



## BoA to consider zoning property

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Village of Salado board of aldermen will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15 on an ordinance to zone approximately 39.139 acres near the northwest corner of I-35 and FM 2484 Local Retail.

The property was voluntarily annexed into Salado last month and requires zoning by the Village.

A Quick Trip Travel center is planned for the subject property along with several restaurants, a car wash, retail shops and assisted living facility.

Public notice was published in *Salado Village Voice*, the newspaper of record for the Village of Salado, and property owners within 200 feet of the property were also notified of the proposed zoning.

To date, no comments have been received either for or against the proposed zoning.

The Planning & Zoning Commissioner was scheduled to hold a public hearing Dec. 13 (after press deadline) and make a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen concerning the zoning.

Aldermen will also discuss a Letter of Intent with Pampa Investment Group for the purchase of a 50,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant on the property at the northwest corner of I-35 and FM 2484.

Under the agreement, the Village will purchase the wastewater infrastructure for a cost of \$5.5 million.

After the initial \$100,000 payment, the Village will pay 50% of impact fees and 50% of wastewater fees to Pampa Development until the debt is paid in full.

Impact Fees are \$5,025 per LUE for the Village. The Village LUE is 100 gallons per day. At the full capacity of the 50,000 gpd plant, the maximum in impact fees would be \$2,576,000. Half of that would be approximately \$1.3 million.

At full capacity, the plant could generate hundreds of thousands per year in sewer revenues. The high impact

commercial rate is \$17.42 per 1,000 gallons. So the plant could generate \$871 per day in base sewer revenues, or \$317,915 annually. Half of that would be \$158,957.50.

At that rate, it could take up to 26 years to pay the debt, provided there is no interest on the debt.

Pampa Investment will also convey its Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) wastewater treatment permit to the Village. The permit will allow for a wastewater treatment of up to 500,000 gallons per day.

Pampa Investment is working to disannex the remaining acreage from the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of Belton so that it can be voluntarily annexed into the Village of Salado.

CELTS International and Pampa Investment Group, LP together own 64 acres at the corner of FM 2484 and I-35 to be developed as the Salado Center.

Salado Center, according to a July 2021 draft development agreement between the Village of Salado and CELTS International and Pampa Investment Group, would include the following: a convenience store, seven fast food restaurants, two sit-down restaurants, a senior housing complex, a large retail store and additional smaller retail spaces with two lift stations, wastewater collections lines and one wastewater treatment plant with an initial treatment capacity of 50,000 gallons per day.

The Village earlier this year entered into a development agreement with QT South LLC for the development of 5.87 acres of land located at the northwest corner of the intersection of FM 2484 and I-35.

The land will be developed as Quick Trip Travel Center. The Quick Trip development agreement prohibits overnight truck parking.

It also allows a 100 foot tall free-standing sign on the property. The current sign ordinance limits on-location signs on I-35 to be no taller than 20 foot.



Sixth grade students in the College and Career Readiness class at Salado Middle School spent class time volunteering at Heart and Hands Ministries where they helped stuff grocery bags for the Dec. 17 distribution and helped weigh and catalogue the food that has been donated to Heart and Hands Ministries this month. Through the Food for Friends drive, Heart and Hands Ministries has received 15,500 lbs. of food for distribution to the more than 75 families that it serves in Bell County. The student helped sort and stuff Christmas bags of food that will be distributed on Dec. 17, the final distribution of the year for Heart and Hands Ministries. The Christmas bags included flour, marshmallows, chocolate chips, sugar, conbread mix, cake mix, cooking oil, baking powder and frosting. Pat Scarbrough is the director of Heart and Hands Ministries.

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## Annual sales tax to Village of Salado top 2021 by 14.18%

Bell County continues to show increases in sales tax revenues compared to 2021, with all but one of the 11 cities that levy sales taxes showing increase in their December sales tax checks compared to December 2021. Seven cities showed double digit percentage increases this month.

Village of Salado showed a slight increase of 1.92% over last December. The Village received \$61,888.95 compared to \$60,722.81 in Dec. 2021. For the year, the Village has received \$789,962.49, an increase of 14.18% over the \$691,802.45 paid through Dec. 2021.

The Village is one of three Bell County cities to levy a 1 cent sales tax, while seven other Bell County cities levy a 1.5 cent sales tax and Rogers levies a 1.25 cent sales

tax.

Salado Public Library District and Bell County each levy a half-cent sales tax.

For that half-cent tax, Salado Public Library District received a \$53,100.21 December check, which was 5.5% more than last December's payment of \$50,328.09. For the year, the Library had received \$662,744.75, which is 15.61% more than the \$573,239.68 paid through Dec. 2021.

Bell County received \$2.63 million in December, compared to \$2.27 million in December 2021. The County has received \$31.58 million in 2022, which is 13.01% more than the \$27.94 million paid through Dec. 2021.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar sent cities, counties, transit systems and special

### Sales tax rebates for December 2022 to Bell County taxing entities

Entity	Rate	Dec. 2022	Dec. 2021	Change	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	Change
Belton	1.500%	\$684,536.64	\$553,944.76	23.57%	\$8,686,275.32	\$7,400,996.61	17.36%
Harker Heights	1.500%	\$844,929.38	\$749,233.79	12.77%	\$10,861,058.60	\$9,816,853.95	10.63%
Holland	1.000%	\$10,301.86	\$8,045.55	28.04%	\$121,814.57	\$101,654.52	19.83%
Killeen	1.500%	\$2,799,871.29	\$2,488,367.41	12.51%	\$33,788,397.10	\$31,504,838.17	7.24%
L.R-Academy	1.000%	\$11,056.12	\$8,991.94	22.95%	\$134,503.13	\$125,137.40	7.48%
Morgans Point	1.500%	\$25,838.30	\$26,677.11	-3.14%	\$343,331.61	\$333,169.07	3.05%
Nolanville	1.500%	\$153,983.88	\$133,013.97	15.76%	\$1,995,115.17	\$1,704,127.57	17.07%
Rogers	1.250%	\$8,771.56	\$8,243.93	6.40%	\$110,239.13	\$107,295.30	2.74%
Salado	1.000%	\$61,888.95	\$60,722.81	1.92%	\$789,962.49	\$691,802.45	14.18%
Temple	1.500%	\$2,704,273.59	\$2,378,133.15	13.71%	\$33,418,025.84	\$29,239,892.98	14.28%
Troy	1.500%	\$85,894.35	\$60,073.92	42.98%	\$882,858.72	\$699,021.93	26.29%
Library District	0.500%	\$53,100.21	\$50,328.09	5.50%	\$662,744.75	\$573,239.68	15.61%
Bell	0.500%	\$2,632,205.81	\$2,266,889.82	16.11%	\$31,580,081.09	\$27,943,715.75	13.01%

purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for December, 12.4% more than in December 2021.

The comptroller sent rebates totaling \$665.4 million to Texas Cities, an increase of 11.5% over last December. Rebate checks to Texas

Cities are 13.9% higher year-to-date over 2021.

The comptroller sent \$226.5 million to transit systems for December, an increase of 11.0% over December 2021. For the year, rebates to transit systems are 14.9% higher than 2021.

Counties received \$63.9 million in sales tax rebate checks, an increase of 16.4% over December 2021. For the year, rebates to counties is 16.7% more than 2021.

Special purpose districts received \$96.2 million in sales tax rebate checks for

December, 19.8% more than last year. For the year, rebates to special purpose districts are 25.1% higher than 2021.

These allocations are based on sales made in October by businesses that report tax monthly.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

## Work-from-home ethic causing sea change in urban real estate markets

The S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) drifted back below the 4000 level on Monday, Dec. 5, but then seemed to find a comfortable bottom around 3934 and, after testing it several times, closed out the week ending on Dec. 9 at 3934.38, down 3.37% for the week. That slide left it about 17.5% lower than it was when 2022 started, but still up about 9.8% from mid-October, up 76% from March of 2020, and up about 28.5% from three years ago. The other equity index we follow, the CRSP US Mid-Cap Value index declined 2.97% to close at 2379.56. It is now down 8.38% this year and 6.72% from a year ago.

The benchmark 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note's yield climbed 2.14%, causing bond prices to fall in step with the stock market and ended the week at 3.585%. For those of you who are following the score card on this, the Treasury yield curve remains solidly inverted, with the one-year note yielding 4.72%. The price for a barrel of West Texas Intermediate Crude fell almost \$9 per barrel to \$71.45, presaging good news at the gas pump as the national average price for a gallon of regular gasoline dropped to \$3.32 per gallon, about 36% lower than it was in June of this year.

### The Economy

The financial media remained stuck in "forecast the Fed" mode, reporting what in other times would be good economic news as bad, and bad economic news as good. The prevailing thought process appears to be that any good news suggesting that the U.S. economy is churning along nicely will cause the Federal Reserve to increase rates further than it would otherwise and thereby make a recession both more likely and more severe. Of course, when one boils that down to the underlying logic (or illogic), it means that reports of healthy growth, job creation, and profits are indicators of a looming recession.

### Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



If you find that does not make a great deal of sense, we are with you.

We did get a good indicator of what is happening beneath the surface of the economy and driving inflation as the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) produced its Producer Price Index report for November. The one-year increase in wholesale prices came in at 7.4%, which sounds bad, but the core index, less food, fuel, and services was 4.9%, far better than the double digit increases we saw earlier in the year. Better yet, the one month change in prices from October to November was only 0.3%. That still amounts to an annualized increase of about 4%, which is double the Fed's target of 2%, but digging down deeper reveals that disinflation may already be underway. It was what economists call "goods" that led the way into inflation as supply chains buckled around the world and in this report, the core goods inflation this month is only 0.1%, an annualized rate of only about 1.21%.

The BLS also reported on Productivity and Costs for the third quarter in its second revision, and in that report was some excellent news. Labor productivity increased at an annual rate 0.8% for the quarter, rather than the 0.3% posted in the first estimate. In the manufacturing sector, productivity increased at an amazing annual rate of 5.8%. Since wage increases are considered in this report, that means although wages may be rising at a 5% rate, manufacturing production per hour is rising 5.8% faster than that! There are only three basic elements to the growth in a national economy, the number of workers working, the productivity of those workers, and the will-

ingness of customers to purchase the goods and services they provide. People are certainly showing they are willing to buy, and productivity is rising, so the problem continues to be an insufficient number of workers, particularly in the services area. Unfortunately, since a lot more workers are unlikely to show up soon, the Fed needs to cause us to stop being so willing to spend money, particularly on services.

Commercial real estate continued to take hits as big-city office buildings, particularly in New York City, are unable to fill vacancies. Publicly traded real estate funds have fallen, some by as much as half, and many non-traded "alternative" real estate investment funds have ceased to allow investor withdrawals. One office security company put the average weekday occupancy of office space in New York at about 50%. As leases expire, many tenants are not renewing. This looks more and more like a sea change in the economy as the work-from-home ethic becomes more established.

As a last, but encouraging piece of news, Goldman Sachs economists published their opinion that the United States would narrowly avoid recession and that PCE inflation (the one the Fed follows) should decline to about 3% by the end of 2023 with only a half percent rise in unemployment. We certainly hope they are right.

Not much has changed in the bottom line. The U.S. economy continues to charge along running a bit hotter than is healthy for the long-term and inflation is still too high, but is coming down, while the rest of the world is probably in or entering a recession. We remain optimistic despite some likely bumpy times in the next few months.

## Good news for 65 million Americans on social security

With their run-off victory in Georgia, Democrats now have a mandate to protect Social Security.

By NANCY J. ALTMAN

Social Security was on the ballot in Georgia's December 6 run-off election.

Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock's re-election victory there should be good news for Gold Star families, paralyzed veterans, seniors, and indeed all of Social Security's over 65 million beneficiaries.

It's bad news for the Wall Street-backed politicians who are determined to reach into our pockets and steal our hard earned benefits.

Defeated Republican nominee Herschel Walker proudly campaigned with and took money from Senator Rick Scott (R-FL), the author of a plan that would put Social Security on the chopping block every five years.

Walker would have been a rubber stamp for this plan — and others that would be even worse.

Senator Ron Johnson's (R-WI) plan would put Social Security on the chopping block every single year. The Republican Study Committee, a group that counts about 75 percent of House Republicans as members, wants to raise the retirement age to 70, slash middle class benefits, and give billions of Social Security dollars to Wall Street and private insurance corporations.

Republican House Leader Kevin McCarthy, who will be House Speaker next year, says he will take

a must-pass debt limit bill hostage to cut our earned Social Security benefits. Senator John Thune (R-SD), the No. 2 Senate Republican leader, has endorsed the same approach — and would have had Walker's support.

As a self-funded program that has no borrowing authority and can only pay benefits if it has sufficient revenue, Social Security does not add one penny to the federal debt. Nevertheless, these Republicans want to cut our earned benefits so badly, they're willing to risk an economic catastrophe by defaulting on our obligations.

Warnock's victory gives Democrats a clear majority in the Senate. Along with President Biden, most of these lawmakers are committed to expanding Social Security — with no cuts — while requiring the wealthiest to begin to pay their fair share.

Social Security embodies the best of our values: that all human beings deserve dignity, freedom, and independence, that hard work should be rewarded, and that we are all connected, sharing the same risks and benefits.

Social Security is as reliable as it is essential. Through pandemics, wars, and economic recessions, Social Security has always continued to reliably pay monthly benefits, allowing its beneficiaries and their

families to pay rent, buy food, and fill life-saving prescriptions.

Americans of all political backgrounds rely on our earned Social Security benefits, and fortunately Warnock supports protecting and expanding them.

As a member of the Senate Aging Committee, Warnock led the successful fight to cap the cost of insulin for seniors. He was part of the winning vote to finally allow Medicare to negotiate with Big Pharma to lower drug prices.

With his re-election, Warnock and his Democratic colleagues have a mandate to protect Social Security's earned benefits. They must not only oppose cuts — they must also refuse to negotiate benefits with the extremists who plan to take the debt limit hostage.

To avoid a dangerous and potentially calamitous game of chicken, Democrats should thwart the kidnappers by raising or eliminating the debt ceiling before the end of this year. That will foil the right-wing plan to force highly unpopular and unwise Social cuts that voters across America resoundingly rejected this year.

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## The Spies Who Deserve To Be Out in the Cold

The "Twitter Files" released by Elon Musk give us a more fine-grained understanding of how and why the social media company decided to censor the Hunter Biden laptop story.

This was a woefully stupid decision. The New York Post's account was suspended for two weeks for the offense of coming up with a scoop that we are still talking about and that will surely play a large role in upcoming GOP investigations into Biden family corruption.

That's the kind of thing that newspapers should get awards for; Twitter thought it should get punished for it.

But the Twitter officials caught up in the progressive bubble that caused them to censor first, ask questions later -- all in the name of "safety," of course -- weren't the most blameworthy actors in this episode.

That dishonor belongs to the former intelligence officials who put out a widely cited, deliberately misleading letter suggesting that the Hunter Biden laptop was Russian disinformation. It muddied the discussion over the laptop and gave President Joe Biden a handy tool to try to deflect the laptop story.

These former officials knew what they were doing, traded on their public service for a tawdry political purpose, and have by and large demonstrated no remorse.

Even the former head of trust and safety at Twitter -- who sounds like he just came from a sit-in at a university president's office demanding the disinstitution of a right-wing speaker from campus -- has said Twitter shouldn't have suppressed the Hunter

Rich Lowry



Biden story.

Amazingly, the former officials, once entrusted with some of the most sensitive powers and roles in the U.S. government, aren't as responsible and accountable as a social-media functionary from woke central casting. As a sheer matter of public accountability, their disgraceful performance should be one focus of House Republican investigators beginning in January.

More than 50 former intelligence officials signed the letter, including five former CIA directors or acting directors. Biden cited the letter in a debate with Donald Trump. "There are," he said, "50 former national intelligence folks who said that what ... he's accusing me of is a Russian plant."

That statement was strictly true; it just didn't hold the significance that Biden hoped the average listener would assume. When Trump derisively noted that Biden sounded like he was saying that the laptop was another Russian hoax, Biden doubled down: "That's exactly what we're told."

Of course, we all know that there's no way Biden heard about the laptop with all its tawdry and comprising information and thought, "No, that's not my boy -- must be the insidious work of an extremely adept, undetected Russian spy network trying to influence the election."

Now that multiple other

news outlets have confirmed the legitimacy of the laptop, the letter-writers haven't repented about themselves spreading clever disinformation meant to influence the election. They've fallen back on a Jesuitical defense of their handiwork.

And, indeed, the letter-writers played a game. They didn't actually say that the Hunter Biden laptop story was disinformation, at the same time they created that impression. This has given them plausible -- or more accurately, implausible -- deniability.

Cornered about the letter on Fox News, former CIA officer David Priess said that the laptop story, just as the letter asserted, had "all the classic earmarks" of Russian disinformation. That didn't mean it was disinformation, just that it had the earmarks.

That's not how the letter was promoted at the time, though. Nick Shapiro, a prime mover behind the missive and a former top aide under CIA director John Brennan, told Politico, "The real power here however is the number of former, working-level IC officers who want the American people to know that once again the Russians are interfering."

No weasel words there. And the press coverage leaned heavily on the suspicions of the intelligence officials, not their lawyerly caveats.

Even more than the former management of Twitter, the letter-writers have shown they never should be trusted again.

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# Letters to Santa from Thomas Arnold 3rd graders

Mrs. OBORSKI'S CLASS

Dear Santa,

PS.5 and a fone and some watse and a 22 rifle and Nrf guns. and a gowckart and two cluches. and a X.box.5 and a now mineebicke and a big doocehll and a fortnite game and a gasspower 4.wheeler.

Your friend,  
Adrian

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa my name is Addelyn I two brother and two elfs. Your elfs have been the best elfs in the world. What I would like for christmas is a tomigotche, a baby doll with baby cloths and lots of other suff. Any way I bet you're very bussie with Mrs. Clause and you elfs. I wish you all a mery mery christmas to everybody in you work shop. Now I want to ask you a queiston. The queiston is how do you deliver all Of the perestens in one night? If you can answer. it would be grate. Mery chismas Santa.

Your friend,  
Addelyn

Dear Ssanta,

Hi my name is Jommie I am in 3rd grade and I am happy that you can make all the kids in the world happy. For christmas I would like slime,. Christmas is my faviret time of year. I love to tock about the elfs like the elf sparkels don't the the outhel elfs but she is my faviret elf.

Your friend,  
Jommie

Dear Santa,

My name is Grant I'm in 3rd grade I like Cristmas. This year I couldn't think of anything for Cristmas so what I want is for My dad to have a wonderful Cristmas. And also what want for Cristmas is for my mom to have anything she wants. What I want is a water bottle. What I always do on Christmas is play football. We also put up a big Cristmas tree and me and my mom always decorrate it.

Your friend,  
Grant

Dear Santa,

My name is Emmalyn S. I am in 3rd grade. Me and my sister are so thankful you taking your time to come house to house for everyone because you don't have to do that. If you can, I would want I Suried books, Squish mellow, a scech pad, a camra, a photo album, a small christmas tree, a craft kit, a pack of waterproof stickers, an ipad cace, Space



pillows and thats is all please and thank you.

Your friend,  
Emmalyn

Dear Santa,

My name is gail and I want a nefgun and for and I want a Lego set and to haget whit unspelbkl my elf came back and he was backed in my moms car. See you soon!

Your friend,  
Gail

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa, my name is Brooklyn!! I hope all of the Christmas's have been great for you! I would really like a pair of shoes that are high and sparkly, a watch that is squared but not an apple wartch, maybe dangly earrings!!

you do not have to give me everything!

Your friend,  
Brooklyn

Dear Santa,

My name is Natalie RR. and I have a sister named Olivia and she's 11 years old I am about to be 9 on april 10th. THis year I am in 3 grade I am in MRS. OBORKSI'S class. I go to Tomas Arnold Elementary school some of my best friends are Lynnlee, Harper, Emmalyn, Brooklyn, Avarie, Addalyn and lots more. This year for cristmas I am planning on a Iphone, airpods, lights for my room, and a galaxy background. My Elf's name is star. She is always watching us. Star was by the little door my mom bought. Today is Dec 2/2022.

Your friend,  
Natalie Lynn

Dear Santa,

So Santa i'm telling you this because I want you to now what I want so ill tell you can I please have some Lego

sets a nintendo swch if you have it and maybe a watch maybe a portable charger and a nerf gun that all I hope you recive this letter and please.

Your friend  
Sean

Dear Santa:

This santa I would like some things for crisma. I hope that you have a good crismas this year. THis is a list of some thing I would lik for crismas. Meta quest 2, money, school suplies, Teric Legos, miny skate board and to spend time with my familie

Your friend,  
John Henry

Dear Santa,

I hope that you have a good crismas. Well I hope you can get me a new nitido swich, and a bunch of toys for my dog he is so cute and playful and I hope you can get me a new ping ball table and thank you santa

Your friend,  
Keurs

Dear Santa:

May name is cailynn. I have tow brothers and one sister and two boy cats and one boy dog.. I want a phone and a pupy and a kitten or I could have a very very very big present. For my pets I want a lazor for my cats and for my dog a I want a very very very strong tru toy and I want a very very very very very very very big sqwoosh mal-low for my class I want a big big big box of sqwooshys.

Your friend,  
cailynn

Dear Santa,

My name is Tristan, I hope you are haveing a good year, by the way how is Ms. Clause. I have a sister and she is so exited for crismas. for christmas I want a

Vbucks card over or next to 5,000 vbucks please and also a robux gift card, I want a spiderman costume with gloves please. I hope you have a good year next year!!!

Your friend,  
Tristan

Dear Santa,

I'm Garrison and this is what my sister and I want. My sister really wants a barbie can you please try and make a holiday barbie whith a dress. What I relly wan a harp, link costume and a Hiylen Sheild. Mabe you could get Mayleigh a sister of battle.

See you to take picturs next year.

Your friend,  
Garrison

Dear Santa

My name is abigail love a lisrd jacid I am sorry I am just sad rit now I hope yr happy can I ples get all of the caborfes tools and I jest wat to be a good stodit can ples have a frog slim and a lsrd slim to? I jest a bad stadit i lieke reptils.

Your friend,  
Abigail

Dear Santa,

My name is Angelina and I have 5 brothers and 2 sisters because my mom is having a baby and I am so happy because she is gowing to play with me and I am going to so much fun with her And I have 4 chickens and I have 1 dog and he is a boy and his name is blanco and when I always come back from school he jumps Hi and I foll on the ground and I trand him just a littell bit and for christmas I what slime and a Bow and mibey coler pencils and a tablelet and thats all.. you are the best Santa

Your friend,  
Angelina

Dear Saanta,

Hi my name is Bo and I hav a sister Splis for school and a Dalis Cowboy helmet a lap-top. And I wunt a appl wach and ese books to read.

Your friend,  
Bo

Dear Santa,

PS 5 and nuw fon ples and a TV a forweller but badrey powerd big toy gun. If i dont' get one uf this i will be mad: I don't nowe wut els I wount. I have bin as good as I can this yer. One mor thing can I have a cumpter.

Your friend,  
Landon

Dear Santa,

My name is Avarie Willhoite and I wish to have an oculare but I have a teacher and her name is Mrs. Onorski and my friend and she sahd she wants my to get a frienship nelece that says best friends on it so every body nows we are bffs and I want a serease of spirit animals. Hope you have a safe trip Santa Clause. Oh and i'm in third grade so I have grown up to be a big girl. I am so so so so pritty and buttyful. the End.

Your friend,  
Avarie

Dear Santa,

Hi my name is sophia, are you retey yet with all of the presints Santa. I am going to leave sum good cook-eyes and milk. I want is a laptop for crimis. I been so esxided for it this year. I ben good this year!

Your friend,  
IPhone Sophia

Dear Santa,

Me and my friend Keuss love football can we please have some football's and football gear for both of us Please. Can we also

have some nice looking football gloves. Me and keuss also love baseball can we both get some baseballs?

Your friend,  
Hayes

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa my name is Reese. Can I have a vr set and plys can I have a iphon and can I have a skooshmelaw thes are sum of the thengs I want so plys can I have it. Thits is ok I wuntid. Can I have it if not that is ok I will be still happy and I love yor presins and I love yor elfs.

Your friend,  
Reese

**Mrs. ROUPE'S CLASS**

Mrs. Roupe's Class

Dear Santa,

I would really like to have Yoyo, little stuffed animal, 3 popits, Candy, Markers, Diary of a Pug book, braclet. I have been very good this year beacause I helped my sister out and I helped my mom out. I hope you get my stuff And I will give you cookies and milk, carrots for the raindeer. I hope you get this letter. I will give you a pressent beside your cookies, milk, carrot on christmas night. I hope you have a good day and I hope you eat your cookes and milk and hope the raindeer eats it's carrots.

Your friend,  
Limi

Dear Santa,

I wish for a Bike Bad Please and a MiMi Brand. and A LOL doll and a kitten Plushy. And I have ben good a little Bit and i am sorry Please forgive me. and a blancit. and I wish for my tercher What she What's and I wish you a. Mrry Christmas.

Your friend,  
Kinley

LETTERS CONTINUE ON 4A

# Letters to Santa from Thomas Arnold 3rd graders

Dear Santa,

I what a stiker's and a slioth wuzey and Little nightmares hooty becus I gave sum uv my toy's uway.

Your friend,  
Nellie

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa I would like a scate bord. And a phone for Chistmis. I want a ring. an a stich mini figer. I feel like I have ben being a good boy. I have picked up trash that wasint mine at school. I even gave away a bunch of stuf too. I feel like I dusurve it,

Your friend,  
Charles

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year because I help My friends and I play whif my brothor. Santa oh and sometimes I help my. Mom and dad so may I plesae some pretis? Well can I have a Roblox gift card, a Figit and Candy please. Oh and this is what I think what my Sister whould want some vito games and maybe some Kitcats. But that and I think what my siter whoul want have a grat day and I what.

Your friend,  
Arra

Dear Santa,

This year I was eally a good kid and I awalys wanted a new blanket, tablet and neklece. I have been a good kid because I have been helping my mom and cleaning the living room. I also want a stich pillo, sweater,

Your friend,  
Dayana

Dear Santa,

I would relly lik a mini claw machien. I would also like some cotten candy clime. and I would like a slime kit. and I would like a sonic gift card for Mrs. Roup. and a James avery charm from Mrs Roup to. A desk for my room. a minitrash can. a stich blanket. iPad or Phone for my dads house. a new blaket. some new nike shoes. Nike cloes. Nike hoodies. a umputer. A new binder. some new markers.

Your friend,  
Paisleigh

Dear Santa,

May I have a PS5 and a teck deck. and spen time with my freinds, and a baby cat, a santa plushy, a football cards, snow cons school, my ome school. i been rely good i took out the trahs and tock out some one else trash.

Your friend  
truett

Dear Santa,

I have been very good Chippey comes to you every night. May I please have some robux for Roblox please. And may I please have some some cloth that I saw on amazon. And I want a tree house. And a new phone case please make it a marble case. And I want a pet guni pig my perent well not get me one. And some pappy chapter books. And I want some mon-ey like 100 dollars. And some candy. And some squishmellow. And everyone I now gets what they won't.

Your friend,  
Julia

Dear Santa,

May I please have a lot of football stuff. And a Phone and little football helmets but I not sure that all thirtty two teams will fit in there and by there I mean your sleh. But if you can get the college mini mini football helmet and some very sticky foot ball gloves and a football Jersey of a Nfl Player and a college player. Please supriize me. And a new football and I want Noah to get everything that he wants.

Your friend,  
Max

Dear Santa,

May I please have an I Phone, and a hoverbord, and a miny frig, and a set of dimend ear rings. Because I have been doing chores and giveing gifts to my freind's. And may I please have a new rooster for my brother. Becuas his past away. And can it be black and can it be an baby and it need's a cage for it. And I have been takeing kar of a old lade every day.

Your friend,  
Mila

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been a mic- ture of good and Bad. This year for Christmas I want a giant police Lego set, a dirtbike, iphone 14 pro, a pet rainDeer named Dasher, and for it to snow. When you leave can say HoHoHo?

Year friend,  
Carson

Dear Santa,

May I please have a Xbox, NFL Vikings football helmet, NFL Eagles football helmet, teck decks. And Odell Beckhma Jr. poster with his catch, signed Aaron Judge baseball, Justin Jefferson football jersy, football gloves, cat X FORTNITE, Madden 2022, lots and lots and lots of candy, gold,



Unspeakable maskot.

Please can I have a signed Odell Bekham Jr. card.

Your friend,  
Rush

Dear Santa,

All I want is to spend time with my famliy for Christmas thats what I whant and Avager lego and sqishmelo for Christmas Cus I am Gonobe with my dad for christmas.

Your friend,  
Cayden

Dear Santa,

Sant for Crismas I want a Hotwheel meg monster chuc set for my stoking. I wood like Hotwels and monste chucs. And uthor good- es ples I was good this year and I mad my bed I I oso wor same thing for my teher. And I oso wont a wite christmas. plese.

Your friend,  
Emery

Dear Santa,

I been helping my mom around the house. May I please have an Nintindo switch, a PS5, a iPhone 14 max pro, a Nerf gun, an X box 5, a huge TV, and please can you get my teacher a phone 11 Max pro. A Apple watch, a TV and may I please have my family for Chritmas, a lego sets, and more Lego sets, and a Rondaugh stufie.

Your friend,  
Liam

Dear Santa,

You know that I realy want bryer and Shilice because I have been helping around the house and I have been good at school And to other people and my brother Vaughn and the hosey that I want at target and Animal toys And the 2812 barn and horses thats oh and I real want a horse trailer with seperaterse and horse tack or even surprise me and thats what I really want for Christmas and you can say hi

to .

Your friend,  
Gigi

Dear Santa

I've been a good boy and I just wanted to ask you if I can have some stuff like a Robux gift card, some tech dech, minivillain action figuers, a helmet, knee pads, elbow pads and a 12X12 art book. And some money and a book series its My Hero Academic Books, a mouse for school and a PS5 and fortnite and a wish for my family. We can have what we dream of that's all I want HoHoHo.

Your friend,  
Ayden

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I want a moun- inbike and teck deck, and a ramp for my teck deck, and a Football. I wabt for my friends to have anything they and and a Jerse.

Your friend,  
Juan

Dear Santa,

For Christmes I want a laptop because I always wanted a laptop and because you can do more stuff in roblux. Well I maybe wont put Roblix because I wont know wich one to put Robux on I might just use the laptop for other games and other stuff if my iPand dies I have that.

Your friend,  
Noah

Dear Santa,

I know I was nice and bad but I was more nice. I would relly relly like to have a PS5 and a iphone 14 Pro Maxx, and money because me and me mom dont have that much mony. And can you give my ends her James Avery charm for her bracet. thank you santa

Your friend,  
Wyatt

Dear Santa,

I really really want my own electric scooter a bike or a hover board. I want one of those. I also want a lot of slime or a like a little sand set. If I could get one thing in the WORLD it would be a HORSE!!!!

Your friend,  
Naomi

Dear Santa,

I have relly wanted a paer of roller skates shoes. And I would love to have a big squishmallows.

Your friend,  
Keira

Dear Santa,

I alwas wuntid a Phone For Cresmis Ples ma mom and Dad bon't Lit me git it.

Your friend,  
Aveve

Dear Santa,

I rile rile ril wat a min sissise set sowe cen you bring me one plese thake you Santa. and Mery chrismim.

Your friend,  
Graysen

Dear Santa,

I hope you can make it snow in maine if you can't ples get me a Uletrik Skater and a huver bord and sum pokemon cards.

Your friend,  
Wade

Dear Santa

I would like for Chismes a four weeler that I can drive myself arond the namberhood. I would like three Gennypigs. And I don't elss bu I know I won't more.

Your friend,  
Cecil

Dear Santa,

I want a box with pokeman cards and my Grandma Gamie and Gage Grandma Grandfather and His fog for Gage, wendrsen please.

Your friend,  
Teddy

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a basket-

ball hoop and pokymon binder with the sleeves. pokymon cards. I want a puddly. And money. A shirt and my famly a santa clouse stuffen. A joke book and a R car for crismas The End!

Your friend,  
Gage

Dear Santa,

My name is Skai. And all I want is my family to be together. But if you have heard my uncle Troy died so if you can. Can you please tell him merry crismas. Because we all miss him and my name is Skai and I am eight years old. Because he never met me and I love him so much.

Your friend,  
Skai

Dear Santa,

I want a nentendo swieth.

Your friend,  
Lillyan

Dear Santa,

How are you? I realy want a neoborn baby doll boy please. I would LOVE a istu thank you.

Your friend,  
Makenlie

Dear Santa,

How are you Santa? May I ask a question how many houses do you give persents to? Also I will tell you what I want for xmas. I want a two seat go kart with one of those cool helmets and I want a amibo in my stocking and that amibo is wolf link. And thank you for my bow and arrow and book last year. I hop I am not on the naughty list. Well I hope you have a amazing outstanding xmas.

Your friend,  
Tristan

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa this is what I want for ck- rismas! I want a bun- ny or a hamstir. And a panda kit that I can cary around!!!!!!!!!!!!



Prior to the Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Stated Meeting Dec. 5, the Betty Martin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored the local lodge for patriotism for its annual Flag Program. The local Masons deliver flags to businesses and residences in Salado ISD. Profits from the subscription program are channeled back into the community through several areas: the Lodge gives scholarships to graduating Salado seniors each year; the Lodge adopts the Second Grade for back-to-school supplies through the Salado Family Relief Fund; the Lodge supports local teachers by awarding the Teacher of the Year for each Salado ISD campus with the Lamar Medal for Excellence in Education and a \$500 cash gift during an awards luncheon in their honor; the Lodge also purchases bicycles and helmets for underprivileged children through the Salado Family Relief Fund. Shown above are many of the flag route drivers. There are 20 routes. (Front row from left) Randy Clifton, Glenn Tramel, Chris Fowler, William Arnett, Brian Arnett (riding the girls bike), Jeff Johnson, Dorsey Chandler, Jason McIntyre; (second row from left): Eric Cameron, Paul Christian Art Wadford, Caroline Tillman, Regent of the Betty Martin Chapter DAR, Worshipful Master Buck McFarland, Lafon Ditzler DAR, Chad Heck and Ray Lawrason. The flag program delivers six holidays per year for an annual subscription of \$36: Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day. The Lodge is accepting new subscribers for 2023 online at <https://saladolodge296.com/product/masonic-lodge-flag-service/>. Current subscribers will be sent renewal notices in late December. Salado Masonic Lodge is one of the oldest institutions in Salado. it was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas on June 13, 1867 with Col. E.S.C. Robertson as its initial Master of the Lodge. It initially met on the second floor of Salado College until the Masons and the First Baptist Church built a two-story wooden frame building near the banks of Salado Creek in the late 1870s. The Masons met upstairs and the Baptist Church met downstairs until the 1950s when the Baptist Church built its first brick sanctuary building. At that time, the Masons took the top floor of the building and moved it up the hill to its current location on Church St. Salado Masonic Lodge has had two Grand Masters of Texas Masons from its membership: Maj. Archibald Johnson Rose and George W. Tyler. Tyler was the son of Orville T. Tyler who donated the land on which the Baptist Church and Salado Masonic Lodge were built in the 1870s. Judge Tyler came to Salado in the 1860s so that his children could attend Salado College. His house on Main Street is now being restored. PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER

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Salado Ladies Community League collected a massive number of food items Thursday for Heart and Hands. Director Pat Scarborough was on hand to receive the items.

## Bell officials encourage residents to challenge FCC broadband map

Belton, TX – The federal government plans to invest billions of dollars bringing high speed internet to American homes. Bell County officials want to do everything possible to ensure that Bell County families benefit from that investment. In the coming weeks, county officials are urging residents review a map created by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and, if

they find inconsistencies, challenge them.

"The amount of money that is being dedicated to expanding rural access to broadband represents a once-in-a-generation investment," County Judge David Blackburn said. "I want to see Bell County residents benefit by this investment of federal tax dollars."

The FCC Broadband Map shows that every area of Bell County currently has access to broadband service. Nevertheless, county leaders know that this is often not the case.

"I have heard from many residents, who have looked at their home on the map and have seen a list of ISPs that claim to have them covered," Judge Blackburn

said. "However, when they contact those providers, they are hearing that those companies don't actually serve their address or the speeds that the companies represent do not reflect reality."

"This is exactly the kind of feedback that we need to provide the FCC," Blackburn said. "Without it, they can't know that Bell County is not fully served in terms of high-speed internet access."

The FCC Broadband Map was initially developed using data reported by Internet Service Providers (ISPs), but it was always intended to be a living document. Leaders in the FCC have committed to work on verifying as much of the

map as they can. They continue to receive new data and updates from ISPs, but they are quick to point out that the most critical need is for members of the public to offer their insights.

Residents are encouraged to visit the map and check what type of broadband it shows is available at their address. If they discover any information about broadband service that is incorrect, they can submit an Availability Challenge. Additionally, residents can conduct speed tests to provide better data about their service availability.

For more information, residents can visit broadbandmap.fcc.gov

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## Try this Italian classic for your Christmas table



**SAFFRON RISOTTO WITH PARMIGIANO REGGIANO**  
Serves 4 to 6  
Time 35 min

Also known as risotto Milanese, creamy saffron-infused risotto is an Italian classic. Serve as a main course or as a side dish alongside roasted meats and veggies. To create cheese shavings, run a vegetable peeler over the edge of a hunk of Parmigiano Reggiano; they make an

elegant garnish for the dish.

### INGREDIENTS

6 cups low-sodium vegetable broth  
1/2 teaspoon saffron threads  
1 tablespoon unsalted butter  
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil  
1/2 small yellow onion, finely chopped  
1 1/2 cup Carnaroli or Arborio rice  
1/3 cup grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, plus shavings for garnish  
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt  
1 piece Parmigiano Reggiano cheese rind (optional)  
1/2 cup dry white wine, or another 1/2 cup vegetable broth  
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley (optional)

### METHOD

Combine broth, saffron and cheese rind (if using) in a medium saucepan.

Place on a back burner and keep at a bare simmer.

Melt butter with oil in a large, heavy skillet over me-

dium-high heat.

Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until translucent, about 4 minutes.

Add rice and stir until grains are coated and just become translucent, 1 to 2 minutes.

Add wine and cook, stirring constantly, until liquid has been absorbed.

Begin adding broth 1/2 cup at a time, stirring fairly constantly and adding more broth only when the previous addition has been almost completely absorbed.

Adjust heat as necessary so mixture simmers but does not stick.

Continue adding broth and stirring until rice grains are tender but still have a soft bite at the center, about 18 to 20 minutes.

When rice is ready, stir in a final 1/2 cup broth and grated cheese, then remove from heat.

Add salt and pepper and garnish with parsley (if using), cheese shavings and more pepper, if desired.

Nutritional Info: Per serving: 310 calories (70 from fat), 7g total fat, 3g saturated fat, 15mg cholesterol, 410mg sodium, 48g carbohydrates (3g dietary fiber, 3g sugar), 7g protein.

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# Village of Salado Calendar of Events

## Mondays

Sunroom Sets at Stagecoach Restaurant, 5:30-7:30 p.m. for extended happy hour and live music.

Floor practice at Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 95 S. Church St., 6:30 p.m. except on Stated Meeting nights.  
Bikes & Brews, Barrow Brewing Co., 6:30 p.m.

Open Mic with Ryan White, at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.  
Salado Democrats meet the third Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the conference room of Salado Public Library.

## Tuesdays

Storytime at Salado Public Library, 11 a.m.  
Salado Community Chorus practice, 6 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

Tuesday Night Prix Fixe at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen. \$16.95 for entree, dessert and glass of wine. Prix Fixe menu changes weekly. Visit Alexander's Facebook page for weekly updates on Prix Fixe.

Trivia with Rockin Rick, at Chupacabra, 7-9 p.m.

## Wednesdays

Guest food truck day at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m.

## "Happy Holidays"

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Game Night at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m. Trivia with Chad on second Wed.

Wine Down Wednesday at Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen, 5-7 p.m., Half price on select bottles of wine, featured wine by the glass and feature cocktail specials change weekly.

Grief Share group at Grace Church Salado, 5798 FM 2484, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Karaoke, 7-10 p.m. at Chupacabra.

## Thursdays

Vinyl Nite with Shannon at Barrow Brewing Co., 5 p.m.

Teen Writing Group, Salado Public Library, 6 p.m.

Bikes & Brews, Barrow Brewing Co., 6:30 p.m.

Run4Beer Group, 7 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

Pint night at Chupacabra, 4 p.m.-midnight.

Maxx Carter at Chupacabra, 6-10 p.m.

Family Night at The Shed, specials on beer and pizzas change every week.

## Fridays

Storytime with Ms. April, Salado Public Library, 11 a.m.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7-11 p.m.

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 8 p.m.

## Fridays-Sundays

All Day Gourmet food tasting, Wild Texas Cowgirl, 642 N. Main St., Blue & White House. Open late Fri & Sat! @WildTexasCowgirl-Google Us!

## Saturdays

Storytime at Salado Public Library, 11 a.m.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer and Kitchen, 8 p.m.-midnight

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m.

Asanas & Ales, 9 a.m. third Saturday of each month at Barrow Brewing Co.

## Sundays

Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 4 p.m.

## December 15

Salado Public Library Book Club meeting, 3 p.m.

## December 15

Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight.

Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Southern Star.

## December 16

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., Wayworn Traveler.

## December 16

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Britton Pyeatt.

## December 16-17

Christmas Story Live Nativity at 3C Cowboy Fellowship, 6-9 p.m., 16258 Gooseneck Rd., Wagon Ride through Nativity Scenes. Hot chocolate, coffee, hot dogs and cookies.

## December 17

Teen Hangout at Salado Public Library, 1 p.m.

## December 17

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., Anna Larson Band.

## December 17

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Jon Austin.

## December 18

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Denny Cullinan.

## December 19

Sunroom Set at Stagecoach Restaurant, 5:30-7:30 p.m. for extended happy hour and live music by Jonna Mae Spigener.

## December 21

Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Checkpoint Germany.

## December 22

Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, 4th Tap.

## December 23

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Kyle Mathis.

## December 24

Salado United Methodist Church Christmas Eve candle-light service, 650 Royal Street, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

## December 24-26

Salado Public Library will be closed.

## December 25

Salado United Methodist Church Christmas Day service, 650 Royal Street, 11 a.m.

## December 26

Sunroom Set at Stagecoach Restaurant, 5:30-7:30 p.m. for extended happy hour and live music by Frank Exum.

## December 29

Slime Time at Salado Public Library! Ages 6-11 at 3 p.m. Ages 12+ at 4 p.m.

## December 29

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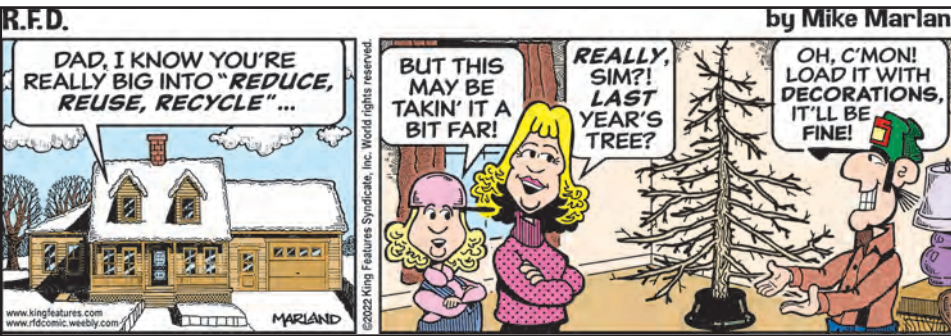
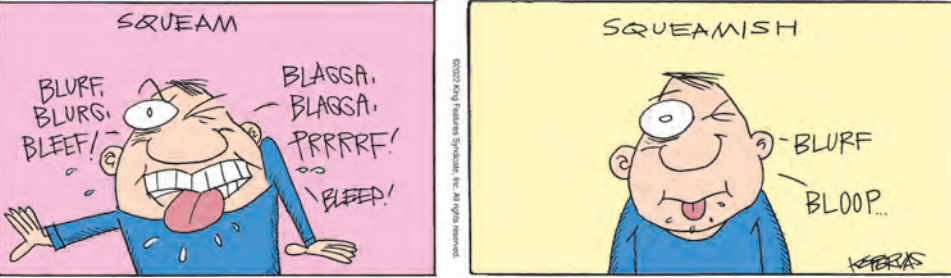
# Super Crossword

THAT '70s SHOW

## Amber Waves



## Out on a Limb



## The Spats



# Contract Bridge

### STEP-BY-STEP REASONING

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

#### NORTH

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

#### WEST

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

#### EAST

♠ J 10 9 5  
♥ J 10 6 4  
♦ K 9 8 4  
♣ J

#### SOUTH

♠ A K Q 6 2  
♥ A 9 5  
♦ 6 5  
♣ 9 8 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT			

Opening lead — three of hearts.

Declarer play is usually an orderly process. Every step declarer takes is based on evidence he accumulates as play progresses. As new evidence is introduced, he makes adjustments, if necessary, in his original plan of action.

Take this deal where West leads a heart, won by dummy's king. South has three long suits to attack, but a little reflection should convince him that it is futile to try to establish the diamonds

because the opponents, in the meantime, are sure to score at least three hearts and the A-K of diamonds.

The spades can also be ignored for the moment, because if they are divided 3-3, the contract is certain, while if they are divided 4-2, their establishment would lead to only eight tricks at best.

Therefore, by elimination, the suit to attack is clubs, where a 3-2 division assures nine tricks. Accordingly, declarer cashes the ace of clubs at trick two. When East produces the jack, South takes care to play the eight to unblock the suit if West started with four clubs.

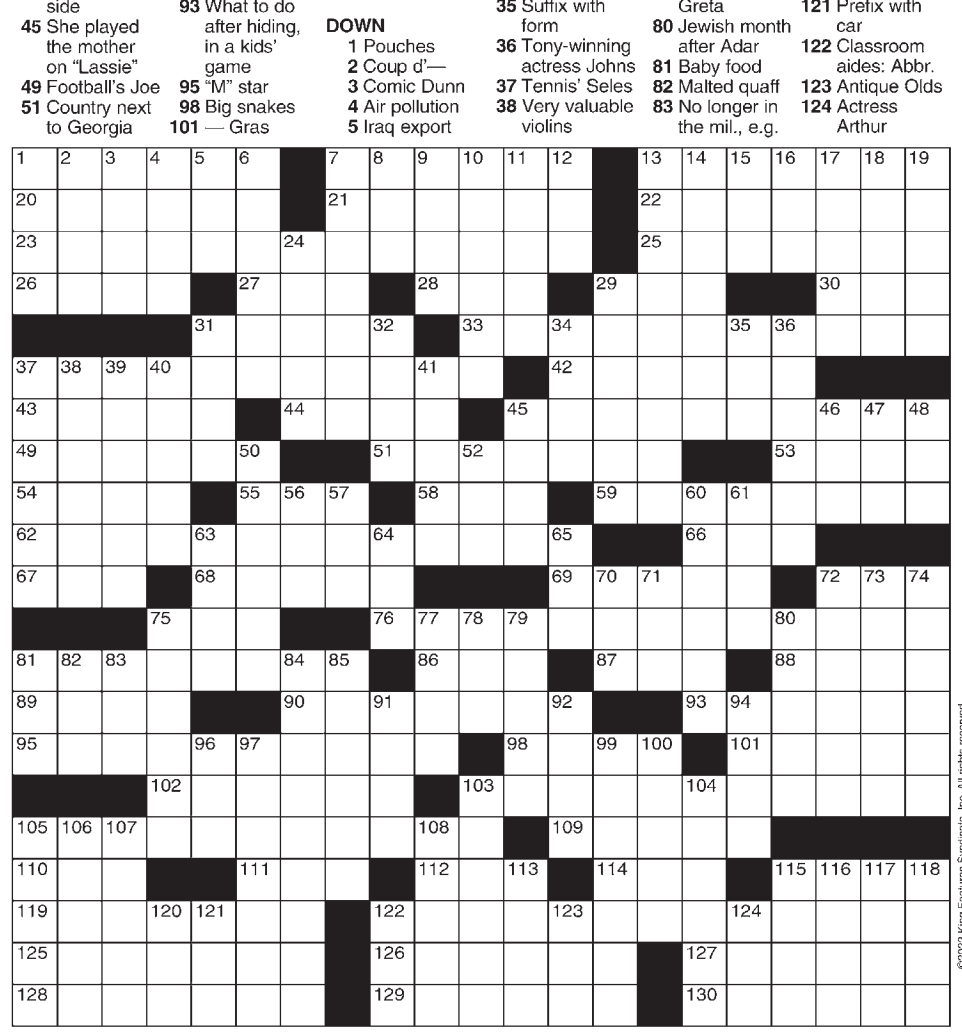
Declarer then leads a low club to the nine. If West takes the trick, South has no problem scoring nine tricks with the aid of a subsequent club finesse -- so let's assume West ducks. The club suit having been milked dry, declarer now shifts his attention to spades. The objection to playing spades at the start is no longer valid because of the extra club trick gained in the interim.

Just one more precaution is needed, however: To guard against a 4-2 spade division, and to maintain communication with both hands, South leads the spade deuce from his hand at trick four to assure scoring the extra spade trick he needs for his contract.

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by Steve Becker

- ACROSS**
- 1 Motion detector, e.g.
  - 7 Portion out
  - 13 Person sleeping next to you, often
  - 20 Like many nuclei
  - 21 Surprise attacker
  - 22 Nero or Napoleon
  - 23 "Hello, Dolly!" star
  - 25 Capital of the country Georgia
  - 26 Doe's dear?
  - 27 Alley —
  - 28 Sousing sort
  - 29 TV's Cheers, for one
  - 30 Top pilot
  - 31 Ice sheets
  - 33 1960s-'70s talk show host
  - 37 She played Bree on "Desperate Housewives"
  - 42 Al Bundy portrayed Ed
  - 43 Nebraska city
  - 44 Jekyll's bad side
  - 45 She played the mother on "Lassie"
  - 49 Football's Joe
  - 51 Country next to Georgia
  - 53 — a soul
  - 54 "Like — not!"
  - 55 Suffix of beliefs
  - 58 Ending for serpent
  - 59 Microscope component
  - 62 Her first Vogue cover was in 1986
  - 66 Green and Gore
  - 67 — matter of fact
  - 68 Japanese dog
  - 69 Video game pioneer
  - 72 — glance
  - 75 Music genre for brooders
  - 76 Co-author of the 2006 bestseller "Three Cups of Tea"
  - 81 Like low-fat mozzarella
  - 86 Eggs, in labs
  - 87 Pro's vote
  - 88 Dot in the sea, to Jorge
  - 89 Actor Baldwin
  - 90 Tunneling rodents
  - 93 What to do after hiding, in a kids' game
  - 95 "M" star
  - 98 Big snakes
  - 101 — Gras
  - 102 Perfectly
  - 103 "Blue Velvet" singer
  - 105 "The Color Purple" novelist
  - 109 In — (irritated)
  - 110 Habited sister
  - 111 Slip — (some shoes)
  - 112 Links peg
  - 114 Boatload
  - 115 Pod veggies
  - 119 Affluent Rio neighborhood
  - 122 Sitcom associated with nine
  - 125 Hand-held filming equipment
  - 126 Soviet statesman
  - 127 Lost lady in "The Raven"
  - 128 Stinging-tentacle reef dweller
  - 129 "Already?"
  - 130 Got lippy with
  - 632-Down brand since the early 1900s
  - 7 Curtain
  - 8 Actor Holm
  - 9 French wines
  - 10 Linguistic expressions
  - 11 Teeth: Prefix
  - 12 Work unit
  - 13 Process by which an electron is emitted
  - 14 Invention in contention
  - 15 Print resolution abbr.
  - 16 Baseball's Ott
  - 17 Popular font type
  - 18 Puccini opera
  - 19 Iroquois tribe members
  - 24 Liquor, slangily
  - 29 Elton John's — and the Jets
  - 31 Italian car
  - 32 Soft drink
  - 34 Zen master's question
  - 35 Suffix with form
  - 36 Tony-winning actress Johns
  - 37 Tennis: Seles
  - 38 Very valuable violins
  - 39 "Pest" of kiddie lit
  - 40 Beet variety
  - 41 Letter stroke
  - 45 Scoff
  - 46 — kwon do (martial art)
  - 47 Tolkien brute
  - 48 TV "Science Guy" Bill
  - 50 Frontiersman Wild Bill —
  - 52 L-P linkup
  - 56 — Lankan
  - 57 Tumbler's surface
  - 60 Wildlife-tracking ID
  - 61 Balletic bend
  - 63 Thanksgiving side servings
  - 64 Joking type
  - 65 Water barrier
  - 70 Tot amuser
  - 71 Add up to
  - 72 State as fact
  - 73 City in Ohio
  - 74 Luke and Leia's father
  - 75 "And on and on": Abbr.
  - 77 Architect Ludwig Mies van der —
  - 78 Eden dweller
  - 79 Actress Greta
  - 80 Jewish month after Adar
  - 81 Baby food
  - 82 Malted quaff
  - 83 No longer in the mil., e.g.
  - 84 1973 Jim Croce hit
  - 85 Gourmet mushrooms
  - 91 Class for tots, for short
  - 92 Buckwheat noodle of Japan
  - 94 Fail to put in
  - 96 Caviar source
  - 97 The Doors song with a Calif. city in its title
  - 99 Refrain from imbibing
  - 100 "Holy" council
  - 103 Gives rise to
  - 104 Shiny plastics
  - 105 Jungian inner personality
  - 106 Fictional sleuth Arsène
  - 107 Pointless
  - 108 Prefix meaning "people"
  - 113 Spanish river
  - 115 Bits of wit
  - 116 Baseball's
  - 117 Farmland unit
  - 118 Shanty
  - 120 Pick-up-sticks math game
  - 121 Prefix with car
  - 122 Classroom aides: Abbr.
  - 123 Antique Olds
  - 124 Actress Arthur



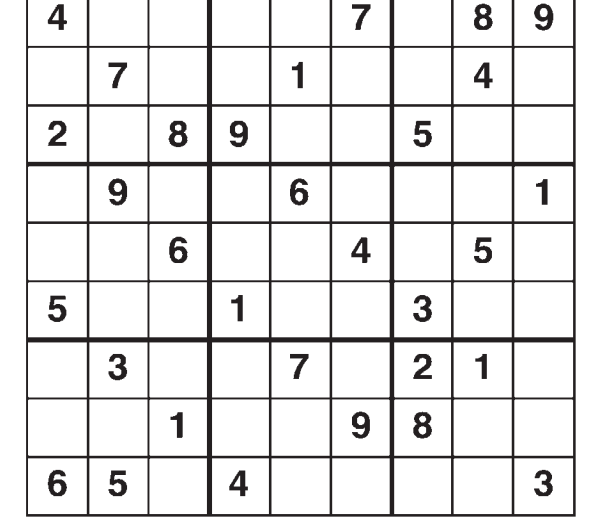
## Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
- MOVIES: What was the name of the fictional kingdom in "Frozen"?
  - HISTORY: How many people died as a result of the Boston Massacre of 1770?
  - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the name of Scrooge's business partner in "A Christmas Carol"?
  - TELEVISION: In what city is the long-running drama "Grey's Anatomy" set?
  - GEOGRAPHY: Which two cities were the original endpoints of the Orient Express?
  - ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs does an ant have?
  - LITERATURE: What is the title of Toni Morrison's first novel?
  - MATH: How many minutes are in a week?
  - BUSINESS SLOGANS: Which company's slogan is, "Expect more. Pay less"?
  - EXPLORERS: What is the home country of Roald Amundsen, the first to reach the South Pole?

- Answers**
- Arendelle.
  - Five.
  - Jacob Marley.
  - Seattle, Washington.
  - Paris and Istanbul (Constantinople).
  - Six.
  - "The Bluest Eye."
  - 10,080.
  - Target.
  - Norway.
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

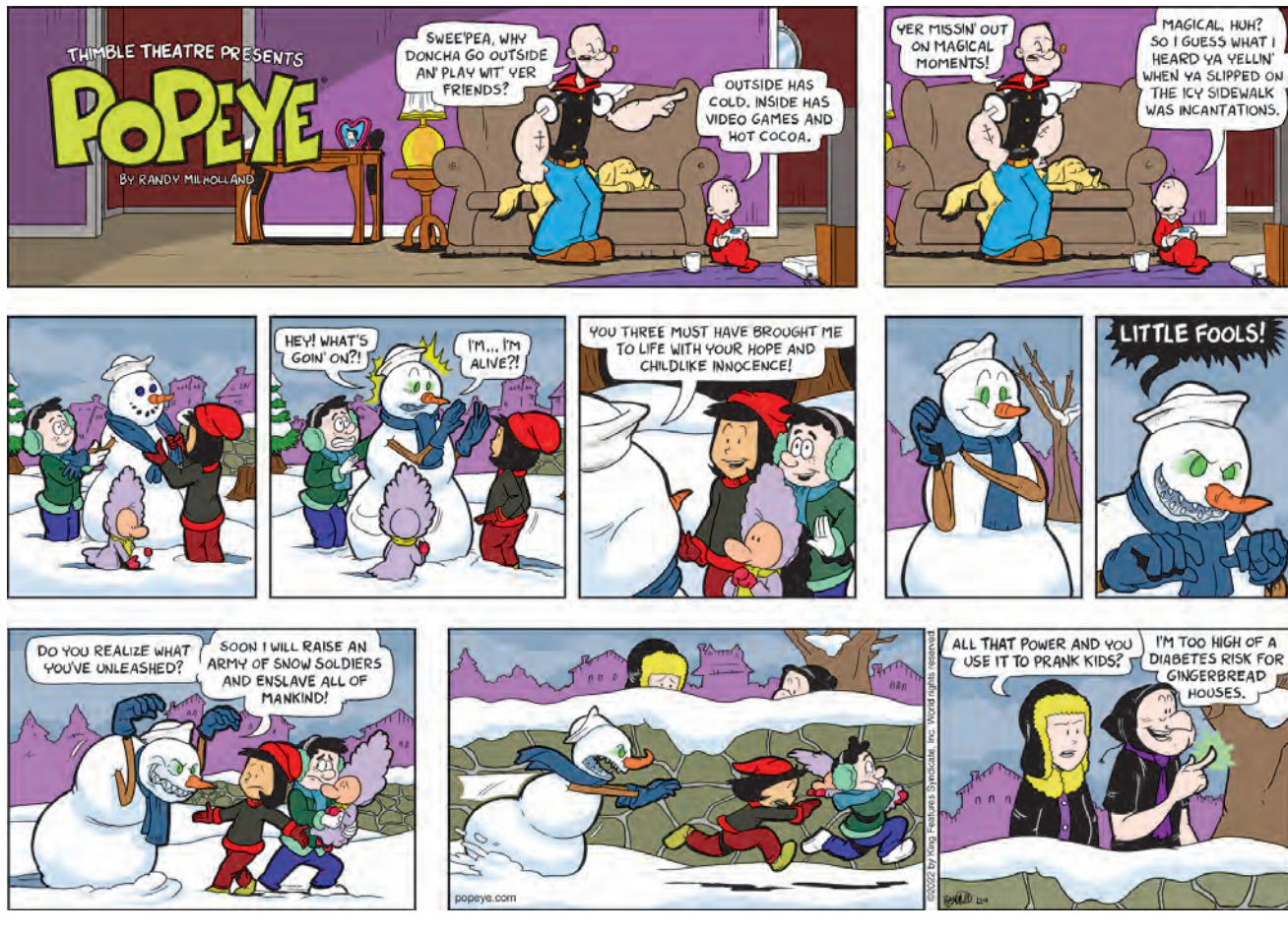


Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answers

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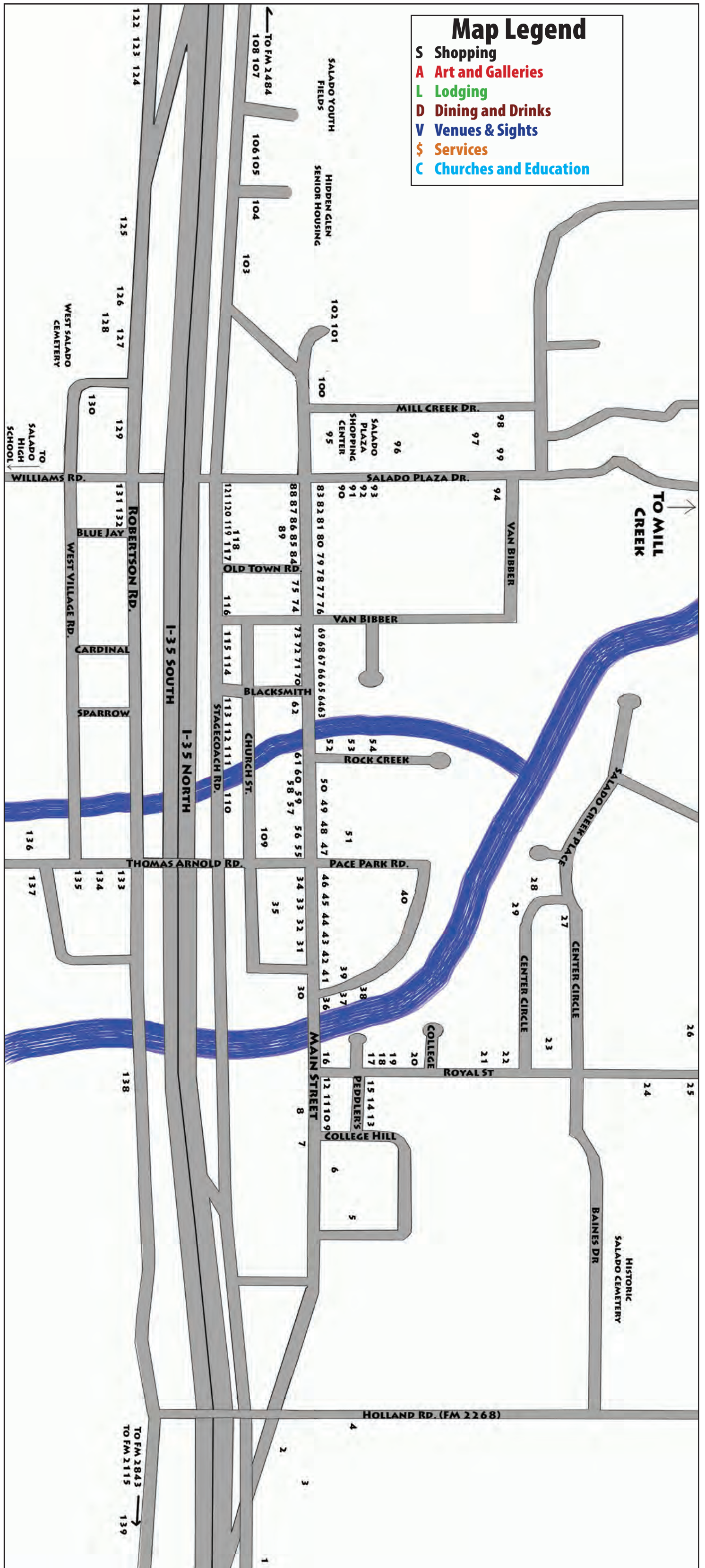
Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

# Shopping Map of Salado

#	Business Name	Type
4	St. Stephen Catholic Church 254-947-8037	C
6	Salado College Park	V
7	Raney & Assoc. Real Estate 254-913-1215	\$
8	StageCoach Inn Shady Villa 254-947-5111	D
9	Salado Museum 254-947-5232 Salado Visitors Center 254-947-8634 Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040 Village of Salado Tourism Office 254-947-8634 New Life Methodist Church	C
10	Sofi's 254-947-4336	S
11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery (254) 308-2019 Chupacabra Kitchen (254) 308-2220	D
14	Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339	A
15	Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina 254-308-2044	D
17	Barrow Brewing Co. 254-947-3544 Happy Pizza 254-226-1684	D
21	The Venue 254-947-5554 Village Spa 254-293-6600	V
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 Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen 254-947-3828	L
30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
32	First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577	\$
34	First Community Title 254-947-8480	\$
36	Woof.salado 254-500-6865	\$
40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park 254-947-5060	V
41	Susan Marie's 254-947-5239	S
49	Lively Coffeehouse & Bistro 254-947-3688	D
560	Salado Creek Jewelry 254-855-5538	S
62	The Pizza Place 254-947-0222	D
75	Stage Stop Center Salado Creek Dental 254-308-2027 Vista Real Estate 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
84	Old Town Salado Salado Post Office 254-947-5322	\$
86	Bill Bartlett - Century 21 254-947-5050	\$
87	The Personal Wealth Coach 254-947-1111	\$
90	Presbyterian Church of Salado 254-308-2023	C
91	Troy Smith Financial Services 254-947-0376	\$
92	Salado Sculpture Garden	A
96	Salado Plaza Ace Pest Control 254-947-4222 Anytime Fitness Salado 254-947-1063 Integrity Rehab 254-699-3933 Salado's Hair Shop 254-421-5173 Salado Village Voice 254-947-5321	\$
100	Salado Public Library 254-947-9191	C
107	Salado Creek Ministries meets at the Holiday Inn Express	C
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
137	Iron Orchid Bodywork (inside Salado Fitness) 254-541-5659	\$
139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148	C
<b>Not Shown on the Shopping Map</b>		
	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 |                                 |

# Wilk, Niu named to TCGA All-State Volleyball Team

Salado senior Haleigh Wilk and junior Livia Niu were named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) 4A All-State Volleyball Team.

Wilk was also named to the TGCA Volleyball Legacy All Star team. The nominated players must be graduating seniors. The TGCA Standing Committee selects the best 20 nominations in the particular sport in 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A.

In her senior year, Wilk had 817 Assists (lead the team), 380 Digs, 52 Blocks, 309 Kills, and 110 Aces (lead the team).

Niu had 495 Assists, 230 Digs, 53 blocks, 268 Kills, and 59 Aces.

Three seniors were named to the TGCA 4A Academic All-State Team: Wilk, Jordan Ferguson and Katey Bartek.

Academic All-State athletes and senior members of the support staff of that sport must be graduating seniors with an overall GPA average of 94 or above for grades 9-11, must be a varsity participant or member of the support staff of that sport in good standing; and must be of good moral character.

Salado high volleyball players were honored with team awards from their coaches last month.

Varsity awards went to Haleigh Wilk, Most Valuable Player; Macy Morris, Offensive MVP; Reese Rich, Defensive MVP; Elsie Law, Most Improved and Grace Clemons, Coaches' Award.

Junior Varsity Red awards went to Shelby Hollywood, MVP; Karlee Konarik and London Woods, Offensive MVP; Ariel Cebreo and Rachel Bender, Defensive MVP; Bri Tutor, Most Improved and Jill Taylor, Coaches' Award.

JV White awards went to Claire Kunders, MVP; Riley Guthrie, Offensive MVP; Shelby Dodge, Defensive MVP; Mahala Rhiddlehoover, Most Improved and Lizzie Ransom, Coaches' Award.

Salado Lady Eagles were District Champions and Regional Semi-Finalists. This was Kristi Wilk's final year to coach the girls. She will be following her daughter Haleigh as she plays volleyball for St. Mary's University.



Haleigh Wilk and Livia Niu were named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) 4A All-State Volleyball Team. (PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Varsity banquet award winners from left: Reese Rich, Macy Morris, Haleigh Wilk, Grace Clemons and Elsie Law.



JV Red banquet award winners from left: Bri Tutor, Ariel Cebreo, Jill Taylor, Shelby Hollywood, London Woods, Karlee Konarik, JV Red Coach Diane Konarik.



JV White banquet award winners from left: Rylee Guthrie, Lizzie Ransom, Shelby Dodge, Mahala Rhiddlehoover, JV White Coach Scott Vasquez



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SCAN ME

# Anderson named to All-State XC; CCCAT All-Region XC Teams, All-State Academic teams listed

Sophomore runner Luke Anderson was named to the Cross Country Coaches Association of Texas All-State Team.

He placed 20th in the State Meet with a time of 16:44.5.

The CCAT also released its All-Region Team. To qualify for CCCAT All-Region honors, a runner must officially finish in the top 15 places at one of the Regional Championship Cross-Country Meets.

Anderson placed fourth overall at the Region 3 Meet in Huntsville with a time of 16:13.6.

Three girls were named to the CCAT All-Region Team: Alexa Williams, Zoie Adcox and Penelope Anderson. They led Salado to District and Regional Championships.

Williams and Zoie Adcox came across the finish line of the 3200 Meter Region 3 course within just a second of each other. Williams placed eighth in a field of 173 runners with a time of 12:36.7. Adcox was ninth with a time of 12:37.8.

Penelope Anderson placed 11th with a time of 12:41.4.

The CCAT also released its Academic All-State teams and Salado had five girls and seven boys named. Girls: Ellie Mescher, Natalie Bursleson, Kate Neas, Evelyn Wickert and Ashlyn Williams; Boys: Jacob Rechtfertig, Owen Pitcock, Ryan Novotny, Robert Joiner, Evan Hardt, Jade Fields, Brooks Dabney.

Academic All-State runners must be Graduating Seniors



Luke Anderson  
All-State Cross Country

Academic All-State runners must have an overall numeric GPA of 94 out of 100, for ninth-11th grade years.

Academic All-State runners must finish their senior cross country season in good standing, and be of good moral character.



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Haleigh Wilk signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for St. Mary's University in San Antonio on Dec. 7. The senior setter is a four-year starter for the Salado Lady Eagles. During that time she has played 502 total sets, registered 799 total kills with a hitting percentage of .301. She also scored 286 service aces, 1,083 total digs, 157 total blocks and 2,741 total assists with a 5.5 assist per set average. Her senior year she was named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) All-State Team, the TGCA All-Star Legacy Team, District 23-4A Most Valuable Player and Team MVP and served as team captain of the District Champion and Region Semi-Finalists. Her junior year, she was team captain and District 19-4A Co-Setter of the Year, Academic All-District and Texas Sports Writers Association All-State Honorable Mention and was named the Team Co-MVP. She was named District 19-4A Co-Setter of the Year and Academic All-District her sophomore year. She was named All-District Second Team and Academic All-District her Freshman Year. Wilk also played She is also plays for Austin Performance Volleyball Club. She has been a setter on their top team for three years. Her team was a National Qualifier in 2021 and 2022. She was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American Watchlist, AVC Best and Brightest First Team, AVCA All-Region and Austin Performance Team MVP. She is shown above with her mother and coach Kristi Wilk and her father CJ Wilk.

## Ladies fall to Burnet

Salado Lady Eagles let an eight-point halftime lead slip through their fingers on the road Dec. 6, falling to the Burnet Lady Dawgs 52-49.

Burnet held Salado to just five fourth-quarter points and poured on 13 over the final minutes to take the win.

Karlee Konarik scored

12 points to lead the Lady Eagles. She also had 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 deflections, a steal and 2 blocks.

Ally Ihler followed with 10 points. Ihler also had 2 rebounds, 4 assists and a deflection.

Also scoring for Salado were Harley Drouillard, 9 points, 6 rebounds, an assist and a steal; Elsi Law, 6

points, 10 rebounds, an assist, a deflection, a steal and 2 blocks; Brooke McLaurin, 4 points, 1 rebound, a deflection and a steal; Ariel Cebrecro, 3 points, a rebound, a deflection and a steal; Lorali Bookout, 3 points, 3 assists and a deflection; Giselle Salazar, 2 points, 2 rebounds and Elly Wade, a rebound.

## Eagles named All-District football

Salado Eagles had six players named the District 11-4A Div. 2 All District teams.

Four players were named to the All District First Team Offense: Quarterback Luke Law, Offensive Guard Jackson Leiskau, Center Dray McLane and Inside Receiver Seth Reavis.

Law had 167 completions on 314 passing attempts for 2,289 yards. He threw for 21 TDs and 14 interceptions. Law was the second leading rusher for Salado with 289 yards on 101 carries, 10 touchdowns and one fumble.

Reavis was the leading receiver for Salado, catch-

ing 56 catches for 969 yards and 11 TDs.

McLane and Leiskau anchored an offensive line that was responsible for 3,787 total yards, 2,343 in the air and 1,444 on the ground. The Eagles had 21 passing TDs and 19 rushing TDs.

Two Eagles were named to the First Team Defense: Inside Linebacker Adam Benavides and Defensive Tackle Garrett Combs.

Benavides led the Eagles with 96 tackles, including 65 solos. He had two sacks and nine tackles-for-loss. He intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble. He scored a defensive touchdown for the Eagles.

Combs had 84 tackles with 40 solos. He had 10 TFLs and two sacks.

Five players were named to the Second Team. Three were named to the Second Team Offense: Returner Drew Bird, Kicker Daniel Chtay and Running Back Kase Maedgen.

Receiving Honorable Mention were Defensive Back Drew Bird, Defensive Lineman Dillon Combs, Wide Receiver Roman Law, Offensive Tackle Ethan Llobregat and Outside Linebacker Dusty Rhiddlehoover.

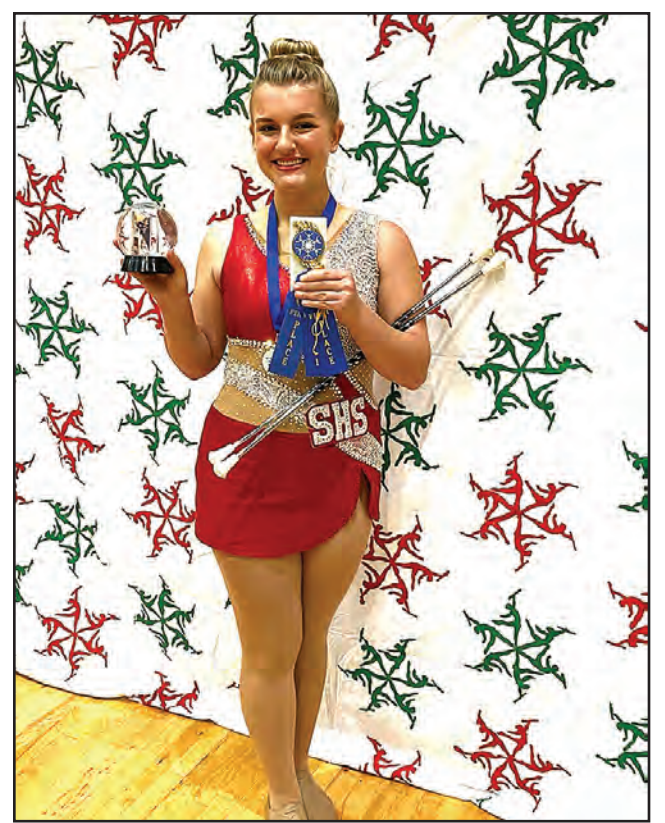
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Sawyer Roach competed in the 2022 ATX Holiday Twirl Fest in Hutto on Dec. 3. There were approximately 102 twirling competitors from surrounding areas to include but not limited to Austin, Round Rock, San Antonio, and Houston area. Sawyer received the following awards at the competition: first in Novice Solo, third in Novice Basic Skills Pageant (combined score in modeling, marching, and solo) fourth in Novice two-baton; three Blue Rating Ribbons for Modeling, Solo, and two-baton. Sawyer trains at Central Texas Twirling Company here in Salado. Sawyer is a junior at Salado High School. She is coached by Debra Faulkner.



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# Letters to Santa from Thomas Arnold 3rd graders

## Ms. FUSSELL'S CLASS

Dear Santa,

I wish for 5 stacks of golden pokemon cards. I wish for my famaly have a grate chrismus. I wish for a ps5 with a controler with roblox on it. I wish for one milyone robux.

Your friend,  
Chase

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa. I have a lot of stuff for the holladay and It cost a lot of money but you are Santa an when I say a lot of stuff i mean it ok and maybe I will pay you back soon, oh and one more thing I want at least 500 dollers.

Your friend,  
Henry.Paul

Dear Santa,

I want the target head shifter all of them please bat man imaginx and everything batman please even legos and justice legue interactive watch please.

Your friend  
Hayden

Dear Santa,

How are you Santa and Mrs. Claus doing this is what I want for Christmas I want a Guaitar and a Archey kit. and a ladtop How are the raindeer and How are the elves doing I can't wait to see all the present's. you will give me and my sitter bye bye Santa.

Your friend,  
Sadie

Dear Santa,

I want some poke-mon!!!! & a PS5 & a safe & a xbox controler & a scatboard & a nother dog. thank you

Your friend,  
Gavin

Dear Santa,

I always wanted a Pet snake for Chismas But i never got one so if its fine with you and your elves. It is fine if i get Nothing. I just want a Pet Snake for Chismas. Santa Prity Please!!!

Your friend, you know him  
Mason

Dear Santa,

I really want a pet from you Santa and I want a dog. I want a Barbi dream house and a spa set so I can have spa time with friends and a lot of sq-ish melows to sqish and one more thing I want it... a good Christmas with my family.

You friend,  
Lyla

Dear Santa,

I Would Love a toe dog and I Would Love to git a toe Stufe and I Would Love Love The Crismis I Would Love a StoKeg and I Would

Love to have The Best toe and I Would I Wat I am in The Densts I will have The Best Crismis at home Santa I with for a toe with my famle at home.

Your friend,  
Avery B.

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa how are you doing? I'm doing great. I would love 10 minybrans. and a Amckin girl dolls. how are the elf's doing Santa.

Your friend,  
Piper

Dear Santa,

For Cristmas I would like a lego set of the death star. For Cristmas I would like a lego set of Mallinial Fallcon. For Christmas I would like a video game of Mario & Sonic at the Olympic for the nintendo Ch. I please have a 18-bit nintendo? Can the elves please stay for Christmas? Can I place have a baseball card of Babe Ruth? Can I please have a baseball sined by Babe Ruth? Can I have 20 nerf guns? Can I please have 30 bullets cases for 1 nerf gun? Can I please have 3 nerf vest for Cristmas? Can I please haev Dog Man Unleashed?

Your friend,  
Colton

Dear Santa,

I want a wock itas games. I want money for ce fance.

Your friend,  
Wyatt

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa whats up this year for Chirstmas I want the bad batch shuttle 100. how where you last year I had a nice time what about you. and I ho-ho-hope you have a nice Chirstmas

Your friend,  
Oliver

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa how are you doing. I hope you are doing great. I would love a squishmelose. and I hope your elves are good. And the raindeer I want a squishes and I want scunchey.

Your friend,  
Laila

Dear Santa,

I want a real puppy. AND a Lot of candy Plz and ty!!!

Your friend,  
Ava

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa my name is Adriana I don't know if I am on the nice list or natty list. But I want my ancol. I want a lot toy. I want a book. I want a sinche stuf. And Dear Santa Klas I hop you have a god Kesnes

toy sewing mashen. Love you.

Your friend,  
Adriana

Dear Santa,

Hi I always wanted a toy sewing machine. And a new iPhone 13. And some fake nails. And 1 puppy that is a girl boxer. I love you Santa. I always wanted a grinch outfit and a horse and some Nikes shoes. Your the best ever. Can I ask you something am I on the nice list. Can my mom, dad, sister, brother and me get get maching PJs. and a Prinsses car at Walmart.

Your friend,  
Zalaiyah

Dear Santa,

Hi How are You? I always a cat and toys a good Cristam and Slime.

Your friend,  
Camila

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa. Im very excited for Christmas. I wonder what you'll get me this year. My elf is doing great My Elf is keeping me entertained.

Your friend,  
Riggins

## MRS. LANE'S CLASS

Dear Santa,

I don't now want I want for christmas, but I would like a nother elf. Can you get a girl please. And can you get me and my brothers one of your snow foxes. I want a hoverboard with the seat. Can you get me my own alexa. I would like some toys for my brothers please and my ow vanity with more makeup.

Your friend,  
Caroline L.

Dear Santa,

I want a Bird and squirrel book a Big big Slinky a new football Newcar. I can't think of any thing els.

Your friend,  
Ryder

Dear Santa

I really really really want a moon pod bing bag chair the price is \$375 and I know it's a lot but I was thiking you elves could probably mmake one if it's to much to ask for I'll just let you suprise me with something

Your friend,  
Dane

Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl this year may I have a iphone 14, LoL house challet, a glittery phone case, nintendo swich, nintendo swich games, Alexa, L E D lights, slime, slime contanors,



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Your friend,  
Bailey

Dear Santa,

I would like otou-grafs from Santa, Mrs. Clas & all the Elfs. I would also like sum stuf for Lady-fufu. Like a Biger cage. All just give you a list hear we go: Fitbit, LavLamp, 3 Squish-melows, Watecoler pens but all the colers, Roler Skates,huver boyd, card stok colerd paper, Drama, Show yoal smiel Borth By Rina Felimanger & the sun seireys.

Your Friend,  
Kooper M.

Dear Santa,

How are you today. Are you haveing a great day. I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. Ready 3...2...1...0. Ok what I want is a fish, Nerf gun, stuff animal, football stuff, football target, and more stuff. Now you know what I want. Oh and I want candy and candy canes and a new knif and more hunting stuff. Hope you have a great day! P.S. I want it to snow on Christmas.

Your friend,  
Cooper B

Dear Santa,

for christmas if you could add a fiddle with the dirt bike I would love it but if you can't it's ok.

Your friend,  
Jace

Dear Santa,

Hi! I Am Hedi And I would really like some wattermelon Gum! And A sketch book, and A Scush-mellon. (P.S. I don't know what else)

Your friend,  
Heidi the Great

Dear Santa,

I do not really know what I want but I guess I what a Puppy and a benbag chair. Some books or a new water bottle.. Some paint or decoration and some electronics. A skate-board or Alexa. LED lights. basketball hoop and a bastetball.

Your friend,  
Harper

Dear Santa,

I want a new tablet and a little vespa and a shows with weels on the botum and a reale looking babydoll and the hole book series of the babysittises clud and a new big mac up kit and a new new play school stuff and snow and a new mack up caty and a new real dog and a shirt for it.

Your friend,  
Emersyn

Dear Santa,

I wan't for crimese is a new rug and now paint set and a ipad and a new screen potector and a new apple watch and a new stepstool i Love you Santa!

Your friend,  
Brinlee

Dear Santa,

I would like for Christmas caps for my cap gun, something to fix my four wheeller with, a blacksmith and other battle bots a spy bot.

Your friend,  
Reid K.

Dear Santa,

I would like some books, Squishmel-low's, candy but just no choclate please, clothes, Sbow, Smelly markers, coloring book, legos thank you Santa. Oh and dog toys for my doggys!

Your friend  
Aria M.

Dear Santa,

For christmas I want a smile face shirt. I also want new Jordan shoes. And a new back pack.

A unicorn plush. A squish melow a shork one. Slime ingredients. A bean bag gry one. New clothing thats all.

Your friend  
Jordan

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas is a guitar that can have a autograph with yeur name on it and on Chistma I want snow

Your friend,  
Pearson

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I would like: Squishmallows, sketch books, Markers (wash-able), candy, American girl dolls, lip gloss, ear-

ings, if I have my ears peirced, sweatshirs, necklesses and last but certainly not least... A PUPPY!!! and thats all. I hope you have a great Christmas. P.S. I mean it with the puppy!

Your friend,  
Maren M.

Dear Santa

I want a dirt bike and a halmet and a go cart.

Your friend,  
Ledger

Dear Santa,

Dear santa want I want for Christmas is a new meadl detector and a meadel yety water botel and finly a C.H.O. charger I lost.

Your friend,  
Charlie

Dear Santa,

My name is Lynnlee. I've bin very good this year. How are you and Mrs. Claus? these are a few of somethings I would like rainbow high dolls, a puppy, a cat, a horse and a lot of money and snow and to go ice sckating.

Your friend,  
Lynnlee

Dear Santa,

I hope you can get sum stuf for me put I wunt for crimus is a Springles trampulen, and little nascar hjotweals. and a Ipad. I thank this is the last one wich is a got-cart. and thats it thank you so much!

Your friend,  
Cade E.

Dear Santa,

Hello santa. I am making some cooliks for you. soon. I want a new trampolen because orn Broke. is you Birth-Day mach 12?

Your friend,  
Emelia

Dear Santa,

I want an xbox. ANd a PS4. also a computer. and in case viDeo game cherts. Oh and How are you today? i apreciate all the work you and your elves Have done. Why Do you live where is is cold? And why do you Dress in reD?

Your friend,  
Jason

# Letters to Santa from Thomas Arnold 3rd graders

## MR. GUIDRY'S CLASS

Dear Santa,  
can sparckles stay longer and can we get Elf pets and can we get Elf pets and can I get 100,000 dolers. can I have a Huver board abd beddy and scout come in side.

Your friend,  
Chaser

Dear Santa,  
I WaNt A BALLAN-DAPS5 Ans THAT And A cAr And A BIAck Horse And A chair And to see you And A Cow-boy hAt And rodeo And A Bag.

Your friend,  
Matthew

Dear Santa,  
I want a PS5 and a nintenDo and I want my Mom and Dad to be nice to erhe othr I want a gaming setup.

Your friend,  
Emilio

Dear Santa,  
All I want for christ-mas is a good winter break and Harry Potter things. oh and money :) . But have a good x-mas.

Your friend,  
Lainie

Dear Santa,  
I can't wait for x-mas and I really want a hoverboard. a com-puter. a new electric scooter. and a new doll please. my favorite hol-iday is x-mas so pleas get the prerents.

Your friend,  
Jaxson

Dear Santa,  
My name is Isaac. Christmas is my favor-ite holiday. Is it your fa-vorite holiday? I think so. Please let everybody have a good Christmas. And I hope you have a good Christmas. And I hope you have a good christmas! You are so nice because you give Presents to everybody in the world. And have a good christmas!

Your friend,  
Isaac

Dear Santa,  
1. For Mrs. Fussell to have a good christ-mas.

2. For Mrs. Gonya to have a good christmas.

3. for Mr. Guidry to have a good christmas.

4. For Mrs. Fussell dog to live a little lon-ger.

5. For everyone in this school to have a good christmas.

6. For my dog to get her leg better.

7. A new football.

8. A to doball Axe.

9. A scatbord.

10. 1. m dollars.

11. My family to have a good christmas.

Your friend,  
Colton

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa. I hade a Wonderful year. And last year I hade a Won-derful christmas. And I hope I have an amaz-ing christmas this year. I know I Will have a amazing year. and a new year. did you have a good year. I hope I get a lot of presents this year. Have a good christmas.

Your friend,  
Kailey

Dear Santa,  
I wunt a puppy for christmas dut if you don't hav a puppy. Pleas can I hav a foot-ball side de you.

You friend,  
Brayden

Dear Santa,  
I am relly exside for you to come. And whant A custm lamb hulter plase. And I would A new ipaid. And a new hores shirt. And for Mrs. Fussell dog to live longer. And picture of you santa.

Your friend,  
Lila

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas I want a sweater for my dog and I want food toys you can choose any. I really and I mean really want a blackank sweater and shirt and I want white shoes and a hat that you can squeeze a buppen and the ear stands up thank you santa claus and can I please have a bed for me dog. I hope you have a good wonderful Day! and I want a cute dog shirt. I hope you have a good wonderful Day! and I want a cute dog shirt. and dog toys and bear PJ's.

Your friend,  
Camila

Dear Santa,  
you are the best peresent giver. and what i whnt for ceris-mas is a i phone apple. Roblax. Legos no gris leggo's. Rc car, a good cerismas and how is the deer's we will give you cookies.

merry cerismas.  
Your friend,  
Connor

Dear Santa,  
Dear Santa may I Please have a hover-board, three blue eyes white dragons and Exo-dia Yugio cards rain-bow loom a basketball hoop a real bow and Arrow a stuffed animal cheetah and a chew toy for my dog.

Your friend,  
Luke

Dear Santa,  
I wish my friends to have the beast christ-mas ever!!!

Your friend,  
Kynzlee

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a art case and to be with famliy and friends and for a box for makeup and for a good christmas fo family a friends and me to give you cookies and milk I also want a big cookie plushei and a soccer ball and boots black one's please and thank you.

Your friend,  
Kylee

Dear Santa,  
Hi santa this is my favrite time of the year. you are my favrite Hopefully you bring my gifts. thank you

Your friend,  
Isaias

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a bed for my Dog. and some toys for my little pup. the game sorry!, and some Books, a rolling chair, and a Hah Diary, a elf hat, and some clothes, and a grinch toy, and a cat picture, and a minie painting of a Dog, some socks, and some fluffy Boots, a Jornal, a toy of you, and a stocking of youra flashlight of you, a computer.

Your friend,  
Alexa

Dear Santa,  
What I want fore chrismise is a mincraft lego set and I want a lego space shutle and 3 blue eyes white dra-gens and exodea you-geo cards and erasible hilighters and a neo draginoid bokogon toy and a randum toy.

Your friend,  
Noah

Dear Santa,  
Hi it me Henley. For Christmas I want some paint markers, and I don't want ot have sur-gery in March. But I don't know yet. So and I love Christmas it is my favorit Holiday. We are going to put out so cookeis for you. so but bye.

Your friend,  
Henley

## MR. WOMACK'S CLASS

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a ipad for Drawing with a pen I want it to be really deteld so I can Draw pe-cific stuff. I also want the jgantic pokymon pack 231 pokymon cards.

Your friend,  
Rylee

Dear Santa,  
Are you doing good in the north pole can I please have a vr head set it is my dream to have one. And can I please have a calcula-tor to help me do math



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and I like rc cars a lot because I get to be in charge of where the car goes. I would like a glove that has LED lites in it so I can put it in my room.

Your friend,  
Cole

Dear Santa,  
What I want for christmas is a dirt bike. And a VR headset. A baseball bat to.

Your friend,  
Tyler

Dear Santa,  
I really really want a hamster for Christmas! If I get a hamster for Christmas I will name is Potato. I want a pair of NIKE Airs please. A salado eagles blanket. I want a water bottle too. I want a big stitch.

Your friend,  
Kynlee

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a wii console. What I want for christmas is a hot wheel track. What I want is a computer for home. Can I have a Go cart hummrsi v for me to fit. I wish for amongus for mi Xbox. I wish for a PS5.

Your friend,  
Gavin

Dear Santa,  
I have been Good this year. For Chris-mas I want a vr head set, books, and legos. I love christmas so much dash is the best elf ever. I also want nindindo Games and it achmint. I can not weight for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Hudson

Dear Santa,  
I no how hard you have been working so I want for Chrstmas is oniquim dinosaurs burd and a Toybox to keep all my Privit Stof and to Keep My neckleses Safe.

Your friend,  
Richie

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a Perue of Stickers and I want to get a Phone. And I would also would like to get a Rainbow high doll. And I Would Like a new Bage and I Would Love to get a Shushmelo.

Your friend,  
Fiona

Dear Santa,  
I want a tv. I also would like a car. And a rv. My birthday

Your friend,  
Lincoln

Dear Santa,  
I want Hot wheels. A vr headset. 100,000,000 Mine bucks. 100,000,000,000 ro-bucks.

Your friend,  
Emmett

Dear Santa,  
old I2y Skale cas Warbo bookS ando ttooRises fiveo and book egene books.

Your friend, Vtaatt  
N

Dear Santa,  
What I want for christmas is

1. Space stickers.
2. Alien Plushy
3. Space POSter
4. Space note Book.
5. Meni jeep
6. Meni Frige

Your friend,  
Ellis

Dear Santa,  
I want is hov-er shous, elrick, go cart, PS5, hotweles. Thank you santa four evrethagk you.

Your friend,  
Stockton

Dear Santa,  
Huggy wuggy stuff-ing a blue one and a huggy wuggy costume and a huggy wuggy blanket and pillow

Your friend,  
Dale

Dear Santa,  
I wunt a chran that has a Kros that is bak. I wun a vorhaset that I kan pLay fonit. I wun formen simlaDr on

swich. It haK santa for goivenus prdsint

Your friend,  
Nasir

Dear Santa,  
I Have bene a good girl this year. I want a gade phone and a vr head sat. And git moin carder. And a lot of new cate bakes And a Lave Lamp. And space stik-er. Mari girl dolls. And a fig ite and a carler.

Your friend,  
Erin

Dear Santa,  
Dear Santa what I want for Christmas is a Xbox and a oculus ie you can a PS5 pleas. I'm not saying you have to just saying but I really hope so thank you. That's not it can you justplease let my family have one day to spend time together. Thank you for that to I really hope you have a good day.

Your friend,  
Aldyn

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want you to get my mom and dad a preanset, can you bring my elf back. That I will get you some ores for you. What I want for Christmas is a calcula-tor.

Your friend,  
Hadley

Dear Santa,  
Dead santa. What I want for Christmas is a vr headset and a iphone 14. I also want a Bunch of rare golden poki-mons and a mote con-trole car. Plus a poki-mon sword and sheild nintendo game. I also want a bunch of poki-mon action figures.

Your friend,  
Carter

Dear Santa,  
This is Kieron, but you can call me K.J. I would like a handbook that I can fit in my back pocket because I like to draw and take notes. I would also like an in-dein baseball.

Your friend,  
Kieron

# Freshman Eagles win West Tourney

Salado Ninth Grade Eagles won their division of the West JV Tournament Dec. 8-10, winning four games beating each of their opponents by more than 10 points. The wins improve their season record to 5-2.

**Salado Ninth 39**  
**Connally Ninth 26**

Salado ninth graders took control of their opening game against Connally ninth grade Cadets in the second quarter, outscoring them 15-2 for a halftime lead of 25-18 and riding the momentum to a 39-26 win on Dec. 9.



Tournament Champion Freshman Eagles. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Gabe Merriman and Andrew Benavides both scored 12 points to lead the Eagles.

Also scoring were B.J. Amann, 4 points, Braydon Gonzales, Cade Fenoglio and DaMonte Foster, 3 points each and Ethan Robleto, 2 points.

**Salado Ninth 44**  
**China Spring 9th 32**

Salado Ninth Grade Eagles scored 15 points in the fourth quarter against their opponents from China Spring to put the game away on Dec. 9.

led 32-15 after three.

Merriman had four three-pointers to lead the Eagles with 12 points. Benavides had two three-pointers and followed with 10 points.

Also scoring were Derrick Smith, 6 points, Robleto, 4 points, Gonzales and Benavides, 3 points each and Amann and Fenoglio, 2 points each.

**Salado Ninth 48**  
**West Ninth 24**

Salado and West ninth graders had a shootout in the first quarter of the championship game but the Eagles shut down their hosts for the rest of the game to win the championship 48-24 on Dec. 10.

Salado led West 19-15 with Benavides scoring 14 of his team-high 21 points in the first. The Eagles outmatched West 10-4 in the second for a 29-19 halftime lead. The Eagles outscored West 9-4 in the third and 10-1 in the fourth to double up on the score, 48-24.

Also scoring for the ninth grade Eagles were Fenoglio, 7 points, Amann and DaMonte Foster, 6 points each, Merriman, 5 points and Robleto, 4 points.

The Eagles had a slim lead of 8-7 after the first and led 22-16 at the half. China Spring closed the gap to just one, 29-28 in the third. Benavides scored six of his 14 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Eagles in the surge.

Gonzales led the team with 17 points, nine of them coming on three-pointers.

Also scoring were Amann, 6 points, Merriman, 5 points and Coulson Boyd, 2 points.

**Salado Ninth 42**  
**Valley Mills Ninth 22**

Salado ninth graders blew out Valley Mills, 42-22, in the third round of the tournament on Dec. 10.

The Eagles led 8-2 after the first and 21-8 at the half. They

## JV Eagles

Salado JV Eagles won one of four games in the West JV Tournament Dec. 8-10.

**Salado JV 42**  
**China Spring JV 58**

Salado JV fell to China Spring 58-42 in the first round of the West JV tournament Dec. 8.

Chevy Adkisson led the Eagles with 14 points.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Nathan Tanner, 9 points, Mason Brown, 7 points, Dawson Barksdale, 4 points and Jett Stockton, Korbin Konarik and Jack Ingram, 2 points each.

**Salado JV 54**  
**West JV 24**

Salado JV cruised past the West JV Trojans, 54-24, in the second round Dec. 8.

Brown led the Eagles with 14 points.

Also scoring were Tanner, 9 points, Konarik, 8 points, Houston Thomas, 7 points, Ingram, 6 points, Adkisson, 3 points, Andrew Young, Barksdale and Stockton, 2 points each and Brandon English, 1 point.

**Salado JV 40**  
**Grandview JV 45**

Salado JV lost to Grand-

view, 45-40, on Dec. 10 in the West JV Tournament.

Adkisson led Salado with 12 points.

Barksdale scored 10 points to follow.

Also scoring were Brown, 7 points, English, 5 points, Ingram, 3 points, Konarik, 2 points and Zane Roche, 1 point.

**Salado JV 38**  
**Connally JV 46**

Salado JV lost to Connally JV, 46-38, in the fourth round of the West JV Tournament Dec. 10.

Konarik led the team with 13 points.

Also scoring were Brown, 7 points, English, 6 points, Barksdale, 4 points, Young, Adkisson, Thomas and Tanner, 2 points each.

**Salado JV 56**  
**Wimberley JV 62**

Salado JV lost on the road to Wimberley, 62-56, on Dec. 6.

Grayson Lomeli led the Eagles with 19 points.

Brown followed with 11 points.

Also scoring were Barksdale, 6 points, Konarik, 5 points, Ingram and Adkisson, 4 points each and Roche, 2 points.



## Wrestlers finding success on mat

Kelly Villafranco won a bronze medal at the Dripping Springs Iron Tiger Tournament on Dec. 10.

The SHS Wrestling Team defeated Gatesville and Round Rock McNeil in a home tri-meet on Dec. 7 moving their season dual meet record to 6-3.

Best records this season are Freshman Keagan Sieracki with 14 wins and 0 losses and Sophomore Nathan Rechtfertig at 14-3.

Other Varsity team members who have added victories include: London Woods, Connor Lynch, Rocco Purcell, Daniel Fisher, Owen Stone, Zack Manthie, Jade Fields, Carter Schulz, Zach Hortness, Ryley White, Ryland Woods, Tyler Blackwell, Cavahn Wilson and Garrett Combs.



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)  
Katelyn Lebreque (photo above left) and Jade Fields (photo above) take their opponents to the mat. For more photos, visit [saladovillagevoice.com](http://saladovillagevoice.com)

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# Salado hosts JV tourney

Salado JV Red Lady Eagles won two of their four games in the Salado Sub Varsity Tournament Dec. 8 and 10, losing twice to tournament champions Rogers.

Salado JV Red was the second place team in the tournament.

**SHS JV Red 25**  
**Rogers JV 33**

The Lady Eagles JV Red lost to Rogers JV, 33-25, in their first game of the tournament on Dec. 8.

Ainsleigh Liebig led Salado with 8 points.

Also scoring for the Salado girls were Lola Haas, Mechell Estrada and Riley Guthrie, 4 points each, Abigail Klein, 3 points and Brooklyn Williamson, 2 points.

**Salado JV Red 50**  
**West JV 31**

The girls bounced back in the latter part of the day, beating West JV 50-31.

Liebig led the girls with 27 points. Guthrie followed with 10 points.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Haas and Estrada, 4 points each, Williamson, 3 points and Addison Matthews, 2 points.

**SHS JV Red 38**  
**Academy JV 30**

Following pool play, Salado JV Red beat Academy JV, 38-30, on Dec. 10. Academy was the winner of Pool 1.

Guthrie led the girls with 17 points. Liebig followed with 10 points. Also scoring for Salado were Brianna Tutor, 8 points, Williamson, 2 points and Matthews, 1 point.

**SHS JV Red 24**  
**Rogers JV 42**

Salado JV Red Lady Eagles lost to the Rogers JV girls 42-24 in the final of the Salado Sub Varsity Tournament Dec. 10.

Liebig led Salado with 11 points. Also scoring were Matthews and Guthrie, 4 points each, Williamson, 3 points and Tutor, 2 points.



Salado JV Red's Brooklyn Lowe grabs a rebound. (PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Lily Gillette steals the ball from Holland for Salado JV White Dec. 10. JV PHOTO GALLERIES AT SALADOVILLAGEVOICE.COM

**SHS JV Red 23**  
**Burnet JV 28**

Salado JV Red Lady Eagles lost to Burnet JV, 28-23, on the road Dec. 6.

Liebig led Salado with 15 points, followed by Williamson, 5 points and Tutor, 3 points.

**Salado JV White 33**  
**Holland JV 35**

Salado JV White fell to Holland JV 35-33 in the Salado Sub Varsity basketball tournament Dec. 10.

Reese Franks led the girls

with 15 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Presli Thompson, 7 points, Corinne Wyche, 4 points, Reagan Connor, 3 points and Haley Yohner, 2 points.

**SHS JV White 34**  
**Georgetown 43**

Salado JV White lost to Georgetown, 43-34, in the Sub Varsity Tournament Dec. 10.

Franks led Salado with 13 points.

Also scoring were Thompson, 9 points, Kenslee Free and Lily Gillette, 6 points each.

# SHS fall athletes named THSCA All-State Academic

Several Salado student athletes were named to the Texas High School Coaches Association All-State Academic Teams for fall sports, including Football, Volleyball and Cross Country.

The award recognizes high school athletes who excel in the following categories: GPA, class rank, and ACT/SAT score. These recipients are recognized as team members based on their scores in these categories and are grouped into Elite Team, 1st Team, 2nd Team, and honorable mention.

To be nominated for Academic All-State, a student must be:

- A senior
- An athlete, student trainer or manager in good standing with the team
- Of good moral character
- Have an overall grade point average of 92 or above

(including courses from grades 9-11 and courses completed from grade 12). GPA and class rank are considered in the scoring.

When reviewing the nominations, students receive points based on each category. The total number of points determines which team students are placed on. The classification of the school is not a factor, and there is not a limit on how many students can make a team.

The highest honor a student athlete can make is the Elite Team, as a player must have near perfect scores in all categories. The hierarchy then follows by first team, second team, and honorable mention.

## FOOTBALL ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

The following senior Salado Eagles were named

to the All-State Academic Football Teams:

Nolan Miller and Samuel Redelsheimer, First Team; Ryland Woods, Cavahn Wilson, Drew Bird, Jaxson Leiskau, Dray McLane, Second Team and Owen Crisp and Kade Hayes, Honorable Mention

## CROSS COUNTRY ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

Ellie Mescher was named to the All-State ELITE team as a girls cross country competitor.

Named to the Second Team were Evan Hardt and Ryan Novotny.

The following cross country competitors received Honorable Mention: Natalie Burleson, Jacob Rechtfertig, Owen Pitcock, Robert Joiner and Brooks Dabney

# TFA competes at Abilene

The Salado High School Speech and Debate Team competed at the Abilene Texas Forensic Association (TFA) Meet at Wylie High School on Dec. 3. Twenty-three schools participated in the meet.

Juliet Glenn and Krystal Vasquez placed first in Cross Exam Debate. They have earned 10 TFA points.

Laura Ball was third in Domestic Extemp. She has earned 12 TFA points.

Semifinalists in Extemp were Wesley Engleking, Clairra Gouveia, Liam Baird and Erin Breit.

James Tipton has earned 10 points in TFA.



Krystal Vasquez and Juliet Glenn

If a student earns 10 TFA points, they qualify for the Texas Forensic Association State Tournament. This tournament is the second largest tournament in the nation. This year TFA State will be held at the Marriott Westchase in Houston on

March 9-11, 2023.

The Salado High School Speech and Debate Team will compete next at the UIL State Congress Meet at the University Texas and Texas Capitol on Jan. 3-4. The team is coached by Tim Cook.

# Eagles play in North Shore

Salado Eagles split their games in the North Shore Classic Tourney Dec. 8-10, beating Sweeney and Lago Vista and losing to Regents and Kennedale.

**SHS 37**  
**RHS 68**

The Eagles lost to Regents Knights, 68-37 Dec. 8.

Noah Self led the Eagles with 15 points, 3 rebounds and made an assist, 3 steals and a block. Levi Ball followed with

7 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 deflections and a block.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Kase Maedgen, 4 points, 6 rebounds, an assist, 3 deflections and a steal; Owen Pitcock, 4 points, 2 rebounds, 3 deflections; Nolan Miller, 4 points, 2 rebounds, an assist and a deflection; Colby Ramm, 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 deflections, Greyson Lomeli, 1 point, 3 rebounds, 1 steal.

**Salado 55**  
**Sweeney 43**

Salado beat Sweeney 55-43 in the second round of the Northshore Classic Dec. 9.

Pitcock led Salado with 18 points, a rebound, 4 assists, 4 deflections and a steal. Self also had double figures, scoring 14 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 deflections, 4 steals and 2 blocks. Ball also had double figures with 12 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 deflections and a steal.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Maedgen, 4 points, a rebound, an assist, a deflection and 2 steals; Miller, 4 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 deflections and a steal and Ramm, 3 points, a rebound, 2 assists, 2 deflections and 2 steals.

**Salado 36**  
**Kennedale 60**

Salado lost to Kennedale 60-36 in the second day of the North Shore Classic Dec. 9.

Self led the Eagles with 12 points, a rebound, 2 assists, 2 deflections. Ball also had double figures with 10 points, 6 rebounds, an assist and a steal.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Pitcock, 5 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 6 deflections, 3 steals and a block; Maedgen, 3 points, a rebound, an assists,

2 points, a rebound, 2 assists, a deflection and a steal; Mekhi Lanier, 2 points and a rebound and Lomeli, 2 points.

**Salado 55**  
**Lago Vista 46**

Salado came from a first quarter deficit to beat Lago Vista, 55-46, on Dec. 10.

Self led the team with a double double. He had 15 rebounds to go along with his team-high 14 points. He also had 4 assists and 3 blocks. Ball followed with 11 points, 4 rebounds, an assist, a deflection and a steal.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Maedgen, 8 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, a deflection and a steal; Ramm, 8 points, 3 points, an assist and a steal; Miller, 6 points, 5 rebounds, an assist and 2 steals; Pitcock, 5 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 deflections and Lanier, 3 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists and a deflection.

**Salado 73**  
**Wimberley 93**

Salado Eagles lost on the road to Wimberley, 93-73, in a shoot out on Dec. 6.

Ball led the team with a double double, scoring 20 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. He also had 3 assists, 3 deflections and a block.

Pitcock followed with 17 points, 9 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 deflections and a steal. Maedgen scored 17 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals and a block. Self had 15 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists, a deflection and a steal. Miller scored 4 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, a deflection and 3 steals.

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## Dec. 5

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 1:30 a.m.; Kelvin Trail. Call for Service, Alarm Residential.  
 9:23 a.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 1:33 p.m.; N I-35, Days inn. Call for Service, Disturbance.  
 4:18 p.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 8:13 p.m.; N. Main St. at Old Town. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 8:46 p.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 9:07 p.m.; Logan Blvd. Call for Service, Area Check.  
 9:40 p.m.; N. Main at Thomas Arnold. Call for Service, Open Door.  
 10:21 p.m.; Pace Park Rd. (Park Bathrooms). Security Check.  
 11:08 p.m.; N. Main Street. Call for Service, Open Door.  
 11:34 p.m.; W. Village Rd. (Carothers Sub-Division). Call for Service, Area Check.

## Dec. 6

1:43 a.m.; Salado Creek Place. Security Check.  
 2:38 a.m.; Mary Lane (Hidden Glen Assisted Living). Call for Service, Area Check.  
 8:41 a.m.; IH-35 at 284 SB. Call for Service, Stranded Motorist.  
 9:06 a.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 4:15 p.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 4:19 p.m.; Mill Creek Dr. (Brookshire Brothers). Call for Service, Stranded Motorist.  
 10:03 p.m.; NB IH-35 MM 284. Call for Service, Welfare Concern.  
 10:09 p.m.; FM 2484 at N. Robertson Rd. Call for service, Traffic Control.  
 10:14 p.m.; N. Main (Cowgirl Nail and Spa). Call for Service, Alarm Business.  
 10:25 p.m.; Pace Park Rd. (Park Bathrooms). Security Check.  
 10:43 p.m. Salado School Rd. Call for Service, Area Check.

## Dec. 7

1:25 a.m.; Salado Creek Place. Security Check.  
 1:50 a.m.; Logan Blvd. Call for Service, Area Check.  
 2:19 a.m.; Mary Lane (Hidden Glen Assisted Living). Call for Service, Area Check.  
 2:37 a.m.; W. Village Rd. Call for Service, Area Check.  
 8:36 a.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 8:56 a.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Citation.  
 9:01 a.m.; Traffic Stop.  
 9:06 a.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Citation.  
 3:44 p.m.; Thomas Arnold Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 4:11 p.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 4:23 p.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 4:45 p.m.; N. Stagecoach. Call for Service,

Found Property.  
 6:48 p.m.; IH-35 at 285 SB. Call for Service, Illegally Parked vehicle.  
 9:54 p.m.; Salado Creek Place. Security Check.  
 10:03 p.m.; Royal View. Security Check.  
 10:18 p.m.; Pace Park Rd. (Park Bathrooms). Security Check.

## Dec. 8

12:53 p.m.; Pace Park Rd. Call for Service, Suspicious Person.  
 4:32 p.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 4:46 p.m.; Thomas Arnold Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 5:09 p.m.; Pirtle. Call for Service, Citizen Contact.  
 5:32 p.m.; Williams Rd. (Salado Middle School). Call for Service, Citizen Contact.  
 6:26 p.m.; Royal St. Call for Service. Buzzard Abatement.  
 8:33 p.m.; Stagecoach Rd. Call for Service, Stranded Motorist.  
 8:45 p.m.; N. Robertson at Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 9:01 p.m.; Ace Pest Control. Security Check.  
 10:25 p.m.; Salado Creek Place. Security Check.  
 10:26 p.m.; Pace Park Rd. (Park Bathrooms). Security Check.  
 10:29 p.m.; Royal View. Security Check.  
 11:19 p.m.; Park Dr. Call for Service, Disturbance.  
 11:59 p.m.; Creekside Ln. Call for Service, Alarm Residential.

## Dec. 9

8:35 a.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 8:55 a.m.; West Village Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 9:07 a.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 2:01 p.m.; Offense Report. SPD22205668  
 3:04 p.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 3:16 p.m.; Creek Run Circle. Security Check.  
 3:22 p.m.; All Salado School Building/Property. Security Check.  
 3:29 p.m.; Pace Park Rd. (Park Bathrooms). Security Check.  
 4:23 p.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Citation.  
 4:23 p.m.; Williams Rd. Salado Middle School. Call for Service, Follow up Investigation.  
 4:28 p.m.; Williams Rd. (Salado Middle School). Call for Service, Criminal Trespass.  
 8:29 p.m.; S. Main at College Hill. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 8:55 p.m.; Williams at FM 2482. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 10:40 p.m.; Pace Park Rd. (Park Bathrooms). Security Check.  
 11:02 p.m.; Logan Blvd. Call for Service, Area Check.  
 11:17 p.m.; Salado Creek Place. Security Check.  
 11:31 p.m. Royal View Rd. Security Check.

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12:07 a.m.; Creek Run Circle. Security Check.  
 1:14 a.m.; N. Main St. (The Social) Call for Service, Disturbance.  
 1:46 a.m.; Mary Lane.

## Call for Service, Citizen Contact.

2:01 a.m.; FM 1670 at FM 2484. Call for Service, Crash.  
 1:25 p.m.; N. & S Main St. Misc. Activity, Traffic Control.  
 1:28 p.m.; S. Main St. Call for Service, Traffic Control.  
 1:29 p.m.; Salado Plaza Dr. Call for Service, Death Investigation.  
 2:16 p.m.; Pace Park Rd. (Park Bathrooms). Security Check.  
 3:02 p.m.; Incident Report, SPD22205681  
 3:38 p.m.; S. Main St. Call for Service, Citizen Contact.  
 4:30 p.m.; S. Main and Church. Call for Service, Medical.  
 4:46 p.m.; Cabiness and Avolea. Call for Service, Crash.  
 5:43 p.m.; Offense Report, SPD22205715  
 7:14 p.m.; Stagecoach at Thomas Arnold. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 7:18 p.m.; Offense Report, SPD22205715  
 7:50 p.m.; Warrant Arrest.  
 7:59 p.m.; Offense Report, SPD22205715  
 8:06 p.m.; Crash Report, SPD22205721  
 8:16 p.m.; Offense Report, SPD22205715  
 8:53 p.m.; FM 2484 and FM 1670. Call for Service, Agency Assist.  
 8:54 p.m.; N. Main and Thomas Arnold. Call for Service, Noise.  
 9:03 p.m.; Offense Report, SPD22205715  
 10:00 p.m.; Baines St. Call for Service, Suspicious Circumstance.  
 10:20 p.m.; Peddlers Alley and College Hill. Call for Service, Citizen Contact.  
 10:51 p.m.; Incident Report, SPD22205681  
 11:28 p.m.; W. Village at Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 11:34 p.m.; S. Main St. Call for Service, Crash.  
 11:45 p.m.; Pace Park Rd. (Park Bathrooms). Security Check.  
 11:52 p.m.; Williams Rd. (Salado Middle School). Call for Service, Area Check.  
 11:57 p.m.; Salado Oaks Dr. Call for Service, Suspicious Person.

## Dec. 11.

12:01 a.m.; Crash Report, SPD22205721  
 12:03 a.m.; Crash Report, SPD22205721  
 12:14 a.m.; Spotted Horse Lane. Call for Service, Follow Up Investigation.  
 12:17 a.m.; W. Village (Cefco) Call for Service, Citizen Contact.  
 12:28 p.m.; Crash Report, SPD22205721  
 12:28 a.m.; FM 2268 at Baines. Call for Service, Crash.

1:07 a.m.; N. Main St. at Thomas Arnold. Call for Service, Noise.  
 1:29 a.m.; All Salado School Buildings/Property. Security Check.  
 1:35 a.m.; Creek Run Circle. Security Check.  
 1:51 a.m.; Traffic Stop.  
 2:04 a.m.; Pace Park Rd. Call for Service, Suspicious Person.  
 10:01 a.m.; Pace Park Rd. (Park Bathrooms). Security Check.  
 10:24 a.m.; Creek Run Circle. Security Check.  
 10:29 a.m.; Chisholm Trail. Call for Service, Crash.  
 11:15 a.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Citation.  
 11:24 a.m.; All Salado School Buildings/Property. Security Check.  
 1:45 p.m.; West Village Rd. Call for Service, Disturbance.  
 6:36 p.m.; Park Drive. Call for Service, Civil Mat-

ter.  
 6:43 p.m.; Club Circle Road (Mill Creek Golf Course). Call for Service, Alarm Business.  
 6:51 p.m.; Williams Rd. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 7:03 p.m.; N. Main St. at Salado Pizza Place. Traffic Stop, Written Warning.  
 8:59 p.m.; N. Main St.

(The Social). Call for Service, Welfare Concern.  
 9:31 p.m.; Incident Report, SPD22205561  
 9:41 p.m.; Incident Report, SPD22205561  
 9:53 p.m.; Incident Report, SPD22205561  
 9:56 p.m.; Incident Report, SPD22205707  
 9:58 p.m.; Incident Report, SPD22205707



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12/04	MOUNTAIN DR, Bell	EMS call, excl. vehicle accident with injury
12/04	LAZY OAK CIR, Salado	EMS call, excl. vehicle accident with injury
12/04	LAZY OAK CIR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/04	SATCH DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/05	IH-35, S/B, Bell	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
12/05	FM 2484, Bell	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
12/05	CHISHOLM TRL, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/06	FM 2484, Bell	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
12/06	IH-35, N/B, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/07	W AMITY RD, Bell	Assist invalid
12/07	SOUTHSHORE DR, Salado	Assist invalid
12/07	OLD MILL RD, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/08	GREAT OAKS DR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/08	MILL CREEK DR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/09	FOX RD, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/09	BLACKBERRY RD, Salado	EMS call, excl. vehicle accident with injury
12/09	I35 North FWY, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/09	FM 1670, Bell	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
12/09	FM 3481, Bell	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
12/09	FM 2268, Bell	Authorized controlled burning
12/09	N MAIN ST, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/10	SALADO PLAZA DR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/10	S MAIN ST, Salado, TX	Alarm activation, no fire - unintentional
12/10	DEER CROSSING, BELL	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/10	Pace Park Road ST, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/10	FM 2268, Salado	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
12/10	S MAIN ST, Salado	Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident

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