



Bell County launches new vaccine waitlist

Bell County health officials launched a new waitlist this week to help ensure that no dose of the county's Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine goes to waste. This new waitlist is available on the Bell County Public Health District website <https://www.bellcounty-health.org>.

This new waitlist is separate from the county's appointment system. Instead of guaranteeing those on the list a specific dose on a specific day, it qualifies individuals to be contacted about unused doses that would otherwise be expiring after a vaccination center closes.

Local health officials estimate that, as centers approach the end of the day, there may be between 1 and 12 unclaimed vaccine doses that need to be administered. To date, those doses have been distributed through a list of direct-care providers

managed by the Bell County Public Health District. Moving forward, site managers will contact potential recipients from the waitlist.

"We will simply go down the list and try to find individuals who can be at the vaccine center within a certain amount of time," Bell County Judge David Blackburn said. "The idea is to continue the process of not wasting any vaccines, as, once a vial is opened, we only have a certain amount of time to get that vaccine into an arm and this waitlist will help ensure that we continue to get that done."

Residents are still encouraged to make vaccination appointments as they become available through the Bell County Public Health District. Getting on the waitlist does not place an individual on the appointment/booking list.

"Those appointments will undoubtedly fill up quickly, as we continue to anticipate that supply will not meet demand," Blackburn said, "and that is not just at the local level. That is at the state level and at the national level, so please continue to be both patient and vigilant."

As with making appointments, in order to be included on the new waitlist, residents are required to be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine under the current 1A or 1B guidelines from Texas Department of State Health Services.

"Texas has done better than any state in the nation in vaccinating its population, and Bell County has contributed to that success," Blackburn said. "We'll continue to do our part in vaccinating as we have vaccines made available to us."



Tennis Anyone?

Salado has four new tennis courts, located next to Salado's Middle School. When not in school use, they are available for the public. One local group is in the process of setting up a possible community league. The Getting Started date is scheduled for 10 a.m. Jan. 30. If you have an interest in tennis, whether as a beginner, intermediate or advanced player) please do at least one of the following: (1) Arrive at the courts Jan. 30 for the "Get Acquainted Kick-off" beginning at 10 a.m. (2) Fill out and return online form at "Salado People" via Facebook. (3) Call or text Ray Don McIntosh (shown above) at 254-760-4081. For the initial "Kick-Off," tennis balls will be furnished. Bring your own racket and drinks. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Filing to run in local elections will end Feb. 12

Filing for a place on the ballot in local elections began Jan. 13 and will continue through Feb. 12. The Village of Salado, Salado Independent School District and Salado Public Library District will hold joint elections on May 1.

The last day to file as a write-in candidate in any of these races is Feb. 16.

Candidate packets are available at each of the political subdivision offices.

Requirements/qualifications to serve on a local political subdivision governing body are residence in the state for one year prior to the filing deadline and six months in the territory prior to election day, age 18 and must be a registered voter in the territory elected from by the filing deadline.

The Village of Salado will elect three aldermen for two-year terms. Those terms are currently filled by Dr. Am-

ber Preston-Dankert, Rodney Bell and John Cole. As of presstime, Bell has filed an application to run for re-election and D. Jasen Graham has filed for election. Preston-Dankert has moved outside the boundaries of the Village and cannot run for re-election. Cole stated that he has not yet decided whether to file for re-election.

Two three-year terms on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees will be decided in

the May 1 election. Dr. BA White and Jim Hodgin currently fill those terms and both have filed for re-election.

Three two-year terms on the Salado Public Library District Board of Directors will be decided in the May 1 election. They are currently filled by Joycelyn Miller, Barbara Morris and Emmy Alvarez. No one has filed for election.

The last day to register to

vote in the May 1 election is April 1.

The Village's General Election will be part of a joint election held with the Salado ISD and the Salado Public Library District.

Election Day will be Saturday, May 1, 2021. The election day polling place will be the Salado Civic Center where the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will also be con-

ducted at the Salado Civic Center.

Early voting hours are the following:

Monday, April 19, 2021, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.;

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, through Friday, April 23, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

Saturday, April 24, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.;

Monday, April 26, 2021, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.;

Tuesday, April 27, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Village to bring in outside counsel on Sanctuary

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen at their Jan. 21 meeting unanimously authorized Village Administrator Don Ferguson to draft a scope of work for outside legal counsel to review Sanctuary documents that were signed by Billie Hanks and then-mayor Skip Blancett on Nov. 25, 2015.

The scope of work, according to Ferguson would be for "independent legal counsel to perform a forensic autopsy of the agreements. There are more than 200 pages of those agreements, which outline tax rebates, design concessions and other incentives for the 297-acre mixed use property.

"These were adopted years ago," Ferguson said. "None of us were part of that process. Others were on that board that are no longer on this board. There are certain obligations from those agreements that are going to come before this board in the coming months. It makes good business sense" to examine the agreements.

Ferguson said he has solicited three law firms that specialize in development and municipal law and has received proposals from two of them.

Ferguson told aldermen that Sanctuary developers were in contact with the Village "to get going." He added that the developers wanted to meet the new mayor. "It was a good and very frank discus-

sion, a good starting point," Ferguson said.

Mayor Michael Coggin said that his goal in the meeting was to "make sure that Sanctuary knows that their lack of pursuit of starting work when they were supposed to has dramatically impacted our status and taxes, because we had to shoulder these expenses. At this point, we want this development to be treated the way every other development has been. It has to be good for Salado and good for the developer."

"I was here. Look at the way I voted," Alderman Amber Preston-Dankert said. "We were guided by people who aren't here anymore. There are a bunch of issues. It was a one-sided argument and one-sided agreement. What can the Village do if they have not started and have not gotten things done. We haven't had the opportunity to go back and look at it."

"The Mayor at the time said he was not interested in looking at it," Ferguson said, "I don't know why."

"This was so one-sided. I can't believe anyone would vote for it, but maybe that is just me," Alderman Paul Cox said.

Alderman Cole gave the motion for the expenditure and scope of work that passed unanimously.

Salado mayor Skip Blancett and landowner Billie Hanks, Jr. signed into effect on Nov. 25, 2015 more than 200 pages of agreements and

a 12 page Warranty Deed. The board of aldermen approved the agreements following a two-hour executive session on Nov. 19.

The agreements form the basis for a partnership of sorts between the Village and the Sanctuary in which the developers and property owners of the proposed 297 acre mixed use development agree to have all of their properties brought into the Village limits in return for concessions on property and hotel motel taxes as well as guarantees for sewer service.

As part of the agreements, property owner Billy Hanks donated six acres of property on the northeastern portion of the 297 acres to the village to house the wastewater plant.

The Village also constructed the collection system for the plant, except for the collection system on the property that will become the Sanctuary Development.

The Village will provide the treated effluent to the Sanctuary through a Chapter 380 Economic Development grant. The Developer will have to apply for beneficial reuse of the effluent and will do so at its sole cost, according to the Wastewater agreement. The period for the reuse of the effluent is 15 years from the "from the date of recordation of the last Subdivision Plat for the Property," according to the Wastewater Agreement.

Annexation is referenced in the Master Development

and Wastewater Agreements. The properties were annexed into the Village in 2016. The property owners will continue to claim the agricultural use exemptions for property tax until "such time as they are developed," with the exception of the 53-acre tract of land on I-35 that included the Wildfire Ranch Arena (since torn down), which are taxed as commercial property.

By approving the Master Development Agreement, the Village confirmed "its approval of the Conceptual Master Plan and specifically approves the land uses, densities, exceptions, utility and roadway alignments and width of rights-of-way shown in the Conceptual Master Plan, Land Use Chart and the Exceptions and Minimum Specifications. The Exceptions and Minimum Specifications comprise 14 pages of the 68 page Master Development Agreement.

One of the exceptions to the local ordinances includes an exception concerning the dedication of parkland as required by the Subdivision Ordinance because Sanctuary will have private parks, private trails and private green-space.

The Land Uses Master Plan outlines the following general use categories and specifications, which can be amended by as much as 20 percent without further approval:

- Commercial (e.g. office, retail, restaurants, etc.): 515,000 heated sq. ft.

- Entertainment Venue: 40,000 heated sq. ft.

- Lodging: 355 rooms.

- Multi-family (multi-story including senior housing and rental): 575 units.

- Multi-Family (for sale including condos, townhouse and duplexes): 130 units.

- Single Family (for sale): 364 units.

- Parking Garage: 500 spaces

Approving the Master Development Agreement also approved the road design standards identified in the Conceptual Master Plan and includes roadway connections to the following Village roads: Royal Street, College Hill Drive, Baines Street, Santa Maria Road, San Jose Road, Salado Oaks Drive, Main Street and FM 2268.

The Design Guidelines referred to in the Master Development Agreement states that the Developer will provide design guidelines to the "Village of Salado prior to the first preliminary plat."

The Chapter 380 Economic Development agreement outlines 15 years of tax rebates for commercial properties. It states that the owners will receive rebates equal "to the annual Property Tax Receipts actually received by the Village associated with such development (if any) less the amount of Property Tax Receipts in the Base Tax Year for the property associated with such development," multiplied by 50 percent.

The property taxes will be rebated for a period of 15 years "from the recording date of the last Subdivision as designed by the Village of Salado Subdivision Ordinance No. 2009.02 or the 15th anniversary date of the last certificate of occupancy issues for a commercial building, whichever is the last to occur."

The Chapter 380 agreement also includes Rollback Grants for periodic economic development grants "equal to 100 percent of the Rollback Taxes to offset the portion of the Owner's cost of development of the Land." Rollback Taxes are defined in the Chapter 380 agreement as "the tax and/or penalty assessed against the Land, or operation thereof, as the result of the removal or agricultural and/or open space land designation(s) for the Land."

Property that is appraised as Ag Use is valued on its capacity to produce agricultural products, not the market value of the land. According to the article entitled "Ag-use Exemption: Fact or Fiction?" by Judon Farmbrough in the Tierra Grande, the Real Estate Center Journal, "This is determined by capitalizing the average net income that the land would have been earned during the past five years using prudent agricultural management practices."

The chief appraiser will also appraise the land at its SEE SANCTUARY, PAGE 3A

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

Sales of existing homes hits highest mark since '06; home construction starts up

The Markets

Despite a week with more scary news about the pandemic and the labor situation in the U.S., the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) rose 1.94% to close at 3841.47. The week's gain put the index up 2.27% in the three weeks since the beginning of the year and nearly 9.5% since the election. As we have often said, markets don't particularly care who gets elected but like to see the election over with. The CRSP US Mid-Cap Value Index sagged 0.31% but remains ahead of the broad market, having risen 3.49% year-to-date. That indicates that in the last week the ten or so super-large growth stocks that led the SPX most of last year are again surging. Even the commentators who were on the fence late last year are now voicing concerns that speculators are driving the S&P 500 to unrealistic heights.

The yield on the benchmark ten-year U.S. Treasury note did not join the S&P 500's soar toward the sky but sagged about 3% to end the week yielding 1.086%, still holding above the 1% barrier but drifting downward in volatile trading. Moody's Analytics reported that large influxes of foreign investment are pouring into the Treasury market here, tending to lower rates, while domestic holders of Treasury securities are selling to get cash for stock investing, pushing interest rates upward. Year-to-date, the yield on the 10-year note has risen over 18%, signaling that bond investors are optimistic about economic growth. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) agreed with the bond market, sagging just a bit to \$51.97 but remained up about 7.4% for 2021.

The Economy

The lead economic news for the week was the Labor Department's announcement that there were 960,668 new claims for un-

Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



employment insurance in the U.S. for the week ending January 16. The seasonally adjusted number was better at 900,000, but is suspect in this unusual situation, and both were a bit lower than the previous week, but much higher than we saw in October and November. Anecdotal evidence continues to point to the pandemic as the culprit. Moody's is now forecasting a drop to 5.8% unemployment by the end of 2021 and 4.2% by mid 2022.

Despite the number of layoffs in the economy, IHS Markit announced on Friday that their flash index of manufacturing activity rose to 59.1, the highest reading in more than a decade, while the service sector index rose to 57.5. Numbers above 50 indicate growth while readings below 50 suggest contraction. While the total activity in both sectors remains well below where it was a year ago, business recovery appears to be in full stride in the U.S. as manufacturers reported a "renewed and solid rise" in new export orders in January while service providers were seeing slowing orders as the number of COVID-19 cases surged.

In another bright spot, sales of existing homes rose to the highest level since 2006 while U.S. home construction starts also rose in December to their best level since the housing bubble in 2006. The difference this time around is that bank lending practices are tight and mortgage interest rates remain at historical lows. Residential housing starts rose 5.8% to nearly 140,000 in December, an annualized rate of 1.67 million. Meanwhile, applications to build

new homes increased 4.5% for the month, another high dating back to 2006. Builders did cite a dramatic rise in the cost of materials and a critical shortage of qualified, skilled workers, like licensed electricians and plumbers, as a potential bottleneck to future growth. They also noted that buyers seem to be ready with substantial down payments and desirous of purchasing larger homes with larger lots than in the past. Sales of existing homes are up an astounding 22% from a year ago to an annualized rate of 6.76 million as the average new 30-year fixed mortgage rate was 2.77%, down from 3.6% a year ago. The median existing-home price rose 12.9% in December from a year earlier to about \$300,000, a new record.

Moody's Analytics Back-to-Normal Index continues to hover around 80, indicating that the overall U.S. economy remains down about 20% from where it was as the pandemic began. The good news is that we seem to have adapted to the surging infection rates and hospitalizations far better than has Europe where the numbers suggest the EU and UK are sliding back into recession. The not-so-good news is that the COVID variant that already dominates in Europe is here and growing. In the UK the death rate from the new, more infectious variant is now being reported to be 30% to 40% higher than before. The race is on to see if we can get enough people vaccinated before the new mutation hits us economically and if our behavior can hold it at bay pending those vaccinations. Only time will tell.

Let's get to work to provide actual property tax relief

By DAVID BLACKBURN
BELL COUNTY JUDGE

As one of 254 County Judges across the State of Texas, I congratulate the state Senators and Representatives on becoming a member of the 87th Session of the Texas Legislature. It is indeed a high honor and privilege that you have been entrusted with. Thank you for embracing it and for your service.

During the 86th Session, the Legislature took significant steps to reform the property tax system: changes to the appraisal process, streamlining taxing entities tax rate approval process, and improving transparency in tax rate development. During the 86th Session, you did a heavy legislative lift reforming the appraisal system. Thank you for those reforms. Texas, and Texans, are better for them.

During the 87th Session, it is time to actually cut individual and business property taxes.

As you know, County Commissioners Courts' only implement the property tax system that you authorize. We are your partners and use the processes you created. We stand ready to work with you again, but the priority should be significant property tax cuts

for homeowners and small business.

To this end, the Governor should make the following property tax cut proposals emergency items and the Legislature should pass them without delay:

First, give counties more options for property tax relief for residents and businesses. The legislature should authorize counties to have the ability to offer fixed dollar exemptions to residential homesteads, an option for business property tax relief, and revenue options outside of property taxes.

Second, the State should use its significant amount of COVID-19 federal funds to offer homeowners and small businesses one-time grants for mortgage or property tax assistance. Just like the small business grants and rental assistance programs counties across the state have offered, homeowners and small businesses deserve direct relief from the State too.

Third, the State needs to pay for day-to-day operating costs for public education ("M&O"). This would result in everyone's property tax bill being cut by more than half. So, if you just wrote a check to your County Tax Assessor for \$4,000, next year you would write

it for less than \$2,000. This property tax relief is for everyone - individuals and businesses.

Currently, Texas has the 13th highest property tax among all 50 states. If the State paid for daily M&O of the public schools, Texas would drop into the lowest ranks of the states in terms of property taxes paid. I believe that the State can replace the property tax reductions by simply looking at increased revenue from the approximately thirty other taxes currently collected and by reviewing current exemptions.

Let me be clear that I am not wanting overall tax revenue to be increased. I am in no way suggesting any consideration of a personal income tax. Neither do I support an increase in the State's general sales and use tax percentage. But, I do believe there is a way forward. The question is whether there is a will.

I believe that the three suggestions above offer a path forward toward mitigating the current pressure many of our constituents are facing. In addition to these fixes, I believe counties across the State stand ready to work with you to fix our broken property tax system. Welcome back - now let's get to work.

An autopsy on Sanctuary

Dear Editor:

Finally! The new mayor and Board of Aldermen have agreed to perform a legal "autopsy" on what most folks now realize was a terrible one-sided agreement with Sanctuary. Time will tell what will become of their recovery effort to renegotiate lousy aspects of the agreement, which are everywhere.

Citizens should have a huge problem with City Manager Don Ferguson setting the scope of work for attorneys, which he intends to limit to reviewing the contracts only (already been done before) - to protect himself and those who hired him, keeping the lid on all things past and preventing those involved from getting into legal hot water.

What really needs to occur is that the scope of forensic work needs to be vastly expanded to include looking at meeting minutes, closed session minutes and notes, emails (both public and private), texts, phone logs, undisclosed conflicts of interest; and conducting interviews/depositions with former city manager Kim Foutz (fired), former city secretary Mary Ann Ray (retired), former police chief Jack Hensley (fired), former Chief of Police Rick Ashe, investment officer Dan Nixon, and any others who may have knowledge as to what happened but are no longer here.

In other words, whoever is chosen should fully assess and determine what

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led elected Salado Officials to sell their souls to Sanctuary - because no reasonable person acting on behalf of the people would sign on to such a rotten deal.

This should not be a cursory legal exercise that protects city hall. This should be a comprehensive forensic investigation that protects citizens and taxpayers.

If there is malfeasance demonstrated, then the entirety of the agreements must be invalidated and those officials involved in giving Sanctuary everything it wanted with nothing in return and no development deliverables must be held to account in a court of law under Chapter 39 of the Texas Penal Code (Abuse of Office).

King Copeland
Dallas, Texas

Dear Editor:

Buckle up, it's gonna be a rough ride...About 25 years ago I put a pile of papers on my desk corner documenting dishonorable drug company practices. As the pile grew, visiting salesmen looked apprehensively at the stack hoping their company was not included - most were. The dishonorable practices coincided with the growing influence of company accountants, i.e., CFOs, much like their simi-

lar rise in banks prior to the Bush 43 administration's disruption of the housing industry. (One banker said that was caused when the "smart" people (Quants) went into finance instead of math and science. Company reps called their equivalents "bean counters".)

Historically, branded drug prices decreased over time even though there was "fixing" among competitors, but after company acquisitions and consolidations, prices escalated. The FDA accommodated companies to retain patent protection - thus high prices - even for dangerous and deadly drugs and their competitors. (Killer drugs like Propulsid, Bextra and Vioxx were approved and left on the market by the FDA up until patent expiry, and most recently, FDA's relationship with the makers and distributors of opioids has resulted in thousands of deaths.)

Enter the Internet...In addition to people crossing the Mexican and Canadian border for cheaper international drugs, patients were buying on-line from wherever. As an adviser to my insurer clients, I warned them that their members were at risk for adverse events and incompatibilities that could create

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market value. Then, according to Farmbrough's article, "If the land is sold or diverted to a non-agricultural use, the difference between the two appraisals" for the past five years, plus interest, must be recaptured. This is what is referred to as the Rollback Taxes in the Chapter 380 Economic Development agreement.

Additionally, the agreements include verbiage concerning Future Phases in which it states that the Village "shall look favorably in good faith on extending the existing economic incentives" for the future Phase Two Entertainment District which will consist of an approximately 1,800 to 2,500 seat additional music venue and multi-story parking garage. However, the agreement is not binding on this future development.

The agreements signed by then-Mayor Blancett and Billie Hanks, Jr. included a Tourism Marketing Agreement in which 50 % of the hotel occupancy taxes generated by the Sanctuary will be rebated to the development to promote the property for overnight stays. The Tourism Marketing Agreement shall "continue for a period of 15 calendar years from the Opening Date of the last Venue opened to the public by the Owners."

The agreements also state that the Village will support the formation of Public Improvement District for financing the construction of infrastructure.

Bridge weds Sutton January 16

Jessica Bridge of Belton and Chet Sutton of Salado were united in marriage on January 16, 2021 at the groom's parents' house in Salado.

The bride is the daughter of the late Debbie Beaty of Belton and the late Randy Bridge of Palm Springs. Her stepfather is Montie Beaty (and wife Grace) of Kempner.

The groom is the son of Elwood and Beverly Sutton of Salado.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Salado High School. He is the President and owner of CBS Construction in Salado.

The bride is a graduate of University of Mary Hardin Baylor. She is the Bell



Mr. and Mrs. Chet and Jessica Sutton

County Administrative Court Coordinator. The couple will reside in Salado.

Bell County Newcomers Club seeks new Members for 2021

The Bell County Newcomers Club, Inc., is looking for new members and extends a warm welcome to ladies that are new (within the past three years) to Bell County and the surrounding areas. The group also welcomes ladies that have just retired, are recent empty nesters, or have experienced another life change within the past three years and would like to connect with other ladies. Check out the Bell County Newcomers Club at www.bellcountynewcomers.com

Some Newcomers Club activities have been suspended due to COVID-19. Upcoming planned activities for February activities are these:
 Feb. 1: Chat N Canasta
 Feb. 2: Monthly Luncheon & Popcorn Bridge
 Feb. 8: Bookworms.
 Feb. 9: Tuesday Canasta
 Feb 12: TGIF Lunch
 Feb. 15: Monday Canasta
 Feb. 16: Bunco & Snack Time Mah Jongg

Feb. 17: Popcorn Bridge
 Feb. 18: Meet & Greet Coffee
 Feb. 19: Trailblazers
 Feb. 23: Virtual Happy Hour
 Feb. 24: Fun Lunch.
 For information on joining, contact Cheryl Davis at ctdavis44@yahoo.com and for information about activities, contact Carolyn Webster at 404-791-4849 or email bobcar28@gmail.com.

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Obituaries

JOHNNY R. LOPEZ
 Johnny R. Lopez, 66, of Davilla, died Friday, January 22, 2021, at his home. The family will received friends for visitation from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at the Dossman Funeral Home Chapel. Johnny R. Lopez was born May 4, 1954, in Tay-

lor, the son of Ignacio and Ramona (Ybarra) Lopez. He grew up in Salado and graduated from Salado High School. He worked for HEB at the downtown HEB in Belton, at the 31st Street location and the current HEB in Belton. He also owned his own upholstery shop. He married Traci Street May 9, 2019 in Temple.

Mr. Lopez was preceded in death by his father, one brother David and his father-in-law. Survivors include his wife Traci Lopez of Davilla, his mother Ramona Lopez of Temple, four daughters Morgan Rabel and Jenna Rabel both of Davilla, Tamecia Dutton and Julie McElwath both of Waco: three brothers Michael Lopez of Temple, Albert Lopez of Salado and Ignacio Lopez, Jr. of Belton; and three grandchildren.

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The Central Texas Orchestral Society announces a Spring series of four concerts in 2021, beginning with a virtual performance by the Aizuri Quartet at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30. To buy season memberships or individual tickets to the concerts, visit <https://www.ctosarts.org/concertseries.html> or call 254-773-9926.

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DPS Reminder: DL Expiration Waiver Ends in April

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding the public the waiver on expiration dates for driver licenses (DLs) and identification cards (IDs) ends on April 14, 2021. Customers who need to renew are urged to make an appointment or renew online today.

The waiver, granted by Governor Greg Abbott in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, applied to DLs, commercial DLs, commercial learner permits, ID cards and election identification certificates that expired on or after March 13, 2020.

“Driver License employees have worked diligently to help Texans during challenging times and should be commended for their dedication,” said DPS Director

Steven McCraw. “The Driver License Division has innovated to better serve constituents by implementing a new appointment solution to improve services and by providing extended hours at several locations across the state.”

Online renewals still a convenient option

Many Texans are eligible to skip the trip to the office entirely by renewing their DL/ID card or changing their address online at Texas.gov. Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-DL-RENEW (1-866-357-3639). The requirements and cost for online and phone renewal are the same as in-person transactions.

Expanded office hours

To assist customers needing in-office DL services, designated high-volume offices are offering expanded hours from 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Scheduling an appoint-

ment

Services at driver license offices are now conducted by appointment only. To schedule an appointment or check availability, visit the online appointment scheduler. If you are unable to find an appointment at the office of your choice, check back for availability at that office or other locations nearby. Please check often as availability does change.

If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment, please reschedule or cancel it ahead of time. While the department is working to serve as many customers as possible, people with appointments not showing up continues to be a major obstacle. In December 2020, for example, approximately 31% of people were no-shows for their appointments.

The appointment system, which debuted in May 2020, is designed to provide additional convenience, reducing the time Texans wait in line. Customers can

book appointments for a specific day and time, up to six months in advance, and show up 30 minutes or less before their scheduled time. Customers can check-in using the kiosk inside the office or from their mobile device.

All offices offer a limited number of same-day appointments. These appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Customers who book these appointments can leave the DL office until their designated time.

Additionally, most offices also offer customers without an appointment a spot on a “standby” list. These customers are required to wait in the office and are assisted in the event of a cancellation or no-show. The number of standby appointments available is limited to ensure all customers who are placed on the list will be served by the end of the day.

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serious medical problems. They said, “Fix it”, and I did. I flew to Canada and set up a relationship with an ethical pharmacy group and helped them develop technology to interface with my claims processor in order to maintain complete patient profiles for electronic protective mechanisms. I chose Canada for two reasons - they spoke English, and drug quality was assured because Canada funded citizens’ medical care. Not so in the U.S., where fraudulent drugs sometimes entered the distribution system. Patients and insurers saved thousands through Canadian purchases, and when the companies shorted supplies to Canadian pharmacies, we expanded to include Israel and other advanced countries. Big Pharma was not happy, and after initially saying I was doing nothing wrong, industry pressure forced FDA to change its tune, sending me a “Warning Letter”. Not to be outdone the Texas State Board of Pharmacy sent me a “cease and desist” letter based on an anonymous

complaint. I responded to both, and after these fifteen years, I have as yet to hear back from either. After most “blockbuster” brands became generic, and Bush 43 and Greenspan “killed the dollar”, importation was no longer advantageous.

With fewer widespread diseases they could invent to promote their sales, the drug manufacturing cartel joined with the Bush 43 administration to develop a Medicare Drug Benefit, which allowed increased volume and prices while subsidizing big PBMs like Medco and Express Scripts. Side benefits were FDA’s receptiveness to approve specialty drugs costing thousands of dollars, thus helping further the “conservatives” dream of bankrupting Medicare.

Now the drug cartel is attacking the last consumer refuge - generic drug prices. After another unfulfilled Trump promise - the lowering of drug costs - generic prices are steadily increasing, and some are dramatic. Prices at big box stores

for the generic of a widely used thyroid drug went from \$4 for a 90 day supply a few years ago to \$10 last year and to more than \$50 this January. Today the brand name costs about \$200 per hundred - two dollars per tablet. Thirty years ago, as a purchaser for the Scott and White Health Plan Pharmacy, I bought the brand name of this drug for about \$2 per hundred and the generic for \$1. These new increases were enabled because the FDA cooperated with manufacturers to require New Drug Applications for this and some that had been used successfully for hundreds of years and were on formularies. There is no legitimate reason for these types of increases, but this is only the tip of the iceberg. Hundreds more such increases are in the pipeline. Canada is once again looking favorable to this old man.

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Salado Village Guide

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Make plans for Valentine's in Salado

Salado's fine dining restaurants have announced their plans for Valentine's Weekend and suggest that patrons call early for reservations.

Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen will have special seatings available for Valentine's Day (Sunday, Feb. 14) at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. with a Prix Fixe four course dinner along with optional wine pairings. Call 254-947-3828 for reservations.

First course will be Smoked Duck breast, foie butter, brioche, huckleberry jam. Wine pairing will be Sparkling Rosé

Second course: Dungeness Crab bisque with sherry, crème fraiche and caviar or Chopped Salad of julienne iceberg, baby spinach and radicchio, red onion, mushrooms, olives, bacon, blue cheese, croutons, lemon basil dressing, and crispy onions. Wine pairing is an Ely Sauvignon Blanc, Paso Robles, CA

Entree course will be a choice of the following:
Pan seared filet of Beef "Oscar Style", grilled asparagus, lump crab, hollandaise, duchess potatoes. Wine pairing will be a Juggernaut Pinot Noir

Love Birds Duo of Crispy Duck breast and grilled Lockhart quail, over French lentils, smoked mushrooms, cherry port reduction. Wine pairing will be a Daou Pinot Noir

Seared Diver Scallops, English pea risotto, smoked tomato beurre blanc, caviar. Wine pairing will be a Phantom Chardonnay by Bogle

Dessert will be your choice of Death by chocolate cake with crème anglaise or a trio of chocolate covered strawberries. Wine pairing will be Cockburns Fine Tawny Port.

The cost for the Prix Fixe Dinner is \$69.95 per guest. The supplemental Wine Pairing is \$30 per guest.

The Prix Fixe menu will be available on Friday and Saturday Feb. 12-13 with full table participation, in addition to the regular Alexander's full menu.

Stagecoach Inn restaurant will have a special Valentines Menu for Sunday, Feb. 14 featuring four courses for \$55 per person, Children 12 and under are \$26 per child.

The menu will include a first course of the 1861 Hushpuppies & Whipped Honey Butter.

Second Course will be your choice of Spinach Strawberry Salad, Candied Pecans, Onions, Radish, with Red Wine Vinaigrette; or Roasted Beet Salad, Pomegranate Seed, Orange Supremes, Arugula, Feta & Balsamic Reduction or a Lobster Bisque with Chive Oil, Poached Lobster.



(STOCK PHOTO)

Get your sweet tooth ready, Valentine's Day is coming!

Entree Course will be a choice of the following:

Beef Tenderloin with Bordelaise, Creamy Onion Soubise and Crispy Herb Fingerlings

Half Roasted Cornish Hen, Potato Gnocchi, Tarragon Cream Sauce, Charred Tomatoes, Toasted Almonds, Snap Peas

Seared Tuna Steak with Grilled Radicchio, White Bean Ragout & Citrus Gremolata

Dessert course will be a choice of the famous Stagecoach Strawberry Kiss, a Roasted Pear Mille Feuilles or a Chocolate Bundt Cake with Raspberry Coulis.

Stagecoach Inn is also having a Southern Sweethearts Giveaway leading up to Valentine's Day. Register by emailing your name and number to tiffany@stagecoachsalado.com to enter the drawing. The winner will receive an overnight stay at Stagecoach Inn, along with Sirena fest and MerMagic swag donated by

The Well on Rock Creek.

The Barton House Southern Eatery & Steakhouse will feature a menu of aphrodisiacs for Valentines Weekend. The Prix Fixe Menu is available by reservation 5-10 p.m. Feb. 12-14 for \$75 per person.

It includes appetizers of Oysters; Tuna Avocado; Early Peas & Ricotta Gnocchi and Fabada Asturiana (Spanish dish of braised meats, morcilla & fabada beans).

Entree Course will be your choice of

Lobster with vanilla, citrus & parsnips

Rack of lamb, pistachio, preserved lemon, falafel, chermoula potatoes

Fillet of beef, Perigord sauce, potatoes rosti

Chicken ballotine with foie gras, veloute of mushrooms & celery root, early spring carrots

Vegetarian Option of Mushroom Risotto with mascarpone and celery root.

Dessert will be Dessert Checkers or Chocolate Strawberry Truffles.

Inn at Salado and The Barton House are offering a Special Valentine's weekend package good for Feb. 12-14. It includes dinner for two at The Barton House and an overnight stay at the Inn at Salado with a bottle of bubbles in the room for \$300 (plus tax and gratuity). Reserve your room and dinner now by calling (254) 947-0027 or (254) 630-0630 or emailing reservations.inn.at.salado@gmail.com.

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Salado Calendar of Events

Mondays

Floor practice at Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 95 S. Church St., 6:30 p.m. except on Stated Meeting nights. Trivia every Monday at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Tuesday Night Prix Fixe at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen. \$14.95 for entree, dessert and glass of wine. Prix Fixe menu changes weekly.

Visit Alexander's Facebook page for weekly updates on Prix Fixe.

Wednesdays

Guest food truck night at Barrow Brewing Co. Tastes of the World at The Barton House Restaurant, 5-9 p.m. \$14.99 per person. Menu changes each week. Call 254-947-0441 for more information.

Thursdays

Open Mic Night with Dustin Brown, 6 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

Run4Beer Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co.

Fridays

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7 p.m.

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

Saturdays

Bikes and Brews, 9 a.m. Barrow Brewing Co.

Baked at the Brewery will have fresh-made cinnamon rolls for sale, beginning at 10 a.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer and Kitchen, 7 p.m.

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

Sundays

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

January 28

Bell County Emergency Services District #1 Board of Commissioners meeting, 2 p.m. at Salado Fire Station #2, 3520 FM 2484.

January 28

Annual Membership Meeting of Salado Water Supply Corporation, 6:30 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

January 28-29

Date Night Blow Your Own Bowl Together. Visit saladoglassworks.com for reservations.

January 29

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St., 6 p.m. Anthony Garcia.

January 29-30

Salado Glassworks Valentine's Blow Your Own event. Visit saladoglassworks.com for reservations.

January 30

New community tennis league gathering at the new Salado ISD tennis courts on Williams Rd. Meeting is at 10 a.m. If you have an interest in tennis, whether as a beginner, intermediate or advanced player please do at least one of the following: attend the meeting, fill out online form that can be found on Facebook via Salado People group or call or text Ray Don McIntosh at 254-760-4081. For the initial "Kick-Off," tennis balls will be furnished. Please bring your own racket and drinks.

January 31

Salado Starlets Dance Team prep classes, 2-4 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary 3 Gymnasium. Come check out what being a Salado High School Starlet is all about. Open to all incoming eight through 11th grade students. Dress attire for the pre classes will be Any Salado shirt or white shirt, black shorts or pants, tennis shoes, hair in ponytail. Masks and social distancing will be enforced. Tryouts will be March 22-27.

January 31

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St., 4 p.m. Sophia Johnson.

February 4

Village of Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Link will be posted at saladotx.gov 72 hours before meeting.

February 4-5

Date Night Blow Your Own Bowl Together. Visit saladoglassworks.com for reservations.

February 5

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St., 6 p.m. Smokin' Maxx.

February 5

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Britton Ryeatt.

February 5-6

Salado Glassworks Valentine's Blow Your Own event. Visit saladoglassworks.com for reservations.

February 6

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St., 6 p.m. Duane Mark.

February 6

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 8 p.m. Brandon Kent.

February 11

Salado Ladies Community League monthly meeting at Salado church of Christ, 217 N. Stagecoach Rd. at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments followed by a short business meeting and program at 10. Everyone is welcome. Call Karen Kowaleski at 718-1418 for more information.

February 11

Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 6:30-9:30 p.m., featuring the flavors of Scandinavia. Five courses and pairings include Lutefisk, Smorrebrod, Meatballs with Lingonberry, Faroe Island salmon and a Dessert of Semla, a Swedish cream bun. \$79.95 per guest, limited seating. Tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/destination-scandinavia-around-the-world-dinner-series-tickets-132163918839>.

February 11-12

Date Night Blow Your Own Bowl Together. Visit saladoglassworks.com for reservations.

February 12

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St., 6 p.m. Giulia Millanta duo.

February 12

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Kyle Mathis.

February 12-13

Salado Glassworks Valentine's Blow Your Own event. saladoglassworks.com for reservations.

February 12-13

Salado Market Days 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event.

February 12-14

Valentine's weekend in Salado. Book your favorite Inn and Restaurant now as space will be limited.

February 13

Tour of Gault site, leaving from Bell County Museum on Main St. Belton. Tickets are \$10/person; kids 10 years and under are free. All proceeds go to the Gault School of Archaeological Research. Registration is available on the museum website and payment can be made over the phone with the museum using a credit card.

February 13

Asana & Ales Yoga at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St., 10 a.m.

February 13

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St., 6 p.m. Hudson Road.

February 13

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 8 p.m. Joe Savage.

February 13-14

Salado Market Days 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event.

February 14

Special Valentine's Day menu at The Barton House Restaurant in Salado. Menu of Aphrodisiacs will include Oysters and Tuna Avocado appetizer; entree choice of Lobster; Rack of Lamb, Fillet of Beef or Chicken Ballotine with Foie Gras and Dessert of Dessert Checkers or Chocolate Strawberry Truffles. \$75 per person. Reservations at 254-947-0441.

February 18

Village of Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Link will be posted at saladotx.gov 72 hours before meeting.

February 19

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St., 6 p.m. Keresene Pipedreams.

February 19

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Calamity Janes acoustic duo.

February 19-20

Blow Your Own beer mugs, glassware for Saint Patrick's Day. Reservations at saladoglassworks.com.

February 20

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St., 6 p.m. Mary Charlotte Young.

February 20

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 8 p.m. Jason Herin.

February 21

Salado Starlets Dance Team prep classes, 2-4 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary 3 Gymnasium. Open to all incoming eight through 11th grade students. Dress attire for the pre classes will be Any Salado shirt or white shirt, black shorts or pants, tennis shoes, hair in ponytail. Masks and social distancing will be enforced. Tryouts will be March 22-27.



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Second
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or
Chopped Salad
Julienne iceberg, baby spinach and radicchio, red onion, mushrooms, olives, bacon, blue cheese, croutons, lemon basil dressing, and crispy onions
Ely Sauvignon Blanc, Paso Robles, CA

Third
Pan seared filet of Beef "Oscar Style", grilled asparagus, lump crab, hollandaise, duchess potatoes
Juggernaut Pinot Noir

Love Birds
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Daou Pinot Noir

or
Seared Diver Scallops, English pea risotto, smoked tomato beurre blanc, caviar
Phantom Chardonnay by Bogle

Dessert
Death by chocolate cake with crème anglaise
or
Trio of Chocolate covered strawberries
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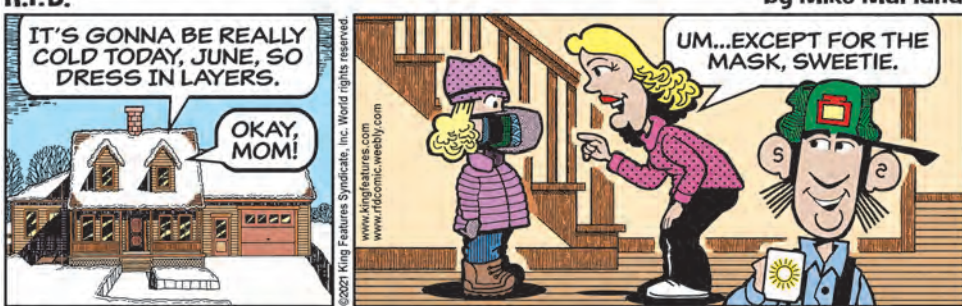
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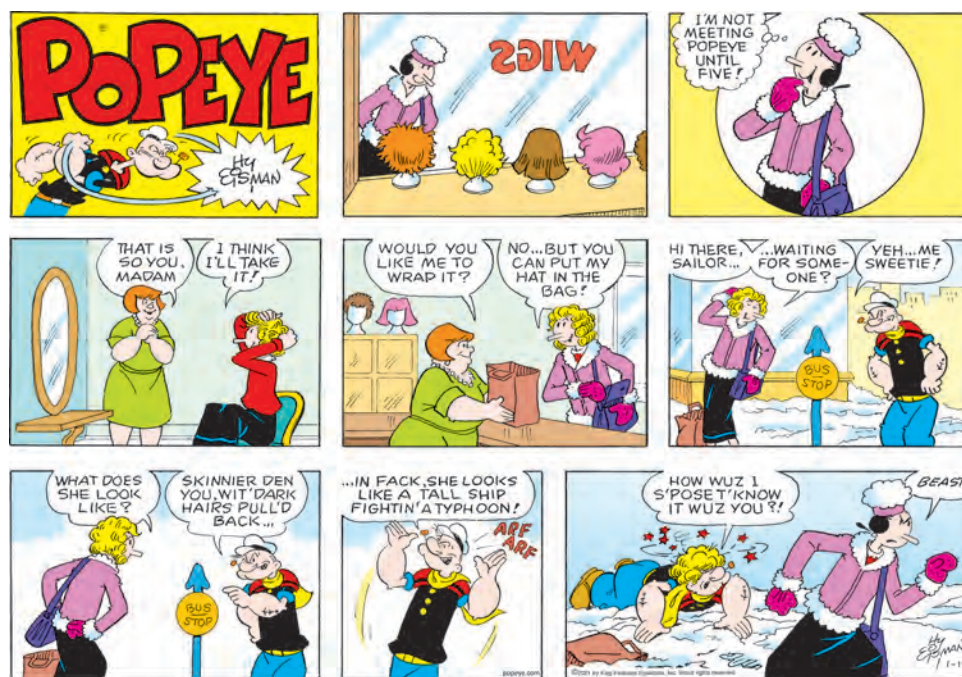
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Contract Bridge

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NORTH

♠ 8 2
♥ J 10 8 4 3
♦ A 9 4
♣ 10 7 6

WEST

♠ K Q 9 4
♥ A
♦ 10 8 5
♣ 9 8 5 3 2

EAST

♠ 10 7 6 5 3
♥ K 6
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A J 4

SOUTH

♠ A J
♥ Q 9 7 5 2
♦ K Q J 3
♣ K Q

The bidding:

South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

There are three ways to approach such a situation. First, you can resign yourself to defeat and graciously go down one. However, that attitude is hardly likely to improve your stature as a bridge player.

Second, you can look for a legitimate way to make the contract, even if this requires a highly unlikely distribution of the opposing cards. Finally, you can resort to some form of chicanery in an effort to bilk the opposition out of their proper due.

For instance, you could cross to dummy after taking the ace of spades and lead the jack of hearts, hoping to induce your right-hand opponent to cover with the king from K-x. But there is no reason to think that East was born yesterday, so your best bet is to seek a legitimate way to achieve your goal.

Then it hits you. If the missing diamonds are divided 3-3, the contract may be unbeatable. So you cash the A-K-Q, and after everyone follows, you lead the jack, planning to discard dummy's spade regardless of what either defender does.

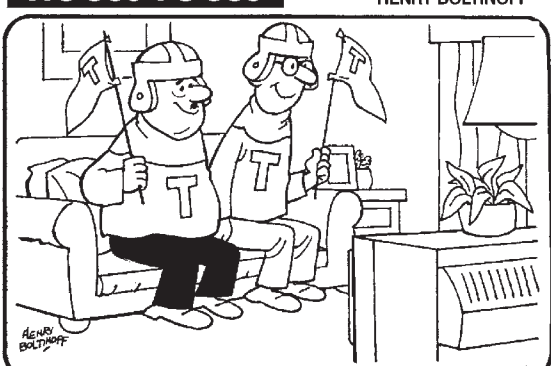
In the actual layout, if West ruffs with the ace, your only remaining losers are the king of hearts and ace of clubs. And if West doesn't ruff, East can trump with the six, but the A-K will then fall together when you regain the lead and play a trump. Either way, you wind up losing only two trump tricks and the ace of clubs — and there isn't anything the opponents can do about it!

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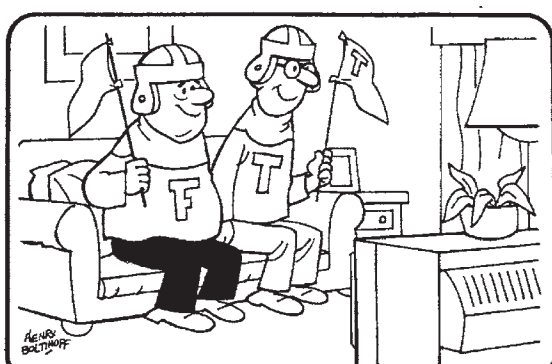
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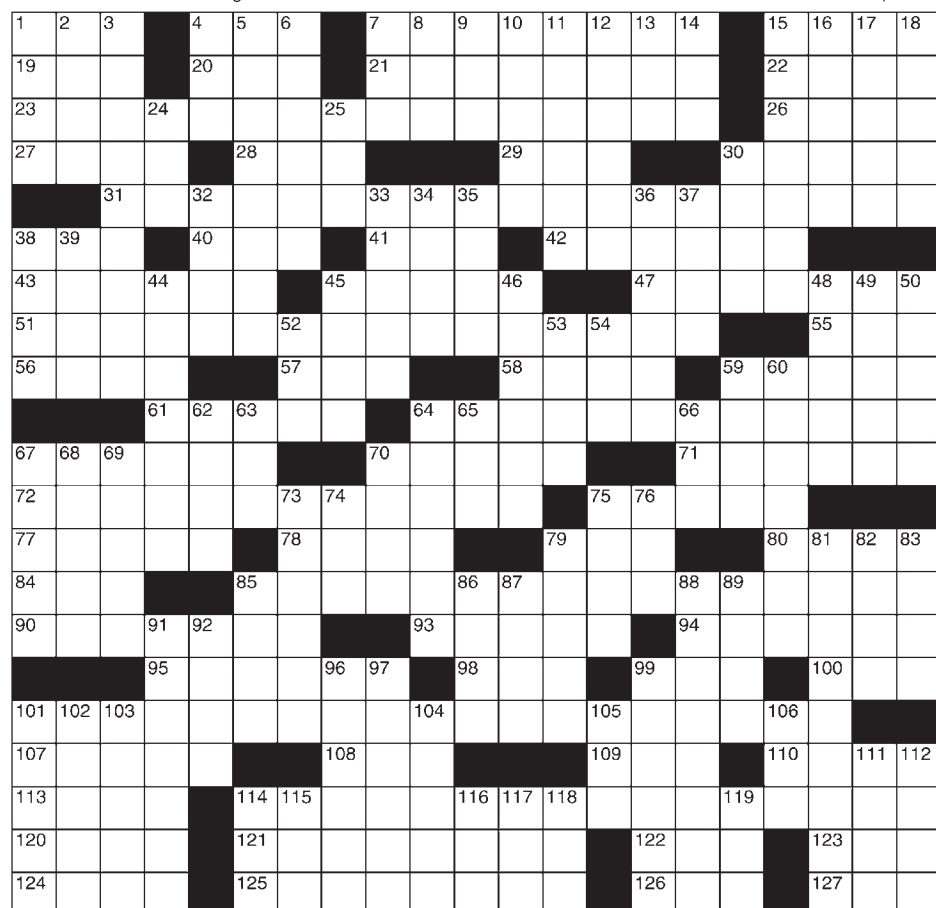


Differences: 1. Letter on flag is missing. 2. Mustache is gone. 3. Vase is missing. 4. Drawer knob has been added. 5. Letter on shirt is different. 6. Plant has fewer leaves.

Super Crossword

TECH BUZZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 TV ET from Melmac
 - 4 Puncturing tool
 - 7 Restrained like Rover
 - 15 "To a..." poems
 - 19 Road gunk
 - 20 Zodiac beast
 - 21 Course taker, e.g.
 - 22 Actress Carter
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 26 Singer Fitzgerald
 - 27 Grove sight
 - 28 Certain boxing stat
 - 29 Mil. bigwig
 - 30 Pale-looking
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 38 Kilmer of film
 - 40 Alley —
 - 41 Lion's foot
 - 42 Fellow's wig
 - 43 Actor Estevez
 - 45 Segal's hedgehog
 - 47 Look up to
 - 51 Riddle, part 3
 - 55 Lyric-writing Gershwin
 - 56 Globes
 - 57 "Ixnay"
 - 58 "Take this"
 - 59 Brainstorms
 - 61 Parsley bit
 - 64 Riddle, part 4
 - 67 Kay
 - Thompson title girl
 - 70 Native Kiwi
 - 71 Fluctuated greatly
 - 72 Riddle, part 5
 - 75 Odor
 - 77 French port in Brittany
 - 78 Outing ruiner
 - 79 Afflicted
 - 80 Poses
 - 84 Inflated self
 - 85 Riddle, part 6
 - 90 TV talker
 - Phil
 - 93 Slipknot loop
 - 94 Address of "Dr. No"
 - 95 Highest volcano in Eur.
 - 98 Mil. bigwig
 - 99 Mumbai "Mr."
 - 100 Cotillion girl
 - 101 End of the riddle
 - 107 Throat affliction, for short
 - 108 To the — degree
 - 109 Western Hemisphere gp.
 - 110 McEntire of song
 - 113 Hair removal brand
 - 114 Riddle's answer
 - 120 Deli sandwiches, for short
 - 121 Grow pale
 - 122 Oct. follower
 - 123 O'Hare approx.
 - 124 Anatomical sac
 - 125 Slammer
 - 126 Porker's place
 - 127 Water barrier
 - 10 Vowel sound in "game"
 - 11 Born first
 - 12 Alicia of ballet
 - 13 Use stitches
 - 14 "— a Rebel"
 - 15 Like a single-part process
 - 16 City of India
 - 17 Barkin of "The Fan"
 - 18 Street talk
 - 24 Prefix with colonialism
 - 25 Auction unit
 - 30 Mars, to the Greeks
 - 32 Move around in confusion
 - 33 Pleistocene, for one
 - 34 Spout off
 - 35 Axis-vs.-Allies event
 - 36 Singer Tina
 - 37 Copycatted
 - 38 Bill blocker
 - 39 Eros, to the Romans
 - 44 Young girls
 - 45 Hang-up
 - 46 Be logically connected
 - 48 Letters after "had a farm"
 - 49 Ache for
 - 50 Subdued with a shock
 - 52 Lead-in to lateral
 - 53 Classic soda brand
 - 54 Coach
 - Parseghian
 - 59 Very hot star
 - 60 Anti-alcohol measures
 - 62 Oct. exam for many juniors
 - 63 Home: Abbr.
 - 64 Compound in wine
 - 65 Greedy type
 - 66 Indigo, e.g.
 - 67 Fix firmly
 - 68 One of the Florida Keys
 - 69 Cineplex — (former theater chain)
 - 70 Hurt severely
 - 73 Following loyally
 - 74 Zodiac beast
 - 75 Plum used to flavor gin
 - 76 Roman 1,051
 - 79 Commercial lead-in to -gram or -matic
 - 81 Shivered in fear or revulsion
 - 82 Frilly veggie
 - 83 Wild guess
 - 85 Lewis of rock
 - 86 Apt to pry
 - 87 Artist Vincent van —
 - 88 Master marksman
 - 89 Actress Moran
 - 91 Calvin Coolidge's college
 - 92 Beginning of a web address
 - 96 Papal envoy
 - 97 2017 World Series winners
 - 99 Gives rise to
 - 101 Rachel Maddow's channel
 - 102 Rome's land
 - 103 Ground corn dish
 - 104 Bum — in one's pocket
 - 105 Chili holder
 - 106 Foul up
 - 111 Version being tested
 - 112 Eden evictee
 - 114 "I'm less than impressed"
 - 115 "Who am — argue?"
 - 116 Cave in
 - 117 Siouan people
 - 118 A small number of
 - 119 Trellis plant



Trivia test

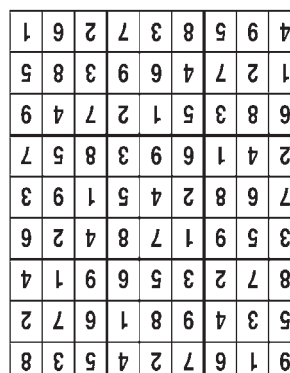
by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: The United States shares a land border with how many countries?
- HISTORY: When did the Great Fire of London take place?
- MEASUREMENTS: What does a sphygmomanometer measure?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of food has varieties called castelvetrano, manzanilla and nyon?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of the Coneheads' home planet ("Saturday Night Live")?
- MOVIES: How many versions of "A Star Is Born" have been made?
- LITERATURE: The title of William Faulkner's novel "The Sound and the Fury" is taken from which of Shakespeare's plays?
- SCIENCE: What does the acronym DNA stand for?
- MUSIC: What is a diggeridoo?
- CURRENCY: Whose likeness is depicted on the U.S. \$50 bill?

Answers

- Two, Mexico and Canada
- 1666
- Blood pressure
- Olives
- Remulak
- Four
- "Macbeth"
- Deoxyribonucleic Acid
- An Australian wind instrument
- Ulysses Grant

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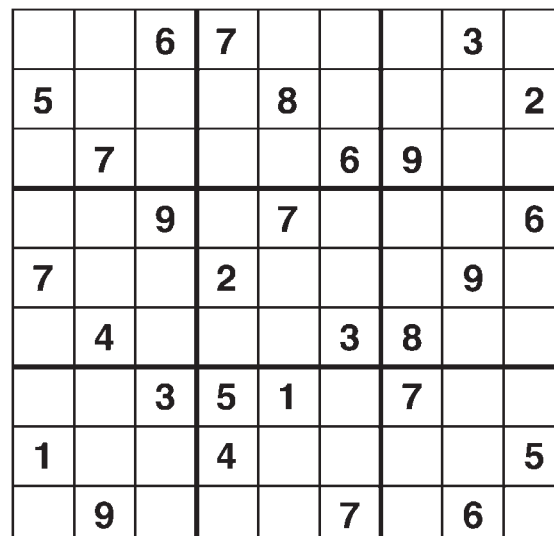


Answer

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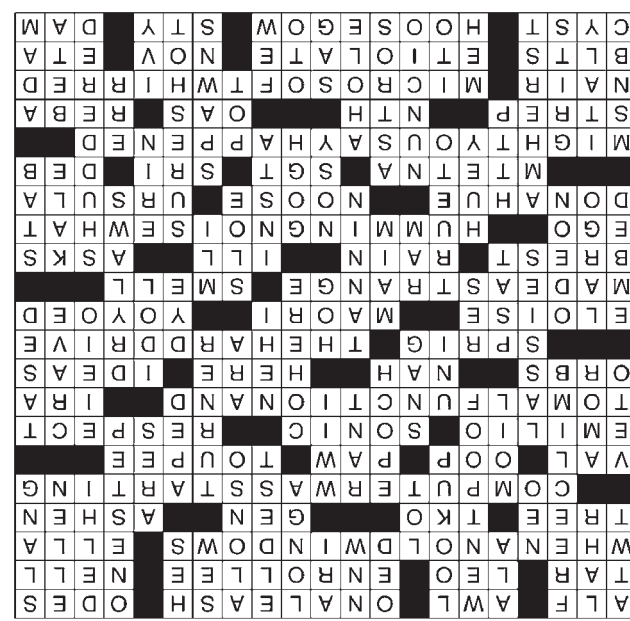


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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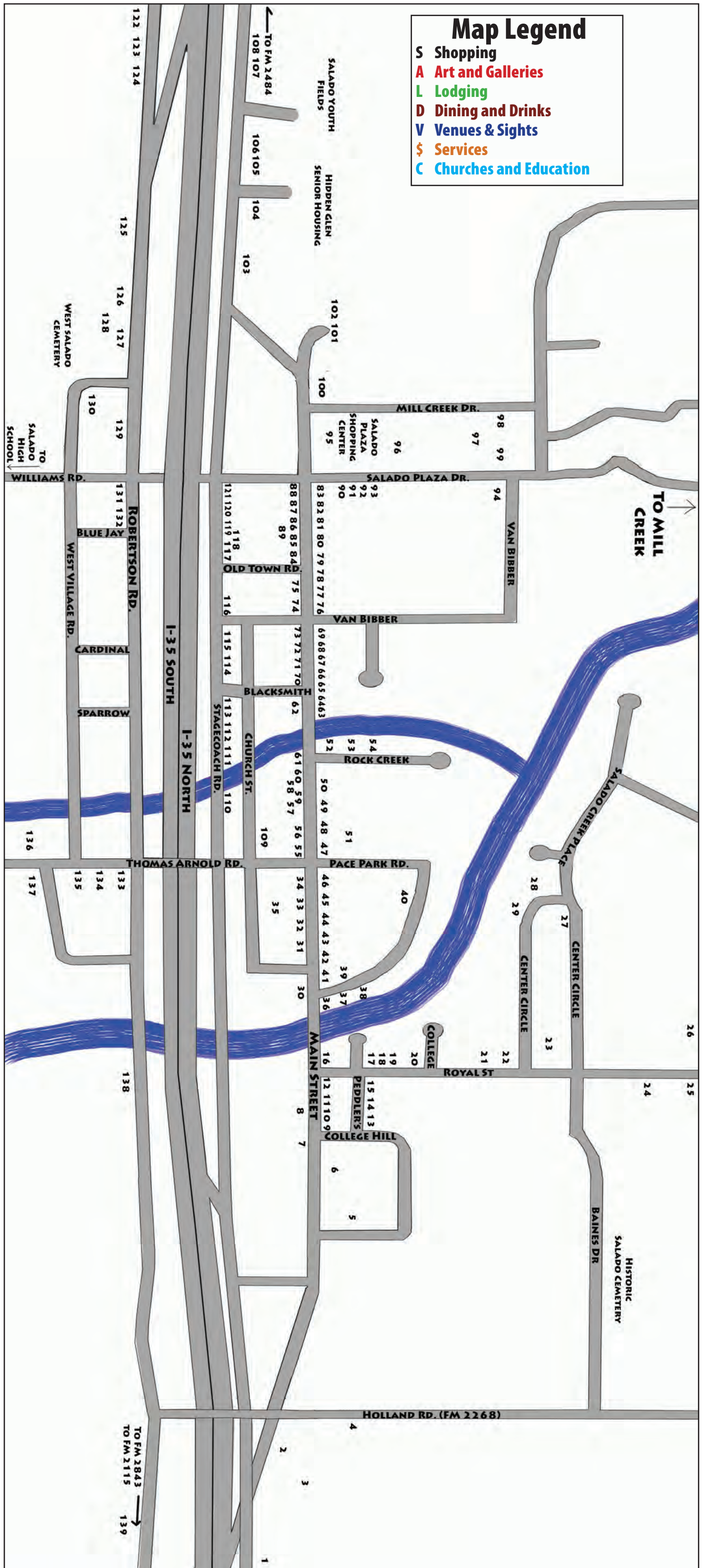
Answers

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#	Business Name	Type
4	St. Stephen Catholic Church 254-947-8037	C
6	Salado College Park 254-947-5232	V
7	Raney & Associates 254-913-1215	\$
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
15	Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina 254-308-2044	D
16	The Sugar Shack 254-947-8840	S/D
17	Barrow Brewing Co. 254-947-3544	D
	Happy Pizza 254-226-1684	
21	The Venue 254-947-5554	V
	Village Spa 254-293-6600	S
22	The Shed 254-947-1960	D
24	Tablerock 254-947-9205	V
26	Salado United Methodist Church 254-947-5482	C
29	Inn on the Creek 254-947-5554	L
	Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen 254-947-3828	D
30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
31	Fairway Mortgage 254-947-3454	\$
32	First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577	\$
34	First Community Title 254-947-8480	\$
	Farmer's Insurance Zbraneck Agency 254-947-0995	\$
40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park 254-947-5060	V
53	Salado Creek Healing 254-308-0242	\$
55	Salado Family Dentistry 254-947-5242	\$
58	The Shoppes on Main The Marketplace Cafe 254-947-0888	S
60	Salado Creek Jewelry 254-855-5538	S
62	The Pizza Place 254-947-0222	D
75	Stage Stop Center Angelic Herbs 254-947-1909	\$
	Bruce Bollick, CPA 254-718-7299	\$
	Salado Creek Dental 254-308-2027	\$
	Vista Real Estat3 254-231-0209	\$
76	Salado Civic Center 254-947-5479	\$
81	Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co. 254-947-8011	D
82	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church 254-947-3160	C
85	Salado Post Office 254-947-5322	\$
86	Bill Bartlett - Century 21 254-947-5050	\$
87	The Personal Wealth Coach 254-947-1111	\$
89	Stamp Salado 254-947-8848	S
90	Presbyterian Church of Salado 254-308-2023	C
91	Troy Smith Financial Services 254-947-0376	\$
92	Salado Sculpture Garden 254-947-4222	A
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97	Brookshire Brothers 254-947-8922	S
100	Salado Public Library 254-947-9191	C
101	Salado Cleaners 254-947-7299	S
110	Mel's Gourmet Delights & Pastry 254-935-7080	D
113	Salado Church of Christ 254-947-5241	C
126	Cowboy's Barbecue 254-947-5700	D
130	Village Spirits 254-947-7117	S
132	Broecker Funeral Home 254-947-0066	\$
134	The Dog Spot 254-947-3647	\$
135	Carus Dental 254-947-8067	\$
136	Salado Schools & Stadium Village Church of Salado 972-978-2239	C
139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148	C
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3C	Cowboy Fellowship 254-947-7211	C
	Grace Church 254-947-5917	C
	Mill Creek Country Club 254-947-5698	V
	JD's Truck Stop and Grill 254-947-5228	S/D



Historical Markers in Salado

6.	Salado Historic College Hill	25.	The A.J. Rose Mansion	35.	Salado Masonic Lodge #296	61.	Historic Lenticular Bridge
8.	Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn)	26.	Old Methodist Chapel	45.	The Anderson House	49.	The Vickrey House
8.	Main Street Bridge	27.	Caskey-Hendricks House	46.	Old Saloon	76.	Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins
16.	Barber-Berry Mercantile	28.	Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks)	48.	The Norton-Orgain House	77.	The Robert B. Halley House
23.	The Baines House	29.	Alexander's Distillery	50.	The Barton House	79.	The Reed Cabin
24.	Historic Dipping Vats	30.	First Baptist Church	51.	The Levi Tenney House	100.	The Josiah Fowler House
		31.	The Tyler House	55.	The Armstrong Adams House		

Eagles cagers undefeated in 19-4A

Salado Eagles varsity basketball team is clearly in the driver's seat of District 19-4A, having beaten every opponent in the loop. Most of the games haven't even been close with the Eagles winning four of the five district games by double figures.

The Eagles are 16-4 on the year and 5-0 in district play (as of presstime).

Salado 62
Jarrell 55

Salado Eagles jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter and then never gave it up, beating the Jarrell Cougars on their home court 62-55 Jan. 25.

Salado led 21-16 at the end of the first and 38-31 at the half. Jarrell closed the gap to 46-43 at the end of three.

The Cougars shot 49% from the field while Salado shot 40%, but the Eagles took 14 more shots. Salado was 21 of 44 on two-pointers and 2 of 13 beyond the arc. The Eagles also went to the free throw line, more converting 14 of 23 attempts while the Cougars made six of 13 there.

The Eagles made the best of their opportunities scoring 16 points off of turnovers and 40 in the paint. They beat Jarrell on the boards as well, grabbing 35 rebounds while Jarrell had 27 boards. Jarrell had 17 turnovers while Salado had just 10. Jarrell also committed 21 fouls compared to 11 for the Eagles.

Josh Goings hit 50% of his shots in the field and led Salado with 29 points. He also made nine of 13 free throws. He grabbed nine rebounds and had four assists. He also had two steals and a deflection.

Peyton Miller also had double figures, shooting seven of 12 in the field for 15 points. He had seven rebounds, two assists and a deflection.

Brady Ihler scored 8 points for Salado. He also had two rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Luke Law scored 5 points and had a steal. Noah Self scored 3 points and had a rebound, an assist and a steal.

Noah Mescher scored 2 points, grabbing eight rebounds and three steals.



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Josh Gilpin defends against a Taylor Duck in the paint. The Eagles easily handled Taylor, winning 51-31 last week.

Salado 51
Taylor 31

Salado beat Taylor 51-31 in a home game Jan. 22, jumping out to a 15-6 first quarter lead. The Eagles led 26-17 at the half and 40-27 after three, coasting to the 51-31 win.

The Eagles scored 20 points off of Taylor turnovers.

Josh Goings led the Eagles with 22 points. He was perfect at the free throw line with five shots. He also grabbed six rebounds and had two assists. Goings also had six steals and three deflections.

Noah Self also got double figures in the game with 11 points. He hit four of six at the free throw line. Self had seven rebounds, two steals and blocked a shot.

Brady Ihler had six points, four rebounds, an assist, a steal, a blocked shot.

Josh Gilpin had 4 points, two rebounds.

Noah Mescher had 2 points, a rebound, three assists, five steals and a deflection.

Peyton Miller had 2 points, four assists and two rebounds.

Aaron Gonzalez scored 2 points.



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Owen Pitcock puts up a shot under the rim during the Salado Eagles' 51-31 win over Taylor last week.

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Enrollment continues to grow in Salado ISD

The Salado ISD School Board met on Monday, January 11. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- The Board was recognized as part of school board appreciation month.
- The Board discussed our three year enrollment comparison. We currently have 2,129 students, as compared to 2,060 students in January 2020 and 1,943 students in January 2019.
- The Board reviewed our monthly financial reports.
- The Board discussed our College, Career, Military Readiness (CCMR) update.
- The Board discussed our remote learning update.
- The Board approved the minutes from the December 14 school board meeting.
- The Board approved budget amendments.
- The Board ap-

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



proved a resolution for the May 1, 2021 joint election.

- The Board reviewed the Buy Board management fees for the 2019-2020 school year.

- The Board approved the 2021-2022 school calendar.

- The Board approved a resolution requesting Governor Abbott to include public school district personnel in the official expert vaccine allotment panel's definition of frontline workers.

- The Board approved a Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) policy update, affecting the following local policies:

- o CQB: Technology Resources – Cybersecurity
- o DCD: Employ-

ment Practices – At-Will Employment

- o DCE: Employment Practices – Other Types of Contracts

- o FFAC: Wellness and Health Services – Medical Treatment

- o GKA: Community Relations – Conduct on School Premises

- The Board directed Superintendent Michael Novotny to continue negotiating the purchase of land on behalf of the school district. Our next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, at 6:00 p.m. at the Salado ISD Civic Center, located at 601 North Main Street.

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With wins over Jarrell and Taylor last week, Salado Lady Eagles are in second place in district behind Burnet with a record of 16-6 and 4-1 in district play.

Lady Eagles 53
Taylor 27

Salado Lady Eagles won a district road game against Taylor Jan. 22.



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)
 Priscilla Torczynski puts up a shot.

Lorena Perez led Salado in scoring with 12 points. Also scoring for Salado were Amanda Cantu, 11 points, Priscilla Torczynski, 11 points, Katie Law, 8 points, Reese Preston, 4 points, Kenslee Konarik, 4 points, Megan Manibusan, 3 points.

Lady Eagles 64
Jarrell 56

Salado Lady Eagles dispatched district foe Jarrell Lady Cougars in a home game Jan. 19.

Salado Lady Eagles led the Jarrell Lady Cougars 19-11 in the first quarter and added another 18 points in the second to take a 38-23 lead. Salado scored 11 points in the third to lead 49-36 and added another 15 points in the fourth to secure the win 64-56.

Lorena Perez led the Lady Eagles in scoring with 19 points, 12 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals, 4 blocks. She was followed in scoring by Katie Law, 12 points, 14 rebounds, 1 steal, Kenslee Konarik, 12 points, 18 rebounds, 2 steals, 3 blocks.

Also scoring for Salado were Amanda Cantu, 8 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals, Megan Manibusan, 7 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, Priscilla Torczynski, 5 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals.



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 Kenslee Konarik blocks a Jarrell Lady Cougar shot.

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(PHOTO BY LEE SCHWEGER)
Haley Piatak is first to the ball against a Brownwood Lady Lion during the consolation game.



(PHOTO BY LEE SCHWEGER)
Savannah Oyler forwards the ball down the field into Belton territory during the Eagle Classic Tournament



Maria Pauer corner kicks the ball, creating an opportunity for the Lady Eagles. (PHOTO BY LEE SCHWEGER)



Anna Lesley out-manuevers a Belton player and drives the ball down the sideline. (PHOTO BY LEE SCHWEGER)



(PHOTO BY JANET MADDEX)
No one scored against Avery Wright in regulation.

Ladies take third

Salado Varsity Lady Eagles hosted the 10th Annual three-day Salado Eagle Classic tournament this weekend. In their first match on Jan. 21, the Ladies Eagles faced off against Belton Junior Varsity. The Lady Eagles got the 2-0 win with two goals scored by Allison Carnahan and two assists from Maria Pauer.

On Jan. 22, the Lady Eagles faced off against two time 4A state champions (2017, 2019) Stephenville and tied 0-0. Later that day the Lady Eagles played China Spring and ended with a

0-0 tie. The Lady Eagles played their final game in the consolation championship vs Brownwood. Regulation time ended in a 0-0 tie and the teams went into penalty kicks. The Eagles won 4-3 with goals scored by Allison Carnahan, Haley Piatak, Maria Pauer, and Avery Wright. Avery Wright kept Brownwood to 3 by making 2 saves on PKs. In regulation time, Avery had no goals scored against her throughout the tournament, helping the Eagles to finish the tournament in third.



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Emersyn Beavers	Emelia Figlestahler	Tyler Pafford	Amelia Sears
Lillyan Bonney	Grant Flippin	Sadie Patrick	Jordan Shahan
Lila Bratton	Ashlen Flores	Jazmine Pena	Carter Smith
Pearson Burks	Tristan Friedrich	Yarezi Pina-	Emmalyn Smithers
Spencer Burleson	Caroline Gantt	Espinosa	Jace Springer
Camila Camacho Lopez	Piper Gill	Stockton Quarles	Cecil Taylor
Dane Carlson	Garrison Hennig	Kayla Quesinberry	Kailey Trautmann
Linda Cawthon	Theodore Heredia	Matthew Quinn	Erin Vasek
Emery Clark	Rush Higson	Keuss Rives	Charles Von Gonten
Jason Coleman	Oliver Hintze	Natalie Robeau	Addelyn Wilcox
Amelia Cotterill	Emma Holtzclaw	Paisleigh Sanchez	
Ledger Coufal	Beauregard Igleheart		
Chase Crum	Robert Inman		
Colton Crum	Reid Kilpatrick		
Makennah Skai Cruz	Bailey Kite		
Cole Danek	Tristan Kubiak		
Kynlee Dildine	Heidi LaGrassa		
Carter Dorris	Max Lever		
Liam Dougherty	Riggins Lingo		
John Duncan	Kooper Malmin		
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Third Grade	Kaden Faglie	Mason Mendiaz	Isabella Salinas
Lillian Abraham	Corbin Ferrell	Isabel Motley	Tatum Siggins
Mackenzie Adams	Wyatt Gaines	Claire Naegele	Lorelei Slimp
Ryan Allison	Ansel Greenfield	Bryce Newbrough	Cambri Smith
Kynzie Alsop	Addison Gunter	Nicholas Nicholson	Kayden Smith
Warren Angell	Melissa Haun	Adalyn Parker	Harrison Threatt
Landon Archer	Kinley Hendricks	Juan Pena	Maximillian Tonkinson
Lillian Baker	Jude Hercules	Jocelyne Perez	Samuel Tramel
Harper Balmos	Myca Hibner	Noelle Pinckard	Nolan Usack
Ethan Barnes	Roman Hungria	Johana Quiroga	Adelion Vickers
Annistyn Beavers	Sophia Jefferson	Morales	Hayden Young
Agustin Cadenas	EmzyJones	Alison Rojas	
Evelyn Castillo	Jackson LaCanne	Avery Ruiz	
Coleman Clemons	Kayden Locke	Gunter Rutherford	
Levi Coffey			
Kayla Crawford			
Brylie Croce			
Landon Crum			
Roselani Danemarks			
Brigg DeLukie			
Emily Desjardin			
Ryan Desjardin			



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Zack Adcox	Claire Haight	Brylie Metz	Brody Schiller
Aidan Ayala	Maggie Haney	Lauren Moore	Griffin Self
Ryder Balmos	Valeria Hernandez	Carter Morris	Ethan Shannon
Tristan Benke	Zoe Heuer	Yelena Munoz	Hudson Slimp
Easton Bullock	Lindsey Hicks	Samuel Nail	Noah Stanford
Haven Butler	Payton Hill	Stella Nail	Daytona Sturges
Jaiton Byers	Case Hodge	Mallory Norman	Chloe Sulak
Cody Danekas	Selestte Hubbard	Carten Oldham	Major Thomas
Zoe Dodge	Jayden Humphrey	Nova Oldham	Xavier Torres Nunez
William Ethridge	Alyssa Igleheart	John Pitcock	Jackson Tracy
Jade Flores	Thomas James	Zeegan Purcell	Shelby Tubbs
Caedmon Flynn	Ryley Klechka	Renlee Rakowitz	Ali Uranga
Caley Foster	Layla Kotalik	Samuel Rechtfertig	Blake Watkins
Gabriel Fuentes	Cassidy Lange	Katie Rich	Avri Wells
Saxon Galle	Mercedes Lewis	Paisley Rine	Tyson White
John Goode	Haddon Lopez	Katlyn Robinson	
Hayden Griesemer	Reagan Lynch	Carlos Ruiz	

Eighth Grade	Drinnon, Lauren	Maki, Caleb	Rutherford, Carter
Adcox, Zoie	Edmondson, Cambry	Maldonado, Liliana	Salgado, Josias
Allison, Lauren	Edwards, Millye	Maples, Shelby	Sears, Lilly
Anderson, Penelope	Fontana, Julia	Nikolaids, Philip	Self, Elliot
Atchison, Kaci	Foster, Cole	Ortiz-Bivian, Ester	Taylor, Jillian
Bender, Rachel	Goone, Kelan	Parker, Logan	Villafranco, Stephanie
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Curtis, Owen	Litchfield, Ryley	Rose, Chloe	

Freshman Class	Paige Fariss	Davis Graham	Brody Naegele
Joshua Barker	Jocelyn Ferguson	Zeina Halabi	Reese Rich
Katy Bennett	Meri Ella Fischer	Angel Hernandez	Sawyer Roach
Ty Castro	Seamus Flanagan	Austin Hollas	Zane Roche
Sabrina Chavez De La Cruz	Tate Franks	Lydia Lesley	Elizabeth Rose
May Davis	Morgen Glossup	Jolee Lindsey	Olivia Salter
Luke Drigalla	Allyson Gouveia	Kase Maedgen	Alexander Sanchez
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			Rebekah Sutton
			Cooper Thomas
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Helena Brew	Benjamin Istre	Kendall Thompson	Laura Willingham
Kaitlyn Casper	Sydney King	Stephen Villafranco	
Arturo Cejudo Davila	Marissa Lancaster		
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Rachel Dove	Cameron Morris		
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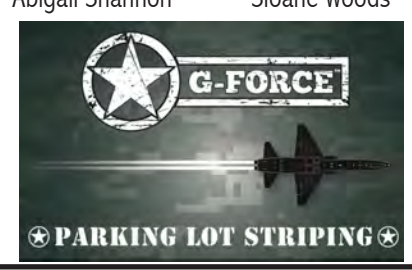
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Charleigh Duncan	Sierra Kaufman	Anton Ramos	Preston White
Cora Easley	Robert Kelso	Jayden Read	Averie Williams
			Brenleigh Winkler

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Robert Alcozer	Leilana Fields	Staton Norman	Reese Smith
Morgan Allred	John Gearhart	Liam O'Neal	Marley Strunk
James Bralley	Angelina Giganti	Clayton Olson	Emmalyn Sumners
John Bratton	Aubri Heck	Taylin Oswald	Alyson Sweeden
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Noemi Cruz	Parker Ihler	Olivia Royston	Kenley Vasek
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Christopher Davila	Whitley Ledbetter	Abigail Shannon	Sloane Woods
Emily Deaton	Jack Lever		
Isaac Doty	Sabrina Lopez		
Sean Dougherty	Maverick Marshall		
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Amani, Amirah	Fuller, Julia	Maki, Chloe	Teer, Jaxson
Amani, Hannah	Gist, Max	Mullins, Aubrey	Terwilliger, Emma
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Castaneda	Hibner, Avery	Quillen, Caden	Vegahouser, Sophia
Rosas, Angel	Johnson, Lucy	Reckefus, Lorelai	Villafranco Espinosa, Bryan
Collins, Bailey	Kelso, Brenley	Sifuentez, Jayden	White, JuliAnn
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Beene, Kathryn	Foster, Damonte	Lyon, Allison	Taylor, Camille
Broadway, Claire	Franks, Reese	Markham, Elizabeth	Tipping, Grace
Brown, Haley	Jackson, Cecilia	Messick, Addison	Tracy, Taylor
Casper, Madelyn	Kasper, Davis	Novotny, Thomas	Walker, Raine
Comer, Ayden	Klechka, Sydney	Olson, Mason	Williams, Reagan
Crisp, Miles	Lane, Angelina	Painter, Brooklynn	
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Brooke Bailey	Evan Hardt	Ryan Novotny	Heidi Teichelman
Bradley Bair	Anna James	Owen Pitcock	James Tipton
Katelyn Bartek	Lillian James	Annika Poole	Angel Van de Plas
Andrew Bird	Jaxson Leiskau	Samuel Redelsheimer	Cavahn Wilson
Lydia Burleson	Emma McKee		
Natalie Burleson	Robert McLane		
Brooke Burnett	Brooke McLaurin		
Evan Croftcheck	Ellie Mescher		
Casey Davis	Cooper Meyer		
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Holly Giesecke	Stephen Miles		



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Sawyer Bagley	Hayden Flores	Brooke Madsen	Logan Rickey
Faith Barker	Douglas Frisby	Emma Madsen	Georganna Ringo
Grace Bender	Rachel Frisby	Megan Manibusan	Diego Romero
Kylie Benke	Garrett Gay	Amy Manning	Morgan Schaub
Amanda Cantu	Andrew Gipin	Keegan Mantanona	Madeline Sunshine
Allison Carnahan	Helen Grace	Kylie Maul	Priscilla Torczynski
Ann Carter	Diana Hernandez	Jaci McGregor	Aaron Trela
Kamryn Cole	Wesley Hernandez	Noah Mescher	Kory Walker
Rylee Corn	Raylan Highfield	Peyton Miller	Hannah White
Lydia Craig	Madeline Holt-Bourland	Rylee Oborski	William Won
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Senate budget funds public education \$119.7 billion in proposed spending

By RICHARD LEE
SENATE NEWS SERVICE

Texas would spend slightly more over the next two years than it did in the last biennium under both the Senate and House budget plans filed Jan. 21, including fully funding the increases in public education spending approved last session.

"SB 1 funds essential services, keeps up with growth and meets our obligations to vulnerable citizens," Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, who will lead the Senate's appropriations effort, said in a statement.

In all, the Senate's first draft would spend \$119.7 billion through 2023, representing about four percent growth over last biennium, but still well within constitutional spending limits, said Nelson. It also includes five percent across-the-board cuts for most non-education and non-public safety related state agencies.

Highlights from the Senate plan includes \$8 billion

for mental healthcare programs across two dozen state agencies, more money for women's healthcare, and nearly \$40 million to fortify security at the state Capitol building. It includes \$3.1 billion to pay for enrollment growth in public education, and \$5 billion to cover reforms and growth in the Teacher Retirement System. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick released a statement praising the plan. "I want to thank Senate Finance Chair Nelson and the Senate Finance Committee who have worked tirelessly with our office for months. As always, Senator Nelson has done outstanding work," he said. Appointed chair of Finance by Patrick when he was elected as Lt. Governor in 2014, this session will mark Nelson's fourth as lead budget author for the Senate.

There is still much work to be done before a final bill reaches the Governor's desk. Nelson said in her statement that the bill filed

this week represents only a starting point. "We have many tools available to balance this budget, which will require us to re-establish our priorities, stretch every dollar and find more efficient ways to deliver services".

Beginning in February, the Senate Finance Committee will hold daily hearings on agency budgets. Directors from each state agency will appear before the panel to explain their appropriations requests, and then members will draw up a final appropriations bill to present to the full Senate. In the past, this typically happens around the end of March, but the pandemic has introduced considerable uncertainty into the normal legislative timeline. After it is approved by the Senate, five Senators will join five members of the House to hammer out any differences between the two chambers' plans for spending before a final product is presented to each for a final up-or-down vote. In terms of total state

revenue spending, both chambers are very close in their initial drafts, with the House plan coming in at just \$60 million more than the Senate. As it is the only bill that must pass in any given legislative session, lawmakers will have until the legislature adjourns on May 31 to agree on a final budget.

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01/17/2021	FM 2843, Bell County	Hemorrhage / Laceration
01/17/2021	REEDS LAKE RD, Bell County	Grass fire - Mutual Aid
01/17/2021	HARTRICK BLUFF RD, Bell County	Falls - Not Alert
01/18/2021	SALADO SCHOOL RD, Salado	Sick Person
01/18/2021	SHADY OAKS, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
01/19/2021	FM 2484, Bell County	Psychiatric
01/19/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Salado	Motor Vehicle Accident
01/19/2021	FM 2484, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
01/19/2021	SETTLEMENTS RD, Bell County	Falls
01/19/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Sick Person
01/19/2021	AMITY RD, Bell County	Lift Assist
01/20/2021	ELM GROVE RD, Bell County	Unconscious / Fainting
01/20/2021	WINNERS CIRCLE DR, Salado	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
01/20/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident
01/20/2021	EAGLES RIDGE DR, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
01/20/2021	THOMAS ARNOLD RD, Salado	Difficulty Breathing
01/21/2021	EVENT DR, Bell County	Fire Alarm - No Fire
01/21/2021	EAGLES RIDGE DR, Bell County	Allergic Reaction
01/21/2021	EAGLES RIDGE DR, Bell County	Sick Person
01/22/2021	FM 2484, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
01/22/2021	EAGLES RIDGE DR, Bell County	Lift Assist
01/22/2021	SALADO SCHOOL RD, Salado	Abdominal Pain
01/23/2021	PRAIRIE LN, Bell County	Diabetic Problems
01/23/2021	RANCH RD, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
01/23/2021	THOMAS ARNOLD RD, Salado	Motor Vehicle Accident

Total On-Scene Time: 41 Hours and 6 Minutes

Salado Police Department Report Jan. 18-24 OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORTS:

01/19/2021:

Two crash reports were taken on South bound IH 35 near the 284 exit.

01/20/2021:

Criminal Trespass occurred in the 300 block of West Village road involving a juvenile female. The subject was warned of criminal trespass. She was later arrested for a felony offense by Bell County Sheriff's Department.

01/23/2021:

Driving While Intoxicated arrest was made at the intersection of Thomas Arnold and the access road where an adult female who was driving a stolen car from Temple struck another car. Salado Police Department made an arrest for DUI and handled the crash investigation. Belton PD handled the stolen vehicle and multiple felony offenses as the suspect started her reign of terror in Belton earlier in the day.

Three Burglary of a motor vehicle reports were taken. Unknown suspects entered vehicles in the 2000 block of Chisholm Trail, 1000 block of Brook Hollow and 1000 block of North Ridge in Salado, several items were stolen from the vehicles. The offenses appeared to have occurred during the evening hours on Jan 22nd into the morning of Jan 23rd. All of the vehicles were unlocked.

A report of an offense involving Indecency with a Child was taken in the 1800 block of Williams road. This case is currently under investigation.

In addition to the above-mentioned calls, Salado Police Officers handled the many other calls for service in which a report was not required. Below is a breakdown of those calls:

Call Type Description	Number of Calls
Animal Complaint	1
Assist Another Agency	1
Calls for Service	44
Citations	20
Citizen Contact	2
Crash	1
Disturbance	1
Follow Up Investigation	2
Harassment	1
House Watch/RU OK?	12
Illegally Parked Vehicle	1
Open Door	4
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Administration extends foreclosure moratorium & mortgage forbearance

In one of his first acts in office, President Joe Biden requested federal agencies to extend eviction and foreclosure moratoriums for millions of Americans. In response, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced an extension of eviction and foreclosure moratoriums on USDA Single Family Housing Direct and Guaranteed loans (SFHDL and SFHGLP) through March 31, 2021. The actions announced last week will bring relief to residents in rural America who have housing loans through USDA.

USDA recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has triggered an almost un-

precedented housing affordability crisis in the United States. Today, 1 in 10 homeowners with a mortgage are behind on payments. In addition to the actions taken, the Biden Administration looks forward to working with Congress to take more robust and aggressive actions to bring additional relief to American families and individuals impacted by the pandemic.

Visit www.rd.usda.gov/coronavirus for additional information on USDA's Rural Development COVID-19 relief efforts application deadline extensions and more. USDA Rural Development will keep our customers, partners and

stakeholders continuously updated as additional actions are taken to bring relief and development to rural America.

Foreclosure Moratorium Extension:

The actions announced make it possible for the foreclosure and eviction moratorium announced by USDA, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program (SFHGLP) and the Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program (SFHGLP) on August 28, 2020, to be extended until March 31, 2021. The moratorium does not apply in cases where USDA or the servicing lender has documented the property is vacant or abandoned.

Forbearance Requirements:

Lenders should continue to provide impacted borrowers relief in accordance with the CARES Act by offering forbearance of the borrower guaranteed loan payment for up to 180 days. In addition, the initial forbearance period may be extended up to an additional 180 days at the borrower's request. Lenders should outline potential solutions that may be available at the end of the forbearance payment and explain to borrowers that a lump sum payment of the arrearage will not be required.

During the forbearance options outlined above, no accrual of fees, penalties

or interest may be charged to the borrower beyond the amounts calculated as if the borrower had made all contractual payments in a timely fashion.

Lenders may approve the initial 180-day COVID-19 Forbearance no later than the earlier of the termination date of the national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020 or March 31, 2021.

Post Forbearance Options:

Upon completion of the forbearance, the lender shall work with the borrower to determine if they can resume making regular payments and, if so, either offer an affordable repayment plan or term extension to defer any

missed payments to the end of the loan. If the borrower is unable to resume making regular payments, the lender should evaluate the borrower for all available loss mitigation options outlined in HB-1-3555. The special relief measured that are outlined in Chapter 18 Section 5 "Assistance in Natural Disasters" will apply. These options include Term Extensions, Capitalization and Term Extensions, and a Mortgage Recovery Advance.

Questions regarding program policy and this announcement may be directed to the National Office Division at sfhglpServicing@usda.gov or (202) 720-1452.

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