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Final public hearing held on I-35 expansion through Salado area

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Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) officials presented the latest plans for expansion of Interstate 35 through Salado from FM 2843 to FM 2484 during the March 11 final public hearing on the project held at Salado Intermediate School.

TXDOT will continue to take written comments on the proposed plans until March 22.

Right-of-way acquisition will begin this summer and construction is slated to start in Fall 2011.

The project will expand I-35 from four lanes to six lanes, as well as turning frontage roads into one-way roads.

The expansion will include three sets of entrance and exit ramps in each direction. To accommodate the ramps, design plans call for the use of braided ramps in which the entrance ramp on to the highway and exit ramp off of the highway will cross over each other in a braid. This design will be used in two locations: for the exit/entrance ramps on the southbound side of I-35 at Thomas Arnold Rd and on the ramps/frontage road at South Main Street on the northbound side of I-35.

Access on all of the frontage roads will be denied in areas where there are entrance and exit ramps, as well as intersections with overpasses.

The designs can be found on the TXDOT website by clicking on the link at the following web address:

http://www.dot.state.tx.us/public_involvement/hearings_meetings/i35_salado.htm

Kevin Kennedy, project engineer with Kennedy Consulting, Ltd. explained to the audience of more than 100 gathered for the public hearing that the final proposed plans incorporated ideas from two earlier "options" that were put forth by TXDOT.

The wide option allowed for three exit and entrance ramps in each direction, but required a great deal of right-of-way acquisition.

The narrow option "squeezed" the expansion project into much less right-of-way but required closing the exit and entrance ramps in the center of Salado (Thomas Arnold exit and entrance ramps).

Due to the concerns of local citizens, those exit and entrance ramps were added back into the designs, but required braided ramp designs shown to the audience in schematics March 11.

TXDOT officials and engineers considered and balanced the concerns of Salado citizens and property owners about both the wide and narrow options.

Property owners and citizens expressed concern about the amount of right-of-way taken and the effect it would have on existing businesses with the wide option. They expressed concern about closing exit/entrance ramps with the narrow option.

The current plan keeps the number of exits the same through Salado and also minimizes the amount of right-of-way necessary for the \$90 million expansion project.

With the final plans in place, TXDOT will begin to acquire right-of-way this summer.



Students in the functional mathematics/life skills class at Salado High are joined by Salado Education Foundation members and Salado Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors in cutting the ribbon on the RASH Print Shop.

RASH teaches job, life skills

By TIM FLEISCHER
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Copying, collating and creating a business from the ground up.

Students in the functional academics/life skills class taught at Salado High School by first-year teacher Gilbert Salgado have been busy this year creating a business called the RASH. Print Shop.

RASH is an acronym for Rogers, Academy, Salado and Holland, the schools served through the Bell County Cooperative for Exceptional Children.

The Coop works in collaboration with the participating districts to provide Special Education programs and services for children identified with physical disabilities, mental disabilities, emotional and sensory impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, deaf-blindness or multiple disabilities. Students may be eligible for these services at age three through 22. Children with vision and/or hearing problems may be eligible for services beginning at birth.

In the Salado functional academics/life skills class, students have been focusing much of their efforts



(PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Logan Marek checks the status of a copy from the RASH Print Shop in Salado High School.

on incorporating business skills into the classroom. "We want to provide the students with the workforce skills that businesses are seeking," Salgado said.

With an Innovative Teaching Grant from the Salado Education Foundation, the life skills class began to build the small print shop around a commercial copy machine.

"We're taking baby steps," Salgado said of the first year of the program, adding that he hopes to expand the program each year until it is a fully-functioning business run totally by the students.

The first crucial year of the RASH has been one in which the students have done research of many copy businesses to arrive at a pricing structure for

services and to determine what services the small print shop could offer.

Thus far, RASH has done work for the school district, Salado Volunteer Fire Department, Salado Historical Society and local churches. Jobs have ranged from copying and preparing bulk mailings to printing, laminating and trimming bookmarks

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Tourism seeks alternate

The Village of Salado Tourism Department is seeking someone to serve on the Tourism Council as an alternate who is a non-voting member.

To receive an application or have questions, please contact Debbie Charbonneau at 947-8634 or dcharbonneau@saladotx.gov. The deadline to apply is March 26 at 4:30 p.m.

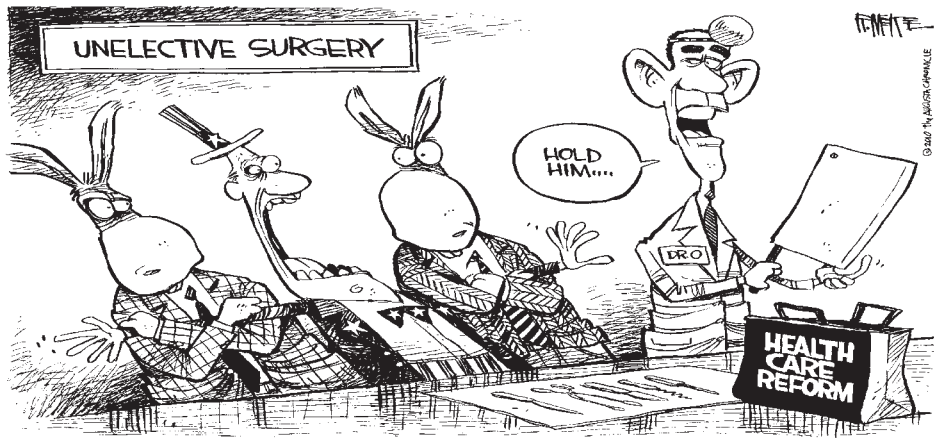
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A year ago, President Barack Obama peered into our economic future and saw foam sealant and weatherstripping.

In the midst of a punishing recession, Obama would wield that incomparable jobs-creating tool, the caulk gun. What the Works Progress Administration was to Franklin Roosevelt, the government-funded weatherization of homes would be to Obama.

"If you allocate money to weatherize homes," Obama effused to an audience in Elkhart, Ind., "the homeowner gets the benefit of lower energy bills. You right away put people back to work, many of whom in the construction industry and in the housing industry are out of work right now." And it's a step to "a new energy future."

Obama was hawked another one of his cost-free, best-of-all-worlds scenarios that has been exposed in all its self-deluding inanity in the space of a year.

Obama poured \$5 billion into weatherization as part of last year's stimulus and wanted to spend billions more in a second stimulus. The Department of Energy managed to get the money to the states, where it has swelled the coffers for weatherization and done little else.

According to a Department of Energy inspector general report last month, New York had completed 280 out of 45,400 planned units as of December, Texas had completed 0 of 33,908, and California 12 out of 43,400. That's 292 homes in three states with a total population of roughly 80 million. So much for the 87,000 jobs the administration promised "right away."

Meanwhile, according to a Government Accountability Office report, 90 percent of the homes slated for weatherization in Michigan were subject to historic preservation review; as of last fall, only two people worked in the state's historic preservation office.

Visions of grand Hoover Dam-style projects issuing from Obama's stimulus -- employing masses of laborers and ben-

Rich Lowry



efiting the economy for decades -- have foundered on the realities of 21st-century government, which is run by halting bureaucracies hamstrung by regulations and at the service of favored interest groups.

Prior to the stimulus, weatherization funds were not subject to the Davis-Bacon Act, a union-friendly law that mandates government pay contractors the "prevailing wage." Slavishly committed to the unions, Democrats made Davis-Bacon apply to the new weatherization funds, and the Department of Energy spent the past year trying to determine the prevailing wage in thousands of counties. At least the program kept someone busy.

More homes will get weatherized over time, but even Obama admits the folly of the concept of "shovel ready" projects, a damning indictment of his own credulousness in overselling the stimulus. But he remains an enthusiast for the creation of "green jobs," a politically driven industrial policy sure to pile boondoggle atop boondoggle.

The stimulus devoted \$2 billion to wind power, creating an estimated couple of hundred jobs while permanent wind manufacturing employment still declined last year. The Department of Energy will hand out \$2.3 billion in tax credits for the creation of 17,000 "clean" jobs -- at a cost of \$135,000 per job, if they materialize.

This is the racket that Obama touts as a miraculous economic and environmental boon. Would you buy a health-care plan from this man?

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

Column news political changes ahead as new racial majority is predicted to emerge by 2015

There's been an overflow of racially tinged chatter being idly (and perhaps not so idly) bantered around the State concerning the defeat of Victor Carrillo, the competent Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, in the March 2 Republican Primary.

Statewide, GOPers trounced Carrillo by giving his opponent, David Porter (an accountant from Giddings) 60.5 percent of the vote - 1,026,970 to 671,685. There is little (if any) question that the ousted TRC Chairman was the better qualified candidate: petroleum engineer, attorney, geologist and member of the Commission since his appointment in 2003. A year later he won a full six-year term and is currently serving as Chairman of the TRC.

Carrillo outspent his unknown opponent 20-1 and waged a better than average campaign: Radio and print ads, e-mailings, personal letters, door-to-door contacts - the works: To the tune of \$600,000, but still got beat.

All of the above generated many socio-political commentaries that properly tied the upset to ethnicity, although the more accurate noun would be "racism."

The ousted Carrillo, in a post-election statement noted that his "Hispanic surname" was something he could not overcome: He e-mailed his supporters: "It provided a built-in bias."

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NEW RACIAL MAJORITY PREDICTED

On the political horizon: There's an additional matter that must be considered carefully by Texas Republicans and Democrats alike. **Specifically - the Census Bureau is currently predicting a major population change in the ethnic make-up of our State by 2015: Hispanic surnamed citizens are expected to outnumber Anglos and become the majority race in the Lone Star State!**

That startling fact needs to be tagged as a "top priority" concern and deliberated seriously by both political parties, because as racial populations shift within any State - the powers (that be) will invariably collide - like tectonic plates that cause great earthen upheavals.

WHOSE TENT WILL OPEN WIDE?

The all-important question, here in Texas, will certainly become this: whose "political tent" will "honestly" open-wide for the emerging Hispanics: Republicans' or Democrats'?

Secondarily: Will past grievances be allowed to dissipate, or will there be years of suspicion and enmity to be overcome, as the price to pay for unity?

Texas Republicans, if they honestly want to attract the "new majority" to the conservative-land of politics, should not focus totally on their standard "anti-abortion" stance, despite it being embraced by many Hispanics for religious reasons; nor will "anti-immigration" legislation appeal to second and third generations of better educated bilingual citizens: The GOP will also have to discard their obsolete "anti-minority" feelings that may have served well in the past - but will (if retained) reduce them to "permanent" political obscurity in the years ahead.

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



Democrats, will also have a difficult road to follow if they wish to not only "attract" the new majority, but "hold" them via positions of respect and authority: And definitely "deep-six" their faulty assumptions that these folks have no place else to go. No longer can voters be treated as poor relations and assume they will vote as directed.

Today's political parties must change or perish: There is no third alternative. And as part of that change - attitudes and feelings must alter the matter of "power sharing." It'll take time, and genuine desire, to include all peoples and ideas when political decisions are made: Failure will mark the end of today's "business as usual" political groupies, especially if they remain tied to partisanship and antiquated thinking - despite their grandiose rhetoric to the contrary.

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KAMIKAZE GOVERNANCE?

And finally..... We close with a strange turn of events that's (not surprisingly) going on among our Congressional Pooh-Bahs, who recently turned (temporarily) from partisan babble-prattling to fighting within their own ranks. GOPers jumped "four-square" on their newly hatched Republican Senator Scott Brown, winner of the late Ted Kennedy's Massachusetts' Senate seat: Seems Brown voted with Democrats in support of cloture, which liberated President Obama's "Job Creation" legislation.

"He's a Rino" bawled the Repubs (that's GOP-gibberish for "Republican In Name Only"). Pro-Tea Party flounders and righteous right-fielders came unglued.

Democrats at the other end of the sticky-stick continue to gnaw at each other about not enough being done to push the group's extreme "progressive" views: Claim is that President Obama's "kowtowing" is dwindling to their "nutty-nut liberal" demands. They're also angry with moderates within their ranks - especially those trying to bring both political sides together: **"Another anathema-tized idea" snarled the libs.**

KINDERGARTEN-LEVEL PARTISAN FOOLISHNESS

All of that kindergarten-level partisan foolishness followed by constant infighting, is what has brought our nation to a virtual standstill: **Keeping us from resolving our economic problems and putting folks back to work.**

Words almost fail, when trying to describe what our citizenry must be feeling, as they observe both parties incessantly polishing their on-going performance of "do-nothingism": Aided and abetted by an administration that's making one political error after another - in what looks like a kamikaze approach to short term governance.

Most recent nationwide polls indicate that Americans rate Congress (both parties) at an all time low approval rating: 22 percent!

Which brings us full circle to the words we used in last week's column: **Today's poisonous partisanship is the most objective reason for heeding the call to enact term limits - "NOW!"**

That's -30-

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The rush to regulate

Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner

Wall Street had been rocked by a series of scandals. Investors had lost tens of billions. The national economy seemed at risk. Congress decided to act.

No, this isn't the United States in 2010. It's the United States in 2002.

Lawmakers were reacting to the collapse of companies such as Enron and WorldCom. They passed, with virtually no opposition, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

That law proved that Congress does two things well. 1) Nothing. 2) Over-react. Sarbanes-Oxley dealt with a problem that had, for the most part, already been solved by the financial markets. It also slapped massive new costs on American businesses.

Before the law took effect, the SEC predicted it would cost American business about \$1.2 billion to comply. "In fact, the total cost has been more like \$35 billion of direct costs of compliance," Rep. Tom Feeney, R-Fla., told a Heritage audience a few years ago. "It's been almost 30 times what the estimated costs were."

Even one of the bill's authors had to admit its shortcomings. "It was difficult to legislate responsibly in that type of hot-house atmosphere," Rep. Michael Oxley told a group in London. "If I had another crack at it, I would have provided a bit more flexibility for small- and medium-sized companies."

While Sarbanes-Oxley increased costs to American companies and drove business overseas, it didn't solve the problems with our financial markets. Now policymakers are poised to inject another dose of bad medicine.

Members of the House and Senate are proposing regulations. And they want to create a whole new agency, too, a Consumer Financial Protection Agency. Lawmakers are unsure where to put it, but seem to be leaning toward making the agency part of the Federal Reserve.

Despite its name, the new outfit could harm consumers by eliminating the innovations that create better, less expensive financial products.

Beyond expanding the bureaucracy, lawmakers also want to: 1) give the FDIC (or another agency) broad power to seize and

close failing financial institutions, and 2) establish a government fund to "resolve the affairs" of firms it takes over.

This makes little sense. In effect, this would create a new and permanent TARP, making future bailouts more likely. Meanwhile, it would strip private businesses of the protections currently available in bankruptcy courts, leaving them at the mercy of Washington bureaucrats, who could order them shuttered.

Rather than write far-reaching bills, lawmakers should reform the agencies most responsible for the 2008 meltdown: such as government-backed mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

So far, taxpayers have poured \$125 billion into them. On Christmas Eve, the Obama administration gave the pair an expensive gift at taxpayer expense, promising to provide unlimited financial assistance.

Thus emboldened, Fannie and Freddie continue to back the vast majority of new mortgages. The *Washington Post* reports they "now own or back more than half of all U.S. home loans." It's just this type of over-concentration that caused the financial crisis in the first place.

There are problems in the markets. Banks are reluctant to lend and individuals are nervous about investing, for example. But a key reason is uncertainly over what Congress will do.

Many lawmakers want to pass a massive health care reform bill that would legislate mandates and impose new taxes. Last year the House passed a cap-and-trade scheme that would increase expenses for most businesses. Nobody can be sure what financial regulation will look like in a year, let alone a decade.

Instead of pursuing sweeping reforms that could end up causing problems instead of solving them, Congress should deal with the real threats to our economy. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could still drag us down, just as stringent over-regulation could.

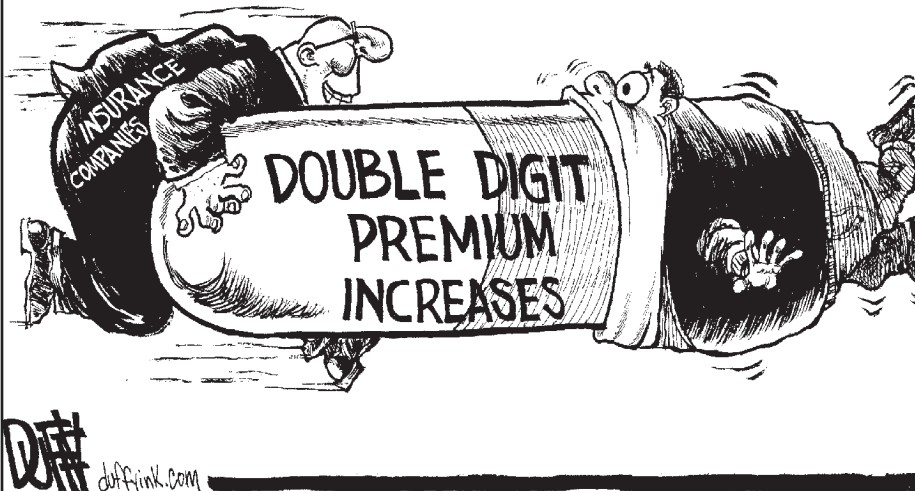
Lawmakers should deal with the problems they've helped create, rather than rush to create new ones.

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SPEAKING OF RAMMING THINGS DOWN THE THROATS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.



Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II finally get their gold

This March, as our nation celebrates Women's History Month, a special group of women gathered in Washington, filling the massive Emancipation Hall of the new Capitol Visitors Center to receive long overdue recognition for their pioneering service to our nation during World War II. These inspiring heroines were the first women to fly military aircraft and blazed a trail in the sky that opened the door for today's women military pilots. In a moving ceremony, the 300 surviving members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) received the highest civilian honor Congress can give – the Congressional Gold Medal – in front of the largest crowd to ever attend an event inside the Capitol.

These exceptional women did not receive the recognition they deserved during World War II and not even for decades later. But on this beautiful day in our nation's capital, in front of their families, members of Congress and the servicemen and women who have followed in their patriotic footsteps, they finally heard the words they have waited so long to hear: "On behalf of a grateful nation, thank you for your service."

All these women volunteered to serve their country in wartime. They paid their own way to Texas, where they trained at Avenger Field in Sweetwater. When the war ended and the WASP program was unceremoniously ended, they had to pay their own way back home. Of the more

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



than 1000 WASP, 38 were killed in the line of duty. They were not allowed to have the American flag draped on their coffins. Their families had to pay for all their burial expenses and the WASP would often have to take up collections from among their own ranks to help the families of their fallen comrades pay for transporting them home.

The women were recruited to fly non-combat missions to free male pilots for combat. Throughout World War II, these courageous women flew more than 60 million miles around the world, in every type of aircraft and on every type of mission flown by male pilots, except direct combat missions. The WASP flight-tested bombers and fighters; ferried equipment and personnel; flew radar tracking missions; trained male cadets; and towed targets - freeing male pilots for combat deployment overseas.

The WASP pilots were never commissioned; they were never afforded active duty status; and they were not granted veteran status until 1977—more than 30 years after they had served this nation. Despite their patriotic impact, the WASP were never formally recognized by Congress for their wartime military service—until now.

To right this wrong

and to acknowledge our nation's debt to these great women patriots, I introduced legislation to honor the WASP with the Congressional Gold Medal and the bill passed Congress in record time.

I wrote about the WASP in my book, *American Heroines: The Spirited Women Who Shaped Our Country*. Thanks to the fearlessness of the WASP, women today serve as pilots in every branch of the military and fly every type of aircraft, from combat fighter aircraft to the space shuttle.

The Congressional Gold Medal was our nation's 'Thank You' to these members of the "Greatest Generation" who answered the call of duty when their country needed them. Just as the Tuskegee Airmen and the Navajo Code Talkers had to wait years to receive the recognition of their service to our nation, the WASP will now be remembered by generations to come for the tremendous contribution they made to America's victory in World War II.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Editor's note: The late Grace Jones, of Salado, was a member of the WASP.

Help Cure Sallie Mae's Sugar Addiction



Jim Hightower

Sallie Mae isn't one of those girls who're made of "sugar and spice and everything nice." Well, she is filled with sugar, but it comes from you and me, thanks to a longtime sweetheart deal she has from the federal government.

Sallie is the largest of several corporations that make student loans--this giant issued \$22 billion worth of them last year. The sweet part is that all of the loans issued by Sallie Mae and other private lenders are absolutely risk-free for the corporations, because they are fully guaranteed by the feds. When a student defaults, the government steps in and makes the lender whole. No fuss, no loss--it's a heck of a business to be in.

But, if you think that's sweet, get ready for a sugar-induced toothache, because Sallie and company also get a taxpayer subsidy for every college loan they make. Yes, a subsidy for taking no risk. And it's no token giveaway, for it totals some \$8 billion a year going straight into the corporate coffers.

Gee, isn't there a better way?

Of course there is. Get rid of the ripoff middlemen (or, in Sallie's case, middlewoman) and have the government make direct student loans through the colleges. Among many benefits, this would free up that \$8-billion-a-year corporate subsidy, which can then be put into grants to help middle and low-income students go to college.

This is precisely what President Obama has proposed. It's an idea that makes all kinds of sense and serves the public good--so, naturally, Sallie and her corporate ilk are lobbying furiously to kill it in Congress, hoping to keep the sweet taste of billions of dollars in subsidized profits flowing their way. Sallie Mae alone hired \$8 million worth of lobbyists last year to try to defeat the reform.

To help cut off Sallie's sugar addiction, contact U.S. PIRG: www.uspirg.org.

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Real reason for call

To the Editor:

Wednesday evening I received an unsolicited call allegedly from Congressman John Carter. His electronic voice encouraged me to stay on the line to "participate" in a phone conference about pending national issues. For years I have harbored a yet unanswered question for him, so I tarried – and missed two of my favorite sit-coms.

It soon became obvious that I wouldn't get to ask a question, voice my concerns or make a statement. It appeared that I had been lured into overhearing a seemingly scripted, possibly pre-recorded "love fest" for Carter. It was like picking up on our old party-line and inadvertently overhearing impassioned lovers verbally caressing each other. Caller after caller voiced queries and supportive "atta boys" that allowed Carter to climb on

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

his soap box and advance the Republican agenda in depth - and he did hit all the marks.

Disavowing facts, history and logic, his allegations implied that:

- 1). Despite all expert observations and legitimate evidence to the contrary, the U.S. decline began when Democrats came into power;
- 2). Although Bush depleted the Clinton surplus – and more – Obama is the spendthrift;
- 3). Everyone should join the Tea Party;
- 4). Obama's efforts to stop fraud and waste will hurt private businesses; and
- 5). Republicans are the only ones legitimately concerned about healthcare

costs.

This last applied to the question I wanted to ask: If they were so concerned about healthcare costs, why did the Repubs cajole, threaten, and entice Congress to pass the Medicare drug plan? - a porky drug industry payback that was predicted and has proven to be one of the biggest taxpayer (and Medicare) rip-offs of all time. (I recall Congressman Carter sending out memos as if he had been the standard bearer.)

As he droned on, the real purpose of this "conference call" dawned on me. Carter got the voters' message from the governor primary: "Throw the Washington insider bums out." And he was trying to


distance himself from the other bums. I can't recall hearing so much misinformation, disinformation and outright fabrications since the Watergate and Iran Contra hearings. Putting forth defensive positions that were self-serving, shallow, subjective, and unsupportable, he repeatedly "poor mouthed" that although he was in Washington, Little Ol' John was powerless to stop the run-away train.

I haven't read the health care bill, and I don't know anyone else who has, and as of this writing, it is likely to change. But if history is any indicator, it has to incorporate more good than bad. I haven't seen so much industry hysteria since the Medicare debates of the 1960s, and as was then, if insurance companies, drug and medical device manufacturers, and providers are so adamant and loud in their opposition, the legislation just has to benefit the public at large. Yet, I doubt that I will be entirely pleased with the final version even if it passes – political realities will prevent its being as aggressive as it should be.

All in all, listening to the guy claiming to be Congressman Carter was mildly entertaining, albeit purely political drama. My phone's battery finally ran down, and I had to drop out –my question not posed and thus unanswered. But my evening was not entirely wasted: As he demagogued along, the Congressman himself confirmed that he was a Washington lightweight, and despite all his disingenuous posturing, I could still depend on two absolute truths: My phone battery would recharge, and I could catch the sit-coms in reruns.

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RASH

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to making collectable note pads for the Salado Historical Society.

The biggest job, according to Salgado, was printing and collating the TAKS benchmark test booklets for the school district (entailing some 57,000 copies).

Students have used math skills in preparing print jobs and estimates, filling out invoices and receiving payments.

"They've done it all," Salgado said of the students. To do these tasks, students were given individual jobs, ranging from CEO to production.

Shane Hill is the Chief Executive Officer of the RASH Print Shop. Max Care and Robin Russell act as Chief Financial Officers. Edward Lara is Director of Communications. Corbett Abbott, Johnny Green, Logan Marek and Phillip Ross run the equipment to produce the jobs.

Students have also developed other crucial skills for the job marketplace, including Microsoft Word, Powerpoint and e-mail programs.

The printing program got its start when Salgado first interviewed for the special education position. "They asked me if there was a businesses involving the students that we could launch," he said.

With a grant from the Salado Education Foundation, the business launched this year. The SEF was joined by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors last week in cutting the ribbon on the RASH Print Shop.

"I am impressed with his abilities to implement something innovative and at the same time meeting the needs of all of his students," Salado High principal Kay Matthews said.

When Salgado speaks about the program and his

students, he does so with a great deal of passion. "They can succeed," he repeats to others and to the students themselves.

Salgado knows the importance of showing confidence in students who have disabilities first hand. In second grade, he was diagnosed with a learning disability. "I'm a product of special education," he says proudly.

His youngest son will also be a product of special education as he was diagnosed at three years of age with Smith-Magenis syndrome in which the 17th chromosome has been deleted resulting in many of features similar to Down syndrome.

Salgado became a teacher following a five-year stint with the Fourth

Infantry Division where he was a platoon leader and worked on the M1-A1 Abrams tank. He was medically retired from the Army. He also served as a defense contractor in Afghanistan before taking advantage of the Troops to Teachers program to get a teaching certificate.

While earning his certificate, Salgado was a paraprofessional in the special education department of Austin ISD.

"Your para pros can make or break a teacher," he said. "You rely on their skills as much as your own."

In the classroom, Salgado relies on Kathy Farr, who has been employed in the school district for 10 years and has had four children go through

Salado schools, and Robin Spurlock, who has been employed in Salado schools for two years and has a daughter enrolled in the schools here.

The program was a featured presentation during the State of Texas Transitions Conference. Salgado is also presenting the program at the conference of Transitional and Vocational Counselors.

But his attention and passion, as well as that of the paraprofessionals, remain on the students and helping them to make the transition into life beyond high school.

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Eagles let Lago come-from-behind

The Salado Eagles traveled to Lago Vista for the 25AA district opener last week. The Eagles seemed to be in control of the game with a 6-2 lead going into the sixth inning but their defense fell apart in the bottom of the inning.

Salado got on the scoreboard first with a run in the first. Paul Warren doubled and Clint Scarborough singled him home.

The Eagles added to their lead with two in the third and another run in the fourth. Cole Calder led off the third with a homerun. Scarborough doubled later in the inning and scored on an error.

Tyler Laughland gave the Eagles their final two runs. After a Scarborough walked, Laughland drove the ball over the left center-field fence for a 6-1 Salado lead.

Lago Vista scored a run in the fifth, four in the sixth

and one in the seventh for the win. Only one of Lago's runs were earned on the night.

Trent Wagon pitched five strong innings on the night. He allowed four hits and one earned run.

Scarborough, Laughland, and Bubba Luna collected two hits each for Salado.

The Eagles hosted the First State Bank Tournament on March 11-13.

Salado opened with Granger and fell to them by a score of 14-6. Clint Scarborough was the only Eagle to collect more than one hit. He had two singles.

In their second game of pool play Salado fared a little better. The Eagles pounded out 13 hits in a 10-3 win over Killeen. Salado used an eight run third inning to take control of the game.

Cole Calder had three

hits in the game. Taylor Rudduck, Paul Warren and Bubba Luna had two each. Hunter Ward hit his first homerun in the game.

Scarborough was the winning pitcher. He allowed four hits and struck out five. None of the three runs were earned.

The number five ranked AA team in the state, Shallowater was Salado's opponent in their final pool game. The game was a pitching duel the entire game. Bubba Luna allowed only one hit in the five inning game.

Salado scratched out a run in the bottom of the fourth to take a 1-0 lead. Luna reached on an error. Courtesy runner Jacob Heiner then scored from first on a double by Colton Norman.

Shallowater came up with a run in the fifth to tie the game. Because of a time limit the game ended

1-1.

On March 13 against Axtell Salado unleashed their frustration of the week. The Eagles scored six runs before an out was recorded in the inning. Cole Calder and Bubba Luna had homeruns in the seven run inning.

The Eagles erupted again in the third inning. Scarborough and Dustin Barton had home runs in the inning as Salado added six more runs. A single run in the fifth gave the Eagles a 13-1 victory.

Scarborough and Calder both had three hits in the game. Trent Wagon, Braxton Tucker, and Joey Davila combined on a three hitter in the contest.

Clint Scarborough and Bubba Luna were named to the all tournament team. The Eagles currently have an 8-4 record.

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Ladies winning early in district

Salado Lady Eagles won their first two games of district play recently and lost to 3A Hutto by a single run.

Lady Eagles 13
Lago Vista 0

Salado Lady Eagles mercy-ruled the Lago Vista Lady Vikings, shutting them out 13-0 for their second district win March 9, scoring three runs in the final inning of the game.

Salado scored four runs before a single out was recorded in the first inning. Mindi Dunnahoo led off with a single and advanced to second when

Kirsten Dunnahoo was walked. Camryn Bintz advance both runners with a single. K Moseley hit a single that scored M. Dunnahoo and Lorna Payne scored K. Dunnahoo and Bintz on a single.

The girls scored six runs in the first, after Payne and M. Mattson, who reached base on a fielder's choice, both scored on an error by the Lago Vista right fielder.

Salado added four runs in the fifth inning as lead-off batter M. Dunnahoo hit another single to start the inning. Bintz and Moseley walked and Payne hit a sacrifice to score Dunna

hoo. Berumen hit a single to score Bintz and both girls scored on a single by Jordan Svadlenak.

M. Dunnahoo led off the fifth inning with a walk and stolen base. K. Dunnahoo hit a single and stole second base. Both Dunnahoo runners were brought home on an out-field error that allowed batter Bintz to also score.

Lady Eagles 11
Lexington 7

Salado Lady Eagles scored five run in the first inning and held on for an 11-7 district win over Lexington March 2.

Five girls scored on two hits in the first inning. Moseley hit an RBI double and K. Dunnahoo hit a single, scoring on a sacrifice bunt by Mattson. Berumen, Bintz and Moseley also scored in the inning.

The girls scored three runs in the fourth when Payne hit a home run to score Bintz and Moseley.

Madi DePriest hit a single and scored on an errant throw to first in the fifth inning.

Payne hit a single to start off the sixth inning, advancing on a bad throw to second base. K. Dunnahoo followed with a single that scored Payne. Dunnahoo scored on a single by DePriest.

Lady Eagles 7
Hutto 8

The Lady Eagles scored three runs in the final inning but came up short 7-8 against the 3A Hutto Lady Hippos in a non-district contest on the road March 6.

Salado scored two runs in the third inning. Berumen singled and scored on a home run by Bintz.




The girls scored two runs in the sixth when K. Dunnahoo hit a single and scored on an errant throw to home plate. M. Dunnahoo singled, advanced on a fielder's choice and scored on a passed ball.

Trailing by four, Salado scored three runs in the seventh inning. Moseley led off with a single. Payne reached on an error. McGillick scored Moseley and Norman scored McGillick.

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on a South Texas Youth Hockey League team from Austin made up of sophomore though senior players. Suhling was moved up to play with the upper classmen. His record with the high school team is 4-1 with a goal save percentage of .889. On his STYHL (South Texas Youth Hockey League) team, he was 5-1-1 so for the year his record is 9-2-1. This year, Suhling has played against teams from Austin, Round Rock, Corpus Cristi, Rio Grand Valley/McAllen, Laredo and Mexico. His season started in October and will end in April with a year end tournament for team and college scouts in College Station April 1-3.



Kyle Suhling with the Central Texas Hockey League Championship Trophy. He plays goalie for the Leander ISD Green Army.

He travels to Austin four times a week for games/practices. He is also in the Salado High School Band, and is active with the youth program at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Salado. He is the son of Thomas and Jennifer Suhling, of Salado.

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 Chtay: Ryan Havelka 1
 Tobias 1
 Lemus 8
 Lemus: Dallas Hankamer 3, Stuart Lastovica 2, Macy Taber 2, Nicholas Lemus 1; Tobias: Clay Williams, 1.

U6
 Yost 4
 Sandor A 3
 Yost: Evan Yost 3, Cooper Scott 1; Sandor,A 3 Tre Whitfield 2, Stephen Hudnall 1

Sandor B 3
 Eichelkraut 9
 Sandor B: Zachary Dunlap, 3; Eichelkraut: Will Morris 4, Bryce Eichelkraut 3, Matthew Snyder 2

March 4
 U8
 Chtay 10
 Tobias 1
 Chtay: Matthew Snyder 5, Erick Oas 4, Hannah Humphrey 1 ; Tobias: Diego Romer, 1.

Simmonds 4
 Lemus 7
 Lemus: Dallas Hankamer 5, Stuart Lastovica 1, Macy Taber 1; Simmonds: Abby Rembert 4.

U6
 Ferrell 9
 Sandor B 4
 Ferrell: Landon Ferrell 2, Jordan Dawson 1, Max Markham 6; Sandor B: Zachary Dunlap 2, Tyler Matl 1

Eichelkraut 9
 Yost 2
 Eichelkraut: Will Morris 4, Matthew Snyder 2, Bryce Eichelkraut 3; Yost: Evan Yost 1, Cooper Scott 1.

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ELIZABETH MORRIS HALDY

Graveside services for Elizabeth Morris Haldy, 89, of Temple will be held 2 p.m. March 18 at the Calvary Cemetery in Marlin with Rev. Darren Walker officiating.

She passed away March 15 at a local nursing home.

Haldy was born April 12, 1920 in Marlin, Texas to James Wimbish and Blanche (Norwood) Williams Jr. After graduating from Marlin High School, she attended Texas Women's University for one year and then went to attend Tarleton State College for two years. Elizabeth taught kindergarten classes at St. Paul Episcopal Church School in Waco for 10 years. She was also an aid for three years at

TISD Mid-Center.

On July 31, 1942, Elizabeth was married to Lee Morris in Marlin. Lee preceded her in death on October 31, 1985. Elizabeth married William B. Haldy in Belton in August of 1991. William preceded her in death in 2005. Elizabeth was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and Salado Women's Auxiliary Club. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Belton for 25 years.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her two husbands, Lee Morris and William B. Haldy; one brother, James W. Williams III, and one son, Brian W. Morris.

Survivors include one step-son, Bill Jr. and Ellie Haldy of Shreveport, Louisiana, one daughter, Leah

Elizabeth and Jay Taggart of Belton; one step-daughter, Kay and Tom Atwood of Temple; one daughter-in-law, Arnell Morris of Waco; one brother, Lewis L. and O'Gene Williams of Austin; four grandchildren, Michelle Berger of Round Rock, Michael Taggart of Salado, Melissa Avants of Waco and Gregory Taggart of Plano; and seven great grandchildren.

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Originally from Salado, Dodge earned his bachelor's degree in



Courtney Dodge

biomedical science from Texas A&M University

in 2002 and his Masters of Public Health from the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health in 2004. He served the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System since 2004 with experience in clinic operations, performance improvement, data capture and analysis, operational streamlining, clinical informatics and

process efficiency. Most notably, as the manager of organization-wide performance metrics, Dodge helped elevate the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System from 117th to 17th in national rankings in a single year based on clinical and administrative performance.

This newly created position marks a return to the College of Medicine for Dodge. As a student in the summer of 1999 and then again from 2000-2004, he worked under Facilities Coordinator George Martin in the Department of Business Affairs.

As Director of CME-GME, Dodge will oversee graduate medical education. He is the son of Richard and Iris Dodge of Salado, and a graduate of Salado High School. He will also develop a business plan to establish the College of Medicine as a continuing medical education provider. Dodge is based out of the College of Medicine's Round Rock campus.

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MARCH 20

Democratic convention

The Bell County Democratic Party will hold its County Convention on March 20, from 8 a.m.-noon at the auditorium of the former Belton Jr. High, 400 N. Wall Street in Belton.

The purpose of the convention is to elect Delegates and Alternates to the Democratic State Convention to be held in Corpus Christi on June 25-26. Resolutions will also be proposed and forwarded to the State Convention for possible

inclusion in the Democratic Party Platform.

All Delegates and Alternates elected at Precinct Conventions are urged to attend.

Anyone who voted in the Democratic Primary on March 2, is eligible to be elected as a Delegate or Alternate to the State Convention. You are urged to attend the County Convention to place your name in nomination for election.

For information call 254-541-7456

Cook off benefits memorial

Bell County Area Go Texan will sponsor a Rack Rib and Chili Cook-off on March 20 to benefit the Brian White family/memorial scholarship. The cook-off will take place at Ratibor Country Grill located at 10226 FM 2086 starting at 9 a.m. Ratibor

is just about five minutes north of Seaton and south of Oenaville

Registration and entry fees will be accepted on the morning of the event. Entry fees are \$30 for chili and \$20 for ribs. For information, call Edwin Pechal at 984-2255.

Temple Brethren sets Easter Service

Temple Brethren Church will observe Easter Sunday in celebration of the resurrected Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Temple Brethren Church is led by Pastor Larry Zabcik and located at 2202 Birdcreek Drive in Temple next to Luby's. Call the church office (254) 778-8759 for more information.

Easter Sunday Celebration Schedule is as follows:

Maundy Thursday Worship service with Holy Communion on April 1 at 6 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4 Sunrise service at 7 a.m. followed by a light breakfast and Easter egg hunt Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship service including Easter Cantata - Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb at 10:45 a.m.

Christopher Wilson named to Who's Who

Christopher John Drew Wilson has been elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges in recognition of outstanding merit and accomplishment as a student at University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Christopher John Drew Wilson has also been elected a member of Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society and Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society.



Christopher John Drew Wilson

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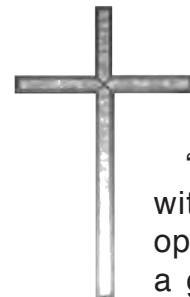
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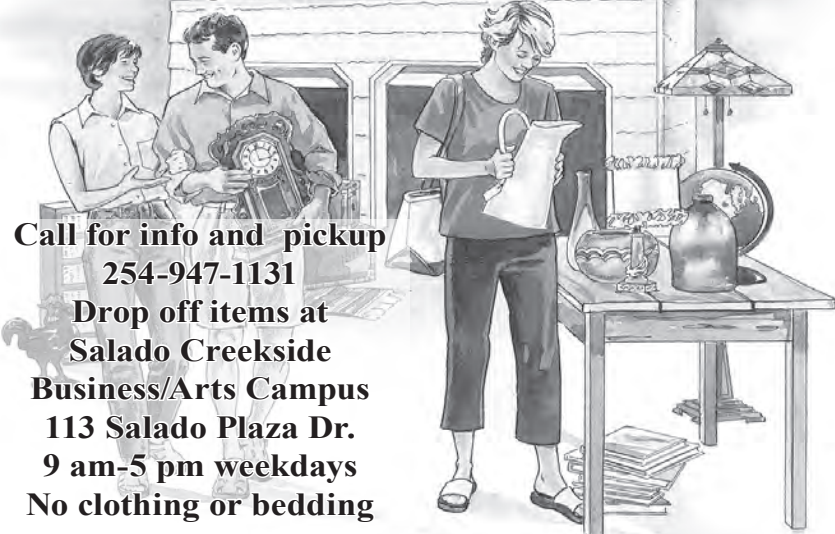
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Kyle Heiner placed second in Temple Daily Telegram's 79th Annual Bell County Spelling Bee on March 13, at the Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Building at Temple College. He competed amongst 48 students from 19 schools. He completed 38 rounds of words. Pictured are Becky Niebuhr, Junior High teacher and spelling coach, and Kyle Heiner. Also participating from Salado were Dane Hankamer and Cheyenne Vaca.

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One Voice, One Vote rallies SARW members

Salado Area Republican Women will host political strategist Mary Sergesketter, of Houston, as she presents "One Voice, One Vote" at 10 a.m. March 25 at the Salado Civic Center.

Sergesketter, a well known politico, has provided counsel to many candidates and causes throughout Texas and will discuss the 2010 election cycle, the elements involved and how every citizen can make a real difference.

Salado Area Republican Women define themselves

as a dynamic and diverse group of activists who are very involved in the political process and invite you to join them in sharpening your political skills.

"Ever think that your voice and vote mean little? Not so," said member Barclay McCort, adding "We discuss the political landscape, develop a strategy for greater impact in our neighborhoods and learn how message dominates any political debate."

For additional information about the meeting, contact Ellen Staples at 947-8687

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Ride March 27 will benefit SVFD

The Eighth Annual Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride, benefitting the Salado Volunteer Fire Department, will be held March 27, with the ride beginning at 8 a.m. at Salado's Pace Park. All routes will begin and end in Salado Pace Park.

As in previous years, a variety of routes will be available for riders to choose from, with each route differing in distance and overall difficulty.

Riders can pick from 15, 27, 57, 70, 85 and 102 mile rides. All routes will begin and end in Salado's Pace Park. Most routes will take cyclists east to the Summer's Mill area, and also west to Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

There are rest stops designated with each route. "We placed most of our rest stops at very scenic locations," said Charles Young, Salado Volunteer Fire Department Chief. "One is on the shore of Stillhouse Hollow Lake; one is at the Overlook Park on top of the dam to Stillhouse Hollow; and one is at Summer's Mill."

For the most competitive cyclist, the 102-mile route will provide quite a challenge. This route encompasses all the best riding that Salado has to offer. Riders will head west out of Salado into the foothills on this route, then wind through the hills west of town until arriving at Eagle's Nest Road. Climb to the top of Eagle's Nest Road (walking is permitted) to enjoy a panoramic view of Bell County. Continue on to Crow's Ranch Road, back out to more incredible views of Stillhouse Hollow Lake. Head toward Long Bridge across



King and Queen of the Hill

The first male and female to reach the top of Eagles Nest Hill will be crowned the King and Queen of the Hill during the annual Smokin' Spokes March 27 in Salado. For information about routes and registration, visit <http://smokinspokes.homestead.com/>.

(PHOTO BY KEVIN SMITH)

the west end of the lake. There is a rest stop on the shore of the lake, just past the bridge. Take a break at the rest stop before riding on towards Nolanville Hill, which is steep and more than a mile long. A few miles past Nolanville Hill, cyclists will come to a rest stop on the dam overlooking Stillhouse Hollow Lake at Overlook Park. Bring the camera and get some action photos from atop the dam. From there, cyclists head out east of Salado towards Summer's Mill. Keep the camera handy for the rest stop at the waterfalls at Summer's Mill. Continue on south towards the rest stop at "Too Late Gate" at mile 76. The "Too Late Gate" gets its name because it will be closed at 3 p.m. Cyclists on the 102-mile route will need to average 11 miles an hour to get through the gate before it closes. The long cyclists will then finish up the ride with a tailwind and some "rollers" coming back into

town, along with the final stretch down Main Street in Salado. There are eight rest stops on this route.

The shorter routes encompass sections of the 102-mile route. Maps of all of the routes can be found at <http://smokinspokes.homestead.com/>.

Entry fee will be \$25 for pre-registration and \$30 for on-site registration. The first 300 pre-registered riders will be guaranteed a Smokin' Spokes T-Shirt. Pre-Register by March 19 via U.S. Mail or via Internet. Click on <http://smokinspokes.homestead.com/> to register via the internet and learn more about the race, including maps of the various routes.

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

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Yoga Classes in Salado at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Thursdays at Salado Fitness on Main Street. Evening classes at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Salado. Contact Yoga instructor Tiffany Schreiner at tiffyoranch@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAYS

Yoga class at the Salado Wine Seller, located at 841 N. Main Street, 10 a.m. Contact Yoga instructor Tiffany Schreiner at tiffyoranch@gmail.com.

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, 7 p.m., Stagecoach Inn, sponsored by the Masonic Lodges of District 48.

MARCH 20

"All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," 7 p.m. at Salado Silver Spur Theater. Longtime actors Jody and Gary Askins of Salado present a reader's theatre production of scenes from the stage adaptation of author-philosopher Robert Fulghum's book of the same name. The benefit performance for the Temple (TX) Literacy Council (www.templeliteracy.org) is free to the public, but reservations are strongly requested for the 150-seat venue. A reception with Council leadership, the Silver Spur staff and the performers precedes the event. Refreshments will be served before the show and during intermission. Contributions requested. RSVP to the box office, 254-947-3456, or e-mail SaladoSilverSpur@earthlink.net. For directions or more info www.saladosilverspur.com.

MARCH 22

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

MARCH 23

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

MARCH 24

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

MARCH 25

Salado Area Republican Women's membership recruitment meeting, 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center. Casual. No reservations needed. Ellen Staples For more information, call 254-947-8687.

MARCH 25

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting at Rollo Insurance/Justin Gaidusek agent, 4:30 p.m. with social immediately following. Insurance office is located at 417 N. Main Street.

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

The Shawn Mitchell Memorial Golf Tournament at Mill Creek Golf Course. For more information, Call Georgie Mitchell at 254-493-7825 or 254-938-2879.

MARCH 26-28

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

www.texaspackardmeet.com.

MARCH 27

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 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.

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.3ccowboyleftship.org or call 254-947-7211, 254-291-7888 or 254-624-3825.

MARCH 29

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 stated meeting, 7:30

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MARCH 30

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

APRIL 1

Death By Chocolate, 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 1-4

First Annual Joe Beavers Junior Superstars Calf Ropings, Wildfire Ranch Arena. Visit www.joebeavers.com for more information about this multi-day event.

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.m. Complimentary lunch. If you are interested, please RSVP to dcharbonneau@saladotx.gov or call 254-947-8634.

APRIL 8

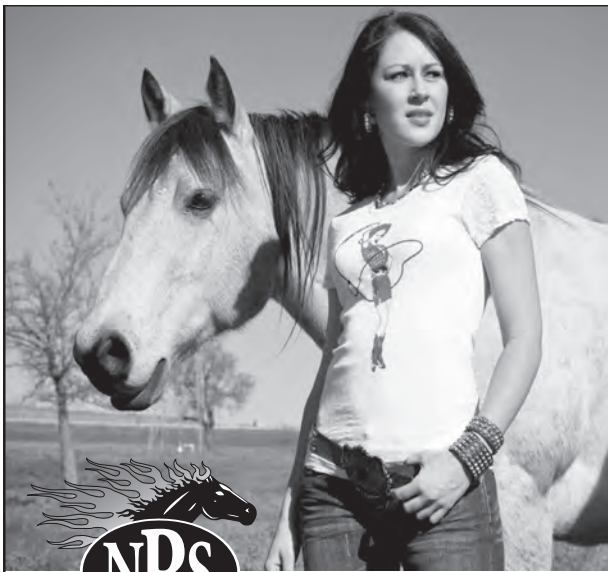
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary, 9:30 a.m. social time, meeting at 10 a.m. Salado Civic Center. "Wayfinding in the Village" by Will Lowery.

APRIL 8

Yoga and Wine, 6:30 - 9 p.m. Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main St. Join us for a relaxing evening starting with Yoga 6:30-7:30 followed by wine & Refreshments 7:30-9:00 p.m. For reservations, contact: Tiffany tiffyoranch@gmail.com \$18 per person/\$30 per couple.

APRIL 10

Village-wide Garage Sale, sponsored by The Public Arts League of SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 3B



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Calendar of Events

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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 12

Salado Chamber of Commerce Mixer, 5:30 p.m., St. Joseph's Church. All Chamber members and interested individuals are invited to attend.

APRIL 13

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.

APRIL 13

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.

APRIL 14

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

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 15, 17

Spring Foto Fling: Digital Camera Workshop and Field Trip with Keith Thompson, Thursday Class at 6-7:30 p.m. and Field Trip on Saturday, Salado Public Library

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

Free Computer Class, "More Internet: Tricks and Tips for Navigating the Worldwide Web" taught by Jeanie Lively, 1-2:30 p.m., come early, class size limited, Salado Public Library

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 22

Salado Area Republican Women's Fine China Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at the private dining room of Stagecoach Inn. Shirley Lett at lettsjlett@embarq-mail.com or 254-947-8646.

APRIL 22

Earth Day Art/Essay/Poetry Contest Winners' Displays and Readings, 6:30-7:15 p.m., Salado Public Library

APRIL 23

Seventh Annual Salado Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament, noon at Mill Creek Golf Club. Proceeds benefit the athletic scholarship recipients. For more info: Ronnie Schoepf Jr. 254-421-3424 or Randy Bloomer 254-760-4302

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

APRIL 30

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

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...

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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 Spanish explorers and the hopes of the Scottish settlers into a panoramic tale.

AUGUST 7-8

44th Annual Salado Art Fair - Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040 salado.com. Over 100 artists and crafters from Texas and throughout the Southwest feature oil, acrylics, watercolors, pastels and mixed media including woodworking, 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 2

Salado Community Chorus Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. (following the parade), First Baptist Church. Open to the public.

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

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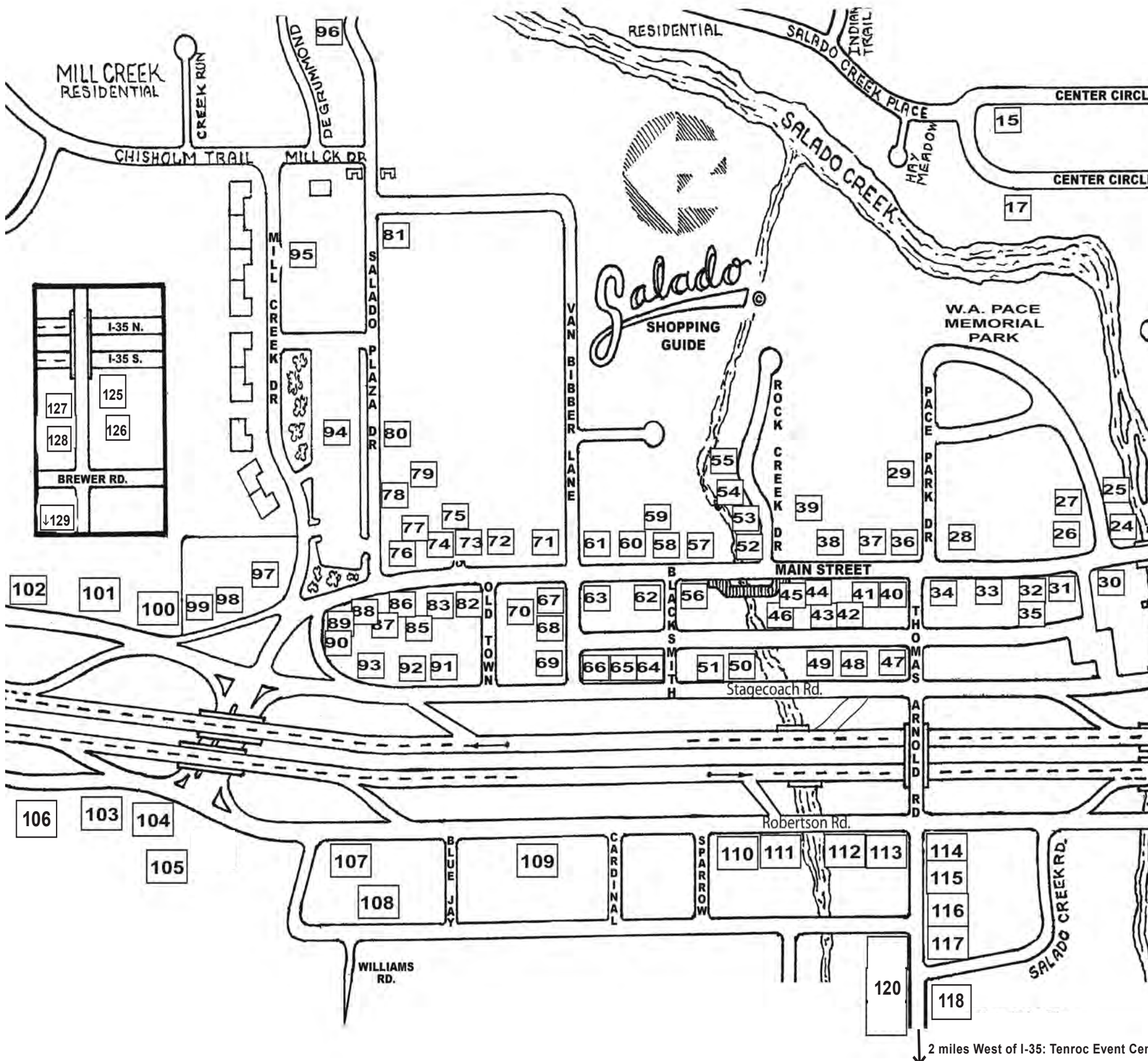
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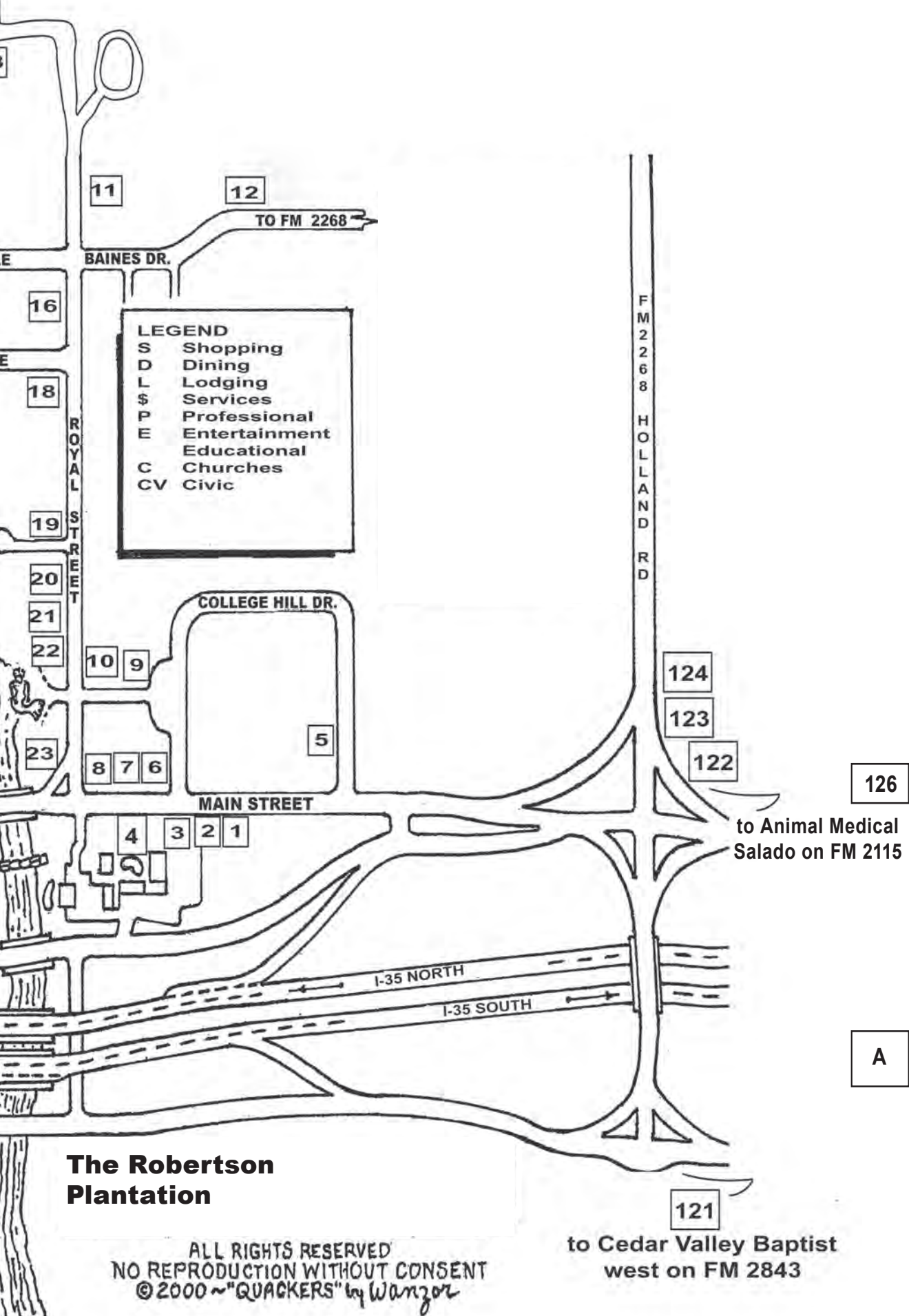
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6. Central Texas Area Museum	254/947-5232	E	37. Inn at Salado	254/947-0027	L	59. Salado Healing	254-535-9649	\$	75. Salado Wine Seller Salado Realty
8. SHADY VILLA Gregory's	254/947-5703	S	38. SALADO SQUARE Linda Rountree Pritchard-Egg Side By Side	254/947-4263 254/947-7220	P S	61. SALADO CIVIC SQUARE McCains Bakery and Cafe Deanna's Floral	254/947-DELI 254/947-0222	D S	77. Presbyterian Church of S 78. Mill Creek Cleaners 78. Creekside Business Arts
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 5 Navigation aid
 8 Small plateau
 12 Hippocratic, e.g.
 13 Blackbird
 14 Previous nights
 15 Wound reminder
 16 Lunchbox occupant, usually
 18 Tears to smithereens
 20 Culpable
 21 Cry
 23 Conclusion
 24 "Chicago Poems" writer
 28 Suitable
 31 Ostrich's cousin
 32 Attempted
 34 Away from WSW
 35 Grand story
 37 Resin used in making varnish
 39 Drunkard
 41 Intend
 42 Noah's mountain
 45 "Monty —"
 49 Where the Chargers

DOWN

1 Rolling stone's lack
 2 Apiece
 3 Luminary
 4 Crafty
 5 Rubbers?
 6 Literary

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 51 Rabbit 7 Pong 29 — budget
 52 Not pizzicato 8 Kitten's 30 Year-end
 53 Modern prefix commen- 33 Crucial time
 54 Greek vow 9 Villain 36 Rope (off)
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 19 Amount 42 Pronto, on a
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 43 Exceptional

DOWN

1 Rolling stone's lack 22 Trojan War 44 Circus covering
 2 Apiece 24 Glimpse 46 Loathe
 3 Luminary 25 Rock band's 47 Exam format
 4 Crafty need 48 Egg
 5 Rubbers? 26 Pest container
 6 Literary 27 Interbreeding 50 "Golly"

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South dealer.
 Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ Q 2
 ♥ Q 8 5
 ♦ J 8 6 4
 ♣ A 9 7 4

WEST
 ♠ 9 6
 ♥ 4 3 2
 ♦ A K 9 2
 ♣ J 8 5 3

EAST
 ♠ K J 10 8 4 3
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ —
 ♣ K Q 10 6 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A 7 5
 ♥ A K J 9 7
 ♦ Q 10 7 5 3
 ♣ —

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

Opening lead — king of diamonds.
Now you see it, now you don't

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

There are certain plays in bridge that resemble a feat of magic, since they make a seemingly certain loser disappear into thin air. The most familiar of these are the squeeze, coup and endplay, but a less-well-known play that achieves the same effect is the dummy reversal.

This deal provides an unusual example. South is in four hearts, and the defense gets off to a fast start when West leads K-A and another diamond, ruffed by East. East then returns the king of clubs to dummy's ace, South discarding a spade.

It may seem that declarer, holding the A-7 of spades opposite the Q-2, must lose a spade trick. This would be fatal since the defenders already have three tricks. The obvious approach -- draw two rounds of trumps in hopes that the missing trumps are divided 2-2, then discard a spade from dummy on South's fifth diamond -- does not work.

However, the actual declarer, encouraged by East's ruff with the six of hearts at trick three, saw another possibility. After taking the ace of clubs, he ruffed a club with the jack, then led the nine of hearts to the queen and was gratified to see East's ten fall.

South next ruffed a club with the king, led the seven of hearts to the eight and ruffed dummy's last club with the ace of hearts. Dummy was then re-entered by leading a diamond to the jack as West helplessly followed suit.

Thanks to these machinations, declarer now had no trumps in his hand, while dummy had the five of hearts and West the four. South then cashed the five, discarded his spade loser and scored the last two tricks with the ace of spades and queen of diamonds to make his game. Note that if East returns a trump at trick four, declarer will be an entry short for the dummy reversal. Nevertheless, South should be given full credit for capitalizing on the defense he received.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
 ★★★ HOO BOY!

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Answers

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5	4	6	3	2	1	9	8	7
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9	1	3	5	6	8	7	4	2
8	6	7	4	3	2	5	1	9
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Solution time: 21 mins.

Host of daffodils herald spring at the Library

By KAREN SUE KINNISON

Have you noticed “a host of golden daffodils... fluttering and dancing in the breeze” that greet us on our walk to the library door? What a joyful herald to this long awaited spring.

Have you picked up your entry form for our Death by Chocolate contest? Why not? --- Hello? -- It's chocolate! Entry forms must be in by March 29. But, even if you don't prepare anything, you can be a part of the lucky public who comes to the library on April Fool's Day at 2 p.m. to partake of the scrumptious display of chocolate desserts that await you inside. Don't miss out. Isn't chocolate an essential food group? And shouldn't we all pay attention to nutrition? And--oh glory...YOU will be able to TASTE each entry ---that's right--- taste each entry and then vote. Cindy Apichino and Titia Arledge, both local chefs and chocolatiers, will serve as our “official” judges. But YOU will judge for the public! We will have lots of good prizes for the winners.

Check It Out

News & Notes from Salado Public Library



So, Chocolate, prizes, eating... April first at the library. Got it? Be there or be deprived.

Meanwhile, we do have other things going on.

March 19: Computer Class at 1 p.m. with Jeanie Lively.

April 10: Dedication of a school bell memorial for Ruth Howe, 2 p.m.

April 10, 17, 24, and May 1: Genealogy Workshops. Sign up at library.

Now for more new books.

“Walking to Gatlinburg” by Howard F. Mosher (F): A Civil War odyssey in the tradition of Cold Mountain, this novel is about a teenager's harrowing journey south to find his MIA brother. It is a spellbinding story of survival, wilderness adventure, mystery and love in the time of war.

“A Paradise Built in Hell” by Rebecca Soinit (NF): A startling investigation of what people do in disasters and why it matters. This is a timely

and important book from an author whose work consistently locates unseen patterns and meanings in broad cultural histories.

“Red Inferno” by Robert Conroy: WWII alternate historian Conroy sets this tale largely in Berlin as it prepares for division among the four Allied powers. A cast of both fictional and historical characters powers this meticulously researched storyline with diverse accounts of the horrors of war.

“A Reliable Wife” by Robert Goolrick: Don't be fooled by the prissy cover or that ironic title.

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“The Man from Beijing” by H. Mankell: The acclaimed author of the Wallander mysteries (the library has in DVD), now gives us a stand-alone global thriller surrounding a massacre in the remote Swedish village of Hesjovallen that holds a single clue—a red ribbon at the scene.

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The meet typically has 40 to 70 cars depending on the weather and 80 to 90 master registrations (representing approximately 200 people).

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Fees for registration vary according to activities selected. Viewing for the public on March 27 is free.

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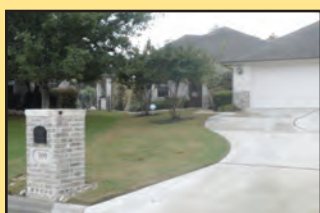
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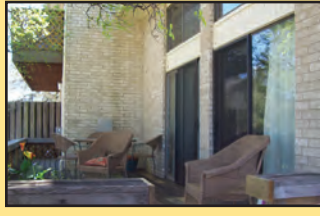
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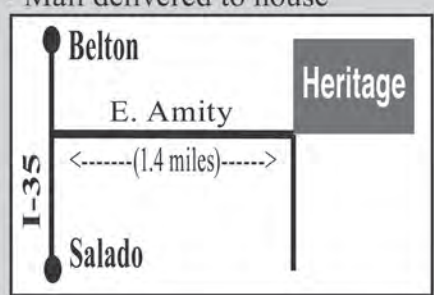
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Electric cars, hybrids and... coal power? Is silicone cookware safe?

EARTH TALK
Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Isn't the interest in electric cars and plug-in hybrids going to spur increased reliance on coal as a power source? And is that really any better than gasoline/oil in terms of environmental impact?

-- Graham Rankin, via e-mail

It's true that the advent of electric cars is not necessarily a boon for the environment if it means simply trading our reliance on one fossil fuel—oil, from which gasoline is distilled—for an even dirtier one: coal, which is burned to create electricity.

The mining of coal is an ugly and environmentally destructive process. And, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) burning the substance in power plants sends some 48 tons of mercury—a known neurotoxin—into Americans' air and water every year (1999 figures, the latest year for which data are available). Furthermore, coal burning contributes some 40 percent of total U.S. carbon dioxide emissions. The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) estimates that coal mining and burning cause a whopping \$62 billion



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worth of environmental damage every year in the U.S. alone, not to mention its profound impact on our health.

Upwards of half of all the electricity in the U.S. is derived from coal, while the figure is estimated to be around 70 percent in China. As for Europe, the United Kingdom gets more than a third of its electricity from coal, while Italy plans to double its consumption of coal for electricity production within five years to account for some 33 percent of its own electricity needs. Several other countries in Europe, where green sentiment runs deep but economics still rule the roost, are also stockpiling coal and building more power plants to burn it in the face of an ever-increasing thirst for cheap and abundant elec-

tricity.

On top of this trend, dozens of electric and plug-in hybrid cars are in the works from the world's carmakers. It stands to reason that, unless we start to source significant amounts of electricity from renewables (solar, wind, etc.), coal-fired plants will not only continue but may actually increase their discharges of mercury, carbon dioxide and other toxins due to greater numbers of electric cars on the road.

Some analysts expect that existing electricity capacity in the U.S. may be enough to power America's electric cars in the near future, but don't rule out the possibility of new

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coal plants (or new nuclear power plants) coming on line to fill the gap if we don't make haste in developing alternate sources for generating electrical energy. And while proponents of energy efficiency believe we can go a long way by making our electric grids "smarter" through the use of monitoring technologies that can dole out power when it is most plentiful and cheap (usually the middle of the night), others doubt that existing capacity will be able to handle the load placed on even an intelligent "smart grid" distribution network.

Environmentalists—as well as many politicians and policymakers—maintain that the only viable, long-term solution is to spur on the development of renewable energy sources. Not long ago, the concept of an all-electric car charged up by solar power or some other form of clean renewable energy was nothing but a pipe dream. Today, though, such a scenario is within the realm of the possible, but only if everyone does their part to demand that our utilities bring more green power on line.

CONTACTS: EPA/mercury emissions; www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/utility/hgwhitepaperfinal.pdf.

Dear EarthTalk: Are there any health hazards associated with the use of the new silicone bake ware and cooking utensils? I have found information associated with the hazards/benefits of Teflon and other cookware but nothing on the use of silicone.

-- Jean McCarthy, Sebastian, FL

With all the negative press about Teflon and about metals leaching out of pots and pans, consumers are on the lookout for

cookware that's easy-to-clean and doesn't pose health concerns. Silicone, a synthetic rubber made of bonded silicon (a natural element abundant in sand and rock) and oxygen, is increasingly filling this niche. The flexible yet strong material, which has proven popular in muffin pans, cupcake liners, spatulas and other utensils, can go from freezer to oven (up to 428 degrees Fahrenheit), is non-stick and stain-resistant, and unlike conventional cookware, comes in a range of bright and cheery colors.

But some wonder if there is dark side to silicone cookware. Anecdotal reports of dyes or silicone oil oozing out of overheated silicone cookware pop up on Internet posts, as do reports of odors lingering after repeated washings. Also, silicone's image may be forever tainted by problems associated with silicone gel breast implants—some women with earlier generations of these implants experienced capsular contracture, an abnormal immune system response to foreign materials. And while theories about silicone implants' link to breast cancer have since been debunked, the damage to silicone's reputation lives on.

It's sad to say, but since the use of silicone in cookware is fairly new, there has not been much research into its safety for use with food. Back in 1979 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) determined that silicon dioxides—the basic elements in silicone cookware—were generally recognized as safe to use even in food-grade contexts. But the first silicone cookware (silicone spatulas) didn't start to show up on store shelves until a decade later, and the FDA hasn't conducted any follow-up studies

to determine whether silicone can leach out of cookware and potentially contaminate food. For its part, Canada's health agency, Health Canada, maintains that food-grade silicone does not react with food or beverages or produce any hazardous fumes, and as such is safe to use up to recommended temperatures.

Consumer advocate Debra Lynn Dadd, who steers clear of Teflon due to health concerns, is bullish on silicone cookware after investigating potential toxicity. "I tried to find some information on the health effects of silicone rubber, but it was not listed in any of the toxic chemical databases I use," she reports, adding that she also sampled material safety data on several silicone rubbers manufactured by Dow Corning (which makes some 700 variations). "All descriptions I read of silicone rubber describe it as chemically inert and stable, so it is unlikely to react with or leach into food, nor outgas vapors." She adds that silicone "is not toxic to aquatic or soil organisms, it is not hazardous waste, and while it is not biodegradable, it can be recycled after a lifetime of use."

So while most of us will probably not have a problem with silicone cookware, those with chemical sensitivities might want to stay away until more definitive research has been conducted. In the meantime, cast iron and anodized aluminum cookware remain top choices for those concerned about harmful elements leaching into their cooked foods.

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State Supreme Court must act to protect groundwater rights of property owners

COMMENTARY
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curiae supporting landowners' vested property rights in their water.

According to USDA's 2008 Farm and Ranch Irrigation Study, more than 12,000 Texas farms irrigate more than five million acres of crops annually. Specific to groundwater, almost 80,000 irrigation wells provide water to approximately 9,000 farms across the state.

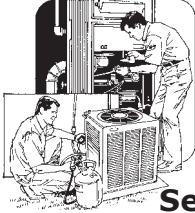
For the past 100 years, Texas courts have consistently recognized landowners' ownership of groundwater beneath their land. If the Texas Supreme Court doesn't act to preserve the rights of landowners, Texas agriculture and the Texas economy will be negatively impacted.

Stay tuned to this important topic as it will likely take center stage this next legislative session. This precious resource must be managed properly to ensure continued agriculture production, and that landowners are respected in the process of growth that we welcome in Texas.

Last November, Texans voted overwhelmingly for Proposition 11, an amendment that prohibits the government from acquiring land for non-public use. Texans also expect similar rights when it comes to owning and controlling the groundwater beneath their land. However, the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) is proposing a law change that would leave existing and future groundwater users with little or no ability to protect their investments or rights.

Last month, the Texas Supreme Court heard verbal arguments in the case of EAA and the State of Texas v. Burrell Day and Joel McDaniel. If the court supports the EAA's position, landowners may lose ownership rights of the water beneath their own land - something that could be particularly damaging to Texas farmers and ranchers. As a result, I filed a letter of amicus

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