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### Perry, White face off in November

Governor Rick Perry will face former Houston mayor Bill White in the November General Election after both men staved off opponents in the March 2 primaries.

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison conceded the Republican nomination to 10-year governor Perry about three hours after polls closed as Perry garnered about 52 percent of the statewide vote with half of the precincts reporting.

White's lead over busi-

nessman Farouk Shami in the Democratic primary was far more considerable, as he easily won the nomination with about 75 percent of the vote.

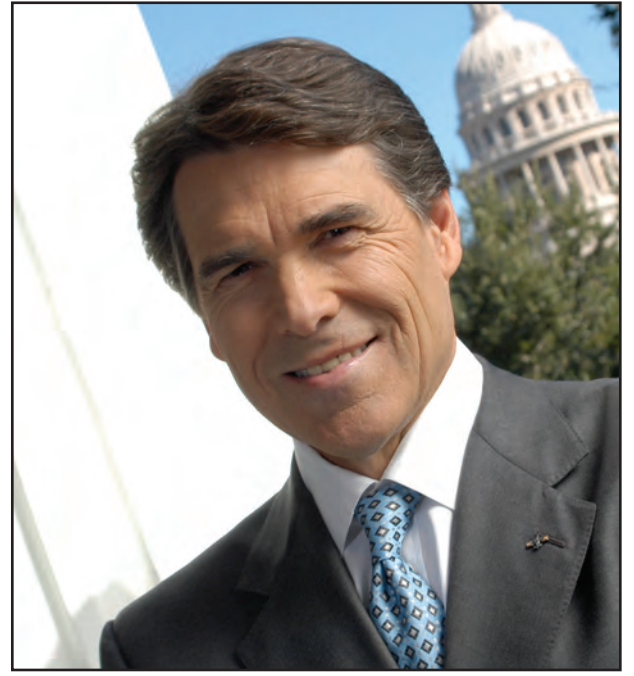
David Porter unseated incumbent Victor Carillo in the Republican primary for Railroad Commissioner.

Democrat Hank Gilbert will face incumbent Todd Staples for ag commissioner.

Results of statewide and local primary races can be found on page 10A.



Democrat Bill White will challenge 10-year Texas governor Rick Perry in November



Texas Governor Rick Perry defeated two major opponents in the March 2 Republican primary.

## Who designed Robertson Plantation?

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

They know the tinner's name who did the standing seam roof.

They know who made the 11,000 shingles for the original barn came.

The windows, sashes and shutters came from Houston.

They know that, as well.

They have records of just about everything.

"The Colonel didn't throw away anything," restoration specialist Gregory Free told Salado Historical Society members March 1 at a general membership meeting.

Free is leading the research into and restoration of Salado's Robertson Plantation, acting on behalf of the sixth generation of the family that had such a great influence on Salado.

But what he doesn't yet know yet is simple: who designed the antebellum mansion.

The frontier mansion was built near the banks of the Salado Creek less than a decade after the last known Indian raids in central Texas.

"We don't know who the architect was," Free told the more than 100 members gathered at the Salado Civic Center to hear the restoration specialist about what is perhaps Salado's best and least-known resource.

The Robertson Plantation was built by Col. Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson in the late 1850s. Construction on the main house finished in 1860, built of siding from the Lost Pines area of Bastrop.

The slave quarters, stable and kitchen/smokehouse/dining area were built of the ubiquitous native limestone of the area. "It was plentiful and cheap because it did not have to be transported," Free said.

Other materials, including the metal roof, the windows (about 56 of them) and the siding were transported overland from Houston and other areas.

Free spoke about the challenge of building a home of this stature in this area which was not much more than frontier.

"Colonel Robertson was dedicated to what he envisioned Salado to be," he said, "and invested him-

self in that manner."

That investment of time, money and labor - slave labor as the place was a Plantation -- has stood near the banks of Salado Creek since then.

Free said that because the property has remained for more than 160 years in one family, it has been well kept for the most part.

Its history has been well chronicled and kept by the descendants and many others, as well.

During the Depression, the Robertson Plantation was studied in-depth as part of a works program called the Historic American Buildings Survey. Of the homes in Texas that were part of that survey conducted from 1936 to 1940, the Robertson Plantation was the most drawn in detail and number. Architectural drawings (some to scale) exist of all the details of the home and outbuildings. In fact, all of the moldings are drawn to scale, Free said.

Free said that while the name of the architect of the Plantation is not known, the style is showing itself to be more French Colonial than Palladian.

Pointing to the small rooms on either side of the front and rear recessed galleries -- cabinets, as they were called, Free said that design is more likely to be found in the colonial architecture of West Africa and Louisiana than in the rest of the south. He showed photos of a home built in Key West in 1844 as another rare example of a home with four cabinets, although all of these were on the second floor. The Robertson Plantation has eight cabinets, or small rooms, in its symmetrical design.

The small rooms served as an office, stranger's rooms, dressing rooms and later, with the advent of indoor plumbing, bathrooms.

"This is not a typical antebellum southern mansion," he said, adding that it is unique in its architecture for this part of the state.

"There is a Creole person involved somewhere in the design of this house," he said.

Free points also to the latticed gallery in the back of the house and the French doors (eight pairs of them)



Restoration specialist Gregory Free says that the Robertson Plantation shows a great deal of influence of French Colonial architecture.

in the main chambers of the house as more of the French influence.

Free wondered aloud if the French influence may have come from a slave owned by Robertson. In fact, in hopes of finding the designer of the home, Free followed a particular name to Robertson County, where one man by the given name of Benijah was sharecropping on land owned by the Robertsons.

Free explained his hopes of finding the elusive French influence on the home in the man who was listed in the 1880 census.

But when he saw the signature, which was very refined and "indicative of

a man who was well-educated," he knew it was not to be.

It was illegal in Texas to educate slaves. It was illegal to own a slave who had been educated elsewhere.

"This was not the signature of an illiterate former slave," Free said.

But Free will continue to seek out the unnamed designer of the Robertson Plantation as part of his work to restore the property. "You have to know what was first done," he said.

And in discovering that, the story of this architectural and historical gem that has stood watch over Salado for so many years unfolds.



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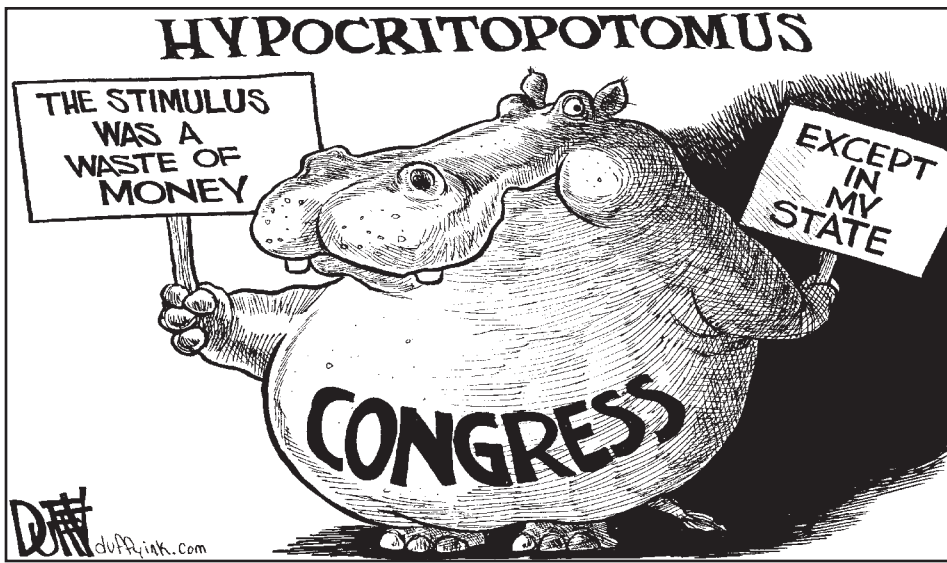
#### March 8 is Last Day to File

March 8 is the last day for candidates to file in any of the three local races which will be decided on May 8. Salado voters will choose two school district trustees, two aldermen and a mayor and three library district directors. Applications are available at the offices of each governing entity. The last day to register to vote in the May 8 election is April 8. The first day of early voting is April 26.

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# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Pelosi's Last Charge

In keeping with his new spirit of compromise, President Barack Obama has offered a health-care bill staking out middle ground between House and Senate Democrats.

At \$950 billion, it's more expensive than the Senate bill, but cheaper than the House bill, and mixes and matches sundry tax proposals. Obama has again proved himself a committed bipartisan leader -- if liberals from the House and liberals from the Senate are considered political parties.

Obama's true post-Massachusetts strategy now comes into focus. It wasn't to engage in good faith with Republicans. It wasn't to "pivot to jobs." It was to wait until the shock of losing Ted Kennedy's Senate seat faded enough that he could keep doing what he'd done previously.

Democrats are now in pursuit of a "catastrophic success" -- to borrow George W. Bush's phrase for the Iraq War -- on health care. They figure that both House and Senate Democrats have already taken defining votes for unpopular health-care bills, that November is inevitably going to be ugly, so they might as well reach again for the goal that has eluded them since Truman.

It's the Samson Option, with a twist. In his last extremity, Samson pulled down the pillars of the temple of Dagon to destroy himself and his Philistine enemies. Democrats will rain destruction on their own hapless vulnerable members, a category that grows by the day. These swing-district Democrats, once hailed as the "majority makers" by Nancy Pelosi, have a new role as the suicidal front ranks of Pelosi's Last Charge.

Top Democrats have talked themselves into believing that only passing health-care reform will save them. Having failed to persuade the public of the merits of their bill, Democrats will try to pass it anyway on sheer legislative muscle -- including the exploitation of filibuster-bypassing "reconciliation" rules in

### Rich Lowry



the Senate -- and convince people what a good idea it was afterwards.

They think Obama will be better able to make the case for the bill once it passes. This assumes that once the bill is written into law over their vehement objections, Republicans will quietly leave the field and stop noting the tax increases, Medicare cuts and the overall cost, i.e. "winning the message war."

All this is threadbare political rationalization. The real reason for passing the bill is simpler and, in its way, more admirable: unalloyed ideological commitment. Democrats have a theological belief that a quasi-government takeover of health care is the only way to create an equitable system covering nearly everyone. Why should they let public opinion or a mere historic rebuke in Massachusetts get in their way?

And, really, what else can Democrats do? "Pivot to jobs"? The job market is outside the short-term control of anyone, and Obama's only jobs policy is yet more politically poisonous deficit spending. Unless he was going to take a powder this year or compromise with Republicans, which doesn't interest him or his party, he had to try health care -- once more, with feeling.

Nancy Pelosi should commission a poet as talented as Tennyson to memorialize the impending charge of her former majority makers: "Boldly they rode and well, into the jaws of Death, into the mouth of Hell."

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## Light look at the post primary gubernatorial gang; And our greatest political need: Humor!

Today's column was written and printed before the first primary was tallied - so the victors, losers as well as those forced into runoffs - are already known to readers: Leaving us to add only solace for the rejected (and dejected); congrats to the winners; and renewed chutzpah for those facing another 30 days of flailing away - until the April 13 finals.

As a "side-bar" to this week's opener - we suspect (at this pre-vote writing) that both Governor Rick Perry and Senator Kay Hutchison failed to win outright, and unless Kay can come up with something dramatically shocking (financial-scandal or a goat picture) we're going to have "Old Landslide" for another four years.

### DON'T WORRY ABOUT RICK OR KAY

There's one certainty about this year's primary results, namely that no matter who prevails in the gubernatorial foofaraw (between Rick and Kay), neither one will have to seek public funded welfare assistance to make it through their golden years.

The "Rickster" will either have four more years to add to his current 26 years on the Texas public payroll: Incidentally, doesn't it seem a little strange that with a quarter century at the public trough - Perry remains so strongly attached to the GOP's "anti-government" countersign?

Anyway, should he lose, "Guv Goodhair" can retire with a handsome State annuity, perhaps along with a cushy lobby-job with his business pals: Or better yet, with Spain's worldwide toll road outfit - Centra.

### HUTCHISON'S FUTURE SECURE

As for Kay, she'll move into the Governor's Office, or return to the Senate to finish up the last two years of her term: You'll recall she decided to hold off her Senatorship resignation until after the primary-runoff donnybrooks.

A wise move - what with "anti everything and everybody" feelings so furiously prevalent among voters.

Happily (or not) - this "Tale of Two Pols" will end as did all our childhood fables: "With the hero and heroine living "happily" ever after."

### GENERAL ELECTION CONTENDERS

How the Republican gubernatorial runoff (if there is one) will turn out is anyone's guess, but the survivor will have to face Democratic winner Bill White, who we further suspect won handily against Houston jillionaire Farouk Shami: The "hair-care entrepreneur" who had problems answering questions about basic Texas governmental facts.

Shami did win a majority of the "pants on fire" ratings in the new "PolitiFact-Texas" truth testing program: a fact that may or may not be useful in future "big-brag-bios".

The Austin American-Statesman's "truth testing" is a novel device that checks the veracity of what candidates toss around as "factual," concerning their plans in general and opponents

### Off the Record by Ken Clapp



in particular.

Those multi-mouthings are rated in gradients from "True to False - with an added "Pants on Fire" ranking for the more ridiculous claims: **Readers will no doubt recall the ancient: "Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire"!**

### CANDIDATE WITH A SENSE OF HUMOR

We ran out of space in our last two columns, for the following slice of humor which was too good to toss, and thankfully comes in handy for this week's pre-primary commentary. It deals with a guy who ran for office and his wonderful anecdote about campaigning.

We're all aware of the recent overflow of palaver from (and about) folks seeking a primary passport for the mid-term election in November.

Austin was loaded with such wannabees who were "out and about" speechifying and handing out stuff: In a related newspaper report - one such hopeful, truthfully discussed the difficulty of political speaking, **and it was that gentle soul who caught our attention and if we'd had the chance - he'd have won our vote.**

### A WARM FEELING

We're not sure what our political novice was running for down in Travis County: Apparently new at the game, he captured his audience in at least one down-to-earth speech.

The intro was a grabber: **"The candidate said stump speaking is a lot like having an embarrassing 'accident' in front of a crowd. Thankfully he was wearing a dark suit, so no one noticed. Good news was that the mishap provided him with a needed warm feeling - especially about having to make the damn speech in the first place."**

A guy like that - with a genuine sense of humor is what's desperately needed at all levels of government - but especially in Washington: To offset the crotchety feeling that permeates the halls of legislative partisanship by **perpetual grumps who have made Congress a "home away from home!"**

### AND FINALLY.....

We watched our two party system in action last week in Washington: It featured President Obama chairing a novel political gathering, designed to bring Republicans and Democrats together in a nonpartisan fashion to see what could be salvaged from the dying healthcare reform effort.

**End result: plenty of chatter but few (if any) results.** All of which brings us to conclude today's commentary with a censure swiped from Shakespeare, who upbraided the feuding Montagues and Capulets in "Romeo and Juliet": **"A plague on both your houses!"**

That rebuke perfectly fits both Houses of Congress and their Repub-Demo inmates: However, on the positive side, today's on-going partisan political dust-ups are certainly providing Americans with a multitude of objective reasons for supporting term limits - **"NOW!"**

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## In limbo over Gitmo

### Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner

As a presidential candidate, Barack Obama spoke repeatedly about the importance of closing our military's prisoner detention camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. One of his first acts after becoming president was to announce it would be shuttered within a year.

It's still operating.

But should it be? That question was on my mind more than three years ago, when I was invited to tour Gitmo with a group of public figures, journalists and others.

At the time, the facility held some 400 enemy combatants captured on battlefields in and around Afghanistan. These men were among the most dangerous enemies our country had, yet they were being treated fairly and humanely.

Detainees enjoyed healthy meals, containing as much as 4,200 calories a day. One had packed on more than 100 pounds. When some detainees went on a hunger strike for political purposes, the military consulted with experts and set up an involuntary-feeding system.

Doctors even adjusted the detainees' feeding schedule so that, during Ramadan, they wouldn't be getting any sustenance during daylight hours. Our facility was not only working to protect the lives of our enemies, it was upholding their religious traditions as well.

Today, some 190 prisoners remain, and there's no timetable for moving them off the island. Meanwhile, a federal judge has ruled that if detainees captured outside of Afghanistan are sent to the U.S. detention facility in Bagram, those detainees would have the right to appeal for habeas corpus (relief from detention) in U.S. federal courts. Since that decision, the administration has been reluctant to ship terrorists captured outside of Afghanistan to Bagram.

The administration's commitment to close Gitmo created a self-inflicted problem: The Pentagon has no place to put captured enemy combatants. "We've been trying to decide this for over a year," an unnamed "senior military officer" recently told The Washington Post. Operations are more difficult, the officer says, "when you don't have a detention policy or a set of facilities."

Perhaps as a consequence, the administration has stepped up the number of predator drone attacks in Pakistan. There were 55 last year, almost double the total from 2008. Dead

terrorists are better than live ones, usually. But this policy also means our military can't obtain critical operational and strategic intelligence through lawful interrogation.

It's frightening that the administration doesn't have a policy in place to deal with any high-value terrorists captured outside of Afghanistan. Just a few months ago, Attorney General Eric Holder testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee. He was asked what would happen if or when the U.S. captures Osama bin Laden, Holder responded, "It depends."

Translation: "I don't know."

An administration that has no plan for dealing with a man who's been public enemy number 1 for a decade certainly has no idea of what to do with lesser, but also important, terrorists either. Yet it's simply a matter of time before we catch a high value terrorist outside of Afghanistan. Our military and intelligence professionals need guidance and clear plans on where to take him and the legal framework in which to operate.

Cully Stimson of The Heritage Foundation, a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs recently wrote that before the administration closes Gitmo, it should take at least two big steps.

First, it should "conduct a comprehensive review of all detainees released from Guantanamo and the confirmed recidivism rates of those graduates, and share the information in classified briefings with appropriate Members of Congress." Policymakers need to know how many former detainees took up combatant activity and who they fought with.

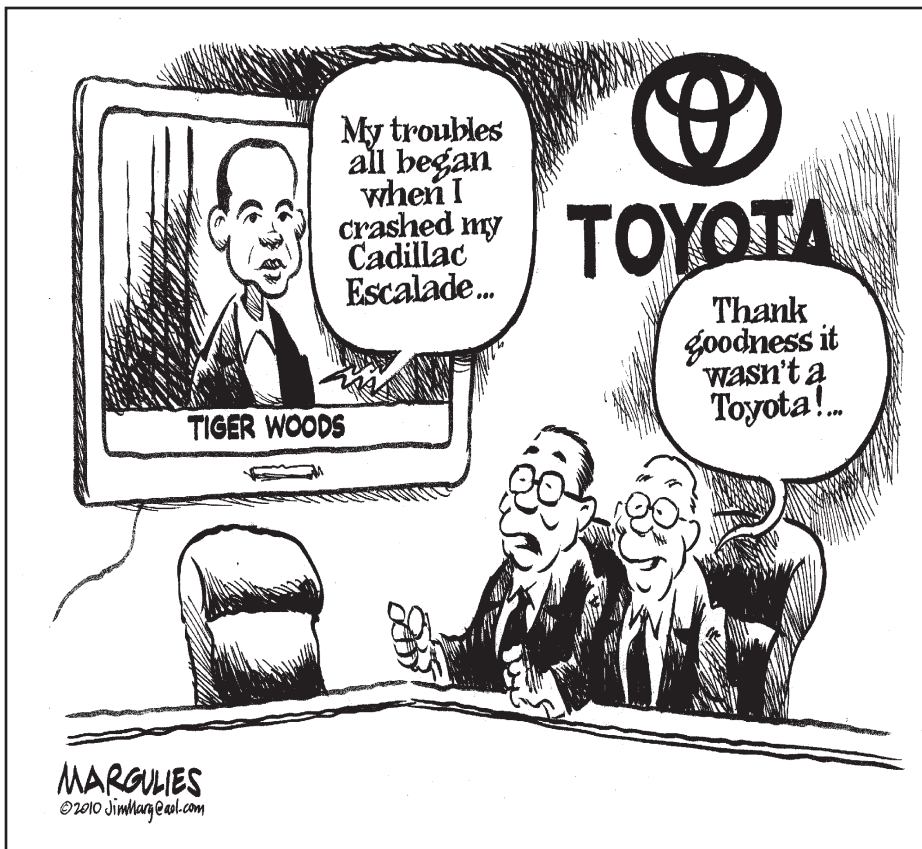
Second, Stimson writes, the administration should "conduct an honest and comprehensive review of all diplomatic and other agreements entered into between the U.S. and countries that have received Guantanamo detainees." Policymakers need to understand which countries are fulfilling their obligations, and which aren't. That way, we can stop returning detainees to those nations.

The war on terrorism will be a long fight. To win, we'll need to know what to do with the enemies we capture alive.

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# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Lone Star Olympic athletes compete with true Texas style

It is always a thrill to watch the Olympics' opening ceremony, especially when the American team marches into the stadium behind the Stars and Stripes. To hear the chants of "U.S.A., U.S.A." coming from families, friends and supporters in the stands is always a moving moment for the athletes.

The athletes that comprise Team USA come from every corner of the country. And our great state of Texas, although not a traditional winter sports region, was well represented in Vancouver. Four Lone Star State athletes were part of the strong American contingent at the Winter Games: Amanda Evora, Chad Hedrick, Jordan Malone, and Justin Olsen.

Amanda Evora of Sugarland and her partner Mark Ladwig skated for America in the figure skating pairs competition. In their first Olympic competition, they finished tenth in the short and long pairs program, the highest American pairs ranking – and their personal best scores. Amanda started skating at the age of six and dreamed of going to the Olympics since then. Her parents supported her endeavors and had the opportunity to see Amanda fulfill her dream to compete on the Olympic ice.

Chad Hedrick of Spring is one of Team USA's outstanding speed skaters. Already a gold medalist in the 5000 meters in the 2006 Olympics in Turin,

### Capitol Comment



**Kay Bailey Hutchison**  
U.S. Senator



Italy, he also won a silver and bronze medal. In Vancouver, he continued his winning ways, skating for a bronze in the 1000 meters and a silver medal in the Men's Team Pursuit.

Chad was on skates very early in life. His parents owned a roller skating rink in Spring, and he was only 17 months old when he put on his first pair of skates. He was a champion inline skater as a child and then set his sights on the ice. His transition from inline skating to speed skating was so smooth that he was nicknamed "The Exception." He now has five Olympic medals in his sport.

Jordan Malone of Denton is an American Short Track speed skater. He also started on skates at an early age, becoming a champion inline skater. He was competing in international races by the age of 10. Even through multiple injuries throughout his career, he has persevered and fought his way back out on the ice. Jordan takes home a bronze medal in the 5000 meter relay.

Justin Olsen of San Antonio brings home a gold medal in the four-man bobsled event – the first U.S. gold medal in bobsledding since 1948. What makes this feat even more remarkable is that

Justin only began bobsledding in 2007. In less than three years, Justin found himself not only a member of the American Olympic team but a gold medal winner as well. What a proud time this must have been for the former stand-out high school football player at Sandra Day O'Connor High School in San Antonio and his family.

To make the Olympic team is a great achievement in itself. Like most of their teammates, these young Texans have devoted countless hours of practice to perfecting their speed, techniques, and precision. Their endeavors are not a solitary undertaking – parents, coaches, friends, and entire communities all support their efforts.

We are proud of our fellow Texans who have worked so hard to perfect their skills. We are proud that these four young adults have shown such grace in both victory and defeat. They truly embody the Olympic spirit of competition and sportsmanship. And they did it with true Texas style.

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## Big Pharma divorces Tauzin



**Jim Hightower**

Some marriages are made in heaven, some in hell. The matrimony of Billy Tauzin and Big Pharma was definitely hellish—especially for us innocent bystanders.

Tauzin, a longtime Congress critter who became a lobbyist, is an old school wheeler-dealer. He reminds me of a New York politico who always skated on the thin ice of ethics, candidly explaining that, "I seen my chances, and I took 'em."

Elected to the U.S. House 30 years ago as a Democrat from Louisiana, Tauzin rose to become chairman of a powerful committee, where he was a faithful servant to industry interests. In 1994, Republicans took over the House of Representatives. Billy's star was about to fade. Seeing his chances, he cut a deal with the GOP to switch parties in exchange for becoming chairman of the House committee that handles legislation affecting drug corporations.

From that position, Tauzin engineered a Medicare boondoggle in 2004 that gives the drug giants a fat subsidy costing taxpayers billions of dollars every year. Grateful for the windfall profits, Big Pharma asked Billy that very year to get hitched. Seeing his chances, Tauzin became the drug industry's chief lobbyist, drawing an annual paycheck of \$2 million. Using his insider connections, he's been effective at killing various proposals that would've stopped the rip-off prices that drug companies make us pay for our medicine.

Last year, however, Billy cut one deal too many. He agreed to support President Barack Obama's health-care reform in a tradeoff that really didn't please anyone, especially his own industry leaders—so they rather rudely dumped him.

Now Tauzin's out of work, but don't forget him. Next time you're gouged by the drug giants, remember: It wouldn't happen without the work of self-serving hucksters like Billy.

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## Theatrics of reform

By DAN DANNER

The president's health-care summit last week may have been great political theater. But what really was accomplished on behalf of the small businesses that desperately need reform?

Small business owners simply aren't interested in political drama or more talking. They want to see less rhetoric and more solutions that produce real results. President Obama's proposal is basically the same as the House and Senate's flawed legislation. We opposed both of those bills because neither addressed the fundamental problem: lower overall

costs.

To add insult to injury, the president's now promoting even worse ideas that will further threaten the future of small businesses with burdensome new taxes, mandates and fees.

If the White House is serious about reforming healthcare, then it needs to pursue reforms that help the people that need it the most our nation's small business owners. Otherwise, the summit and its aftermath will only show that small business has simply become a sound bite for reform that provides little relief and increases the cost of doing business.

Small business owners

have been constructive and valuable participants in the reform debate. They have worked hard, taking time away from their businesses, to help our leaders understand the struggles they face owning and operating a business. They also continue to urge policymakers to adopt ideas that offer sensible solutions.

For example, the president could give small businesses greater purchasing power to help drive down costs by letting them pool their risks together across state lines to purchase insurance, just like big business and unions do today. Why is that so hard to consider? Or he could support an idea called the optional

free choice voucher. This would allow employers to give pre-tax dollars to their workers and let the worker purchase the plan that best fits their needs, like a 401(k) for healthcare. These two ideas together create choice, portability and puts the consumer in the driver's seat, a win-win for employers and workers.



There are lots of good ideas out there but, sadly, small business owners are left with a bill that's short on savings and big on costs. They're now left asking, "Will Congress and the president stop playing politics and create reform that improves access and affordability, or will they continue down the same path with new taxes, mandates and fees that threaten my ability to run and grow my business?"

It can't be emphasized enough—in economic times like these, when small businesses are struggling just to survive, policies must be aimed at helping them. No one has a larger stake in this debate. So we must tread lightly and always remind our leaders in Washington to continuously check their ideas by asking one simple question: "Will this help or hurt small business?"

And our leaders also must realize that the old adage of the healthcare profession applies here as well: First, do no harm. Only then can they address real reform.

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# FORUM

## Supreme Corporations: Ruling is hypocrisy

By GENE NICHOL

I am Texan by birth and Southern by acculturation. My family would attest I'm not beyond relating stories that mysteriously expand upon each re-telling. Given my trade, I read much of Madison, Hamilton, Story and Marshall. But, truth told, I prefer Mark Twain, Will Rogers, Woody Guthrie and Huey Long. I do not find hyperbole completely ungenial.

That conceded, I find no words to convey adequate outrage over the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision, in the Citizens United case, to radically untether corporate spending in our electoral politics. It is bizarrely anti-democratic. It overtly robs the American people of any conceivable tool to prevent a complete slide into mocking, cynical, purchased, cash-register politics. It marks the court as mere shill for the dominance of economic privilege. Unmolested, it will lead to both democratic and constitutional crises. It is a ruling that will come to reside, deservedly, in infamy.

By a slim majority, the court reached beyond the factual dispute before it to reshape the way elections are conducted. Justice Anthony Kennedy's stunning opinion overruled two recent, major precedents - one from 1990 and one from 2003. Giving the back of the hand to statutes like the Tillman Act that have placed limits on campaign spending by business entities for over a century, the justices determined corporations must be treated like human beings in the political sphere.

Pressing further, Kennedy declared "expenditures ... made by corporations do not give rise to ... the appearance of cor-

ruption." That "speakers may have influence over ... elected officials does not mean those officials are corrupt." The "appearance of influence will not cause the electorate to lose faith in this democracy." Say what?

Accordingly, since that decision, corporations have enjoyed an unassailable constitutional right to spend, from their ample treasuries, unlimited amounts of money in elections - federal, state and local - to assist or to defeat particular candidates. If you have worried that institutions of daunting wealth have inadequate influence in the halls of government, be relieved.

A system of government in which those who seek certain policies are allowed to spend unrestrained sums on behalf of those who make the policies can be called many things. "Democratic" and "fair" are not among them.

The Citizens United ruling should put to rest any lingering doubts that Justices Roberts, Alito, Scalia, Thomas and Kennedy are anything other than aggressive, expansive, committed and ideological activists. They cast aside their oft-asserted standards of stare decisis, narrow fact-based decision-making, adherence to tradition, deference to elected branches of government and any conceivable notion of interpretation by original intention. (It's hard not to recall Jefferson's wish "that we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our monied corporations which dare already to challenge our government to a trial of strength.")

But it's not the hypocrisy of the decision that crushes. It's the impact. It is one thing to talk about corruption. That trail can

lead in an abundance of directions. But, regardless of label, ponder the reality, now constitutionally required.

Months ago, Sen. Kay Hagan was reportedly torn about health care reform. Imagine that then representatives of an insurance company explained, publicly if need be, that if Hagan voted against reform they were prepared to spend \$2 million on her behalf in the next election. If she voted for reform, they'd spend \$2 million to take her out.

It is impossible to believe that such moves - multiplied across issues and jurisdictions - will not have a corrosive, debilitating and often insurmountable effect on the outcomes of our political process. It cannot be that the Supreme Court majority doesn't know this. The only logical conclusion is the judges embrace it.

And what is good for federal elections applies across the board. If a developer longs to secure a massive project in Chapel Hill, he is free to spend hun-

dreds of thousands to aid a favored council candidate. It may, in fact, constitute a reasonable component of his business plan.

Under such a reality, any system of campaign finance limitation is rendered absurd. We should repeal them all. That may be the actual motivation for the decision.

In the past two years, the Roberts Court has brought us two landmark, unprecedented, inexplicable departures from over a century of settled jurisprudence. One determined that all but a handful of restrictions on the right to possess firearms are unconstitutional. The other, now, gives a free hand to corporations to purchase elections and legislators. It's hard to believe any group could survey American life and determine what we need most are more guns and more corporate influence.

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# Medicare's Hospice benefit comforts patients, families

By Bob Moos  
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Hospice care isn't about giving up. It's about making every moment matter. Medicare beneficiaries who choose hospice receive palliative care and support for their terminal illness. They're no longer seeking a cure, but they do want to live out their last months as comfortably as possible and with dignity.

Medicare's hospice benefit began in 1983 and has helped millions of Americans and their families.

To qualify, patients must be eligible for Medicare's Part A hospital insurance, and they must be certified by their physician and hospice medical director that they have a prognosis of six months or less to live, if their illness runs its normal course. They also must sign a statement electing the Medicare hospice benefit and another statement that they understand they're forgoing curative treatment for their terminal condition.

When considering and selecting a hospice program, ask these questions: Is it certified and licensed? What kind of training does the hospice provide its caregivers? How does the hospice staff respond to after-hour emergencies? What measures are in place to ensure quality care? How does the hospice involve the family in planning the care?

Hospice programs follow a team approach.

The doctor and the hospice medical staff work with the beneficiaries and

their families to plan the care. Most patients remain at home and receive regular visits from the hospice's nurses, social workers and counselors. If someone needs hospital care, though, the hospice makes the arrangements.

The primary goal is to relieve the pain and manage the symptoms. As long as the care comes from a Medicare-approved hospice program, Medicare covers such costs as the physician services, nursing care, drugs, medical equipment and supplies, and physical and occupational therapy.

Though the hospice benefit is part of original Medicare, it's also available to anyone with a Medicare Advantage plan. And both original Medicare and Medicare Advantage will continue paying for the treatment of other conditions unrelated to someone's terminal illness.

Medicare understands that family members need a rest from caregiving. So, beneficiaries can request to stay up to five days at a time at a Medicare-approved hospice inpatient facility, hospital or nursing home. For that, they pay 5 percent of the Medicare-approved amount for respite care.

Overall, Medicare beneficiaries pay almost nothing for their hospice care. Their only expense may be copayments of \$5 or less for drugs prescribed to manage their symptoms or relieve pain.

Patients can receive hospice care as long as they're recertified. After

90 days of care, beneficiaries are re-evaluated by the hospice's medical director or other hospice doctor to determine if the care is still appropriate. Another re-evaluation is done after another 90 days and then every 60 days.

Patients whose health improves or whose illnesses go into remission may not need to remain in a hospice program. In those cases, they return to their previous Medicare coverage. If someday their condition worsens and they again require hospice care, they can get recertified and re-elect the benefit.

Beneficiaries wanting to learn more about hospice programs in their area should talk to their doctor or call their state's hospice organization or state health department. Their physician will also help determine whether a particular hospice program has been approved by Medicare.

Even if a patient is enrolled in a Medicare Advantage HMO plan, that person can still choose hospice care from any available Medicare-approved hospice.

For more about Medicare's hospice benefit, visit the Medicare Web site at medicare.gov or call Medicare's 24-7 customer service line at 1-800-633-4227. A Medicare publication, titled "Medicare Hospice Benefits," can also be downloaded from the Web site or requested by phone.

Do you have a question about Medicare benefits you'd like answered in a future column? E-mail it to bob.moos@cms.hhs.gov

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# I-35 will be topic of two TxDOT meetings in month of March

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a final public hearing to discuss improvements to Interstate 35 in Salado from FM 2843 to FM 2484. The hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 11 at the Salado Intermediate School located at 550 Thomas Arnold Road in Salado.

The purpose of this project is to increase mobility and improve safety by widening this section of IH 35 from four lanes to six lanes and to convert the existing two-way frontage roads to one-way. The existing right-of-way corridor is approximately 250 feet wide.

Verbal and written comments regarding the proposed project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the hearing or in writing after

the hearing. Comments must be received no later than March 22. Written statements may be submitted to Greg Malatek, P.E., Deputy District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, 100 South Loop Drive, Waco, TX 76704-2858.

Through this summer, regional leaders are meeting monthly as part of a new citizen-driven planning effort to develop a blueprint of improvements for the Interstate 35 corridor.

The Waco/Temple/Killeen area, which is represented by the I-35 Corridor Segment Committee Two, will meet again on 9 a.m.-noon March 9 at the TxDOT Area Office, 7479 Bagby Ave. in Waco to continue efforts identifying regional needs and potential solutions for the corridor.

Once the segment committee completes its regional blueprint, it will collaborate with the I-35 Corridor Advisory Committee, as well as other I-35 Corridor Segment Committees, to consolidate each regional blueprint into a comprehensive, long-range mobility plan for the entire I-35 corridor.

MY 35 calls for a citizens' perspective on I-35 improvements including identifying corridor needs, conducting public outreach efforts, collaborating with the public and local stakeholders, and creating regional transportation blueprints. The MY 35 effort, which will be overseen by the I-35 Corridor Advisory Committee and the four segment committees, will be blueprint will be given to TxDOT to guide future corridor development.

# Girls hoping for kinder district competition after 6 game skid

Salado Lady Eagles started district play this week against Lexington after a six-game skid in the Cameron and Rockdale Battle for the Bell softball tournament last week. The girls lost to Weimer, Cameron, Gatesville, Rockdale and Brownwood in the tournament.

**Lady Eagles 1**  
**Weimer 9**

Salado Lady Eagles could not get a hit until the fourth inning against Weimer Feb. 25, scoring their only run when Jordan Svadlenak drove in Kristen Dunnahoo with a single. Dunnahoo reached first on a walk and advanced on

Kaitlyn Mosely's single.

The girls allowed nine runs from Weimer on 11 hits.

**Lady Eagles 0**  
**Cameron 14**

Camryn Bintz led off for the Salado Lady Eagles with a single against Cameron Feb. 25, but she turned out to be the only Salado batter to reach base in the 0-14 loss to Cameron.

The girls allowed 14 runs on 15 hits by Cameron in the shortened-game.

**Lady Eagles 3**  
**Gatesville 6**

Scoring three runs in the third inning against the Gatesville Lady Hornets

Feb. 26, the Lady Eagles looked as if they might put an end to their losing streak. However, the girls gave up six runs in the fourth and fifth innings and left four runners stranded on base in the final two innings.

The teams were scoreless through the first two innings, but Bintz started off the third inning with a single. She stole second base and advanced to third on Kori Norman's single. Lorna Payne hit a single to score Bintz.

Svadlenak hit a single to score Norman and Payne scored on an error before Svadlenak was stranded on second base.

In the fourth inning, Rachael Piatt singled but was left on base. Norman and Payne hit doubles but were left stranded on second and third base. Svadlenak walked, which left the bases loaded when the Gatesville pitcher threw two strikeouts to retire the side.

**Lady Eagles 3**  
**Rockdale 7**

Rockdale scored five runs in the second inning on their way to a 7-3 win over the Salado Lady Eagles in the tournament Feb. 27. Salado scored all three runs in the fourth inning.

The girls collected five hits in the game, two in the third and three in the fourth innings.

Megan Mattson and Bintz both had singles in the third inning but were left on base.

Svadlenak led off the fourth inning with a single, follow by Moseley's single. With two outs in the inning, Isabel Berumen walked to load the bases. Svadlenak scored when Mattson walked.

Bintz drove in Moseley and Berumen with a double, but was left stranded on second base.

**Lady Eagles 0**  
**Brownwood 8**

Brownwood held Salado scoreless and allowed just one hit in their tournament game Feb. 27.

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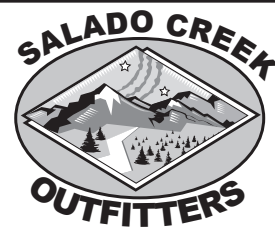
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Salado residents took great joy last week in creating snowmen and snow animals when a few inches fell to the ground on Feb. 23. Above, are Kendall sisters Katie (riding) and Kimberly (leading) with the snow horse they made at their home. They are the daughters of Drs. John and Jeannie Kendall, of Salado. Above right are brothers Chase (left) and Brady Alexander, sons of Tarrant and Debbie Alexander of Salado, with the traditional snowman they built.



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The music starts at noon with an all-star show of Western Swing giants that includes Randy Elmore, Dave Alexander, Bobby Flores, Ricky Turpin and Wes Westmoreland and continues until 5 p.m.

Dinner, by reservation only, will be served at 5:30 p.m. Bobby Flores and the Yellow Rose Band will bring an outstanding Country and Western Dance 8 p.m.-midnight. Deadline to reserve a table for the dance or for dinner tickets is March 8.

The Texas Western Swing Heritage Association of Bell County, a non-profit organization, composed of local and area volunteers, along with Strawberry Patch of Salado, Central Texas Kitchen Center of Temple, Belton Area Chamber of Commerce, Brockway, Gersbach, Franklin and Niemeier, PC. sponsor the event. Nan Ray is the event's chairperson. "The purpose of the event is to promote this 'Texas born' music and assemble extremely talented musicians on our stage. There will be Grammy Award winners, Hall of Fame musicians, World Champion fiddlers and recording artists perform," said Nan

Ray, Chairperson of the event. As Texas Monthly magazine reported when writing about the Annual Texas Western Swing Fiddle Showcase "Springtime Saturday night in the 30's and 40's in Small Town Texas meant a big dance. Entire communities would ride their horses or drive their trucks to the local dance hall, fill the dance floor, then shuffle and waltz the working part of the week away." The music was Western Swing and that kept the dance floor full each weekend. It will be full again on March 13th. Make your reservations early if you want a table by the dance floor. It is a chance to enjoy a Saturday of Western Swing music like your Grandparents looked forward to each Saturday night. You won't want to miss it!

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# Eagles start out with wins

The Eagle baseball team opened their season Feb. 22 with a suprisingly easy victory over the Lorena Leopards. Lorena took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third, but Salado came up with a big inning in the fourth to secure the game.

The Eagles put 10 runs up on the board to take control of the game. Lorena's lack of control by their pitchers were the main contributor to Salado's big inning. The Eagles received five walks and scored two runs on wild pitches. Cole Calder, Joey Davila, Clint Scarborough, and Hunter Ward all collected hits in the inning to help with the run production.

In the fifth inning Davila and Taylor Rudduck hit back-to-back doubles to give Salado an 11-1 lead. After Lorena was shut down in the bottom of the fifth, the game was called due to the 10 run rule.

Trent Wagon was the starting pitcher for Salado. He allowed only one hit in two innings of work. Clint Scarborough pitched the final three innings to pick up the win.

On Feb. 25, the Eagles opened the Caldwell Tournament against A&M Consolidated JV. A&M held a 2-0 lead through three innings.

Salado came back in the top of the fourth, again with the generocity of their opponent. The Eagles recieved four walks, and used a Colby Schiller single and a sacrifice fly

by Hunter Ward to produce three runs and take the lead.

A&M tied the game with a run in the fifth. They added two more runs in the sixth for a 5-3 lead.

Down to their last at bat the Eagles rallied to tie the game. Taylor Rudduck led off the seventh with a single. After an out Cole Calder delivered a double to score Rudduck. Calder then tied the game on a Clint Scarborough single.

A&M was able to produce a two out run in the bottom of the seventh to pull out the win.

Clint Wagon pitched an excellent five innings to start the game. He allowed four hits and struck out seven. Bubba Luna absorbed the loss in the final two innings.

Calder and Rudduck collected two hits each in the game.

In the second game of the tournament Salado took on Hempstead. The game was tied 3-3 in the first inning.

Salado produced seven consecutive hits in the top of the second to help produce eleven runs and blast open the game. The big blows of the inning were a three run homerun by Scarborough and a three run double by Schiller.

The Eagles scored three more runs in the third. Jacob Heiner drove in a run with a double and Rudduck doubled to drive in the other two.

Salado's final run in the 18-6 win was Scarbor-

ough's second homerun of the game, this one a solo shot.

Dustin Barton led the Eagles offense that collected 15 hits. He collected 3 hits in the game. Calder, Rudduck, Schiller, and Scarborough had two hits each.

On Feb. 27, Salado took on St. Joseph's of Bryan in the consolation finals. Scoring early and often the Eagles never gave St. Joseph's a chance.

Salado scored in every inning enroute to a 10-0 five inning win. Cole Calder got the Eagles going with a lead off single. He stole second. Taylor Rudduck and Calder were both safe on a fielders choice. Rudduck stole second to put two runners in scoring position. Calder scored on Paul Warren's fielder's choice. Warren and Rudduck then pulled off a double steal to give Salado a 2-0 lead. A ground out by Clint Scarborough allowed Warren to score for a 3-0 lead.

The Eagles added two runs in the second and four in the third. A single run in the fourth gave Salado a 10-0 lead, good enough to end the game after five innings.

Colton Norman was three-for three in the game. Warren and Bubba Luna had two hits each. Colby Schiller pitched the first four innings for the win. He allowed four hits and struck out four. Rudduck pitched the fifth inning.

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# Senior Moment or Alzheimer's?

It's said that everything comes with a price. The average American now lives close to thirty years longer than they would have in the 1900's. But for millions of people, the price of longevity has been Alzheimer's disease. One of the most common concerns the Alzheimer's Association hears from people is "I feel like I'm losing my mind." They tend to site incidences like, "I saw somebody I know but I couldn't recall his name" or "I was dialing my telephone and suddenly couldn't remember who I was calling." But, are these occurrences a normal part of aging or could they be the beginning of Alzheimer's disease?

To answer this question the Alzheimer's Association has developed a checklist to help you recognize the difference between a 'senior moment' and what could be Alzheimer's disease.

## 1. Memory loss

Forgetting recently learned information is one of the most common early signs of dementia. A person begins to forget more often and is unable to recall the information later.

What's normal? For-

getting names or appointments occasionally

## 2. Difficulty performing familiar tasks

People with dementia often find it hard to plan or complete everyday tasks. Individuals may lose track of the steps involved in preparing a meal, placing a telephone call or playing a game.

What's normal? Occasionally forgetting why you came into a room or what you planned to say

## 3. Problems with language

People with Alzheimer's disease often forget simple words or substitute unusual words, making their speech or writing hard to understand. They may be unable to find the toothbrush, for example, and instead ask for "that thing for my mouth."

What's normal? Sometimes having trouble finding the right word

## 4. Disorientation to time and place

People with Alzheimer's disease can become lost in their own neighborhoods, forget where they are and how they got there, and not know how to get back home.

What's normal? Forget-

ting the day of the week or where you were going.

## 5. Poor or decreased judgment

Those with Alzheimer's may dress inappropriately, wearing several layers on a warm day or little clothing in the cold. They may show poor judgment about money, like giving away large sums to telemarketers.

What's normal? Making a questionable or debatable decision from time to time.

## 6. Problems with abstract thinking

Someone with Alzheimer's disease may have unusual difficulty performing complex mental tasks, like forgetting what numbers are and how they should be used.

What's normal? Finding it challenging to balance a checkbook

## 7. Misplacing things

A person with Alzheimer's disease may put things in unusual places: an iron in the freezer or a wristwatch in the sugar bowl.

What's normal? Misplacing keys or a wallet temporarily

## 8. Changes in mood or behavior

Someone with Alzheimer's disease may show rapid mood swings – from calm to tears to anger – for no apparent reason.

What's normal? Occasionally feeling sad or moody.

## 9. Changes in personality

The personalities of people with dementia can change dramatically. They may become extremely confused, suspicious, fearful or dependent on a family member.

What's normal? People's personalities do change somewhat with age.

## 10. Loss of initiative

A person with Alzheimer's disease may become very passive, sitting in front of the TV for hours, sleeping more than usual or not wanting to do usual activities.

What's normal? Sometimes feeling weary of work or social obligations.

Many people worry about becoming more forgetful as they grow older. Our brains change as we age just like the rest of our bodies. Most of us eventually notice some slowed thinking and problems remembering certain things. However, "memory loss that disrupts everyday life

such as forgetting recently learned information to the point of asking for the same information over and over or relying on memory aides is not a typical part of aging. It may be a sign of Alzheimer's disease," said Christian Wells, Vice President and Program Director of the Alzheimer's Association – Capital of Texas Chapter. Much of the time, mild lapses in memory turn out to be just a normal part of aging, "but if patients notice any of the 10 Warning Signs or are at all concerned about their cognitive decline, we strongly encourage them to see a doctor." It's important for patients to discuss all symptoms with their healthcare provider so that they can evaluate memory problems and make a proper diagnosis. Being diagnosed early is vital to receiving the best help and care possible.

While there is currently no cure for Alzheimer's, early detection and diagnosis is critical to ensuring the 5.3 million Americans living with Alzheimer's have the power to plan their own healthcare and future. In an effort to promote public understanding of the disease, increase awareness of the benefits of Alzheimer's early detection and increase the num-

ber of people talking to their doctors about warning signs, the Alzheimer's Association-Capital of Texas Chapter will offer four free standing monthly educational classes titled: ALZ 101: An Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease.

Time and location are as follows:

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6-7:15 p.m.  
Second Tuesdays

Temple Public Library,  
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# NEWS

FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

## TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVES A \$23,200,000 LOAN TO THE CENTRAL TEXAS WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION TO FINANCE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

AUSTIN – (November 19, 2009) – The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) today approved by resolution a loan in the amount of \$23,200,000 under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)-Disadvantaged Communities Program or through an alternative source of funding, to the Central Texas Water Supply Corporation (Bell, Burnet, Coryell, Falls, Milam and Williamson Counties) to finance water system improvements.

This project has been approved for funding under ARRA through the DWSRF or an alternative source of funding under the standard State Revolving Funds. Financing will be offered with the same favorable terms and conditions as are available under ARRA.

With these funds, the Central Texas Water Supply Corporation (Corporation) proposes to complete the following projects: construction of a three million-gallons-per-day surface water treatment plant with a 300,000 gallon equalization water storage tank; two four-million-gallons-per-day raw water pumps; raw water intake screens; an electrical building; construction of a one million gallon treated water clearwell water storage tank; construction of a three-pump high service pump station; construction of a 600,000 gallon elevated storage tank; and the purchase and installation of automated leak detection equipment.

The Corporation is located approximately 70 miles north of Austin. The Corporation serves a population of approximately 28,224. Its water system has 16 wholesale customers, and they anticipate adding two additional customers.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.

On February 17, 2009 President Obama signed the ARRA, which included funds for water and wastewater infrastructure financing to be administered through existing Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF). The intent of the ARRA is to provide funds to projects that are ready to proceed by Feb. 17, 2010.

Some of the key requirements of ARRA are:

- At least 50 percent of the funds must be used to provide additional subsidies to eligible recipients in the form of grants, loan forgiveness, or negative interest rates
- At least 20 percent of the funds must be used to fund Green Reserve projects
- Land purchase is not eligible
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For ARRA, projects submitted for consideration on the CWSRF and DWSRF Intended Use Plans (IUP) were prioritized based on their readiness to proceed to construction with additional emphasis on disadvantaged communities and Green Reserve projects. The Board approved the IUPs for CWSRF on June 18, 2009 and for DWSRF on July 16, 2009.

All funded projects must have executed construction contracts or be under construction by Feb. 17, 2010.

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### Informational Seminar scheduled for today

The Salado Church of Christ will hold a free informational seminar that will answer questions about social security, medicare, retirement plans and eldercare issues.

The seminar will be held 4 p.m., March 4 at the Church of Christ activity center.

Call 877-303-5798 for more information and reserved seating.



Mark and Patricia Rice of Salado, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Naomi Rice, to Staff Sergeant Casey Dean Wainwright, son of Diane Stanley of Sartell, Minnesota. They plan to wed March 13, at the Inn at Salado. Pastor Jason Going of First Baptist of Belton will perform the ceremony.

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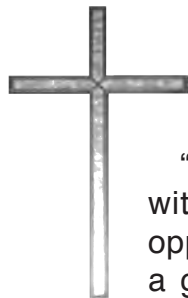
5:00 – 6:00 PM Fellowship Meal  
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6:00 – 7:30 PM AWANA (Ages 2 – 6th grade)  
6:00 – 7:00 PM Bible Drill (4th – 6th Grade)  
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6:30 – 7:00 PM Youth Meal  
7:00 – 8:00 PM Youth C.O.W  
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# and People

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We welcome your participation in your home town newspaper. Share family announcements: new baby, engagement, wedding, and anniversary.

Email your good news to

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Photos can be sent as the original jpg files.

Reminder Friday is the deadline for the following Thursday publication. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Cost is \$25 per person for each class. Reserve your seat at least one day in advance by phone at (254) 200-2001 or e-mail [dianed@workforcelink.com](mailto:dianed@workforcelink.com).



Skylar Denee' Hayslip

Skylar Denee' Hayslip was born on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010 at 4:13 am to Cory and Tiffany Hayslip of Salado. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 18 inches long. Proud grandparents are Lloyd (Buddy) & Tina Hayslip; Ray and Tina Quesinberry. Proud uncles are Caleb Hayslip and Dennis Quesinberry.

## Local resident attends workshop at Washington University in St. Louis

Harding University student David Farrow of Salado attended a Genomic Education Partnership Workshop at Washington University in St. Louis, sponsored in part by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Farrow traveled with assistant professor of biology Jo Goy, and their training at the workshop now allows Harding to participate in the GEP along with other schools around the country.

The workshop brought

together students from universities nationwide to collect and collaborate data for future publication. Participating graduates were given raw DNA sequence data from the fruitfly, and, using different software programs, identified and evaluated important regions within each gene from the species.

Farrow, a senior biochemistry and molecular biology major, is currently teaching a five-week component of a biology course on campus, in which stu-

dents are given DNA sequences from a fly species to determine information from the sequences.

Harding is the largest private university in Arkansas and attracts more National Merit Scholars than any other private university in the state. Harding also maintains campuses in Australia, Chile, England, France, Greece, Italy and Zambia.

## Interdenominational groups holds Book of Genesis studies

The Temple-Belton Community Bible Study (CBS) adult co-ed class will hold an introductory session for its study of the book of Genesis at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 1 and March 8. The Life of Joseph and Israel's Journey to Egypt will be the study topic for seven weeks. The class meets in the old sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Belton, located at Sixth and Main Streets in Belton. Visitors are welcome.

Community Bible Study is an interdenominational study for men and women of all backgrounds who are interested in an in-depth weekly study of God's Word. Each week, participants receive a reading commentary on the previous week's topic and a set of questions to work on each day covering the

next week's reading. On Monday nights, these questions are discussed in small groups. A singles adult core group was established in the fall and is seeking new members. Married couples may choose to participate together in a couples' small group or individually in a men's or women's small group. Following the small group breakouts, there will be a short lecture over the same section of Scripture. The class will break for spring holiday and continue until the end of April.

For additional information, please contact the class coordinator Kathie Kimes at 254 773-1842 in Temple or the class associate teaching director Curtis Gibson in Killeen at 254 526-9128.



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Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Bible classes for children, youth, and adults
	11:00 a.m.	Worship service
	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

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## Two student teachers in SHS ag science dept.

Two college seniors will be in Salado schools for the next dozen weeks student teaching in the agricultural science department.

Tara McCoy Beaty, senior Agricultural Service & Development major at Tarleton State University, has begun her student teaching in the Salado Public Schools. She is under the supervision of Lochie Darling and Travis Dube, agricultural science teachers.

Beaty will be in the community for 12 weeks for the purpose of receiving training in agricultural science teaching. This agreement has been made by mutual agreement between Salado Independent School District and Tarleton State

University. The student teacher will assist with all activities concerning the local agricultural science program. Upon completion of this training period, she will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services & Development from Tarleton State University.

Michelle Marek, senior Agricultural Science major at Texas A&M University, has begun her student teaching in the Salado Public Schools. She is under the supervision of Lochie Darling and Travis Dube, agricultural science teachers.

Marek will be in the community for 12 weeks for the purpose of receiving training in agricultural



Michelle Marek



Tara McCoy Beaty

science teaching. This agreement has been made by mutual agreement between Salado Independent School District and Texas A&M University. The student teacher will assist with

all activities concerning the local agricultural science program. Upon completion of this training period, she will return to Texas A&M to complete further degree requirements.

## Lady Eagles — FROM PAGE 8A

Kirstie McGillick was the only Salado Lady Eagle to register a hit, reaching in the final inning on a single.

Lady Eagles 5  
 Weimer 6

In a time-called game, Salado Lady Eagles lost their final contest of the Cameron-Rockdale Battle of the Bell tournament Feb. 27, losing by one run to Weimer, 5-6.

Salado scored three runs in the first inning, but allowed Weimer to take the lead by giving up three runs in the fifth inning.

Mindi Dunnahoo and

Berumen started the game off with singles and scored when Kori Norman reached base on an errant throw to first from third.

She scored on a sacrifice bunt by Moseley.

The girls scored against in the third inning when Berumen reached first on a walk and advanced on a passed ball. She scored on a single by Payne.

In the sixth inning, trailing by two, Salado's Mattson reached on a single and scored when Madi DePriest reached on an error by the first baseman. DePriest was left stranded on second base.

## Military Affairs Committee meets 8:30 a.m. March 10

Salado Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee will meet 8:30 a.m. March 10 at the Salado Visitors' Center on Main Street. All interested volunteers are invited to attend the meeting.

The organizational meeting of Feb. 24 was canceled because of probably inclement weather that week.

Sonny Jaramillo chairs the Salado Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs committee and coordinates the Chamber's adopted unit, the 3rd ACR "Brave Rifles."

The Military Affairs

Committee is calling on Saladoans to join in the effort of supporting the military and their families that comprise the 3rd ACR.

"There are lots of jobs to do and we need the help and support of local residents," Jaramillo said.

You need not be a member of the Chamber of Commerce to volunteer for the Military Affairs committee.

If you would like to participate, but cannot attend the meeting, please call Tim Fleischer at 254-947-5321 or email him at [tfleischer@saladovillage-voice.com](mailto:tfleischer@saladovillage-voice.com).

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## CUWCD to study aquifer

Clearwater, the entity responsible for managing groundwater in Bell County, is asking for help from owners of wells drilled in the Edwards BFZ aquifer. The Clearwater Board recently approved four studies to gather information about this valuable resource in Bell County. The studies will involve taking water level measurements, collecting samples for water quality testing, conducting brief pumping tests, and identifying recharge features.

The information gathered from the wells will enable Clearwater to better define the boundary of the Edwards BFZ aquifer which could result in more water being available for use than what is currently estimated. A map showing the depth of the Edwards water table will be produced as a result of the studies, and the studies will help identify the more prolific areas of the aquifer as well as areas where re-



For the first time in memory, Salado Creek stopped flowing over the Stagecoach low-water dam in July 2009. Salado Creek is fed by the Edwards Aquifer.

charge is occurring.

The Edwards BFZ aquifer is located in the southern portion of Bell County and extends southward into Williamson County and on into the San Antonio area. In Bell County, this aquifer is the sole source of water supply for the Village of Salado and many private wells. It also provides water to Salado Creek, a valuable resource that attracts visitors to this area.

“Understanding and protecting the Edwards

BFZ aquifer is in the best interest of all Bell County residents,” Board President Horace Grace commented. “The more we know about this aquifer, the better equipped we will be to manage and protect this resource now and in the future.”

Edwards BFZ aquifer well owners are asked to contact the Clearwater District at 254-933-0120 for additional information and to participate in the studies.

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# Village of Salado Calendar of Events

**SATS THRU MARCH 13**

Yoga for Life Workshop series on Saturdays, 12:15-2:15 p.m. at Salado Fitness and Tanning Center. The theme for the series is **Uncovering Your Heart's Desire**. Contact Yoga instructor Tiffany Schreiner at [tiffyoranch@gmail.com](mailto:tiffyoranch@gmail.com).

**MARCH 4**

Salado Church of Christ and Mike McLain of Rembrandt Financial Group LLC will present a seminar for seniors, 4-6 p.m. Salado Church of Christ Activity Center.

**MARCH 4**

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

**MARCH 4**

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

**MARCH 6**

Jammin' on the Lawn, 4-7 p.m. Enjoy a glass of Texas wine and music by The Leisure Seekers. 841 N. Main Street, 254-947-8011.

**MARCH 6-8**

Auditions for Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" and Michael Russell's "Countergirls" will be held concurrently at Salado Silver Spur Theater, 108 Royal St. Times are 2-6 p.m. March 5 and 7 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. March 6. Appointments

are encouraged, but not required, and can be made by calling 254-947-3456 or by e-mailing [info@saladosilver-spur.com](mailto:info@saladosilver-spur.com).

**MARCH 8**

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

**MARCH 9**

Salado Businesses Mean Business meeting, 8:30 a.m., Robertson room at the Stagecoach Inn. 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.

**MARCH 9**

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. Satecoach Inn.

**MARCH 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.

**MARCH 9**

Sensing Fruit Flavors, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wine tasting class at Salado Wine Seller that will familiarize you with fruit aromas, flavors and descriptors in wine.

\$25 per person, 841 N. Main Street, 947-8011

**MARCH 10**

Salado Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, 8:30 a.m. at the Salado Chamber office. Volunteers invited.

**MARCH 10**

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

**MARCH 11**

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary, 9:30 a.m. social time, Salado Civic Center. "Mini Antiques Road Show" with Donna Gantenbein of Salado Creek Antiques.

**MARCH 12**

Brown Bag Noon Book Review, Salado Public Library.

**MARCH 12**

Salado Community Chorus performing Music to Lunch By Noon-1 p.m. on the front porch of the Salado Visitors Center, 881 N. Main St. Concert is free. Bring a lawn chair. Concert will be canceled if weather is bad.

**MARCH 13**

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

**MARCH 15**

The 14th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament To Benefit Tablerock. \$75 entry

fee, shotgun start at 1 p.m. call Denver Mills 947-9205.

**MARCH 16**

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. Satecoach Inn.

**MARCH 18**

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

**MARCH 18**

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

**MARCH 19**

Free Computer Class, "Email II & Beginning Internet: Advanced Email Techniques and Internet Search Engines Explained" taught by Jeanie Lively, 1-2:30 p.m., come early, class size limited, Salado Public Library.

**MARCH 19**

Richard Paul Thomas performing Music to Lunch By Noon-1 p.m. on the front porch of the Salado Visitors Center, 881 N. Main St. Concert is free. Bring a lawn chair. Concert will be canceled if weather is bad.

**MARCH 19**

Grand Master's Banquet, 6 p.m., Stagecoach Inn, sponsored by the Masonic Lodges of District 48.

**MARCH 22**

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

**MARCH 23**

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. Satecoach Inn.

**MARCH 24**

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

**MARCH 26**

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

**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](http://www.texaspackardmeet.com).

**MARCH 27**

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

**MARCH 27**

Annual Readers and Writers Roundtable featuring four local authors and their books, 1:30 p.m. at Central Texas Area Museum, \$5 per person, \$2.50 for children and students with valid ID.

**MARCH 27**

Institute for Humanities Lecture, Brig. Gen. James Cross will speak at 4 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. BG Cross was Lyndon Johnson's Air Force One pilot, military advisor and confidant and author of the book, "Around the World with LBJ." Details to be announced.

**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 woodworking, sculpture, jewelry, glassworks, metal work and handmade clothing. Salado Chamber of Commerce, [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com) or call 947-5040.

**MARCH 27**

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

**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](http://www.saladowine.com).

**MARCH 28**

3C Cowboy Fellowship Playday. Church starts at 10 a.m., Potluck after church and playday at 12:30 p.m. Many events in several age groups. For details, visit [www.3ccowboyyellowship.org](http://www.3ccowboyyellowship.org) or call 254-947-7211, 254-291-7888 or 254-624-3825.

**MARCH 29**

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

**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](http://www.centraltexas-mastersingers.com) or call 254.258.6844.

**MARCH 30**

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. Satecoach Inn.

**APRIL 1**

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**3-5 p.m. at Salado Public Library**, sponsored by Friends of the Salado Public Library. All ages are invited to enter this contest with a dish that include chocolate with enough samples for judging. The public will sample these chocolate entries 3-5 p.m. and vote on their favorite dish.

**APRIL 1**

**Chisholm Trail ABWA Meeting, 6 p.m. McCain's Deli at Main St. and Van Bibber.**

**APRIL 2**

**Mark Huber performing Music to Lunch By Noon-1 p.m.** on the front porch of the Salado Visitors Center, 881 N. Main St. Concert is free. Bring a lawn chair. Concert will be canceled if weather is bad.

**APRIL 3**

**Keep Salado Beautiful Trash Off.** Gather your friends, family, church groups, special interest club or civic organization for a day of Salado Beautification. 9 a.m.-12 noon, Litter Clean-up and branch/leaf pick-up. 12-1 p.n. Complimentary lunch. If you are interested, please RSVP to dcarbonneau@saladotx.goc or call 254-947-8634.

**APRIL 10**

**Village-wide Garage Sale, sponsored by The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS).** PALS will accept all items that are in good condition except clothing and bedding. Donated items will be accepted during the month of March and April 9. More information to be announced.

**APRIL 10**

**First in a four part workshop series on genealogy given by members and friends of The Betty Martin Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** at Salado Public Library. Session One: Beginner's Overview with emphasis on how to get started, family charts and tips. Space is limited. Call 254-947-9191 to register.

**APRIL 14-16**

**Salado Village Artists workshop with Angie Brown (in either watercolor or oil): Planning composition and Florals.** Her work is available in Griffith Gallery. Point of contact is Joan Hoffman at 947-0073 afternoon/evening.

**APRIL 16**

**Joy Ensemble performing Music to Lunch By Noon-1 p.m.** on the front porch of the Salado Visitors Center, 881 N. Main St. Concert is free. Bring a lawn chair. Concert will be canceled if weather is bad.

**APRIL 16**

**Salado Masonic Lodge Annual Fish Fry, 5-7 p.m.** at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Proceeds this year will benefit the Salado Schools Band program as they raise funds for their trip to Disney. Tickets are \$6 per person. Tickets will be available soon at Salado Village Voice or First

State Bank-Salado. Call 254-947-5321 for information.

**APRIL 17**

**Second in a four part workshop series on genealogy given by members and friends of The Betty Martin Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** at Salado Public Library. Session Two: Using a computer for research and organizing your data. Space is limited. Call 254-947-9191 to register.

**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 Harvesting, Green & Sustainable Building, Organic Growing, Alternative Transportation, Straw Bale Construction, Exhibits, Free Guest Speakers, Natural Food and Family Activities. For more information, call 877-376-8638 or the Salado Tourism office at 254-947-8634.

**APRIL 23**

**Harmony performing Music to Lunch By Noon-1 p.m.** on the front porch of the Salado Visitors Center, 881 N. Main St. Concert is free. Bring a lawn chair. Concert will be canceled if weather is bad.

**APRIL 24**

**Third in a four part workshop series on genealogy given by members and friends of The Betty Martin Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** at Salado Public Library. Session Three: How to get the most of your local libraries, interlibrary loans and newspaper archives. Space is limited. Call 254-947-9191 to register.

**APRIL 24**

**Divine Desserts 2010, is an event to benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas.** This event will be held at Tenroc Ranch in Salado. All proceeds go directly to the Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas; a non-profit corporation offering specialized services to the unfortunate victims of child abuse. Contact Michelle Farrell or Jan McLaughlin at 254-939-2946 for tickets or additional information.

**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**

**Last in a four part workshop series on genealogy given by members and friends of The Betty Martin Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** at Salado Public Library. Session Four: How do I preserve and

share those precious historical photos, Bibles and other documents? Space is limited. Call 254-947-9191 to register.

**MAY 6**

**Chisholm Trail ABWA Style Show, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sirena Room of Tenroc Ranch, doors open at 10:30 a.m.** Call 947-8610 for more information.

**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!"

**MAY 8**

**Salado local elections, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.** Elections for Salado ISD Board of Trustees, Village of Salado Board of Aldermen and Salado Public Library District Board of Directors.

**MAY 8**

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

**MAY 13**

**Aware Central Texas is hosting a fundraising Dinner Theater at the Mill Creek Conference Center in Salado, 6 p.m.** Aware is dedicated to the prevention of neglect and abuse of our children. Tickets are on sale for \$100 a piece or a table of eight for \$800. Come enjoy singer/songwriter Ramon Carver who will delight attendees with his music. Then the Salado Living Room Theater will present a light hearted drama for your entertainment. Call or come

by Aware Central Texas for further information. 254-939-7582, 202 E. First Street, Belton, TX 76513.

**JUNE 5**

**Wilmer Memorial Lecture will be held 4 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. The world's foremost sleep expert, Dr. William Dement, will speak.**

**JUNE 7- JULY 16**

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

**JUNE 12**

**The Annual Salado Reunion will be held at the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.** A catered meal will be served at noon. Any former Salado students, teachers, former or current residents of Salado invited to attend! A wonderful opportunity for visiting with old friends or making new ones. For more information, call 254-760-3799 or 254-947-5783.

**JULY 3**

**Annual Fourth of July Picnic, 6 p.m. Pace Park, sponsored by Salado Historical Society.** Pot luck picnic. Historical Society will provide iced tea and fried chicken. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to join your friends in the Salado community in celebrating our Independence.

**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 Span-

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**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.

**SEPTEMBER 24-26**

**Annual Salado Chocolate and Wine Weekend. Visit saladochocolatefestival.com for details.**

**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 16**

**Salado Education Foundation Cattleman's Ball Fundraiser, 6:30 p.m. Tenroc Ranch.**

**OCTOBER 22-24**

**Salado Heritage Weekend. Visit saladoheritageday.org for details.**

**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 2**

**Salado Annual Christmas Parade, Royal Street and Main Street, 5 p.m. 254-947-5040 for information.**

**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

To have your event listed here, email information to news@saladovillagevoice.com. The deadline for submission is 5 p.m. Friday for the following week's newspaper.

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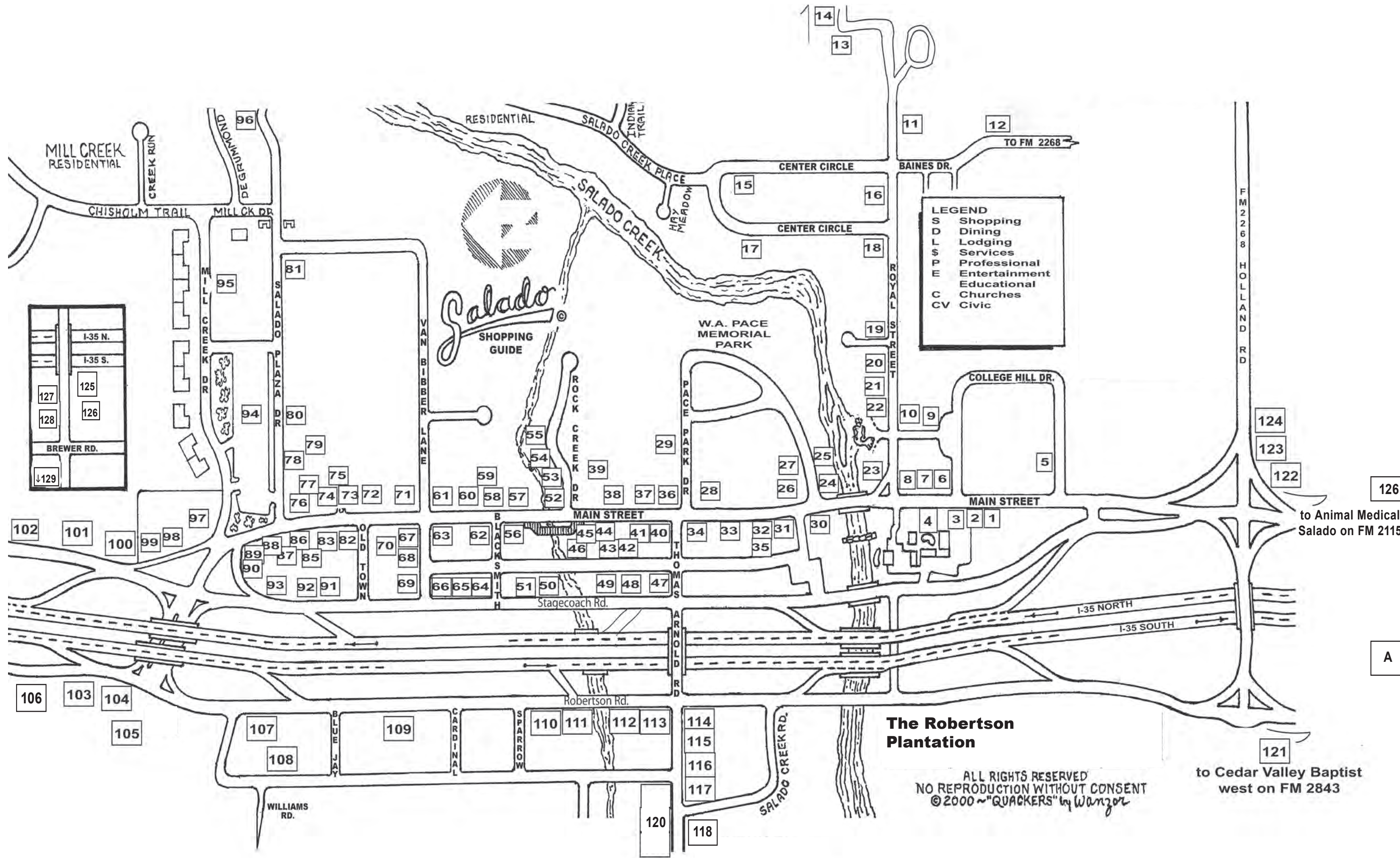
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19. Old Salado Springs Guest Lodging	254/947-5933	L	38. <b>SALADO SQUARE</b>		McCains Bakery and Cafe	254/947-DELI	Presbyterian Church of Salado	254/947-8106	C	107. Salado Creek Outfitters	254/947-8239	S	<b>www.oldsaladosprings.com</b>		
20. Springhouse Antiques	254-947-0747	S	Linda Rountree Pritchard-Egg Side By Side	254/947-4263	Deanna's Floral	254/947-0222	Mill Creek Cleaners	254/947-0100	\$	108. Salado Creek Outfitters	254/947-0066	\$	Not shown on map		
21. ArchAngel Antiques		S	40. Family Dentistry	254/947-5242	63. <b>Cornett Corner</b>		Creekside Business Arts Campus	254-947-0002	\$	109. Johnnies Cleaners & Tailors (inside Salado Creek Outfitters)	254/770-0355	\$	Extreme Cheer and Tumble Salado	254/931-0080	\$
22. Salado Silver Spur Theatre	254/947-3456	E	Dr. Douglas B. Willingham		Wheeler's Art & Antique Silver	254/947-8485	82. <b>OLD TOWN SALADO</b>			110. Super 8 Motel	254/947-5000	L	Salado Computer Doctor	254/462-6372	\$
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Prellop Fine Art Gallery	254/947-3930	S	42. Compass Church	254/947-8237	Sasafras	254/371-2929	88. Subway		D	113. Salado Smiles	254/947-8067	P	Walt Tollefson Computer Services	254/291-6354	S
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30. First Baptist Church	254/947-5465	C	44. Salado Fire Department	254/947-8961	65. Salado Creek Antiques	254/947-1800	90. Merle Norman Cosmetics	254/947-9993	S	115. Thomas Arnold Elem.	254/947-5191	E			
			45. Salado Church of Christ	254/947-5241	66. A Serenity Spa	254/947-8833	91. Salado Plaza	254/947-5321	\$	116. Salado Intermediate	254/947-1700	E			
							Salado Village Voice			117. Salado Junior High	254/947-5429	E			
										118. Cedar Valley Baptist Church	254/947-0148	C			
										119. National Ropers Supply	254/947-8080	S			
										120. St. Stephen Catholic Church	254/947-8037	C			
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1 I love (Lat.)  
 4 Recede  
 7 Detest  
 11 Overextended  
 13 Hair-salon item  
 14 First victim  
 15 Afrikaner  
 16 "— whiz!"  
 17 57-Across site  
 18 Confused  
 20 On pension (Abbr.)  
 22 Commotion  
 24 Snapshots  
 28 Automobile framework  
 32 Bring forth  
 33 Sharpen  
 34 Matlock's field  
 36 A Great Lake  
 37 Enola Gay payload  
 39 Units of measure  
 41 Pay  
 43 "Cool!" (Sl.)  
 44 Furtive call  
 46 Teeny-tiny  
 50 Dog bane  
 53 Pick a target  
 55 Counterfeit  
 56 Prison compartment  
 57 Floral adornment  
 58 Polynesian

**DOWN**

1 Actress  
 2 Academic  
 3 Individuals  
 4 Omelet  
 5 "Cheers" order  
 6 Censor's sound  
 7 Quickly  
 8 Homer  
 9 Sleuth  
 10 Wapiti  
 12 Request for a bribe  
 19 Billboards  
 21 Definite article  
 23 Lubricate  
 25 Ripped  
 26 "Grapes of Wrath" type  
 27 Gets a glimpse of  
 28 Bloke  
 29 Vagrant  
 30 Unsigned

carving amounts (Abbr.)  
 59 Serene  
 60 "— Winterbourne"  
 61 Favorite

31 Despondent  
 35 Marry  
 38 Clear the tables  
 40 Prized possession  
 42 Song of praise  
 45 Layer  
 47 Ante, maybe  
 48 Autumn tool  
 49 Leave out  
 50 Media watchdog org.  
 51 Meadow  
 52 Right angle  
 54 Wrong (Pref.)

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East dealer.  
 North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ J 5 2  
 ♥ K 7 4  
 ♦ Q 10  
 ♣ A K 10 9 3

**WEST**  
 ♠ A K Q 10 4  
 ♥ J 9 8 2  
 ♦ K 7  
 ♣ 5 4

**EAST**  
 ♠ 9 7 3  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ 9 8 6 4 3 2  
 ♣ 8 6 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 8 6  
 ♥ A Q 10 6 3  
 ♦ A J 5  
 ♣ Q J 7

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

Opening lead — king of spades.

**Some rules supercede others**

**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

In many deals, declarer can overcome a bad lie of the cards if he does not let his attention stray from the primary objective -- namely, to make the contract.

Take this case where South is in four hearts and West leads the K-A-Q of spades. Declarer ruffs, cashes the ace of trumps, both defenders following suit, and must now be especially careful with his next move.

Ordinarily, the next play with this trump combination would be a low heart to the king. The reason is obvious. If the opposing hearts are divided 3-2, no harm can come from leading to the king. But if they are divided 4-1 and East has the J-9-x-x, his hearts can be picked up without loss after cashing the king discloses the bad break.

Certainly this approach would be the right one to apply in most hands. But there is an even more important principle that takes precedence over the general rule, and it states that making the contract is always the first priority.

In the actual deal, four hearts can no longer be made if a trump is led to the king at trick five. South cannot recover, no matter how he chooses to continue.

But observe that if the queen of trumps is played at trick five, the contract becomes a certainty regardless of how the opponents' cards are divided.

Let's suppose that after you play the queen, one opponent shows out. It makes no difference whether East or West started with four trumps, because in either case you simply stop leading trumps and start leading clubs.

This guarantees that you can still dispose of the J-5 of diamonds on dummy's clubs -- even if the defender with the J-x of trumps ruffs at any point -- because the king of hearts is still in dummy as an entry to dummy's remaining clubs.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

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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**Answers**

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

**Answers**

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

Solution time: 21 mins.

# Snow in Central Texas

Snow--in Central Texas. What can I say? I sure would like to know what set that groundhog off wouldn't you? But boy was he right! Lots of winter still ahead for all of us.

But April will come folks. And when it does, I just have one word for you--CHOCOLATE! Let me remind you that April is National Chocolate Eaters Month AND National Smile Month. Need I say more? Well yes, actually I do, because you need to remember that on April 1st, the library will be hosting a Death by Chocolate contest for your participation and enjoyment. So get out those recipe books and start picking out your favorite chocolate recipe for the contest! Entry forms are available at the library and will be due back on March 29. This event is open to the public. There will be judges and prizes too. At the same time the library will be celebrating seven wonderful years in our lovely building. Remember chocolate is healthy! And we librarians want YOU to be healthy, so come on in and pick up an entry form and I'll see you on the 1st. If you don't want to make something just come to the library on 3-5 p.m. April 1. You can taste all the entries and vote for your favorite.

In the meantime our country is conducting the 2010 census. During the

## Check It Out

News & Notes from Salado Public Library



two first weeks in March, there will be census personnel in the library to give you information and answer your questions and concerns. Everyone is welcome to come by and get the information they need here.

Now for the best part, NEW BOOKS:

"Internet Your Way to a New Job" by Alison Doyle: Yesterday uploading your resume with a few clicks and your job search was underway. Not so today. Managers are overwhelmed with applications and are looking for new ways to recruit online. In this timely book there are tips and tricks you can use to make the process run smoothly and simply.

"The Job Hunter's Survival Guide" by Richard Bolles: One hundred pages of lifesaving advice for people out of work. Bolles is author of "What Color is Your Parachute?"- the #1 bestseller on job-hunting. He has responded to the current crisis with this completely new book and early reviews have called this little guide "brilliant" and "helpful".

"A Dark Matter" by Peter Straub: The incomparable master of horror and suspense returns in this

powerful tale of four high school friends who fall under the spell of a charismatic wandering guru who invites them to a secret ritual in a local meadow. What follows shatters the souls of all present and decades later one tries to find out what happened by interviewing the four friends.

"Lay Down My Sword and Shield" by James Lee Burke: Hackberry Holland makes his first appearance in this portrait of contemporary Texas out of print since 1993. This is an early gem from the creator of the

incomparable novels featuring Dave Robecheaux and Billy Bob Holland.

New Movies on DVD:

"The Hurt Locker:" A gripping drama nominated for 9 Oscars about the U.S. Army's elite EOD teams operating in the war zones of Iraq.

"Bright Star:" This is a well reviewed drama that details the passionate romance between 19th century Romantic poet John Keats and his great love and muse, Fanny Brawne. Keats died tragically at age 25.

That's it for this week. Remember... THINK CHOCOLATE!

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March is a good time to see the winter objects as well as spring objects. So early in the evening, viewers can explore one of the most familiar objects in the winter sky, M42 the Orion Nebula, and then move on to view some of the spring items like the Beehive Cluster, M44. Mars is still very bright red but very good seeing is required to discern details due to the



The Orion Nebula is one of the familiar objects to be viewed in March nighttime skies.

distance between Earth and Mars as Mars recedes from Earth. This will be the last month this year to get a reasonable good view of Mars as it will dim by three quarters this month alone. Venus is low in the west as dark falls and Saturn is coming up at dusk and will stay up all night. Star gaz-

ers will have to wait until April to get a glimpse of Mercury. As always, astronomers will be looking at far flung Galaxies to get an idea about what our own Galaxy, the Milky Way, looks like if one could be outside looking down on it.

CTAS also wants to announce that it will provide a "Backyard Astronomy" course in conjunction with Temple Parks 7 p.m. April 8-9. in conjunction with a star party on April 10.

If weather interrupts CTAS will have the star party on April 17.

This will be a great opportunity to learn about the Universe, Stars, Planets and how to find you way around them.

CTAS will also cover the basics of the various types of telescopes and how to use them.

This is ideal for beginners and will vastly accelerate the learning curve for "Beginning Astronomers."

Please sign up as soon as possible with Temple Parks for the course so that we will have a full class. Members are also welcome.

Overlook Park is located near the Stillhouse Hollow Dam. To get to Overlook Park from Interstate 35, go west on Hwy 190 toward Killeen for about two miles. Then proceed south on FM1670. The park is on the west side of FM 1670 about three miles south of Hwy 190, just beyond the radio tower.

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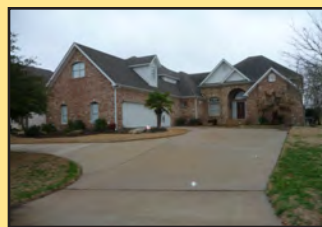
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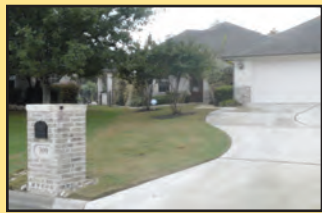
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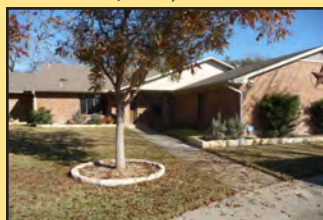
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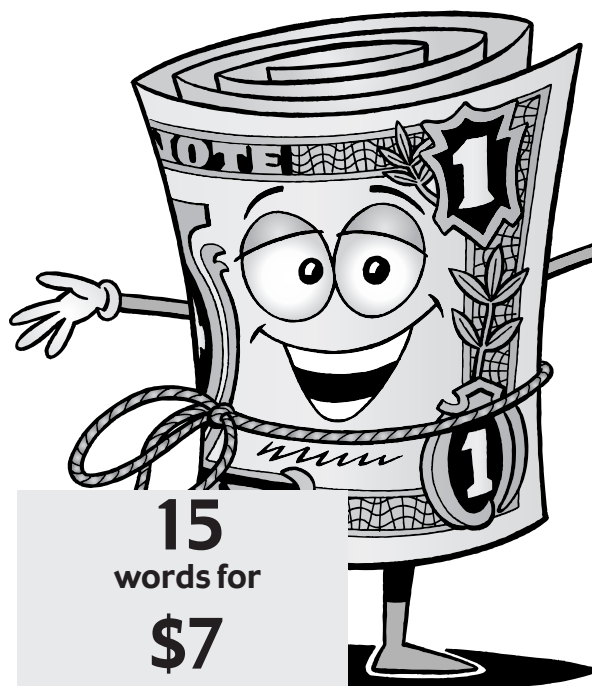
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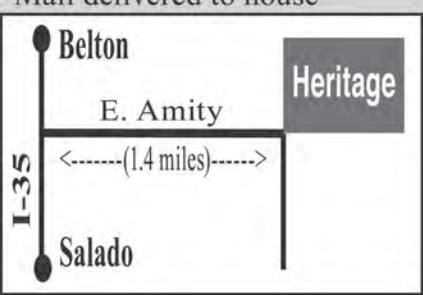
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**A:** A multimeter -- a

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rectangular handheld device featuring testing probes, a switch and an

indicator needle or digital readout -- can diagnose problems with electrical devices by measuring whether current is flowing properly through the device, and if so, how much current is flowing. Do-it-yourselfers with little or no electrical training should limit their diagnostics to the first type of test -- measuring whether current is flowing properly (known as measuring resistance).

They should not attempt the second type of test (known as measuring voltage), which requires power to be on during the test. Only a trained electrician should conduct voltage tests. Untrained DIYers should avoid testing live current, because there's a high risk of having a "hold my beer and watch this" moment.

To test for resistance, make sure NO electrical current is present in the device you're measuring. Unplug it or switch off power at the circuit panel. Set the multimeter to the \_ (ohm) setting. If there is more than one ohm setting on the switch, choose X1. You'll see the indicator needle move to the infinity level. If you touch the probe needles together at this point, you should see the indicator or readout move to zero. This means the multimeter has continuity.

Testing for resistance means the multimeter sends a very small amount of current through the circuit you're testing. If the circuit works properly, the

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multimeter returns a reading of zero. A circuit that is not properly closed will not allow that current to flow through it, and your multimeter will return a reading other than zero, a clear indicator that "Hey, the current is resisting - - feeding back -- and not moving around the circuit."

Again, remember that absolutely no power should be getting to the device you're testing; besides the risk of electric shock, your resistance test will be incorrect.

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# How much electricity will plug-in hybrids use?

Dear EarthTalk: When the plug-in Prius is released, how much electricity will it use? Will my electric bill double if my Prius is plugged in each night? Or will the increase be minimal? Also, will all this recharging put a strain on the existing electricity grid? -- G.C. Marx, Colorado Springs, CO



According to the blog Futurewheels.com, electric cars and plug-in hybrids (those that have been converted by owners) currently average about two cents per mile to recharge, while gasoline-only cars average about 10 cents per mile to refuel. Pictured: a Toyota Prius Plug-in Hybrid demonstration program vehicle at the 2010 Washington, DC Auto Show.

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It is difficult to pinpoint the answer to this question right now since Toyota has not yet released its much anticipated plug-in hybrid, but most analysts believe the increase in your electric bill from overnight charging will be minimal. According to the blog Futurewheels.com, electric cars and

plug-in hybrids (those that have been converted by owners) currently average about two cents per mile to recharge (electric rates

vary greatly by region), while gasoline-only cars average about 10 cents per mile to refuel.

Plug In America, a California based network of electric vehicle and (self-converted) plug-in hybrid owners, estimates the cost to charge a typical plug-in hybrid overnight to be less than a dollar. So while your electric bill might go up \$30/month due to recharging, your gas bill will decrease by somewhere between 80 and 100 percent depending on your driving habits and what you were driving beforehand.

Of course, it's important to keep in mind that regular hybrids cost between \$2,000 and \$10,000 more than their gas-only counterparts, and that plug-in hybrids will likely cost even more due to their larger, better batteries and other more advanced technologies. It would take years and years of gasoline-free driving to make up the sticker-price difference between a plug-in hybrid and an equivalent-sized gasoline-fueled car. So while plug-in hybrids will help the environment, they're not so much about saving money—unless you drive thousands of miles a week, in which case you'll recoup your costs in fuel savings in a few years.

As to strain on the existing electricity grid, most experts agree that

plug-in hybrids and all-electric vehicles, even in the unlikely event that all of us switched over to them eventually, wouldn't compromise the ability of utilities to provide power, given that they are already scaled up to handle peak loads during heat waves when everyone runs energy-hogging air conditioning.

Furthermore, most of us would charge our cars overnight—typically a slow period for utilities otherwise and during which they could generate much more power if customers wanted it. A 2007 study by the U.S. Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory found that off-peak electricity capacity could fuel the daily commutes of nearly three-quarters of all cars, light trucks, SUVs and vans on American roads today if they were plug-in hybrids. Plug In America adds that many utilities are upgrading local electricity distribution systems to accommodate plug-in hybrids and electric vehicles "just as they do when residents add more air conditioners and TVs."

So if you're interested in taking the plug-in hybrid plunge when the cars become available, don't worry about increased electric bills, as overall you'll be saving gobs of cash at the pump. And given the popularity of the current hybrids on the road, enough of us might go for the plug-in versions so as to reduce the cost disparity with traditional cars—meaning we could "save green" in more ways than one.

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