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With bond refinance, SISD could see \$1.5M in savings in 20 years

Salado I.S.D. recently refinanced \$8.6 million of bonds that will save the district more than \$1.5 million over the remaining life of the bonds.

Refunding the bonds for the next 20 years will lower the annual debt service payment from approximately \$1.5 million per year to \$1.42 million per year.

"This will save the Salado ISD taxpayers between \$74,138 and \$83,902 per year," SISD Superintendent Michael Novotny said, "for the next 20 years for a total of \$1,532,727."

In refinancing the

bonds, the interest rate will drop from the current amount of 4.8304 percent to 2.575 percent.

SISD currently has \$20.74 million in long-term debt obligations. Over that, \$4.25 million is the 2005 series bonds, \$15.73 million is the 2006 series bonds and \$755,000 is the 2011 series bonds.

In 2011, the district refinanced approximately \$900,000 in existing bonds.

The district is refinancing \$8.63 million of the 2006 series bonds, which are at 4.83 percent.

Developer seeks community support for affordable housing

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"You have Section 8 housing in your community right now."

Jim Reed should know. He is executive director of the Central Texas Council of Governments, which serves seven counties and 33 communities in several capacities including affordable housing.

The Central Texas Housing Assistance Program (CTHAP) is responsible for providing Section 8 financial and other assistance in securing safe, decent, and sanitary housing for low-income families or individuals who are elderly, disabled or handicapped.

Currently, in Bell County, there are 2,800 residents who are receiving help through Section 8 vouchers. This represents over \$1 million to the Bell County economy each month.

"If they qualify for the section 8 voucher," Reed told Salado aldermen discussing a proposed affordable housing project in Salado extra-territorial jurisdiction during a workshop session Feb. 7, "they can go anywhere that the voucher is accepted by landlords."

The discussion of Section 8 housing has been bandied about by opponents to the proposed affordable housing project on 15 acres off of Mary Lane, currently outside of the city limits of the Village of Salado.

Aldermen will discuss the project again during a 4:30 p.m. Feb. 21 workshop and 6 p.m. meeting.

JES Holdings, Inc. is proposing to build an affordable living development of 45 units on 15 acres of property. The units will be one and two-bedrooms.

The affordable housing development will compete for tax credits through the Section 42 affordable housing program.

In return for offering reduced rents to qualified residents, property owners are given tax credits from

the federal government.

"That is the only government assistance in the project," Alderman Stephen Peters said.

"The owner can then turn around and sell these tax credits on the open market," Peters said.

The property must meet certain standards in terms of the building, structure and long-term viability of the project before qualifying for the tax credits.

Peters added that the developer must show the property on which the proposed housing will be situated before it will be considered for the Section 42 program.

Other criteria include community support for the project.

"If they don't get the community support, it could be dead," Peters said.

JES Developers Inc. is asking the Village of Salado to demonstrate "community support" for the project by making a loan of \$12,000 to the project.

Peters said that this is a nominal portion of the overall \$6 million price for the development.

He said that the Village should consider at its next meeting making a \$12,000 loan for the project on a five year basis at 3 percent interest.

"The developers plan to pay it back within 30 days," Peters said.

Alderman Hans Fields said that he sent an email out to about 28 addresses last week to get a feel of the community support for the project. Of those, 24 came back as negatives, two came back as positives and two came back neutral, Fields said.

"I'm not seeing any 'community support' for it," he said.

Fields added that there will be a period for public comment with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs on the project and encouraged both sides to make their opinions known.

JES Holdings is competing with other projects in Region 8, from



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

More than 150 Saladoans gathered at the FM 2484 overpass of I-35 to greet the funeral procession for former Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, who was buried Feb. 12 in the State Cemetery. Flags were provided by Salado Rotary Club for the local residents, including retired armed forces members. Communities all along the route gathered on overpasses and along the highway route to show support for Kyle, who was shot and killed at a gun range last week. Below, kids from Play Yard also lined up to wave at the procession from their location. More photos on page 4A. (PHOTO BELOW COURTESY OF THE PLAY YARD)



CTCOG could provide management for Village without hiring full-time

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Hiring a full-time City Manager may be a larger step than the Village of Salado is ready to take in terms of commitment and cost.

Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Director Jim Reed discussed proposals for

meeting a need for city management during a Feb. 7 workshop session with Salado aldermen.

He said that the cost for hiring a full-time city manager could reach as high as \$160,000 over a two-year contract based upon a \$50,000 salary plus benefits.

"Based on what I see around the state, you won't

be able to hire someone as a City Manager for anything less than a two-year contract," he said.

The Village could also hire a part-time City Manager. Doing this could drastically effect the quality of applicants for the position and would have an unknown price tag.

The third option would be an interlocal agreement

with the CTCOG to provide city management services on a six-month basis with the contract to be reviewed and/or renewed on a monthly basis.

Reed said that the cost would be approximately \$5,000, depending upon the contract term and scope of work set out in the contract.

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Price of golf course purchase could drop by \$500,000

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Golf Club learned that the price to purchase the Mill Creek Country Club golf course and operations could be \$500,000 less than initially anticipated.

Terry Dill, who has been working with residents to form the not-for-profit Salado Golf Club, met with Morris Foster last week. He said that in the meeting, they discussed the Foster donating portions of the overall property that are not needed for golf course operations to a non-profit in order to get tax

benefits. Another part of the property that would not be necessary for the operations of the golf course could be kept by Foster and subdivided for residential properties.

This approach could lower the price of purchasing the golf course from \$2.5 million to \$2 million.

The property that lies in the flood plain (Sherrill Park) could be donated to a non-profit, as could the dining room, which has not been used since the flood of 2010. The property could then be leased back to Salado Golf Club. Merrill Park could then be developed as a "pitch and

putt" course for players to work on their short games, Dill said.

"We will do everything we can to get this done," Dill said.

The ultimate goal of the Salado Golf Club at Mill Creek is local member-ownership of the Mill Creek golf course, which has been financially troubled for much of its 30-year existence and which may be closed and the property sold off for real estate development by current owner Morris Foster.

Many businesses and residents see the loss of the golf course as a major economic blow to the com-

munity, not just in loss of property values but in loss of taxable revenues from weekend and traveling golfers.

To avoid that, the Salado Golf Club at Mill Creek (SGC) was formed with the purpose of a not-for-profit approach to operating the golf course property.

To do that, however, the SGC will first have to purchase the golf course operation.

In addition to the purchase price, another \$500,000 would allow for the extensive repairs of the signature holes along Salado Creek of the course.

Young will resign as SVFD Chief

Salado Volunteer Fire Department Chief Charles Young will resign his position after the SVFD Board of Directors asked him to do so at their regular meeting Feb. 11.

"I'm not sure why they wanted me out," Chief Young said.

Young has been chief

since 2006.

In addition to serving as Chief of the local department, Young is also secretary-treasurer of the Bell County Fire Chiefs Association, which works closely with local fire departments. He told *Salado Village Voice* that he will resign after he cleans out

his desk at the fire department. Young said that he will not continue to serve on the Fire Department in any capacity after he turns in his resignation.

"That's how these things work," Young said, "Volunteer fire departments are run by the members."

Members of the SVFD Board of Directors include President and Fire Captain Shane Berrier, A.J. Lopez, Nathan Houston, William Cline and assistant chief Kenny Wigley.

Salado Village Voice could not reach any of the board members before press time on Feb. 12.



Marco Rubio's bad deal

In Washington, a new gang has been born. The Gang of Eight on immigration is here to tell us that we have succeeded in not enforcing the law so persistently and thoroughly that now we have to give up all pretense.

The Gang of Eight, headlined by conservative star Marco Rubio, wants to amnesty the 11 million immigrants who are already here as a product of past nonenforcement in exchange for a promise of future enforcement.

Supporters of comprehensive immigration reform resolutely refuse to say the word "amnesty." They contend that the proposed package is not an amnesty because illegal immigrants have to go to the back of the line for a green card. But before that happens, they get "probationary legal status." As a practical matter, *this* is the amnesty.

Sen. Chuck Schumer states it with admirable clarity: "On Day One of our bill, the people without status (i.e., illegal immigrants) who are not criminals or security risks will be able to live and work here legally." You can't get more direct than that.

Once an illegal immigrant gets "probationary legal status," he has jumped irrevocably ahead of all those poor saps back in their native countries who want to come to the U.S. but for whatever reason were unwilling or unable to break our immigration laws to do it.

All indications are that this kind of "probationary" legal status matters more to illegal immigrants than an eventual path to citizenship. In an essay in the journal *National Affairs*, immigration expert Peter Skerry points out that 20 years after the implementation of the 1986 amnesty, only 41 percent of the 2.7 million people who got legal status under the program had gone on to become citizens.

The Gang's enforcement "triggers" affect only the path to citizenship. In

Rich Lowry



principle, the enforcement provisions -- requiring use of the E-Verify system for employers and establishing a system to monitor entries and exits from the country -- are worthwhile. But only a naif would have much confidence in their timely and effective implementation.

As Mark Krikorian of the Center for Immigration Studies points out, Congress has already required the completion of an entry-exit system six times. To no avail. It passed a law in 2006 calling for the completion of a double-layer border fence. Also, to no avail.

We've been here before, with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Rubio calls the 1986 law a "blanket amnesty," even though, on his terms, it wasn't unconditional or immediate. To apply for legal status, illegal immigrants had to pay a fee and prove that they had good moral character. If approved -- and not everyone was -- they had to wait 18 months before applying for a green card.

All of this was coupled with fearsome-sounding enforcement provisions to beef up security at the border and crack down on employers hiring illegal workers. In other words, in broad brush, the "blanket amnesty" of 1986 is indistinguishable from the bipartisan principles of 2013. Since the enforcement never happened, the 1986 law stands as a monument to bad faith.

Washington may be about to build another one.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2013 by King Features Synd., Inc.

High Time for Hemp

This commonsense crop should become commonplace in the United States again

Four years ago, Michelle Obama picked up a shovel to make a powerful symbolic statement about America's food and farm future: She turned a patch of White House lawn into a working organic garden.

I'm guessing that now, as she begins another four years in the people's mansion, the First Lady is asking herself: "What's next? What can I do this time around to plant a crop of common sense in our country's political soil that will link America's farmers, consumers, environment, and grassroots economy into one big harvest of common good?"

If she's asking this question, I'm happy to offer a one-word answer: Hemp. How about planting a good healthy stand of industrial hemp next to your organic garden?

Yes, hemp is a distant cousin of marijuana. But

Jim Hightower



the industrial variety of cannabis lacks pot's psychoactive punch. Industrial hemp won't make anyone high, but it certainly can make us happy -- because it would deliver a new economic and environmental high for America.

Our nation is the world's biggest consumer of hemp products (from rope to shampoo, building materials to food), yet the mad masters of our insane and protracted Drug War have lumped hemp and marijuana together as "Schedule I controlled substances." Our Land of

the Free is the world's only industrialized country that bans farmers from growing this benign, profitable, job-creating, and environmentally beneficial plant.

As Michael Bowman, a Colorado farmer, so aptly asks: "Can we just stop being stupid?" He's one of the leaders of a national, bipartisan movement to legalize hemp production. As one small step, he's seeking 100,000 signatures on a White House petition that simply asks President Barack Obama to honor the legalization of industrial hemp as a states rights issue, and to end its classification as a controlled substance. To sign, go to this website: petitions.whitehouse.gov.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

How to make Valentine's count

By SUSAN SHAER

Valentine's Day was taken over long ago by cards and flowers, candy and dinners accompanied by gifts. It is now a cash cow holiday for merchandisers. In addition, for many, it has become a day to honor women and girls in a fresh way. V-Day, introduced to the world by Eve Ensler in 1998, demands an end to violence against women and girls.

Ask anyone and they would not doubt admit that they would love to be loved every day of the year, not just on one day. Ask anyone if they think violence is a way to show love and the answer would be no. Yet, one in three women on the planet will be raped or beaten in her lifetime. That amounts to more than one billion women and girls. These are your loved

ones, friends, family, and those you will never know, but for whom we all care.

This Valentine's Day, the V-Day movement is sponsoring ONE BILLION RISING to spread awareness. One suggestion for all those participating in this V-Day Rising is to send a letter to lawmakers demanding that they prioritize legislation that protects women and girls from violence.

Our U.S. Congress considers how your tax dollars are spent. Even President Obama, in his inaugural address, exhorted that, "You and I, as citizens, have the power to set this country's course. You and I, as citizens, have the obligation to shape the debates of our time -- not only with the votes we cast, but with the voices we lift in defense of our most ancient values and enduring ide-

als." You might be weary of the sequester, fiscal cliff, deficit and debt palaver. But this is your chance to have a say in what you want saved in the federal budget. Many programs that protect women and girls are in that budget. Right now, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is being debated. VAWA programs have enhanced federal, tribal, state and local responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking, and the Family Violence Prevention and Services and Victims of Crime Acts support life-saving emergency shelters and services for domestic violence victims and other crime victims.

Does anyone doubt that domestic violence shelters,

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City manager and guns: both are loaded issues

To the Editor:

Having been in city government for four years myself, I STRONGLY support the hiring of a part time city manager (Jim Reed sounds well qualified.)

We have to look to the future, and our Village needs to grow out of its adolescent stage and become an adult. We (the citizens) expect people with little or no knowledge or experience in governing to know all the answers, procedures, and contacts!

I believe if we had had a city or project manager, the waste water issue would be 1-2 years ahead of where it is now. Remember, he/she would work for US, not the other way around. I also think we have used legal counsel, while paying big bucks, when a city manager could have handled some matters. As far as salary goes, I agree with Claire -- the money is THERE.

Why do you think we have such a hard time getting people to run for these positions? Many have other full-time jobs and are expected to spend full time on city government, plus they feel inadequate to the task with little or no prior knowledge (and no pay!).

The concept is not written in stone -- it may be cancelled by the Village at any time. (I also happen to think that preparing a budget immediately after election asks people in authority to set the Village guidelines for the year without full understanding of budget items and their implications.)

Others may disagree, and that is their right, but we all need to express our opinions.

Sincerely,
Carol Walls
Salado

To the Editor:

Referring to an excellent presentation by Jim

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Reed of CTCOG last Thursday to the Board of Aldermen, it's clear to me that this is a sensible way to try this option on a temporary basis with little downside.

Having served as a Village Alderman at one time let me say that the average Alderman can benefit greatly from guidance on various matters of importance which a person with Jim's qualifications can provide.

Thanks to the hard work of our elected officials, Salado is in a strong financial position. But, there are challenges that will determine our future, one way or another.

Wastewater treatment, drainage, infrastructure expansion and maintenance, I-35 construction and managed and effective growth all deserve our best efforts if we are to be successful over the long term.

Yes, the voters can petition for an election to require the Village Government to hire a City Administrator but that is an unnecessary expense of time and money.

Salado's future is today, not next year or beyond.

With all due respect to those who feel otherwise, we must be guided by informed decisions and what better person than the Executive Director of CTCOG to advise us. Jim has the experience and contacts to do the job.

We know that over a thousand people a day are moving to Texas in search of jobs and a better life and Salado will either benefit or suffer from that predictable growth.

Let's give this a try without further procrastination. And, remember, Salado's future is "today." Jack Schrock
Salado

To the Editor:

Guns. What a convoluted, complex topic!

Did you know that the U.S. leads the planet in shootings and killings by guns? But that doesn't tell us how many are killed in Kenya or Mexico, or Egypt by machetes.

I'm a member of the National Rifle Association, the NRA. I got my membership card in the mail. I didn't ask to join. I didn't pay to join. I didn't fill out an application. I'd much prefer not to be counted as an NRA member. Perhaps NRA membership comes with purchasing anything remotely associated with firearms-- a hunting license, shotgun ammo, signing up at a trap range--not to mention a legal purchase of a Saturday night special, a Glock, or an AR-15. If this membership is bestowed upon every gun owner in the U.S., it swells NRA membership by millions. Then the NRA can use these false numbers to intimidate our politicians.

In the United States in 2009 (the latest year the Department of Commerce and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has statistics) there were the following deaths: 35,900 caused by vehicles and 31,347 caused by guns (18,735 suicides; 11,500 homicides; 554 unintentional; 333 legal intervention; and 232 undetermined.) So are we going to crack down on bad drivers? Are we going to ignore 31 thousand folks who were shot and killed? In the words of our President, "Is such violence... the price of freedom?... Surely we can do better than this....We have an obligation to try."

George Murphy
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FORUM

Subsidies for electricity won't benefit consumers

By TOM "SMITTY" SMITH
AND BILL PEACOCK

Texas policymakers are considering a proposal to pay generators for ensuring future supplies of electricity—or capacity—whether or not the electricity is actually needed when the time comes.

Generators are pushing this proposal to increase their earnings during a time of low profit margins. Policymakers are considering it because they don't want to be blamed for blackouts should electricity supplies prove insufficient in the future.

However, consumers should ask everyone to take a step back and consider whether a "capacity market" is best for their pocketbooks.

Public Citizen and the Texas Public Policy Foundation don't often agree on the issues. In this case, however, we are in complete agreement; providing billions of dollars' worth of subsidies to electricity generators is not the best way to ensure a reliable supply of electricity in the future.

How did we come to this point of agreement?

It began last summer when the entity charged with managing the state's main electricity grid, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), issued a report suggesting that current levels of in-

vestment in new generation may lead to low reserve margins and rolling blackouts in the future.

Of course, nobody likes blackouts, rolling or otherwise, so the report set into motion a series of hearings, reports, and recommendations with the goal of doing something—anything!—to make the blackouts go away.

As it turns, however, the panic was a bit premature. ERCOT's report overestimated future demand—how much electricity we will use in the future—and underestimated future supply—how much electricity will be available.

Recent forecasts from ERCOT and others provide a much more positive outlook on future electricity reserves. Depending on the report, there is enough electricity to go around as far out as 2017, which leaves plenty of time for the market to respond and build new generation.

Yet the early momentum of a capacity market is keeping the idea alive. It is also getting a push from generators wanting to make up for low electricity prices that have pared back profits in the industry.

The biggest thing a Texas capacity market has going for it, however, is fear; neither elected nor appointed officials want to be the ones blamed for causing blackouts.

It is true that Texas might experience rolling blackouts under our current market structure, but this is also true of capacity markets in other states. States with capacity markets have had just as many if not more problems with reliability than has Texas; new power plants aren't being built in those areas either.

In fact, the only thing a Texas capacity market will guarantee is billions of dollars added to consumer's electricity bills each year, with most of that money going to existing generation rather than toward new construction.

While our groups don't agree on all the steps that might be taken in lieu of adopting a capacity market, we do agree that there are several alternatives better than forcing Texans to pay for electricity they don't need.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) has taken numerous steps over the last year to improve reliability. Some of those have already borne fruit in the form of newly announced generation plants. On the other side, smart meters and other high-tech features of the electricity grid are making it possible to lower demand for new generation by providing market-based signals to customers to reduce energy consumption at peak times.

These improvements are addressing reliability concerns now. Adopting a capacity market, however, would delay and even undermine these improvements.

One thing is clear; Texas lawmakers should set aside their fears and prohibit the PUC from adopting a capacity market. Saving consumers billions of dollars is something on which we can both agree.

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Making Good Last: Hillary's contribution

By JILL ISCOL AND
PETER COOKSON, JR.

With the departure of Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State, now is the time to reflect on her legacy, not just in the field of diplomacy but her broader vision for the United States as a catalyst for turning idealism into action.

Recently we have seen the rise of a new humanism -- the desire of people to do something bigger and more lasting than themselves. Making Good has become the ethos of a generation committed to making a more just world.

But how can we mobilize and organize the efforts of individuals and small groups into a sustainable long term movement?

Secretary Clinton's work provides an answer. Under her leadership, the State Department created a suite of public/private initiatives that brought together visionaries from the two sectors in groundbreaking programs.

These coordinated cross sector actions can accomplish amazing things. They must become an essential part of on-going American foreign policy.

Take the Clean Cookstoves Alliance, for example. Every year, nearly 2 million women and children die prematurely

from the toxic fumes of traditional cookstoves and open fires. The Alliance raised over 160 million dollars in support of the goal of 100 million clean cookstoves by 2020.

This is just one program under Secretary Clinton's groundbreaking umbrella organization, the Global Partnership Initiatives, headed by Kris Bladerston. He has identified four elements that contribute to successful public/private partnerships. Each of which is worth emulating.

The first is leadership. Without a strong visionary leader inertia and routine become the enemy of action.

Second, a successful partnership requires a platform. Bringing activists together through the convening authority of an influential organization expands the conversation and connects projects and people.

Third, the partnership itself is critical. Mutual support and teamwork isn't just about money, it's also about networking, shared values and communication. The communication revolution is a vast network for collaboration and combining resources.

Finally, professionalization is key. Sustaining long term change means engaging with the issues in

a progressively informed and agenda setting atmosphere. We need professional programs for those who want to make a career of making good.

These four elements are a good place to start building a culture of commitment that is broad and deep. Turning idealism into action is a natural extension of the new humanism; the time has come to build an organizational infrastructure to support this new movement.

We have yet to learn what Secretary Clinton will do in the coming years to extend her work at the State Department. We hope that she will continue to advocate for public/private partnerships and remain a leader in the worldwide movement to embrace the power of making good to transform lives.

There is no way forward without risks. But inaction is the greatest risk of all. Action combined with careful planning is a lesson we have learned from the Clinton State Department; let's not forget it as we take the next step forward.

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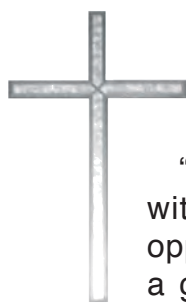
The Village of Salado gathered on the bridge at FM2484 to pay respect to Navy SEAL Chris Kyle. The funeral procession left Cowboys stadium in Arlington and made its way down I-35 to the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. Kyle, the author of "American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History," was killed Feb. 2 at a gun range in Glen Rose. The procession was led by the Patriot Guard Riders. The motorcycle group's mission is to attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes as invited guests of the family to show respect for fallen heroes and shield the family from interruptions by protestors. PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLIESCHER

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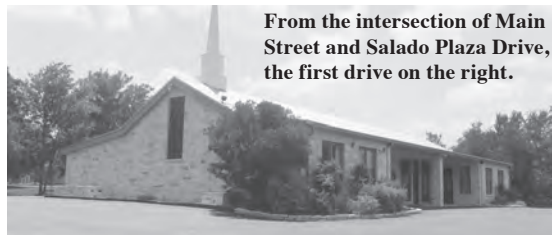
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JUAN PABLO ALDAZ

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died from a terminal illness in Round Rock, Texas Feb. 9.

Specialist Juan Pablo Aldaz, 30, whose home of record is listed as Orlando, Fla., entered active duty service in February 2011 as a unit supply specialist. He was assigned to Company F, Warrior Transition Brigade, Fort Hood, since March 2012.

Aldaz's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Army Service Ribbon.

MARY ALICE NOLAN SPEARS

Mary Alice Nolan Spears, 70, passed away in Temple, on February 4, 2013. Though she had battled cancer for some time, she passed away peacefully after a short illness in the presence of family.

Mary was born on July 23, 1942 in Flatwoods, Kentucky. Her parents were Willard Ham and Mary Elizabeth Hatton Nolan, the youngest of six daughters.

She graduated from Russell High School as salutatorian in 1960 where she was a cheerleader, a Girls State participant, and active with school publications.

After graduation, she served many years as an executive secretary with Ashland Oil. Later, she and her husband Lennon, ran a construction company and two supporting businesses known as the Appliance Warehouse and Kitchens Unlimited until she was recruited to serve as the first Regional Manager for the Eastern counties of Kentucky for the Kentucky Lottery.

Soon after the death of her husband Lennon, she moved to Temple, to be closer to her son Jeff and daughter in law Michelle.

She was a life time member of the Advance Memorial United Methodist Church in Flatwoods, KY.

She is survived by her sisters: Ruby Fisher of Flatwoods, KY, Ann (Bob) Howell of Thomasville, GA, Thelma (Harold) Dillow of Russell, KY, Phyllis (Gene) Wells Russell, KY. She is also survived by her son, Jeff Spears and her daughter-in-law Michelle Spears of Salado.

She was preceded in death by her sister Virginia Lemaster, her parents Willard and Mary Nolan, and her husband Lennon Spears of Culp Creek.

The graveside rites were held February 9, 2013 at Bellefonte Memorial Gardens in Flatwoods, KY with Rev. Mark Wilson officiating. Online Condolences may be left for the family at bailey-familyfuneralhome.com.

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SARW MEET FEB. 28

McMillan to speak on Teaching Liberty

Dr. Marlene McMillan will be speaking at the Salado Area Republican Women's meeting 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at Tenroc in the Sirena room. McMillan will be speaking on how to teach liberty to youth.

McMillan says that every day the rights of people around the world are eroded away under an illusion of safety. "Astute people want to be safe and not just feel safe."

Benjamin Franklin said, "He who would exchange essential liberty for temporary safety deserves neither liberty nor safety."

The only way to have real safety is to have true liberty, she says.

McMillan has spent a lifetime of learning principles of liberty and passing them on to others. She earned a Master's degree in Divinity from Seminary, which she says gave her an understanding of the Bible she did not have otherwise.

She has continued her passion for applying the Bible to everyday life.

As her business acumen has grown, she has become one of the most highly trained business consultants available.

Her talk will offer individuals an opportunity on how to teach liberty to the younger generation. She will offer ideas on liberty that you can understand - what liberty is and how to restore and maintain it. You will find out liberty matters to your future. Every decision you will ever make is affected by whether you live in liberty or bondage.

Copies of McMillan's latest book, Teaching Liberty to the Next Generation, will be available before and after the meeting for purchase.

The meeting will be dessert and coffee. Cost of the meeting is \$5. The public is invited but reservations are requested for food and seating. Checks may be mailed to SARW, Pac; P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 76571. Payment at the door is permissible with a reservation. For questions contact Bobi Anderson at 254 947-3315 or bobi_anderson@embarqmail.com.

Autism topic of support group that will meet on Feb. 23

The Rock Support group will host education specialist Angela Cowan, speaking on "Autism, what it is and what you need to know," 10 a.m.-noon Feb. 23 at the First Church, Harker Heights, 2314 Indian Trail.

Family members and those involved in the lives of children with autism spectrum disorders, chronic illness, and disabilities are invited to this free presentation.

People who may want to attend: parents, grandparents, educators, medical personnel, social workers, childcare providers, therapists, ministry members, and ministry leaders.

Cowan is an autism and low incidences disabilities specialist with the Region 12 Education Service Center.

Childcare will be provided during the presentation and support group meeting.

Please register by Feb. 22 by emailing Gilbert Salgado at gilsalgado@yahoo.com or calling 254-669-2944.

Manager FROM PAGE 1A

Under the contract, CTCOG would provide a City Manager for a set number of hours per week and that other CTCOG staff and/or interns would serve for additional hours.

"You would get me," he said, "unless you don't want me. I do not want to get into this and not have it be a success."

Reed said he would serve for one or perhaps two days a week and that the balance of the time would be filled by a staff member "who will share all of the information with me on a regular basis."

If Salado aldermen would like to pursue the interlocal agreement, Reed would then go to the CTCOG board for approval to go further.

This would be a pilot program from CTCOG and could grow into a service that it provides other small municipalities. CTCOG serves 33 communities in seven counties.

The village would need to change to the City

Manager-Council form of government through a resolution. However, if the Village took no action, citizens could force the issue through a petition calling for an election to change to the City Manager form of government.

Reed said that he sees cities that are larger than Salado without a City Manager and cities that are smaller than Salado with full time management.

"I think you have reached a tipping point," he said, "But I don't think that this is the right time to hire a full-time City Manager because of the expense of it. In the long-term, this would be good, but not right now."

He added that the interlocal agreement with CTCOG could allow Salado to grow itself into hiring a full-time City Manager.

Mayor Danney McCort said that the Village should look at it when it starts its budget planning for next year.

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Wednesday evening (February 20)

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 6:00-7:00 pm Youth Program (YAC)

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Salado resident, CDR Alice Cooper retires from Navy Reserve after 30



CDR Alice Cooper retires

CDR Alice Cooper celebrated her retirement from 30 years in the Navy at a ceremony held at Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth on Jan. 19.

CDR Cooper joined the Navy in 1975 after graduating from high school. She was stationed with VR-21, a squadron at Barber's Point, HI as a non-rated airman. She received her honorable discharge in SEP 1977, just before the birth of her oldest son. She and her family moved to Maryland, where she began using her GI bill to complete her BS in Natural Science at St. Mary's College of Maryland. The family moved to Texas, where she received her BS in Physical Therapy in 1984.

She enlisted in the Navy Reserve as a Direct Commission Officer in the Medical Service Corps in 1985. She was given a billet with a MED/DEN unit at NAS Dallas, served in a variety of junior positions, and was mobilized during Operation Desert Storm in FEB 1991 to Naval Hospital San Diego Physical Therapy department. In

the Jamaica MEDRETE humanitarian mission in 2009. She was hand-picked to serve as Training Officer for the new Navy Humanitarian Operations Unit that was created in fall of 2010. She most recently served as OIC of the Navy component of the Fort Hunter Liggett, California WAREX Global Medic Joint exercise in June 2012. She spent her many active duty periods over the years working in the physical therapy departments of various military hospitals, field training exercises, humanitarian medical missions to Africa and Honduras, as well as for special projects for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Her awards include 3 Navy

Commendation medals, 2 Navy Achievement medals, the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, the National Defense Service medal, Global War on Terrorism Service medal, Outstanding Volunteer Service medal, and Navy Rifleman ribbon.

Alice has resided in Salado since 2001 with her husband Bob Syler, himself a retired Command Master Chief, and her youngest son Lucas. She teaches exercise at Salado Fitness and works as a fill-in physical therapist at Integrity Rehab in Killeen. She is currently working on completing her transitional Doctorate in Physical Therapy through UTMB, Galveston.

Housing FROM PAGE 1A

Freestone to Hill counties for available funds of \$535,909.

Those projects are Stoneleaf at Fairfield in Freestone, Eagles Crossing Apartments in Hillsboro, Pecan Terrace Apartments in San Saba, Brenham Village in Brenham, and Hidden Glen in Salado.

Alderman Bryan Fritch said that he was philosophically opposed to spending public tax dollars for a private enterprise. "But looking at it closer," he added, "this is a temporary loan to allow the developer to fill a box on a form in order to get 12 or 13 points in their favor."

"One of the benefits is that there will be some professional engineering done" to address issues of rainwater runoff, according to local resident Jack Schrock, who lives on

Stagecoach Circle, a property that is adjacent to the proposed location. "This will help with flooding on Stagecoach Circle. It can't make it any worse."

Schrock said that he went to see a similar unit in Bastrop, where there is a waiting list for the units. "It was well-constructed, well-managed, well-maintained and there were happy people living there," he said, adding that "this is not some kind of Section 8 slum."

The project, Schrock said, "will be a good neighbor, not just for the community but for me."

If JES Developers learn in July that the proposed development qualifies for federal tax credits, tenants could begin moving in within two years of funding being made for the construction of the \$6 million project.

Violence FROM PAGE 2A

law enforcement, courts, rape crisis centers, children's services, prevention, community outreach, and other state and local programs that provide services for victims and families are needed? Does anyone think that states or charities alone can organize, pay for and deliver all these services? In fact, states and communities depend on the federal funds to help support their local efforts. All of this is on the chopping block.

If we could end violence against women and girls, that would eliminate the need for these services and their costs. Even President Obama's budget for 2012-13 is \$26 million less than is needed to cover the needs, according to the Campaign for Funding to End Domestic and Sexual Violence.

For every service and cost today there must be a reduction in spending or a new tax. A new tax is unlikely at best, but reductions are possible. The Pentagon has made headlines for being out of control in its spending habits: cost overruns are legendary; a lack of an audit is incredible; unneeded weapons systems astonish us; high ranking military

with huge staffs loom over the needs of veterans and force structure.

The problem is that Pentagon contractor lobbyists and CEOs are protecting their own oversized incomes and driving dollars to be spent on costly Cold War era weapons that even the Pentagon and military leaders dismiss as outdated and unnecessary. Instead, we need a smart defense that is sustainable and addresses 21st century security needs. With this smarter, fiscally responsible approach at the Pentagon, we could save dollars we need to invest in ending violence against women and girls.

On Valentine's Day, I'll join with the one billion people around the world, men and women, boys and girls, raising our voices against violence. I'll also be calling on my Congressional representation to make responsible budgeting choices that support 21st century security needs including an end to violence against women and girls.

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Rubber match

Eagles travel to Jarrell Feb. 15 to determine playoff matchups

Salado Eagles will have a new look when they travel to Jarrell 6:30 p.m. Feb. 15 to face the #14 Cougars on their home court with the playoff pairings on the line. Salado and Jarrell will share the District 22AA Championship.

It's not a new offensive look, or a new defense.

Rather, the boys are sporting a shade of blonde not found in nature, thanks to generous applications of peroxide.

The venue was the result of a coin flip, which Jarrell won. Jarrell picked the location and Salado, ranked #15 in state, picked the referee team for the rubber match between the two state-ranked teams.

Salado's only district loss came in a hotly-contested 55-57 overtime loss on Jarrell's court in the second loop of district play. In the first loop of district play, Salado handled Jarrell 57-48.

The winner will have a bye in the first round of the playoffs. The loser will face the third place team from District 21 in the bi-district round.



(PHOTO BY WAYNE WOMAC) Brandon Womac shoots over two Rogers Eagles defenders during Salado's lop-sided 74-58 win Feb. 8.

Eagles 73
Florence 41

Salado breezed past the Florence Buffs in the last regular district game Feb. 12, winning 73-41.

Austin Adams scored 17 points to lead Salado, followed by Brandon Womac, 13 points, Kyle Heiner, 9 points, Kase Spears and Tyler Ramtun, 8 points each, Sam Barrett, 5 points, Micah Niebuhr, 4 points, Andrew Warren, 2 points and Dane Hankamer, 2 points.

Salado Eagles 74
Rogers 58

Salado Eagles had their way with the Rogers Eagles, easily winning 74-58 on Feb. 8.



(PHOTO BY WAYNE WOMAC) Salado Eagles will sport a new, lighter look when they take on the Jarrell Cougars Feb. 15.

Austin Adams scored 10 of his 23 points in the first to help Salado out to a 17-14 first quarter lead. Brandon Womac scored 17 of his 27 points in the second quarter. Salado Eagles lit up the Rogers Eagles in the second quarter scoring 29 points to enter the half with a 46-27 lead. Salado Eagles opened the second half with 15 points in the third quarter to lead 61-40 going into the fourth. Salado Eagles closed out the game in the fourth with 13 points for a 74-58 win.



Toler to play at UMHB

(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Sarah Toler signed a letter of commitment this week to play volleyball for the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. The Salado senior will attend UMHB in the Fall 2013. She earned Honorable Mention All-District in volleyball her sophomore year. As a junior, she was named to the First Team All-District. As a senior, she was the volleyball captain and was named to the Academic All-District and Academic All-State teams. This year, Toler registered 191 kills for a percentage of 36.2 percent. She also had a service percentage of 92.7 with 32 aces. Toler blocked 13 shots and had 45 digs in defense. Toler is a member of the National Honor Society, the yearbook staff, the Student Council (Vice President), Interact Club, Literature Club, Fellowship of Christmas Athletes, and the Senior Class secretary. She is shown above with her coach Rachel Lee (left) and her parents Sharon and Dale Toler, of Salado. She is the grand-daughter of Carole Terrell and Fred and Doris Toler, all of Austin.

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Eagles 3-0 in district

Ladies drop to 1-2 in district soccer play

Salado boys soccer team is on top in district play with a 3-0 mark, following wins over Lampasas and Lorena. Meanwhile, the girls have a 1-2 mark in district soccer after losses to Lampasas and Lorena.

Eagles 3
Lampasas 0

The boys soccer team beat Lampasas Feb. 15 by a score of 3-0.

Eric McGregor scored two goals and Dennie Barker had one. Tristan Bragg had two assists and Cameron Markham had an assist.

The boys are now 10-4-3 on the year and 3-0 in district

Eagles 4
Lorena 0

Salado Eagles soccer team shut out the Lorena Leopard 4-0 for their second district win Feb. 12.

Dennie Barker scored twice in the first half to give the Eagles a 2-0 lead going into the break.

Not to be outdone, Daniel Lemus and Tristan Bragg each put away a goal in the second half on assists by Chase Crenwelge.

Top notch defensive play by Armor Wiraponasawan, Patrick Murray and Chase Crenwelge helped the Eagles shut out the Leopards 4-0 by the end of the game.

This win advanced the Eagles record to 2-0 for district.

Lady Eagles 0
Lampasas 4

At the first district road game, the Lady Eagles fell to the Lady Badgers of Lampasas.

Facing into a fierce wind, the Lady Eagles quickly gave up four goals to a tough Lampasas team.

The Salado girls are now 5-10-1 and 1-2 in district play.

Lady Eagles 1
Lorena 4

Salado Lady Eagles lost 4-1 to the Lorena Lady Leopards in their second district soccer match in a home game on Feb. 12.

The first half remained scoreless until Lorena hit the net on a free kick just seconds before the half-time whistle.

The Eagles struggled to regain composure in the second half and the Leopards put three more away.

The bright spot for the Eagles came late in the second half when Katey Ewton tucked one away on an assist from Blake Stephenson to deny the Lady Leopards the shut out.

JV Soccer results

The Salado JV visited Waco University and played their second game against the Waco JV A team. Salado lost the first of this series 3-1 and hoped to perform better in the second game but that was not the case as Salado lost 8-0.

The Salado team was handicapped from the outset, having no subs and a

new keeper in comparison to the heavily manned Waco team.

The JV team recovered from the weekend to play Brownwood in the first of their series Feb. 18 in Salado. The boys won the game 2-1 despite falling behind 1-0 within the 1st 4 minutes of play and Brownwood playing a very physical game. Jose Perez scored the 1st goal on an assist from John Dawson 25 minutes into play. 30 minutes into play, John Dawson was taken down in the box resulting in a penalty kick and John Dawson placed the shot to the upper left side giving Salado its second goal. The Eagles drew a red card in the second half and played 25 minutes with one less player fighting off Brownwood attacks to close the game 2-1.

Brenham JV Tourney

The JV team competed recently in the Brenham JV tournament in Brenham.

The JV team played Texas City and won 2-1 with goals scored by John Dawson and Raul Armenta. Tate Waechter had the sole assist. In our 2nd game versus Brenham JV, Salado lost 2-0. The final game of the tournament resulted in a loss for Salado JV against Texas A&M Consolidated, 2-1. The Salado goal was scored by Jose Perez with Tate Waechter providing the assist.

Hard ball

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ror by the catcher. Hawes walked again and after both runners stole base and then scored on an infield sacrifice by Tyler Tischler.

Salado added an unearned run the fifth inning, taking advantage of two fielding errors that allow Casey Frazier to cross the plate.

In the sixth inning, Tischler hit a single, and scored on a double by Mann. Frazier followed with a double to score Mann and scored on a double by Franz.

Little got the win for the Eagles, pitching the final three innings. He faced 13 batters, striking out four and allowing two hits.

Martin got the start for Salado. He faced 15 batters, striking out three, allowing five hits and three runs. Proctor came in relief in the third inning, facing 10 batters, striking out three, allowing two hits and four runs to score.

JV Eagles 12
C. Spring 1

Salado JV Eagles snuffed China Spring 12-1 on the road Feb. 18. The JV boys had seven hits in the game.

Preston Payne hit a double with one out in the first and Barrett Snyder walked. Chase Basham hit a single to bring in Payne and Jacob Little followed with a single, scoring Snyder and Basham for a 3-1 first inning lead.

Salado added a run in the second when Snyder

walked and then stole second and third. He scored on a Basham single.

The Eagles scored five runs in the fourth inning. Payne singled and stole second and third. Walks were issued to Snyder and Basham to load the bases. Jacob Little was hit by a pitch to force Payne across.

A fielder's choice put Basham out at second, but Snyder scored. Cody Wolfe was hit by a pitch to again load the bases and Zach Marsh hit a double to knock in three runs.

Payne led off the three-run fifth inning with a single, scoring on a double by Tyler Tischler. Little walked and Wolfe hit a single to score a run and Kyle King knocked in the third run with a single.

EAGLES ONE OF TWO TEAMS IN TOP 10 FROM DISTRICT 22AA

Salado competes in district 22-AA, which has two top #10 teams, including the defending 2A State Champion Jarrell Cougars, ranked #1 in the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association pre-season poll. Another poll puts Troy in the top slot and Jarrell as #2. Salado is also ranked #8 in other polls.

Salado returns 10 starters from the 21-16 Area Finalist in 3A competition.

Catcher Cole Haag was named as last year's District Defensive MVP. Junior pitcher and outfielder Casey Frazier had an 11-1

record on the mound last year and was named the District Newcomer of the Year last year.

Other players returning from last year's squad are Marshall Mann, senior third baseman, first team All-District; John Franz, senior short stop, first team All-District; Britton Hawes, junior second baseman and pitcher, first team All-District; Davis Little, junior outfielder and first team All-District; Reagan Bazar, senior first baseman and pitcher, second team All-District; Trey Mohler, senior outfielder, second team All-District; Drew Van Winkle, junior pitcher, second team All-District; Caden Eary, junior infielder and pitcher, honorable mention All-District; Coby Gieniewicz, senior utility player, Honorable Mention All-District; Bryce Martin, senior utility player and pitcher; and Cody Proctor, junior pitcher.

Salado is picked second in district 22-AA behind Jarrell. Central Texas has three top 10 teams: Jarrell and Salado and Troy from District 21-2A.

Jarrell returns nine from last year's State Championship squad. The Cougars were 27-4, 13-1 with district, area, region and state championships.

Troy, meanwhile, returns 10 from last year's 31-6-1 and 13-1 team which won district and were regional semifinalists.

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UIL team adds another Sweepstakes Trophy to list

Salado High took the Academic Sweepstakes and the Speech Sweepstake at the Lampasas UIL Academic and Speech Tournament on Feb. 9.

Following are the individual results.

Ex t e m p o r a n e o u s Speaking, Persuasive: First, Sydney Walter; Second, Rachel Evans

Ex t e m p o r a n e o u s Speaking, Informative: First, Samantha Laurenson; Second, Amy Manna.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: First, Rachel Evans

Oral Interpretation, Poetry: Third, Averi Fischer.

Number Sense, First place team: First, Sammy Nguyen; Third, Robert Cortes; Fourth, Morgan Bird; Fifth, Ellis Van Sickle and Sixth, Tyler Armstrong.

Calculator Applications, First place team: First, Tommy Armstrong; Second, Sean Clement; Third, Andrew Warren and Fourth, Dale Clement.

Mathematics, Second place team: Second, Dale Clement; Third, Tommy Armstrong; Sixth, Sammy Nguyen.

Science, Second place team: Fifth, Sammy

Nguyen (Overall Top Chemistry Score).

Spelling, First place team: First, Kyle Heiner; Sixth, Molly Rodeffer.

Social Studies, Second place team: Third, Rachel Habiger; Seventh, Sydney Jarvis

Feature Writing: First, Roddy Noonan; Second, Rachel Habiger.

Editorial Writing: First, Rachel Habiger; Second, Molly Rodeffer; Third, Robert Cortes.

Headline Writing: Second, Rachel Habiger.

News Writing: Fourth, Molly Rodeffer.

Soccer squads start district with wins over Robinson Rockets

Salado soccer teams both won their district openers against Robinson Rockets on Feb. 8.

The Lady Eagles won 1-0 when Kylie Robinson hit the net with 16:19 left in the first half on an assist from Blake Stephenson. The Lady Eagles have a overall record of (5-8-1) and are currently in second place in the district with a record of 1-0.

The Varsity Eagles beat the Robinson Rockets 5-0. Dennie Barker scored on an assist from Daniel Lemus and James Svadlenak hit on an assist by Patrick Murray to give the Eagles the lead at halftime. Late

in the second half the Eagles scored in quick succession. Eric McGregor led the barrage with a goal with 9:14 left in the game followed quickly by Daniel Lemus (assisted by McGregor) and Tristan Bragg, who scored with 1:51 left in the game. The Eagles stand at 8-4-3 for the season and 1-0 in district.

The JV boys team competed in the Brenham JV tournament this weekend. The JV team played Texas City and won 2-1 with goals scored by John Dawson and Raul Armenta. Tate Waechter had the sole assist. In our 2nd

game versus Brenham JV, Salado lost 2-0. The final game of the tournament resulted in a loss for Salado JV against Texas A&M Consolidated, 2-1. The Salado goal was scored by Jose Perez with Tate Waechter providing the assist.

The JV boys lost to Gatesville 3-1 on Feb. 11. Despite having 20 shots on goal to Gatesville's 5 and controlling the ball for 65 percent of the game, Salado was unable to muster a win. The sole Salado goal came on the 21st minute of play in the second half by Joel Tonches with an assist from Jack Riley.

Bell historians will give two \$500 scholarships

The Bell County Historical Commission will award a \$500 scholarship to two deserving Bell County high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited Bell County college or university.

Candidates for the scholarship this year will submit an essay on "Turning Points in History," ac-

cording to history appreciation committee chairman Tom Hughes.

A committee appointed by the commission will determine winning essays. Interested students should contact their school career counselor's for further information.

The Bell County Historical Commission is

dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Bell County History.

The commission meets on the fourth Monday of each month except December, and the meetings are open to the public.

For more information on the BCHC, please call 254-933-5917

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Ordinance No. 2013.01
Village of Salado
County of Bell
State of Texas
February 7, 2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF SAID ELECTION AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR PREAMBLE INCORPORATION; CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; GOVERNING LAW; SEVERABILITY; AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND AN AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE.

WHEREAS, the meeting to adopt this Ordinance was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, as amended,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS:

That a general election be held by the Village of Salado between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm CDST on May 11, 2013 (the Election), which is sixty-two (62) or more days from the date of the adoption of this Ordinance, for the purpose of electing three (3) Aldermen at the following designated polling place, to wit, the Salado Civic Center, 601 North Main, Salado, Texas 76571, which lies within the boundaries of the Village.

For a complete copy of this ordinance, please visit our website at www.saladotx.gov, or contact the Village office.

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Grand Champion - Heavy Weight Medium Wool - Market Lambs
Buyer: 195 Lumber Company



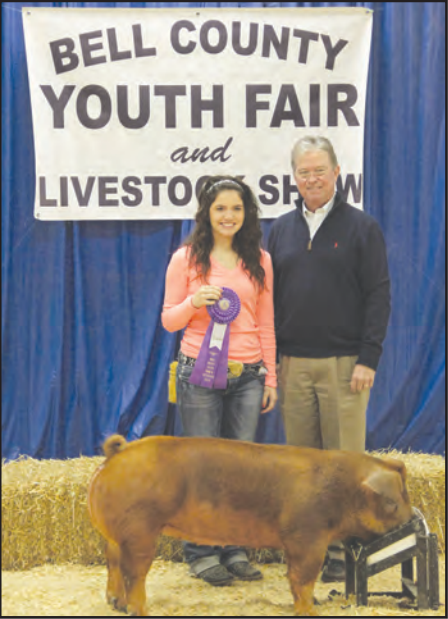
Garrett Chick - Salado 4-H
Reserve Grand Champion - Heavy Weight Medium Wool - Market Lambs
Buyer: John McClaren Chevrolet



Hanna Kelarek - Salado 4-H
Reserve Grand Champion Quick Bread Buyer: Don Ringler Chevrolet



Maxton Hill - Salado 4-H
Champion - Heavy Weight Finewool Market Lambs
Buyer: Lone Star Grading & Materials



Morgan Mattson - Salado 4-H
Champion - Duroc Light Weight Market Swine
Buyer: First State Bank - Central Texas



Rachel Ray - Salado FFA
Champion - Yorkshire Light Heavy Market Swine
Buyer: Belton Veterinary Clinic



Scout Puckett - Salado 4-H
Reserve Champion - Heavy Weight Southdown - Market Lambs
Buyer: Johnson Brothers Ford



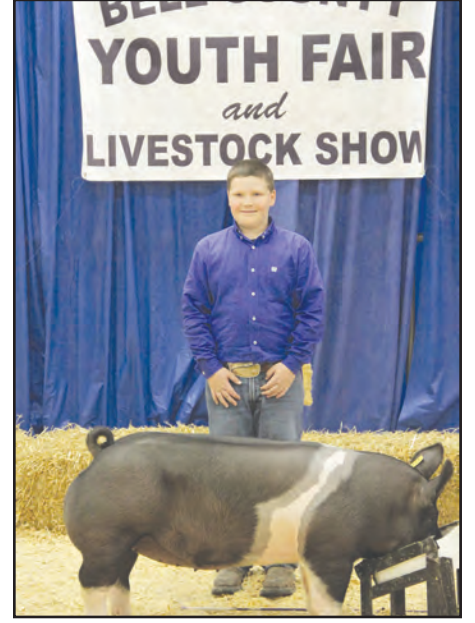
Kourtney Walker - Salado 4-H
Reserve Champion - Cross Breeds Light Weight - Market Swine
Buyer: First State Bank - Central Texas



Regan Best - Salado FFA
First Place - Middle Weight Steers - Market Steers
Buyer: Pro Mix and Killeen Ready Mix



Colby Medlin - Salado 4-H
Second Place - Cross Breeds Heavy Market Swine
Buyer: Buyer: First State Bank - Central



Kory Walker - Salado 4-H
Second Place - Hampshire Middle Weight - Market Swine
Buyers: Brooks Western Wear
Majestic Homes



Faith Renfro - Salado FFA
Second Place - Meat Goats Class 2
Buyers: Brooks Western Wear



Dalton Westbrook
Third Place - Hampshire Light Weight Market Swine
Buyer: Chick Landscaping, Inc.



Rylie Stewart - Salado 4-H
Third Place - Duroc Heavy Weight Market Swine
Buyer: Salado Youth Fair Boosters



Grant Taylor - Salado 4-H
Fourth Place - Hampshire Heavy Weight - Market Swine
Buyer: Johnson Brothers Ford



Reed O'Rear - Salado FFA
Fourth Place - Black OPB Light Weight Market Swine
Buyer: Lone Star Grading & Materials



Shelby Zizzo - Salado FFA
Fourth Place - Cross Breeds Light Heavy - Market Swine
Buyer: Belton Veterinary Clinic



Jansen Puckett - Salado 4-H
Fifth Place - Light Weight Southdown Market Lamb
Buyer: Belton Veterinary Clinic

Not Pictured

Trace Medlin - Salado 4-H
Reserve Grand Champion Cross Breeds Light Heavy Market Swine
Buyer: Garlyn Shelton, Inc.

Caden Eary - Salado FFA
Third Place Yorkshire Middle Weight Market Swine
Buyer: Majestic Homes

Jennifer Ramthun - Salado FFA
Fourth Place Pullets Commercial Broilers
Buyer: Double K Drive-in

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2013 Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show results

Horse Show - Halter Horses - Registered Gelding 5 yrs & over

4 - Oldham, Zackary
Breeding Meat Goats
Kid Light Class
 9 - Grigsby, Carli
Aged Class

Reserve Champion - Robison, James
 2 - Robison, James
 10 - Armstrong, Sierra
Meat Goats
Class 2

2 - Renfro, Faith
Class 4
 9 - Jordan, Rachel
 10 - Schwertner, Chloe
Class 9

10 - Robison, James
Class 10
 7 - Robison, James
Market Lambs
 Grand Champion Market Lamb - Chick, Samantha
 Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb - Chick, Garrett

Junior Showmanship
 Reserve Champion - Garrett Chick
Heavy Wt. Finewool
 Reserve Champion - Chick, Garrett

1 - Chick, Garrett
Light Wt. Finewool Cross
 4 - Hill, Maxton
Heavy Wt. Finewool Cross

1 - Hill, Maxton
 6 - Roberts, Julia
Fine Wool Breed
 Champion - Hill, Maxton
Light Wt. Southdown

5 - Puckett, Jensen
Heavy Wt. Southdown
 2 - Puckett, Scout
Southdown Breed
 Reserve Champion - Puckett, Scout

Middle Wt. Medium Wool
 2 - Chick, Garrett
Light Heavy Wt. Medium Wool

4 - Chick, Samantha
Heavy Wt. Medium Wool
 1 - Chick, Samantha
 2 - Chick, Garrett
 7 - Roberts, Julia
 9 - Oldham, Zackary

Medium Wool Breed
 Champion - Chick, Samantha
 Reserve Champion - Chick, Garrett
Breeding Sheep

Senior Showmanship
 Champion - Julia Roberts
Medium Wool Ewe Lambs
 1 - Battaglia, Destiney
Medium Wool Ewes Aged
 Champion - Roberts, Julia

1 - Roberts, Julia
 3 - Battaglia, Destiney
 4 - Roberts, Julia
Breeding Rabbits
Sr. Buck Holland Lop - solid

3 - Dawson, John
Sr. Doe Holland Lop - solid
 4 - Dawson, John
 5 - Dawson, John
 6 - Dockray, Kaitlyn
Sr. Buck Holland Lop - broken

2 - Dawson, John
 3 - Sebesta, Ty
Sr. Doe Holland Lop - broken
 1 - Dawson, John
 2 - Dawson, John
 3 - Dockray, Kaitlyn

Mini Rex Buck
 Reserve Champion - Dockray, Kaitlyn
Sr. Buck Mini Rex
 2 - Dockray, Kaitlyn
Sr. Doe Mini Rex

5 - Roach, Logan
Sr. Buck Other Breeds - 4
 4 - Dawson, John
 10 - Dawson, John
Jr. Buck Other Breeds - 4

2 - Armstrong, Sierra
Other Breeds Doe
 Champion - Dawson, John
Sr. Doe Other Breeds - 4
 1 - Dawson, John
 3 - Dawson, John

Jr. Doe Other Breeds - 4
 2 - Armstrong, Sierra
 3 - Armstrong, Sierra
Sr. Buck Netherland Dwarf
 4 - Dawson, John

Sr. Doe Netherland Dwarf
 3 - Dawson, John
 8 - Dawson, John
Sr. Buck Holland Lop - solid
 3 - Dawson, John

Breeding Swine
Senior Showmanship
 Reserve Champion - James "Trey" Mohler
Hampshire
 Champion - Medlin, Colby
 1 - Medlin, Colby
 4 - Combs, Kylar
 9 - Killingsworth, Kaleb

1 - Walker, Kourtney
 4 - Walker, Kory
 6 - Medlin, Trace
Black OPB
 10 - Daniell, Casey
Cross Breeds

8 - Mohler, James "Trey"
Market Swine
 Reserve Grand Champion - Medlin, Trace
Duroc Breed
 Champion - Mattson, Morgan

Duroc Light Wt.
 1 - Mattson, Morgan
Duroc Middle Wt.
 6 - Clyde, Zoey
 8 - Taylor, Lainey
Duroc Heavy Wt.

3 - Stewart, Rylie
 4 - Ray, Rachel
 5 - Mattson, Megan
Hampshire Light Wt.
 3 - Westbrook, Dalton
 6 - Mohler, James "Trey"

9 - Hodges, Jody
Hampshire Middle Wt.
 2 - Walker, Kory
 4 - Roberts, Julia
 5 - Witmer, Airianne
Hampshire Heavy Wt.

4 - Taylor, Grant
Yorkshire Breed
 Champion - Ray, Rachel
Yorkshire Light Wt.
 5 - Killingsworth, Kaleb

Yorkshire Middle Wt.
 3 - Eary, Caden
 5 - Taylor, Mason
 8 - Westbrook, Kaelan
Yorkshire Light Heavy Wt.

1 - Ray, Rachel
 4 - Combs, Kylar
 6 - Martin, Lindy
 8 - Medlin, Colby
 10 - Talbott, Allyson
White OPB Breed

Champion - Medlin, Trace
White OPB Light Wt.
 5 - Taylor, Logan
White OPB Middle Wt.
 1 - Medlin, Trace
 2 - Best, Reagan

Black OPB Light Wt.
 4 - O'Rear, Reed
Cross Breeds Breed
 Reserve Champion - Medlin, Trace
Cross Breeds Light Wt.

1 - Walker, Kourtney
 6 - Martin, Lindy
Cross Breeds Middle Wt.
 5 - Hicks, Shyenne
 7 - Eary, Caden
Cross Breeds Light Heavy Wt.

1 - Medlin, Trace
 4 - Zizzo, Shelby
 6 - Daniell, Casey
 8 - Walker, Kory
 9 - Walker, Kourtney
Cross Breeds Heavy Wt.

2 - Medlin, Colby
 9 - Mohler, James "Trey"
Commercial Broilers
Cockerels
 6 - Ramthun, Jennifer

Pullets
 4 - Ramthun, Jennifer
 7 - Ramthun, Tyler
Beef Heifers
 Grand Champion - Ramthun, Jennifer

Jennifer
Senior Showmanship
 Champion - Tyler Ramthun
 Reserve Champion - Caden Eary
British Heifers

Reserve Champion - Ramthun, Tyler
Class 1
 1 - Ramthun, Jennifer
Class 2
 1 - Ramthun, Tyler

Exotics Heifers
 Champion - Ramthun, Jennifer
Class 1
 1 - Ramthun, Jennifer
 2 - Eary, Caden

American Heifers
Class 1
 5 - Hill, Tate
 6 - Hill, Chance
Class 2

6 - Hill, Kindell
Unregistered Heifers
 Reserve Champion - Ramthun, Tyler
Class 1
 2 - Ramthun, Tyler

Market Steers
Middle Weight Steers
 1 - Best, Reagan
Heavy Middle Weight Steers
 4 - Eary, Caden

Light Heavy Weight Steers
 1 - Eary, Caden
 3 - Best, Reagan
Heavy Weight Steers
 3 - Best, Reagan
Farm Shop Division
Group Projects - Wood

4 - Zach Moreno, Rebecca Carroll
Group Projects - Metal

5 - Reed O'Rear, Kaleb
 Killingsworth
Livestock Equipment
 Reserve Champion - McDonald, Layn
Senior

1 - McDonald, Layn
 2 - Sirois, Allen
Metal Lawn Furniture
 Champion - Brown, Alex
Senior

1 - Brown, Alex
Wood Lawn Furniture - Senior
 2 - Payne, Preston
 3 - Kyburz, Peyton
Wood Wildlife Equip. - Senior

2 - Little, Davis
Indoor Metal Furniture & Metal Art - Senior
 3 - Sirois, Allen
Wood Furniture
 Reserve Champion - Dobbins, Bryce

Junior
 2 - Dobbins, Bryce
Senior
 8 - Marburger, Morgan
Restored Farm Equip. - Senior

3 - Dawson, John
Family and Consumer Sciences Divisions
Plain Pound Cake
Senior

2 - Kelarek, Hannah
 5 - Sirois, Allen
Junior
 10 - Yost, Jared
Pound Cake Other - Senior

8 - Goldsmith, Kate
Chocolate Layer Cake - Senior
 6 - Hildebrand, Rachel
Other Layer Cake - Junior

7 - Turk, Loriann
 8 - Puckett, Jensen
Foam/Chiffon Cakes - Senior
 5 - Alexander, Brady
Cupcakes

Junior
 4 - Stewart, Rylie
Senior
 5 - Mattson, Morgan
Sheet Cake

Junior
 9 - Stewart, Rylie
Senior
 5 - Grimsley, Marcene
Cakes Decorated w/Tips
 Reserve Champion - Sebesta, Ty

Junior
 6 - Turk, Loriann
Senior
 2 - Sebesta, Ty
Free Hand Decorated Cakes - Senior

9 - White, Abigail
Divinity - Junior
 8 - Dockray, Rebecca
 10 - Alexander, Chase
Fudge

Champion - Turk, Loriann
Junior
 1 - Turk, Loriann
Brittles/Other Hard Candies
Junior

3 - Huber, Mariana
 7 - Turk, Loriann
Senior
 3 - White, Abigail
Toffee - Senior

5 - Kelarek, Hannah
Pralines - Senior
 7 - Alexander, Brady
Candy Other Types
Junior

7 - Alexander, Chase
Senior
 5 - Alexander, Brady
Nut Pie
Junior

6 - Alexander, Chase
Senior
 2 - Alexander, Brady
 3 - Shearer, Taylor
Two-Crust Pie

Junior
 4 - Dobbins, Bryce
 6 - Turk, Loriann
Senior
 8 - Alexander, Brady

Quick Bread
 Reserve Grand Champion - Kelarek, Hannah
Quick Bread w/fruit
Junior

2 - Alexander, Chase
 4 - Dockray, Rebecca
Senior
 3 - Alexander, Brady
 5 - Shearer, Taylor
Quick Bread w/vegetable

Junior
 1 - Westbrook, Taryn
 3 - Yost, Jared
Senior

9 - Colvin, Molly
Dark Yeast Bread - Senior
 3 - Kelarek, Hannah
Yeast Rolls

Junior
 7 - Alexander, Chase
Senior
 2 - Kelarek, Hannah
Sweet Yeast Breads

Junior
 5 - Alexander, Chase
Senior
 1 - Kelarek, Hannah
 3 - Alexander, Brady

Food Preservation
 Reserve Grand Champion - Alexander, Brady
Dill/Sour Cucumber Pickles
 Champion - Alexander, Brady

Junior
 3 - Alexander, Chase
 8 - Huber, Mariana
Senior
 1 - Alexander, Brady

Other Cucumber Pickles
 Champion - Alexander, Chase
Relishes/Other Pickled Foods
 Reserve Champion - Alexander, Brady

Junior
 1 - Alexander, Chase
Senior
 2 - Alexander, Brady
Canned Vegetables

Champion - Alexander, Brady
Junior
 1 - Alexander, Chase
 4 - Huber, Mariana
Senior

1 - Alexander, Brady
Canned Fruits & Berries
 Champion - Alexander, Chase
 Reserve Champion - Alexander, Brady

Junior
 1 - Alexander, Chase
Senior
 1 - Alexander, Brady
Canned Tomatoes

Champion - Alexander, Chase
Junior
 1 - Alexander, Chase
Senior
 3 - Alexander, Brady

Juices
 Champion - Alexander, Chase
Junior
 1 - Alexander, Chase
Senior

5 - Alexander, Brady
Sauces
 Champion - Alexander, Chase
Junior

1 - Alexander, Chase
Jellies - Junior
 4 - Alexander, Chase
Jam/Preserves
Junior

3 - Alexander, Chase
Senior
 1 - Alexander, Brady
Art Division

Painting Oil/Acrylic - Junior
 6 - Sebesta, Tris
Mixed Media - Senior
 6 - Grimsley, Marcene

7 - Mattson, Megan
Drawing Cartooning - Junior
 9 - Bourque, Samantha
Paper Art

Champion - Alexander, Brady
Junior
 5 - Alexander, Chase
Senior
 1 - Alexander, Brady

Creative Arts Division
Decorated Wreaths
Junior
 8 - Turk, Loriann
Senior

2 - Mattson, Morgan
Handmade Wreaths - Senior
 6 - Colvin, Molly
Holiday Wreaths - Senior
 6 - Mattson, Megan

Decorated Baskets or Boxes
 Reserve Champion - Turk, Loriann
Junior
 1 - Turk, Loriann
Senior

4 - White, Abigail
Painted, Decorated or Stenciled Garment
 Champion - Roberts, Julia
Senior

1 - Roberts, Julia
Other Creative Arts
 Champion - Sirois, Allen
Junior
 7 - Alexander, Chase

Senior
 1 - Sirois, Allen
 5 - Alexander, Brady
Recycled Crafts
 Reserve Champion - Sirois, Allen

Junior
 2 - Bourque, Samantha
Senior
 1 - Sirois, Allen
 5 - Alexander, Brady

6 - Armstrong, Sierra
Jewelry - Senior
 5 - Alexander, Brady
 7 - Sirois, Allen
 8 - Roberts, Julia

Macrame Jewelry
 Champion - Sirois, Allen
Senior
 1 - Sirois, Allen
Scrapbooking - Senior

3 - White, Abigail
Woodworking, Leather and Other Crafts
 Grand Champion - Allen Sirois

Leathercrafts
Junior
 6 - Wales, Bryce
Senior
 3 - Puckett, Scout

Other Leathercrafts - Senior
 6 - Block, Hanna
Woodwork Decorative - Senior
 2 - Mattson, Megan

Woodwork Functional - Junior
 2 - Wales, Bryce
 7 - Huber, Mariana
Recycled Wood, Metal or Leather

Champion - Sirois, Allen
Senior
 1 - Sirois, Allen

Listed are the Salado 4-H, FFA and FCCLA students who placed in the top 10 entries of a class. Champion or Reserve Champion is awarded to the top entries in combined classes. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion are awarded to the top two entries in all classes of a Division or Breed.



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Salado ousted from playoffs

Bruceville-Eddy runs away with game in final 12 minutes

By TIM FLEISCHER
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The wheels came off for Salado about midway through the third quarter, as the Lady Eagles saw a five point lead disappear in their first round 55-73 loss to the Bruceville-Eddy Lady Eagles Feb. 11 in Gatesville.

The squads fought an evenly-matched game through the first half, as Salado took a 31-27 lead to the lockers.

Eddy tied the game at 39-39 with 3:10 left in the third quarter after trailing by as much as seven points in the third quarter and then the Lady Eagles never looked back, outscoring Salado 34-16 in the remaining 11 minutes of play.

Salado remained within reach as the third quarter came to a close and Eddy held a 48-41 lead but Eddy's junior guard Whitney Doyen scored 13 of her game-high 26 points in the fourth quarter. Doyen scored 17 of her points during the second half charge by Eddy.

Eddy took advantage of steals for easy layups and a steadier hand at the free throw line to take over the game.

Salado struggled at the free throw line with 33 percent shooting on 21 attempts. The girls also were outrebounded by the 6'1" tandem posts of Katey Reid and Stormi Call from Eddy.

In her final game as a Salado Lady Eagle, senior Meredith Ward led the scoring with 17 points. After a slow start, she hit three from beyond the arc and knocked down four of six from the free throw line.

Taryn Kornegay followed with 12 points, including two three-point shots.

Jaylee Sebek also managed double figures, even though she fouled out early in the fourth, fighting against the taller Eddy girls for rebounds. She had 10 points in the game.

Also scoring for Salado



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Salado senior Meredith Ward (#12) goes up for a shot, surrounded by Bruceville-Eddy players Friudenberg (#50) and Dakota Holly (#21). Bruceville-Eddy knocked Salado out of the playoffs in their bi-district game Feb. 11.

were Carmella Perez, 7 points; Ashley Adams, 6 points and Taylor Atwood, 3 points.

Scoring for Bruceville-Eddy were Doyen, 26 points, Call, 15 points, Shelby Friudenberg, 9 points, Erin Anderson, 8 points, Dakota Holly, 7 points, Emily Engelke, 6 points and Dee Huckabee, 2 points.

Bruceville-Eddy will face District 24 Champion Centerville in the second round of the playoffs.

Meanwhile the #2 Jarrell Lady Cougars will play Buffalo, the runner-up in District 23. Buffalo defeated New Waverley in the first round, 67-38.

Little River-Academy is still in the playoffs, staying off Clifton 38-36.

Salado finishes its season with a record of 16-14, 9-5 in district, third place.

"We had our ups and downs but I believe they grew into stronger young adults and basketball players," said Head Coach Diane Konarik, who is in her first year in Salado. "I am extremely proud of them and their accomplishments."

The girls will lose just one player to graduation, Ward. The Lady Eagles have four juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen on the extended playoff squad.



(PHOTO BY WAYNE WOMAC)

Salado junior Taryn Kornegay (#32) shoots over Bruceville-Eddy's Shelby Friudenberg (#50) and Dakota Holly (#21) during the Lady Eagles' bi-district playoff loss on Feb. 11. Salado will lose only one player to graduation this year, Meredith Ward.



Salado Lady Eagles gathered for a team dinner after their district finale, where they had two giant 30-inch pizzas from Manhattan Pie Company. One was made to look like a basketball and the other spelled out SHS. Shown above are (from left) Taryn Kornegay, Rachel Ray, Meredith Ward, Taylor Atwood, Haylee Sebek, Carmella Perez, Ashley Adams and Payton Dreitz. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Salado I.S.D. Menus Feb. 19 - 22



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or

Mixed green salad, with, Fresh berries, Crispy onions, and fresh herbs, with a Sherry Shallot Vinaigrette

Entree Course Selections

Pan seared Flat Iron Steak with Chile and cheese Gratin, Roasted Red Bliss potatoes, and fresh vegetables

or

Pan seared Salmon, over Potato Purée, Crispy prosciutto, with a potato and Herb salad

or

Grilled bone in Pork chop, Scalloped Sweet Potatoes, Sambal Soubise Sauce, and Fresh Vegetables

or

Two Citrus Marinated and Grilled Quail, Over Cous-cous, Fresh Vegetables, with Beurre Rouge sauce

Dessert Selections

Triple Chocolate Cheese Cake berry Salad

or

Chocolate Fondue With Fresh Strawberries

or

Traditional Crème Brûlée with house made cookie

or

Poached Pear With Rice Pudding With Honey Tulle

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SVA names Joan Hoffman Salado Village Artists' Artist of the Month

SVA names JOAN HOFFMAN Salado Village Artists' Artist of the Month.

Joan's work will be showcased in the First State Bank, Compass Bank and Horizon Bank during February and March.

Proud to be a native Texan, Joan was born in San Angelo and attended Baylor University. She has lived in Salado for 30 years and, in 1983, was a founding member of Salado Village Artists. Painting has been a very important part of her life for many years. It has given her an opportunity to learn, to have fun and, most of all, to make wonderful friends.

For the most part, Joan is a self-taught painter whose favorite medium is watercolor.

Her Texas heritage is obvious in her work. Three of her paintings have been used for Salado Art Fair posters. She has received The John Carter Spirit of Central Texas Award and in 2005 two of her paint-



ings were selected to be used on the State of Texas Heirloom marriage license and birth certificates. Other honors include Best of Show in the prestigious Temple TX Barclay competition and Best of Show, Salado Village Artists jur-

ied show.

Joan says, "Everyone has some sort of creative need in them to fulfill. When my girls were little, I did it with my sewing machine. Now I paint and help others to paint by teaching watercolors."

Her next class will be at Salado Village Artists on March 12. Non-members are welcome.

For information or to reserve your space, email bwalkerart@embarqmail.com.

Curtain goes down on the Spur

After nine years, the Salado Silver Spur will be closing the doors on its location on Royal Street at the end of March.

Grainger Esch, co-founder and owner of the Salado Silver Spur Theater, announced this to friends and supporters late last week.

"In the past week I have consulted, researched, and number-crunched, and, sadly, have come to the conclusion that our little theater venue here is unsustainable," Esch said in a letter to supporters. A group of supporters met recently to discuss possibilities of keeping the doors open for the theater that began with vaudeville and melodramatic performances.

One of those was making the Silver Spur a non-profit entity. "Even as a non-profit entity, the amount of funding necessary to employ enough personnel and remain solvent would be virtually impossible to attain," Esch said.

"I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish artistically in these past nine years, and grateful for the hard work



The Salado Silver Spur will close at the end of March.

of our staff and all those who have worked with us," he said. "I look forward to working with them all in the future."

The fiscal reality dictates that it will have to happen somewhere else,

Esch said.

"There have been some really good times that I will cherish forever," he said. "I humbly thank you all for the support, the applause, and, most of all, for the laughs."

Musical Valentine party at Legend Club tonight

The Legend Club brings Latina country music songstress Amanda Cevallos to the stage for a sweet Valentine's Day treat. Her retro style and clean vocals garner comparisons to singers like Crystal Gayle and Kelly Willis.

A Houston native, her family always encouraged her to perform. Her mother bought her a \$40 guitar from a thrift store and Cevallos carried it around for two years until she wrote one of her most popular songs, Jose Guadalupe. A song she wrote about her father. The same song she sang to Willie



Amanda Cevallos

Nelson, when she met him, and he asked her to sing for him.

Cevallos started a country band in Austin and recorded a live album, "Country Music Turns Me On." As a regular on the Austin honky tonk scene she honed her craft alongside the spirit and presence of some of Texas country music's legends. She also landed opening act gigs for The Derailers, Todd Snider, Rick Trevino, Susan Gibson, Django Walker and Jim Lauderdale.

Her newest album, "I'll Never Honky Tonk You," includes special guests and Texas music hard-hitters such as Lloyd Maines, Earle Poole Ball, Stephen Doster, Redd Volkaert, Dale Watson and a Texas Tornado by the name of Augie Meyers.

More information on the Valentine Day party at saladolegendclub.com.

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MONDAYS
 Salado Masonic Lodge #296 practice, 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge 90 N. Church St.
MONDAYS
 Children's Story

Time at the Salado Public Library, 11-11:45 a.m.
MONDAYS
 Village Quilters and Knitters, 1:30 p.m. at Village Art Building.

SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS
 Salado Rotary Club breakfast meeting, 7 a.m. at Johnny's Bar Be Que.
THURSDAYS
 Martinis and Manicures at The Lounge at The Range. \$25 for 2 ladies night adult beverages, a manicure and a selection of appetizers. Call 254-947-3828 to book your appointment. Space is limited.

Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.
FEBRUARY 19
 Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting, 11 a.m. - noon, Central Texas Area Museum. Celebrating Texas and Texas ancestors. Open meeting - everyone welcome.



Alexander's at Inn on the Creek

Chef's Special Valentine's Menu
February 14-16
Hearts Upon Hearts
 Begin your romantic evening with heart-shaped polenta topped with herbed cheeses and cherry tomato relish, and accented with roasted artichoke hearts and jumbo shrimp arranged in a heart shape (of course)

Caprese Tart
 Sliced kumatoes, buffalo mozzarella, & fresh basil, baked in a flaky crust, and finished with a 25 year old balsamic reduction

Hearts of Palm Salad
 Hearts of palm sliced and tossed with julienned red onion. Accented with fanned avocado slices, Dressed with a cilantro-lime vinaigrette, & nested in mixed greens

Choice Of:
Filet Mignon
 6oz Black Angus filet of beef topped with a beautiful caramelized cipollini onion, accented with a flavorful sauce medoc, over moussilne potatoes & haricot vert

Or
Crab Stuffed Orange Roughy
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TUESDAYS
 Salado Village Artists, Village Art Building, 9:30 a.m.

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

TUESDAYS
 Salado Community Chorus practice, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center, unless otherwise noted.

TUESDAYS
 Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 10 - Noon. saladoyarn@gmail.com (no meeting Jan. 1 or 29)

TUESDAYS
 Prix Fixe menu at The Range. Two courses and adult beverage for \$14.95. Terrific for Date Night! Offerings change weekly. Find The Range on Facebook to see this week's menu or call 254-947-3828.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS
 Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m., at Longhorn Conference Center.

FRIDAYS
 Al-Anon Meeting, 12 noon, at United Methodist Church (650 Royal Street) in the Youth Activities Building in the back to the left of the church. Newcomers and seasoned Al-Anons are encouraged to visit.

FRIDAYS
 Live music at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., beginning at 7 p.m. Artists change weekly.

FIRST SATURDAY
 Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 10 - Noon. saladoyarn@gmail.com

SECOND SATURDAY
 Game Night at 3C Cowboy Fellowship, 7-10 p.m. Bring your own drinks (no alcohol) and snacks and games to play. For adults who are young at heart. 947-7211

SECOND SALADO SATURDAYS
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SATURDAYS
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SATURDAYS
 Live Music at Rising Star Vineyards. 7-9:30 p.m.

SATURDAYS
 Live music at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., beginning at 7 p.m. Artists change weekly.

SUNDAYS
 New open discussion Al-Anon Meeting in Salado, 6 p.m. Salado at United Methodist Church in the Youth Activities Building in the back.

FEBRUARY 14
 Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m., Robertson Room of Stagecoach Conference Center. Spring flower arranging by Frances Gonzales of Magnolia's.

FEBRUARY 14
 Special valentine's dinner at The Range. Visit www.therangeres-restaurant.com for menu details.

FEBRUARY 16-17
 Texas High School and Junior High School Rodeo at Wildfire Ranch Arena.

FEBRUARY 18
 Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

FEBRUARY 18

FEBRUARY 21
 Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, 8:30 a.m. in the Salado Visitors Center.

FEBRUARY 21
 Village of Salado board of aldermen meeting, 6 p.m., Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Workshop at 4:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21
 Journeymen, 6:30 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church in the Youth Activities Center.

FEBRUARY 21
 Sip and Knit at Salado Wine Seller, 5-7 p.m. 841 North Main, 947-8011. Join fellow needle artists for wine and conversation. Bring your needles and share your latest projects. Knit and crochet of all skill levels welcome.

FEBRUARY 23
 Touch of Class in concert at Stagecoach Inn Longhorn Conference Center, 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person or bring a receipt from your meal that day at the Stagecoach Inn Restaurant or Coffee Shop.

FEBRUARY 24
 Academy Awards Watch Party at The Shed! Corner of Royal Street & Center Circle. Open 11:00 a.m. Stop by for an "Oscar". Fun starts at 6:00 p.m. 947-1960

FEBRUARY 25
 Salado Masonic Lodge #296 stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, 90 N. Church St.

FEBRUARY 27
 Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center.

FEBRUARY 28
 Journeymen, 6:30 p.m. in Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 3
 Texas Association of Legions of Honor gathering in Salado.

MARCH 2
 Sam Houston's Birthday Celebration and Texas Independence Day. Noon - 5 p.m., Central Texas Area Museum. Hosted by George Shott, Central Texas Area Museum, Larnc Barker, Salado Sons of the Republic of Texas and Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Special guest speakers, public invited.

MARCH 2
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MARCH 2-3

Texas High School and Junior High School Rodeo at Wildfire Ranch Arena.

MARCH 3

The Chapel at Caliber Oak Music Series performance. Megan Meisenbach, flutist and Elaine Barber, harpist. Email Denise Thomssen at deniset@clearwire.net for details, reservations.

MARCH 4

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

MARCH 4

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

MARCH 4

Salado Athletic Booster Club meeting, 7 p.m. in the Salado High School Library.

MARCH 7

Chisholm Trail American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6:15 p.m. at McCain's Deli. Reverend Vicki Joy McClure will speak. Public is invited.

MARCH 14

Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon. Details to follow. Nancy Norris, ncnorris8@yahoo.com, 947-3333.

MARCH 16

St. Patrick's Day celebration, Central Texas Area Museum in conjunction with Stagecoach Inn. Details to come.

MARCH 18

The 18th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament benefiting Tablerock Festival.

MARCH 18-22

Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

MARCH 23

Gordon Collier Band performing for a street dance at the Stagecoach Inn. Free admission. Performance is 6-9 p.m.

MARCH 23-24

Wildflower Arts & Crafts Show. A variety of artists, artisans and crafters on the bank of the Salado Creek. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. For applications, call 254-947-5040, visit www.salado.com or email chamber@salado.com.

MARCH 23-24

TX Wine and Rogue Art Festival at Salado Wine Seller, 841 North Main. Featuring 20 Texas Wineries and 20 Artists.

MARCH 23-24

Central Texas Barrel Racing Association Barrel Race at Wildfire Ranch Arena.

MARCH 29

Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

MARCH 29-31

Joe Beaver's Youth Calf Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena.

MARCH 30

Smokin Spokes Bike Race to benefit the Salado Volunteer Fire Department, salado-spokes.com to register.

APRIL 4-7

The Packards are coming! 36th Annual Texas Packard Meet in Salado. For info call or email the meet registrar at 210-922-1300 or bclark@stic.net. Info at www.texaspackardmeet.com.

APRIL 5-6

In -Tow, a play to benefit the Recasting of Sirena, performances at Tablerock.

APRIL 6

Texas Brangus Breeders Association, Tenroc Ranch Chisholm Center.

APRIL 13

Wayu Cattle Sale, Tenroc Ranch Chisholm Center.

APRIL 14

The Chapel at Caliber Oak Music Series performance. Denise Thomssen, flutist and Erin Young, pianist. Email Denise Thomssen at deniset@clearwire.net for details, reservations.

APRIL 19-21

Annual Lincolns car club gathering in Salado. More details to come.

APRIL 20

Paint the Ranch Red, Tenroc Ranch Blue Heron Center.

APRIL 26-27

Texas Junior Hereford Association, Tenroc Ranch Chisholm Center.

APRIL 27-28

Thunderbirds are coming to Salado. More details to come.

MAY 3-4

Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock.

MAY 9-11

Annual MG Register in Salado Mother's Day weekend. Details to come.

MAY 16

Chisholm Trail American Business Women's Style Show and Benefit Luncheon. 11-1 held at The Venue. Barclay McCort 947-3617.

MAY 18

Second Annual Brave Rifles Run, sponsored by the Third Cavalry Regiment and Third Cavalry Association. Event will include 5K and 10K runs for adults and 1K children's fun run. Celebrate the Regiment's Birthday and provide an outstanding military/civilian community event.

MAY 16

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MAY 27

Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

JUNE 5

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JUNE 8

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JULY 13

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JULY 20, 27

AND AUGUST 3

Salado Legends at Tablerock Amphitheater.

JULY 29-AUGUST 4

Tablerock Theater Camp

AUGUST 2

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SEPTEMBER 20-22

Salado Chocolate & Wine Weekend.

SEPTEMBER 24

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SEPTEMBER 27

Salado Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament.

OCTOBER 5-6

A Christmas Carol & Fright Trail Auditions

OCTOBER 11-12

Christmas in October at the Stagecoach Inn.

OCTOBER 26-27

47th Annual Salado Art Fair at Pace Park.

OCTOBER 26-27

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NOVEMBER 8-10

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DECEMBER 6-7

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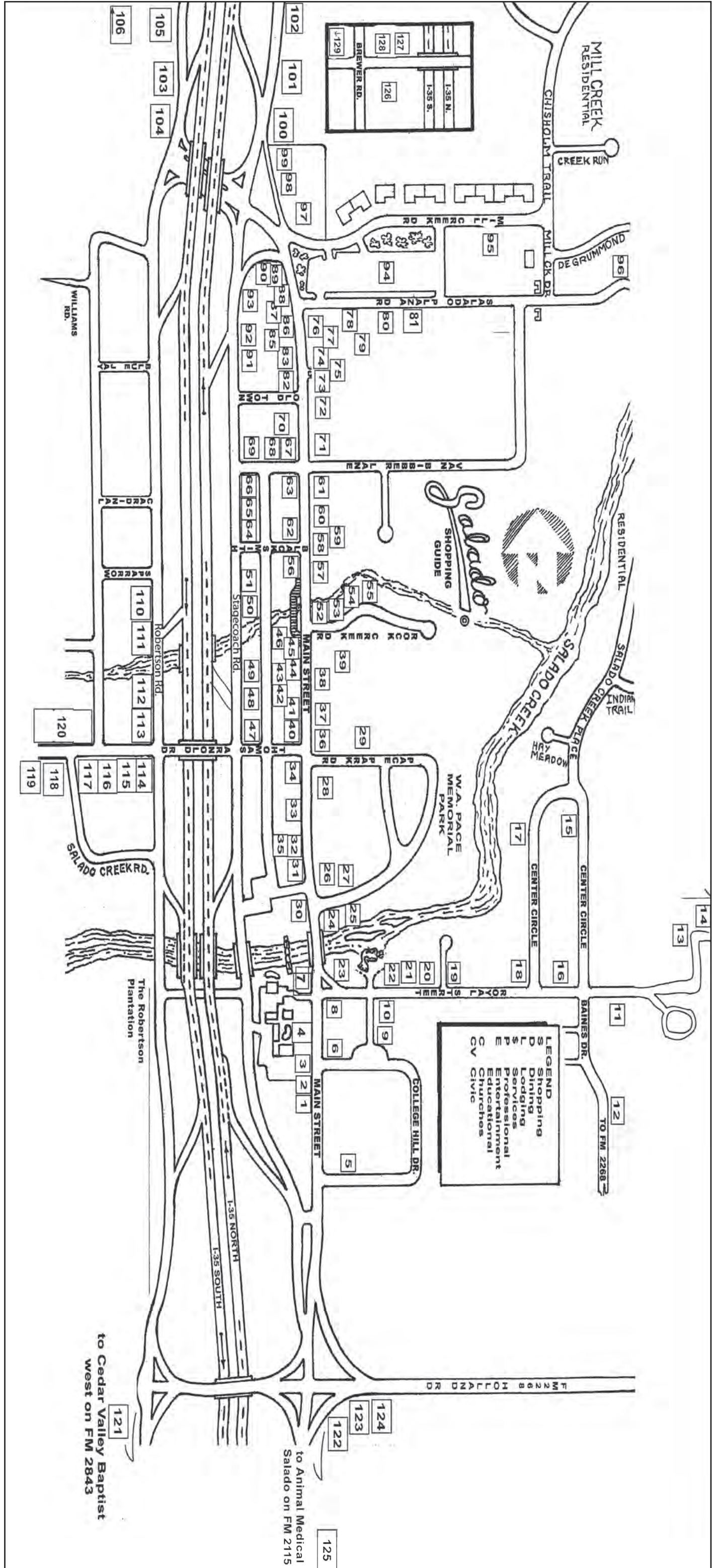
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East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K J 3
 ♥ Q J 8 7 6 3
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ Q 5

WEST
 ♠ 9 7 6 4
 ♥ 9 5 4
 ♦ 2
 ♣ K 10 9 6 4

EAST
 ♠ K 2
 ♥ K J 9 7 5 4
 ♦ A J 8 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A Q 10 8 5 2
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ A Q 10 8
 ♣ 7

The bidding:
 East 1♦ South 3♣ West 4♣ North 2♥
 3♦ 3♣ 4♣ 4♣
 5♣ 6♣

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

Looks can be deceiving

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

See if you can make six spades on this deal looking at all 52 cards. Given the opening diamond lead plus the favorable location of the diamonds and the heart king, this might seem easy. But be forewarned -- it's no simple task.

The most obvious line is to win East's king of diamonds with the ace, cross to the spade king and lead a heart to the ten. Next, cash the ace of hearts, dropping East's king, then return to the jack of spades and discard your club on the heart queen.

Here's where the trouble begins. If you draw the missing trumps, you'll eventually lose two diamond tricks to East. If instead you lead a diamond and finesse the eight, West will ruff, and you'll also lose the diamond ten to East's jack at the end.

But the contract can be made. Moreover, the winning line of play can be reasoned out. When East shows out of trumps at trick two and then turns up with just the K-x of hearts, his distribution becomes marked as 0-2-6-5 (his bidding plus West's deuce-of-diamonds lead, which must be a singleton, confirm this diagnosis). East must also have one or both top club honors.

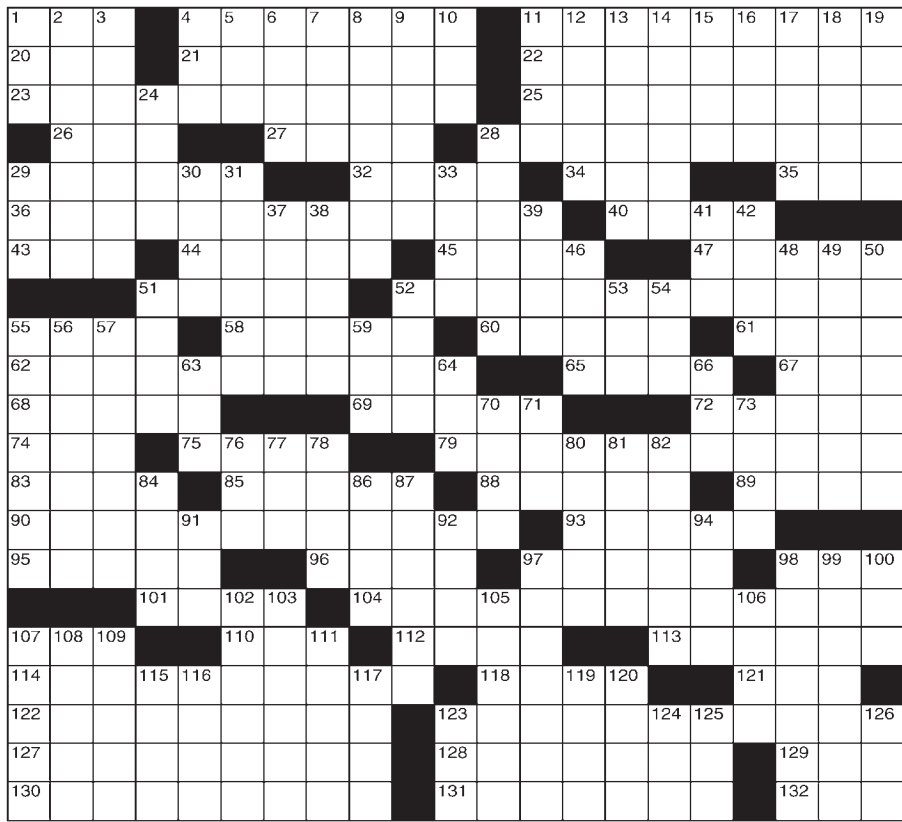
Proceeding on this assumption, declarer plays the first five tricks as described above. But at trick six, he discards the diamond eight instead of a club on the queen of hearts!

He then runs his hearts, coming down to the Q-10 of diamonds and seven of clubs. Dummy keeps the Q-5 of clubs and jack of hearts, while East is reduced to the J-9 of diamonds and ace of clubs. South now leads his club, and East has to win and return a diamond to declarer's Q-10, handing him the contract.

Super Crossword

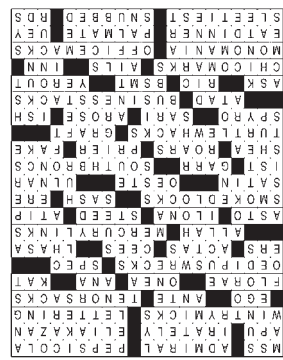
X-CHANGING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Original texts. Abbr.
 - 4 Navy VIP
 - 11 Soda giant
 - 20 Kwik-E-Mart clerk
 - 21 In a very angry way
 - 22 "East of Eden" director
 - 23 Jagger and Fleetwood out in a blizzard?
 - 25 Stencil work
 - 26 Inflated self
 - 27 Pay to play
 - 28 Bags used by some opera stars?
 - 29 Faunae counterparts
 - 32 Top draft status
 - 34 Santa — wind
 - 35 Kit — bar
 - 36 King of Thebes gets into a crash?
 - 40 Job detail, briefly
 - 43 Triage areas, briefly
 - 44 Perform the duties of
 - 45 2.0 grades
 - 47 Tibetan city
 - 51 Shia's god
 - 52 Golf course on another planet?
 - 55 Concerning
 - 58 Massey of film
 - 60 Knight's mount
 - 61 "Take — from me ..."
 - 62 Fumigated hair?
 - 65 Pageant adornment
 - 67 Palindromic "before"
 - 68 Silk alternative
 - 69 Opposite of east, in Spanish
 - 72 Of a forearm bone
 - 74 Suffix with 26-Across
 - 75 Actress Teri
 - 79 Dixie rodeo horses?
 - 83 Former New York stadium
 - 85 Is lionlike
 - 88 Nosy one
 - 89 Impostor
 - 90 Hits from a loggerhead?
 - 93 Inserted bud
 - 95 — Gyra
 - 96 Delhi dress
 - 97 Came about
 - 98 Suffix with sheep or owl
 - 101 Just barely
 - 104 Nails for company use?
 - 107 Solicit
 - 110 Rocker
 - 112 Cellar, in real-estate ads
 - 113 Ump's shout
 - 114 Spanish boy grades test papers?
 - 118 Hurts
 - 121 Little hotel
 - 122 Obsessive zeal for a single thing
 - 123 Big trucks for company use?
 - 127 Have supper
 - 128 Like a hand with fingers spread
 - 129 180 hung by a motorist
 - 130 Most hazardingously icy
 - 131 Rebuffed
 - 132 Tpk., e.g.
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Animal throat
 - 2 Sales pitch deliverer
 - 3 Sol and Helios
 - 4 With 5-Down, hang on a clothesline
 - 5 See 4-Down
 - 6 Papa's other half
 - 7 "To put — a nutshell ..."
 - 8 Pastors
 - 9 Ethylene or propylene
 - 10 Fleur-de-—
 - 11 Soccer icon
 - 12 Kagan of the Supreme Court
 - 13 Rock climbers' spikes
 - 14 Petty tyrant
 - 15 Prez Eisenhower and singer Turner
 - 16 Irene of "Fame" fame
 - 17 Novelist Cynthia
 - 18 Sri —
 - 19 Teen turmoil
 - 24 TV actress
 - 28 Givers' opposites
 - 29 Rival
 - 30 "Be — and help me out!"
 - 31 Big name in ancient geometry
 - 33 Nero's "Lo!"
 - 37 Shower area
 - 38 Western cry
 - 39 Split-off group
 - 41 Pipe shape
 - 42 Potted "pet"
 - 46 Drags to
 - 48 Rabbit ears
 - 49 Downhiller's accessory
 - 50 Attack with evil reports
 - 51 Golfer
 - 52 Create
 - 53 Irish actor
 - 54 QB's pickups
 - 55 Aids
 - 56 Bad traffic accident
 - 57 Walking shakily
 - 59 S.Sgt., e.g.
 - 63 He was attached to Chang
 - 64 Leaky tire sound
 - 66 "Ben- —" (1959)
 - 70 Exceeds
 - 71 Spain loc.
 - 73 Hay holder
 - 76 "Chances —"
 - 77 Pull an oar
 - 78 Fan noises
 - 80 Big striped cat, in Spain
 - 81 Grinders
 - 82 Saucy
 - 84 Razor name
 - 86 Broccoli —
 - 87 Surgeon's duds
 - 91 Filming area
 - 92 Lip smack
 - 94 Fancy party
 - 97 Fighting a common viral illness
 - 98 "Agreed"
 - 99 Kept from scoring any points
 - 100 Pres. after FDR
 - 102 Fashion giant Giorgio
 - 103 Senator
 - 105 Feinstein declaration
 - 106 Song in an opera
 - 107 Pinnacles
 - 108 Tideland
 - 109 Kunta —
 - 111 Blubbers
 - 115 Body of laws
 - 116 Not include
 - 117 Go- —
 - 119 Bird's perch
 - 120 Natural wound cover
 - 123 Photo — (Kodak moments)
 - 124 Summer, in Lyons
 - 125 Sm.-lge. link
 - 126 The "S" of DOS: Abbr.



Note that it doesn't help East to jettison his ace of clubs in order to avoid being endplayed. In that case, South leads a club toward dummy, and West must then concede the slam-going trick to dummy's queen after he takes his king.

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Answer grid for the Weekly Sudoku puzzle, showing numbers in the correct positions.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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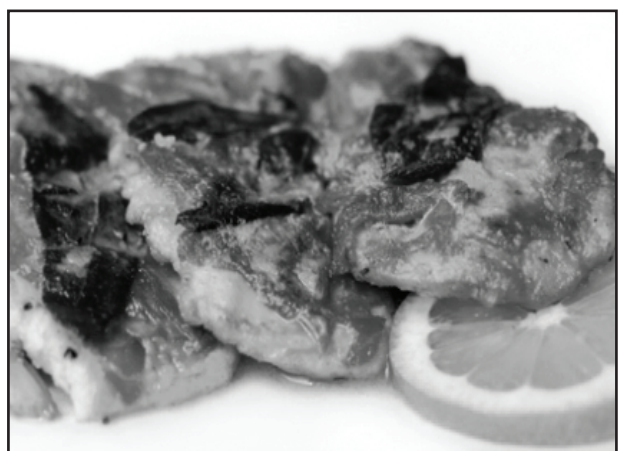
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ROMAN-STYLE CHICKEN SALTIMBOCCA

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- 4 boneless, skinless chicken cutlets (about 4 ounces each)
- Salt and black pepper
- 8 thin slices prosciutto
- 8 sage leaves, more for garnish
- 3/4 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons butter, divided
- 1 1/2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- Lemon wedges

Sprinkle each cutlet lightly with salt and pepper. Top with a slice of prosciutto and a sage leaf. Place chicken cutlets be-

tween 2 sheets of parchment, waxed paper or plastic wrap. With a mallet or rolling pin, gently pound cutlets to an even 1/4-inch thickness, pounding the prosciutto and sage into the chicken.

Spread the flour on a shallow plate and dip the chicken in it, lightly coating both sides. Heat a tablespoon of butter and the olive oil in a large pan. When the butter begins to foam, add the cutlets to the pan, prosciutto side down. Cook 3 to 4 minutes per side, turning once, until lightly browned and cooked through. Transfer to a platter and cover to keep warm.

Add wine to the hot pan and stir with a wooden spoon to loosen all the brown bits from the bottom of the pan. Let the wine reduce by half, then add the chicken broth and reduce again. Remove the pan from the heat and swirl in remaining tablespoon of butter. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper, then pour over the reserved chicken cutlets. Serve immediately with lemon wedges.

390 calories (150 from fat), 17g total fat, 6g saturated fat, 100mg cholesterol, 970mg sodium, 20g carbohydrate (1g dietary fiber, 0g sugar), 34g protein

CHICKEN AND ARTICHOKE WITH FARRO

Fresh artichokes and browned chicken make a wonderful combination. Farro is a classic Italian whole grain that pairs beautifully with this dish, but you could prepare brown rice, pasta or couscous instead.



- 1 whole chicken, cut into 8 serving pieces
- 1 3/4 teaspoon fine sea salt, divided
- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 8 cloves garlic, peeled and halved
- 4 artichokes
- 3/4 cup white wine
- 1 1/4 cup cups farro
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill

Preheat the oven to 325°F. Sprinkle chicken on all sides with 1 teaspoon salt. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and brown on all sides, turning pieces occasionally. Transfer pieces to a roasting pan. Discard

excess fat from skillet, then add garlic and cook, stirring, until lightly browned. Add wine to the pan and reduce slightly, scraping bottom of pan to release any browned bits. Pour wine over the chicken.

Cut off and discard the top 2/3 of each artichoke. Run a paring knife around base of each, removing tough leaves until you get to tender yellow-green ones. Use a teaspoon to scoop out and discard the small petals and hairy chokes at the center of each artichoke, exposing the heart. Peel the stems. Cut artichokes in quarters and nestle them around the chicken in the roasting pan.

Cover securely with foil and roast until chicken is

cooked through and artichokes are very tender, about 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, bring 2 cups water and remaining 3/4 teaspoon salt to boil in a medium saucepan. Add farro, lower heat, cover the pan and simmer until farro is very tender and water is absorbed, about 35 minutes. Transfer to a platter. Place chicken and artichokes on top, ladle the liquid and garlic in the pan over the top and sprinkle with dill.

680 calories (340 from fat), 38g total fat, 10g saturated fat, 165mg cholesterol, 1040mg sodium, 28g carbohydrate (9g dietary fiber, 4g sugar), 47g protein

PERUVIAN-STYLE ROAST CHICKEN WITH SWEET ONIONS

This wonderfully aromatic chicken dish is short on prep and big on flavor. It's also a great dish to make ahead the day before and reheat -- it's even tastier after the flavors meld. Serve with rice and a green salad.



- 1 1/2 teaspoon expeller-pressed canola oil, plus more for oiling the pan
- 1 1/2 tablespoon sweet paprika
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 5 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 1/2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 2 large sweet onions, peeled and thickly sliced
- 1 chicken, cut into 10 serving pieces*
- 2 red or yellow bell peppers, cored, seeded and cut into

chunks
1 lemon, sliced

Preheat oven to 425°F. Oil a large roasting pan and set aside. In a small bowl, combine paprika, cumin, salt, pepper, garlic, vinegar and oil to make a paste. Place onions in a large bowl and toss with 2 tablespoons of the paste. Rub chicken pieces with remaining paste and place in prepared pan, then cover with onions, peppers and lemon. Roast, basting occasionally with pan juices, until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are very tender, about 45 min-

utes. Remove from oven and let rest 5 minutes before serving.

* Note: If the chicken has been precut into eight pieces, simply cut each breast in half through the rib cage to ensure even cooking. Or, you can ask your butcher to cut a whole chicken into 10 pieces with breasts deboned.

470 calories (290 from fat), 32g total fat, 9g saturated fat, 140mg cholesterol, 730mg sodium, 9g carbohydrate (3g dietary fiber, 4g sugar), 34g protein

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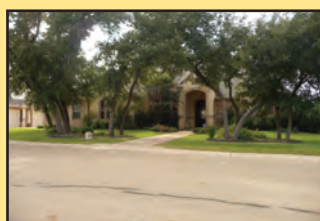


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February is the time to rekindle romance with your home

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1. How is your home feeling?

It's often hard to get fresh air into our homes during the winter, meaning pollutants can get trapped inside. If your home has poor indoor air quality you can help it feel better.

* Limit the use of products containing volatile organic compounds (VOCs) found in common household products, such as cleansers and paint.

* Consider adding a mechanical ventilation system to provide a controlled source of fresh air to your home. It can help manage indoor pollutants and excess indoor moisture.

2. Is your home warm and comfortable?

Conventional fiberglass insulation is like a wool sweater on a winter day. It might look warm and fuzzy, but it won't stop cold air from passing through.

* Conduct an energy audit of your home to spot



Showing your home some love this time of year can pay off with energy savings and a healthier, more comfortable indoor environment.

key sources of air leakage, especially around windows and doors and through the attic.

* Consider installing spray foam insulation (like popular Icynene) in your home. It can create an air barrier and help control air leakage, energy loss and airborne pollutants.

3. Is your home nice and dry?

Indoor moisture can accumulate in the winter months, leading to a musty smell, condensation on windows and even to mold.

* Make sure bathroom fans and kitchen hoods are hooked up and working.

* Use proper ventilation to the outdoors when showering or cooking.

* Limit the use of humidifiers. Set up a dehumidifier in damp areas inside the home.

Simple ways to save energy

Reducing energy usage is a good way to help the environment and save money along the way. Saving energy can be done in a variety of ways, many of which do not require significant effort can lead to significant savings.

* Stop using the dishwasher to dry the dishes. A dishwasher is a modern convenience few people feel they can live without. While you don't need to give up the dishwasher entirely to save money, it's important to note that many dishwashers use more energy to dry the dishes than to wash them. If your dishwasher does not automatically dry the dishes, turn the knob to the off position once the dishes have been cleaned and open the door to allow the dishes to air dry.

* Go with a more traditional refrigerator-freezer combination. Side-by-side refrigerator and freezer may be combinations may be more fashionable, but such units can use as much as 20 percent more energy than their traditional counterparts. If you must purchase a side-by-side unit, be sure to buy only those with an Energy Star label.

* Do laundry less frequently. Whether you live in an apartment or a home, having an in-unit washer and dryer is a great convenience. But frequently doing small loads can be wasteful, as it takes roughly the same amount of energy to clean a small load of laundry as it does a full load. Limit yourself to only full loads of laundry as much as possible.

* Do your drying all at once. When using the dryer, try to dry one batch of clothes right after another. Many dryers require a significant amount of energy to heat up, but drying consecutive loads won't require as much energy to get the dryer up to operating temperature as the dryer will need if you allowing a significant amount of time to pass between loads.

* Don't go to extreme temperatures. Arriving home to a house that's especially cold or warm inspires many people to turn their thermostats way up or down in an effort to heat or a cool the home more quickly. This forces the unit to work harder and use more energy. Instead of taking such an extreme approach, invest in a heating or cooling system that allows you to set the temperature in advance so the temperature inside your home is pleasant when you walk through the door.

Salado Police Report Feb. 5-10

Feb. 5

8:58-9:12 a.m., Robertson at Thomas Arnold. Disabled Motorist, disabled motorist at this location. Had a wrecker coming out of Waco. Clear.

1:27-1:40 p.m., 2000 Block Highland. Garbage truck ran over complainants mailbox. An agreement was made and caller sought civil advice. Clear.

2:18-2:21 p.m., Country Boy's Welfare Concern, employee was concerned about the welfare of a customer. Spoke with customer and everything was fine just using his cell phone. Clear.

4:05-4:15 p.m., 200 Block Salado Plaza. Assist Parent with 8 year old white male, 8 year old white male wanted to go to the Expo Center. When mom told him no he left the house on foot and mom couldn't stop him. Located boy and advised him of the law. He complied. Cleared.

4:45-4:55 p.m., 1200 Block Chisholm Trail. Disturbance (unfounded). Ex-wife called and

reported that her kids were locked out of their father's house. On scene I spoke with the father. Just a misunderstanding. Code-4. Cleared.

Feb. 6

5:45-6:00 p.m., 301 Thomas Arnold (Johnny's). Burglary of a Building. Some unknown person(s) cut the lock off of a storage container and took without the owners consent, items totaling approximately \$500. Report.

8:47-8:55 a.m., 2018 Chisholm Trail. Alarm (R), service person entered the house. No problems.

Feb. 7

2:04-2:15 p.m., 800 Block Park. Alarm (R). House Keeper set off alarm. No problems.

7:50-8:20 p.m., 1600 Block Indian Trail. Burglary of a motor vehicle. Complainant reported that he and his wives vehicles were broken into back in late November or early December and items were taken. Report.

4:35-4:45 p.m., Salado School Rd. Assist Other

Agency, asked by DPS to assist on motorist with a blown out tire. No spare. Called for Victor's Tire Service. Cleared.

1:35-1:42 p.m., 1600 Block Old Mill. Alarm, notified of general alarm in sun room area. House secure. Clear.

Feb. 9

11:25-11:36 p.m., 500 Block San Pedro. Suspicious Vehicles, dispatched as two vehicles, one truck and a car, on San Pedro driving up and down the street. Stated vehicles has been sitting while running for over an hour. Vehicles were gone on arrival. No complainant contact per dispatch. Clear.

Feb. 10

7:11-7:31 a.m., 700 Block Baines. Animal Call, sick raccoon dispatched and discarded. Clear.

8:35-8:40 a.m., Guess Dr. Loose Livestock, black and white cow in the roadway. Unable to locate. Clear. Recall: black and white cow in roadway FM 2268. Owner arrived and put back in the pasture. Clear.

8:40-8:54 a.m., 2400

Block Smith Bluff. Dead Animal, homeowner found a dead fox in his driveway. Homeowner discarded the animal, just wanted police department to know about it. Clear.

3:52-3:55 p.m., 3400 Block Chisholm. Criminal Mischief, light fixture was knocked off of complainants mailbox. Does not want a report just extra patrol of the area. Clear.

8:00-8:16 p.m., 900 Baines (Salado Cemetery). Criminal Trespass/Possession of Marijuana. Vehicle found in back corner of cemetery with no lights on. When I was seen, vehicle began to back up and move towards one of the exit roads, still with no lights on. Emergency lighting was activated and vehicle was stopped. Vehicle occupied by 2. Subjects identified and removed from vehicle. Subjects taken into custody for Criminal Trespass. Subjects found to be in possession of marijuana also. Arrest Report.

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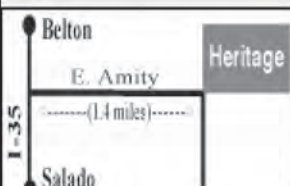
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Global warming, droughts and wildfires; The greening of...McDonald's?

Dear EarthTalk: How are droughts and wildfires caused by global warming? I thought warming mostly brought on wet and flooded conditions.

-- David Mossman, Albuquerque, NM

By throwing the planet's climate regulation systems out of whack, global warming is likely to cause more extreme weather events of every kind, including additional precipitation and flooding in some cases and more drying and drought in others—sometimes within the

es, loses moisture to tropical thunderstorms, and descends in the subtropics as dry air," adds UCS. "As jet streams continue to shift to higher latitudes, and storm patterns shift along with them, semi-arid and

effort to cut back and conserve this most vital of all natural resources. NWF also wants land managers and policymakers to consider global warming when choosing water management strategies to meet multiple demands and to work to protect natural forest and wetland systems that absorb flood waters and provide efficient water storage.

CONTACTS: UCS, www.ucsus.org; NWF, www.nwf.org.



Dear EarthTalk: Has the McDonald's restaurant chain made significant improvements in recent



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Though McDonald's will never please vegetarians, most of whom consider the meat industry a serious affront to the environment, the restaurant chain has made some significant strides in reducing waste, saving energy and protecting forests by developing a zero deforestation plan for all the products it sources.

same region.

According to the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), a leading non-profit, increased temperatures on the Earth's surface due to global warming accelerates evapotranspiration, an otherwise natural process that takes moisture from land, plants and water bodies and moves it skyward into the atmosphere.

"In drier regions, evapotranspiration may produce periods of drought—defined as below-normal levels of rivers, lakes and groundwater, and lack of enough soil moisture in agricultural areas," reports UCS. "Precipitation has declined in the tropics and subtropics since 1970. Southern Africa, the Sahel region of Africa, southern Asia, the Mediterranean, and the U.S. Southwest, for example, are getting drier." Even areas that are typically wet, says the group, can experience long, dry spells between extreme rainy periods.

This drying trend is expected to continue through mid-century as the amount of land affected by drought grows significantly. Water resources in affected areas are predicted to decline by as much as 30 percent. "These changes occur partly because of an expanding atmospheric circulation pattern known as the Hadley Cell—in which warm air in the tropics ris-

desert areas are expected to expand."

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) adds that the sea level rise expected to accompany global warming (as the polar ice caps melt) could further complicate matters for water-constrained areas by contaminating critical inland underground freshwater reserves with salt (so-called "saltwater intrusion").

Another effect of unmitigated global warming will be an increased frequency of large wildfires and an expansion of burned over areas in already fire-prone regions like much of the Western U.S. NWF reports that researchers there are already noticing longer fire seasons, drier conditions persisting later into the year, and an increased frequency of lightning as thunderstorms are becoming more frequent and severe. The group adds that forest fires are expected to burn over twice as much of today's affected areas across 11 western states by later this century if conservative predictions about warming come true.

So what can be done? NWF stresses that every one of us can play a role by cutting back on our fossil fuel use (less driving and flying, less home heating and cooling, more efficient appliances, etc.). Another way to help is to take into account our own water use and making a concerted

years with regard to the environment?

-- Max Andria, Laval University, Quebec

Long a poster child of environmental ills and health concerns, McDonald's has worked steadily over the last two decades to clean up its act. The company will never win over vegetarians, who eschew meat for health, animal welfare and even world hunger concerns (we'd feed more people by using the land used to grow animal feed to grow food for people instead), but it has otherwise made some significant strides.

The company first came under fire from greens in the 1980s for sourcing beef for its hamburgers from ranches on newly cleared, former rainforest tracts throughout the Amazon basin. In response, the company committed in 1989 to refuse beef sourced from recently deforested rainforest areas.

Environmentalists were also on the company's case about the waste it generates. So in 1990 McDonald's partnered with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and began phasing out its polystyrene "clamshell" food containers and increasing the recycled content of the other food containers and boxes it uses. EDF and the

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Ways to avoid overspending as retirement nears

When the nest is empty and the kids no longer need financial support, many men and women find themselves with some extra money in their budget. Fewer mouths to feed and no more college tuition bills can give parents a sense of financial freedom they may not have had since before starting their family. But that freedom can also lead to overspending, something that can put retirement in jeopardy if people are not careful.



Empty nesters can track their monthly expenses, including how much they spend on dining out, to ensure they aren't overspending as they inch closer to retirement.

Though it's understandable for men and women to splurge on a well-deserved getaway once the kids have finally left the house, it's important for adults to ensure that such splurging does not become routine. The following are a few ways men and women with some newfound disposable income can avoid overspending and putting themselves in financial hot water as they get closer to retirement.

* Pay with cash whenever possible. Swiping a debit card or credit card is certainly a convenient way to shop, but it can also be dangerous. Many people find it difficult to keep track of their spending when they use debit cards or credit cards to make their purchases. Using cash to make purchases, especially daily purchases like a morning cup of coffee, reduces the likelihood of overspending. This can help you get a better idea of how much money you're spending and if there are any steps you can take to curtail that spending.

An effective way to use cash is to withdraw money from the bank once per week and use that as your weekly supply of money. If you find yourself frequently running out of money each week, then you're likely spending more than you should.

* Keep a financial journal. Men and women who must adapt to having newfound disposable income

may find it is not much different from younger men and women learning to manage their money when they first start working. Some of those lessons, like saving more than you spend, might need to be re-learned.

One way to get a grip on your spending is to keep a financial journal to track your daily and monthly expenses as well as larger purchases like a new television. Write down the monthly expenses you know you have each month, such as a mortgage payment or a car note, and each and every purchase you make, including how much you spend on dining out each month. Do this for at least a couple of months. When you have logged several months' activity, examine your journal to see if there are any expenses that can be trimmed to save money.

* Don't go overboard rewarding yourself. Once your last child has left the nest, the temptation to reward yourself with a luxury item or two might prove overwhelming. After all, raising a family and paying for college tuition has no doubt required substantial sacrifice on your part, so it's well within reason that you want to reward yourself after all these years. Avoid overdoing it so your finances aren't stretched

too thin. A vacation with your spouse is reasonable, but buying a villa overseas might be a little over the top. Luxuries can be nice,

but they can also drain a budget. Your monthly expenses once the kids have moved out should be lower, so if you find your cost of living has increased now that your nest is empty, you might be forced to determine which of your expenses are luxuries and which are necessities.

* Take advantage of your "experience." Though accepting a "senior" discount might be a blow to your pride, it also can be a boon to your bottom line. Many establishments, including gyms, restaurants and movie theaters, offer discounts to men and women age 55 and older. This can help you save a substantial amount of money over time, and no one has to know you've started cashing in on your experience.

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fast food giant developed a waste reduction plan that eliminated 300 million pounds of packaging, recycled a million tons of corrugated boxes and reduced waste by 30 percent in the decade that followed.

More recently, Greenpeace exposed the fact that expanded soy farming in Brazil—which feeds chickens used by McDonald's and other large food companies—had become a threat to the Amazon rainforest. In response, McDonald's partnered with Greenpeace to develop a zero deforestation plan for all its products.

Likewise, McDonald's beef purchasing executives have gotten in on things: In November 2010 the company was lead sponsor of the World Wildlife Fund's first Global Conference on

Sustainable Beef, an international meeting of stakeholders in the global beef system convened to discuss how to approach sustainable beef production in socially, environmentally and economically viable ways.

Another green highlight for McDonald's is its commitment to matching 30 percent of the electricity used at its company-owned stores with renewable energy credits from American wind power providers. And several Japanese McDonald's are participating in an energy-saving campaign employing 13 different green technologies with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by more than 20 percent overall.

While McDonald's



By throwing the planet's climate out of whack, global warming is likely to cause more extreme weather events -- and not just rain, snow and flooding but more droughts and wildfires, too, sometimes within the same regions that at other times experience extreme wet weather.

is moving in the right direction, it is still widely criticized for the waste it generates and its contribution to health woes such as obesity. For its part, the company has limited control over the 80 percent of its stores that are run by independent franchisees, so change under the golden arches is slow.

This past spring, McD's released its Global Best of Green report highlighting advances made in energy efficiency, sustainable packaging, anti-littering and greening the workplace at hundreds of its restaurants around the world, underscoring its commitment to sustainability moving forward.

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