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Youngsters prepare their solar-powered derby cars for the track during the Texas Renewable Energy Stampede and Green Living Fair April 17-18 at the Salado Civic Center. In its first year, and facing a weekend of downpouring rain, the Stampede had over 1,000 attendees. Turn to page 13A for more photos. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Fly the flag

Rotary Program gives locals chance to show patriotism, support

For the annual participants, the Salado Rotary Club's Flag Program needs no introduction. The Club makes it easy for any resident or business to participate in this patriotic program that benefits local projects of the Rotarians.

It works in this way:

For an annual subscription price of \$30 for residents or \$40 for businesses, the Salado Rotary Club will place a flag at the front of your property on six different Federal Holidays.

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Program participants needn't worry about putting up or taking down the flags or maintaining or properly retiring flags that have become torn or tattered. The Rotary Club takes care of all those details for you.

"Our goal is to increase our subscriptions by 15 percent and provide neighborhood care." SEE FLAG, PAGE 11A

Tax Day TEA Party speakers echo words of Founding Fathers

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"A Republic, if you can keep it."

This was Benjamin Franklin's historic response to a lady who asked him, "Well, Doctor, what have we got—a Republic or a Monarchy?"

The question came to Franklin as Franklin left Independence Hall at the close of the Constitutional Convention in 1787. His response has lingered throughout American history as fodder for politicians, statesmen, pundits and plain folks when talking about the state of the nation.

The challenge -- "if you can keep it" -- remains to



Judy Brady, of Salado and one of the TEA Party organizers.

this day.

And in the spirit of the 400 people who gathered at the Wildfire Ranch Arena for a local TEA (Taxed-

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A Taxed Enough Already sign shown at the April 15 TEA Party at Wildfire Ranch.

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Village Aldermen meet

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen will meet at 6 p.m. April 22 at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

Following are the agenda items for the meeting: Chief of Police Report, Leadership Salado Project Reports, Report on Employee Medical Insurance Program, Year-to-Date Financials and Quarterly Reports, Road Renovation of Whispering Oaks and Park Dr.

The meeting is open to the public. Anyone wishing to address the board must sign up before the start of the meeting.

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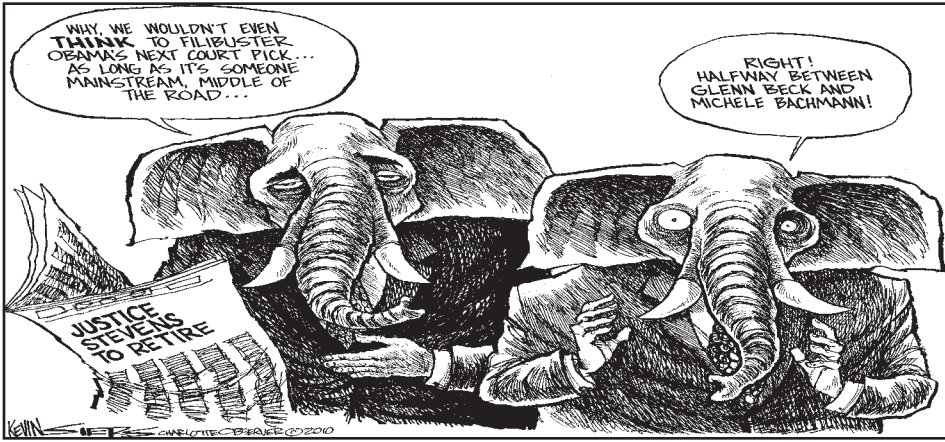
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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Obamacare's Disastrous Preview

President Barack Obama has an unsettling defense of his health-care reform -- it's merely a version of the plan implemented by Massachusetts.

Obama wants to associate his reform with the one championed by Mitt Romney in 2006 when he was governor of the Bay State. If the liberal Democrat Obama and the conservative Republican Romney passed similar plans, what can be so radical about Obama's reform?

This is superficially clever. It not only gives Obama's plan a centrist patina, it shines a light on a significant obstacle to Romney's likely repeat bid for the Republican presidential nomination. Except for the fact the Massachusetts reform is spiraling out of control.

If the states are the laboratories of democracy, ObamaCare's Menlo Park is about to blow up. Unsustainably high costs and high insurance premiums are leading inexorably toward price controls and rationing. Obama might as well boast that he's adopted a version of the California fiscal plan, or the Michigan economic-recovery plan.

Obama is correct that his plan and Romney's share essential features: a mandate that individuals buy insurance, fines on business for not offering coverage, heavily regulated insurance exchanges, and large-scale insurance subsidies and Medicaid expansion. They share something else -- utterly fanciful notions of cost control.

Romney believed -- and still maintains to this day -- that emergency-room visits by the uninsured shifted costs onto everyone else. Never mind that in post-reform Massachusetts there are just as many nonemergency visits to the emergency room as previously, even though only 3 percent of people are uninsured. Many of these patients simply have trouble finding a doctor, a shortage the Massachusetts reform only exacerbates.

Massachusetts has created a different cost-shift problem through its Obam-

Rich Lowry



aCare-style guarantee that people can wait to get coverage until they're sick or want medical procedures. The Boston Globe reports, "Thousands of consumers are gaming Massachusetts' 2006 health insurance law by buying insurance when they need to cover pricey medical care, such as fertility treatments and knee surgery, and then swiftly dropping coverage."

Predictably, costs in Massachusetts -- always high -- have only gone higher; the state now spends about 30 percent more per capita on health care than the rest of the nation. At first, Massachusetts plugged the holes with more taxes and fees. Now it is moving to the next inevitable phase: unapologetic price controls. The state's arbitrary clamp-down on rates will force insurers to cut access to care, or go out of business. As subtle as a kneecapping, the state's move is rationing by proxy.

Insurers have taken to the courts, and most of them stopped offering new coverage for individuals and small businesses pending a ruling on their request for an injunction. Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, meanwhile, wants the power to review the rates of hospitals and doctors and disallow those deemed too high.

And so the free lunch promised Massachusetts in 2006 devolves toward a fiscally beleaguered government setting prices and limiting care, exactly the downward spiral critics fear from ObamaCare. At least Romney can say he didn't know how his experiment would end. Obama has been warned, and still embraces Massachusetts as our national future.

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

First of two-part series about C Street Scandal; Ethics; IRS; Congressman Carter's reaction

(This week's "Off The Record" will feature the first of a two part series concerning ethics violations charged against past and present Members of Congress. The distressing feature of the story is that it was concealed for years: Surfacing only after media exposure publicized the matter, as noted in the following introduction.

Next week's conclusion will bring the matter closer to home via Salado's representative in Congress.)

ETHICAL MISBEHAVIOR - WASHINGTON STYLE

The following could easily be made into a B-movie or perhaps even an "adult only" flick, since it includes all the ingredients suitable for that level of trash. It's actually an account (putative in part, at this point) of ethical misbehavior by congressional lawmakers: **Including matters cataloged as "sleazy" at best, and "criminal" at the other end of that sordid inventory.**

It contains credible complaints: Tax evasion, corruption, hints of conspiracy, sexual misconduct, plus a cast of characters "starring" at least ten members of Congress. Activities that fulfill the accepted description of "unethical" conduct: All of which were finally brought before both House and Senate Ethic's Committees, earlier this month.

CHARGES DOCUMENTED

The charges are documented within voluminous letters from political watchdog groups sent to Congressional oversight committees and the Internal Revenue Service: To date there's also been a modest public outcry resulting from special reports on MSNBC; plus Washington Post and Associated Press stories.

THE "C STREET CENTER"

This tangled web revolves around a Washington D.C. residence located near the congressional office complex on Capitol Hill. It's called the "C Street Center" and parades under the ownership of a "church" that presumably affords protection from taxation and other "bothersome" federal laws.

"C Street Center" is a three story townhouse built in 1880. Located at 133 C Street SE, it has 5,732 square feet of living area, and is appraised by the District of Columbia at \$1,834,500.

It reportedly has twelve furnished bedrooms, nine bathrooms and five living rooms.

WATCHDOG GROUP FILES ETHICS REQUEST

The watchdog group "CREW" (Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington) recently mailed a request to the Office of Congressional Ethics, seeking an investigation concerning the "C Street House" and several residents, who are also Members of Congress.

A careful review of the CREW documents provided the names of four members of the House of Representatives that the group recommended be investigated for "having violated House rules by receiving below market rates for their lodging" - which would, the letter infers, fall into the category of a gift.

The Congressmen listed in the CREW letter includes Mike Doyle (D-PA), Heath Shuler (D-NC), Bart Stupak (D-MI) and Zach Wamp (R-TN).

The "rule" forbidding the accep-

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



tance of gifts is found in Rule 25, paragraph 1(a)(i) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, to wit: "Gifts include (among other items listed) lodging.....and all other items having monetary value."

CREW sent a similar notice to the Senate Select Committee on Ethics, **asking that four Senators be investigated for failing to report gifts received in the form of rental subsidies: Sam Brownback (R-KS), Tom Coburn (R-OK), Jim DeMint (R-SC) and John Ensign (R-NV).**

CLERGY GROUP ALERTS IRS

This column also obtained a letter of transmittal from a Washington law firm (dated March 29, 2010), representing a group of Ohio ministers: The "Clergy Voice."

The group's attorney included a March 29 letter to Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, plus a copy of the clergymen's previous letter to Commissioner Shulman (dated February 23, 2010) both of which asked the IRS to investigate the "status" of the C Street Center.

VOICE had discovered (according to their IRS letters) that the C Street Center claims to be part of a religious group: A fact challenged by the ministers who, after an investigation, are certain **the C Street Center is definitely not a church and therefore should not be protected by IRS statutes as such.**

The VOICE's letters to IRS listed the same Members of Congress named in the CREW congressional grievance: As having received "C Street Center's" relatively low residence rental rates.

AREA RENTALS COMPARED

The ministers told the IRS they had surveyed comparable housing in the Capitol Hill area of Washington, D. C. and discovered: Efficiency apartments ranging upward from \$1,700.00 per month; Rates from \$6,000.00 to \$7,500.00 month for Capitol Hill hotels; and \$4,000.00 to \$5,300.00 month for "corporate housing" apartment-suites.

The CREW complaint agreed with the ministers that rentals in the Capitol Hill area **were well above what "C Street" lawmakers were paying (\$950 monthly) which constituted the receiving of "rent subsidies" (aka gifts): Presumably, none of which had been reported, thereby breaking congressional ethic's rules.**

The CREW watchdogs also included the issue raised by the clergymen concerning possible tax implications for failure to report rent subsidies accepted by the involved Members of Congress.

ADDITIONAL MISCONDUCT

World Magazine, in an August 29, 2009 Washington D. C. datelined story, reported that the C Street house had provided Senator John Ensign (R-NEV) and SC Governor Mark Sanford a place for "counseling" concerning their acknowledged adulterous relationships: In that same article "World" noted press reports from July 2009, that former Representative Chip Pickering (R-MS) carried on an illicit affair with a former college love interest at the C Street House.

NEXT WEEK

Next week's "Off The Record" will conclude this series with a detailed report on Congressman John Carter's "views" concerning this ongoing scandal.

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Making the number who hire go higher

Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner

During the 1980s, the struggling Ford Motor Company tried to turn things around by introducing an ad campaign that promised customers, "Quality is Job One."

Ford is in trouble again today, but so far has avoided the bankruptcies and federal takeovers that swallowed up both General Motors and Chrysler last year. Meanwhile, the White House has promised to make a "hard pivot" from a focus on health care to a focus on jobs. For the Obama administration, then, "job growth" is now "job one."

As well it should be.

The national unemployment rate, after all, seems stuck at nearly 10 percent. That's true even though workers are less likely to have lost their jobs than they were in our country's previous recession. "Employers shed 2.6 million more jobs at this point of the 2001 recession than in the current recession," notes labor policy expert James Sherk of The Heritage Foundation.

But despite far greater job losses, the 2001 recession never produced such high unemployment. Why? Because the current economy simply isn't generating nearly as many jobs as it did in 2001. "Lower job creation accounts for 59 percent of the recession's decreased employment," Sherk explains.

There are many reasons businesses aren't hiring. For one, the collapse in housing values wiped out capital and made investors skittish. But an even larger problem is that businesses are uncertain what laws Congress may pass and how much these policies would cost them. "One in 10 small owners surveyed by the National Federation of Independent Business said that because of the current political climate it is a bad time to expand," Sherk notes.

Last month, lawmakers passed health care legislation. Businesses took an immediate hit. AT&T says the law will cost it \$1 billion this year. Other major employers, such as 3M, John Deere and Caterpillar, will also incur huge extra expenses because of the law.

Lawmakers are also considering cap-and-trade regulation of CO2 emissions, an approach that would significantly raise taxes as well as business costs. And, of course,

there's the exploding federal budget deficit, which will eventually lead to higher taxes and inflation -- two more job killers.

Meanwhile, the government's attempts to help seem instead to have hindered our recovery efforts. Economist Veronique de Rugy has studied last year's stimulus, which is now expected to cost more than \$800 billion. She found it has cost \$286,000 per job created so far; hardly a good investment.

And the money Washington spends on such ineffective programs doesn't materialize out of thin air. As the federal government borrows more, there's less money available for business owners to tap. That means they're less likely to expand and hire.

Of course, for anyone who's out of work, the cause of high unemployment isn't as important as the effect. Most of these people just want to find work. Our federal policy should be geared to make that easier.

Instead of another "stimulus," lawmakers should begin by reducing the corporate tax rate. The U.S. rate is second only to Japan's -- another country that's failed to create enough jobs in recent years. Heritage Foundation analysts have found that reducing the corporate tax rate from 35 to 25 percent, while keeping the capital gains tax at 15 percent, could create an average of at least 2 million jobs a year over the next decade.

Lawmakers should also get their spending under control. They could implement a freeze on new spending, and rescind all unspent stimulus money. And instead of passing new laws and regulations, they could scale back existing restrictions, such as Sarbanes-Oxley, that make it more difficult to grow a business.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke recently told Congress that, while there are signs of economic growth, "a significant amount of time will be required to restore the 8.5 million jobs that were lost during the past two years."

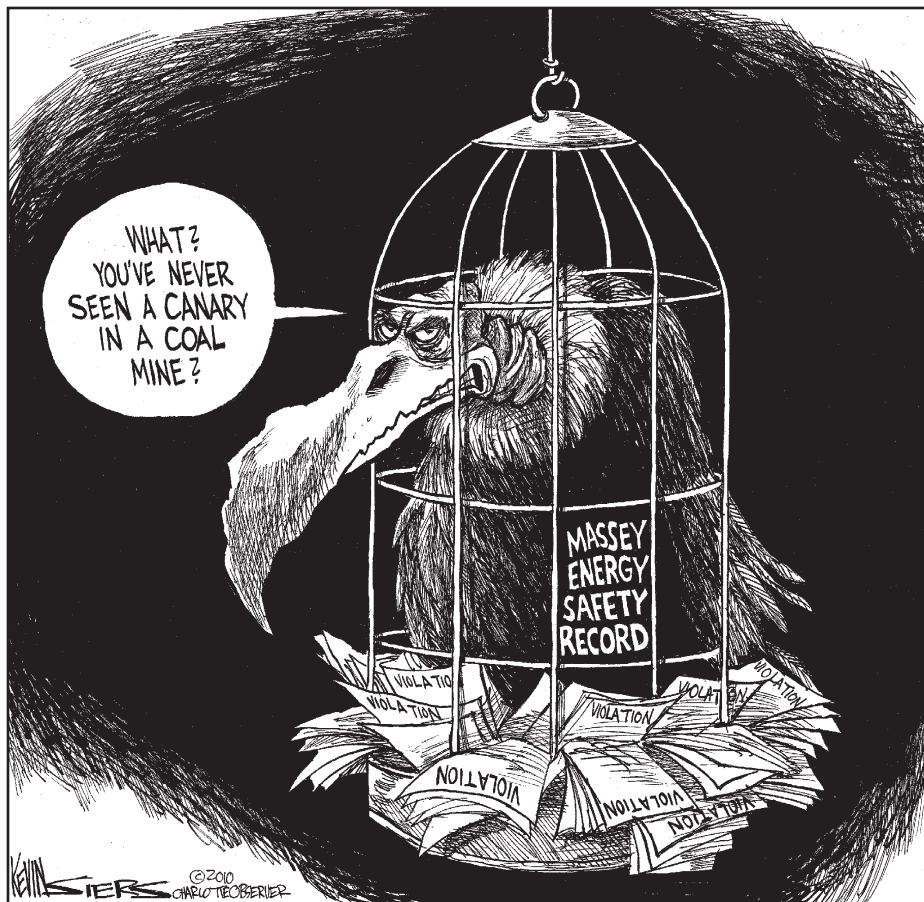
That's why lawmakers should make it easier for businesses to create more positions and hire more workers. For Washington, that's truly Job One.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Too politically connected to fail

By ERIC SANDBERG
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The Obama Administration and Democratic Congressional leaders are misleading the American public. Their financial regulatory reform bill, which could soon reach the Senate floor, is promoted as protecting consumers from fat cat bankers. Unfortunately, the bill takes aim at the wrong parties and comes down against the state's traditional community banks—the ones that did not cause the economic mess in the first place—and exempts most of the investment bank and broker dealer activities that were responsible for the financial collapse.

In touting their bill, proponents have made several statements that, upon further analysis, are misrepresenting the legislation. For example:

Proponents say the bill will prevent future bailouts. As passed by the Senate Banking Committee, the bill allows for endless taxpayer bailouts of Wall Street banks. Currently, there is a provision in the bill that would create a \$50 billion resolution fund to pay for the liquidation of at-risk organizations.

Proponents say the bill will put an end to "Too Big to Fail." While it addresses "Too Big to Fail," the bill still leaves loopholes for the government to prop-

up faltering institutions it deems to be systemically important. Any big banks in the future with connections, like Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or Goldman Sachs, could lobby Washington to bail them out.

Here's what the bill will do:

It will create a huge new bureaucracy in the form of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. This new entity would conflict with safety-and-soundness regulators, and it would not afford the same regulatory scrutiny to non-banks — non-regulated and non-FDIC insured financial institutions.

It strips the Federal Reserve of its regulatory role of state member banks, a costly and unnecessary change for affected banks.

Because of the broad authority granted to the CFBP, its regulatory czar could have the authority to dictate the products and rates banks offer to customers, to the point that a person with excellent credit could be charged the same rate as another with poor credit.

The bill fails to address one of the major factors that led to the excessive amounts of foreclosures: The pressure the past few Administrations have placed on lenders to ensure all Americans realize the dream of homeownership at any cost.

Most Texas banks are financially healthy and sound. They did not engage in risky lending practices.



They did not make subprime loans. They have, instead, been the economic engines of recovery by continuing to make credit available to businesses and consumers in a very difficult economy. Yet, this bill takes aim at community banks by subjecting them to numerous new and costly regulatory requirements, often on issues that have nothing to do with the financial crisis, while ignoring the investment banks that caused the mess in the first place. Because of this, Texas bankers oppose the Administration's regulatory reform legislation.

While Texas bankers are in favor of sensible regulatory reform that addresses critical issues such as too big to fail, adequate regulation of non-bank lenders and revisions in consumer protection rules, the bill that is soon coming to the Senate floor fails to do any of that.

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Corporate Murder



Jim Hightower

A mass murder has taken place in an American workplace, taking 29 lives. The authorities know who did it, so shouldn't that person be made to pay for this heinous crime?

Yes! But the killer is one of America's largest coal corporations, Massey Energy Company, and you can't give the death penalty to a corporation. Can you? Well, the Supreme Court has ruled that a corporation is a "person," so why not?

Massey--headed by its right-wing multimillionaire CEO, Don Blankenship--has spent millions of dollars on lobbyists and lawmakers to fend off any effective regulations to protect mine workers. By using its political clout to muzzle the federal watchdog, Massey has been able to flaunt the law. Last year, it had nearly 500 safety violations in just one of its mines, including life-threatening violations. Its punishment? Fines totaling a mere \$168,000--chump change to an outfit with \$56 million in profits last year.

Blankenship blithely says, "We don't pay much attention to the violation count." On April 5, federal inspectors added two more violations to the tally of dangerous indifference at the corporation's Upper Big Branch mine in West Virginia. The honchos just shrugged. That afternoon, Upper Big Branch exploded, killing 29 miners.

Blankenship expressed his compassion by saying, "Violations are unfortunately a normal part of the mining process."

Normal? Nonsense! Other major mining nations provide effective regulatory protections to assure that such deaths are abnormal. By putting its profits over human life, America's coal industry is killing people, passing it off as a "cost of doing business." Shouldn't these profiteers pay more than a fine?

One watchdog group is calling for the immediate arrest of Blankenship for homicide. For information go to StopTheChamber.com.

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On the Tea Partiers; Check your checks!

To the Editor,

I must admit that I'm a bit perplexed and amused by the recent teabagger movement. I'm still not sure what they are protesting and what they are against. There was a "taxed enough already" event in Salado a couple of days ago (April 15). That would suggest they are protesting high federal income taxes. But a recent study by the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities (<http://www.cbpp.org/archiveSite/4-10-03tax.pdf>) found that "Overall Federal Tax Burden On Most Families at Lowest Levels Since At Least 1979" and "Income

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Taxes for Median Family of Four at Lowest Level Since 1957." So it appears that middle class income taxes have been coming down, so the protests are apparently not by middle class families.

Maybe the protests are by the rich. Well, the same study found that "CBO data show that the top one percent of the population holds an exceptionally large share of the national income even after federal taxes are taken into account. In 1997, the last

year for which these data are available, the top one percent of the population received a larger share of the national after-tax income than in any other year for which these data are available. These data go back to 1979." Well, it seems that the really rich are doing just fine, so it couldn't be them protesting.

An article in the NY Times also analyzed some tax numbers that are interesting (<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/10/31/>

business/31leonhardt.htm?ex=1351569600&en=b1065bf4721795fa&ei=5124&partner=permalink&expod=permalink).

Maybe the protest is the concentration of wealth at the top of the income scale which has been increasing the last several years. (<http://elsa.berkeley.edu/~saez/saez-UStopincomes-2007.pdf>).

It couldn't be health care reform, since according to the CATO institute: "Mitt Romney decries the excesses of ObamaCare, yet refuses to admit that the plan he championed in Massachusetts provided Obama with a model. In key areas, the two plans are essentially identical." (http://www.cato.org/weekly/index.php?vid_id=156). And the Congressional Budget Office estimates that it would reduce the budget by about \$130 billion over the next ten years thereby saving more taxes (http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/107xx/doc10731/Reid_letter_11_18_09.pdf).

Maybe the movement is

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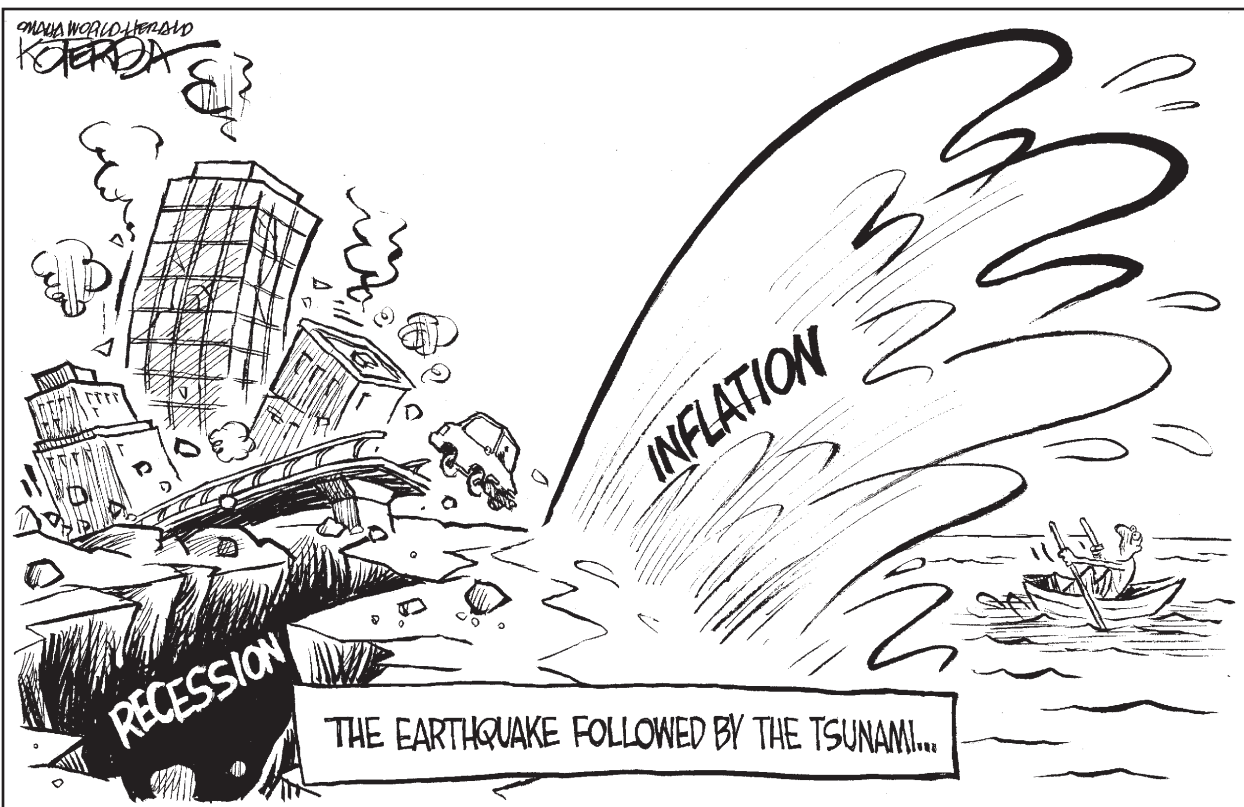


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The Coming Tax Tsunami

By CONGRESSMAN JOHN CARTER

April 15 strikes dread into the hearts of most Americans who pay taxes. But following 16 months of one-party control of the House, Senate, and White House, taxpayers are now facing a federal tax tsunami as the full \$670 billion in Obama Administration tax increases come into effect.

The House Ways and Means Committee today released the list of \$670.341 billion in tax increases that have thus far been signed into law by President Obama, equating to a staggering \$2,100 per year in additional federal taxes for every man, woman, and child in America. Those new taxes include at minimum 14 violations of President Obama's campaign pledge not to increase taxes on middle-income Americans, which he defined as families making less than \$250,000.

Here are just some of the new taxes that have been loaded on the backs of taxpayers in only a little over a year of one-party control of Washington:

Tax on individuals who do not purchase government-approved health insurance

Tax on employers who fail to buy government approved health insurance

A 40 percent tax on high cost health plans, but with an exemption for union members

A 0.9 percent increase in Medicare tax on wages and self-employment income

A new 3.8 percent surtax on certain investment income

Increase from 7.5 percent to 10 percent of income the threshold for deducting medical expenses

A new \$2,500 annual cap on Flexible Spending Account contributions

Excise taxes on brand name pharmaceuticals

Excise taxes on medical devices including wheel-

chairs

A 10 percent federal tax on indoor UV tanning services

New tax on insured and self-insured health plans

Double the penalty for non-qualified HSA distributions

Tobacco tax increase

But that's not all. Unless Congress takes action, here is a sample of additional tax increases that are scheduled to kick in automatically in the immediate future:

2010:

The Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) will decrease from \$46,700 to \$33,750 for single filers and from \$70,950 to \$45,000 for married couples filing jointly.

Taxpayers will not be allowed to deduct their state and local general sales taxes from their federal income tax.

Businesses will not be able to claim a tax credit for research, experimentation, and development activities.

Taxpayers will not be able to claim a deduction for qualified tuition and expenses.

School teachers will no longer be able to write off books, supplies and other equipment

Five year depreciation of farm machinery and equipment will expire.

Donations of books to public schools (K-12) will no longer be eligible for an enhanced charitable deduction.

2011:

The 35 percent income tax bracket will increase to 39.6 percent

The 33 percent bracket will increase to 36 percent

The 28 percent bracket will increase to 31 percent

The 25 percent bracket will increase to 28 percent

The 10 percent and 15 percent brackets will condense to 15 percent

The child tax credit will decrease from \$1,000 to

\$500.

The marriage penalty tax will be restored, charging married couples a higher tax rate than individuals on the same total income

The "death" tax returns with a 55 percent maximum rate and a \$1 million exemption, after years of decreasing "death" tax rates,

The dependent care tax credit will decrease from \$3,000 to \$2,400.

The energy efficient home appliance tax credit will expire

The tax credit to hire unemployed veterans and disconnected youth will expire.

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit, which allows employers to credit up to 40 percent of the first-year wages of a new employee, will expire.

The \$400 "Making Work Pay" Tax Credit will expire.

2012:

The adoption tax credit will decrease from \$13,170 to \$5,000.

The credit for electric drive motorcycles, three-wheeled vehicles, and low-speed vehicles will expire.

The conversion credit for plug-in electric vehicles will expire.

2013:

The tax credit for cellulosic biofuel producers will expire.

The last thing taxpayers and our national economy need in the middle of the worst recession in a generation are back-breaking tax increases that siphon trillions more dollars out of the free market economy.

We need jobs to get out of this recession – not new taxes. And those jobs need to be good-paying, permanent, private-sector jobs, not the temporary census-counting jobs the President attempted to crow over this month.

Every dollar going to government deficit spending is a dollar taken from private-sector jobs, and one that we cannot afford to lose if we hope to restore a vibrant economy and future for our children and grandchildren. That is the primary reason we have seen unemployment soar to record highs over 2009-2010.

Let's hope that by next April 15, voters will have made the changes in Congress to reverse these crippling new taxes, and start repairing the damage to our economy from reckless fiscal policies.

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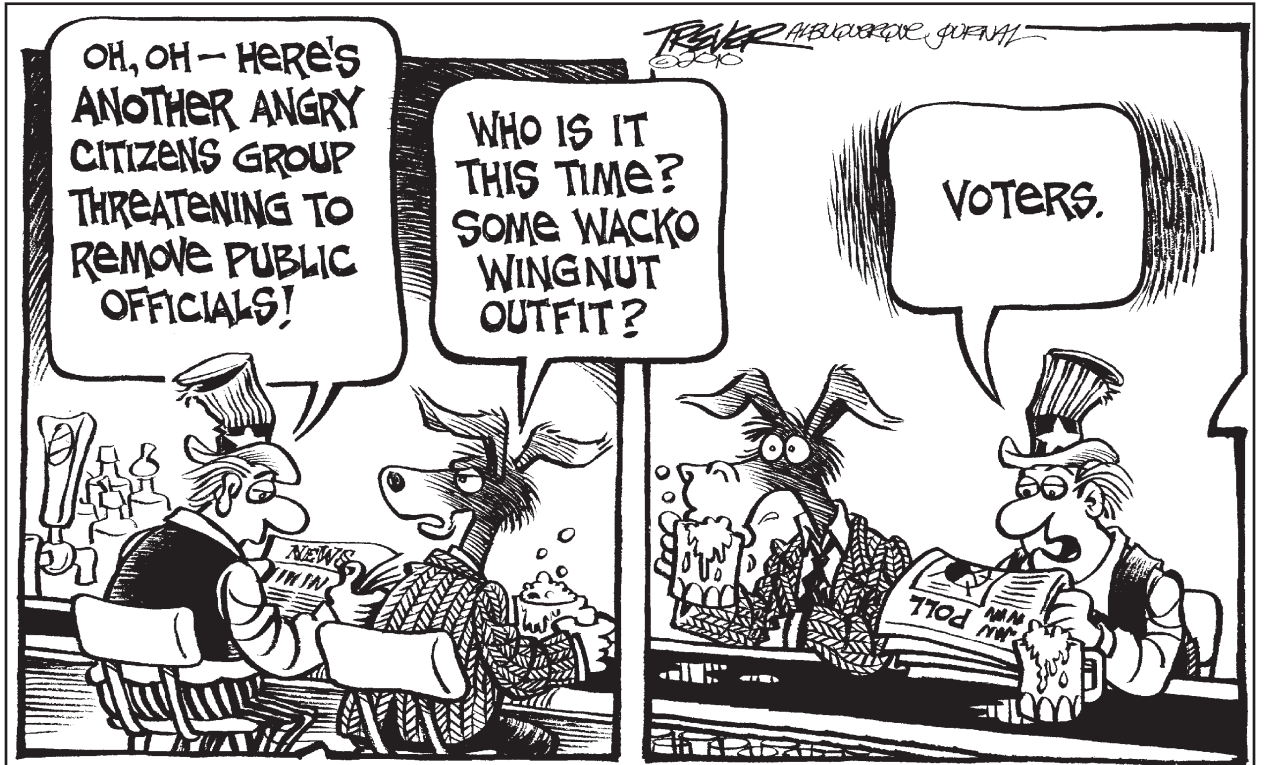
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Letters

FROM PAGE 4A

just people who like to work up a good mad and then party. Why let facts get in the way of having a good time.

I've always liked a quote by former Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not to his own fact."

Protests can be good, but it's nice to have numbers and data to support your positions. And accurate numbers are relative easy to find with a bit of internet research. But if you want to party, who needs numbers (except to make sure you don't run out of food and booze).

Richard Egg
 Salado

To the Editor:

A word of thanks to the organizers of the local Tea Party effort held in the roping arena last Thursday. It appeared to be a good opportunity for Central Texas to experience first hand national options the Tea Party was proposing to the voters. Sadly, no such op-

tions were any part of their program. The program was filled with garbled announcements, worn out one liners, selected sound bites and babbling rhetoric which removed any doubt as to why the gathering was planned.

The planners seem to call the occasion to primarily blast President Obama, as well as to make derogatory comments about our Congress. The words of the speakers (General Dave Palmer, excepted) were mostly satirical, extremely sarcastic and void of logical substance. My view that this is no time for satire, as the subject at hand is serious beyond reproach. It seems to be an excellent time for some practical solution dialogue as to the way our government is conducting business. Bashing, complaining and joking only indicate shallowness and is never a part of any sound solution.

It is most clear that we have a divide in this country. It is also high time that we board a train to energize

ways to work together in order to strengthen America. If this is not done, I predict that President Obama will soundly defeat any Republican candidate in 2012, just as President Clinton did in two (2) consecutive presidential elections.

Michael McDougal,
 EdD
 Salado

To the Editor:

This is about an experience I recently had. One that I think can happen to any of us with a bank account, so I thought I would tell you and you can pass it on if you think it worthwhile.

I got some new checks and with them came the usual notice to check all the information for accuracy. I checked the name, address and telephone number and accepted them as being good. I even cashed the first one of that batch at the bank with no problem.

Over the next few days I used five more of those checks to pay bills or purchase merchandise before

I got a telephone call telling me I had given them a check that was refused by my bank because the check contained an invalid account number. On checking I learned that a four had been substituted for a six in the account number. Of course the returned check meant a returned check fee was applicable.

The check on which I received the phone call happened to be the last check I had written out of the new batch. This meant I had several more checks in the pipe line with invalid account numbers. As it turned out the bank accepted four (without being aware they contained an incorrect account number) and returned two of those checks to the merchant.

The moral of this story is don't do what I did; always check all information on new checks. Also, don't expect your bank to refuse payment of a check just because it has an invalid check number.

Bob Smith
 Salado

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Eagles force 3-way tie for first place in district after beating #5 Rogers

The Salado Eagles baseball team played only one game last week, but what a game it was. The Eagles scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to defeat the state number five ranked team, the Rogers Eagles.

Neither team mounted much of a threat through three innings Rogers finally broke the 0-0 deadlock with a sole homerun in the top of the fourth.

Salado tied the game with a run in the fifth inning. Tyler Laughland led the inning off with a walk. He stole second. After an out was recorded Laughland scored on a single to left by Taylor Rudduck.

Rogers took the lead again with a run in the top of the seventh. Two walks a sacrifice bunt and a field-

er's choice produced Rogers run.

Colton Norman led off the bottom of the seventh with a walk and things looked promising. Norman was forced at second on a fielders choice by Clint Scarborough. Dustin Barton came in to pinch run for Scarborough. After Laughland lined out to rightfield for the second out, Salado's hopes looked dim.

With a runner on first Colby Schiller drove the first pitched to deep right center for a double that scored Barton from first to tie the score.

Johnny Jordan entered as a pinch runner at second for Schiller. Rudduck grounded a ball to Rogers thirdbasemen that he mis-handled to put Salado run-

ners at first and third. Up to the plate came junior Hunter Ward. Ward had been mired in a slump but he lofted a liner over the second baseman's head for possibly the biggest hit of his life and driving in the winning run.

The victory gives Salado a 16-5 record on the season and 7-2 in district. It also puts Salado, Rogers and Jarrell in a tie for first. All three teams have two losses in district.

Bubba Luna was the winning pitcher for the Eagles. He allowed six hits and struckout two in going the distance.

The Eagles defense also played a big part in the win. Salado turned two double plays in the game. Taylor Rudduck, Tyler Laughland, and Jacob Heiner all

made several fine plays in the game.

Salado will close out the regular season with two home games. They will play Jarrell on April 23 and Varsity only on April 26 against Lexington at 5 p.m.

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George Romfh placed second in Boys Singles at the District 25AA Tennis Tournament and competes this week at the Regional Tournament.

Booster Club Golf Tourney April 23

The Salado Athletic Booster Club will host its Annual Golf Classic at Mill Creek Golf and Country Club at noon April 23. Chairpersons for the event are Ronnie Schoepf - 254-421-3424 and Randy Bloomer at 254-760-4302 or Randy@bloomertrailers.com.

The Golf Classic benefits scholarships for eligible Salado Eagle graduating seniors.

If you have any questions contact Ronnie Schoepf or Randy Bloomer.

Girls split with Rogers, Academy

Salado Lady Eagles split their games recently, losing to Rogers 4-1 and beating Academy 9-6.

Salado	1
Rogers	4

Salado could only garner a single hit against the Rogers Lady Eagles at home on April 16. Meanwhile Rogers had 11 hits in the game, but left 13 runners on base.

Kori Norman was hit by a pitch with one out in the fourth inning. She advanced on a shot to the shortstop by Payne for the second out and a passed ball. She scored with two

outs in the inning on an errant throw to first that allowed Bintz to reach first. The Rogers pitcher then struck out the next batter to end the inning.

Salado	9
Academy	6

Salado jumped out to score four runs in the first inning of their contest with Academy April 9 on the way to a 9-6 win.

Mindi Dunnahoo led off the game with a single for Salado. She scored on a passed ball.

Kaitlyn Moseley hit a home run with two outs that scored Kori Norman

and Camryn Bintz.

In the second inning, Kristen Dunnahoo walked and advanced on a single by Norman. She scored on a double by Lorna Payne.

K. McGillick hit a one-out double in the fourth inning. She scored on a passed ball. Annie Danner reached first base on a walk and scored on a passed ball.

In the fifth inning, Moseley led off with a single. She moved to second on a walk and then scored on a passed ball with two outs.

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Girls win district crown

Salado Lady Eagles won the District 25AA Track Meet last week, scoring a total of 204.75 points. Academy was second place with 111 points.

This is the fourth year in a row for the Salado girls to win the overall District Track Meet under Coach Cindy Mewhinney.

Following are the individual results for the Salado competitors:

Allie Grace placed first in the 100m Hurdle with a time of 16.75. Kaley Boaz placed second with a time of 16.83. Rachael Lea placed third with a time of 17.21.

Kasey Smetana placed first in the 100m Dash with a time of 12.41. Brianha Chambers placed third with a time of 12.76.

Jessica Rodriguez placed third in the 800m Run with a time of 2:30.76. Lupe Perez placed fifth with a time of 2:34.82. Chelsea Boaz placed sixth with a time of 2:39.71.

Billi Pipes placed first in the 400m Dash with a time 59.93. Kaley Boaz placed fifth with a time of 63.98.

Chelsea Boaz placed third in the 300m Hurdle with a time of 50.66. Rachael Lea placed fourth

with a time of 52.24.

Billi Pipes placed first in the 200m Dash with a time of 25.50. Taylor Eary placed second with a time of 26.33.

Lupe Perez placed fourth in the 1600m Run with a time of 5:50.94.

Mildred Tonchez placed sixth in the 3200m Run with a time of 13.23.61.

Taylor Eary placed first in the Triple Jump with a total distance of 35'5.75". Brianha Chambers placed sixth with a distance of 31'11".

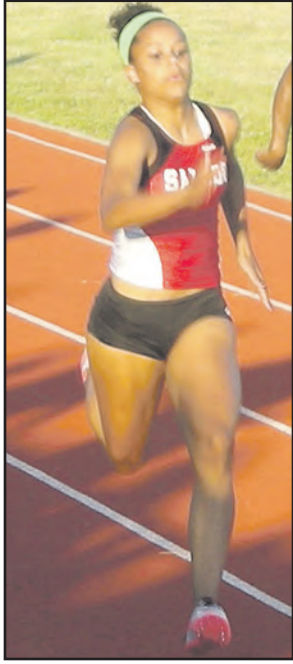
Taylor Eary placed first in the Long Jump with a distance of 16'10". Brianha Chambers placed second with a distance of 16'7.75". Rachael Lea placed sixth with a distance of 15'3.25".

Carling Urben placed first in the High Jump with a height of 5'4". Alexis Bowman placed fourth reaching a height of 4'6".

Kasey Smetana placed first in the Pole Vault reaching a height of 10'6". Allie Grace placed third with a height of 8'6".

Sierra Hunter placed fourth in the Discus with a distance of 98'5.5". Camryn Bintz placed sixth with a distance of 90'11".

The 400m Relay team of



Billi Pipes now holds the record for SHS in the 200 meter dash with a 25:5 and the 400 meter dash with a 59:6.

Brianha Chambers, Kasey Smetana, Taylor Eary and Camryn Bintz placed first with a time of 50.61.

The 800m Relay team of Billi Pipes, Brianha Chambers, Kasey Smetana and Taylor Eary placed first with a time of 1:45.40.

The 1600m Relay team of Carling Urben, Kaley Boaz, Isabel Rogers and Jessica Rodriguez placed third with a time of 4:15.55.

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Boys third in district

The Salado varsity Eagles track team placed third in the District 25AA track meet with 114 points.

Lago Vista won the meet with a total of 146 points. Lexington took second with 115 points.

Individual results for the boys team are the following:

Austin Silva placed third in the 100m Dash with a time of 11.16. Joe Owens placed fifth with a time of 11.36.

Jace Peralta placed second in the 800m Run with a time of 2:00.35. Juan Cazares placed third with a time of 2:00.55.

Juan Cazares placed fourth in the 400m Run

with a time of 53.19.

Peyton Best placed first in the 200m Dash with a time of 22.69.

Jada Kornegay placed second in the 1600m Run with a time of 4:42.48. Patrick Murray placed fifth with a time of 4:57.04. Jace Peralta placed sixth with a time of 5:02.05.

Jada Kornegay placed third in the 3200m Run with a time of 10:22.25. Patrick Murray placed fifth with a time of 10:46.20.

William Cleveland placed fourth in the High Jump with a height of 5'10".

Carlos Ortiz placed third in the Pole Vault reaching a height of 10'6".

Bryce Martin placed fourth reaching a height of 10'6".

Caleb Hayslip placed second in the Discus throwing for a distance 128'11.5". Brandon Heller placed sixth with a distance of 120'9".

Caleb Little placed second in the Shot Put with a distance of 46'1.5".

The Salado 400m Relay team placed fourth with a time of 44.74.

The 800m Relay team of Reese Nicholson, Austin Silva, Joey Owens and Peyton Best placed third with a time of 1:33.21.

The Salado 1600m Relay team placed fourth with a time of 3:32.22.

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The words and thoughts of the Founding Fathers were echoed by each of the eight speakers and even reflected in the flags "Come and Take It" and attire of some in attendance for the TEA Party.

With references to the Constitution and iterations of the words of Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson and George Washington echoing in the Wildfire Ranch Arena, as they did at TEA Parties throughout the nation on April 15, a sense of history surrounding the TEA Party Movement is palpable.

Tony Hennes, former local TV news anchor, spoke about a storm coming. He warned the crowd not to let the liberals "distract us from the one true weapon we have, our vote."

Hennes quoted Jefferson -- "even though he's a Democrat" -- on Democracy: "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

Quoting Jefferson fur-

ther, Hennes recalled this: "I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

"There's a storm coming," Hennes said in his baritone voice, "and it's our storm."

Perhaps the storm outside kept the storm inside the Wildfire Arena down to a pattering as the attendance at the Tax Day TEA Party was about a third of the attendance at last year's summer gathering. Or perhaps other reasons kept the crowd down.

It may have been the lack of a keynote speaker like Congressman John Carter, who rallied the troops last year but was absent this spring.

Republican State Representative Ralph Sheffield was in the audience, and thanked by Master of Ceremonies Elwood Smith for his efforts in his freshman session as a State Legislator. Sheffield, however, did not address the audience.

Instead, the TEA Parties heard from Michael DeHart speaking on "Just

Words," Hennes on the "Gathering of the Storm Expansion of Power," CPA Glenn Dippel on "Federal Taxation," John Brady on "Cap n Trade," Rayford Brown on "Constitution Patriotism," Davis Ford on "How to bridge our representatives with the Grass-roots movement" and Kevin Plunkett on "Fair Tax."

The most recognizable of the speakers was the first: Retired Lieutenant General Dave Palmer. A historian who is used as a source by the History Channel and other documentarians on the Revolutionary War, Gen. Palmer is the author of several histories and biographies, including "Washington and Arnold: A Tale of Two Patriots." He short talk was entitled "The greatest challenge the founder faced."

He illustrated the fears of the Founding Fathers about national debt and the over-reaching by the federal government with examples of what the federal government is doing today, particularly in the last 15 months since Barack Obama was inaugurated as President.

Alexander Hamilton, according to Gen. Palmer,

was very wary of a nation accumulating debt.

"When the Revolutionary War ended, we owed money to France, Spain, Holland and wealthy individuals," Gen. Palmer said. "We didn't owe anything to China."

For 200 years, we were not a nation of debt, Gen. Palmer said. "We established an economic powerhouse that lasted two centuries. We were called the arsenal of democracies," Gen. Palmer said. "Now, in 15 months, we have acquired more debt than in the previous 200 years prior to that."

Any powers not listed in the Constitution remains with the states and with the people, Gen. Palmer said of the founding document.

"Today, the federal government owns or controls 51 percent of the American economy. It has taken over, regulated or controlled the banks, auto industry, mortgage industry, student loans and now healthcare."

"This is contrary to our Constitution," Gen. Palmer said.

"When we say that we must take back our country," he added, "this is exactly what we mean."

Flags

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borhoods with an overall patriotic landscape of flags," said program chair Rip VanWinkle. "Please fill out the form and ask your neighbors to join you to fill your block with flags on these days. This is your chance to proudly fly our national colors, show your civic pride, and support the young people of your community."

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For more information, call VanWinkle at 254-947-3210, Ben Maquinez at 254-947-5462 or Gerry Reihsen at 254-947-3901. You can also email VanWinkle at ripv1940@embarqmail.com.



Students from Salado High School will compete in the Regional UIL One Act Play Competition in San Antonio April 22.

Their production of *The Balkan Women* has met with acclaim at District and Area competitions as well as during a community performance.

Other schools qualifying for the Regional competition are Hempstead, Geronimo-Navarro, VanVleck, Three Rivers and Bishop.

Another community performance will be 7 p.m. April 29 at Salado High.

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Sherri Moe, recipient of the Teacher Promise Award from Austin ISD, exemplifies the quality of teachers who come out of the Teacher Preparation and Certification Program (TPCP) at Education Service Center (ESC) Region 12.

Moe will graduate from the TPCP program after completing her internship

at Blackshear Elementary in Austin, where she teaches pre-kindergarten. While Moe nears the end of the program, she said seeing children grow and learn throughout the year makes everything worthwhile.

"I am motivated by knowing how influential I am in each one of my student's lives," Moe exclaimed. "I get to make an impact on the child both in and out of the classroom. It's wonderful."

Moe attributes the TPCP and program coordinators at ESC Region 12 for effectively preparing her for the teaching field.

"I'd give it (TPCP) an A-plus," Moe exclaimed. "Everything I did in the program has made a huge impact in my classroom."

ADVERTISING MATERIALS

Sherri Moe is one of many to find their calling as a teacher through ESC Region 12, and you can too. ESC Region 12 is holding an information session at 7 p.m., April 27, at 2101 W. Loop 340, Waco.

The session will provide a brief overview of the alternative certification program, including the application and training process, followed by a question and answer forum. With two convenient locations in Nolanville and Waco, TPCP classes are scheduled to begin August 2010.

The program is open to those with a bachelor's degree and who are interested in obtaining a Texas teaching certificate - even without a degree in education. Additionally, individuals who have a degree in education, but do not have teaching certification in Texas, may obtain a valid certification through the program, expand their current certifications, or obtain preparation in other subject areas.

"Our team works hard

year-round to ensure our participants receive high quality instruction they can apply in their teaching careers. Ultimately, we're here to help teachers help children," stated Wynn Rolf, director of TPCP at ESC Region 12.

Participants will attend three evening classes per week and two Saturday sessions during the pre-service phase. After completing four months of classes, participants may intern with school districts in the following school year and be eligible to receive pay as a first-year teacher. A \$75 non-refundable application fee and interview is required to be considered to enter the program. Qualifications for each specialization area vary. Applications may be submitted in person to either the Nolanville or the Waco offices.

For more information or directions, please contact the TPCP office at 254.297.1191. You can also visit www.esc12.net/teacherprep for more information and upcoming dates.

First State Bank Central Texas Celebrates 100 Years

First State Bank Central Texas ("First") was chartered in 1909 and celebrates its 100 year anniversary this year. In addition, during the past 12 months, First reached two additional milestones in its history. In July, 2008, First had its total assets reach the billion dollar threshold for the first time. In March, 2009, First reached over \$100 million in shareholders' equity.

First opened in 1909 as a state bank in Chilton, Falls County, Texas, which was its sole office until 1987. At that time, the principal executive office of First was relocated to Temple, Bell County, following First's purchase by a group of Central Texas investors, led by Don R. Grobowsky. First has continued to maintain a branch office in Chilton since 1987.

First has had exceptional growth since the 1987 ownership change. In 1987, First had total assets of approximately \$4 million and \$400,000 in shareholders' equity. As of June 30, 2009, First had total assets of approximately \$994 million, loans of approximately \$668 million, deposits of approximately \$806 million and shareholders' equity of approximately \$103 million.

First has expanded its Central Texas market through a combination of internal growth, acquisition of other community banks and

branches and opening of new banking offices. First has been profitable with growth every year since 1987.

Growth through acquisitions by First include acquiring Salado National Bank (approximately \$17 million in assets) in September, 1993; Citizens State Bank of Lometa (approximately \$15 million in assets) in March, 1995; the Marlin branch of First Bank of Texas (approximately \$20 million in assets) in February, 1997; the First National Bank of Goldthwaite (approximately \$22 million in assets) in February, 1997; the Hamilton branch of First Bank of Texas (approximately \$22 million in assets) in February 2002; and the east Temple branch of Fidelity Bank of Texas (approximately \$2 million in assets) in February 2004. In July,

2008, First acquired the Bartlett branch of Vintage Bank, Waxahachie, Texas (approximately \$25 million in assets.)

In December, 2002, First acquired five west Central Texas banking offices in Burnet, Marble Falls, Kingsland, Llano and Mason (approximately \$75 million in deposits). In October, 2003, a banking office was opened in Harker Heights and in January, 2004, a banking office of First was opened in Bartlett. Finally, in 2007, an additional Temple banking office was opened.

During 1998, First entered the greater Austin banking market through opening an Austin bank in February, 1998, and a Georgetown office in December, 1998. Additional Austin banks were opened in February, 2001 and January, 2002. A Round Rock bank was opened in March, 2001 and a Pflugerville bank was opened in April, 2009.

In June, 2008, First acquired The First State Bank of Granger in a cash merger. This merger added banking offices in Granger, Taylor, Elgin, Hutto and Bartlett (approximately \$78 million in assets).

Following the First State Bank of Granger merger, First had approximately \$1.008 billion in assets, \$624 million in loans, \$785 million in deposits, and \$92 million in shareholders' equity.

In February, 2009, the holding company of First received a \$22,000,000 capital infusion in preferred stock from the Department of the Treasury under its capital infusion program. This preferred stock will ultimately be retired, which the holding company can do at any time.

Based on a community banking philosophy of developing broad customer relationships, First State Bank offers a broad range of bank and bank-related services.

Each banking office of First is staffed with experienced bankers who have the necessary authority to run the bank and make loans in the local community.



Donald R. Grobowsky
Chairman First State Bank Central Texas

First's business strategy is to continue a pattern of above average growth through acquisitions and the opening of new branches in and around its Central Texas markets. Management feels that the bank's market niche is to offer full service banking services to its small and medium sized commercial customers. First has 31 banking offices located in 12 contiguous Central Texas counties.

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Amid thunderstorms and dismal weather attendees lined up at booths to ask questions and view the many eco-friendly displays PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



Musicians entertained from the Gazebo



Children's activities included creating a solar powered vehicle and a test run on the wooden track. Others enjoyed riding the train around the Civic Center grounds.



Co-organizer Russel Smith discusses round-up



Village of Salado Tourism Director Debbie Charbonneau greets guests at the Friday evening reception held in Pace Park.

Renewable Energy Stampede brings eco-friendly event to Salado

With over 67 exhibits and vendors the official 2010 Renewable Energy Stampede was underway this the weekend of April 17

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A partial list of performers are as follows: Master Peace Quartet, Duby Todd, The Peterson Brothers Band, Angeline Erfurt, Barbara Blanton, Jim & Alvalin Woodul. Amazed Trio (from Arkansas) and The Armstrong Family.

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ing and fellowship will be enhanced by a variety of good food sold at Tablerock's concession stand.

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Jim and Alvalin Woodul at 254-634-4658 or by E-mail jimwoodul@aol.com.

For more information contact Tablerock at 254-947-9205.

Double the Fairlie – Double the fun

The Temple Symphony Orchestra will perform this season's “fantasy” finale at 7:30 p.m. May 1, at the Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Center at Temple College. The concert will also include a ‘world premier’ of a work written by the symphony's special guest soloist, John Fairlie.

Individual tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. They will be sold at the door and are available in advance at www.TempleSymphony.org, Temple College, Scott

& White Marketing Department, and Von Music. Active duty military personnel and their dependents are admitted free of charge for this and all Temple Symphony concerts.

The surprise twist at the end of this season will showcase bassoonist John Fairlie on the stage with TSO which is conducted by his brother maestro Tom Fairlie. “Our originally scheduled soloist, Frances Renzi, took a nasty fall this winter, and broke her wrist,” TSO

Executive Director Rick Thomssen explained. “As many of you know, a wrist break is difficult, and for a concert pianist, a genuine disaster.”

Under the advice of her doctor, Renzi cancelled all of her scheduled performances through the spring and into the summer. “John Fairlie was already on our schedule for the May 2011 concert and we are so fortunate that he was able to trade concert dates with her,” Thomssen said. TSO and John will perform “Hungarian

Ministers Forum held at UMHB

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor College of Christian Studies will hold a Minister's Forum noon to 1 p.m. April 22, in the Shelton Auditorium.

Dr. Tony Martin, professor, College of Christian Studies, will present The Roman Catholic Sacraments and Baptist Ordinances: What They Are and How They Differ.

According to Martin, many people do not understand practices of other faiths. “My experience tells me that most Protestants do not understand the Catholic sacraments, and most Catholics do not know why Protestants do not observe them. We will try to explain both points of view,” said Martin.

The Minister's Forum is free and open to the public.

Fantasy” and “Rondo” by Carl Maria Von Weber. “I am sure everyone will be very pleased,” Thomssen said.

John lives in Colorado where he serves as Executive and Music Director of the Boulder Youth Symphony and is the Executive Director and Principal Bassoonist of the Steamboat Springs Orchestra. He received his master's in woodwinds and conducting from the University of North Texas, studying with renowned conductor and violinist Anshel Brusilov.

John has worked continuously in professional orchestras and jazz ensembles since 1977 in Ohio, Mexico, Texas, and Louisiana before going to Colorado in 2006. He has worked extensively with young students, both as a private instructor and for groups ranging from grade school bands to high school honor bands and orchestras. He has taught at the university level at the University of Texas-Permian Basin, and at the University of New Orleans.

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



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JOHN 19: 26,27



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Obituaries



LILLIAN MAE CALVIN

Graveside services for Lillian Mae Calvin, 87, of Round Rock were held April 20, 2010 at Rest Haven Cemetery in Belton. She died April 16 at the Park Valley Inn nursing home where she resided in Round Rock.

Lillian Calvin was born to William Amrine and Beulah Harris in Sheridan, Wyoming.

She was a retired LVN nurse, having worked for many years at various hospitals in various cities. She graduated from the Santa Ana College Nursing Program in Santa Ana, CA. But above all things, she was known for giving of herself to others.

She always enjoyed caring for others. In her retirement years she continued her life of service as

RVOS Run at Tenroc May 15

The RVOS RUN With the BULLS is scheduled for 8:30am on May 15 at Tenroc. Proceeds will benefit the Texas VFW Foundation Veterans Assistance Program. See RVOSBULLRUN.com for more info.

a home healthcare professional.

When she finally needed full-time professional care for herself, she accepted her transition into the nursing home as "God's new mission for her."

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, two brothers, and two grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons, Charles and Clinton Calvin, one daughter, Patricia Cook, and her sister and best friend, Virginia Dady of Round Rock and her nephew Phil Dady of Salado.

She is also survived by eight grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, greats, and in-laws.

A memorial service was held at Park Valley Inn Health Center in Round Rock.

Broecker Funeral Home of Salado handled the arrangements.



WILLIAM ADRIAN JONES, JR.

William Adrian Jones, Jr. 79, of Temple, and formerly of Salado, passed away April 18, 2010 in a Temple Nursing Home.

Jones was born in Oak Park, Illinois the son of William Adrian and Irene Simpson Jones Sr.

Funeral services for William Jones were held April 21, at the Presbyterian Church of Salado with Rev. Carl V. Thompson, Jr. officiating.

William Jones moved Material Transportation Company from Chicago to Temple in 1977. He retired in 1997 and then opened Electric-Chef Grills in Temple. He was a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. He was a veteran of the Air Force National Guard.

William Jones is survived by his wife Ethel Jones of Temple as well as children William Jones III and wife April, Robert Jones and wife Lois, Ada Andrist and husband Larry, Fred Scott Jones, Richard Dudley Jones and wife Lorraine.

He is also survived by stepchildren Diane and Tom O' Brian and Chris and Cindy Flink. He also leaves behind many grandchildren and great grandchildren and a sister Anna May Pickering.

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	6:00 p.m. Evening activities
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Tips for Conserving Water

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- Use native plants for landscaping and drought tolerant grasses.
- Allow grass to grow 3 inches during the summer to retain more moisture and encourage deeper root growth.
- Reduce lawn watering frequency to once every 5 days and water thoroughly (1-2 inches to encourage deep root growth).
- Water in the early morning or evening hours—not during the heat of the day.

Indoors

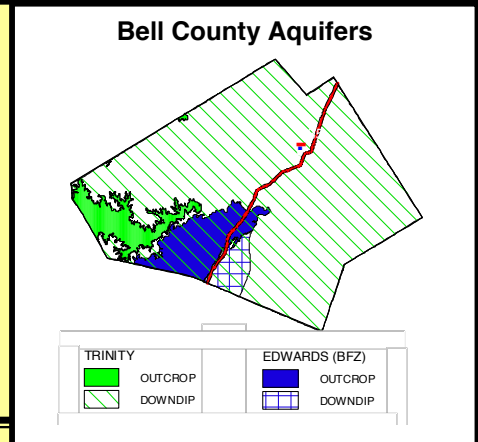
- Install water efficient showerheads and aerators on your showers and sinks.
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Who owns groundwater? Landmark court case “Edwards Aquifer Authority vs. Day & McDaniel” explores this issue. Get the FACTS from our website!!!

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District is responsible for protecting and managing the groundwater in Bell County. There are two major aquifers in Bell County—the Trinity aquifer underlies all of Bell County and the Edwards BFZ aquifer is found in the south-central portion of the County from Belton southward. There are also several smaller aquifers found in Bell County mostly used in the eastern part of the County.

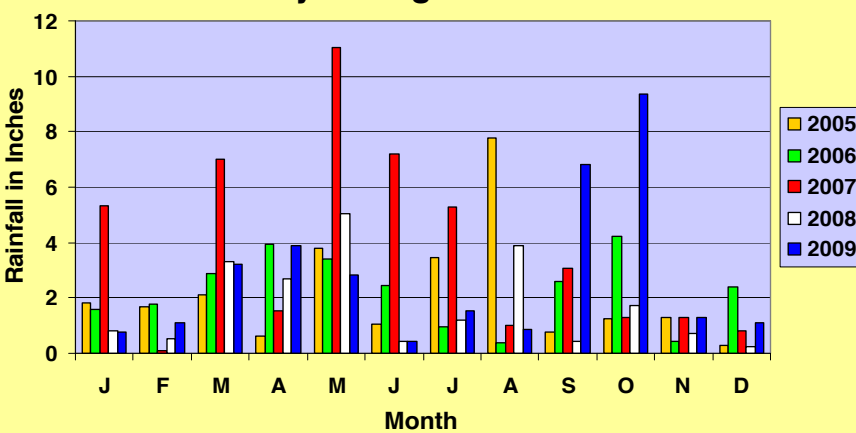
Clearwater activities include registering wells, granting well permits, conducting groundwater studies, monitoring aquifer levels, testing water quality, collecting water-use data, and providing educational materials to schools and the public. Clearwater’s website will soon undergo an upgrade to provide users with easier access to more aquifer data.

Clearwater is an active member of Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA8). GMA8 is one of 16 GMAs created by the Texas Legislature to facilitate statewide water planning. GMA8 covers 45 counties extending from Travis County (south) to the Texas/Oklahoma border (north). GMA8 established desired future condition statements for all of the major and minor aquifers within its boundary. These statements were used to develop groundwater availability numbers for these aquifers. Visit the GMA8 website at www.gma8.org for more information.



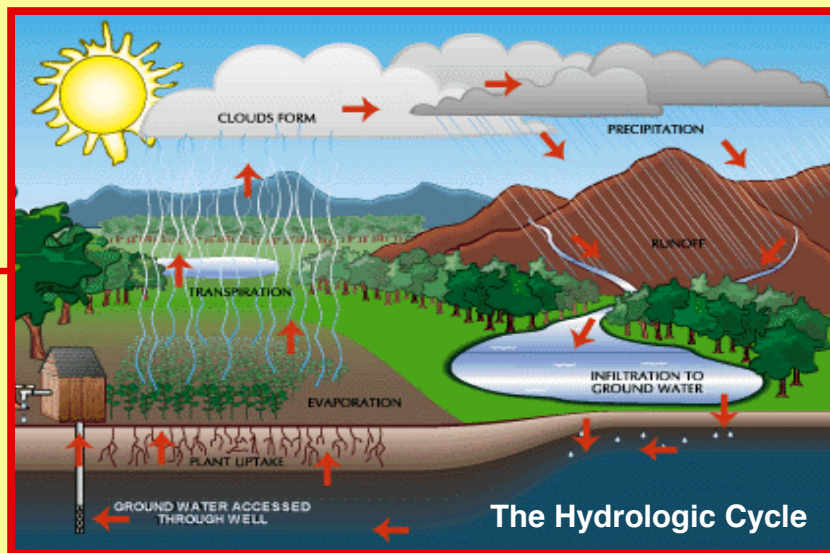
Bell County Rainfall has fluctuated considerably during the past few years with drought conditions in 2005 and 2006, near record rainfall in 2007, drought conditions again in 2008 and 2009 broken by abundant rainfall occurring primarily in the fall of 2009. The average annual rainfall in Bell County is 34 inches.

Bell County Average Rainfall in 2005-2009



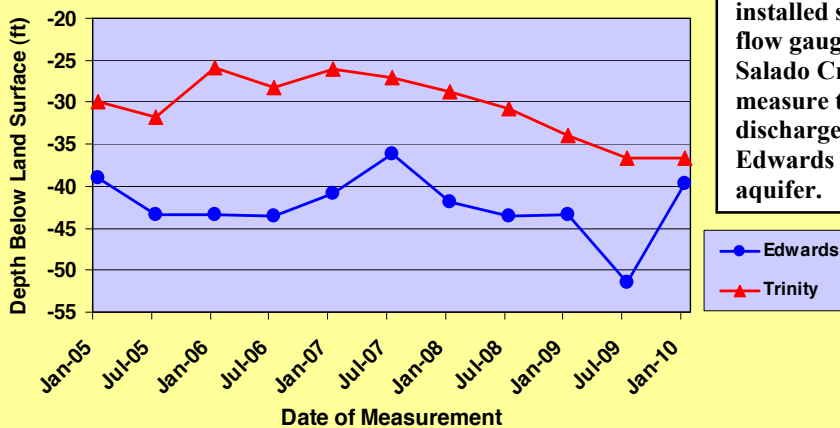
The Earth’s Water Cycle... Less than 1% of the Earth’s water is available for human use. The rest of the water is either salty ocean water or fresh water that is unusable—in ice form or unreachable groundwater.

The hydrologic cycle (water cycle) moves water from one stage to another; however, the cycle takes time to complete. When water use is high, all of the used water is temporarily unavailable for use again until the cycle is completed. Population growth and fluctuations in natural weather patterns can result in drought conditions and water shortages; therefore, it is important that everyone practice water conservation on a daily basis to ensure there is adequate water for the future!



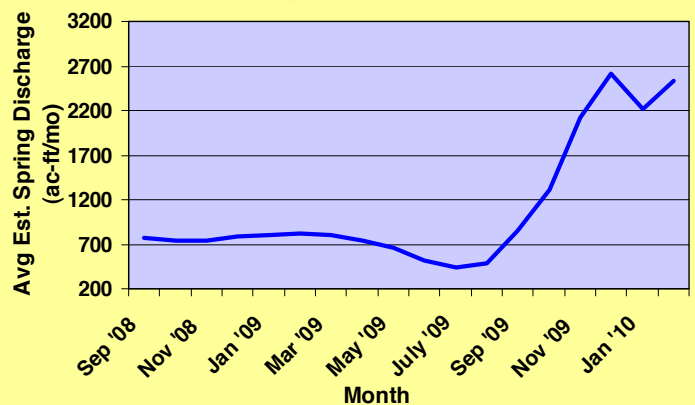
Aquifer Levels in Bell County are monitored in selected wells in the Trinity and Edwards BFZ aquifers twice a year. Clearwater has also established continuous monitoring equipment in three Edwards-aquifer wells and three newly drilled Trinity-aquifer wells in western Bell County. Measurements are shown below for one Edwards well in Salado and one Trinity well in Holland. The Trinity well is under artesian pressure so the water level is considerably higher than the actual formation which is located approximately 2,000 feet below land surface. Additional monitoring sites are needed—please contact the Clearwater office at (254) 933-0120 if you would like to participate in this program.

Aquifer Levels 2005-2010



The District installed stream flow gauges along Salado Creek to measure the spring discharge from the Edwards BFZ aquifer.

Edwards Aquifer Spring Discharge



- **Clearwater Elections moved from May to November!!!** (to reduce related expenses)
- **Edwards well owners needed to participate in recharge study** (Please contact the Clearwater office at (254) 933-0120)
- **District purchasing property in Belton. Move anticipated in 2011!!!**

- ### Upcoming Events...
- Texas AgriLife Extension’s Rainwater Harvesting Basic Course: April 21&22 – Harker Heights
 - Earth Day Event: April 23rd—Fort Hood Stadium
 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days: May 8—Copperas Cove June 12—Temple
 - State Youth Water Camp: July 11th – 15th—Monahans, TX

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Divine Dinner & Desserts at Tenroc

The Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas & Tenroc Ranch presents Divine Dinner and Desserts, beginning at 6 p.m. April 24 at the Tenroc Ranch Event Center in Salado.

The evening will begin with the Divine Dinner in the Sirena Room of the Tenroc Ranch Event Center.

Diners can start the night with dinner prepared by Chef Steven Phillips of Cactus Jack's Steakhouse.

At 8 p.m. in the Blue Heron Room, Divine Desserts begins. After dinner diners will be able to enjoy decadent desserts, beverages, live music, and

an exciting silent and live auction.

The live auction will include a chocolate labrador puppy and a special Dallas Cowboys Football Fantasy.

Some former Dallas Cowboy legends will also be present at the event.

The Rockin' GTO's will be the entertainment with a special appearance by former NFL player turned Country singer Joe Derek King.

"Please join us and support the CACCT in providing comprehensive services which protect, promote healing, and enhance the quality of life for abused

and neglected children in Central Texas," said Michelle Farrell, CACCT Executive Director.

"All proceeds of Divine Dinner & Desserts go to help abused and neglected children in Central Texas. Be the one to make a difference," Farrell added. "Together we can break the cycle of abuse one child at a time!"

Tickets can be purchased by calling 254-939-2946 x 4 or on the website at www.cacct.com. Divine Dinner & Desserts is \$100 per person. Divine Desserts is \$50 per person.

CACCT is located at 402 N. Main St. in Belton.



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ESPRESSO POTS DE CREME

Serves 8

These baked custards are perfect for entertaining, as they can be made ahead of time and chilled until ready to serve.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup whole regular or decaf espresso beans
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 whole vanilla bean
- 6 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt

Chocolate-covered coffee beans, for garnish (optional)

Method

Lightly crush espresso beans by placing them in a bag and using a rolling pin, or pulse them two or three times in a coffee grinder,

just to break the beans open. Transfer to a small pot, add heavy cream, milk, sugar and vanilla bean and bring just to a simmer over medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Remove pot from the heat, cover and set aside for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 300°F. Remove vanilla bean, rinse and set aside. Strain espresso bean mixture through a fine mesh strainer into a bowl, discarding solids. Whisk yolks in a medium bowl until frothy then add about 1/2 cup of the hot milk mixture while whisking constantly to temper the yolks. Pour the warmed yolk mixture back into the hot milk mixture while whisking constantly until well combined.

Strain one more time through a fine mesh strainer, discarding solids. Halve vanilla bean lengthwise, scrape out the seeds and whisk into the yolk mixture along with the vanilla extract and salt; discard va-

nilla bean pod.

Arrange eight (6-ounce) ovenproof ramekins, bowls or teacups in a large, deep baking dish. (Use two baking dishes to avoid crowding, if needed.) Divide the yolk mixture evenly between the cups then carefully pour enough hot water into the baking dish to reach about two-thirds of the way up the sides of the ramekins.

Bake until just set in the middle, 30 to 40 minutes, then set aside to let cool in the water bath. Once cool, remove ramekins from water, cover individually with foil or plastic wrap and chill for at least 2 hours before serving. Garnish with chocolate-covered coffee beans, if you like.

Nutrition Per serving (about 4oz/112g-wt.): 250 calories (190 from fat), 21g total fat, 12g saturated fat, 220mg cholesterol, 80mg sodium, 12g total carbohydrate (0g dietary fiber, 11g sugar), 4g protein.

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

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.

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@embarqmail.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 22

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Open to the public.

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 23

Noon Book Review, 12 noon Salado Public Library. Michael Donahue will review his book *Drawing Battle Lines - The Map Testimony of Custer's Last Fight*. This book, which won best book of the year awards from the Little Bighorn Associates and the Custer Battlefield Museum and Historical Associations, studies the battle at Little Bighorn through maps and drawings created by participants and researchers. Mr. Donahue is the Chairman of the Art Department at Temple College as well as an expert on the Battle of Little Bighorn with over 40 years of research and experience. He has written many books and articles on the battle as well as consulted on and participated in documentaries such as *Custer's Last Stand-The Wild West* produced by the BBC and *The Irish at the Little Bighorn* produced by Dearg Films in 2009. Donahue has also served as an interpreter and park ranger at Little Bighorn

Battlefield Monument for 20 summers.

APRIL 23

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

APRIL 24

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

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

Spring Fling, sponsored by the Mill Creek Community Association, 6-9 p.m. at Johnnie's Banquet Room. Barbecue dinner is \$15 per person. Karaoke contest with prizes awarded. Deadline is April 19. Mill Creek Community Association, Spring Fling Reservations, PO Box 562, Salado, TX 76571.

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 26

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge, located on Church Street behind First State Bank.

APRIL 27

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

APRIL 28

Salado Lions, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

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 3

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

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 6

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

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

MAY 8

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

MAY 13

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-pm. For reservations, contact: Tiffany tiffyoranch@gmail.com \$18 per person/\$30 per couple.

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 Paul Richard Thomas who will delight attendees with his music. Then Ramon Carver 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.

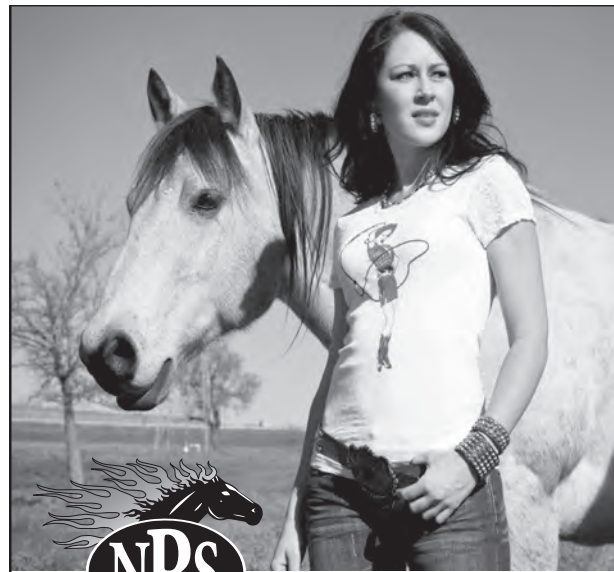
MAY 13

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary, 9:30 a.m. social time, 10 a.m. Meeting. Salado Civic Center. "Poland... Past, Present and Future" by Pat Posvar, former ambassador to Poland.

MAY 14

Elizabeth Moon will review her book, The Speed of Dark, noon, Salado Public Library. Moon, who lives in Florence, is an award winning science fiction and fantasy writer. The Speed of Dark won the 2003 Nebula Award and was an Arthur C. Clarke Award finalist. She was the winner of the 2007 Robert A. Heinlein Award for works that inspire the human exploration of space. Her other works include the Vatta's War series, the Serano Legacy series, Paladin's Legacy, and Remnant Population. The Speed of Dark tells the story of Lou Arrendale an autistic adult who must decide whether he wants to undergo an experimental treatment that will "cure" him and make him like everyone else or to stay

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MAY 15

The RVOS RUN With the BULLS, 8:30 a.m. at Tenroc Ranch, 5471 Thomas Arnold Road, Salado. Proceeds benefit the Texas VFW Foundation Veterans Assistance Program. To register or to be a sponsor please log on to RVOS-BULLRUN.com or contact Ryan Brace at 254-742-4228.

MAY 17

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

MAY 20

Salado Chamber of Commerce board of directors meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Chamber office/ Visitor's Center on Main Street.

MAY 20

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

MAY 21

Free Computer Class, "Family Summer Fun Out of the Sun: Games..." taught by Jeanie Lively, 1:00-2:30 pm, come early, class size limited, Salado Public Library.

MAY 22

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

MAY 22

Institute for Humanities at Salado Lecture. H.W. Brands, Ph.D. – Historian and best selling author speaking on "Barack Obama in History." Lecture will be 4-6 p.m. at the Longhorn Conference Center, Stagecoach Inn, Salado. Reception following. \$20 for Institute members, \$25 for non-members.

MAY 31

Memorial Day Service at Salado Cemetery, Baines Rd., 9:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Salado Cemetery Association, this service will include a roll call of the veterans buried in the Salado Cemetery and surrounding cemeteries.

JUNE 5

Wilmer Memorial Lecture will be held 4 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. The world's foremost sleep

expert, Dr. William De-ment, 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 infor-

mation 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 6

The Salado United Methodist Church Garden Guild will host its annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. at 650 Royal Street.

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

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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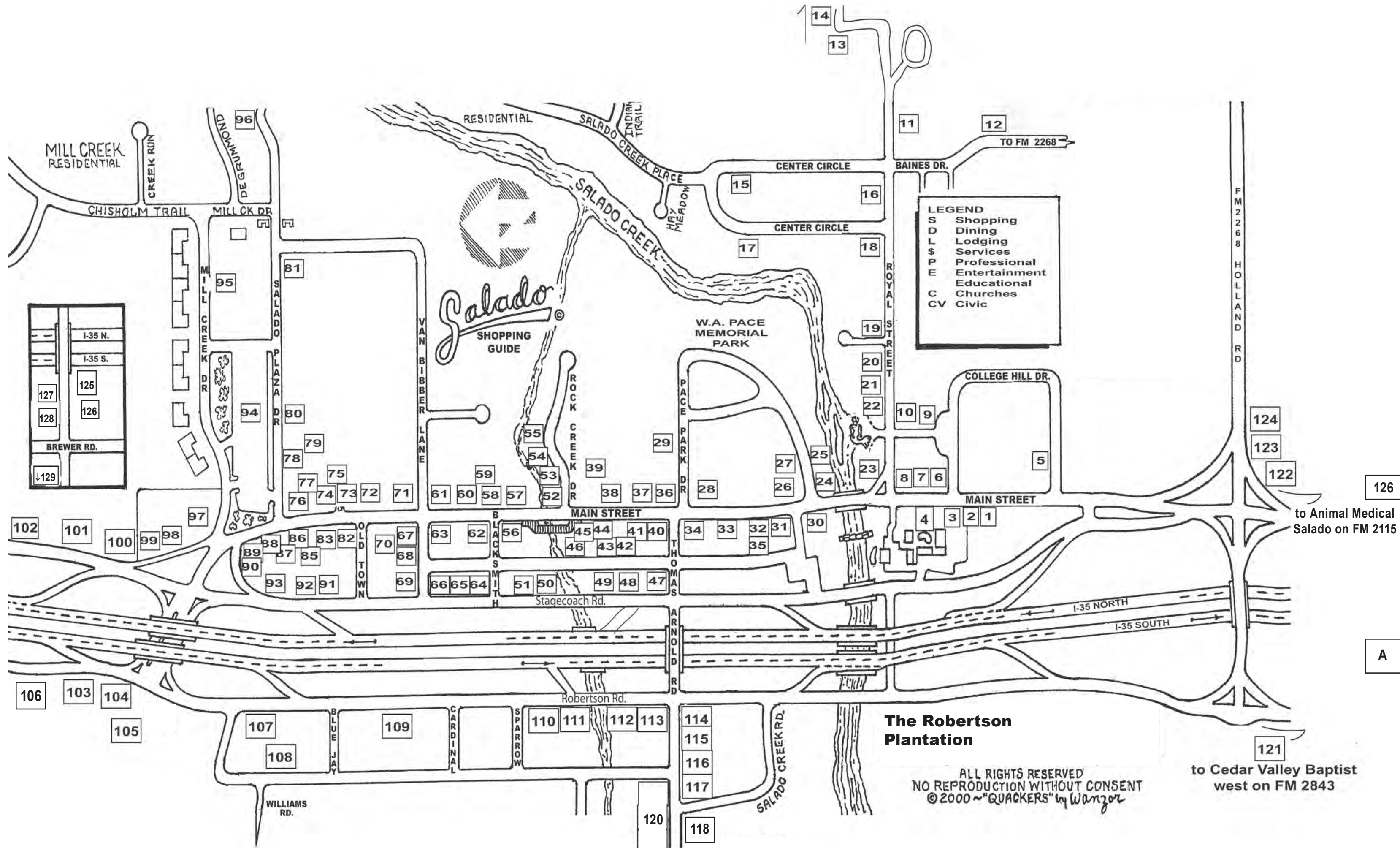
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Got spring fever?

Take a drive on Texas 16 to see wildflowers bloom, then spend some time on porch with a new book

By KAREN KINNISON

Do you have spring fever yet? If you don't, just take a drive on Texas 16 from San Saba and Llano and you will be feverish. I know I'm prejudiced but there can't possibly be anything prettier than a field of Texas bluebonnets in the sun. Get out there and get an eyeful before it's gone. You won't regret it.

Then, when the yard work is done and you get all the dirt out from under your nails, come on down to the library. What's better than sitting out on a sunny patio and reading a terrific book in Texas sunshine? Man, it doesn't get any better than that. (And I'm retired now so I know what I'm talkin' about.)

But don't forget to join us for some great programs also in April.

Here's the pertinent info.

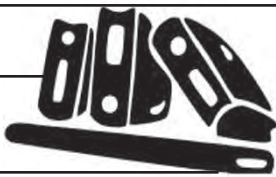
April 23: Noon Book Review. Drawing Battle Lines: The Map Testimony of Custer's Last Fight by Michael Donahue. This is the second in a series "Battle of the Little Big Horn."

April 24: The last of the Spring Foto Fling lead by Dr. Keith Thompson will be a field trip Saturday, the 24.

April 24 and May 1: The last two classes of our Genealogy Workshops led by the Betty Martin DAR Society.

Check It Out

News & Notes from Salado Public Library



And now for more of those new books.

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By BEVERLY WICKERSHAM
BELL COUNTY MASTER GARDENER

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Mayborn Planetarium matinee features creatures of rainforest on April 26 & 29 at CTC Campus

The upcoming matinee at the Mayborn Planetarium and Space Theater is the large format film "BUGS! A Rainforest Adventure." Matinee show times are 2 p.m. April 26 and 4 p.m. April 29.

Shot on location in the Borneo rainforest, "Bugs!" brings the beautiful and dangerous universe of its tiny stars up close and personal with cutting-edge technology that magnifies them up to 250,000 times their normal size. This live-action nature drama was filmed in awe-inspiring, totally immersive large format. It allows the audience to explore the extraordinary hidden world of insects like never before

- where a leaf weighs more than a car, rain drops feel like exploding hand grenades and a blade of grass soars like a skyscraper. This stunning film reveals the dramatic, savage and awe-inspiring lives of some 40 fascinating tropical insects.

The Mayborn Planetarium is located on the campus of Central Texas College (CTC) in Killeen and offers weekend public shows every Friday starting at 7 p.m.; on Saturdays starting at 11 a.m.; and Sundays starting at 2 p.m. A complete show schedule, driving directions, show descriptions and more can be found online at www.starsatnight.org.



Rotary President Danney McCort presents a check from the Salado Rotary Club to the Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children. Ericka Mitchell, of Peaceable Kingdom, accepts the donation one of the club's annual recipients of funds

Salado Rotary Club learns more about kiosks project of Leadership

By DALE GORE

The first of three projects to be purposed by Leadership Salado for approval by Salado's aldermen was revealed to local Rotarians meeting April 13. The remaining two projects will be revealed in two other upcoming meetings.

Will Lowery, David Carr, Bill Shepperd and Danney McCort described a plan to build a steel stagecoach equipped with touch screens supplying information about current events and directions to local shops and businesses.

Location of the stagecoach-kiosk will be determined by the village aldermen, recognizing that Main Street is a state road. "Private property centrally located would be preferred

and possibly necessary," Lowery said.

The four-man committee is currently considering how best to launch the project which would be manually operated until electrical equipment could be installed. "The initial cost of the steel structure and functioning equipment will be \$5,000," Shepperd stated. With successful installation of the first kiosk, two others are proposed in the future. The Village Tourism department is supplying some funds for the project, it was reported.

Representatives from Leadership Salado will reveal two other projects planned to help promote Salado and "enrich its quality of life," the committee announced.

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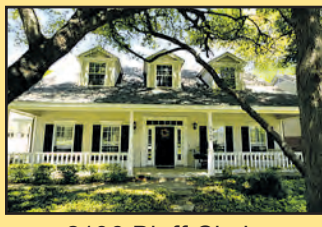
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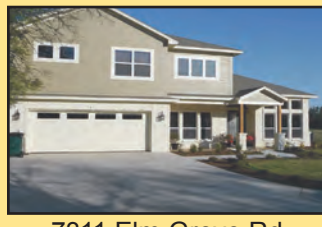
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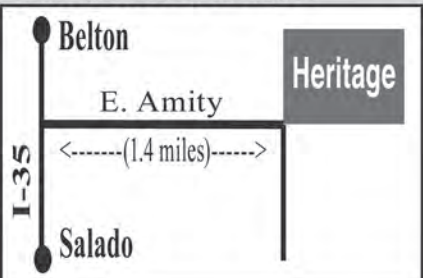
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This is a Hammer

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA



think learning about home repair is a valuable skill, and I'd like the kids to be involved in more projects,


but I am unable to perform many home-repair tasks myself. I also wonder if they're old enough to learn various tasks: They are 10, 8 and 5. Do you have any suggestions? -- Gloria G., Fort Worth, Texas

A: Getting kids involved in home improvement and repair projects can be very rewarding. Of course, their age, abilities and maturity should be taken into account when deciding how much they can be allowed to do. A 5-year-old shouldn't be hammering nails, but a 10-year-old would probably do a brilliant job (and handle the hammer responsibly).

There are programs out there for kids. Some are offered by public-service departments, others by nonprofit organizations (including Scouting, which teaches kids a myriad of life skills), while others are paid classes geared to different age levels. Check around and see if something is available for all three kids, or at least the two older ones.

Look around your home as well. Not all home-improvement projects have to be big or involved. They can be as simple as patching a nail hole or hanging a picture. Sit down with the kids and plan out how you will tackle the project. Who will gather the tools and supplies needed, who will do the actual work, who will help carry items back and forth?

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HOME TIPS: Take a child's age and maturity level into account when teaching home improvement skills, for their own safety.

Send your home repair and maintenance questions to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Remember, when in doubt as to whether you can safely or effectively complete a project, consult a professional contractor.

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New Listing



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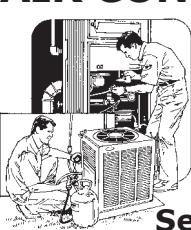
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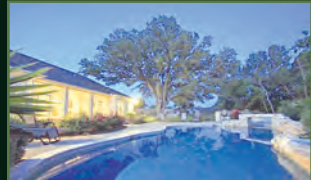
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Absolutely amazing home built by David Foust Custom Homes. Huge great room with entertainment center and kitchen with Viking appliances. Granite counters throughout, travertine floors, wood beams, covered patio with summer kitchen & patio grill. **\$669,900 616 Indian Trail.** Call Ryan 541-2255



Elegant Spanish Villa offering the utmost in Texas Estate Living on 5 acres. Great outdoor living area with amazing swimming pool with natural stone features. This home has it all spacious master suite, granite counters, wood beams, wood floors. **Reduced to \$649,950.** Call Ryan 541-2255.



Elegant Austin Stone 2007 Parade Home. Pristine home has upgraded Electrolux Stainless Appliances, granite counters, woodfloors and much more. Enjoy the screened in patio overlooking the tropical swimming pool and outdoor kitchen. **\$549,900** Ryan 541-2255



Stone home with an amazing backyard including gorgeous century old live oak trees, large cover patio, green-house, and shed. Abundant crown molding, granite counters, travertine & bamboo floors, stainless steel appliances. **\$434,000.** Call Today 541-2255



Enjoy the fine living and custom craftsmanship of this David Foust custom home. Amenities include wood beams, granite counters, Travertine and hardwood floors throughout, etc. **\$379,900.** 330 O.W. Lowery Dr.



Beautiful Austin stone home tucked away behind the live oaks in Salado Oaks subdivision. Granite countertops, large open living areas, spacious master suite. **Price Reduced to \$314,999. A Must See!!!** Call Ryan TODAY. 1017 Salado Oaks



In the National Register of Historical Places, the Davis House was begun in 1874 as a double-pen dog run, typical architecture of this era. Just off Main and could be a home, a store, or both. The options are endless. **\$245,000.** Call Ryan 541-2255



In the heart of Mill Creek, this 4 BR/3 BA home is located in a quiet cul de sac. Large oak trees with a beautiful backyard and storage shed. ~~\$214,900~~ **Reduced to \$199,900.** Call Keith today: 913-1202.



Wow!! Great 3 bedroom 2 bath home on a beautiful, unique lot in Mill Creek with Huge trees. **\$189,900** Schedule a showing today!! Glenn 718-2000



Great location in Mill Creek!! Very nice updated 3/2 in Salado with large fenced in backyard with patio. Open floor plan. **PRICE REDUCED TO \$169,500.** Ryan 541-2255

Lots

Indian Trail Lots, \$30,000.

Under 10 Acres

- 2.27 Acres Lot 243 Hidden Park Ct. in Hidden Springs. Has well in place great home-site. \$55,000 Keith 913-1202
- 2 acres, lot 165 Western Trl. in Hidden Springs Great homesite with live oak trees. \$29,999 Keith, 913-1202.
- 2 acres, lot 238, Hidden Springs of Salado Creek, \$33,500.
- 2.51 Acres, Eagle Rock Ranch, \$33,900.
- 2.63 acres, lot 6, Eagle Rock Ranch, \$34,900.
- 2.5 acres, lot 10, Dove Hollow Lane, \$34,900.
- 3.25 acres, lot 8, Dove Hollow Lane, \$35,900.
- 2.6 acres, lot 1, Eagle Rock Ranch, \$37,500.
- 3.29 acres, lot 7, Dove Hollow Lane, \$46,900.
- 3.85 acres, Bartlett, \$59,900.
- 5.00 acres, Sam Neil Lane, Salado, \$64,500.
- 5.00 acres, Morning Dove, Hidden Springs of Salado Creek, \$54,900.
- 5+ acres, lot 280, Hidden Springs of Salado Creek, \$49,900.

10 to 100 Acres

- 18 acres, FM 2843, spring-fed tank, \$197,900.
- 20.68 acres, FM 2115, with outstanding views and nice pond, \$194,900.
- Approx. 25 Acres on Moon Creek. Great home site with lots of trees overlooking Moon Creek . \$299,900.
- 27 acres fronting on Salado Creek, Outstanding home sites.
- 41.38 acres, Harold Clark Road, Bartlett, \$199,000.
- 44 acres, overlooking Stillhouse Hollow Lake off Brewer Road.
- 55.38 acres, Bell Street in Bartlett, productive Blackland adjoining residential area on NW side of Bartlett. \$193,830.
- 60 acres with 2800 ft. plus of Salado Creek, Huge pecan tree overlooking creek. **SOLD**
- 74 Acres, Salado. Beautiful rolling hills, excellent development potential. **UNDER CONTRACT**
- 94 acres, excellent development potential fronting FM 2268 \$5,900 per acre.

Over 100 Acres

- 176 acres. 5,000 ft. plus of creek frontage 2 miles west of Salado.
- 540 Acres with three miles of Little River frontage, live water creek, large lake, large century Live Oak trees, large pecan trees, rolling topography, on Sullivan Road. **SOLD**
- 600 Acres: Beautiful Rolling Hill country Topography, fully game proof fenced, pecan grove, tanks, live water creek, Large live oaks, smooth bottom field land with Hill country hills surrounding, **OUTSTANDING** home sites **EXCELLENT** hunting. 718-2000

Commercial

106 North Main Street Salado, Excellent Retail within the walk area of downtown Salado, \$399,500.

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