 1974 and has been facilitating hundreds of large and small group discussions on the "Life and God" issues. He has been with Search Ministries since 1977. He lives in Fort Worth with his wife Janet.

Russ Meinen received his BBA degree from University of Iowa in 1974. He

moved to Texas to begin his career in the Insurance Industry. He met his wife Jacque while in Houston and in 1978 they moved to Fort Worth where he is in the Annuity and Insurance business. In 1988 he became an independent Retirement Annuity Specialist serving the needs of hundreds of clients and agents across Texas. Russ attended an Open Forum session with Bill Kraftson in 2000 which was instrumental in discovering his Christian faith.

Another feature of our 5th Sunday worship service will be the singing of Betty Hall of Harker Heights with her rendition of spiritual messages in song accompanied by John Schahn. Betty works as a Care Giver with Hospice. Betty Hall will share her rich singing voice that will add to this special service.



Chris and Janie Ziegler announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, on November 15, 2009 at 9:30 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 19 1/4 inches long. She was welcomed home by her brother, Houston, and sisters, Courtney, Sommer and Samantha. Her proud grandparents are Bill and Mamie Martinez of Salado and Ed and Patricia Ziegler of Jarrell. Great-grandparents are Bill and Dorothy Klepac of Jarrell and Mary Ziegler of Walburg.

Nathan H. Smith graduates Basic

Army National Guard Pvt. Nathan H. Smith has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and un-

armed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

He is the son of Hosea R. Smith of Belton, Texas, and Lavonne C. Murphy of San Antonio, Texas.

The private is a 2009 graduate of Karnes City High School, Texas.

Obituaries

Spc.

FRANK JACKSON SCHREIBER

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died January 14, from a gunshot wound. Spc. Frank Jackson Schreiber, 22, of Salemburg, North Carolina was pronounced deceased at his off-post residence in Copperas Cove by Justice of the Peace Frank Price.

Spc. Schreiber joined the military in April 2006 as a wheeled vehicle mechanic. He was assigned to 697th Engineer Company, 62nd Engineer Battalion,

36th Engineer Brigade since October 2009.

Schreiber deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from April 2008 to July 2009.

Schreiber's decorations and awards include the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon.

The circumstances surrounding the incident are under investigation.

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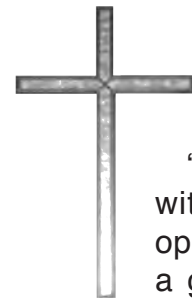
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Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.

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Cooking with Roy's Boys

Rod and Russell Stockstill, authors of "Cookin' with Roy's Boys: Recipes and Tales From the Third Coast," entertained Central Texas Library System librarians during their conference at the Salado Civic Center Jan. 22. Rod was the principal at Thomas Arnold Elementary School for more than a decade before he retired. He and brother Russell have been cooking together as Roy's Boys for about 10 years. Their love of cooking began at home where their dad introduced them to Cajun and Creole cuisine. They currently conduct cooking classes in the culinary center at Whole Foods Market on Sixth Street and Lamar Ave. in Austin. They were presenters at the National Convention of the American Cheese Society. The brothers have participated in and judged cooking contest throughout Central Texas. While Rod is a retired educator, Russ is the culinary expert behind the meat center at Whole Foods Market in Austin. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

TSO to feature Viennese Pops during Jan. 29 performance

Temple Symphony Orchestra will heat up the winter with a Viennese Pops Extravaganza 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29, at the Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Center at Temple College.

The TSO, under the baton of maestro Thomas Fairlie, will join with baritone David Small and soprano Teri Ann Johnson for a night of music by Strauss, Mozart, Gilbert and Sullivan, Rossini and other favorites.

Individual tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. They will be sold at the door and are available in advance at Temple College, and Von Music. Active duty military personnel and their dependents are admitted free of charge.

Tickets are always available at www.Temple-Symphony.org where additional information regarding the concert and the season is available.

The concert will include music from Le Nozze di Figaro by W.A. Mozart, Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance, The Enchantress by Victor Herbert, Naughty Marietta by Herbert and Barber of Seville by Gioachino Antonio Rossini along with many others.

Baritone Small teaches at The University of Texas at Austin and enjoys an established and continuing career on the operatic and concert stage. His repertoire is richly varied, including performances of well over 50 different operatic roles. He has performed with lyric operas in Austin, Kansas City, Des Moines, Fresno, Dayton, Toledo, Cleveland and others and for audiences in France, Prague and Spain. In addition to numerous recordings and recitals, he has appeared as soloist with St. Louis Symphony, Cincinnati May Festival, Austin Symphony, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Rochester Philharmonic, Canton Symphony, Missouri Symphony, and Bravo! Colorado Music Festival. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in the Lord Nelson and Schubert Mass in G with John Rutter conducting.

Johnson is a vocal instructor in the Temple College Performing Arts Department. She has had an extensive career in opera and oratorio singing, having performed roles with opera companies in South Carolina, Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, Oklahoma, among others and on The Smithsonian Institution Education Outreach Tour.

The Mary Alice Marshall PAC is at 2600 S. First St. in Temple. For information, go to www.temple-symphony.org or call 254-778-NOTE (6683).

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Salado Design Stars Showcase highlights local talent

Enjoy meals and snacks, home tours, seminars and hours of learning and camaraderie during the Salado Design Stars Showcase Feb. 26-28. Following are the events planned during the Showcase weekend:

Feb. 26
Welcome dinner, 7 p.m., at Stonecreek Settlements with home tour of an exceptional example of restoration and the innovative mixing of old and new.



Inn on the Creek will be part of the Salado Design Stars Showcase Feb. 26-28.

sell's background includes all aspects of the arts, fashion illustration, design, decorating, marketing, and merchandising for some of America's foremost retailers and manufacturers. She's taught numerous seminars.

Lunch at Inn on the Creek, 12:30 p.m. Tour the "multifunctional" home of Will Lowery and Chris Spradley, the owners of Inn on the Creek. Also visit Alexander's Distillery. Find inspiration, as you see how skillfully they have incorporated ultramodern and vintage. Will and Chris both come from professional backgrounds but seemly have innate good taste and skills as people pleasers and hosts.

Glass design workshop at Coyote Glass, 2 p.m. Melissa Paxton, an exceptional artist and innovative designer, will lead the seminar about the uses of glass, embellished mirrors, sculpted sinks, etched table tops and more.

Afternoon Tea and Tour of Home, 4 p.m. Red Barn Hideaway. Debbie Harrison's home has grand proportions and interesting details and shows a harmonious blend of old, new, and her collection of tea related china. Her relaxed style and knack for decorating have been evolving for years but Deb is now enrolled in her first official art class.

Candlelight Tour begins at 6:30 p.m. Candlelight tour of various "sip and see" locations and after hours shopping. Dine in a casual progressive manner on light finger foods, wines, and dessert choices at participating Merchant and Gallery locations.

Feb. 28 events
Breakfast/brunch at The Baines House, 9:30 a.m. Review of the weekend plus options for a more extensive hands-on class time at Coyote Glass or Baines House until noon.

Tickets include six meals and snacks: Dinner on Feb. 26 and 27, Breakfast on Feb. 27 and 28, Lunch and Tea on Feb. 27. Supplies and seminar information are included with the ticket price. Tours will go behind the scenes

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Feb. 27
Breakfast at Charlotte's of Salado, 8:30 a.m..

Charlotte Douglass, one of Salado's premiere merchants, spokespersons, and decorators will host a show and tell and review of new market trends. Learn how to give your space a shot of verve and energy without starting over.

Studio and bed and breakfast tour at The Baines House, 10:30 a.m. Tour and see the innovative, quick result techniques Sheryl Russell has used. Demonstrations and discussions about living with art...artfully. Rus-

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

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 Jan. 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 Historical Society Board of Directors

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

FEBRUARY 2

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

FEBRUARY 3

The National Honor Society at SHS will sponsor a Scott & White Blood Drive 9 a.m.-3 p.m.. The Bloodmobile will be at the front of the high school. To sign up to donate, please contact Susan Shobe susan.shobe@saladoisd.org or 254-947-6975.

FEBRUARY 4

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

fee, refreshments available.

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.

FEBRUARY 4-6

Live and Dry Blood Analysis at Angelic Herbs, corner of Main Street and Pace Park. Call 254-947-1909 to make your appointment.

FEBRUARY 6

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 Valentine with homemade candy dish!

FEBRUARY 6

Jammin' on the Lawn, 4-7 p.m. Music by The Leisure Seekers. Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main St. 254-947-8011.

FEBRUARY 6-7

Valentine Bake Sale with homemade bak-

ery goods from the St. Stephen's Catholic Church Women's Society at the St. Stephen Catholic Church.

FEBRUARY 8

The Salado Democrats will meet at 6 p.m. at Salado Creekside Grill at JD's 282 Truck Stop, I-35 exit 282. All Democrats are welcome.

FEBRUARY 8

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

FEBRUARY 9

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

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, 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. All interested community members and volunteers are invited to attend.

FEBRUARY 10

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

FEBRUARY 10

The Village of Salado will hold a training session at 4 p.m. for anyone interested in the duties and responsibilities of the position of Alderman or Mayor. Election Day is May 8. First day to file an application for a place on the ballot is Feb. 6. Last day to file is March 8 by 5 p.m.. For more information, please contact the Village office at 947-5060.

FEBRUARY 12

Brown Bag Noon Book Review, Salado Public Library.

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

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FEBRUARY 13

Salado Recycles Day, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Village of Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

FEBRUARY 13

Valentine Card Workshop, 12:30-2:30 p.m., all ages, Salado Public Library.

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 13

Romantic Valentine's Evening at Salado Wine Seller, 7-9 p.m. Come enjoy a romantic evening with your significant other! You will receive a basket which includes a bottle of Texas Wine, loaf of bread from Roy T's Bakery, cheese from The Texas Cheese House, truffles from Wiseman House Chocolates, and fruit. There will be a classical guitarist, Matt Ferguson, playing background music and romantic candle light! Tickets \$40. 841 N. Main St. 254-947-8011.

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 15

Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. Salado Civic Center. Meeting is open to the public.

FEBRUARY 16

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

FEBRUARY 16

The Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas will host a 1 p.m. program presented by Joe Bentley on the history of the Salado Methodist Church at the Historic Methodist Chapel, 650 Royal Street. The public is invited to attend. For info, call 947-5196 or 947-5783.

FEBRUARY 18

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Salado Visitor's Center.

FEBRUARY 18

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

FEBRUARY 19

Free Computer Class, SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 3B

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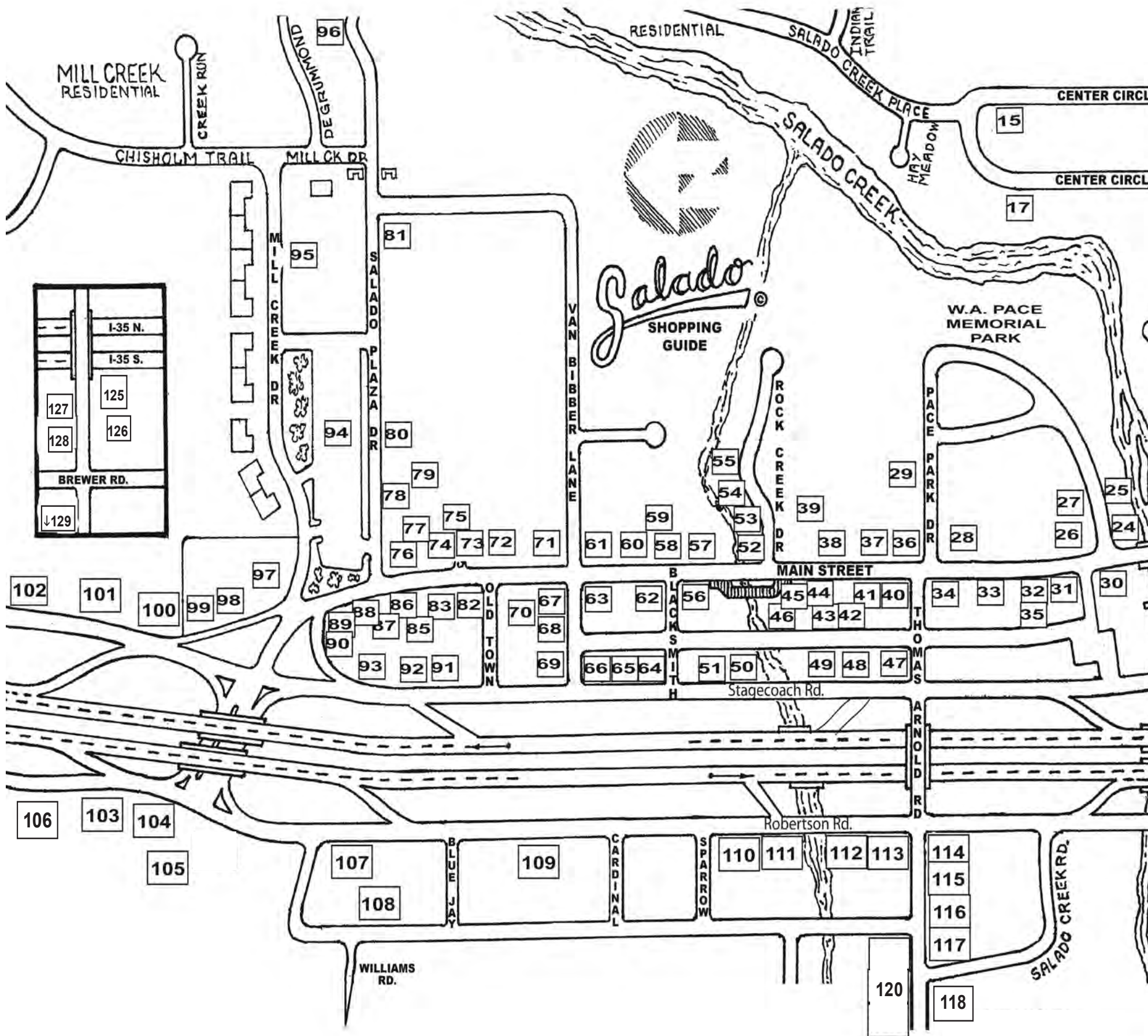
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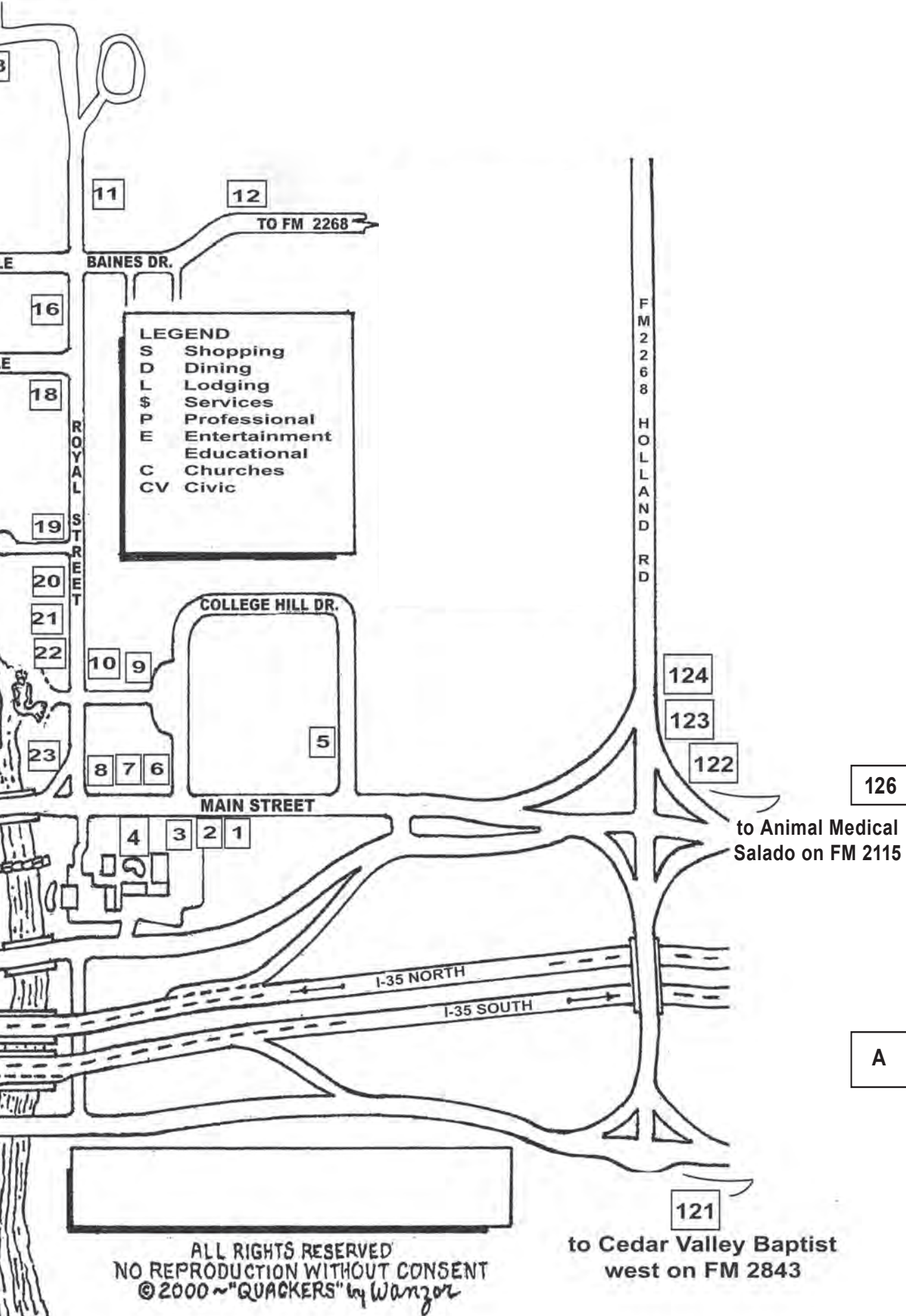
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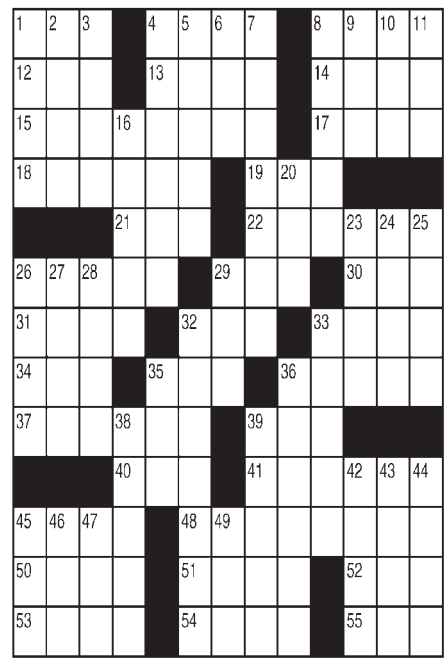
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Weekly SUDOKU
 by Linda Thistle

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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: ★ ★ ★

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North dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ K J 9 8 6
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ A K 6
 ♣ 10 6 2

WEST
 ♠ 10 7 3 2
 ♥ 10 8 7
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ J 9 7 3

EAST
 ♠ A Q 4
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ J 10 4 2
 ♣ A K Q 8

SOUTH
 ♠ 5
 ♥ A K Q J 4 2
 ♦ Q 7 5 3
 ♣ 5 4

The bidding:
 North 1 ♠ East 1 NT South Dble West 2 ♣
 Pass Pass 3 ♥ Pass
 4 ♥

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

Just plain horse sense

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bridge is an easy game -- if you always make the right bid and the right play at the right time. Thankfully, the right bids and plays are usually easy to find, though some of them might be a bit harder to find than others.

Take this deal played by Emma Jean Hawes of Fort Worth, Texas, in a national pairs championship many years ago. She got to four hearts as shown, and all she did was do the right thing every time it was her turn. But what she did must have been very, very good, because all the others who played the hand either failed to reach four hearts or failed to make it.

West led a diamond, and Mrs. Hawes made her first good play when she won the trick in her hand instead of in dummy. She had already determined the proper line of play, which necessitated taking the first trick with the diamond queen. Next she drew three rounds of trumps, led a spade and finessed the nine! Why the nine? We'll come back to that in a moment.

East took the nine with the queen and played the A-K-Q of clubs. Mrs. Hawes ruffed, led a diamond to the king and returned the king of spades. East covered with the ace, establishing dummy's jack, after which Mrs. Hawes crossed to dummy's diamond ace and discarded a diamond on dummy's jack of spades to make her contract.

The unusually deep spade finesse at trick two was prompted by East's one-trump overcall, which indicated 16 to 18 points and thus marked East with the A-Q of spades. Playing the jack or king from dummy was therefore pointless, while playing the nine could be very productive if West had the ten.

The reasoning was certainly not complicated; all that was needed was a cool head at the helm.

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Book Ends behind library

By KAREN P. KINNON

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Mayor expresses optimism about Village

By DALE GORE
SALADO ROTARY CLUB



Mayor Merle Stalcup speaks to Rotary

Speaking to the Salado Rotary Club last week, Mayor Merle Stalcup said that although the recent reduction in sales tax receipts has caused concern, he rates the Village of Salado's financial condition as "very good." "The Village is confronting the financial challenge by reducing expenses," he said.

Addressing other issues with the same optimism, he announced construction of the controversial Smith Bluff bridge which will begin in April. Pre-engineering and environment review are complete and construction plans await final approval.

Other necessary repairs stemming from last year's flooding are the Main Street walking bridge handrail which, thanks to TxDot, will be similar to the green bridge donated

several years ago; and Pace Park flood damage repairs are underway with completion date "probably by March 1".

Leadership Salado, organized last year with his prompting and encouragement, is functioning well, he states. "The 15 members, each representing an

organization in the Village, comprise three groups who will make a report to the Rotary Club in April," he announced.

Responding to a Rotarian's question about possible new businesses coming to Salado, the Mayor said several are considering moving here and when

plans are confirmed, a general announcement will be made.

"The lack of a sewer is a significant hindrance to new businesses," he said, adding that one large downtown building is under consideration, but the State's requirement of a state-of-the-art septic system has cooled the project.

"The lack of a sewer, at least through Main Street, has long been an issue here," he said, reminding his audience that the enormous expense could not be covered under the Village's current property tax rate.

Citizens On Patrol ("COPS"), reorganized recently, has successfully enlisted volunteers who have helped in a number of situations, the Mayor said.

Summing up his report, Stalcup commended the Aldermen for their outstanding help and willingness to take ownership of the many projects of con-

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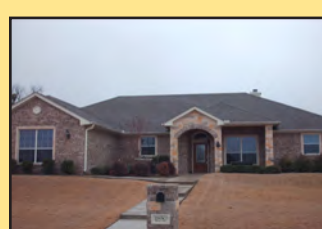
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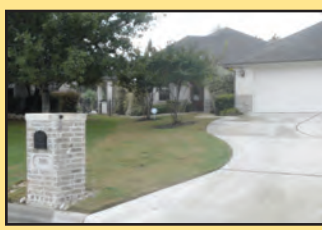
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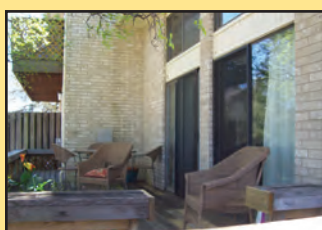
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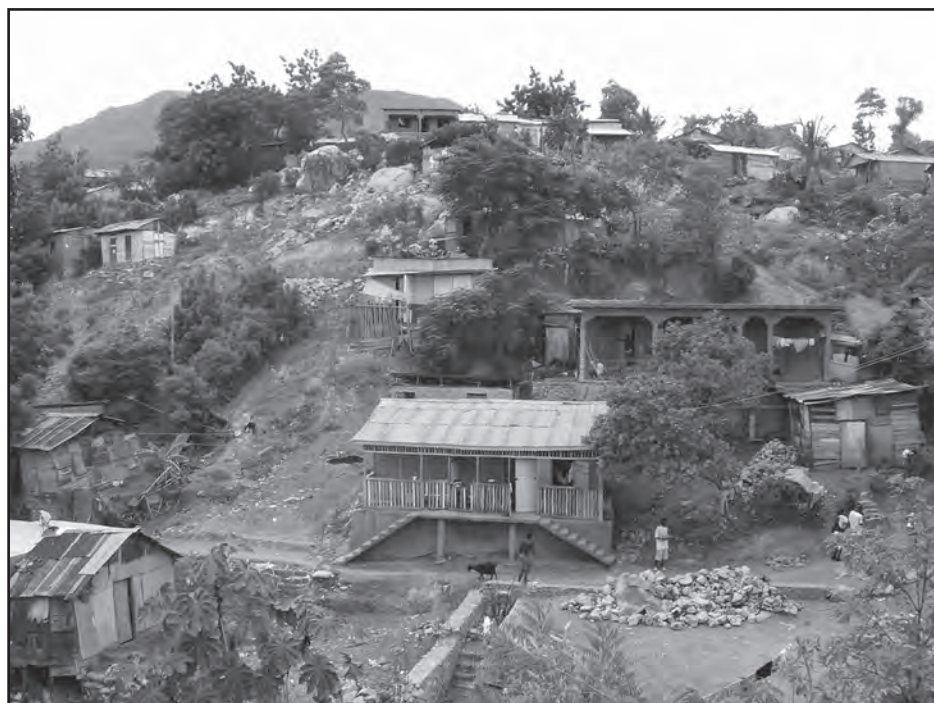
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Environmental concerns in Haiti's earthquake aftermath/Prison gardens



Even before the earthquake Haiti had major environmental and economic problems. Intensive logging beginning in the 1950s has reduced Haiti's forest cover from 60 percent to less than two percent today. This lack of trees causes huge soil erosion problems, threatening both food and clean water sources for throngs of hungry and thirsty people. The earthquake has only exacerbated problems in this country of 9.7 million people that is the poorest in the Western hemisphere.

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Dear EarthTalk: What are the primary environmental concerns in the aftermath of the big earthquake in Haiti?

-- Frank Dover, Portland, OR

As would be the case after any natural disaster, water-borne illness could run rampant and chemicals and oil could leak out of damaged storage facilities as a result of the magnitude 7.0 earthquake that ripped apart Haiti on January



12. Surprisingly, no large industrial spills have been found during initial post-quake rescue efforts, but of course the focus has been on saving human lives and restoring civil order.

According to the United Nations Envi-

ronment Programme (UNEP), the biggest issue is the building waste; some 40 to 50 percent of the buildings fell in Port-au-Prince and nearby towns. "Thousands of buildings suddenly become debris and this overwhelms the capacity of waste management," says UNEP's Muralee Thummarukudy, who is directing efforts to collect the waste for use in reconstruction projects.

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lems. Intensive logging beginning in the 1950s reduced Haiti's forest cover from 60 percent to less than two percent today. This lack of trees causes huge soil erosion problems, threatening both food and

clean water sources for throngs of hungry and thirsty people. "If you have forest cover, when heavy rain takes place it doesn't erode the land," UNEP's Asif Zaidi reports. "It doesn't result in flash floods." He adds

that, due to its lack of forest cover, Haiti suffers much more during hurricanes than does the neighboring Dominican Republic.

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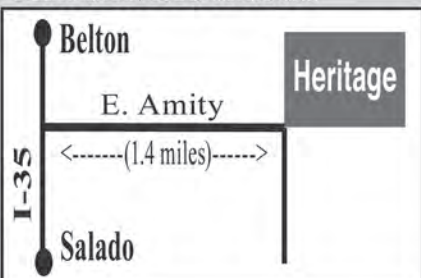


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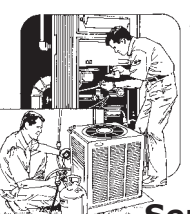
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We need to...create mechanisms that reinforce better use of natural resources," says UNEP's Zaidi. Prior to the quake, UNEP had committed to a two-year project to bolster to restore Haiti's for-

ests, coral reefs and other natural systems compromised by the island's economic problems. Providing access to propane to encourage a shift from charcoal-burning stoves is an immediate goal. Longer term, UNEP hopes the program will help kick-start reforestation efforts and investments in renewable energy infrastructure there.

Perhaps the silver lining of the earthquake in Haiti is the fact that millions of people around the world now know about the plight of the country's people and environment, and donations have started to pour in. Anyone interested in helping relief efforts in Haiti can send a text message triggering a small donation to the American Red Cross (text "HAITI" to 90999 and \$10 will be donated and added to your next phone bill). Those concerned about clean water specifically should donate to World Water Relief, a non-profit focusing on the installation of water filtration systems in Haiti and other distressed areas of the world.

ons? -- Jerry Mullins, Tennessee Colony, TX

While there is no nationwide program administering prison agriculture programs, various individual prisons across the country are embracing the notion of getting inmates involved in on-site food production and agricultural research. According to Howard Clinebill, a Ph.D. who has written extensively about environmental psychology, prison gardens offer people looking to turn their lives around a place to reconnect with their natural rhythms, get healthy exercise in the fresh air, work cooperatively with others and care for the Earth in a healing manner.

Perhaps the best known prison garden project in the U.S. is at the San Francisco County Jail in San Bruno, California, where inmates have been working steadily since the mid-1980s to clear away weeds and rubble from some eight acres "inside the fence" and replace them with fresh-grown vegetables—some of which make their way into prison meals while others are donated to needy food banks, housing projects and senior centers. According to program coordinator Catherine Sneed, who pioneered the project, participating inmates learn not only practical skills but also report that they are better able to communicate with one another and resolve disputes amicably. "Each person cares for particular plants and learns, by watching them grow, the true nature of this life: growth, renewal and persever-

ance," Sneed reports. "Somewhere during the time spent quietly working the Earth, something happens and something changes. Witnessing the cycle of growth and renewal allows the prisoners to see their own potential for growth and change." She adds that program "graduates" have a much lower rate of re-offense once they have served their sentences and return to life on the outside.

Further north, at Washington State's McNeil Island Corrections Center, a team of students from nearby Evergreen State College has been working with inmates there for the last couple of years to turn a one acre patch of grass into a field of organic tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins and other veggies used by the prison kitchen for meals. A small on-site composting unit keeps the soil healthy. Inmates manage McNeil Island's garden as part of their work detail on the prison's horticultural crew, and plan to expand into additional grassy acreage during the coming year.

Meanwhile, in Canada's British Columbia province, a pilot project at Matsqui, a federal women's prison near Vancouver, has been successful in teaching an ethic of stewardship, respect for natural processes, and a sense of accomplishment. Inmates worked with landscape architects to develop of master plan and then implemented their designs with native ornamental and food plants. "The garden is a learning environment that allows people to slow down, listen, look, and learn on many levels," reports University of British Columbia landscape architect Tracy Penner, who helped launch and continues to work with the Matsqui program. "When released, these gardeners are more successful at integrating into society...with an ability to grow and adopt healthier, more constructive lifestyles."

CONTACTS: San Francisco County Jail, www.sfsheriff.com/jails.htm; McNeil Island Corrections Center, www.doc.wa.gov/facilities/prison/micc/.

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