

Governor begins process to open Texas back up for business

Governor Greg Abbott issued three new Executive Orders April 17 to begin the process of reopening the state of Texas while revising hospital capacity and certain social distancing guidelines.

Within the orders, select activities and services that pose minimal to no threat of spreading COVID-19 are allowed to reopen using a "Retail-To-Go" model, certain restrictions on surgeries have been loosened, and schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Within these orders, the Governor has established the Strike Force to Open Texas—a team of nationally recognized medical experts and private and public leaders who will advise the Governor on safely and strategically reopening the state of Texas.

"Texans are battling a colossal challenge—an invisible enemy that has tested our lives and our livelihoods—but overcoming challenges is part of who we are as Texans," said Governor Abbott. "We have shown that Texas can continue our efforts to contain COVID-19 while also adopting safe standards that will allow us to begin the process of reopening Texas. The Strike Force to Open Texas brings together nationally recognized medical experts with public and private sector leaders to achieve this mission. By coming together, we can get Texans back to work, practice safe standards that will prevent the spread of COVID-19, and we can overcome this pandemic."

James Huffines will lead the advisory strike force and Mike Toomey will serve as Chief Operating Officer. Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, Attorney General Ken Paxton, and Comptroller Glenn Hegar will serve as consulting members.

In addition, Governor Abbott has appointed Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Commissioner John Hellerstedt, MD,

as Chief Medical Officer of the strike force.

Dr. Hellerstedt will be supported by three Chief Medical Advisors: John Zerwas, MD, Executive Vice-Chancellor for Health Affairs at the University of Texas System; Mark McClellan, MD, PhD, Former Food and Drug Administration Commissioner and U.S. Medicaid and Medicare Administrator and Parker Hudson, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases at Dell Medical School and program director for the Internal Medicine Residency

This team, according to Governor Abbott, will develop a medical architecture to comprehensively test and trace COVID-19 that will enable Texans to gradually and safely begin the process of returning to work and other activities.

The medical team will work alongside a Special Advisory Council who will share innovative ideas to help businesses strategically reopen while containing the spread of COVID-19. The council consists of 39 business leaders representing the state's regions and industries. The advisory council will collaborate with working groups to devise strategies, statewide standards, and appropriate time frames to reopen the Lone Star State while prioritizing the health and safety of all Texans.

The strike force will immediately begin providing input on potential additional openings of activities and services in Texas consistent with guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Governor will announce a revised plan for the state based on these initial recommendations on April 27.

The Governor's second Executive Order (GA-16) relates to the safe, strategic reopening of select services and activities in Texas. This order establishes a temporary "Retail-To-Go" model

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has until Aug. 12 to publish a proposed critical habitat for the Salado salamander.

BoA discusses issues of critical habitat of Salado salamander

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Following a Feb. 26 settlement agreement between the Center for Biological Diversity and the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must propose a revised critical habitat designation rule for the Salado salamander and the Georgetown salamander by Aug. 12.

Following publication of the proposed critical habitat designation in the Federal Register, the USFWS must publish the final critical habitat designation rule for the Salado and Georgetown salamanders.

In the meantime, it is time for local entities to get busy. Dirk Aaron, general manager of the Clearwater Underground Conservation District spoke to Village of Salado aldermen about the likely critical habitat area that will be defined when the proposed rule is published on or before Aug. 12.

The 2014 proposed critical habitat map for the Salado salamander centers on an area on both sides of I-35 that center on 300-meter radius zones from the Robertson spring west of I-35 and the Lil Bubbly and Lazy Day Fish Farm complex of springs in downtown Salado.

"A critical habitat designation does not necessarily restrict further development," The USFWS states in a publication entitled Critical Habitat. "It is a reminder to Federal agencies of their responsibility to protect the important characteristics of these areas."

The publication further states: "Only activities that involve a Federal permit, license, or funding, and are likely to destroy or adversely modify critical habitat will be affected. If this is the case, we will work with the Federal agency and landowners—including private landowners—to amend their project to enable it to proceed without adversely affecting critical habitat. Most Federal projects are likely to go forward, but some may be modified to minimize harm."

According to the publication, "Biologists consider physical and biological features that the species needs for life processes and successful reproduction. These features include:

- space for individual and population growth and for normal behavior;
- cover or shelter;
- food, water, air, light, minerals,
- or other nutritional or physiological

requirements;

• sites for breeding and rearing offspring, germination, or seed dispersal; and

• habitats that are protected from disturbances or are representative of the historical geographical and ecological distributions of the species."

Aaron told aldermen April 16 that the final critical habitat area will likely be the same area that was proposed when the USFWS determined that the Salado and Georgetown salamanders were threatened.

He told aldermen that the Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition should continue its work with local stakeholders and property owners in addressing the issues surrounding protection of the Salado salamander and its critical habitat.

The Management Coalition includes Bell County government, Village of Salado, Salado Water Supply Corporation and Clearwater UCD along with private property owners in the Salado Creek watershed.

"We will need to continue to get the best data on the Salado salamander," he said, "so that decisions can be made based on good science."

He asked aldermen to be

ready to continue working with the Management Coalition to give good, science-driven public comments during that period.

For such a little thing, the Salado salamander has been closely studied since it was first proposed for listing by the USFWS in 2012.

According to Tony Hibbits, in his 2013 "Distribution of the Salado Salamander (*Eurycea chisholmensis*) Final Report," the Salado salamander "was first discovered around 1950 immediately downstream of Big Boiling spring. No salamanders were known to be found between the first discovery and 1989, but with sporadic searching between 1989 and 2012 less than 30 Salado Salamanders were found in the vicinity of the type locality," quoting Chad Norris.

The species was described by Paul Chippindale in 2000 and at the time was only known from three springs in and near Salado (it has been listed to occur in Big Boiling Spring but no known specimen has been verified to have come from there) and has since been discovered at three additional springs West of Salado on private property.

MRJ Forstner in 2012

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#SaladoStrong

Chamber supports community through crisis with T-shirt fundraiser

The Salado Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce a new fundraising and community project initiative that will launch April 20. This project will benefit Hearts and Hands Ministry, local Retail & Food member businesses, and locals working on the frontlines of COVID-19.

Utilizing the hashtag #SALADOSTRONG, the Salado Chamber of Commerce has designed a T-Shirt that will be available for purchase for \$25 to fund this Community Project. T-

Shirts can be purchased online at saladostrong.square.site and will be available in sizes Adult XS through 3XL, with sizes 2XL & 3XL priced at \$28. They will be offering contactless pick-up and low-cost shipping options. For those that would like to contribute but do not want a t-shirt, the Chamber has set-up a donation link – also online. T-Shirt sales and online donations are expected to continue through May 31.

The first goal of the Salado Chamber of Commerce is to raise \$1000 for Hearts and

Hands Ministry – whose goal is to "help alleviate hunger by providing nutritious food, personal care items, and social service information to those who need them. Our hope is to sustain, strengthen, and educate individuals/families that live in our community and surrounding areas."

The second goal is twofold. 1) Put money back into the community by purchasing Gift Cards/Gift Certificates from Retail and Food Member Businesses. 2) Donate these purchased Gift

Cards/Gift Certificates to locals working on the frontlines of COVID-19.

The Salado Chamber of Commerce realizes that it is difficult to have a complete list of locals who are working on the frontlines, which is why they are asking for your help.

If you know someone that works and/or lives in Salado that is working on the frontlines of COVID-19, email the Chamber office at chamber@salado.com



#SaladoStrong T-shirts are now available online and benefit Heart & Hands Ministries and local businesses.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

Economic damage of lifesaving lockdown becoming more apparent

Our preferred U.S. stock market indicator, the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) turned in another solid week, rising 3.04% to 2,874.56. That rise in value masks the several over one percent rises and falls during the week as the bulls and the bears fought over what shape corporate America will be in six months to a year from now. For now, the bulls appear to be winning. The SPX is still down over 15% from its top back on February 18 but is up a whopping 28.5% from its bottom on March 23. Year-to-date it remains down over 11% and is down just over one percent from a year ago.

The selloff in the stock market is now about two months old and some constructive data has emerged. The initial collapse in values appears to have been caused by mass institutional selling as highly leveraged hedge and private equity funds rushed to liquidate stocks to pay off their loans. The second wave, that took the market down well below what corporate insiders appear to have considered fair value, came as individuals and institutions sold whatever they could sell to raise cash as business revenues and wages dried up.

What was missing was the panicked selloff by individual investors that normally marks the final stages of a market value collapse. Individual investors appear to have taken the rational approach that this is not the end of the world and things will be better in a year or so and started buying rather than selling. Deep pocketed companies with products people need now or will need and want when the lockdown ends are leading the way back. Dragging the averages down are the companies that may not survive or are likely to not have a product or business model that will enable them to snap back. As a result, five companies, Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, Alphabet, and Facebook now make up 22% of the total market value of the S&P 500, the most concentrated the index has ever been.

Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



The U.S. Treasury ten-year note yield continued its slow but erratic climb back from its record low, closing up over 8% at 0.644% and the Treasury yield curve remains positive, suggesting better times are ahead. Unlike the T-note and the stock market, there were no dramatic moves in oil (WTI) for the week as it sagged quite consistently from day to day and ended the week down a depressing 21% to close the week at \$18.28, the lowest it has been in 18 years. As we have reported before, the historically large oil production cut by OPEC and Russia failed to equal the collapse in global demand.

The Economy

We've heard questions about whether the economic shutdown is justified. We ran a few numbers to try to find an answer. First, we recognize that testing for infection has been low here in the U.S., so a lot of infections are not being reported. On the other hand, there is a lot of evidence that a large proportion of the deaths from COVID-19 have been missed as well, again because the victims were never tested. Still, the numbers are sobering. As of this writing, April 17, the mortality rate in the U.S. is running at 5.1% of confirmed infections. Globally, it is at 6.7%. Italy is reporting a 13.1% death rate, China 5.6%, and the United Kingdom 13.4%.

The standout is South Korea where millions of people were tested without waiting for symptoms and where the death rate is 2.2%. The huge difference between those rates appears to be credited to the fact that South Korea was ready with test kits and went into immediate community lockdowns as it swarmed individual cases and identified all who had been in contact with an infected person. In

Italy and the U.K. public assembly was not limited until much later. Those nations with the mid-levels of mortality instituted delayed but effective national lockdowns and isolation. Even at the low 2.2% mortality seen in Korea, if only 20% of Americans were infected about 1.5 million deaths would follow. Those numbers make the current policy of "shelter in place" look more acceptable as a method to slow the spread of the disease.

Meanwhile, the economic damage of that life-saving lockdown is becoming more apparent every day. J. Crew, J.C. Penny and Neiman Marcus, three icons of our retail culture, all missed bond interest payments this week, strongly suggesting bankruptcy is at hand. Retail sales officially fell 8.7% in March, but April's sales decline is already estimated to be far, far greater. Clothing sales fell over 50% for the month, again with larger numbers likely to follow. Retail stores are reportedly not paying the bills due to their suppliers, creating a ripple effect through the supply chain. A major pork-processing firm, Smithfield Foods, has shut down multiple plants because of COVID-19 infections in the worker force, cutting a significant portion of the national supply of pork to grocery stores.

The final word remains the same. As an economy and as a nation, we face challenging times ahead and we very well may not have seen the worst of this storm, but we are a resilient people and have a robust, and vibrant economy that will come through this and go on to better times to come. What we most need now is the patience to stay sheltered until we have a good solution. That solution is being developed and will arrive in due time.

SISD trustees renew teacher contracts, review enrollment

The Salado ISD School Board met on Monday, April 20. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- The Board hired a teacher and three teacher/coaches.
- The Board reviewed the three-year enrollment comparison. Our April 2020 enrollment is 2,059 students, as compared to 1,944 students in April 2019 and 1,837 students in April 2018.
- The Board reviewed the monthly financial reports.
- The Board discussed the progress regarding the construction of the middle school.
- The Board approved the minutes from the March 16, March 23, and April 6 school board meetings.

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



- The Board approved budget amendments.
- The Board approved the purchase of furniture for the new middle school from Indeco.
- The Board approved the purchase of new high school English textbooks from McGraw Hill.
- The Board approved the renewal of employment contracts for teachers, counselors, nurses, and librarians.
- The Board approved a T-TESS waiver ap-

plication.

- The Board approved an early payment to pay off a Series 2011 bond.

Our next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m. Depending on the situation regarding the coronavirus/COVID-19 at that time, the meeting might be held at the Salado ISD Civic Center, located at 601 North Main Street, or the meeting might be held online through Zoom.



Postal carriers are essential workers, they need a stimulus package, too

By SARAH ANDERSON
APRIL 15, 2020

The U.S. Postal Service plays a vital role in our nation's health and stability at this time of crisis. Unfortunately, it's financially strapped — and got just crumbs in the \$2.2 trillion stimulus package recently passed by Congress.

President Trump's response? A stream of false accusations.

"They lose money every time they deliver a package for Amazon or these other internet companies," Trump said. "If they'd raise the prices by, actually a lot, then you'd find out that the post office could make money or break even. But they don't do that."

For years now, Trump has repeated the lie that USPS loses money on these deliveries, even though a task force Trump himself commissioned in 2018 contradicted it. In its most recent quarterly statement, USPS reported a 2.3 percent increase in revenue from parcel delivery and increased revenue per package.

The real cause of the Postal Service's immediate financial crisis is the coronavirus pandemic. Mail volumes have plummeted under the economic shutdown, and package delivery profits cannot make up for the loss. USPS management has warned that mail volume and revenue could drop by 50 percent or more this year.

Support for the Postal Service crosses partisan lines. You'd think a bit more

compassion might be in order at a time when postal workers are on the frontlines, straining to meet the skyrocketing need for home deliveries of essential goods.

But playing hardball on crisis aid gives Trump and his administration the leverage they've been seeking for years to gut the public Postal Service.

The crumbs in the stimulus law amount to \$10 billion in additional debt, subject to conditions imposed by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. By contrast, House Democrats had proposed a \$25 billion cash infusion to prevent the Postal Service from possible collapse.

In the final law, USPS competitors Fedex and UPS got a much better deal than the Postal Service. Under the airline bailout, both of these companies are eligible for a portion of the \$4 billion in cash assistance for payroll support and another \$4 billion in loans and loan guarantees for air cargo carriers.

While Mnuchin's loan conditions are not public, they likely echo recommendations from the 2018 task force he chaired, which included partial privatization, draconian cuts to wages and services, and elimination of employee collective bargaining rights.

Unlike many other industries, the Postal Service cannot furlough workers and still achieve its essential mission. Like health care professionals and emergency responders, postal

workers are essential to our public health because their deliveries make it possible for people to stay at home and not spread the virus.

Millions of people are relying on them to deliver medications and other essential goods, as well as the stimulus checks they're waiting for to help cover their bills. Come November, postal workers will also be needed to protect the integrity of our election system by facilitating vote by mail.

Without the Postal Service's network of 157 million daily delivery points and 35,000 post offices, there would be no way to carry out these essential activities. Jacking up package delivery rates now, as Trump is demanding, would harm postal customers, particularly in rural areas — just when they need these services most.

Postal workers are rising to the challenge of a crisis unlike any we've ever experienced. The last thing they need is for the president to dismiss the gravity of the Postal Service's financial situation.

The American Postal Workers Union has organized a petition demanding urgent financial support for USPS. Trump and Congress must heed their call and save our public Postal Service — and the many businesses and families that depend on it.

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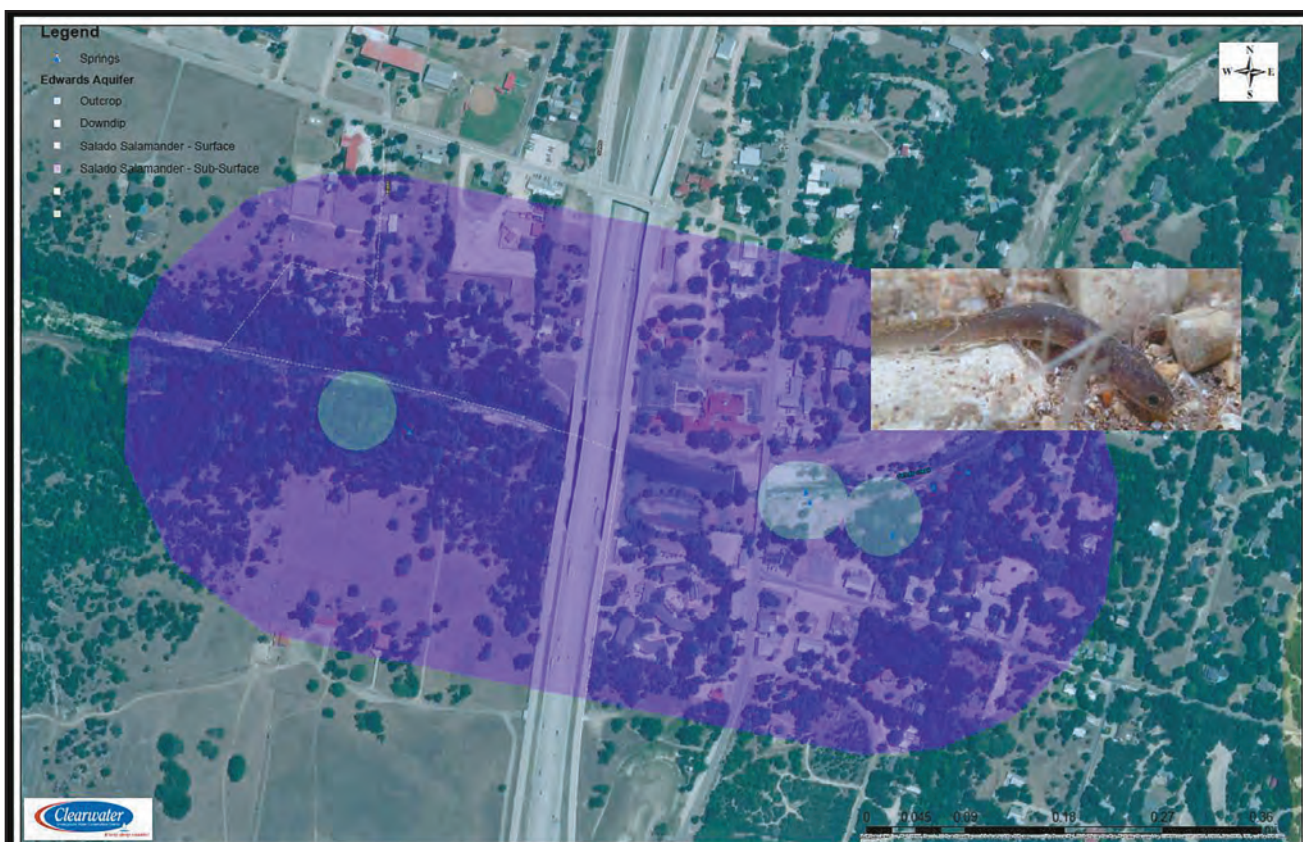
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Map of the 2014 critical habitat area when the Salado salamander was proposed for threatened status.

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challenged the current phylogenetic hypothesis that elevated the Salado Salamander (as well as several other Eurycea species) to a full species. Forstner stated in 2012 unpublished report "An evaluation of the existing scientific evidence for the currently proposed hyperdiversity of salamanders (Eurycea sp.) in central Texas" that the three species of Eurycea north of the Colorado River should be considered a single species.

Since 2015, Paul Diaz, working with others on behalf of the FWS, has closely monitored the Salado salamander, presenting the findings in an annual report. In the 2019 report, he stated "This year was the second most productive year in salamander detections with 42 compared to 45 in 2017. We detected salamanders each month until October; then no detections occurred until December. There were no detections at Big Boiling Springs this year, which is similar to 2016 when no salamanders were detected. This year had the highest average discharge on Salado Creek while monitoring was occurring (117.9 m3/s). This average was followed by 2016 discharge in Salado Creek (89.1 m3/s)." "These guys have been here forever," Diaz said during a talk at Barrow Brewing in July 2018..

He was speaking of the Eurycea chisholmensis, commonly known as the Salado salamander, a species that the US FWS listed in 2014 as Threatened. The species was under consideration to be listed as Endangered, which would have brought about federal regulation of land use and other activities.

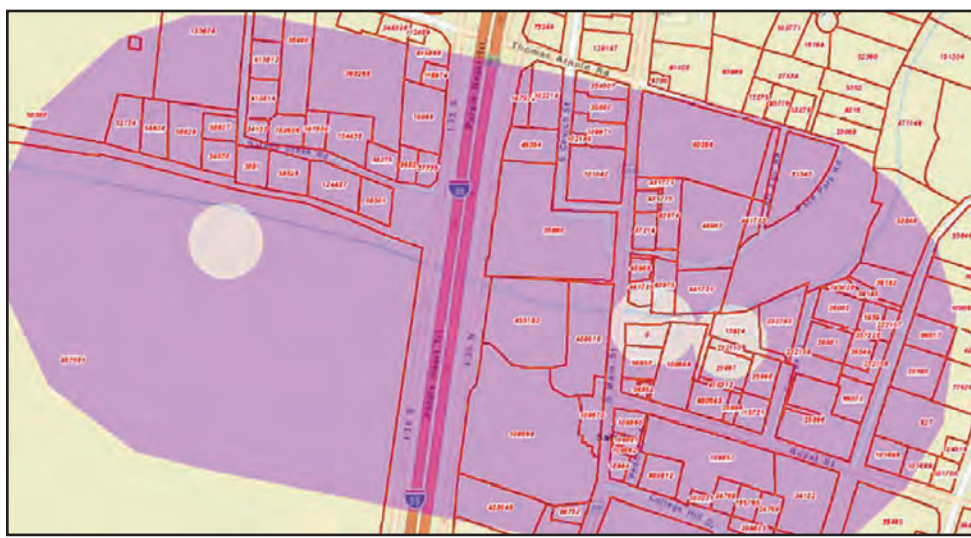
"You have been living in harmony forever," he added.

"We see Pete about once a month wearing galoshes in Big Bubbly and Li'l Bubbly springs looking for the elusive salamanders," K.D. Hill said in introducing him to the audience.

The Salado salamander is part of a group of Central Texas salamanders that are located in the northern part of the Edwards Aquifer.

About 15 million years ago, there was a major split in the original ancestor species with the group of salamanders located north of the Colorado River taking on very different characteristics than the southern group of salamanders.

The northern group of salamanders live in the springs of the Edwards aquifer and during periods of extreme drought move down into the interstitial areas between the surface springs and the deep, fresh water of the aquifer itself.



Map showing properties in the 2014 proposed critical habitat.

Diaz explained that when he first began coming to Salado in 2015 to search for the Salado salamander (which at that time had not been spotted by anyone for a few years), he came at a time that the major drought had broken and the area had been having a good amount of rains to fill the aquifer.

He described his first visit to Salado with County Commissioner Tim Brown and Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Manager Dirk Aaron. Diaz reached down and grabbed one. It was almost enough to "make them cry," he said with a laugh.

The reappearance of the Salado salamander in the surface springs reaffirmed what locals have been saying about the Salado salamander: that it goes into the interstitial spaces during drought conditions.

Since then, the range of the Salado salamander has been expanded due in part to new genetic analysis by biologists. According to recent work by Diaz, there are now six locations that the Salado salamander has been confirmed, including springs in northern Williamson County. In 2015, it was confirmed in the Big Bubbly, Li'l Bubbly, Robertson Springs and a spring formation on the Solana Ranch.

"The Anderson spring is a new locality for us," Diaz said.

The Salado salamander was first described in 1961.

"It is distinctly different than Georgetown, Barton Springs and Jollyville salamanders," Diaz said. "It has larger eyes and a bigger tail."

It is also distinct in its genetic structure. "These are narrow splits (genetic differences)," Diaz said.

The Salado salamander was designated as a distinct species in 2000 in a Status Report of Central Texas Salamanders by principle investigators David M. Hillis and Paul T. Chippindale.

In that status report, Chippindale et al stated: "Salamanders from these springs are very distinctive morphologically, with

elongated bodies, large rectangular heads, uniform brown to gray-brown coloration, and very reduced eyes. Discriminant morphometric analyses (Chippindale et al 1991) readily separate individuals from this population from those from other surface populations. The Salado salamanders also share a peptidase D allele with animals from the Georgetown group, an allele that otherwise appears to be very rare in the northern region. Based on the available information (primarily morphology and distribution), we regard the Salado group as a distinct species and plan to describe it as such."

Since the Salado salamander was listed as Threatened, Diaz has regularly come to Salado to observe the species and study it further. Texas FWS also tests the water quality at Salado springs quarterly. Meanwhile, Clearwater UWCD tests the water of Salado creek and Salado springs regularly and particularly after major events such as heavy rains and contact of large numbers of people in the springs/creek.

This work, Diaz said, "has validated that they are here and are well and abundant."

What does that mean for Salado? A great deal, according to Diaz. "It means there is a healthy community in the aquifer. The big benefit is that this is an indicator of the water quality here. It means that the water is clean and fresh," he said.

It also means that Salado can "maintain autonomy. This is not just important for Salado but for everyone," he said.

The new locations of the Salado salamander also

means this: "These aquifers are more connected than we may have hypothesized in the past," Diaz said.

Diaz spoke about the benefits of water monitoring. "This helps meet ecological goals and to be sure that there is a functioning eco-system," he said.

By having management goals in place, sites can be prioritized. "We can identify ideal conditions, minimize the take of species that are threatened and identify triggers for concern," he said.

Diaz shared descriptions of the prey for the Salado salamander, many of which are microscopic in size.

Since 2015, with the financial backing of the Clearwater UWCD, Bell County Government and the Village of Salado, the Bell County Coalition has collected a great deal of scientific data on the species, including occupancy surveys, habitat association, collection of the populations genetic material and an examination of how it is moving between site. "We are able to track some individuals over time from their hard patterns and find their movements," he said.

"We have one of the most unique aquifer systems in the world," he said, adding the biologists have found a blind fish that lives 800 feet deep in the aquifer, blind shrimp, blind salamanders, blind leeches and blind rifflebeetles. "The first blind rifflebeetle in North America was found in the Edwards Aquifer where we have found three of them," Diaz said. "This is a good indicator of water quality."

"These are ancient sorts of creatures," he said. "You have been living in harmony forever."



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Village sales tax check dips 17.7%

Village of Salado received its April sales tax allocation check and it dropped by 17.7% compared to the previous year.

Village administrator Don Ferguson warned aldermen at their April 16 meeting that this drop was mostly due to an audit catch-up payment in 2019 which artificially inflated the April 2019. "Take that out of the equations and we are only have by about two percent compared to last April," Ferguson said.

The Village received a check of \$33,906.99 this month, compared to

\$41,263.45 last April. For the year, the Village is running 5.34% ahead of last year payments through April. So far in 2020, the Village has received \$190,243.93 in sales tax rebates compared to \$180,596.77 paid through April 2019.

Sales tax funds about a third of the Village budget.

To the north, the City of Temple is off 8.58% having received \$1.63 million compared to \$1.79 million paid in April 2019. For the year, however, Temple is running 7.91% ahead of 2019. Temple has received \$8.1 million in 2020 compared to

\$7.5 million through April 2019.

To the south, Jarrell is running far ahead of 2019. In April Jarrell received \$1,777,044.13, which is 25.91% more than last April's \$140,606.08. For the year, Jarrell is running 32.06% ahead with \$753,294.01 paid in 2020.

Bell County as a whole was off as it received \$1.58 million compared to \$1.64 million paid in April 2020, a drop of 3.41%. For the year, the county is running 8% ahead at \$7.26 million compared to \$6.72 million last year.

The Salado Library District April check was down 4.13% to \$29,551.83 compared to \$30,828.68 paid in April 2019. Year-to-date payments are still 15.17% ahead of 2019: \$152,613.62 compared to \$132,511.40.

Next month's allocations, which will mostly reflect sales made in March, will begin to show the impact of pandemic-related business shutdowns. The agency, therefore, expects local allocations in May to be lower, and June allocations will likely deteriorate further.



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Under this Executive Order, schools—including public, private, and higher education institutions—will remain closed for the 2019-2020 school year. Teachers may go into the classroom for video instruction, to perform administrative duties, and to clean out their classrooms.

The Governor's third Executive Order (GA-15) relates to hospital capacity and personal protective equipment (PPE) needed for the COVID-19 response. The order loosens restrictions on surgeries put in place by Governor Abbott in March. Beginning at 11:59 p.m. on April 21 through 11:59 p.m. on May 8, all licensed health care professionals and all li-

censed health care facilities must continue to postpone all surgeries and procedures that are not medically necessary to diagnose or correct a serious medical condition of, or to preserve the life of, a patient who without timely performance of the surgery or procedure would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences or death as determined by a patient's physician. Exceptions now include:

Any procedure that, if performed in accordance with the commonly accepted standard of clinical practice, would not deplete the hospital capacity or the PPE needed to cope with COVID-19, or

Any surgery or procedure performed in a licensed health care facility that has

certified in writing to Texas HHSC both (1) that it will reserve at least 25% of its hospital capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients, accounting for the range of clinical severity of COVID-19 patients, and (2) that it will not request any PPE from any public source—whether federal, state, or local—for the duration of the COVID-19 disaster.

The Governor also directed state parks to reopen on April 20 with strict guidelines to reduce transmission of COVID-19—including requiring visitors to wear face coverings, maintain a six-foot distance from individuals outside of their party, and prohibiting the gathering of groups larger than five.

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Governor Greg Abbott on April 17 ordered Texas schools to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Schools closed for rest of 2019-20 academic year, plans being made

Salado ISD Superintendent Michael Novotny informed parents last week that although school campuses will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, learning would continue for Salado students.

“Our teachers will continue to provide daily instructional activities for all of our students through Wednesday, May 27,” Dr. Novotny stated. “We know it is not easy for all of our students to complete all of these instructional activities without face to face lessons. We are just asking that students do their best.”

“We have revised our grading policies for the remainder of the school year so these grades will not have any negative impact on students’ grade promotion, credits, grade point average,

or class rank,” he added. “Students will be promoted to the next grade level or earn high school credit as long as their grades met the criteria to promote to the next grade or earn credit prior to the school closure.”

Free hot lunch will be served to Salado ISD students every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until school returns to regular schedule. Monday and Wednesday pick up will include a cold lunch for Tuesday and Thursday. Curbside pick-up will take place between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the bus loop of Thomas Arnold Elementary located on Thomas Arnold Road. Only one meal per student and the student must be present at the time of pick up to receive the free lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Hodges,

Salado ISD Child Nutrition Director, at brenda.hodges@saladoisd.org or (254) 947-6987.

Salado ISD will share tentative plans regarding the rescheduling of some student activities like graduation and prom. The district will also announce plans to allow for students to safely pick up any belongings and return any school textbooks, Chromebooks, and/or wifi hotspots.

“We will also provide optional summer learning activities to students to help prevent any regression due to this school closure,” Dr. Novotny stated. “We are also considering an optional extended school year option for elementary school (pre-K through 5th grade) students next summer (2021).”

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Konnor Baird and younger brother Kannon Baird work on their pitching forms in Georgetown. Konnor is a senior who will play college baseball for University of Texas Rio Grande, Valley. They are the sons of Paul and Corey Baird. Paul is the Salado ISD Athletic Director while Corey teaches high school biology and coaches girls cross country.

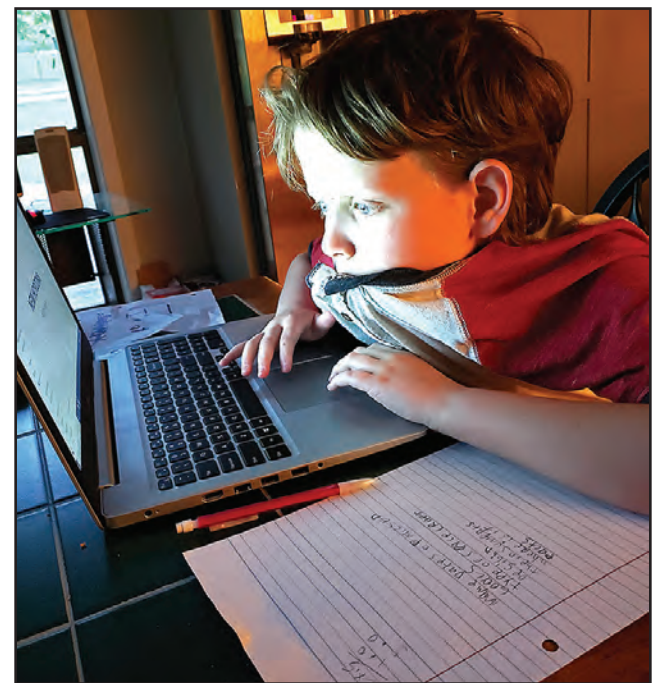
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Salado seventh grader Lily Voelter works in Google Classroom. She is the daughter of Andrew and Teresa Voelter. Teresa graduated from Salado High School in 1993 and Andrew graduated from SHS in 1994. her Grandparents are Jim and Glenda Bush, and Karen Kinnison from Salado and David and Annette Voelter of Georgetown.



Sean Hogue working on his project describing NASA's New Horizons probe for Mrs. Tomlin's sixth grade honors science class. Sean is the son of Justin and Cris Hogue. Salado grandparents are Donald and Dorothy Hogue and Mike and Laura McAdams, all of Salado.

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Oasis Hilfman works at home on Google classroom. She is in Mrs. Thrasher's second grade class. She is the daughter of Joel Hilfman and Lourdes Cordero-Hilfman. Grandparents are Javier Cordero and Mireya Vélez.

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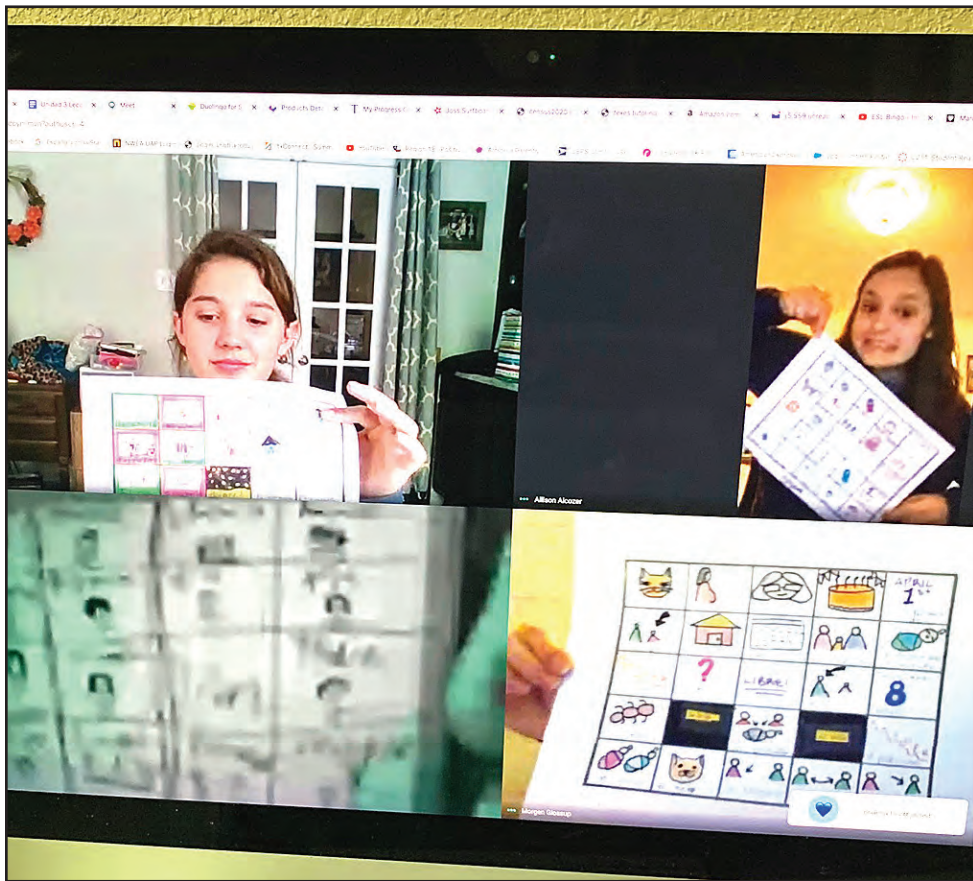
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Owen and Matt Gunter work on identifying the degrees of angles for Mrs. Frei's fourth grade math class. Owen is the son of Matt and Laci Gunter, of Salado. Grandparents are Mike and Nancy Gunter of Salado and Gary and Donna Roberts of Missouri.



Lourdes Cordero-Hilfman is a Spanish teacher at Salado. She has been teaching virtually to Spanish students through Google Classroom meetings. They even played a Spanish vocabulary virtual bingo game last week and it was a hit! Spanish bingo is shown above. Even though she is able to meet with students virtually, Corde-ro-Hilfman says, "I miss my students so much!"

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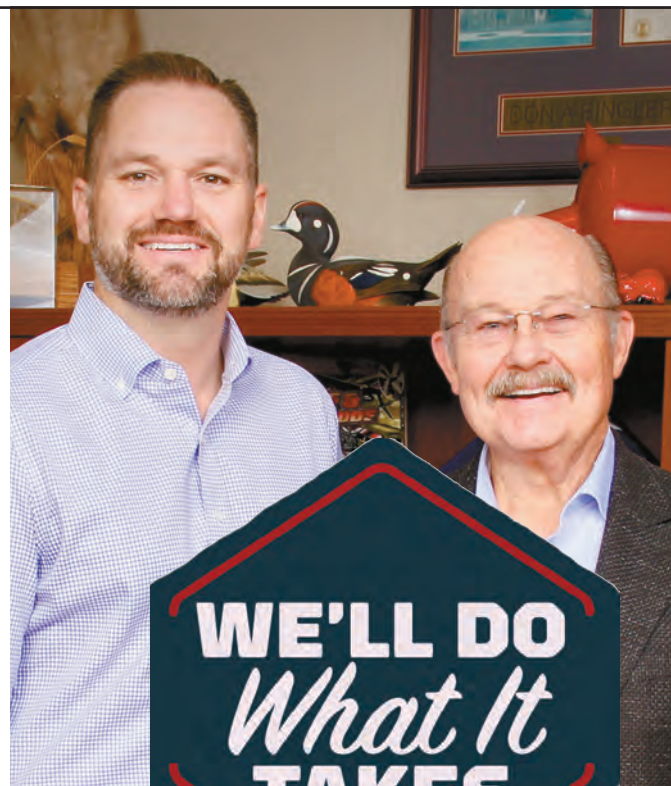
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Salado players named All-District

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Co-MVP Madison Spradlin

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Co-Defensive MVP Grace Graham

Co-GK MVP Avery Wright

Newcomer MVP Haley Piatak

Junior Varsity Coach of the Year – Oscar Vargas

First Team Selections were Hannah Reavis, Sam Vargas, Allison Carnahan and Holly Wright.

Second Team Selections were Madisyn Maddux, Anna Lesley and Maria Pauer.

Receiving Honorable Mention were Presley Maddux

District 27-4A Boys All-District Selections were the following:

Co-Defensive Player of the Year Max Markham

Freshman of the Year Andrew Gilmore

Co-Newcomer of the Year Cooper Sanders

Junior Varsity Coaches of the Year Dianne Lemus and Matt Figlestahler

First Team Selections: Nico Lemus, Dustin Wilson, Alex Pierce and Max Markham.

Second Team Selections were Chris Ortiz, Cooper Sanders and Andrew Gilmore

Honorable Mention were Sam Gist, Nader Smien and Cooper Chambliss.

Elementary gets new playground



(PHOTOS COURTESY THOMAS ARNOLD PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION)



Salado Thomas Arnold Parent Teacher organization raised \$60,000 to build this new playground on the Salado School Rd. side of the campus. A sidewalk and ramp will be added to make the playground ADA compliant. The next step in the future is to build a shade structure over the playground. Spring Fling, the PTO's fundraiser, was canceled this year due to COVID-19 closure of the schools. Shown above are Addison Gunter, past PTO President Laci Gunter, PTO President Lauren Slimp, PTO Past President Kristen Love and Thomas Arnold Elementary Principal Katie Mullins. (PHOTO ABOVE BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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UIL cancels all spring activities and state championships

With the announcement from Governor Greg Abbott that all Texas schools are to remain closed to in-person learning for the remainder of this school year, and in an effort to help protect the health and safety of Texans, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) is canceling all remaining 2019-2020 spring activities and state championships.

"I am saddened for all of our athletes who had seasons cut short and goals unfulfilled this spring, especially our great group of seniors," Salado Athletic Director Paul Baird stated April 17. "Seniors we love you and know that this is

not how you saw your senior seasons going, but we are confident that this will make you stronger and more determined than ever to continuously push and strive towards your goals in life. We wish you nothing but success in the future as you all certainly deserve it."

Baird stated in an email announcement to Salado parents and students that "We will send out more information in the near future on how your student-athletes will be able to gather their belongings from athletic lockers and/or return school issued equipment/uniforms. We will also send out information on our sum-

mer camps if and when we are permitted to hold those."

"Our staff had been working hard on plans to resume activities this spring, but without schools in session, interscholastic activities cannot continue," said UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt. "Our highest priority during this challenging time is ensuring the health and safety of our students and communities and making progress in the containment of COVID-19 in Texas. We are now turning our attention to the 2020-2021 school year."

Practices, rehearsals, and workouts remain suspended until further notice. The previously communicated information allowing remote instruction remains in place. The UIL will continue to follow the direction of state authorities and will work closely with member schools to navigate this unprecedented time.

During statewide school suspension, remote learning/coaching of UIL activities is allowed through electronic, video or teleconferencing type methods. Schools shall limit instruction for UIL activities to a maximum of eight hours per week per activity, in addition to a maximum of sixty minutes per day Monday through Friday.

For athletic activities that are out of season, schools shall limit remote instruction to a maximum of 60 minutes per day Monday through Friday.

"I am grateful to the UIL staff for their leadership and dedication to students," said UIL Legislative Council Chair Curtis Rhodes. "Together we will get through this and we look forward to the day students are once again able to participate in education-based interscholastic activities."

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Up the trail:

A different perspective on history of great old Texas cattle drives, trails of 19th century

By C. G. SCRUGGS

Ask any Texan to name two or three great events in Texas history and they will likely reply: the Alamo, the Battle of San Jacinto and the Chisholm Trail.

Indeed, all were watershed events in Texas and Western history. The only problem is that one of them -- the Chisholm Trail -- is incorrectly named.

For those who are not Texas history buffs, the name Chisholm Trail supposedly refers to the great cattle drives from Texas to the rest of the nation from 1850 to about 1890. During that period an estimated eight to 10 million Texas cattle were driven from the ranges of Texas to markets all over the United States, but principally to Kansas. An estimated 35,000 Texas cowboys rode the dusty and stormy 1,500- to 3,000-mile trails to distant markets.

It is from these epic journeys that much of the lore of the cowboy and Texans spring. Hundreds of magazine and newspaper articles, dozens of books and movies

-- including the recent television hit, "Lonesome Dove" -- paint the trail drives in all hues of the rainbow Texas cowmen, cowboys, horses, Longhorn cattle, shoot outs, gambling dens and .. painted stand as genuine Americana

Because we all like simplicity, the great Texas cattle drives of the last half of the 1800s somehow evolved into a single trail and experience labeled the Chisholm Trail.

There were at least six great Texas cattle trails from Texas to the rest of the country. None of the trails can legitimately and accurately be called the Chisholm Trail.

The cattle owners and cowboys who "went up the trail" mainly referred to their efforts as "hitting the trail" to California, New Orleans, Shreveport, Abilene, Dodge City, Ogallala or whatever the ultimate market or destination was to be. But more often they called it merely "up the trail" since the most used markets were to the north, in Missouri and Kansas.

To ascribe the name of



Did Jesse Chisholm deserve to have the great Texas cattle trail named after him? (COURTESY OF KANSAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY)


one person to a trail -- especially a non-Texan -- is to discredit the skill, determination and pioneering courage of Texas cattlemen and cowboys. After all, it was Texas cattle, Texas cattle owners, Texas cowboys, Texas horses, Texas money, Texas courage and Texas knowledge that shaped the great herds and struck out

for the unknown.


A single writer, more than any other, perpetrated the illusion and myth that a single great cattle trail named Chisholm existed. Author Wayne Gard in his book "Chisholm Trail" says, "The main stem of the Chisholm Trail began at the

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Rio Grande.” This folklore error, or assumption, resulted in flawed history.

Using the title “Chisholm Trail” for a book on overall cattle trailing compounded the misinformation.

Eminent Texas historians such as J. Frank Dobie, Walter Prescott Webb and many others largely ignored the folklore of Chisholm in their writing about trail driving Longhorns and the great sweep of Western settlement.

Most importantly, the men who actually rode the

trail did not use the name Chisholm. The late George W. Saunders, who went “up the trail” nine or 10 times and served as president of the Old Trail Drivers of Texas Association wrote: “Most of the trail drivers did not care anything about any names of the routes they were traveling.”

Significantly, he added this statement: “The famed Chisholm Cattle Trail, about which more has been written than any other southwestern trail, cannot be traced in Texas for the reason that it

never existed in this state.”

In the classic book, “The Trail Drivers of Texas,” the bible of trailing and a 1,000-page first-person account by men who went up the trail, the name Chisholm, is mentioned only 30 or 40 times.

According to the Texas Handbook, and confirmed later and officially by action of the Oklahoma Legislature, “Jesse Chisholm’s original trail extended only from the present site of Wichita, Kan., to Council Grove near Yukon, Okla., a distance of only about 200 miles. In contrast, the distance from south Texas to Missouri, Kansas and the West stretched into the thousands of miles.

Acclaimed western historian Walter Prescott Webb wrote: “It is not quite accurate to talk of a trail. As matter of fact, there were a score of trails. Each may be likened to a short rope frayed at both ends.” Later he wrote, “the trails were known by the destination at the ‘other end.’”

An early trail driver recorded: In those days, there were no graded roads; a wagon track or Indian trail or a number of them would be called a road if it had a name of a destination attached to it.”

Even famed trail driver and cattleman Charles Goodnight said, “I do not look at a trail as being an honor or dishonor to anyone, but I see no reason why they should be named for people who did not make them.” he was discreetly saying that Jesse Chisholm didn’t make a trail and thus should not be given credit for so doing. Who was Jesse Chisholm? Few facts are known. It is believe he was born in Tennessee in 1805 of a Cherokee mother and a Scottish father. He reached Arkansas during the Cherokee Removal. Thereafter he became a wanderer, moving in and out of the white and Indian worlds. He spent most of his adult life in Indian Territory as a trader, guide and interpreter. At some point, he married a halfblood Creek woman. Never really accepted by either the whites or the Indians, the couple wandered about, finally settling on a creek near present day Wichita, Kansas, in the last years of the Civil War. Taking advantage of the unsettled conditions on the frontier, Chisholm continued as a trader. He traded goods for cattle, horses and hides, mostly with Indians.

In 1865, Chisholm set up



Guide to the Kansas Pacific Railway --The best and shortest cattle route from Texas, 1872 published by Kansas Pacific Railway Company. This map shows the Kansas Pacific Railway routes from Texas, through Indian territory (Oklahoma), to north central Kansas. In Texas there are 35 named stations or towns; the southern most is Corpus Christi and the northern most is Red River Station. Note that one of the feeder trails runs right through Salado. (COURTESY KANSAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

a trading post in the vicinity of what is now El Reno, Okla. He built a lean-to shack and probably used his wagons as store-houses. Chisholm died in 1868, supposedly from eating spoiled bear meat, well before trail driving to Kansas reached its peak. Few Texas cowboys, if any, ever saw Chisholm or his tiny post.

While Chisholm’s wagons did leave some tracks in the grass, the distance was only about 200 miles. But, it was already a fairly well-known route used by U.S. Army cavalry troops and other traders traveling from Fort Dodge and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

In a book years later, Abilene cattle dealer Joseph McCoy referred to the route as “Chisholm’s.” Building on this thin thread, bored cowboys and writers later developed the song and myth of the Chisholm Trail. Still later, other writers applied the name Chisholm to all cattle trails, including the Texas portions. Since then the folklore error has been drummed out millions upon

millions of uncounted times.

In written materials of the late-1800s such terms as the Great Texas Cattle Trail, Kansas Trail, Kansas Road or the Abilene Wichita, Ellsworth or Dodge City Trail were used. Government and railroad maps of the era often used the title “Great Texas Cattle Trail” An early-day Chase County, Kansas, map carries the designation “Texas Cattle Trail.”

Nearly all maps showing the name Chisholm are of recent vintage, one generally duplicating the other in error.

One of the best maps published in trail driving days was one by the Kansas Pacific Railroad in 1875. It was labeled the Texas Cattle Trail. Importantly, it does not include any reference to Chisholm. Instead, it labels the Oklahoma portion of the traditional trail as the Ellsworth Kansas Cattle Trail.

The map also indicates that several ranches were located near the route, suggesting that the country was not as unsettled as supposed. Western historian C.

L. Douglas wrote: “There is no evidence that Chisholm ever traveled any other part of the route except that which traversed the country between the Washita in Oklahoma and Arkansas City in Kansas.”

So, it is clear to this author that Jesse Chisholm should only be credited with establishing eight trading posts in Central Oklahoma. To give Chisholm credit for establishing the Great Cattle Trails, especially the Texas portions is incorrect. To bestow Chisholm’s name on any part of the Great Texas Trail in the State of Texas is ludicrous, for he had little to do with any of the aspects of driving Texas cattle to market.

And it is tragic that the error has been magnified many millions of times in every kind of media.

Hopefully, in the future, the great saga of cattle trail driving in the 19th century will be labeled not as the Chisholm Trail, but as the Great Texas Cattle Trails.

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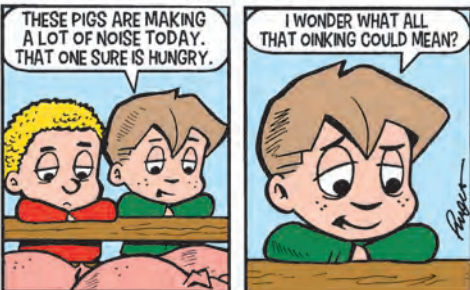
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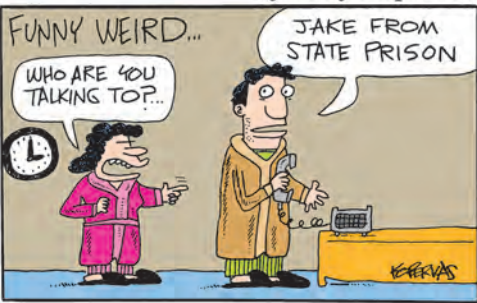
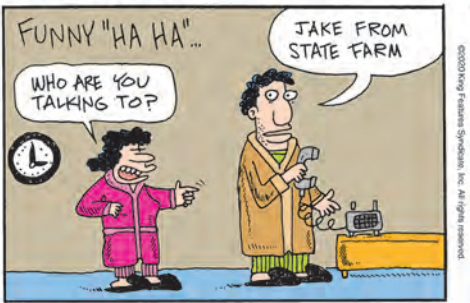
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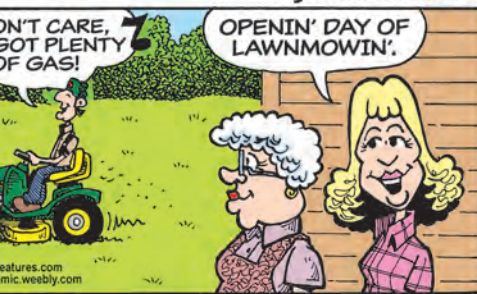
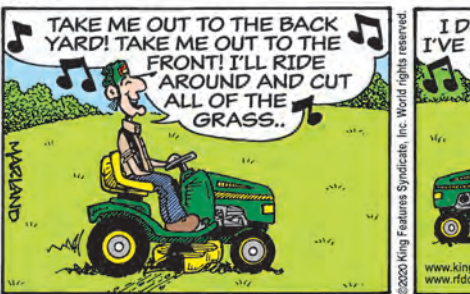
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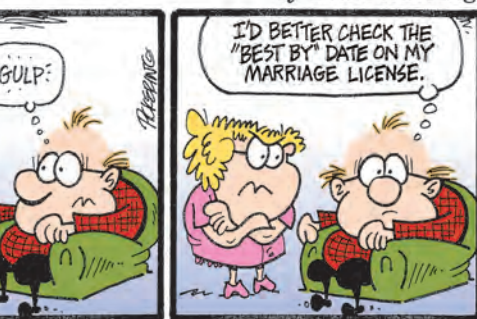
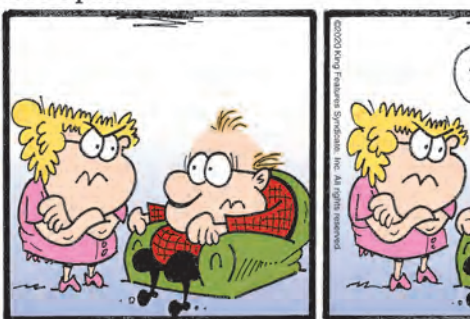
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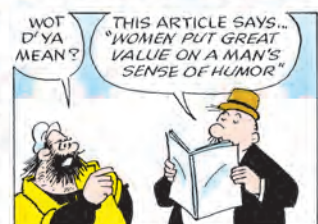
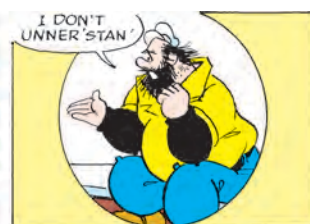
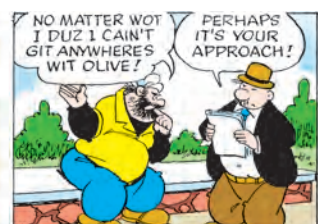
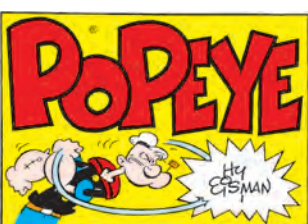


by Mike Marland

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



Contract Bridge

USUALLY DOESN'T MEAN ALWAYS

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ 5 3
♥ A Q 6 4
♦ 10 6
♣ K Q J 9 6

EAST
♠ 9 2
♥ J 10 8
♦ Q J 7
♣ 10 8 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 7 6 4
♥ K 5 3
♦ K 8 2
♣ 7

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

Opening lead — king of clubs.

There are extraordinary plays that come up once in a blue moon and are missed by almost everyone. This is usually because the play is so offbeat and unnatural that it would not be considered 99 times out of 100. But when the 100th time comes along, it cannot be denied that the play is clearly correct.

Take this case where South won the opening club lead with the ace and needed to find a way to avoid losing a diamond and three hearts. Since West was likely to have the ace of hearts for

his overall, declarer's best chance was to try to establish dummy's diamonds, but this had to be done without allowing East to gain the lead.

South therefore cashed the A-K of trump, ending in dummy, and led a low diamond. He was planning to insert the eight and lose the trick to West, but when East played the jack, that plan had to be abandoned.

Instead, declarer took the jack with the king and played the ace and another diamond, hoping West would have to win the trick. Unfortunately, East won with the queen and returned the heart jack, and the contract went down the drain.

The winning play is not easy to see because it occurs so seldom. Declarer's undoing came at trick one, when he should have allowed West's king of clubs to hold the trick!

West can then do no better than lead another club, on which South discards his diamond loser. After drawing two rounds of trump, declarer cashes the K-A of diamonds and ruffs a diamond. Dummy is then reentered with a trump, and two heart losers are discarded on the 9-5 of diamonds to finish with an overtrick.

In adopting this approach, South deliberately exchanges an unavoidable diamond loser for a nonexistent club loser, but in the process ensures that East will not gain the lead while the diamonds are being developed.

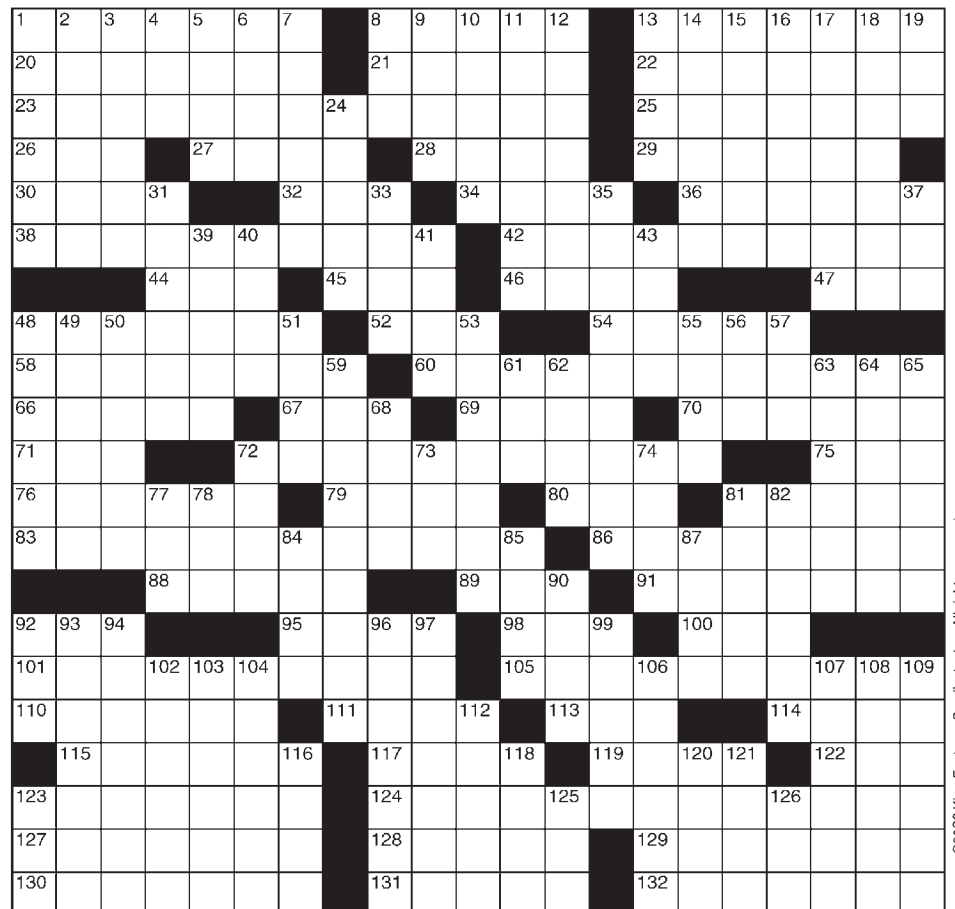
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by Steve Becker

Super Crossword

WHOO-HOO!

- ACROSS**
- 1 Laid fresh concrete on
 - 8 Waste
 - 13 Found
 - 20 Like gushing actors
 - 21 Malia's sister
 - 22 Kildare locale
 - 23 More with-it red fish?
 - 25 Runs fast
 - 26 1980s NBC sitcom
 - 27 "Teh" for "the," for one
 - 28 Jazzy singing
 - 29 "Growing Pains" actor Alan
 - 30 Tower for fodder
 - 32 Uncanny
 - 34 24-hr. money sources
 - 36 Japan natives, e.g.
 - 38 "Lookie there, muscle-building stuff!"
 - 42 Terrestrial chapeau?
 - 44 Dem.'s opponent
 - 45 — cone (frozen treat)
 - 46 "Just you wait, — 'gigins ..."
 - 47 Near-failing mark
 - 48 Analyzed
 - 52 Cochlea site
 - 54 "Will — learn?!"
 - 58 Beer brand
 - 60 Microwave saltines?
 - 66 Orchestra section
 - 67 — Moines
 - 69 Old Spice alternative
 - 70 Reagan speechwriter
 - 71 Cyberspace address
 - 72 Pars?
 - 75 Lose power
 - 76 "Later!"
 - 79 Arduous trip
 - 80 Suffix with Japan
 - 81 45 half
 - 83 "My gripe is as follows ..."
 - 86 Coup, e.g.
 - 88 Lay new turf on
 - 89 Not well-lit
 - 91 Crab claws
 - 92 Bullfighting cheer
 - 95 Gaudy scarves
 - 98 Be soaked
 - 100 Zool. or ecol.
 - 101 Skeptical egg layer?
 - 105 Disease-free sea
 - 110 Actress
 - 111 Rat catcher
 - 113 '60s conflict site
 - 114 "Star Wars" royal
 - 115 Royal home
 - 117 Gillette
 - 119 — yellow ribbon round ...
 - 122 Journalist
 - 123 Not unusual
 - 124 Things found at discount shoe stores?
 - 127 Italian city
 - 128 Steel, for one
 - 129 Adversaries
 - 130 Agrees (to)
 - 131 "Black Velvet" singer
 - 132 Orchestra leader
 - 1 Mrs. Oskar Schindler
 - 3 Easy-to-catch hit
 - 4 Org. for Rafael Nadal
 - 5 — Cong
 - 6 — Time We Say
 - 7 Dictator
 - 8 Air marshal's org.
 - 9 Copies Dr. Dre
 - 10 U.S. humane org.
 - 11 Put away, as a warrior
 - 12 "NewsRadio" co-star Phil
 - 13 Shopping aid
 - 14 Oliver Twist, e.g.
 - 15 Bright red lettuce
 - 16 Silverstone or Keys
 - 17 Tall ale mug
 - 18 International compact
 - 19 Cavity filler's deg.
 - 24 Branching-out points
 - 31 — Next Chapter" (Winfrey series)
 - 33 Eat in style
 - 35 Least lenient
 - 37 " — loves me ..."
 - 39 California's Point —
 - 40 Astra automaker
 - 41 Biblical ark builder
 - 43 — and terminator
 - 48 Waylay
 - 49 "Yes, —!"
 - 50 Peak climber, e.g.
 - 51 Dumbbell
 - 53 Chastised
 - 55 SUV cousins
 - 56 Prefix with warrior
 - 57 "Bringing Up Baby" studio
 - 59 Sang loudly
 - 61 Radius site
 - 62 Part of CRT
 - 63 Alternative to lettuce
 - 64 Oakland footballer
 - 65 Smiles villainously
 - 68 Dinar earner
 - 72 Hovels
 - 73 Once named
 - 74 Lop the crop
 - 77 " — gain! down!"
 - 78 Suffix of sugars
 - 81 Pianist's seat
 - 82 Communal
 - 84 Boxcar rider
 - 85 Bait biter
 - 87 Smack
 - 90 Complain
 - 92 Unit of resistance
 - 93 Frogs and kangaroos
 - 94 Angers a lot
 - 96 Patriarch of Judaism
 - 97 Majestic
 - 99 Juan's silver
 - 102 Enlighten, in poems
 - 103 Kevin of "Saturday Night Live"
 - 104 Pour gently, as wine
 - 106 "Relapse" rapper
 - 107 Hang a new worm on
 - 108 Word with app or bee
 - 109 Makes the assertion
 - 112 Green shampoo
 - 116 Periods
 - 118 Burn balm
 - 120 Ferber or Krabappel
 - 121 Chick chaser?
 - 123 Nipper's co.
 - 125 Procedure: Abbr.
 - 126 Dash lengths

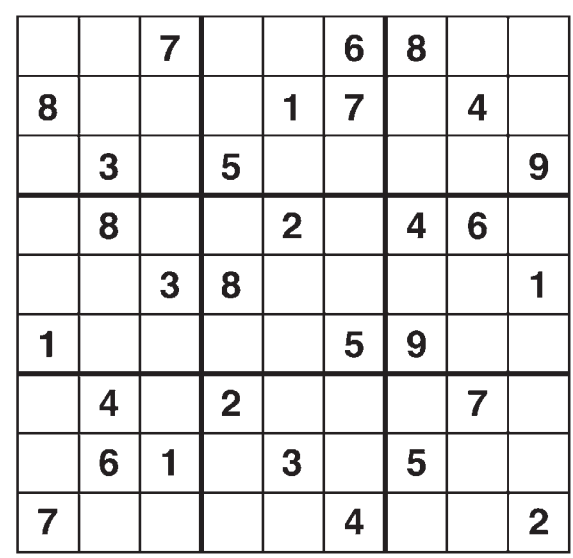


Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
- EXPLORERS: Which Western explorer discovered the Grand Canyon?
 - TELEVISION: In the "M*A*S*H" series, which U.S. state did Radar O'Reilly hail from?
 - LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "acta non verba" mean?
 - GAMES: What are the names of the utilities in the Monopoly board game?
 - COMICS: Who is Garfield's girlfriend in the comic?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone for April?
 - MUSIC: What does the musical notation "allegro" mean?
 - MOVIES: In which 1970s movie does the Cahulawassee River play a major role?
 - LITERATURE: What do the abbreviations stand for in the poet e.e. cummings' name?
 - ROYALS: What was Princess Diana's maiden name?
- Answers**
- Francisco Vasquez de Coronado
 - Iowa
 - Deeds, not words
 - Water Works and Electric Company
 - Arlene
 - Diamond
 - Lively and brisk
 - "Deliverance"
 - Edward Estlin
 - Spencer
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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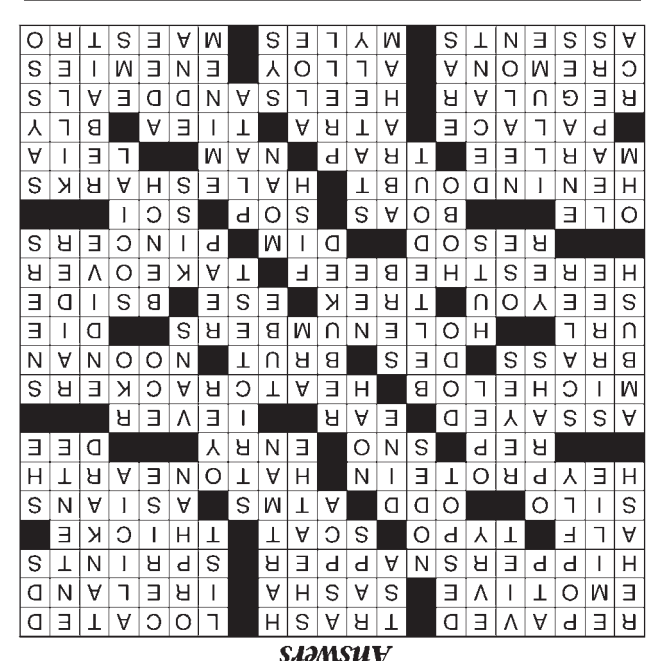
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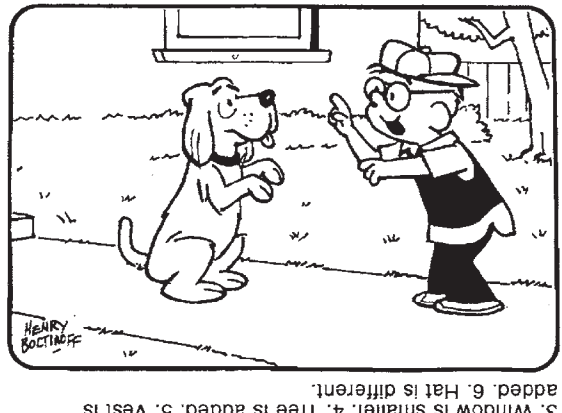
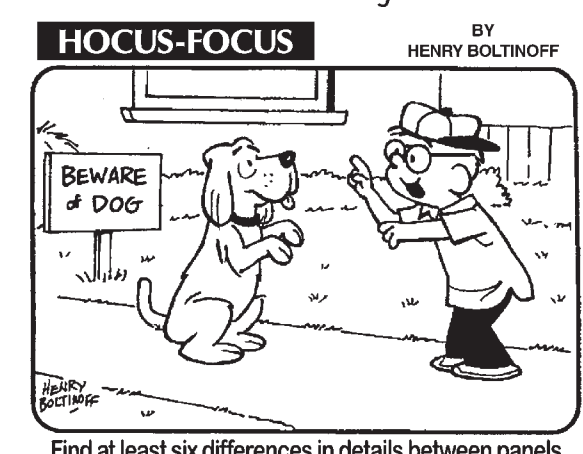
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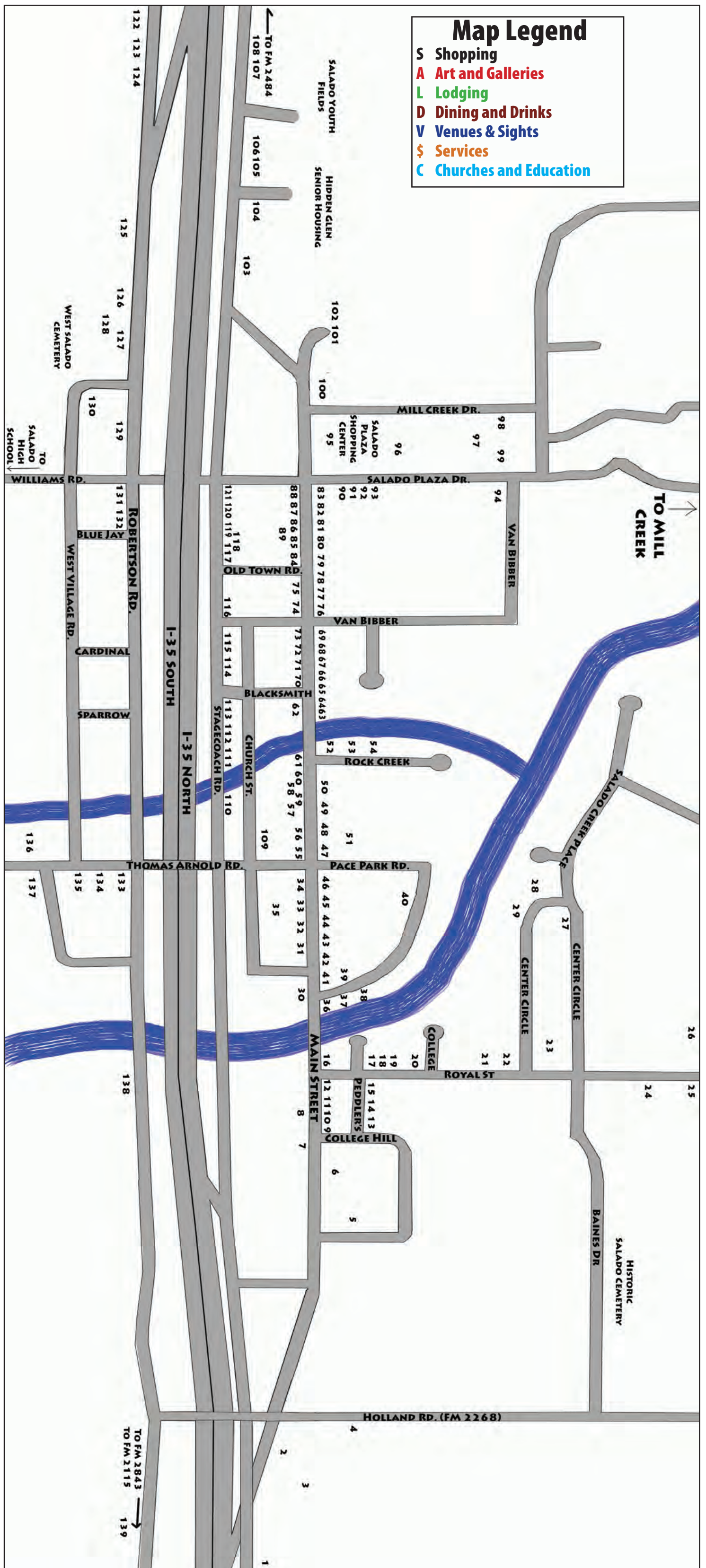
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9	Salado Museum 254-947-5232	V
	Salado Visitors Center 254-947-8634	\$
	Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040	\$
	Village of Salado Tourism Office 254-947-8634	\$
10	Sofi's 254-947-4336	S
11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery (512) 576-0123	D
	Chupacabra Kitchen (254) 308-2019	D
14	Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339	A
16	The Sugar Shack 254-947-8840	S/D
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	Happy Pizza 254-226-1684	
21	The Venue 254-947-5554	V
22	The Shed 254-947-1960	D
24	Tablerock 254-947-9205	V
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30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
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32	First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577	\$
34	First Community Title 254-947-8480	\$
	Farmer's Insurance Zbranek Agency 254-947-0995	\$
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| 8. Main Street Bridge | 27. Caskey-Hendricks House | 46. Old Saloon | 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins |
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Governor Abbott, Texas National Guard Announce COVID-19 Mobile Testing Sites

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today announced that the Texas National Guard will be mobilizing more than 1,200 personnel as part of COVID-19 mobile testing teams (MTT). The 45 member teams will be mobilized in various parts of the state providing greater access to medical testing. The areas for these MTTs will be identified by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) with the first two of the 25 teams deployed to Fredericksburg and Floresville, Texas. The remaining 23 teams will be deployed to additional locations based on assessments made by DSHS.

"The State of Texas continues to expand our COVID-19 testing capacities and ensure that communities across the Lone Star State have access to the resources they need," said Governor Abbott. "I am grateful for the dedication of our Guardsmen as they continue to serve their fellow Texans throughout the COVID-19 response."

"COVID-19 testing is a crucial mission in our fight against this virus," said Maj.

Gen. Tracy R. Norris, adjutant general of Texas. "We are proud to support our partners TDEM and DSHS in bringing this critical capacity to areas in need of medical support."

The teams will have 11 medical professionals and support staff, as well as 34 soldiers. Currently, the Texas National Guard has the capacity to test 150 people per day at each mobile testing team location.

The Texas Military Department was activated by Governor Abbott in March to assist communities across Texas in the COVID-19 response. Currently, over 2,500 Guardsmen are serving in various capacities in response to this activation. In working with local communities they have helped manufacture over four million pieces of personal protective equipment, conducted over 9,000 COVID-19 tests, and helped distribute food and supplies with local food banks to thousands of Texans each day.

The MTTs are in collaboration with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and DSHS.

Salado Fire Department reports April 13-18

Salado Police Department Calls April 13-19

Call Type	Calls	Call Type	Calls
Agency Assist	4	Criminal Mischief	1
Animal Complaint	4	House Watch	34
Assault	1	Medical	5
Calls For Service	43	Open Door	1
Citations	2	Stranded Motorists	4
Citizen Contact	5	Suspicious Circumstances	7
Crash	2	Theft	1
Crime Prevention	1		

APRIL 12
2:45-3:05 a.m.
 600 Block Willow Creek Rd
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 2
 Sick Person
7:08-7:25 a.m.
 Interstate 35 @ 275 NB
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 2
 Nothing Found
10:20-10:53 a.m.
 1100 Block Creekview Dr
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 2
 Seizure
8:42-9:22 p.m.
 Interstate 35/FM 2268
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 4
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9:44-9:58 p.m.
 1900 Block Old Mill Rd
 Apparatus: 6/Personnel: 11
 Structure Fire/Nothing Found
APRIL 13
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 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 1
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APRIL 14
3:41-3:57 p.m.
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 Hazardous Conditions
8:29-9:11 p.m.
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Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 2
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APRIL 15
11:34-11:50 a.m.
 Interstate 35 @ 286 NB
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 1
 Sick Person
3:41-4:05 p.m.
 3000 Block Amity Rd
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 5
 Sick Person
6:05-6:35 p.m.
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 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 5
 Bicycle Accident
8:53-9:50 p.m.
 7400 Block FM 2484
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 5

Cardiac Arrest/CPR
APRIL 17
8:38-9:13 p.m.
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