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Mayor tackles tough questions

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Mayor Skip Blancett could not disguise his frustration of the last year in dealing with a storm of issues that have come before the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, ranging from the white-tail deer population to the sewer time line to the progress of Sanctuary and the Interstate to the Salado salamander.

He took unscripted questions from the audience for 90 minutes during an open town hall meeting Jan. 24 at the Salado Civic Center.

When asked what the next step was in dealing with the deer population, he told Dr. Lewis Raney "I really don't know." He talked about wrangling with the issue for more than a year, listening to the advice of biologists with Texas Parks & Wildlife and other agencies. "First, we have to stop feeding the deer," he said, "but how do you enforce that?"

He added that the Village has investigated trapping and transporting, trapping and killing and other measures to lower the deer population to a manageable level. But without money for the programs and without the will of the community to do it, little can be done.

His voice rose in frustration and perhaps even anger at the stalled time line of the sewer and the misinformation in the community from certain factions.

"We asked for \$1.5 million from EDA," Blancett said. "We got \$1 million."

Working with KPA Engineers the Village was set to put the sewer project out to bid. However, a phone call from a local citizen resulted in the Village having to conduct additional biological assessments to the tune of \$77,000.

He told the audience that the assessment, according to an e-mail he read shortly before the meeting, should be done this week. The assessment had to include the potential impacts on a fresh water mussels species that may be added to the Endangered list in 2018 or 2019, the Golden Cheeked Warbler and the threatened Salado salamander.

He said that if the Village can get the final permit in, it can then begin the process of putting the work out for bid.

Work could begin by summer.

Blancett said that he sat down in December with developer Robert Sulaski of The Sanctuary. The first piece of The Sanctuary will be the construction of the large music and event venue utilizing the structure of the Wildfire Ranch Roping Arena. Wildfire Ranch has a lease on the property on the Arena through 2017, according to Billy Pipes.

"Billy Hanks has said that he also wants to build the boutique hotel" early in the development, according to Blancett.

Blancett told the audi-

ence that the Village spent a year in negotiations with The Sanctuary in order to bring it into the Village, where the Village could then have some influence on the development and some income from property and sales tax.

"If they had built a MUD (municipal utility district)," he said, "we would get nothing from them and have no say."

He continued on the discussion of development by saying that the Village continues to field dozens of calls a month about commercial real estate and subdivisions that are interested in tying on to the sewer system when it is in place.

Bringing these developments in will spread the tax burden to a wider base and lower the overall cost per user by adding users to the system.

In the meantime, he said that he hopes the Village will purchase property on the west side of the interstate in order to have it for a future treatment plant should the need arise. "Even if we never have to build on it," he said, "it would be a good investment to make now."

The Village may work to attract bring land into the Village through voluntary annexation by working with developers in the ETJ through incentive programs. The Village is considering a tax rebate program of 50 percent for five years. After that the tax rate would no longer be rebated. "Fifty percent of something is a whole lot better than zero percent of nothing," he said.

"I want to protect the growth of Salado. I do not want to be a sea of rooftops," he said, adding that he wants to protect the historic quality of downtown Salado. "That is our brand. That is our identity. No one will take that away from us."

He told the audience that alderman Michael McDougal is working with Bell County to chip and seal four streets in Salado this year for the cost of \$36,000. "This costs only the material," he said. "The County is paying for the labor for this." Bell County works with most of the small municipalities in the county to offer this low cost program for regular street maintenance.

Blancett said that there continue to be rumors of disannexation. He showed a slide that tallied the total property taxes paid by the 82 signatories of last year's disannexation petition at \$20,914.70. "If they disannex, they will be disannexed from the ETJ as well and Belton can take it," he said.

Blancett also talked about the buy out of Kim Foutz' contract. "We were faced with spending \$50,000 to \$150,000 in legal fees alone on a case that could be stretched out for two years or more," he said. "We made a choice."

That choice cost \$125,131.59 of which the Village insurance company paid \$40,000.



(PHOTO COURTESY OF FOOD NETWORK)

Lilian Halabi is all smiles during her presentation on the Monopoly-themed Cake Wars episode.

Local baker wins Cake War

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For Lilian Halabi, keeping quiet about the competition was almost as hard as winning the nationally-televised Cake Wars.

Halabi won the most recent episode of Cake Wars, which airs on Monday night on the Food Network. She and assistant Samantha Adkins went to Los Angeles this summer for the competition that required Halabi to bake a Monopoly-themed cake in a four-hour period.

The cakes were judged by master chefs and judges Waylynn Lucas and Ron Ben-Israel. Rebecca Hollander, director of the Monopoly brand at Hasbro, was also on hand to help pick the winner among four competitors.

Winning the competition earns Lily \$10,000, but more importantly put Halabi and her Lily's Cakes on a national stage.

The episode was taped over the summer and Halabi and her family,

including husband Sam, son Amir, 18 and daughters Sarah, 15 and Zeina, 10, and employees had to mum about it until it aired on Jan. 24.

"Oh my gosh that was so hard," Halabi told *Salado Village Voice* about being silent on the results of the show.

In addition to Lily's Cakes in Harker Heights, the Halabis have expanded their wedding enterprise to include La Rio Mansion in Belton, a large event venue and more recently the Inn at Salado on Main St. Salado.

The Halabis will celebrate one year of owning the Inn at Salado, which they purchased from Rob and Suzanne Petro, who owned the business for about two decades. Inn at Salado is the oldest bed and breakfast inn in Salado, launched in the early 1980s by Larry and Cathy Sands.

George Kolb purchased it in the mid-1980s from the Sands and the Petros purchased it from Kolb

after he added the Allen Chapel and the Baylor House to the grounds.

The Inn at Salado is well-known as a beautiful venue for weddings and gatherings, whether in the Allen Chapel or under the giant live oak on the grounds of the property.

"It was a perfect complement to what we were already doing," Lily said of the purchase of the Inn at Salado.

Lily had been the in-house baker for the Inn's wedding packages for about 18 months when the opportunity to purchase it came about.

The Inn offers a complete wedding package that includes your choice of ceremony locations, a bride's room with an overnight stay and gourmet breakfast and full coordination of the wedding and reception by the Inn staff. The Inn has a 3,300 sq. ft. indoor reception area, on-site catering with a choice of five menu options and wedding and groom's cakes made by Lily. Deco-

rations and furnishings are also part of the package at Inn at Salado.

About a year after opening Lily's Cakes in Harker Heights, Lily met the wedding coordinators at Inn at Salado and began working for them as the in-house baker.

Two years later, the Halabis were able to make the leap to become the owners of the Inn at Salado.

Their plate is full and it is about to be more so. They plan to open a second location for Lily's Cakes in Temple.

To taste Lily's cupcakes and get an idea of the custom cake she can make for you, visit Lily's Cakes, 360 West Central Texas Expressway in Harker Heights.

To learn more about La Rio Mansion event center in Belton, visit lariomansion.com or email weddings@lariomansion.com.

You can call Inn at Salado at 254-947-0027 or email weddings@inn-at-salado.com.



A San Antonio man was killed when his sedan collided with a tractor-trailer on I-35 south of Salado on Jan. 21. COURTESY PHOTO

Head-on collision takes life of San Antonio man

A San Antonio man was killed in a head-on collision Jan. 21 on I-35 south of Salado near the Bell and Williamson County line.

Enrique Javier Salazar, 27, of San Antonio, died at the scene.

The sedan he drove was going southbound in the northbound lane of I-35 near Grainger Rd. in Bell County. His sedan collided head-on with a tractor

trailer in the northbound lane that tried to avoid hitting the car.

The driver of the tractor trailer was Warren Soils, 32, of Arkansas. He was taken to Scott & White in Temple with non-life threatening injuries.

The incident is under investigation, according to Sgt. D.L. Wilson in the Waco office of the Department of Public Safety.

Salado Citizens Academy launches first class

Would you like to know how Salado Village municipality works? Do you want to have a voice in the future of your Village?

These questions and others will be answered at the Salado Citizens Academy, a program offered by the Village of Salado to educate and reach out to the community. Salado residents will have the opportunity to meet with the Board of Aldermen and various department staff to better understand Village operations and issues.

The Salado Citizens Academy begins on March 1. It will run 5:30-8 p.m. every Wednesday for seven weeks at the Municipal Building. A light dinner will be served. This free program is open to Salado Village residents who are 18 years and older. Class size is limited to 20 participants and completed applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Deadline for applications is Feb. 10. Applica-

tions are available and must be dropped off at the Village Municipal building, 301 N Stagecoach Rd., Salado, TX 76571.

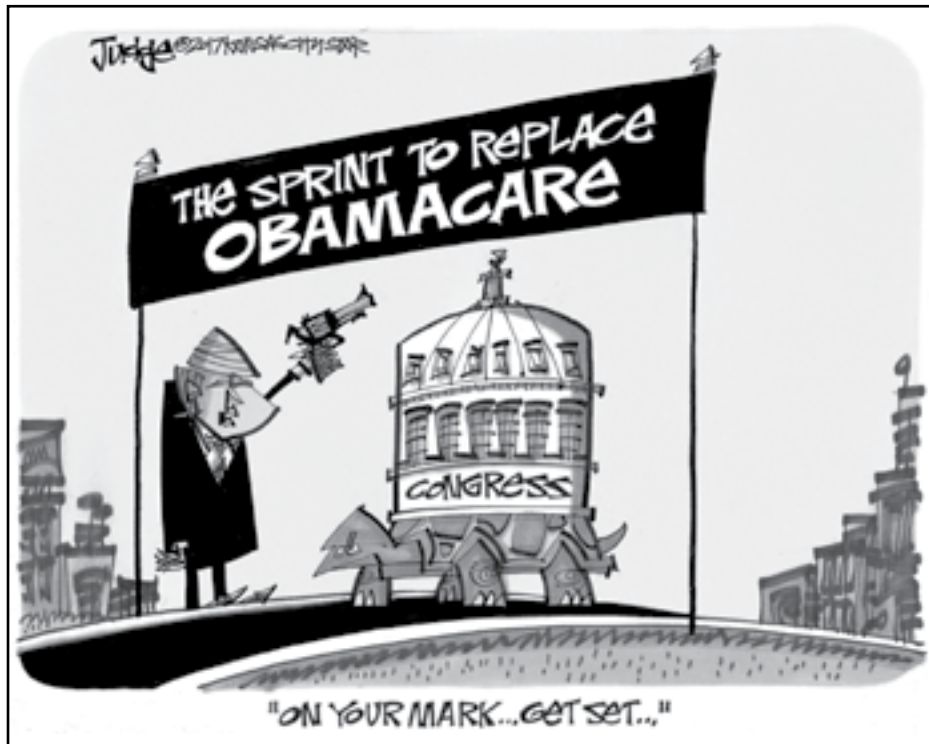
Commitments for completion and certification of the Salado Citizens Academy include these: attendance at all seven sessions; attending at least one Board of Alderman meeting and one committee meeting; and assigned readings is required for certification. Application deadline is Feb. 10. Selected attendees will be notified via email no later than Feb. 15.

Citizens who complete the Academy are encouraged to participate in other Village Organizations/Programs and/or apply for vacancies on Village boards, commissions, and committees.

For more information, contact the Salado Citizens Academy Coordinator, Dave Williams 254-947-5060 or email dwilliams@saladotx.gov.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



While Salado sleeps

While Salado sleeps . . .
On a cold winter night, the sky is so clear and the stars seem so close that one wants to reach up and touch Orion's Belt, the Little Dipper, and the Seven Sisters.

Mayor Skip Blancett



Commercial planes fly at all hours, going somewhere, carrying someone. The traffic on I-35 seems like next door, a constant hum of north and south motion. Soft lights in houses, yards, and fields; as night settles in. Children doing homework; parents sharing stories of the day; and some wondering what tomorrow will hold hoping the pain will stop. Plans being made like the Rotary desiring to improve Pace Park. Plans being discussed about future Village sidewalks, street lights, and

benches. Official Emails being answered concerning Sewer, Salamanders, and Studies. Serious situations being addressed such as harmful activities -- crime, theft, and impish deeds. Grants being written for Keep Salado Beautiful, walking paths, and bike trails. Employment ads being written and publicized for Village employees. New programs being announced like good used children's books to be given to military families that will help children improve reading and get through

deployments. Drop them off at the Village office. A Purple Heart Community supporting Veterans of all wars rather than marching and speaking against them.

While Salado sleeps . . . Other events are being planned – dis-annexation; hateful rumors/gossip; and disruption of a healing Salado from 5-years of construction without regard of what it does to Salado statewide reputation.

While Salado sleeps . . . A Village of a great people plan for a tremendous year of achievement. This is an outstanding Village family that represents the best of Texas. And, the CAVE disgruntles . . . every Village, town, and city has them. Consider the source, smile, and love them anyway.

Why the Media Lose to Trump

The best thing that happened to Donald Trump the other week is that BuzzFeed published the raw Russia dossier about him.

Rich Lowry



results in advance. And if the press is going to lower its standards in response to Trump, it will diminish and discredit itself more than the president-elect.

publishing the uncorroborated dossier, BuzzFeed has associated the Russia issue with fantastical rumors and hearsay.

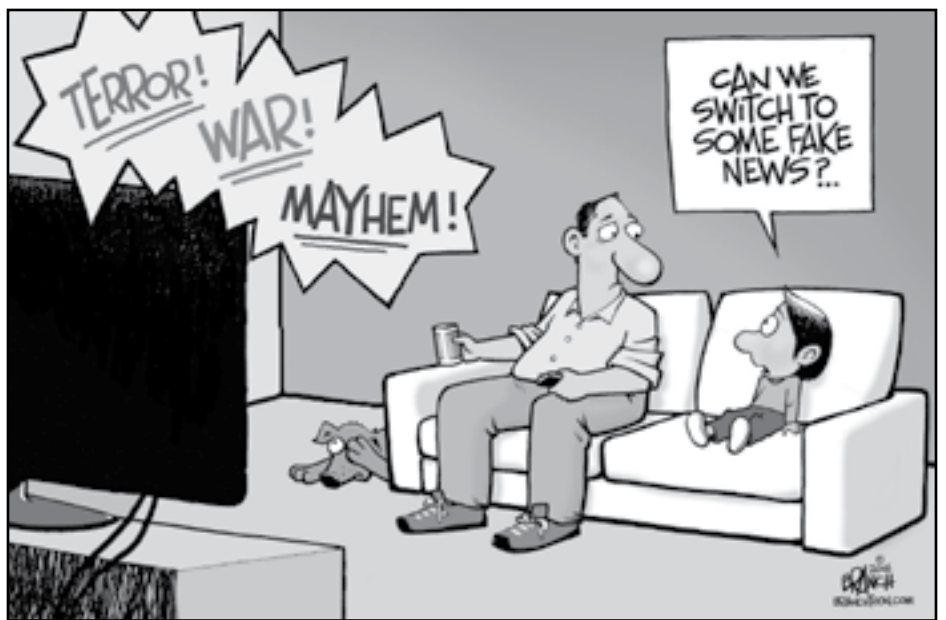
If journalists genuinely want to be public-spirited checks on Trump, they shouldn't be more bitterly adversarial, but more responsible and fair. This means taking a deep breath and not treating every Trump tweet as a major news story. It means covering Trump more as a "normal" president rather than as a constant clear and present danger to the republic. It means going out of the way to focus on substance rather than the controversy of the hour. It means a dose of modesty about how the media has lost the public's trust, in part because of its bias and self-importance.

It can't be pleasant for anyone to see his name associated with prostitutes and a bizarre sex act in print -- the principle that all publicity is good publicity can be taken too far even for Donald Trump. But in the media's ongoing fight with Trump, BuzzFeed's incredible act of journalistic irresponsibility represented the press leading with its chin.

Its decision to post the document has to be considered another chapter in the ongoing saga of the media and Democrats losing their collective minds. If the election had gone the other way, it is hard to see BuzzFeed publishing a 35-page document containing unverified, lurid allegations about President-elect Hillary Clinton that it didn't consider credible. This was an anti-Trump decision, pure and simple. The paradox of the Trump phenomenon is that he may be ripping up sundry political norms, yet he benefits when his opponents and adversaries do the same. When Marco Rubio descended to Trump's level in the primaries and mocked the size of his hands, it hurt Rubio most. The Democrats have done themselves no favors by implicitly refusing to accept the election results after browbeating Trump for months to accept the

None of this is a particularly tall order. Yet it's unlikely to happen, even if it was encouraging that so many reporters opposed BuzzFeed's decision. The press and Trump will continue to be at war, although only one party to the hostilities truly knows what he is doing, and it shows.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2017 by King Features Synd., Inc.



Just Another Swindle

TRUMP'S PROPOSED "TAX HOLIDAY" WOULD REWARD CORPORATIONS FOR DODGING TAXES AND SLASHING JOBS.

Good news, folks — our new president says he's planning a "tax holiday" for you.

this pile of loot home — yet they want to be rewarded for doing so by having the taxes they owe slashed.

Why'd that happen? Because they put their "repatriated" profits not into expanding their business, but into buying back their corporations' stock, which jacks up the payout to top executives and the richest shareholders. They also used the extra loot to buy up competitors and fire "duplicate" workers.

Well, not directly for you. Trump's trillion-dollar whopper of a tax break will only go to such multinational corporations as Apple, GE, Johnson & Johnson, and Microsoft.

Enter The Donald, who's delighted these scofflaws by offering to tax that offshore income at the low rate of only 10 percent — versus the 30 percent you and I pay for America's upkeep. "Trust me," exclaims the Donald. They'll expand their businesses here and generate jobs for you!

The way to know whether or not Trump's tax holiday will benefit workers is to see if it requires that corporations actually create the thousands of good jobs promised — before they get any tax break. Anything less is just another swindle.

However, Trump says he'll push for these cuts in your name, insisting that the trickle-down effect will create thousands of new jobs for America's hard-hit working stiffs.

I was born at night, but it wasn't last night.

OtherWords columnist Jim Hightower is a radio commentator, writer, and public speaker.

Here's the deal: To dodge paying the taxes they owe to our country, many U.S.-based global giants have stashed about \$2 trillion worth of profits in offshore bank accounts. Now they want to bring

We've been suckered with this tax holiday scam before. In 2004, George W. Bush pulled it on us. And instead of creating jobs, the corporate tax-dodgers actually eliminated thousands more.

Post minutes of meetings

To the Editor:

I appreciate that our mayor has invited village residents to ask questions for him to answer, but many elderly and those with young families may have difficulty getting out at night or on a school night.

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

What would be even more helpful, is for minutes of meetings to be posted on the village web sight for anyone to read. There have been no meeting minutes posted on line since early October 2016.

To the Editor:

I write this on Inauguration Day. Here at the Street house, we are watching this illustration of our democracy in action. Our new president has just spoken, but this letter is to openly and publicly express my opinion of President Obama and his eight years in office.

idency, his firm commitment to being a President for every American no matter what their gender, race, personal preferences, straight, gay, Christian, other religion or no religion was not only a matter of policy but a spirit living within his soul.

Communication is important as we approach another election time.

I am grateful that in those eight years he and his family conducted themselves with honor, with dignity befitting the highest office we offer and with the grace given to all of us living in this great nation ever conceived by man. I now that we could spend hours and hours debating politics, outcomes of those policies, and we many never agree. I firmly and unapologetically believe that during his pres-

It is clear to me that if you are an American citizen, then you had an advocate in the Oval Office. It is clear to me that if you are one of God's human creations and live on this earth, then he thought of himself as no better or worse than you, but as a family friend.

Openness and honesty might prevent secrecy and rumors from dividing this sweet little village of about 2,200 individuals.

To Mr. Obama and the First Family: Well Done!
To President Trump: Good luck!
Darrell Street
Salado

I bet our interim village manager could easily post those minutes from about 6-8 meetings? It's just good marketing for how hard the BOA is working.

Thank You,
Linda Reynolds
Salado, TX

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Senate begins budget process for 85th session

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TEXAS SENATE NEWS SERVICE

The first draft of the budget was filed last week by Flower Mound Senator and Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, setting the baseline for budget negotiations in the Senate. Last week, lawmakers found out that they had \$104.9 billion in projected revenue to spend for the 2018-2019 biennium and the Senate budget comes in just under that, appropriating \$103.6 billion in state revenue. Nelson said in a statement that declining oil and gas revenue coupled with strong population growth will present challenges to budget writers in the coming months. "We have difficult decisions to make this session, and we will work tirelessly to address the needs of the state in a responsible manner," Senator Nelson said in a statement issued Tuesday.

Nelson named three areas of particular concern: education finance, mental health services and growing costs in Medicaid and the state pension system. The Senate base budget for education includes \$2.65 billion to cover an expected enrollment growth of 80,000 students over the next two years, as well as \$32 million for high quality pre-k programs. For mental health, the budget starts at \$1 billion to improve the state hospital

system and other state facilities and \$63 million to clear waitlists for community mental health services.

Other key line items include fully funding border security measures approved last session with \$800 million, \$260 million to address the state's beleaguered child protective services system, and \$25 million for a program to purchase high-caliber bulletproof vests for police officers, a program unveiled by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick just last week. In a statement issued Tuesday, Patrick praised Nelson for her initial budget proposal. "This budget is well within the available revenue and upholds our commitment to continue to live within our means and not spend more than the growth of our population times inflation," he said.

Also this week, a panel of Senators and Representatives met to hear a progress report on the monumental task of con-

solidating the state's five health and human services agencies into three. A bill last session directed the transformation after state auditors found the five agencies were difficult to navigate for clients, were rife with compartmentalization and lack of a interagency communication, and had too much confusion over authority at the management level.

The plan passed in 2015 would eliminate the Department of Aging and Disability Services and Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services and move their duties to the Health and Human Service Commission, in order to have all client services managed by the same agency. The Health and Human Services Commission, which manages the state's Medicaid program, and the Department of Family and Protective Services, which oversees child and elder protective services, will remain independent.

HHSC Executive Com-

missioner Charles Smith said the first step, launching a new, better website and moving DARS services was completed on time by September 1, 2016, but the next phase will be a much bigger task. "Our progress here is in getting ready for the next phase, which is undergoing the transformation in bringing in 24,000 new employees into the system," he said. "That represents six times the number of employees we moved in September." Smith added that it will bring the total number of employees at the HHSC to about forty-thousand. That phase of the consolidation is scheduled for completion by September of this year.



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First Lady of Texas Cecilia Abbott to speak at Fine China luncheon

Here it is the start of a new year and Salado Area Republican Women have plans to celebrate the 11th anniversary Fine China Luncheon set Thursday, March 23, at Tenroc Ranch in the Blue Heron Room. Dave Hermann of The Range Restaurant in Salado has promised a delicious luncheon.

This year SARW are honored to have Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott, as the featured speaker. In January 2015, Cecilia Abbott made history by becoming the first Hispanic First Lady of Texas. Cecilia believes strongly in giving back to our communi-



Cecilia Abbott

ties, and recently launched her Texanthropy Initiative to promote volunteerism and service to others as her primary focus as First Lady of Texas.

The event is still in need of businesses and individuals to host a table. A table host or hostess may sell all the tickets to their table or request Salado Area RW to help sell their tickets. They will recognize the best decorated table in the two categories, Business category and Individual(s) category.

Proceeds from all SARW sponsored projects fund civic, military, educational and political campaigns including dictionaries for Salado third grade students, U.S. Constitutions for fifth grade students, care packages for deployed soldiers, contributions to Libraries, and two annual scholarships for high school graduates.

They expect a record breaking crowd this year and hope you can join them. For more information about hosting a table contact Barclay McCort at barclaymccort@gmail.com or at 254 947-3617

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Interfaith Men's Prayer breakfast held each Tuesday

The Presbyterian Church of Salado hosts each Tuesday a Men's Prayer Breakfast. The breakfast starts at about 7:30 a.m. with the prayers and study starting at 8 a.m. The event concludes by 9 a.m.. All men of the community are invited to attend this inter-faith session.

What's it about: "We raise up our neighbors, friends, village, and nation in prayers

We support and encourage each other as Christian Men

We grow in our understanding of God

We develop a closer relationship with God

We strive to strengthen our individual churches"

The event starts with a breakfast, prayer requests, prayer, and conduct a brief study held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church.

"I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer." 1 Timothy 2:8

All men are welcome to come and join us as we meet as one in the name of our Lord.

Hosts: Pete Stebbins (254-231-4883) and John Booher (254-947-0585).

Group seeks funds for Foster Shelter

Wilfredo Ocasio and his wife Dimarie are raising funds for a down payment on a large home on a small amount of acreage for an emergency short term shelter for area children that are placed into the foster care system.

The last thing these children in their time of crisis need is to feel institutionalized, according to Ocasio, who has adopted 11 children through first being a foster parent.

"Our mission is that no child that enters the foster care system has to sleep at an office building," Ocasio says in the Mission Statement of Garden of Hope of Central Texas, a recently-formed 501(C)3 organization headed by the Ocasios. "No children has to be afraid of what is going to happen to them. For those with siblings, they will not fear separation and the resulting anxiety of where his or her sibling will end up. To the best of our power, we will ensure that siblings are kept together."

In order to meet this need, they are looking to purchase property that once served as the Patriot Kids Ministry. Sitting on about two acres near Stillhouse Hollow Lake, the property has had a history of turmoil. It has been a church, first known as the Cedar Knob Church, then the Val Verde Baptist Church and later the Disciples Church, and then for a few short years it was the home base of the Patriot Kids Ministry.

That ministry folded after its founder Jon Philip Tidball was arrested in 2014 and later convicted in 2015 in the 226th District Court of Bexar County of indecency with a child by sexual contact.

The camp was closed in 2014 after the arrest.

According to the Bell County Tax Appraisal District, the property is approximately two acres

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Gospel Singing on the Fourth Friday each month

Cedar Valley Baptist Church Gospel Singing held 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27 at 12237 FM 2843 - Salado, Texas.

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Obituaries



JOSEPHINE PARRIS GRIFFITT

Funeral services for Josephine Parris Griffitt, of Salado, will be held 11 a.m. January 28 at the Salado Church of Christ. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Jan. 27, at Broecker Funeral Home in Salado. Family will be in the Church Activity Center following the service.

Griffitt passed away on January 20, 2017.

Josephine Parris Griffitt was born September 1, 1928 in Naples, TX to Joseph Andrew and Lorena Parris.

She graduated from Omaha High School. She earned two degrees: a Bachelor's in Education from East Texas State Teacher's College (now Texas A & M at Commerce) and a Master's degree in Speech Pathology from the same university.

It was at the university on a church picnic that she met James Griffitt. In August of 1947, the two were married.

She was a multiple award-winning quilter which led her to be the Artist of the Month for Salado with her quilts displayed at various venues in the Village. Her quilts were works of art showcasing her wonderful talent and creativity.

In her retirement, ever the educator, she taught a group of ladies how to quilt in her home. The group still assembles weekly to enjoy the skill that she taught them.

In 2013, Jo's husband James Raymond Griffitt preceded her in death.

She is also preceded in death by her sisters, Maxine Addington and Audrey Mae Childress Connor and her parents, Joseph Andrew Parris and Lorena Jones Parris.

She is survived by daughters, Jyl Griffitt Cain with husband, Randy of San Antonio, and Jan Griffitt of Salado. She is survived by five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



NORA GRACE JANTZ

Services for Nora Grace Jantz will be Friday, Jan. 27, 10:30 a.m. at the Friendswood Friends Church in Friendswood, TX. Officiating is Everett Jantz and Jeb Brown.

Nora Grace Jantz died January 24, 2017, at her residence in Salado. She was born in Montezuma, Kansas to Herman and Ida Unruh. Siblings include Francis, Wesley, Curtis and Ronald.

After attending a one room school house her family moved to DeRidder, Louisiana after the Dust Bowl Era had taken its toll on the family farm. She attended High School there and later met and married her husband, Lawrence Jantz.

Nora and Lawrence were blessed with 5 children. After leaving DeRidder, they resided a few

years in Webster and then continued raising their family for over 30 years in Friendswood, Texas. She was a housewife devoted to the care of her family. Jobs that took her outside the home included working at the Fig Plant and Baker's Grocery Store in Friendswood. She enjoyed reading, quilting and handwork.

She leaves behind her children: Eileen Fleming, Janie Deatherage, Wanda Brown, and Everett Jantz; ten grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren; a brother, Curtis, and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter, Joyce and three brothers.

Visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 26 from, 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Services are in the care of Broecker Funeral Home, Salado.

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ZACKARY PHILLIP PARTIN
FORT HOOD, Texas -- Fort Hood officials released the name of the Soldier who was found unresponsive Jan. 12 in his barracks room, here.

Spc. Zackary Phillip Partin, 24, whose home of record is Oakwood, Illinois, entered active-duty military service in November 2012 as a radio operator. He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion,

Chisholm Trail ABWA meets Feb. 2

Chisholm Trail Chapter of American Business Women's Association will meet 6 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Presbyterian Church of Salado, 105 Salado Plaza Drive.

Visitors are welcome, but reservations are requested by contacting Barclay McCort at barclaymccort@gmail.com or calling her at 254-947-3617.

Guest speaker will be Robbie Pettit.

1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, since May 2016.

Partin's awards and decorations include the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

Circumstances surrounding this incident are currently under investigation by U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command.

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Suitcases find their way home

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Two suitcases of Legos were returned to their rightful owners last week, following a plea by Tim Watkins that first appeared in the *Salado Village Voice* Facebook page



Louise Watkins is seen above with the suitcases of Star Wars memorabilia and Legos that were returned last week. (COURTESY PHOTO)

and the Jan. 12 Letters to the Editor.

As a result of the kindness shown to the Watkins, they will be making their home here in Salado.

"Louise and I are so amazed with the generosity of the people from Salado and the surrounding area," Watkins told *Salado Village Voice*. "Many have offered to buy new toys

or donate their children's Lego. We can't thank y'all enough."

"Thank you for posting our story and to everyone who shared the story to get the word out," he added.

Tim Watkins, who is still in Australia with the couple's two boys ages seven and 10, called *Salado Village Voice* on Jan. 9 asking for any help in retrieving the suitcases that were stolen from her car between 5 p.m. Jan. 8 and noon Jan. 9.

"I'd recently shipped two suitcases from Australia which were stolen from her car," Watkins said. "These contained our boys precious toys, books and photographs for when we arrive in Texas to start a new life later next month. One suitcase contained 65 pounds of Lego the the boys had collected over the years. Some (were)

new which Santa had recently delivered."

The other suitcase contained Star Wars collectibles, including light sabers, figurines and other toys.

Watkins said that he was willing to pay a reward of up to \$1,000 for their return.

Louise was contacted after someone saw the coverage in local media, to include the daily newspapers and television news, and arranged to return the suitcases last week.

The person, according to Watkins, found them and realized they were the missing suitcases after someone posted a news story on the social media.

"This experience has made us realize how wonderful Salado is," he added, "and we're signing a two-year lease on a house to call Salado home."

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and has a building of about 4,000 sq. ft. on it. There are other outbuildings, including a pavilion.

Ocasio said that the Garden of Hope of Central Texas is working to raise funds in order to purchase the property, appraised by Bell County Tax Appraisal District at \$111,169 for 2016.

The group needs to raise at least 10 percent of the purchase price for a down payment. The rest would be owner-financed.

Ocasio told *Salado Village Voice* that the organization must own the property in order to develop it

as a temporary shelter for foster children.

"After adopting 11 children through the foster care system, we can't help anymore out of our home," Ocasio said. "Therefore, we have embarked in this incredible journey. We don't want to do it alone and we can't do it alone."

"We are looking for mentors, support, donations, grants, real estate, goods and referrals," he added.

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Lady Eagles take 2nd in own tourney

Salado Varsity Lady Eagles took second place in their Eagle Classic Soccer Tournament Jan. 19-21, falling to the Wimberly Lady Texans in the final game.

Lady Eagles 2
Robinson 0

Salado shut out the Robinson Lady Rockets 2-0 in the first round of the tournament Jan. 19.

Annie Ewton scored early in the first half at the 15:35 on an assist by Hannah Reavis.

Rylie Stewart scored in the second half at 65:23 in the match.

Salado had two corner kicks in the first three minutes of the match, but could convert neither.

Kristin Crouch took a shot on goal at 7:20, but the Robinson goalie made the save.

Tyler Pierce took shots on target at 16:39 and



Salado Varsity Lady Eagles soccer

(Front row, from left) #17 Olivia Sula, #12 Grace Graham, #20 Brileigh Cole, #10 Annie Ewton, #9 Kristin Crouch; (middle row, from left) #6 Candace Brown, #3 Rylie Stewart, #15 Madison Spradlin, #2 Hannah Reavis and #18 Rebecca Gonzales; (back row, from left) #7 Tyler Pierce, #00 Danielle McDaniel, #13 Reagan Morreale. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

27:13 but the Lady Rocket goalie saved both shots.

Brileigh Cole took a shot on target at 60:34.

Robinson had few scoring opportunities. Salado goalie Danielle McDaniel made a save at 63:18.

Lady Eagles 1
Pleasanton 1

Salado Lady Eagles won on penalty kicks against Pleasanton in the second round of the Salado Eagle Classic Jan. 20. The teams were tied at 1-1 after regulation.

Salado scored early in the match. Tyler Pierce scored at 3:59 with an assist from Annie Ewton. Pleasanton scored at 66:30 in the match.

Salado won the shootout 2-1 on penalty kicks. Salado took four kicks. Olivia Sula and Reagan Morreale scored for the Lady Eagles, while Crouch and

Pierce missed.

Morreale defended three penalty kicks in the shootout against Pleasanton.

The Pleasanton goalie made nine saves in the game as Salado took the following shots on target: Rebecca Gonzales, 17:30; Kristin Crouch, 19:10; Brileigh Cole, 27:30; Ewton, 32:34; Madison Spradlin, 52:38; Crouch, 56:29; Gonzales, 63:48; Spradlin, 67:28 and Pierce, 69:50.

Salado also had the following shots off target in the match: Ewton, 10:27; Hannah Reavis, 14:03; Ewton, 28:40; Reavis, 45:37; Pierce, 55:19 and again at 62:32.

Pleasanton took two early shots on goal (7:07, 8:05), saved by Salado goalie Rylie Stewart. Pleasanton also missed three shots.

Salado 0
Wimberly 1

In the first 17 minutes of the final match between Salado and Wimberly, the Lady Texans took eight shots at the Lady Eagles. Danielle McDaniel defended shots on target at 2:43 and 7:35.

Salado finally took its first shot of the match at 18:09 when Rylie Stewart missed the target.

The Lady Texans missed two more shots and a corner kick opportunity before the Wimberly goalie defended against shots on the goal by Hannah Reavis (27:50) and Kristin Crouch (30:30).

In the second half, Salado missed shots at 48:08 55:22 and 56:02 before Wimberly put one in the net at 57:52 for the 1-0 lead.

McDaniel saved a goal at 63:34.

Wimberly defended a shot on target by Rylie Stewart at 68:24.

Over a three minute period, Wimberly ferociously attacked the goal. McDaniel made saves at 72:57, 74:04 and 75:32. The Lady Texans missed shots at 72:38 and 74:51.

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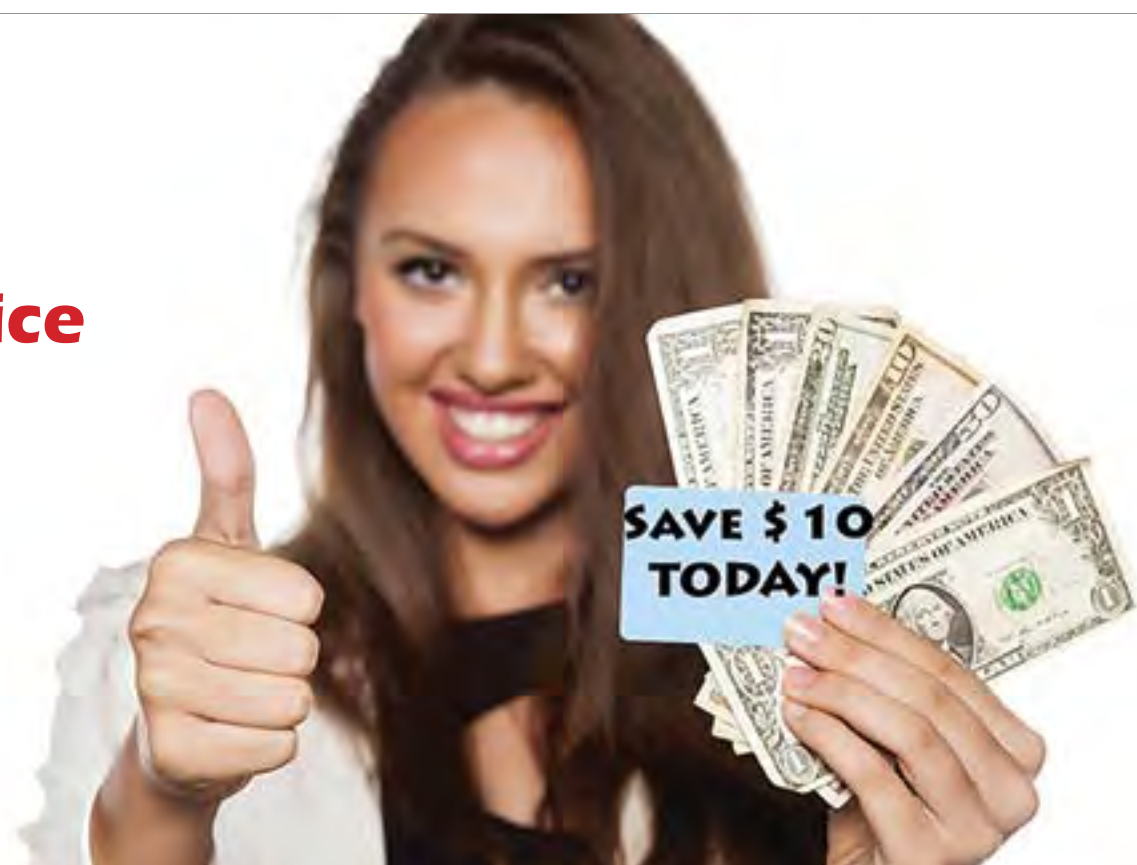
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Varsity Eagles basketball

Salado Varsity Basketball Team Front: Quade Brown, Evan Wall, Jake Pittman, Jackson Arredondo, Kade Maedgen, Back: Coach Kenny Mann, Jeremy Jarvis, Anthony Young, Trevor Stump, Ryan Kyburz and Willy Whigham. (Photo by Royce Wiggin)

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Cagers split games with Llano, Lampasas

Salado Eagles could not stop Lampasas guard Kyle Sims in the fourth quarter as Sims scored eight of his game-high 12 points to lead the Badgers past Salado 46-36.

Salado trailed by just two points, 25-27 going into the fourth. The teams were tied at 10-10 after the first. Lampasas took a slim 22-20 halftime lead.

Willy Whigham scored

nine of the Eagles' 11 fourth quarter points. He scored 11 points overall.

Trevor Stump scored 12 points to lead Salado, including two three-pointers for the Eagles.

Also scoring were Jake Pittman, 5 points, Evan Wall and Jeremy Jarvis, 3 points each and Quade Brown 1 point.

Daniel Hurst also managed double figures for the Badgers with 10 points.

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Salado Eagles beat the Llano Yellowjackets on their home court 56-27 on Jan. 17.

Salado scored 13 points in the first quarter and 17 in the second and held Llano to just 5 points in the first half for a 30-5 lead.

The Yellowjackets mustered 5 points in the third quarter and 17 points

in the fourth while Salado scored 18 points in the fourth, 12 of them coming from the free throw line.

Evan Wall led Salado with 17 points. Trevor Stump followed with 16 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Quade Brown and Jake Pittman, 6 points each, Young, 4 points, Kade Maedgen and Willy Whigham, 3 points each and Ryan Kyburz, 1 point.

Texas Bioscience Institute holds open house Feb. 7

The Texas Bioscience Institute Middle College program will hold an open house on Feb. 7, for prospective students and their parents.

TBI's Middle College program offers high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to earn up to two years of STEM-focused college credit before they graduate from high school. Classes are held on the Baylor Scott & White campus in west Temple, which is located at 5701 Airport Rd.

The Open House will begin at 6 p.m. and is open to students from all area

high schools, as well as home-schooled students. Visitors will have an opportunity to tour the facility, visit with TBI personnel and obtain information on applying for admission for the 2017-2018 year.

Since it was established in 2006, the TBI Middle College program has enabled more than 500 students to earn a STEM-focused associate degree from Temple College while they are still in high school. Many TBI graduates have gone on to pursue successful careers in medicine or science.

Eagles go to PKs for win over Panthers

Salado Eagles got past perennial nemesis with penalty Liberty Hill Panthers in a rain-drenched scoreless soccer match on the road Jan. 17.

The teams were tied at 0-0 after regulation. Neither team scored in the overtime periods, so the match went to penalty kicks.

Salado goalie Trey Sheppard saved two Panther penalty kicks.

Meanwhile Armando Castillo, Brandon Rodriguez and Kaden Smien all sent their shots to the back of the net to give Salado the win.

Temple College offers health profession classes

The Temple College Division of Business and Continuing Education is offering these courses this spring: Medical Billing and Coding, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy Technician, Certified Nurse Aide, EKG Technician and Clinical Medical Assistant.

The Medical Billing and Coding course will begin Feb. 6 and will be Monday and Wednesday evenings through June 5.

The Pharmacy Technician course will begin Feb. 7 and will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings through Sept. 7.

The Phlebotomy Technician course will begin Feb. 13 and will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings through May 15. The Certified Nurse Aide course will begin Feb. 15 and meets Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through April 12.

An EKG Technician course will be offered at two different times: March 20-June 12 (Monday and Wednesday evenings) and April 22-July 8 (Saturdays).

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Ladies sweep Lampasas, Llano

Salado Lady Eagles brushed past the Lampasas Lady Badgers 46-26 on Jan. 20.

Sara Kelarek led the girls with 15 points. Taylor Lowrance managed double figures with 12 points. Kerrigan Hearne followed with 10 points.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Kayla Manning, 4 points, Lexie Lima, 2 points and Katelyn Seymour, 1 point.

Seymour led the girls in rebounds with five, followed by Kerlarek, Lowrance, Hearne and Kayla Manning, four each, Danni McDaniel and Kaia Philen, two each and Kate Kyburz, one.

The girls also beat Llano 44-24, winning at home on Jan. 17.

Kelarek led the girls with 15 points. Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Lowrance, 12 points, Hearne, 8 points, Manning, 6 points, Lexi Lima, 2 points and Seymour, 1 point.

The JV Lady Eagles beat Llano 48-30. Corban Mescher led with 12 points, followed by Melissa McCulluch, 11 points, AnnaCat Pryor, 10 points, Emily Stuckly, 8 points, Abbey Matthews, 5 points and Charity Pryor, 2 points. The Freshman Lady Eagles lost in overtime to Llano 26-28. Abby Rembert and Catalina Langlitz led the team with 7 points, followed by Maddy Wade and Emaly Vrooman, 5 points and Averii Piatt, 3 points



Kaia Philen goes up for a shot against the Lampasas Lady Badgers. (Photo by Ron LeGuin)

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Jr. High basketball teams compete against Burnet

Salado junior high teams play Burnet teams last week. Following are the results.

7th A Boys 43
Burnet 41

Salado 7th A Boys defeated Burnet Jan. 16.

Leading scorers for Salado were: Chase Joiner, 10 points and Caleb Simon, 9 points.

8th A Boys 46
Burnet 38

Salado 8th A Boys defeated Burnet Jan. 16.

Leading scorers for Salado were: Payton Miller, 17 points and Kole Maedgen, 13 points.

7th A Girls 22
Burnet 18

Leading Salado in scoring were: Eishen Young, 8 points and Mia Saulter, 6 points.

“These girls have had a good couple of weeks of practice...starting to play more aggressive and sharpening their fundamentals. This was a good defensive game for us. We had many looks at the basket offensively but just couldn't get anything to fall.” Coach Preston

8th A Girls 41
Burnet 39

Leading Salado in scoring were: Amy Manning, 14 points and Amanda Cantu, 8 points.

“These girls played their hearts out tonight. Burnet was our only loss the first round of district and it was only by 1...so my girls were ready for a little revenge. These two teams are very evenly matched and you always can count on it being a very physical game. We came out on fire being up by 17 at half. 3rd quarter was not our friend...Burnet went on a 15-0 run and made it a ball game. Burnet's press was really hurting us, but the girls kept their composure and kept fighting. Once we got it on our end of the floor, Burnet couldn't stop our

offensive set. Great win for these girls!” Coach Preston

7th B Girls 26
Burnet 28

Leading Salado in scoring were: Savvy Oyler, 12 points and Kymberleigh Deen, 8 points.

8th B Girls 25
Burnet 24

Leading Salado in scoring were: Katie Law and Allison Carnahan, 7 points each.

“This was a great win for us! They played hard down to the final second with Allison Carnahan making the winning shot at the buzzer.” Coach Cooper

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February

Adult Craft
February 1 | 2 - 4 p.m.
Valentines for Vets
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Storytime
Mondays | 11 am. - noon

Sit and Knit
Tuesdays | 10 a.m. - noon

Mah Jongg
February 15 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Salado Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
February 27 | 5 - 6 p.m.

Valentine Card Party

February 11
2 - 4 p.m.

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|--|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE | | | | | |
| GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS | | | | | |
| FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016 | | | | | |
| Date | 10 | 50 | | Total | |
| Council | General | Debt Service | Other | Governmental | |
| Codes | Fund | Fund | Funds | Funds | |
| REVENUES: | | | | | |
| 5100 | Total Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 7,722,810 | \$ 1,573,541 | \$ 201,711 | \$ 9,498,062 |
| 5600 | State Program Revenues | 5,166,478 | 39,960 | 153,833 | 5,340,271 |
| 5900 | Federal Program Revenues | 5,162 | - | 182,068 | 537,239 |
| 5000 | Total Revenues | 12,894,450 | 1,713,501 | 383,812 | 15,001,763 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | |
| 0011 | Instruction | 7,056,715 | - | 217,506 | 7,274,221 |
| 0012 | Instructional Resources and Media Services | 211,506 | - | - | 211,506 |
| 0017 | Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development | 302,517 | - | 11,293 | 313,810 |
| 0023 | School Leadership | 482,773 | - | 4,809 | 487,582 |
| 0031 | Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services | 251,464 | - | - | 251,464 |
| 0032 | Special Work Services | 23,003 | - | - | 23,003 |
| 0033 | Health Services | 73,806 | - | - | 73,806 |
| 0034 | Student (Pupil) Transportation | 593,315 | - | - | 593,315 |
| 0035 | Fund Services | - | - | 562,850 | 562,850 |
| 0036 | Extracurricular Activities | 1,026,331 | - | - | 1,026,331 |
| 0041 | General Administration | 344,262 | - | - | 344,262 |
| 0051 | Facilities Maintenance and Operations | 1,623,922 | - | - | 1,623,922 |
| 0052 | Security and Monitoring Services | 8,070 | - | - | 8,070 |
| 0053 | Data Processing Services | 154,839 | - | - | 154,839 |
| Debt Service: | | | | | |
| 0071 | Principal on Long Term Debt | 73,368 | 665,900 | - | 739,268 |
| 0072 | Interest on Long Term Debt | 2,842 | 652,762 | - | 655,604 |
| 0073 | Bond Issuance Cost and Fees | - | 97,049 | - | 97,049 |
| Capital Outlay: | | | | | |
| 0081 | Facilities Acquisition and Construction | 255,666 | - | - | 255,666 |
| Intergovernmental: | | | | | |
| 0093 | Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA | 259,881 | - | - | 259,881 |
| 0099 | Other Intergovernmental Charges | 97,936 | - | - | 97,936 |
| 6000 | Total Expenditures | 13,273,836 | 1,414,810 | 776,458 | 15,465,104 |
| 1100 | Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | (529,386) | 298,691 | 12,154 | (18,541) |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): | | | | | |
| 7011 | Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds) | - | 3,253,491 | - | 3,253,491 |
| 7013 | Capital Leases | 182,379 | - | - | 182,379 |
| 7014 | Non Current Loans | 142,939 | - | - | 142,939 |
| 7019 | Other (Uses) | - | (3,156,300) | - | (3,156,300) |
| 7089 | Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | 326,318 | 97,191 | - | 423,509 |
| 1200 | Net Change in Fund Balances | (3,066) | 395,882 | 12,154 | 404,968 |
| 5800 | Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) | 3,606,295 | 1,676,699 | 125,408 | 5,408,402 |
| 3000 | Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) | \$ 3,597,227 | \$ 1,072,581 | \$ 137,562 | \$ 4,807,370 |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Salado Film Showcase on Feb. 4 highlights talent of young filmmakers at High School

The Salado Film Showcase provides students a unique opportunity to screen their productions. The Showcase will be 7-10 p.m. Feb. 4 at Salado High School.

"The Salado Film Showcase is committed to providing an outstand-

ing experience for both our filmmakers and our audiences," sponsor Tim Cook said. "Salado High School will roll out the red carpet, provide theater concessions and invite the paparazzi to make your student's evening a night to remember."

Cook said that the Salado Film Showcase will accept any film from students enrolled in 1A-4A schools that are submitted to the UIL Young Filmmakers Festival.

All submitted films must comply with the 2016-17 Contest Rules.

Awards will be presented for Best Animation, Best Narrative, Best Documentary and Panelist Special Recognition. The Panel will be Luis Munoz, State UIL Film Director, Tim Bishop, El Tiburon Productions and Brandy Milson, film director at

Langham Creek High School.

Cooks said that eight animations, eight documentaries and eight narratives will be shown during the Salado Film Showcase.

Admission to the Showcase is \$5 per person. Dress is semi-formal.

SHS UIL academic squad at Burnet

Salado High Academic squad competed at the Burnet UIL Academic Tournament Jan. 21.

Three teams earned first place for Salado.

Calculator Applications team took first place. Kate Kyburz, first, Averie Piatt, second, Charity Pryor, third and Cayden Meyer, seventh.

Number Sense also took first place: Ryan Kyburz, first, Andrew Novotny, third, Sarah Umpleby, fifth and Mikaela Heiner, sixth.

The Spelling Team took first place as well: Cassidy Brown, second, Matt Stahnke, fourth.

In Computer Applications, Camryn Haltom placed fourth and Danielle McDaniel placed fifth.

In Science, Cooper Womack was 11th, Natalie McBryde was 12th and Hali Fischer was 16th.

In Mathematics, Elizabeth Won placed third and Mikaela Heiner placed sixth.

In Prose Interpretation, Courtney Evans placed second and Jamie Rich was third.

Conner Hill placed sixth in Accounting.

Amber Schlessiger placed second in Headline Writing and fourth in Editorial Writing.

In Poetry Interpretation, Rayne Polkowski placed fifth.

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Salado Village Guide

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Salado Legends auditions in February

Auditions for the 2017 season of the outdoor musical drama, Salado Legends, will be held 3 p.m., Feb 4 - 5, you may attend either day. Auditions, conducted by Salado Legends Director Donnie Williams, will be at Tablerock Amphitheater's indoor stage located at 409 Royal Street in Salado.

Salado Legends requires singers, actors of all

ages, dancers, and stage/tech crew. Last year's cast, crew and workers consisted of over 100 people ranging in age from 3 years to 79 years of age. Thirty-five families used Salado Legends' rehearsals and performances as a family project. The old saying, "The families that play together stay together," still holds true.

Singers should bring

tape and tape player for their accompaniment, CD player will be available. Actors will give cold readings from a Salado Legend script. Dancers need only list their experience.

Rehearsals, by scene, begin June 12 weekday evenings 7-9:30 p.m. Performances are July 22, 29 and August 5.

Scholarships are available for college students,



Actors of all ages are needed for the 2017 production of Salado Legends. Now in its 25th year, Salado Legends tells the history of Salado. Written by local playwright Jackie Mills, the production will be directed by Donnie Williams.

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and high school students graduating in May of 2017, or high school students taking college courses. Total 2017 scholarship funds available are over \$10,000 distributed by the Director according to need and service. Tablerock is a volunteer theater, no compensation for cast or crew.

Contact Tablerock Amphitheater at 947-9205 with audition questions.

Thom the World Poet to host Tablerock's Texas Poetry and Prose Reading

Thom the World Poet will host the 23rd Annual Central Texas Poetry and Prose Reading 7 - 8 p.m. on Feb. 2. Invited Central Texas poets and writers of prose will grace Tablerock's inside stage to read five minutes of their works.

Invited readers are: Nancy Fierstien from Dripping Springs, Richard Egg from Salado, Jack McCabe from Austin, Donna Bowling from Temple, Steve Brooks from Austin, and Sandi Horton from Waco.

Two Salado High School Poetry Contest Winners from Terri Seaton's English class on Poetry will also read their winning poems.

An open microphone at 8:15 encourages new poets and writers to read two minutes of their work.

The Host Poet, Thom Woodruff, is originally from Australia and a hardy transplant to Austin. Thom Woodruff tours England and Australia Poetry Festivals when possible and in his adopted city of Austin he can be seen improvising with musicians at open mics, or hosting open mic venues in Austin and towns all over Central Texas. Thom, the tireless poet, is the co-founder of the Austin International Poetry

Festival in 1993. His tour of Poetry Festivals all over the world and writing poetry every day keeps him in tune with the times and in demand at lectures and gatherings. His appearance at High Schools, in English classes, and at Libraries has students composing poetry and reading aloud...even the football players! Thom was also instrumental in renewing interest in and rejuvenating the Temple Live Poets in 2010. Thom was nominated for Texas Poet Laureate in 2015.

All participants in Central Texas Writers of Poetry and Prose must read from their original work or have a designated reader. The writer's works may be published or unpublished. A table will be provided for writers to display published works, sell books or tapes.

Poets wishing to add their poem to the Tablerock Poet's Annual Anthology, "Animal Tales", may submit three poems about animals to tablerock1@aol.com for consideration.

Submission guidelines are available at tablerock.org.

Tablerock Amphitheater is at 409 Royal Street. The indoor stage is located in the building behind the amphitheater stage.

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

THRU FEBRUARY 4
Salado Youth Baseball and Softball League registration info: saladoyouth.org

THRU FEB 10
Applications for Village of Salado Citizens Academy accepted. info: (254) 947-5060

THRU FEB 15
Applications for Village of Salado Planning and Zoning Commission accepted. info: saladotx.gov

THRU FEB 18
Belton Youth Baseball Association registration. Open to kids in Salado Belton, Academy, Jarrell and Killeen. info: beltonyouthbaseball.com

THRU FEB 22
Presidential Sale at Angelic Herbs

JANUARY 26
Salado Area Republican Women Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Fred Churchill

JANUARY 26
Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet. info: salado.com

JANUARY 27
Cedar Valley Baptist Church Gospel Singing, 7 p.m. at the church on FM2743. Potluck meal follows. info: (254) 947-5100

JANUARY 28
Salado Youth Baseball and Softball League registration, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary Gym info: saladoyouth.org

JANUARY 28
Protein Packs a Punch, 10 - 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library. Free nutrition seminar, RS VP by January 21 to angelie@fitnessbeyondtraining.com or (832) 794-6850

JANUARY 28
Annil's AWD Designs Trunk Show, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Stamp Salado. New stamp designs and Make-n-Takes. info: (254) 947-8848

JANUARY 28
Mill Creek Community Association Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m. at The Terrace. RSVP by Jan. 18 to 947-4907

JANUARY 28
Johnny's Songwriter Series featuring Brian Gowan, 6 - 9 p.m. at Johnny's Cantina

JANUARY 29
Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 31
Salado Community Chorus Spring Season Kick-off Supper, 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Salado Fellowship Hall. New and returning members welcome for this soup and salad supper. info: saladochorus.com

FEBRUARY 1
Valentines for Vets at SPL Adult Craft meeting, 2 - 4 p.m. at Salado Public Library

FEBRUARY 2
Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings, 7 p.m. at Tablerock. info: tablerock1@aol.com

FEBRUARY 3 - 4
Auditions for Salado Legends, 3 p.m. at Tablerock. info: (254) 947-0717

FEBRUARY 4
Quick and Easy Valentine Treat Holders Class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. \$15 info: (254) 947-8848

FEBRUARY 4
Johnny's Songwriter Series featuring Josh Merrell, 6 - 9 p.m. at Johnny's Cantina

FEBRUARY 4
Salado Film Showcase, 7 - 10 p.m. at Salado High School

FEBRUARY 6
Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 9
Ribbon Cutting for Timeless Upscale Consignment, 5:15 p.m.

FEB 10, 11, 12 & 14
Valentine Weekend Menu at The Range. reservations: TheRangeRestaurant.com

FEBRUARY 11 - 12
Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road. info: (254) 947-3355

FEBRUARY 11
Stamp Perfect, Precision Press, or MISTI Class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. \$15 info: (254) 947-8848

FEBRUARY 11
Valentine Explosion Box Cards Class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. \$28 info: (254) 947-8848

FEBRUARY 11
Valentine Card Party, 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library

FEBRUARY 11
Johnny's Songwriter Series featuring Ben Guenther, 6 - 9 p.m. at Johnny's Cantina

FEBRUARY 13
Salado Athletic Boosters meeting, TBA

FEBRUARY 18
Texas is Texas Class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. \$30 info: (254) 947-8848

FEBRUARY 18
Blending Backgrounds Tips and Tricks Class, 1:30 p.m. at Stamp Salado. \$28 info: (254) 947-8848

FEBRUARY 18
Central Texas Astronomical Society Star Party, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Overlook Park, 3740 FM 1670. info: centexasastronomy.org

FEBRUARY 20
No Salado ISD classes

FEBRUARY 24 - 25
Murder Mystery Special rate at Inn on the Creek. info: inncreek.com

FEBRUARY 25
Mardi Gras Murder Mystery Dinner at Inn on the Creek. info: inncreek.com

MARCH 25 - 26
Texas Wine and Rouge Art Fest at Salado Winery Company and Salado Wine Seller on Main Street. Saturday Noon - 5 p.m. and Sunday noon - 4 p.m. Free Admission. info: SaladoWineFestival.com

MARCH 25 - 26
Wildflower Art Festival. info: salado.com

MARCH 24
Salado Pub Crawl. info: salado.com

MARCH 25
Edgy Art Show. info: salado.com

FEBRUARY 26
Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 4
Spring Garage Sale at Stamp Salado. info: (254) 947-8848

FEBRUARY 27
Salado Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library

FEBRUARY 27
Salado ISD School Board Meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Civic Center

MARCH 3 - 31
Texas Writers exhibit at Central Texas Area Museum

MARCH 4
Author Susan Wittig Albert at Central Texas Area Museum

MARCH 6
Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 11 - 12
Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road. info: (254) 947-3355

MARCH 13
Denver Mills Golf Tournament to Benefit Tablerock, 1 p.m. at Mill Creek Golf Course. info: (254) 947-9205

MARCH 13 - 17
No Salado ISD classes

MARCH 23
Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. in the Blue Heron room at Tenroc. speaker: Cecilia Abbott info: barclaymccort@gmail.com

MARCH 24
Sirril Art Gallery's Art Show and Sale, 6 - 9 p.m.

MARCH 25
Smokin' Spokes Bike Race to benefit Salado Volunteer Fire Department. Register at: active.com

MARCH 25 - 26
Texas Wine & Rogue Art Fest, Saturday, noon - 5 p.m., Sunday, noon - 4 p.m. at Salado Winery Company. info: saladowinefestival.com (254) 947-8011

MARCH 26
Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 27 - 31
Glass and Gold Class at Glass River Designs. info: (254) 947-0002

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MONDAYS

Children's Story and Craft Time, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library. info: (254) 947-9191

Salado Village Artists Stitchers & Knitters, 2 p.m. at Salado Village Artists Building.

Classified advertising deadline for Salado Village Voice, noon. info: advertising@saladovillagevoice.com

Salado Masonic Lodge, Floor practice is 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge every Monday except Stated Meeting. Stated meeting is 7:30 p.m. Monday on or before Full Moon.

FIRST MONDAY

Salado First Monday Gardeners, 8 a.m. at the Visitor Center.

Monday Club, 2 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center

Salado Historical Society board meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

SECOND MONDAY

Second Monday Book Club at Salado Winery, 7 - 9 p.m.

Public Arts League of Salado open board meeting, 5 p.m. at the Visitor's Center on Main Street.

Salado FFA Meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado High School AG building Sept. - May.

Salado Youth Fair Booster Club meeting, after the FFA meeting at Salado High School AG building. Info: SYFB-Club@gmail.com

Salado Athletic Boosters Club meeting, 7 p.m. at the High School Library. (no July meeting)

THIRD MONDAY

Salado United Methodist Women, 5:45 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church Room 117

Salado Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 5 p.m. at the library

TUESDAYS

Learning English Among Friends (LEAF) class, 4:30 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary. Class for Salado ISD parents interested in learning English. 947-6910

Salado Village Artists, Village Art Building, 9 a.m., Bring your artwork **third Tuesday** will be set up for still life.

Adult game day at Presbyterian Church of Salado, 10 a.m.

Sit & Knit, 10 a.m. - noon at Salado Public Library. info: (254) 947-9191

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. at Johnny's Steaks & Barbecue **first three** Tuesdays of month; Roving Social after hours on **fourth Tuesday** of month.

Tex Mex Tuesday at Alexander's Distillery (254) 947-5554

Prix Fixe at The Range, 5 p.m.- close. \$14.95 for entree, dessert, drink.

Salado Community Chorus practice, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center, February - April info: (254) 541-7824 or saladochorus.com

Team Roping Practice, 6:30 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship Arena. Call before you haul 947-7214

FIRST TUESDAY

Salado Village Artists Board Meeting, 9 a.m. at the Village Art Building. Followed by General Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Salado 4-H Club meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate Cafeteria, Sept. - May.

THIRD TUESDAY

Bell County Genealogical Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple Public Library.

Bunco, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Lone Star Winery and Chupacabra Craft Beer

FOURTH TUESDAY

Night of Ministry, 7 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship

WEDNESDAYS

IN.FORM course, 5 p.m. at Angelic Herbs. Info: (254) 947-1909

Wine Wednesday at Alexander's Distillery (254) 947-5554

SECOND WEDNESDAY

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY

Mah Jongg at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

FOURTH WEDNESDAY

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



Brian Gowan is the featured artist at the January 28 Johnny's Songwriter Series at Johnny's Cantina on Thomas Arnold Road.

THURSDAYS

Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., Municipal building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public. First and third Thursday are regular meetings and second and fourth Thursday are workshop meetings.

FIRST THURSDAY

Chisholm Trail American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Salado.

SECOND THURSDAY

Salado Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 9 a.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center.

Barrel Racing, 6:30 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship Arena. Call before you haul 947-7214

THIRD THURSDAY

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Visitors Center.

Third Thursday Music Club, 5 - 8 p.m. at JD's Travel Center. Old time music, acoustic only. Everyone welcome to come play or listen.

FRIDAYS

Pop in for a pastry, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at First Community Title.

Display advertising deadline for Salado Village Voice, noon. info: advertising@saladovillagevoice.com

Hecho En Queso food truck, 4-10 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. on Barrow Street. info: barrowbrewing.com

Friday Night Special at Mill Creek Country Club Bar and Grill. Menu changes every week. Call 947-5698.

Live music at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery

FOURTH FRIDAY

Fourth Friday Gospel Singing, 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church on FM 2843. Pot luck to follow, bring a favorite dish or dessert.

SATURDAYS

Studio Time for Salado Village Artists members, 10 a.m. info: saladovillageartists.com

Live music in The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., 7 p.m. Artists change weekly. Check website for details.

Live music at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery

FIRST & THIRD SATURDAY

Trudy's Closet, 8 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church

SECOND SATURDAY

Asanas & Ales, 9:30 - 11 a.m. at Barrow Brewing Company

SUNDAYS

Open discussion Al-Anon Meeting, 6 p.m. Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center.

SECOND WEEKENDS

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event. info: (254) 947-3355.

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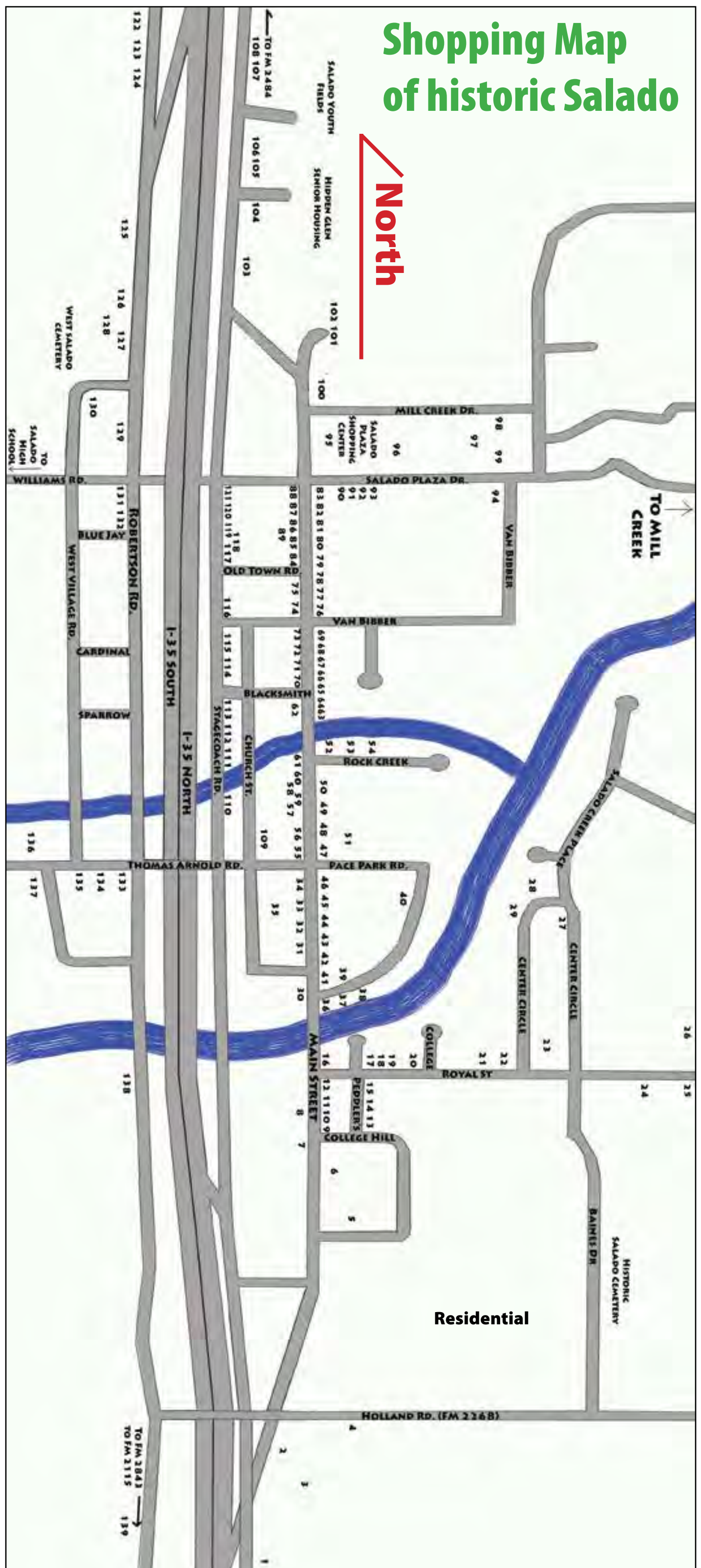
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Shopping Map of Salado

- | # | Business Name | |
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| 3 | Wildfire Ranch Arena | V |
| 4 | St. Stephen Catholic Church | C |
| 6 | Salado College Park | V |
| 7 | Raney & Associates | \$ |
| 8 | Stagecoach Inn | D |
| 9 | Salado Museum | V |
| 10 | Vintage Vinyl inside Sofi's | S |
| 12 | Chupacabra and Salado Lone Star Winery | D |
| 14 | Salado Glassworks | A |
| 17 | Barrow Brewery | D |
| | Hecho en Queso Food Truck Fri. | D |
| 20 | Springhouse | S |
| 21 | The Venue | V |
| 22 | The Shed | D |
| 24 | Tablerock | V |
| 26 | Salado United Methodist Church | C |
| 29 | Alexander's | D |
| 29 | Inn on the Creek | L |
| 30 | First Baptist Church | C |
| 32 | First Texas Brokerage | \$ |
| 33 | First State Bank | \$ |
| 34 | First Community Title | \$ |
| | Farmer's Insurance | \$ |
| | Zbranek Agency | \$ |
| 40 | W.A. Pace Memorial Park | V |
| 47 | Timeless | S |
| 48 | The Inn at Salado | L |
| 49 | Lively Coffeehouse & Bistro | D |
| 49 | Magnolias | S |
| 50 | The Range at the Barton House | D |
| | Linda Roundtree Pritchard Egg massage therapist | \$ |
| 55 | Salado Family Dentistry | \$ |
| 57 | Mud Pies | S |
| 58 | The Shoppes on Main #1 | S |
| 60 | Salado Creek Jewelry | S |
| 62 | The Pizza Place | D |
| 65 | ERA Colonial Real Estate | \$ |
| 71 | Uncle Junks | S |
| 73 | Crain Chiropractic & Wellness | \$ |
| 75 | Angelic Herbs | S |
| | Bruce Bolick, CPA | \$ |
| 76 | Salado Civic Center | \$ |
| 79 | Salado Chamber/Tourism Bureau | \$ |
| 81 | Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co. | D |
| 82 | St. Joseph's Episcopal Church | C |
| 85 | Dee's Antique Mall | S |
| 85 | Salado Post Office | \$ |
| 86 | Bill Bartlett – Century 21 | \$ |
| 86 | Subway | D |
| | Old Fashioned Burgers | D |
| 87 | The Personal Wealth Coach | \$ |
| 89 | Stamp Salado | S |
| 90 | Presbyterian Church of Salado | C |
| 91 | Troy Smith Financial Services | \$ |
| 92 | Salado Sculpture Garden | A |
| 96 | Salado Village Voice | \$ |
| | Ace Pest Control | \$ |
| | Montieth Abstract & Title | \$ |
| | The Haire Shop | \$ |
| | Mill Creek Cleaners | \$ |
| 97 | Brookshire Brothers | S |
| 100 | Salado Public Library | C |
| 101 | Salado Cleaners | \$ |
| 102 | Hairitage Barber Shop | \$ |
| 113 | Salado Church of Christ | C |
| 118 | Salado Market Days | S |
| 119 | Salado Antique Mall | S |
| 120 | Horizon Bank | \$ |
| 129 | Cowboy's Barbecue | D |
| 130 | Village Spirits | S |
| 132 | Broecker Funeral Home | \$ |
| 133 | Johnny's Steaks and BBQ | D |
| 135 | Embrace Smiles | \$ |
| 136 | Salado Schools & Stadium | C |
| 139 | Cedar Valley Baptist Church | C |
| Not Shown on the Shopping Map | | |
| | Animal Medical | \$ |
| | JD's Travel Center | D |
| | The Play Yard Preschool | \$ |
| | Don Ringer | \$ |
| | Garlyn Shelton | \$ |
| | 3C Cowboy Fellowship | C |
| | Coleman Auto Restoration | \$ |
| | Walt Tollefson Computer Repair | \$ |
| | Finney Insurance | \$ |
| | Grace Baptist Church | C |
| | Mill Creek Country Club | D/V |

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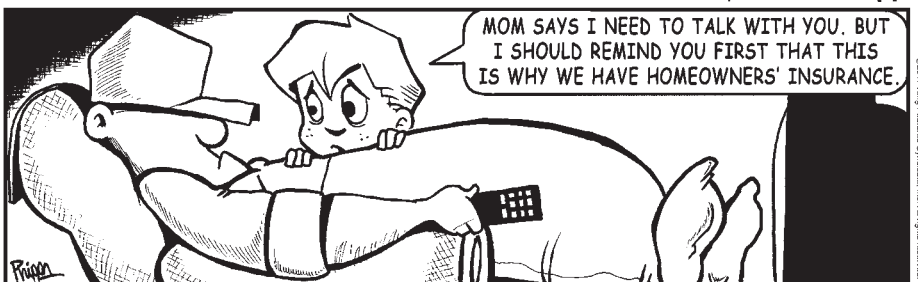
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- L** Lodging
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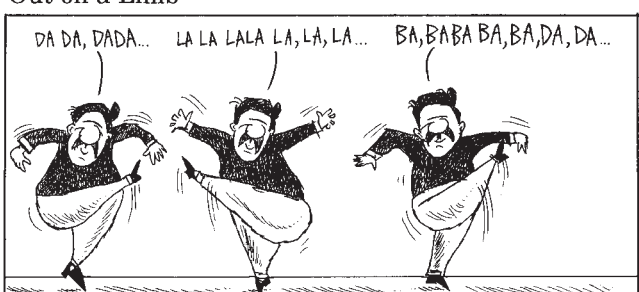
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| 8. Main Street Bridge | 29. Alexander's Distillery | 55. The Armstrong Adams House |
| 16. Barber-Berry Mercantile | 30. First Baptist Church | 61. Historic Lenticular Bridge |
| 23. The Baines House | 31. The Tyler House | 49. The Vickrey House |
| 24. Historic Dipping Vats | 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 | 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins |
| 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion | 45. The Anderson House | 79. The Robert B. Halley House |
| 26. Old Methodist Chapel | 46. Old Saloon | 100. The Josiah Fowler House |
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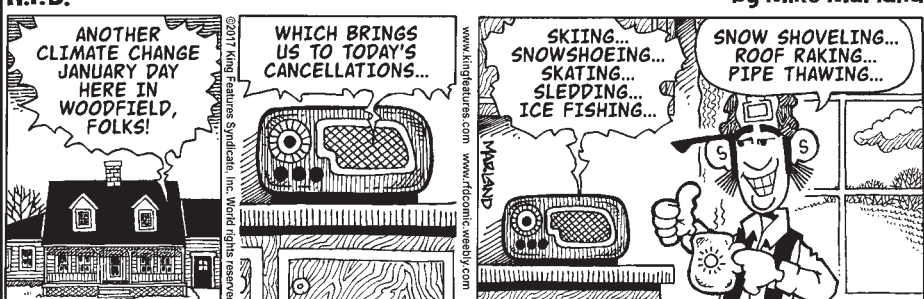
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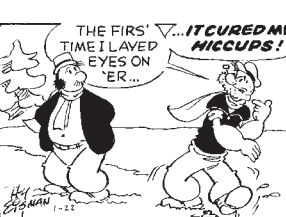
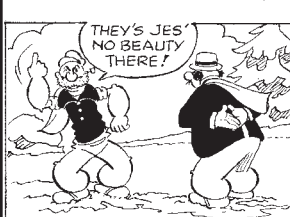
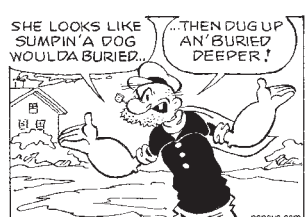
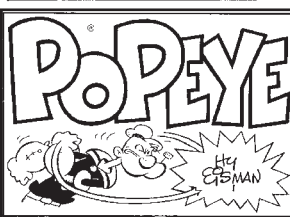
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by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

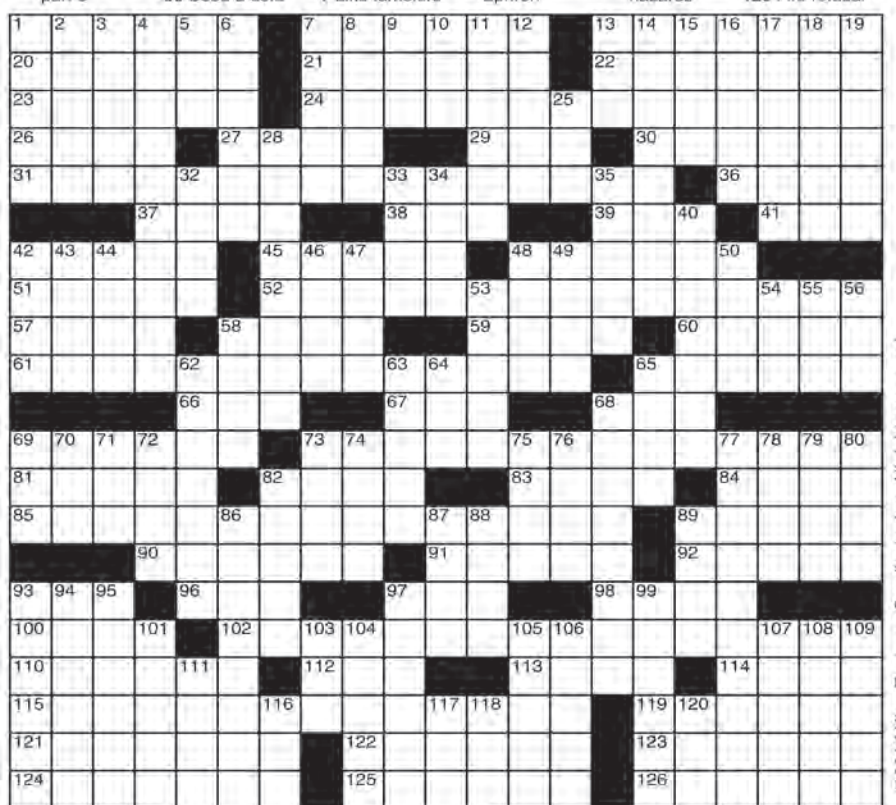
Super CROSSWORD

SNOWFLAKES solution

Super Crossword

THE SCIENCE OF TRUMPETERS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Like galaxies and nebulae
 - 7 Cry after a long wait
 - 13 Beel or pork alternative
 - 20 Nabokov novel
 - 21 Obi-wearing companion
 - 22 Volcanic flow
 - 23 Is a hammy actor
 - 24 Start of a riddle
 - 26 Extras for iDevices
 - 27 See 8-Down
 - 29 — out a win (just prevail)
 - 30 Long Island town with a Triple Crown racetrack
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 36 Corn bread
 - 37 Barracks site
 - 38 Shaker — (city in O.)
 - 39 Sweet roll
 - 41 Scuff up, e.g.
 - 42 Opposing voters
 - 45 March Madness, with "the"
 - 48 More spiteful
 - 51 Jack up, e.g.
 - 52 Riddle, part 3
 - 57 Brow shape
 - 58 Boxer's prize
 - 59 Astral bear
 - 60 "Robinson Crusoe" novelist
 - 61 Riddle, part 4
 - 65 Banquets
 - 66 "Allie" lyricist — David
 - 67 Scrubs sites, for short
 - 68 Ending for pay
 - 69 Blockhead
 - 73 Riddle, part 5
 - 81 Front wheel convergence
 - 82 Not of the cloth
 - 83 Jedi's furry friend
 - 84 Butter lookalike
 - 85 End of the riddle
 - 89 Shrimplike crustacean
 - 90 Exploding water balloon sounds
 - 91 Triple-time dance, in Dijon
 - 92 Ira Levin's — Before Dying
 - 93 Angry feeling
 - 96 Used a sofa
 - 97 Danson of "Cheers"
 - 98 Trunk growth
 - 100 Seat of Grand County, Utah
 - 102 Start of the riddle's answer
 - 110 Apartment window sign
 - 112 Hoover offering, for short
 - 113 Blockhead
 - 114 Go bankrupt
 - 115 End of the riddle's answer
 - 119 Nobel winner Eugene
 - 121 Northern French port
 - 122 Prix fixe part
 - 123 Moo makers
 - 124 Arid quality
 - 125 ETERNAL City citizens
 - 126 Enters, as a PIN
 - 8 With 27-Across, Pavarotti number, e.g.
 - 9 Ignited, as a fire
 - 10 Fire leftover
 - 11 Bedclothes
 - 12 In bad taste
 - 13 "Evita" role
 - 14 Grand slams, e.g.
 - 15 — cost ya'
 - 16 Put in a vise
 - 17 Blast sound
 - 18 Actress
 - 19 Talk on and on
 - 25 Playboy founder, familiarly
 - 28 Tool for moving just-baked bread or pizza
 - 32 Publisher Condé —
 - 33 Persian king
 - 34 Tiny, for short
 - 35 2012 rival of Romney
 - 40 FDR's plan
 - 42 Hunter of Mooby Dick
 - 43 Screenwriter Epton
- DOWN**
- 1 Shoe gripper
 - 2 Pizzazz
 - 3 Skiing locale
 - 4 Mirage
 - 5 Ending for Manhattan
 - 6 Black currant liqueur
 - 7 Like tumblers
 - 78 Jai follower
 - 79 Hedge plants
 - 80 Father's Day callers
 - 82 Averse (to)
 - 86 Big dishes
 - 87 At any time
 - 88 Dry riverbed
 - 89 Onetime star Kirsten
 - 93 "Someone informed me ..."
 - 94 Houselap laborer
 - 95 A bit crude
 - 97 Electronic music genre
 - 99 See 71-Down
 - 101 Irish writer Brendan
 - 103 Biblical exile
 - 104 Origami need
 - 105 Routinely
 - 106 Pharmacy measures
 - 107 Hook worms
 - 108 Palmer or Lehmann
 - 109 "Juno" star often
 - 111 Campbell of "Party of Five"
 - 116 The, to Luc
 - 117 It spits out
 - 120 Billions of job-related hazards
 - 120 Fire refusal



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Perfect play succeeds

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A declarer is sometimes forced to resort to an educated guess when no other options are available. Consider this deal where South got to four hearts and West led a club.

East took his A-Q and shifted to the jack of diamonds, presenting declarer with his first problem. South rejected the finesse and went up with the ace instead. He reasoned that if West had the king of diamonds, playing the queen would surely cost the contract, while if East had the king of diamonds, the queen would still score a trick later on.

Before making his final decision about the diamonds, declarer first cashed the A-K of spades and A-K of trumps. He then led the queen of spades and trumped it in dummy!

A low diamond from dummy came next, and when East followed with the ten, South decided to play West for the king. So he played

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K
♥ A 10 8 6
♦ 8 7 6 4 3
♣ K 9

WEST
♠ J 6 5 2
♥ 7 4
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 8 6 4

EAST
♠ 10 8 7 3
♥ 9 5
♦ J 10
♣ A Q 10 3 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 4
♥ K Q J 3 2
♦ A Q 2
♣ 7 5

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♥ Pass 4♥
Opening lead — four of clubs.

low on the ten, rendering the defense helpless. Whether West started with the K-5 or the K-9-5, South could not lose more than one diamond trick.

In the actual case, if East's ten held the trick, he would be forced to return a spade or a club, allowing declarer to discard the queen of diamonds as he ruffed in dummy. Alternatively, if West elected to overtake the ten with the king, South's queen would become the game-

going trick. And, of course, if West had started with the K-5 doubleton, declarer's queen would also become good.

Once declarer decided to play West for the diamond king, the defenders had no chance. It is important to note that, along the way to the winning position, South avoided a major pitfall when he ruffed the queen of spades in dummy. Had he instead cashed the queen and then crossed to dummy with a trump, East would have been able to discard his ten of diamonds, and the contract would have gone down the drain.

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- MOVIES: What was the last movie that Nancy Davis Reagan appeared in?
 - GEOGRAPHY: What desert exists in parts of California, Arizona and Mexico?
 - PROVERBS: Where should you "never look a gift horse"?
 - U.S. STATES: Which state is an anagram of the word "anime"?
 - LITERATURE: What was author Thomas Mann's native country?
 - ANATOMY: How much of blood's volume is made up of plasma?
 - RELIGION: Which religion's places of worship are called "Kingdom Halls"?
 - MEASUREMENTS: What is the base unit of mass in the metric system?
 - PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called "neophobia"?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president began appearing on the half dollar coin in 1964?
- Answers
- "Crash Landing" (1958)
 - Sonoran desert
 - "In the mouth"
 - Maine
 - Germany
 - 55 percent
 - Jehovah's Witnesses
 - The gram
 - The fear of anything new
 - John F. Kennedy
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Merriam's Kangaroo Rat

Merriam's Kangaroo Rat does not drink water

As I have previously stated, I am what is known as a "herper", short for herpetologist. A herpetologist is someone who studies the behaviors and life histories of reptiles and amphibians. As a "herper", I have spent countless hours in the Trans-Pecos eco-region of Texas looking for reptiles, particularly snakes. While on these nocturnal forays, many other animals are observed, and one rodent in particular is always a welcome sight.

The Merriam's Kan-



Wild About Texas

Michael Price

garoo Rat (*Dipodomys merriami*) is a small rodent that inhabits the Trans-Pecos, southwestern Llano Estacado, and western Edwards Plateau eco-regions of Texas. Unlike the other four species of Kangaroo Rats that are indigenous to this state, the Merriam's variety is much more tolerant in its habitat requirements, thriving in the sandy dunes, gravelly soils, and rocky areas of west Texas. It digs deep burrows, occasionally at the base of the creosote bush. In these burrows, it will often plug up the simple opening with grasses to spend the day away from the brutal heat of the summers and the frigid temperatures of winter. It does not hibernate, but rather is active year round. Generally, only one animal will occupy a burrow at any given time; the exception is when the females are rearing their young.

Merriam's Kangaroo Rats, as with the other species of the genus, have a very unique body structure. Instead of having

four limbs of equal size, the back limbs are almost twice as long as the forelimbs, giving this animal the ability to hop away from potential predators faster than it can run. This hopping is what gives this animal its "Kangaroo" namesake. Adult Merriam's are brownish tan dorsally, while the underside is typically cream to white. The body length of adults is approximately 4 inches, while the rather long tail is up to 1.5 times the length of the body. An unblemished tail ends with a tuft of dusky fur. It has conspicuously large eyes, giving this rodent an almost endearing appearance. In fact, many people who shun other species of rats will often coo at the sight of a Kangaroo Rat. Being nocturnal (active at night), the eyes are of great benefit to this mammal as the large pupils allow more light in for vision even in the darkest of conditions. This allows them to evade predators such as snakes, owls, and carnivorous mammals like foxes, bobcats and coyotes when they vacate the safety of

their burrows to search for food and mates.

Merriam's Kangaroo Rats are similar to other mammals in the aspect of giving live birth to young. It has been known to breed year round in the Big Bend region of Texas, while throughout the remainder of its range it typically breeds from March through November. The average number of young per litter is three, while occasionally as few as one or as many as five are produced. Gestation is generally one month, and females can reach sexual maturity as early as 60 days. Studies have shown that reproduction rates vary according to environmental conditions such as drought, which directly affects their food supply. Merriam's feed primarily (up to nearly seventy percent) on seeds, while grasses and insects are also consumed. Seeds are packed into their cheek pouches to allow for easy transference back to their burrows for later consumption. It does not drink water, for like many other rodents that thrive in this harsh land, it receives the water necessary for its survival from the foods that it eats. In fact, it is so adverse to water that it is actually one of the few mammals that cannot swim.

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4:03-4:04 p.m., 500 Block Pace Park. Reckless Driving, red Dodge dully and white Chevy pickups driving reckless in the park. Checked area, unable to locate.

6:29-8:44 p.m., Assisted Bell County Sheriff's Office along with Salado Fire and EMS with a call at the above location. All code-4, clear.

Jan. 17
10:41 a.m., IH-35 at 284 South Bound. Crash, subject was saying he was at the 284 exit. He was South of FM 2843.

3:45-3:50 p.m., NB Exit 286. Crash, one vehicle crash at above location. Report.

8:32-8:40 p.m., NB MM 285. Traffic Control, 18 wheeler feels unsafe due to weather conditions. Provided traffic control for repair person. Clear.

Jan. 18
6:45-6:54 a.m., 900 Block IH-35. Crash, and individual lost control and hit the barrier. Report on file, while en route another vehicle struck his vehicle.

8:55-8:57 p.m., 213 Mill Creek. Crash, two vehicle crash on Brookshire's parking lot. Report on file.

Jan. 19
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Jan. 16
12:46-1:29 a.m., 2700 Block Winners Circle. Priority 3 residential alarm. Upgraded to priority 2 structure fire. Arrived on scene to find residence opened up with no smoke showing. Both inhabitants were standing on front porch. Strong electrical odor coming from front door. Made entry and found kitchen sink cabinet open with severely charred garbage disposal laying on top of a pile of cleaning supplies. Homeowner stated they were awakened by smoke alarm. Came into kitchen and found smoke and flame coming from under kitchen cabinets. They grabbed pots from an adjacent cabinet and went to bathroom and filled pots to extinguish fire. SVFD tripped breaker to kitchen plugs and turned off water to kitchen facets. Using wire cutter, cut wires to disposal unit. Source of ignition

appeared to be a disposal unit. Checked other cabinet for extensions and cleared scene. 2 units, 4 personnel.
2:33-2:51 a.m., Elm Grove Spur. 85 year old male with Altered level of consciousness. Arrived on scene with Belton Medic. Medic transported patient priority 1. 1 unit, 1 personnel.
4:40:6:53, 11800 Block FM 2843. Out to a possible grassfire, caller advised around 12" flames showing in a small area. Arrived on scene to find the gates all closed up and locked. Got over the fence and made way to the flames showing. Found what appeared to be a barn that had burned and the only thing left was smoldering lumber all of the tin from the building was laying on the ground. Made contact with homeowner and they made their way to the fire. SVFD also found a

completely burned up. Extinguished all hot spots and notified the Fire Marshall no more hazards were found and all units cleared. 3 units, 4 personnel.
5:04-5:32 p.m., 100 Block W. Creek. Arrived on scene to find 72 year old female laying on floor beside bed. Scott White transported. All units cleared. 2 units, 4 personnel. Jan. 17
11:45-11:56 a.m., 1200 Block Elm Grove Rd. Canceled en route. 1 unit, 1 personnel.
5:04-5:17 p.m., 11200 Block Oak Tree Dr. lift assist, helped the patient to his chair. 3 units, 4 personnel.
7:05-8:28 p.m., 282 SB. 1 pick-up truck with trailer jack knifed blocking 3 lanes of traffic. Scott & White transported 1. 4 units, 7 personnel.
7:53-8:38 p.m., 500 Block W. Village. 90 year old female with shortness of breath. Scott

& White transported. 2 units, 3 personnel.
10:27-10:53 p.m., 282 NB Rest Area. Patient feeling light headed and dizzy, no transport. 1 unit, 3 personnel. Jan. 20
1:28-1:33 p.m., 1500 Block Chaparral. Fire alarm, canceled en route. 2 units, 2 personnel.
2:40-3:00 p.m., 11700 Block FM 2484. Arrived on scene to find approximately 1/8 acres on fire. Fire was extinguished with 200 gallons of water. 3 units, 4 personnel.
6:33-7:44 p.m., 11000 Block La Paloma Loop. Patient passed out in garage of the house from drinking a whole bottle of Tequila. Arrived on scene with Scott & White Medic. Patient was found on garage floor, patient got aggravated when he was woken up and he threatened all units on scene. Patient got up and went after Medic and

wife. All units backed out and called for BCSO. SVFD and Medic closed the road around subdivision and BCSO, SPD and BC Constable showed up and was on standby. Patient would not come out and talk to anyone. BCSO finally made contact via phone and they decided to leave the patient at his residence. All units cleared and BCSO met all units at SVFD station to get statements from those involved for further investigation. 2 units, 4 personnel. Jan. 21
4:57-10:15 a.m., 280 NB I-35. 18-wheeler vs. Car head on. 18 wheeler major front end damage 100 yards North of what appeared to be a car. The car had major damage and driver was deceased, the car had a small fire and SVFD pulled the red line and extinguished the fire. NB I-35 was completely shut down with the help of BC Constable. and

BCSO. Notified Grones Environmental for the clean-up of all of the oil and debris all over the roadway. Scott & White Medic had patient care on the driver of the 18-wheeler and he was transported for evaluation. Remained on scene. DPS arrived on scene, once DPS had worked the scene and surveyed, the Justice of the Peace arrived and then the funeral home. Remained on scene until highway cleared. 6 units, 7 personnel.
11:54 a.m.-12:12 p.m., 000 Block Homestead Ln. Out for a 76 year old having trouble breathing/dizzy. Arrived on scene to find Harker Heights FD talking to patient, standing and responsive. Harker Heights had patient care, and transporting patient. SVFD cleared, 1 unit, 2 personnel.



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