

## Village unveils its small business support initiative

The Village of Salado has unveiled a multi-faceted support initiative for small businesses in Salado impacted by COVID-19. The objective of the Salado Small Business Support Initiative (“Initiative”) is to offer immediate limited financial assistance and business counseling services to affected businesses to aid in maintaining their business and workforce.

“Our local businesses have been forced to drastically alter their operations in response to this pandemic,” said Salado Mayor Skip Blancett. “While the true impact of COVID-19 is largely unknown, it’s imperative that we support our small businesses that employ our friends, families and neighbors.”

At the forefront of the Initiative is an Economic Development Grant Program in which affected businesses can apply to receive a grant equal to the amount of their Village sales tax receipts for the months of March and April 2020. Interested businesses must complete an application and provide the following information regarding their business to help the Village determine their eligibility for a grant.

- Proof of applicant’s ownership of the business.
- Three (3) months of estimated lost revenue or other documented loss evidence.
- Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts sales tax receipts for the months of March and April 2020.
- A copy of a current business license.
- A copy of driver’s license or government-issued identification.
- A completed and signed W-9.

To be considered for a grant, a business must have experienced severe econom-

ic impact due to the pandemic and shall:

- Be located in the corporate limits of the Village of Salado.
- Have been operating in the Village of Salado for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the application.
- Not be indebted to the Village of Salado.
- Be registered with the Texas Comptroller’s Office as a sales tax revenue generating business from the Village of Salado.
- Be current on sales tax remittance.
- Be authorized to do business and be in good standing in the State of Texas and shall remain in good standing in the State of Texas and the United States of America.
- Be a business that is physically located in the Village that is open to the public and is not a home-based business, national chain, or nonprofit.

The grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Grant applications can be found on the Village of Salado’s website at [www.saladotx.gov](http://www.saladotx.gov).

Also, applications can be picked up at the Village of Salado Municipal Building located at 301 N. Stagecoach Road. Village management will review grant applications as they are submitted. Grant funds will be released in a timely fashion. The deadline to apply for a grant is September 30, 2020.

In addition to the Economic Development Grant Program, the Village of Salado will be opening a Salado Small Business Resource Center (“Center”) in late June. The Center will offer businesses free access to services from multiple agencies to help businesses

start, operate, and grow.

The services to be provided include, but are not limited to the following:

- Assistance with preparing a strategic business plan to enable the owner to identify the market potential and to clearly define its mission, niche, strategic advantage, and execution strategy.
- Assistance with creating cash flow and financial projections to help establish or improve financial books and records to control cost and improve profits. This will enable the owner, lender, or other investor to have an accurate picture of the small business’ financial condition. This would also include assisting businesses with getting lender-ready for loan applications.
- Assistance with guiding potential business owners to understand legal steps needed to start a business.
- Creation or improvement of a sales and marketing plan with prioritized action steps to increase business.
- Assistance with understanding the need for an accurate bookkeeping system.
- Credit counseling to assist with the repair of bad credit.
- General business consultation to help owners improve and grow their business.

Services will be available by appointment only on the third Wednesday of every month, starting on June 17.

Information on how to make a reservation can be found on line at [www.saladotx.gov](http://www.saladotx.gov). All business counseling services will be confidential and provided by representatives from the McLennan Small Business Development Center.



## Uptown downtown lights

Salado residents got the first glimpse of the street lights that will line Main Street when crews began the installation of them last week. The streetlights are part of a \$5 million improvement project for Main Street that includes drainage improvements, sidewalks, bike lanes and reconstruction of the bridge over Campbell Branch. Stephen Kasberg will give the Board of Aldermen an update on the project during the board’s meeting on June 4 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held via ZOOM.

(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

## Hearing set on proposed SF7A new zoning district

Aldermen at their 6:30 p.m. June 4 meeting will conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a proposed ordinance to amend the Village of Salado’s Zoning Ordinance to create the SF-7A (Single Family Residential) zoning district.

The meeting will be held via ZOOM. Meeting and log in credentials can be found on the official agenda posted at [saladotx.gov](http://saladotx.gov).

According to the agenda packet, “the proposed zoning district is intended to fill a void that currently exists in the Village’s Zoning Code (“Code”) for smaller residential lots where a standard single-family home has or is

to be constructed rather than a townhome or zero lot line home.”

The permitted and conditional uses, as well as the development requirements, set forth in the proposed zoning district are similar, if not the same, as those allowed in other residential zoning districts in the Code.

The most notable difference is the minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet for a single-family dwelling in the proposed district.

The amendment would require a minimum lot width of 60 feet and minimum lot depth of 100 feet.

The minimum front and rear setbacks are also slight-

ly smaller than those established for zero lot line and townhome zoned properties. Minimum front yard would be 20 feet, minimum side yard would be five feet or 15 feet from the street right-of-way for corner lots and minimum rear yard would be 10 feet for the main building.

Maximum lot coverage by main buildings and accessory buildings is 70%.

The minimum floor area per dwelling unit is 1,000 sq. ft.

According to Village Administrator Don Ferguson’s guidance in the board packet, “Creation of the proposed SF-7A zoning district will allow the Village to prop-

erly zone the property in new smaller lot subdivisions, such as Drakes Landing located near the intersection of Royal Street and Smith Branch Road.”

“Currently, the only option for zoning such subdivisions is to zone them for zero lot line homes or townhomes and require the property owners to seek variances for setbacks and such if they desire to build a standard single-family home,” Ferguson stated in the board agenda packet.

Planning and Zoning held a public hearing on the proposed zoning district May 26 and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the

proposed zoning district.

The proposed zoning district prohibits recreational vehicles, manufactured home, travel trailers or motor homes being use for on-site dwelling purpose. It also prohibits open storage (except for materials for personal use such as firewood, garden materials, etc.) Side entry garages where lot frontage is only on street shall have a minimum of 25 feet from the door face of the garage or carport to the side property line for maneuvering.

In other business slated for the June 4 meeting, aldermen will formally act on Frank Coachman’s letter of resignation. Aldermen will

consider filling the vacancy of the Mayor Pro Tem as well as Coachman’s remaining time on the Board of Aldermen. The board may consider, according to the agenda packet, calling for a special election to fill the position until the November election date.

The board will also consider spending hotel motel occupancy tax funds on the renovation of the Salado Museum, specifically the reconstruction of the balcony.

Aldermen will also be updated on the progress of the Main Street project by Stephen Kasberg, engineer for Texas Department of Transportation.

## Food distribution set for Bell County residences

Central Texas Food Bank will distribute free food to help those in Bell County who are facing increased food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

At these special drive-through food distributions, attendees will receive (actual contents may vary depending on availability): One box of assorted produce; 1-2 gallons of milk; One protein box weighing 8-20 pounds containing chicken or pork

products.

To adhere to social distancing requirements, pick-up will only be available to those with cars. No walk-ups will be allowed. Please make appropriate space in your trunk or hatch before arriving at the event. We also ask that you attend this event only if you are facing true food insecurity since our resources are stretched to the limit.

The Food Bank is also in need of volunteers to assist

with these events. Anyone interested in volunteering to support these special distributions should visit the Food Bank’s website, [centraltexasfoodbank.org](http://centraltexasfoodbank.org), and click on “Volunteer” to sign up.

The Bell County food distribution is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon June 27 at Temple College, 2600 South First Street in Temple.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Central Texas Food Bank is continuing to

meet the needs of those facing hunger. In addition to these special distributions, Central Texans in need can also access food through our network of partner pantries and mobile food pantry distributions throughout Central Texas. For the latest information on getting help, go to [centraltexasfoodbank.org](http://centraltexasfoodbank.org) and click on “Find Food Now”. Once you find the distribution site nearest you, please call them to confirm

their hours of operation since things are changing rapidly. You can also call 2-1-1 for the latest information.

In April, Central Texas Food Bank served more than 105,000 households and 345,000 individuals across its 21-county area. In a “normal” month, we serve an average of 184,000 people per month. Approximately 41,000 households and 149,000 individuals were from Travis County.

Central Texas Food Bank saw a 25% increase in households served from March to April, and 45% increase in individuals served.

The number of first-time clients increased by 86% from March to April, demonstrating continued growth in need.

A food distribution will also be held in Waco on June 4 for McLennan County residents.

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## COVID-19 concerns continue to impact US, global markets

The Markets

The stalwart S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) rallied for the week on less-bad news, rising just over 3% to close at 3044.31 on Friday. That rally leaves it down only 5.77% year-to-date and down 10.1% from its top in February. It is now up a whopping 36% from its nadir in late March and an impressive 10.62% from this time last year. Importantly to us who watch such things closely, the SPX is now comfortably above its 200-day moving average, an indicator that historically has often marked the end of a bear market and the beginning of a new bull. Notably though, nothing about this particular market panic has so far followed historical norms, so remaining cautious is likely a prudent course.

Oddly, the driver for the big market jump at the beginning of the week appears to have been the reopening of an institution that many have condemned as being archaic, the New York Stock Exchange live auction floor. The opening of the NYSE trading floor marks a visible resumption of "normal" albeit with modifications, such as the traders maintaining a six-foot separation and wearing masks, but nonetheless, a landmark step toward a better future. Symbols do matter.

The U.S. Treasury 10-year note's yield responded less enthusiastically, never having had a trading floor and unimpressed with the NYSE floor's reopening, by rising a subdued 1.66% for the shortened week to yield 0.657%, again confirming the positive slope of the Treasury yield curve. Its implied forecast continues to be that things will be better next year but "better" will be muted. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) joined with the stock market in a relatively exuberant nearly 5% price rise to \$35.20, seeming to ignore the millions of barrels of oil

### Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



tucked away in ships that must come back to shore before regular supply and demand will reassert its rules.

The Economy

The actuality and threat of contracting COVID-19 is the single most powerful driving force in the global and domestic economy. The actuality is that about 1.7 million Americans have been officially diagnosed with the disease and officially, 102,516 of us have died from it. The mortality rate for those officially recognized as having been infected has remained at about 6% for the entire month of May. Both of those numbers continue to grow at about 1.5% per day in the U.S. While people are driving about and resuming some economic activity, the fear of infection continues to restrict economic recovery. That dynamic could not be illustrated better than the Commerce Department report for income and spending in the month of April. Household income rose an astonishing 10.5% in one month while consumer spending fell a stunning 13.6%. The difference between the two, 24%, went to savings.

The dramatic reduction in consumer spending, or as economists put it, demand, resulted in the PCE Deflator, the Federal Reserve's preferred inflation indicator, coming in at a negative 0.5% for April as prices fell. That consumer behavior was reflected in the University of Michigan's Consumer Sentiment Index decline of 27.7% this year, the largest decline on record. Perhaps more importantly, their Index of Consumer Expectations fell even more, 29.5%. When people are concerned that not only are things bad now, but are like-

ly to get worse in the future, they, quite rationally, reduce spending and increase savings. On a more objective level the same evidence can be seen as the money supply (M2) in America has increased by \$2.5 trillion, 16.61% since February, another all-time record, even as prices of goods and services fell about 1%.

Economic growth requires both a healthy money supply and a reasonable velocity of that money supply. We certainly have plenty of money in the economy, but it is not moving at anything like a reasonable rate. Every indicator suggests that money movement will remain subdued until there is a return of consumer confidence. Consumer confidence is largely driven by the potential for jobs with good pay. Unfortunately, that condition is still down the road somewhere on the other side of the end of this pandemic. The Congressional Budget Office is estimating it will take three years from the end of the infection threat until something like a healthy employment rate returns.

The good news in all of this is that the money is there, waiting to be used. That situation is the exact opposite of the early years of the Great Depression when the Federal Reserve and Congress strove to reduce the money supply, fearing inflation, even as the economy contracted and prices fell. \$2.5 trillion extra, sitting on the sidelines waiting to be spent and invested, goes a long way toward explaining the optimism in the stock market. All we need now is for the pandemic to be defeated, consumer confidence to be restored, and the boom may begin.

## U.S. News & World Report names Salado High School as a 2020 Best High School

Salado High School is a 2020 Best High School, based on rankings from the U.S. News & World Report.

The following achievements contributed to this award:

- Graduation Rate = 100%
- Mathematics Proficiency = 81%
- Reading Proficiency = 79%
- Took at Least One Advanced Placement Exam = 43%

### Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



Passed at Least One Advanced Placement Exam = 28%

Congratulations to our students, faculty, and community for Salado High

School being selected as a 2020 Best High School and for being the top ranked high school in the Killeen Metro Area by the U.S. News & World Report!

### U.S. News & World Report rankings of the high schools in the Killeen Metro Area, along with their overall score and college readiness score.

RANK	HIGH SCHOOL	OVERALL SCORE	COLLEGE READINESS
#1	Salado	77.58	31.7
#2	New Tech (Belton ISD)	75.17	19.7
#3	Lampasas	71.26	22.3
#4	Rogers	60.58	6.4
#5	Harker Heights	60.19	22.8
#6	Troy	57.68	10.5
#7	Copperas Cove	54.99	15.6
#8	Belton	53.74	17.6
#9	Holland	52.38	N/A
#10	Evant	46.83	N/A
#11	Bartlett	44.41	N/A
#12	Temple	42.38	16.5
#13	Killeen	41.83	23.9
#14	Gatesville	40.52	7.5
#15	Ellison (Killeen ISD)	37.72	11.3
#16	Academy	36.95	N/A
#17	Shoemaker (Killeen ISD)	29.27	16.0



Matilda Martion Frederickson and Eli A Click with children L-R Louis, E.A., Laura, Leland, Mary, Wilbur and J.P. The building in the background is a smokehouse.

## Readers on connections to Merkel, and reaction to Confederate flag

To the Editor:

Please pass along my thanks to Carol Wilson for today's article titled Dead men tell no lies.

While the article is quite interesting on its own merit, what caught my eye was the mentioning of Georgia Coggin. My great grandmother Francis Coggin, of Merkel, had an older sister named Georgia.

I probably have over 70 ancestors, including my grandparents, buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, in Merkel.

I look forward to part two of the story.

Thank you,  
Cliff Bogle

From the Editor:

Mr. Bogle: Marilyn Fleischer's great grandfather Eli A. Click is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel. He came to Texas from Salisbury, N.C. in 1894 to go to work on the Butman Ranch. He and his wife Matilda Marion Frederickson settled in Mount Pleasant. They are shown above in the early 1940s with their children: L to R, Louis, E.A., Laura, Leland, Mary, Wilbur and J.P. The building in the background is a smokehouse.

To the Editor:

I find it tone deaf and sad to have a confederate

## Your Voice

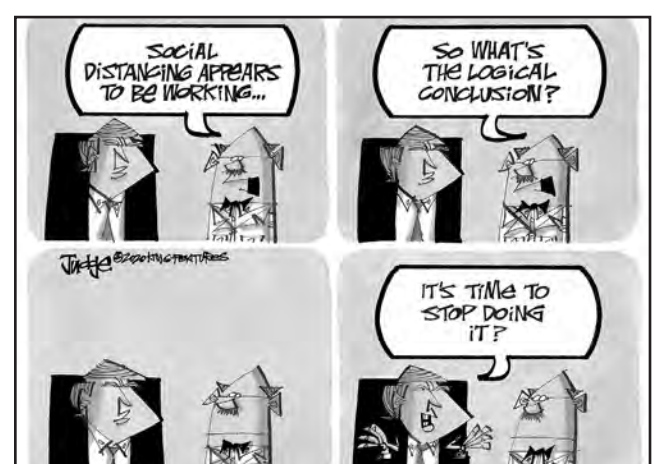
Letters to the Editor

flag displayed on the front page of the *Salado Village Voice* May 28, 2020 edition. I understand the picture and reference had nothing to do with the flag, but why not choose a photo without it?

Especially while our nation is actively protesting how black Americans are unequally and wrongfully treated by police enforcement, couldn't you have used better judgement? Right now our nation is grieving and angry and seeing your paper with the flag on my kitchen counter made me sick to my stomach. Frankly the flag should never be displayed. It stands

for slavery. The war was about slavery. We left the Union, as a state, declaring our right to own slaves. There is no question what the flag represents. It's dripping in hate and racism. I would think you would've thought about how this micro aggression of using a photo with this flag, impacts the people of color who call the village their home. It's time for us to come together and call this out for what it is. Do better. Our future as a nation depends on it.

Warm regards,  
Dana Rojas  
Subscriber, 3 years  
Salado resident, 3 years



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Chance-Michael J. Coe, a 2006 graduate of Salado High School, was graduated May 16 from Red Rocks Community College in Lakewood, Colorado with a Bachelor's Degree of Water Quality Management Technology. He is the son of Cathy Coe-Clune and Pat Clune of Morgans Point Resort and Mike and Misty Coe of Salado. Grandparents are Bill Coe, Sr. of Salado and Molly Sanger of St. Petersburg, Florida. Chance lives in Colorado with his wife, Michaele, and their three boys. He plans to continue to work for the Denver water department.

## Community Bible Study registering for Fall session

The Temple-Belton Community Bible Study (CBS) adult evening class is registering members for next fall's 30-week in-depth interdenominational Bible study of the Gospel of John. Beginning Sept. 14, the class will meet weekly from 7:30-9 p.m. Monday in the small sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Belton, Sixth and Main streets. The class is open to all adults. Individuals may choose to participate in core groups for men, women, or married couples.

Each week, participants receive a reading commen-

tary on the previous week's topic and a set of questions to work on each day covering the next week's reading. These questions are discussed in small groups of about fifteen. Following the small groups there is a short teaching over the same section of Scripture.

The class will break for Christmas and spring vacations and finish at the end of April 2021.

To register or to obtain additional information, go to templebeltoneve.cbsclass.org or contact the class coordinator at (254) 718-6104 after 5 p.m.

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Friday

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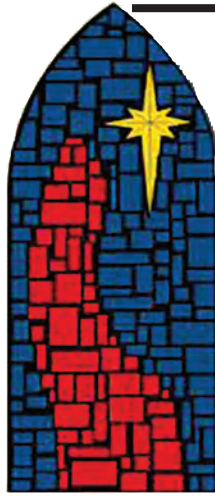
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## UMHB announces COVID-19 Student Relief Fund

Belton, Texas – During quarantine, staff members of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor called all UMHB students to see how they were coping. One of the things callers heard repeatedly was that students had been affected economically by the pandemic and were not sure they could afford to return in the fall. To address this need, the university has launched the COVID-19 Student Relief Fund.

“As we were asking students how we could pray for them, many mentioned parents who had lost jobs or that they themselves had lost their jobs. Many of them mentioned that finances were going to be a struggle,” said Dr. Rebecca O’Banion, vice president for development at UMHB. “As a result of that, we started thinking about how we could help these students who had been affected financially.”

The COVID-19 Student Relief Fund will assist UMHB students by providing financial support to those who have suffered losses due to COVID-19. The fund’s website will officially go live on Monday, June 1 at umhb.edu/studentrelief. The site allows visitors to make donations of any size and share the campaign via their own social media platforms.

While the COVID-19 Student Relief Fund has not been widely publicized, by the end of May, the fund will have already received gifts totaling more than \$30,000.

“We are going to help as many students as we can. We are constantly amazed by the generosity of our alumni and people in our community towards Mary Hardin-Baylor,” O’Banion said. “During this time, we appreciate more than ever those, who are still giving in the midst of these uncertain times.”

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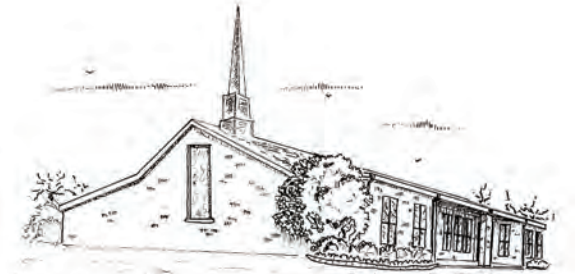
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# Grace Church in-person worship services resume

Continuing through June, Grace Church of Salado is resuming in-person worship services with limited attendance and a few modifications, including making online reservations.

For those Sundays, you'll be able to select from the following

In-person worship at 9 a.m.

In-person worship at 11 a.m.

Livestreamed worship at 11 a.m. at [gracesalado.com/services](http://gracesalado.com/services)

To attend in-person, you must pre-register online by noon on Saturday. You can pre-register online at <https://gracesalado.com>.

"We understand that not everyone can, should, or will attend in-person services," according to Pastor

Jason Goings.

Goings asks people who meet the following criteria to consider staying home and worshipping with the church online.

- You're a member of the at-risk population (over age 65 or suffering from a chronic condition or other illness)

- You have had symptoms of COVID-19 or recently been in contact with someone presumed or confirmed positive
- You cannot yet joyfully participate in in-person worship for any reason

The Church will observe the following practices to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19:

- Observe six feet of social distancing.
- Refrain from physical

contact (handshakes, hugs, etc).

- Request the use of masks by all ages 2+ and will have masks on hand to distribute if you do not have your own.

"We will not have any childcare or student activities on campus," Goings said. "Families will attend the entirety of the worship service together, and the Family Room will be unavailable."

"We will cap attendance per service to maintain compliance with state and local restrictions on event size," he said.

If you have any questions about the church's plans to resume in-person worship services, contact the church via email at [info@gracesalado.com](mailto:info@gracesalado.com).

# First Baptist Church holds two services at Main St. sanctuary

First Baptist Church of Salado made history this past weekend when for possibly the first time since building a small two-story church on the banks of Salado Creek in 1878, congregants gathered together on Sunday morning at a new location.

It's been 12 weeks since the church members have gathered for an in-person service, but they did so for the first time on May 31, gathering at Tablerock Amphitheatre on Royal St. for an open air church service.

First Baptist Church of Salado will return to its home at Main Street and Salado Creek with two services each Sunday beginning June 7. Sundays will have identical services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays to allow the church to safely and comfortably gather together at their church home on Main Street at Salado Creek.

Paper Sunday Worship Guides will not be handed out. Instead, you can down-

load a PDF version of the worship guide with all the lyrics to print at home and bring with you. Worship Guides and lyrics will also be visible on-screen in the Worship Center.

"We had a group of medical experts help us craft a plan to ensure the safety of attendees," said Frank Wallace, Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries. "We are excited to be back worshipping in our building!"

"While we would love to see as many people as can worship with us, we ask that if you fit in a high risk category group for exposure to COVID19 please remain at home for your own safety," Pastor Travis Burleson said.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First Baptist Church Salado will host Vacation Bible School 9-11 a.m. July 13-16, all outdoors for kids who have completed Kindergarten - completed sixth grade.

Online registration will open on June 7 and close

on July 5. The form can be found on the church website ([www.fbcsalado.org](http://www.fbcsalado.org)) when it opens on June 7. The theme for this year is Concrete and Cranes - Building on the LOVE of Jesus. Philippians 1:6 is the key passage: "I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

"We know this is a different time for everyone and we are doing our best to keep everyone safe and healthy," said Jayelyn Boynton, Children's Minister.

Parents who may have questions about VBS can call Jayelyn Boynton at the church, 254-947-5465.

### SOME EVENTS CANCELED

First Baptist Church has canceled the following events due to the ongoing nature of the COVID19 pandemic: Preteen Camp - June 5-8; FUGE Youth Camp - June 8-12; Super Summer - June 22-25; Summer Youth Mission Trip - July 6-10



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# Val Verde Baptist Church Revival held June 14-17

Val Verde Baptist Church is pleased to announce that Revival Services will be held at the church June 14 through 17 featuring evangelists Paul and Vanessa Cherry. Paul and Vanessa are accomplished musicians and will be providing the music during the Revival Services.

Brother Cherry is widely known as one of the most effective vocational evangelists in the country, bringing

powerful messages from God's Word. If weather permits, some services will be held in the historic Val Verde Tabernacle located next to the church. Everyone is invited to attend these Revival meetings as well as all other services of Val Verde Baptist Church.

The regular schedule of services are: Sunday Bible Study - 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer - 6 p.m.

Complete information concerning the Revival is Sunday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 17. Sunday morning - 10 a.m. Sunday evening through Wednesday evening - 7:30 p.m. at Val Verde Baptist Church, 1058 FM 2268, Holland, TX 76534 Nine miles east of Holland on FM 2268

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## Library dedicates bench in memory of Dana Haas

Salado Public Library joined the Hodgins and Hass family in dedicating a bench placed on the grounds of the library in memory of Dana Marie Haas, who passed away in February. Shown at right are (standing) Dana's parents Judy and Jimmie Hodgins and seated Ryder, Lola and Hunter Haas, Dana's children. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Caleb and Nate Self look over pages from *The Howitzer*, the yearbook for the United States Military Academy. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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## Long Gray Line becomes Family Tradition for Selves

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As commander of the Continental Army, George Washington considered West Point to be the most important strategic position in America.

The first fortifications were built in 1778 and Washington headquartered at the fortress along the banks of the Hudson River. It became the centerpoint of the most famous tale of treason in America. Had Benedict Arnold's treason been successful, the rebellion of the American colonies against the British Crown may have had a completely different ending.

Instead, West Point was never captured by the British. It is the oldest continuously occupied military post in America.

In 1802, President Thomas Jefferson signed legislation creating the United States Military Academy. Since then, graduates of West Point have led troops into battle.

The Old Cadet Chapel was the first chapel building on West Point built in 1836. It was disassembled in 1910 and moved brick by brick to its location at the entrance to the cemetery. Marble plaques line the walls to commemorate all of the Continental Army generals. Benedict Arnold's plaque contains only the words, "Brigadier General, born 1740."

Few institutions are infused with the deep history and tradition of West Point.

Fewer institutions still have given this nation the best men and women to lead its Army. During the Civil War, the best and brightest of West Point's alumni fought each other on battlefields soaked in the blood of its own countrymen: Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis, George G. Meade, George McClellan, James E. B. Stuart, William T. Sherman and many more who were once classmates then faced each other in a war to decide the future of the American experiment.

Later, in the World Wars, West Point gave us Generals John J. Pershing, William S. Graves, George S. Patton, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas B. MacArthur, Omar Bradley and more.

This is the briefest of summaries of the richest of histories of the institution that has given us The Long Gray Line.

In mid-July, Salado High School graduate Caleb Self will be adding his name to that list as he goes in for Beast summer training as a Plebe. During the grueling weeks of Beast training, Self will train physically and mentally for the demands of USMA. He will be receive weapons, land navigation and field training, as well as physical training... a lot of physical training.

Beast was originally scheduled to begin at the end of June, but COVID-19 has caused even the oldest of institutions to adapt and change. His class will be brought in for orientation

in thirds, rather than all at once.

"I knew that I would go into the Army after high school," Caleb says with an amount of self-deflection, "I didn't know it would be going to West Point, though."

Caleb was nominated by U.S. Rep. John Carter, Dist. 31. He is one of 1,100 accepted into the USMA Class of 2024. Fewer than 1,000 of those accepted will make it through the four years to graduate. When they graduate, they are commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

Caleb said he will study Defense and Strategy, specializing in counter-terrorism, national defense and terrorism response.

As a member of the Class of 2024, he is slated to graduate 26 years after his father Nate Self graduated from West Point.

Nate is also a small town Texas schoolboy who earned a nomination to the Military Academy. His came from Rep. Chet Edwards. Nate grew up in China Spring, arriving there in second grade. His wife Julie got to China Spring in fourth grade. They were sweethearts in school and got married the summer after Nate graduated from West Point. Caleb is the oldest of their four children. Noah is a sophomore at Salado, Elliot is their 13-year-old daughter and Griffin is their 11-year-old son.

The Self family came to Salado in 2009, when Caleb was in second grade. They SEE WEST POINT, PAGE 2B



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# West Point

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came here after Nate left the Army following seven years of service. He launched his own private consulting business Praevius, which provides leadership and intelligence training to the military and resilience programs for health care professionals. Self and fellow West Point graduate Jason Torczynski headquarter Praevius in downtown Salado at Salado Civic Square.

"We wanted a small school like we grew up in," Julie said. "We loved what we found in Salado."

Caleb echoes that sentiment and points to Salado schools for his success in being accepted into West Point. "I learned to be a part of a team here and to inspire others," he said. "I hope to continue doing that at West Point."

He will get a chance to do that when he plays Men's Sprint Football for the Army Cadets. Sprint Football was formerly called 150 lb. football. The West Point Sprint team, according to the West Point website, has one of the highest winning percentages of any team at the Academy. "Since 1957, the Sprint football program has been a dominant force in what is now known as the Collegiate Sprint Football League, winning 34 League titles and producing 16 teams with perfect records, including the 2012, '13, and '15 teams," the website touts.

"The team takes enormous pride in being the model athletic program at the Academy and consistently thrives not only on the fields of friendly strife," the website states, "but also



West Point is steeped in tradition. Above is the interior of the Old Cadet Chapel. By UNKNOWN AUTHOR - USMA LIBRARY DIGITAL COLLECTIONS, PUBLIC DOMAIN, [HTTPS://COMMONS.WIKIMEDIA.ORG](https://commons.wikimedia.org).

in the academic arena, and in the military program, ultimately developing not only great football players, but great leaders of character for our nation's Army."

Nate played quarterback for 150 lb. football team while attending West Point, so the father and son will share this tradition with each other.

Caleb hopes to keep playing at the linebacker position. He lettered in varsity football for three years, baseball for four years and basketball for two years.

"We were 5-0 in football on the new turf field," Caleb says with a smile, adding that the Eagles were also undefeated on the new turf baseball field. "Well, we only got to play two games there but we won them both," Caleb said with a laugh. Midway through a tournament, Dr. Michael Novotny called the coach to tell him UIL events were immediately canceled.

"I really missed playing the rest of the baseball season," Caleb says, "I think we had a really good team this year. I will miss that, I know."

But he will have a chance for new memories, on and off the field, during his time at West Point.

And he will have a chance to add to the family tradition of service. Nate served six years in the Army. He was part of the team that was sent to Afghanistan to search for bin Laden in late 2001. "I

shipped off in December," Nate said. Caleb was two months old. Nate's grandfather and Julie's grandfather both served in World War II, Nate's was Army and Julie's was Marine. Julie's dad was in the National Guard.

Some of the tradition and memories that Caleb sats ge looks forward to sharing with his dad include "not being able to talk outside. Chewing food a certain number of times when at chow. And becoming part of the Army."

The leadership skills he will build at West Point will have a strong foundation from his years in Salado High School. In addition to being a team leader on the field, Caleb was also a member of the National Honor Society, Salado Youth Leadership, Astra community service group and UIL Current Events. He was Class President in the shortened Senior Year.

Last summer, he took advantage of two great opportunities to further hone his leadership skills by attending the West Point's Summer Leaders Experience. A day after getting back from that, he headed to the State Capital and the University of Texas Campus for Boys State, sponsored by the American Legion.

"He had a busy summer last year, but it was really good for him," Nate said.

This summer is shaping up to be busy as well as the Salado graduate joins The Long Gray Line.

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## Dead men tell no tales, part 2:

# Baker's testimony from the grave sends two to prison

By CAROL WILSON  
LOCAL HISTORIAN

*Part II: The Conclusion of John Baker's testimony from the grave. What happened when the men went outside. Dead man's testimony sends two men to Huntsville, including Sam Hamblen now buried in Hamblen-Aiken Cemetery.*

James "Ellzey" Easterwood and Samuel Barton Hamblen met John Baker in a bar in Merkel, Texas. From that meeting, one would die and the other two would go to jail.

Starting with the point in which Hamblen and Easterwood got Baker to go outside.

From Baker's sworn statement: "I told Hamblen

to let me go home as the others boys I was with had gone home. I told him I wanted to catch up to them." When Baker finally walked to the door to leave, Hamblen and Easterwood went out with him.

J. W. Brooks described their exit in greater detail, saying Hamblen "had hold" of Baker as they left. Within a very few minutes of leaving, Hamblen came back into the saloon, demanded a pint of whiskey, which he told Brooks to add to Baker's bill, and left. Brooks gave him the pint but locked the door behind him. Hamblen rejoined Easterwood and Baker, suggesting the men go into the alley and share the bottle. Baker resisted, still insisting he

needed to head home.

Bob Martin, Baker's friend, was still in town but oblivious to the abuse his friend was suffering. After the dance he had gone into the lobby of the Corrigan Hotel where he talked with a friend. As Baker was trying to break away from Hamblen and Easterwood in the alley, Martin was looking for him. Martin walked around until he spied three figures in the dark alley. He testified that he was at first unsure of their identity and had called out, "Is that you Johnnie?" When Baker answered yes, Martin asked if he was ready to leave and Baker again answered yes. As Martin drew nearer and the men walked toward him, he could see that the others



The gravesite of Sam Hamblen in the Hamblen-Aiken family cemetery located on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center.

were Hamblen and Easterwood. The four men began walking back toward the hotel when Hamblen stopped and insisted they have another drink. Martin stepped inside the lobby to get his coat. Grant Harris, another of Bob Martin's friends, was in the lobby and asked Martin to accompany him to Warren's store to get something to eat. Warren had agreed to open the store so that the men could get some canned goods. Bob Martin and Grant Harris had no idea that John Baker was in danger as they turned to leave. Walking away, Martin told Baker that he would be back in a minute.

From Baker's sworn statement: "Then I said boys, I must pull home," and I started off. I heard Hamblen cock his pistol and as I looked around, he shot. Hamblen was about five steps from me when he shot. Easterwood was standing beside Hamblen when Hamblen shot me. I am positive Hamblen shot me. He shot me with a pistol. He shot me twice. He only hit me once, the first shot. He walked to my right, shot at me again, and then went through a gate at the corner of the hotel and that was the last I saw of him."

Ellzey Easterwood walked to the gate with Hamblen but in a moment came back and stood over Baker. "I asked him to carry me to the hotel but he picked me up and dragged me the other way, behind the old house," Baker testified.

It was soon clear that Easterwood was there to finish the job. He pulled out a small pocketknife and tried to slash Baker's throat. Finding that difficult, he jabbed and sliced at the wounded man's face. From Baker grim account: "He never said a word while he was cutting me."

Bob Martin and Grant Harris were eating from their tin cans when they heard two gunshots. Martin ran back to the hotel but Baker was not where he had left him. Then he heard a voice calling from behind the vacant house. "Oh, Bob, Bob, they have killed me."

During the trial, there was testimony from many witnesses but none so compelling as that of the victim. Dr. J. T. Hensley testified that he had been summoned and found John Baker on the floor of the hotel where

Bob Martin had carried him. It was obvious Baker had been slashed about the neck and face. What was less obvious immediately was the gunshot wound to the back that had damaged the spinal cord and lodged in the young man's abdominal cavity. The deadly ball, later removed at autopsy and determined to be a 44 or 45 caliber, was presented as evidence.

The jury took little time in finding Sam Hamblen guilty of murder.

Based on the evidence that had rather easily convicted Sam Hamblen, how had Easterwood's trial ended with a hung jury? Easterwood's lawyers had presented several witnesses who testified that Easterwood, who they admitted had gone to the saloon, had then gone home and was in bed at the time the two shots were fired. One of those witnesses was Bill Barbee, the defendant in the cattle theft case that had raised Hamblen's ire. He was also Easterwood's brother in law. Lawyers for the defense also contended that John Baker had made some irrational statements while in a state of delirium. They claimed that this called into question the validity of his sworn statement. It had been enough to cause two jurors concern in the first trial, but in his second trial, Ellzey Easterwood was convicted and sentenced to life. Both he and Hamblen appealed but lost those battles and were sent to Huntsville.

Little is written about Sam Hamblen. But the scraps of information that are available paint the picture of a nonconformist who grew up in a home where conformity was the rule. Sam grew up in a loving environment among many siblings in a home that was the envy of many of the Hamblen neighbors. His father, William K. Hamblen, had accumulated a large investment in land, much of it in Milam County. In a family filled with overachievers, Sam Hamblen, who appears to have been impulsive and unfocused, may have felt intimidated or resentful of the achievements of his siblings. Whatever the case, at a young age, he unmoored himself from the family home, moving to Milam County where he lived on a farm. He married Miss Dadie Bowers on January

20, 1887. Judging from the many changes he made in the space of just five years, it seems that Sam was restless in nature. During that span of time, Sam and his wife had two children and moved three times. Sam had little patience (or success) with farming or raising stock. He lived for a short time in Hardeman County (north Texas) but soon tired of the cattle business there. In 1889, he moved to Jones County, where he made another attempt at farming. Again, after only a few months, Sam sold his stock and moved, this time to Merkel. He established a grocery store but before long sold the store and opened a saloon. At the time of his arrest, he was attempting to earn a living by trading in real estate.

By contrast, the Hamblen family of Salado was an exemplary one in every respect. Sam's father, William K. Hamblen was a farmer and minister in the Church of Christ and his mother, Alice, was a saintly lady. Little is known about Sam or about the family's reaction to this tragedy. An Abilene newspaper reported that one of Sam's brothers, who they failed to name, had arrived in Abilene on January 5 with the required four thousand dollars in bail money. The county attorney had subsequently added a conspiracy charge and thus refused the bond. The same newspaper reported that Dadie Hamblen, Sam's wife, was traveling to Salado to the home of her in laws with her two young children. Once Sam was convicted, she and the children lived with her father.

William Hamblen died in 1902. In January of 1903, Governor Joseph Sayers pardoned Sam Hamblen and Ellzey Easterwood. Alice Hamblen paid her son's attorney fees. Dadie reunited with Sam after his release and the couple had another son they named Curtis.

Sam Hamblen died in 1942, age 74, the victim of stomach cancer. During his post-incarceration years, he alternated between living with his brother Henry and his adult children. Dadie disappeared from the picture. At the time of his death, he lived in Dallas with son Curtis. Sam and Curtis are buried in the Hamblen-Aiken cemetery behind the old red brick schoolhouse in Salado.

There is no doubt that the Hamblen family suffered greatly from this sad event. Chances are, they were deeply sympathetic to John Baker's family. This was surely the case because they were compassionate people, but there was a more compelling reason for the Hamblens to have identified with Baker's. They too had lost a child to murder. By the strangest of coincidences, a Hamblen family member had been the victim of murder during the Christmas season of 1891, exactly one year earlier.

The trouble began at a party. The slaying of Bush Hamblen will be the topic of a future article.

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# Village of Salado Calendar of Events

**SALADO ROTARY CLUB**  
Now Meeting twice a month via ZOOM. Regular meetings will resume in the future.

**SALADO LIONS CLUB**  
Meetings are on hold for now, hoping to resume regular schedule soon!

**TUESDAYS**  
Salado Community Chorus practice. **CANCELLED until September 2020.**

**THURSDAYS**  
Run4Beer at Barrow Brewing Co., 6:30 p.m.  
Bikes & Brews Barrow Brewing Co., 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAYS**  
Crocheting with Karen, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado **ON HOLD**

**FRIDAYS**  
Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7 p.m.  
Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAYS**  
Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7 p.m.

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAYS**  
Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 4 p.m.

**JUNE 4**  
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Details at saladotx.gov.

**JUNE 4**  
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer featuring Celis.

**JUNE 5**  
Nate Guthrie at Barrow Brewing Co, 7:30 p.m.

**JUNE 5 & 6**  
All's Well That Ends Well, 7:30 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m. **CANCELED.**

**JUNE 6**  
Salado Reunion at Thomas Arnold Elementary School cafeteria, Thomas Arnold RD. **CANCELED.**

**JUNE 6**  
Jim Gregg and the Full Band at Barrow Brewing Co, 7:30 p.m.

**JUNE 7**  
South of Jupiter at Barrow Brewing Co, 4 p.m.

**JUNE 9**  
Pint Night: True Vine Brewing Company, 5 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer

**JUNE 11**  
Caribbean Around the World Dinner Series, 6:30 p.m. at Alexander's Craft Cocktails and Kitchen

**JUNE 12**  
Outdoor Movie Night at Barrow Brewing Co, 7:30 p.m.

**JUNE 13**  
Hot Pickin' 57s at Barrow Brewing Co, 7:30 p.m.

**JUNE 13**  
Asanas & Ales at Barrow Brewing (outside), 10 a.m.

**JUNE 14**  
Tribal Connection at Barrow Brewing Co, 7:30 p.m.

**JUNE 15**  
Lizbet Palmer at Barrow Brewing Co, 4 p.m.

**JUNE 16**  
Pint Night: Southern Star Brewing Co, 5 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer

**JUNE 18**  
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Details at saladotx.gov.

**JUNE 21**  
Craig Marshall at Barrow Brewing Co, 7:30 p.m.

**JUNE 23**  
Pint Night: St Arnold Brewing Company, 5 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer

**JUNE 25**  
Florence, Italy Around the World Dinner Series, 6:30 p.m. at Alexander's Craft Cocktails and Kitchen.

**JUNE 26**  
Friday Sip 'n Shop, 5 - 8 p.m. across the Village of Salado

**JUNE 26**  
The Royal Street Art Walk (RAW), 6 - 9 p.m. along Royal Street

**JUNE 26**  
Fourth Friday Night Gospel Singing at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, 12237 FM 2843, 7 p.m. Potluck at 10 p.m.

**JUNE 26**  
Lilly and the Implements at Barrow Brewing Co, 7:30 p.m.

**JUNE 27**  
Asanas & Ales at Barrow Brewing (outside), 10 a.m.

**JUNE 27**  
Parker McCollum Band at Johnny's Outback. Gates open at 6 p.m.

**JUNE 29**  
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Official visit of District Deputy Grand Master.

**JUNE 30**  
Pint Night: Running Walker Beer, 5 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer

**JULY 4**  
Salado Historical Society Fourth of July Picnic, Salado High School cafeteria. **CANCELED**

**JULY 4**  
South of Jupiter at Barrow Brewing Co, 7:30 p.m.

**JULY 5**  
Astro Asana and Ales at Barrow Brewing Co, 7 p.m.

**JULY 9**  
Tokyo, Japan Around the World dining experience at Alexander's Craft Cocktails and Kitchen

**JULY 18, 25 & AUG 1**  
Salado Legends THE MOVIE at Tablerock Amphitheater. Free admission.

**JULY 31, AUG 1-2**  
Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering.

**JULY 31**  
Fred Fuller at 6:30 p.m., followed by Kasey Thornton band, 8 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co.

**AUGUST 15**  
Open House for Salado Middle School with Cornerstone Dedication Ceremony by the Grand Lodge of Texas AF&AM and Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 10 a.m.

**SEPTEMBER 8**  
Salado Community Chorus pot luck and fall seasons registration, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

**SEPTEMBER 19 - 20**  
Auditions for Fright Trail and A Christmas Carol, 3 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Attend one session

**OCTOBER 3**  
Randy Rogers Band at Johnny's Outback. Gates open at 6 p.m.

**OCTOBER 9-10**  
Christmas in October, sponsored by Salado Ladies Auxiliary.

**OCTOBER 17**  
Grape Stomp at Salado Winery Co., 841 N. Main St. raising funds for Salado Montessori. Pizza by PieRos.

**OCTOBER 17, 24 & 31**  
Fright Trail, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Tablerock

**NOVEMBER 13-15**  
Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans.

**DECEMBER 3**  
Annual Salado Christmas Stroll Parade, 6 p.m. Lighted and under the lights!

**DECEMBER 4-6 & 11-13**  
Annual Christmas Stroll.

**DECEMBER 4, 5, 11 & 12**  
A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Concessions open at 6:15 p.m.

**DECEMBER 11-13**  
Annual Christmas Stroll.

**DECEMBER 12**  
Asanas and Ales, 10 a.m. at Barrow Brewing Company

**DECEMBER 15**  
Salado Community Chorus Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Salado.

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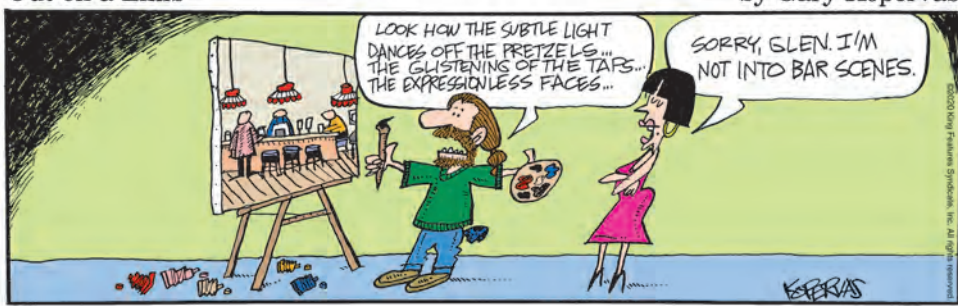
# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



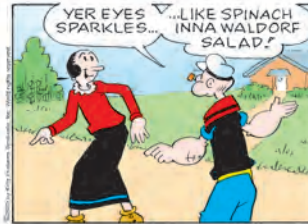
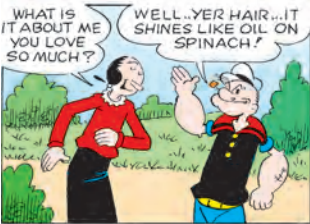
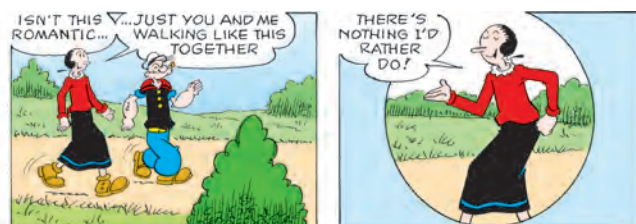
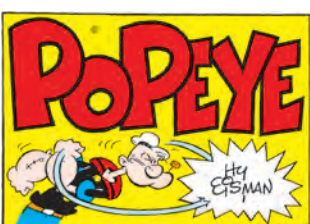
# R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



# The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



# Contract Bridge

## FAMOUS HAND

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

### NORTH

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

### WEST

- ♠ K 10 7 3 2
- ♥ 8
- ♦ K J 10 8 6
- ♣ K 4

### EAST

- ♠ 6 5
- ♥ 10 6 5
- ♦ 9 7
- ♣ A Q J 9 6 3

### SOUTH

- ♠ A Q 8 4
- ♥ K Q J 9 7 4 3
- ♦ —
- ♣ 10 8

## The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

Not all deals played in tournaments are models of efficiency. The plain fact is that some deals serve better as examples of inefficiency, as demonstrated by this case from the World Pair Championship in 1966.

The final contract at most tables was four hearts, which was virtually a lay-down. But our story concerns itself with the table where — believe it or

not — the bidding went as shown, and South got to six hearts.

Luckily for declarer, West's opening lead was the jack of diamonds rather than a club. Seizing this golden opportunity, South played dummy's queen, which won, and continued with the ace, discarding the 10-8 of clubs from his hand. Declarer now could have made the slam, but he fell from grace when he led the jack of spades from dummy and finessed.

West won with the king and returned the king of diamonds, allowing East to shed his remaining spade, and there was now no way for declarer to make the slam. When South ruffed the diamond return and played the ace of spades, planning to trump the eight of spades with the ace on the next round, East ruffed to put the contract down one.

Perhaps justice was served by the outcome, but it is nevertheless clear that South should have made the slam after the opening diamond lead. The spade finesse at trick three was totally unnecessary. Instead, declarer should have led the nine of spades to the ace and returned a low spade to dummy's jack. West would win with the king, but regardless of his return, declarer could not be stopped from ruffing the spade eight with dummy's ace and scoring the rest of the tricks.

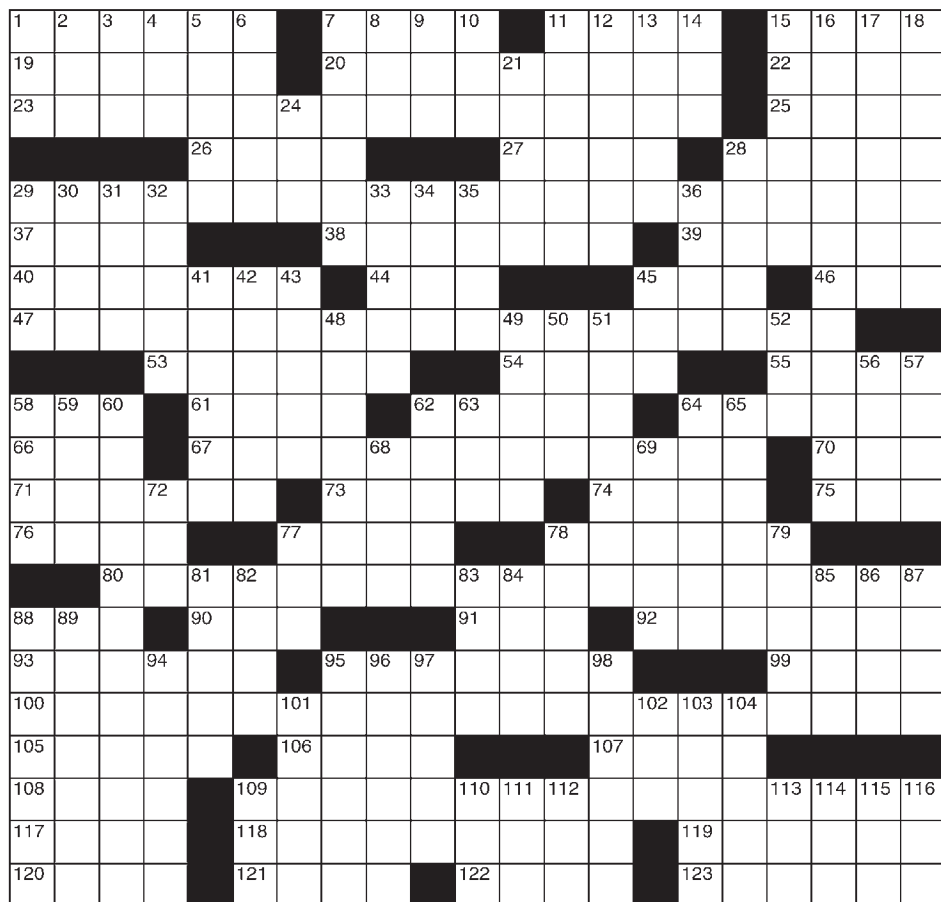
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by Steve Becker

# Super Crossword

FALL NICKNAME

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| <b>ACROSS</b> | 1 "Alto Rhapsody" composer | 7 Amount of medication | 11 Very close pals, briefly | 15 Lay away | 19 Handbook | 20 Among other things, in Latin | 22 A, in Austria | 23 Start of a riddle | 25 With the stroke of — | 26 Busily engaged | 27 Actress O'Grady | 28 Actor Baio | 29 Riddle, part 2 | 37 Brain part | 38 Vends again | 39 New York port on Lake Ontario | 40 Some weather lines | 44 Untold millennia | 45 Gallery works | 46 Frat.'s counterpart | 47 Riddle, part 3 | 53 Epitomize | 54 Volcano outflow | 55 Waikiki whereabouts | 58 Coll. e-mail ending | 61 Coyote kin | 62 Stopped sleeping | 64 Actress Dana | 66 Truckload | 67 Riddle, part 4 | 70 Kid's "it" game | 71 Four-time Indy 500 winner | 73 Supreme Court justice | 74 Get-out-of-jail fee | 75 Metal-bearing rock | 76 Tarnish | 77 — vu | 78 Mortar and — | 80 Riddle, part 5 | 88 Mo. no. 10 | 90 I-10, e.g. | 91 — mater (brain cover) | 92 Smears with holy oil | 93 Engender | 95 In dire — | 99 Songstress | 100 End of the riddle | 105 Wise words | 106 Mr. Spock's pointy pair | 107 Flood figure | 108 Feeling, informally | 109 Riddle's answer | 117 "— do in a pinch" | 118 Desirous of equaling someone else | 119 Advanced to the starting point, as a tape | 120 Floor voles | 121 "Fat chance" | 122 Deleted, with "out" | 123 Salsa brand | 9 Big inits. in fuel additives | 10 Elver, e.g. | 11 Lauren of "Key Largo" | 12 Natural talents | 13 Daughter, in Dijon | 14 Paradise of "On the Road" | 15 Manatee or dugong | 16 Praise with a cap motion | 17 "Just the last item is left" | 18 Tried to get | 21 Kingly | 24 Snapshot, for short | 28 Blues singer — Monica Parker | 29 Stepped off | 30 Little snack | 31 Wind instrument | 32 Prove false | 33 Indignant | 34 General — chicken | 35 Monopoly card statistic | 36 Spear | 41 Nonetheless | 42 Detach, as a book page | 43 Clown prop | 45 Flat — board | 48 Radiates | 49 Hawaii "hi" | 50 Tolerate | 51 50-50 gamble | 52 Cheat | 56 Use one's 106-Across | 57 Impulse | 58 Guesses at JFK | 59 Judo hall | 60 Too large to be strained, maybe | 62 Former UN leader Kofi | 63 Doughboys' conflict: Abbr. | 64 Bleach | 65 Shout at | 68 Magic hex | 69 Actress | 72 Bullfight holler | 77 Passing grade, barely | 78 Greek philosopher | 79 Slezak or Eleniak | 81 Shaw playing a clarinet | 82 Powerful car engine | 83 On — (of equal value) | 84 Nero's 53 | 85 Faithful wife of Geraint | 86 Suffix with bachelor | 87 Booming jets of old | 88 Nero's wife | 89 Crassness | 89 Winged ones in heaven | 95 Absorb | 96 Part on a drama series, say | 97 Dreadlocks wearer, often | 98 Basked | 101 "I love you," in Spain | 102 Sushi sauce | 103 Vanzetti's partner in anarchy | 104 D-day time specification | 109 Forest lair | 110 Ingested | 111 Mingle | 112 Rd.'s cousin | 113 Authorize to | 114 Lofty work | 115 Floor cover | 116 Relaxing site |
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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY: Who was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence?
- MOVIES: Which dwarf wore glasses in Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many years are in a millennium?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which stand-up comedian once said, "There are two seasons in Scotland: June and winter"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to Mount Kilimanjaro?
- MEDICAL: What is the common condition known as "muscae volitantes"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which university's athletic teams are known as the Ducks?
- MUSIC: Which singer/songwriter is known as the "Man in Black"?
- MONUMENTS: Which U.S. monument is known as the Mother of Exiles?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of Norm's favorite restaurant in the "Cheers" sitcom?

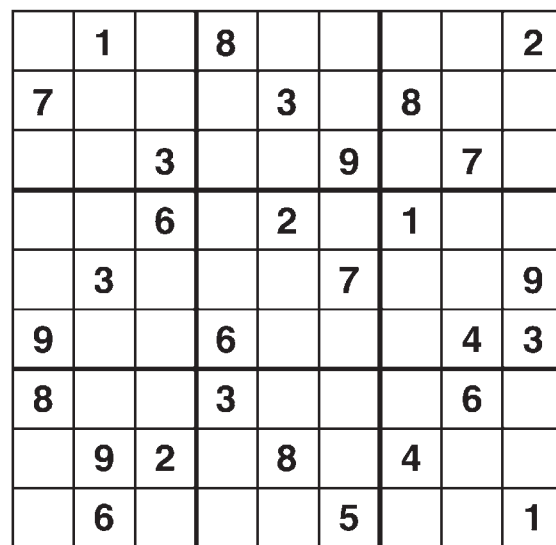
## Answers

- John Hancock
- Doc
- 1,000
- Billy Connolly
- Tanzania
- Eye floaters
- University of Oregon
- Johnny Cash
- The Statue of Liberty
- The Hungry Heifer

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

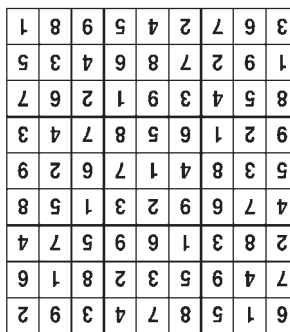


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## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

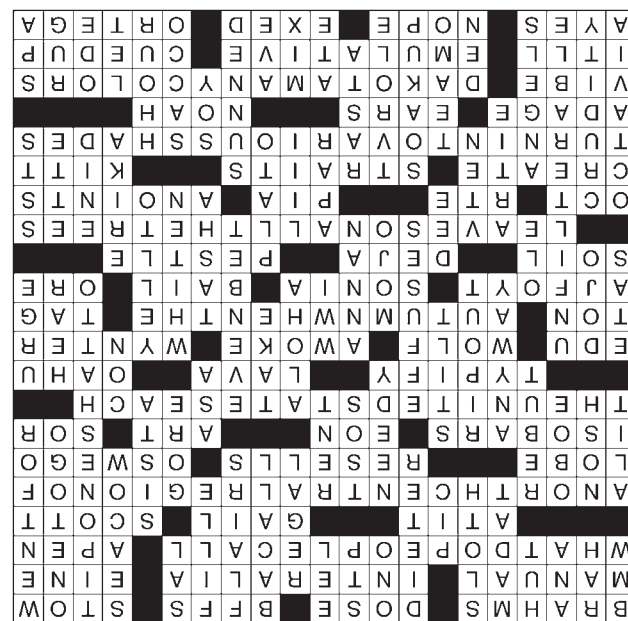
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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## Answer

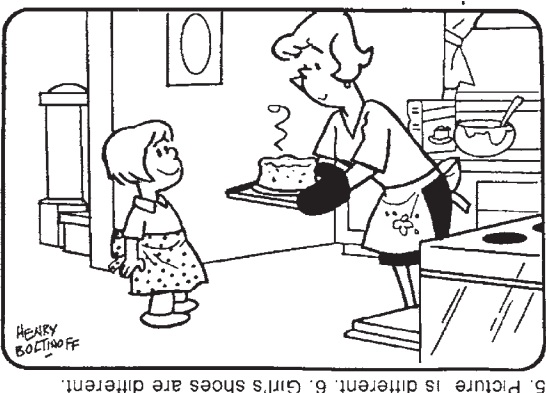
## Weekly SUDOKU



## Answers

# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

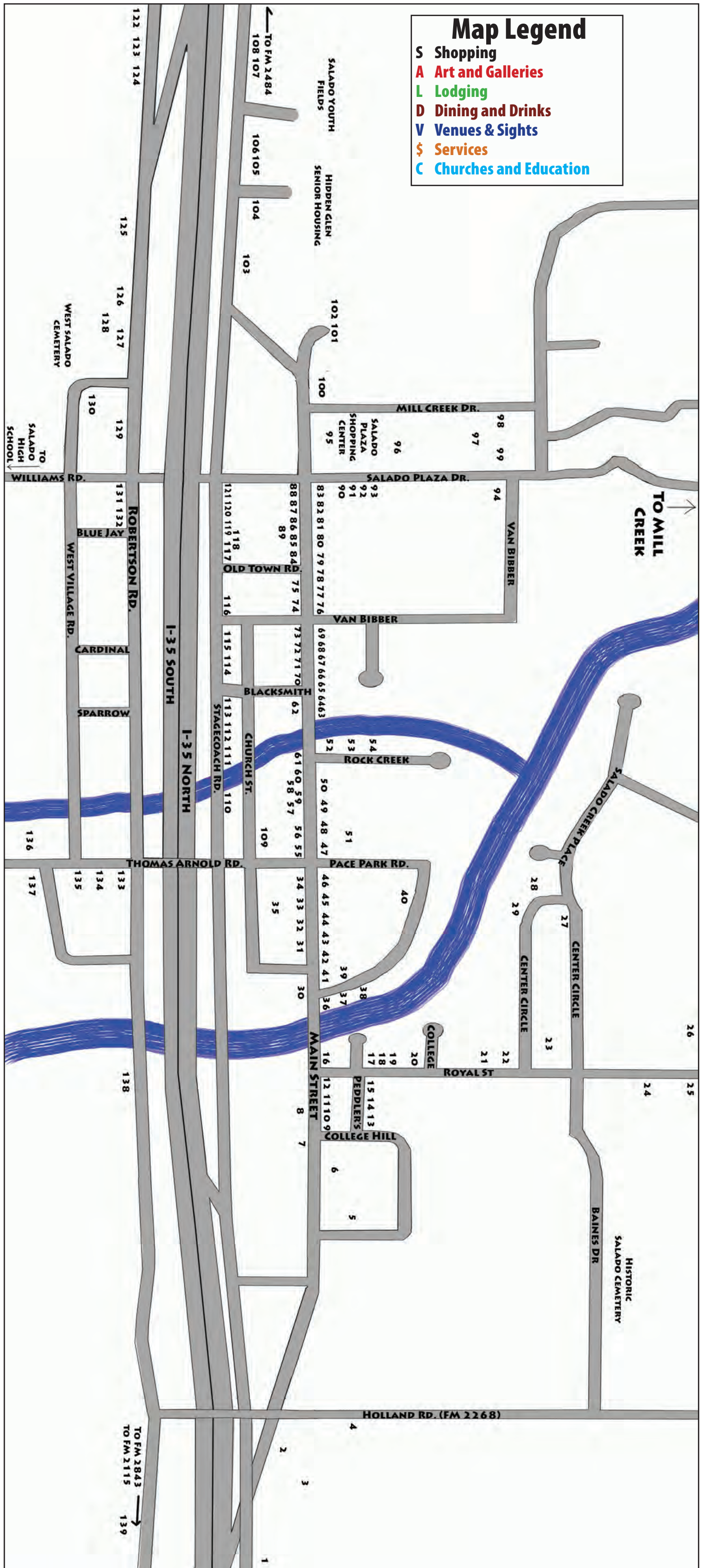


Differences: 1. Plant is missing. 2. Apron is different. 3. Oven mitt is different. 4. Headband is missing. 5. Picture is different. 6. Girl's shoes are different.

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# Shopping Map of Salado

#	Business Name	Type
4	St. Stephen Catholic Church	C
6	Salado College Park	V
7	Raney & Associates	\$
9	Salado Museum	V
	Salado Visitors Center	\$
	Salado Chamber of Commerce	\$
	Village of Salado Tourism Office	\$
10	Sofi's	S
11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery	D
	Chupacabra Kitchen	D
14	Salado Glassworks	A
15	Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina	D
16	The Sugar Shack	S/D
17	Barrow Brewing Co.	D
	Happy Pizza	
21	The Venue	V
22	The Shed	D
24	Tablerock	V
26	Salado United Methodist Church	C
29	Alexander's Distillery	D
29	Inn on the Creek	L
	Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen	D
30	First Baptist Church	C
31	Fairway Mortgage	\$
32	First Texas Brokerage	\$
34	First Community Title	\$
	Farmer's Insurance Zbranek Agency	\$
40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park	V
53	Salado Creek Healing	\$
55	Salado Family Dentistry	\$
58	The Shoppes on Main	S
	The Marketplace Cafe	D
60	Salado Creek Jewelry	S
62	The Pizza Place	D
75	Stage Stop Center	\$
	Bruce Bolick, CPA	\$
76	Salado Civic Center	\$
81	Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co.	D
82	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church	C
85	Salado Post Office	\$
86	Bill Bartlett - Century 21	\$
87	The Personal Wealth Coach	\$
89	Stamp Salado	S
90	Presbyterian Church of Salado	C
91	Troy Smith Financial Services	\$
92	Salado Sculpture Garden	A
96	Salado Plaza	\$
	Ace Pest Control	\$
	Anytime Fitness Salado	S
	Integrity Rehab	\$
	Salado's Hair Shop	\$
	Salado Village Voice	\$
97	Brookshire Brothers	S
100	Salado Public Library	C
101	Salado Cleaners	S
113	Salado Church of Christ	C
126	Cowboy's Barbecue	D
130	Village Spirits	S
132	Broecker Funeral Home	\$
135	Carus Dental	\$
136	Salado Schools & Stadium	C
	Village Church of Salado	C
139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church	C
<b>Not Shown on the Shopping Map</b>		
	Don Ringer	\$
	3C Cowboy Fellowship	C
	Grace Church	C
	Mill Creek Country Club	V
	Brody's Mill Creek Clubhouse	D
	JD's Truck Stop and Grill	S/D



## Historical Markers in Salado

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## Pandemic drives record unemployment

Businesses across Texas and the nation have been forced to curtail or cease operations in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, throwing millions out of work and prompting a record increase in unemployment claims that is straining the safety net for workers. Nearly 2 million people in Texas filed for unemployment insurance benefits from March 14 through May 9, triple the number of claims filed in all of 2019.

In this issue of Fiscal Notes, we take an early look at the economic pressures now gripping the state. We also examine early impacts on employment and several other measures that can shed some light on current conditions.

“It’s far too early to say how long these conditions will last — and how deep the trough will go,” Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. “Many economic measures are only beginning to reflect the crisis. It will be months before we can chart its full dimensions. Fortunately, our state’s fiscal position is strong enough to support vital programs for the remainder of this year, and our state’s “Rainy Day Fund” remains healthy. But the legislative session that begins in January 2021 will face significant and perhaps unprecedented challenges.”

Getting Texans back to

work will no doubt be one of the bigger challenges. A record 315,167 Texans filed initial jobless claims during the week ending April 4; a comparable week in 2019 saw about 13,000 claims. The spiraling unemployment rate has forced the Texas Workforce Commission to ramp up its web-based and telephone systems, boost staffing and extend operating hours to ensure claimants get the benefits due them.

The May issue of Fiscal Notes also considers the history of previous recessions and their effect on tax revenues. The current situation is unprecedented in the speed with which it took effect, but the past does provide some important clues for our future.

For questions about how our tax functions are continuing during the outbreak, visit our COVID-19 News page or our Virtual Field Office. Fiscal Notes is available online and can be received by subscribing via the Comptroller’s website.

Fiscal Notes furthers the Comptroller’s constitutional responsibility to monitor the state’s economy and estimate state government revenues. It has been published since 1975, featuring in-depth analysis concerning state finances and original research by subject-matter experts.

## New state transparency tool released

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced the release of an updated state revenue and expenditure tool on the agency’s website this week.

This powerful new visualization tool gives users a daily look into state government finance and allows them to download state financial data for further analysis.

The tool provides viewing options like these:

Revenues — Explore 25 state revenue categories, and see how funds are allocated by object code, agency and appropriation.

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The tools can be found at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/transparency/>.

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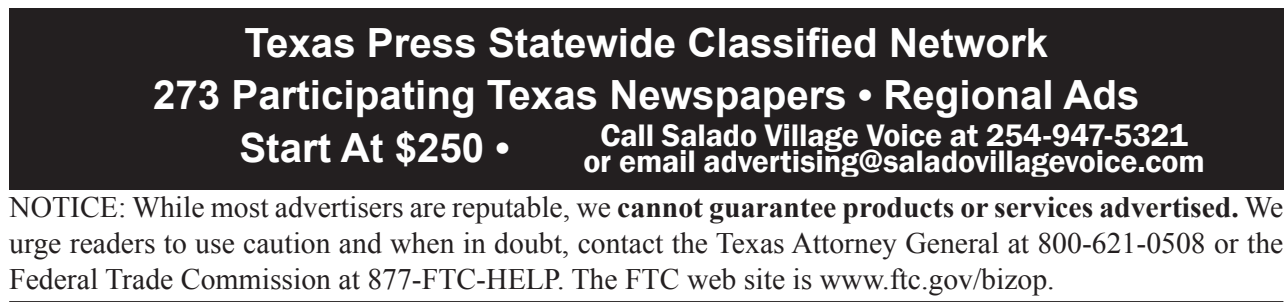
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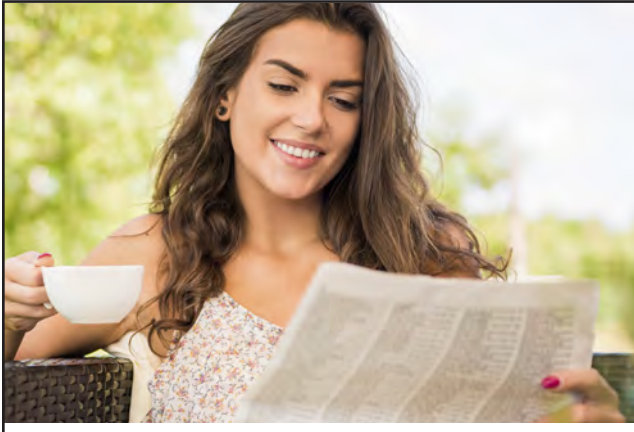
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 1500 Block FM 2268  
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 1  
 Canceled  
**11:39-12:50 a.m.**  
 Interstate 35 @ 282  
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 3  
 Motor Vehicle Accident w/  
 Injuries  
**5:21-6:16 p.m.**  
 100 Block Capps Branch Rd  
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 4  
 Fire Alarm  
**8:58 -10:10 p.m.**  
 Interstate 35 @ 281 SB  
 Apparatus: 4/Personnel: 7  
 Motor Vehicle Accident – No  
 Injuries  
**MAY 25**  
**6:54-7:28 p.m.**  
 1800 Block Williams Rd  
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 4  
 Fire Alarm – Malfunction  
**MAY 26**  
**12:16-12:32 a.m.**  
 Interstate 35 @ 280 SB

Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 4  
 Canceled  
**4:04-4:25 a.m.**  
 1800 Block Williams Rd  
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 2  
 Fire Alarm – Malfunction  
**4:46-5:30 a.m.**  
 9600 Block Norwood Dr  
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 1  
 Diabetic  
**11:10-11:34 a.m.**  
 600 Block Salado School Rd  
 Apparatus: 4/Personnel: 5  
 Electrical Wiring  
**12:35-12:46 p.m.**  
 1800 Block Williams Rd  
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 3  
 Fire Alarm – Malfunction  
**MAY 27**  
**10:24-11:18 a.m.**  
 Interstate 35 @ 279 SB  
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 4  
 Motor Vehicle Accident – No  
 Injuries  
**2:20-2:46 p.m.**  
 Interstate 35 @ 277 NB  
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 5

Vehicle Fire  
**6:11-7:16 p.m.**  
 FM 2115/Hare Rd  
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 9  
 Motor Vehicle Accident –  
 Rollover  
**MAY 28**  
**7:53-8:31 a.m.**  
 500 Block Amanda Dr  
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 2  
 Unresponsive  
**2:50-3:11 p.m.**  
 1100 Block Cacti Ln  
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 1  
 Stroke  
**10:08-10:30 p.m.**  
 9300 Block Saint Mark St  
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 11  
 Trash Fire  
**MAY 29**  
**3:59-4:25 a.m.**  
 1800 Block Williams Rd  
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 4  
 Fire Alarm – Malfunction  
**5:57-5:57 a.m.**  
 9000 Block FM 436  
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 1

Canceled  
**10:12-10:27 a.m.**  
 7500 Block FM 1670  
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 1  
 Difficulty Breathing  
**5:24-6:03 a.m.**  
 1100 Block Shady Oaks  
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 2  
**MAY 30**  
**10:56-11:32 a.m.**  
 Interstate 35 @ 282 NB  
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 6  
 Motor Vehicle Accident – No  
 Injuries  
**11:13-12:10 a.m.**  
 10000 Block Stinnett Mill Rd  
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 1  
 Assault  
**11:28-12:09 p.m.**  
 100 Block Royal St  
 Apparatus: 4/Personnel: 5  
 Diabetic  
**1:35-1:47 p.m.**  
 10000 Block Brewer Rd  
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 2  
 Sick Person



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**102 Acres | 6151 FM 1123**  
 Situated on over 5000 feet frontage of the Lampasas River. Main house is 3 bedroom / 3 bath. In ground pool and outdoor patio with grill and fireplace is the perfect getaway  
**\$1,920,000**



**1060 Ferguson**  
 Beautiful Southern curb appeal, great location, and a very livable floor plan only begin to describe this new build from White River Homes.  
**\$489,900**



**1236 Ambrose Drive, Salado**  
 Randy Taylor delivers this beautiful Austin stone home in Mill Creek Meadows. Clean, contemporary colors, open floor plan for entertaining. Come take a look today!  
**\$379,900**



**1224 Hidden Springs**  
 Treasured find on over 11 acres - 3 bedroom / 2.5 bath. Magnificent open kitchen and living area with breathtaking views of the hill country  
**\$624,900**



**109 Royal Street, Salado**  
 Excellent commercial property located in prime downtown Salado, Texas. Situated across from Barrow Brewery with high traffic.  
**\$825,000**



**1011 Ferguson Mill RD, Salado**  
 Blending Hill Country design with Southern Flair. Curb appeal, gourmet kitchen, high ceilings, open concept kitchen/living room in Salado Mill Subdivision has it all  
**\$629,900**



**1027 Ferguson Mill RD, Salado**  
 Randy Taylor delivers this beautiful Hill Country style home in Salado Mill Subdivision Community Pool included in HOA. Tall ceilings, wood beams, custom cabinetry  
**\$509,900**



**418 Creekside Meadow DR, Salado**  
 Randy Taylor brings a beautiful mix of warmth with a modern flair. The large, open living room combined with the spacious kitchen make a great home for entertaining  
**\$499,900**



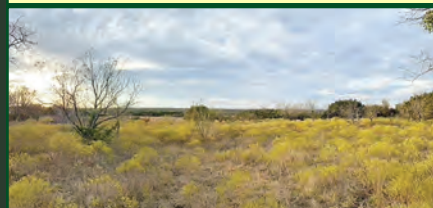
**1146 Shepherd DR, Salado**  
 One of a kind English Cottage home set in a tranquil neighborhood. Once you enter, notice the beautiful hardwood floors throughout the entire downstairs  
**\$399,500**



**11102 Oak Tree Drive**  
 Extremely rare find in Salado! This move-in ready home is good to go. Large living room, dining room, and kitchen make it perfect for all of the gathering and entertaining.  
**\$209,900**



**300 Royal Street, Salado**  
 Located in the center of Salado's hotspot is this large, climate controlled building surrounded by Salado Creek, wineries, breweries, restaurants and bed and breakfast lodgings



**Royal Ridge Subdivision**  
 Rare opportunity to purchase Hill Country acreage minutes from downtown Salado & Mill Creek Golf Course. An abundance of options: Live Oaks, small creek, beautiful bottom land, coastal pastures, hill top views



**2409 Smith Bluff RD, Salado**  
 Welcome to Mill Creek. Hidden gem on a creekside lot, views of gorgeous bluff from covered back patio. A traditional home with a one of a kind view. Come see it now  
**\$279,900**



**106 North Main 2 & 4, Salado**  
 In the heart of Salado, quaint building with lots of charm. 1,750 sq ft retail space available for lease. New floor, paint, nice restrooms recently connected to Salado sewer system  
**\$2,170**



**903 Rose Way, Salado**  
 Your chance to own this picturesque Bed and breakfast in the heart of downtown Salado  
**\$950,000**



**1915 Briar Hollow DR, Salado**  
 Stunning 4 bedroom / 2 bath home perfectly designed for you! Living room complete with tray ceiling, crown molding and beautiful fireplace  
**\$226,500**

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### LOTS

**Mackie Drive Estate Lots** - Amazing lots on a private cul-de-sac. Perfect for custom homes with trees. Starting in the \$79,900 range with 2 lots available  
**Mill Creek Meadows** - Brand new subdivision with lots on the golf course and mature trees! Starting at \$59,900 with 48 lots available  
**Mystic River** - Lots overlooking Leon River. Starting in the \$129,000 for waterfront or \$49,900 for interior lots  
**Spring Creek** - Salado's newest community. A must see subdivision off of FM2484 Lots starting at \$60,000  
**1 Lot in Mill Creek** \$29,900

### NEIGHBORHOODS

**Salado Mills** - Overlooks Salado Creek, within golf cart driving distance of Salado shopping and Mill Creek Golf Course. Premier subdivision features community pool and pavilion and is located in Salado ISD while also benefiting from a low tax rate  
**Spring Creek** - Salado's newest neighborhood, West of town on FM2484 Beautiful hardwood trees. The peaceful spot you've been searching for to build your new home. Few miles out of Salado, a short drive from Belton, Harker Heights and Georgetown.  
**Mill Creek Meadows** - Dream home on a golf course? Whether you are a golfer or just enjoy overlooking a well-maintained course from your home, Mill Creek Meadows is for you! Gated, community park within strolling distance of Mill Creek Golf Course and a golf cart ride away from Salado shopping and dining.  
**Mystic River** - Lots overlooking the Leon River. Neighborhood shaded by a canopy of Live Oak and Pecan trees, walk from your back door to your personal dock at the river bank. Watch the kids plunge into the river from the rope swing, paddle your kayak, all while centrally located between Belton and Temple.

### ACREAGE

**10 Acres** along I-35 frontage, sewage available \$1,750,000  
**30 Acres** on the Leon River, Belton  
**107 Acres** with 4,500 feet on Leon River  
**60 acres** on Lampasas River, Beautiful Trees \$1,250,000  
**102 Acres** on Lampasas River, horse ready \$1,925,000  
**11.5 Acres** off of FM2268 in Holland \$127,500  
**15 acres** 0000 Knob Creek RD, Little River-Academy \$169,900

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**7.695 acre** Investment Property in Temple off South 31st ST, \$649,900



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