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SVFD needs your help to serve

Salado Volunteer Fire Department has begun its annual fundraising drive. The SVFD conducts the fundraising drive in addition to an annual Fish Fry in the Fall and an annual Smokin Spokes in the Spring.

The majority of the SVFD budget comes from donations and fundraisers. The SVFD also receives money through a contract with the Village of Salado \$30,000 per year and through state and county payments for emergency responses in the area.

The SVFD has completed two phases of the new Station 2, which is on FM 2484 across Salado High School and the Scott & White Clinic.

In the past year, the SVFD has also added a fourth brush truck and upgraded the chassis of the 4,000 gallon tanker.

"With your donations, we were able to pay for these improvements as we completed them" Chief Charles Young stated.

Goals for the upcoming year include completing electrical and water service at the west Station #2. "We are currently working on the construction of a large brush truck with a 1,000 gallon water capacity," Young stated. "We are planning to look at purchasing a new chassis for one of our brush trucks."

"With the dry severe drought conditions and an increase in wildfires and rapid increase in cost of equipment, fuel and other operating expenses, it has been even harder to meet our budget," Young said. "We are in need of your continued support as we make every effort to serve our community better."

Mail donations to the SVFD, PO Box 503, Salado, TX 76571;



Silver Spur Theatre has extended its run of "The Seven Year Itch" to a fifth weekend. The final show will be this Saturday, July 21. "We are enjoying surprisingly large and appreciative audiences," said Grainger Esch. "And the buzz in Salado and beyond continues to be strong." The Silver Spur is located at 108 Royal Street.

Voting begins July 23 in party runoffs

Early voting will be July 23-27 7 a.m.-7 p.m. for Republican and Democrat primary races. Election day voting will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. July 31 to decide the primary races.

Early Voting will be conducted in person each weekday at: Belton - Bell County Courthouse Annex, 550 East 2nd Ave; Killeen - Bell County Annex, 301 Priest Drive; Temple - Bell County Annex, 205 East Central Ave; Harker Heights - Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing. On election day, Salado voters in Precinct 203 will cast their ballots at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center, 225 North Church St., Salado.

lot:

U.S. Senator: David De- whurst, Ted Cruz.

Railroad Commission- er: Warren Chisum, Chris- ti Craddick.

Railroad Commissioner (Unexpired Term): Barry Smitherman, Greg Parker.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4: John Devine, Da- vid Medina.

Member, State Board of Education, District 10: Re-becca Osborne, Tom May- nard.

District Judge, 146th Ju- dicial District: Mary Black Pearson, Jack Jones.

Sheriff: Eddy Lange, Bob Patterson.

Democratic Candidate Ballot

U.S. Senator: Paul Sadler, Grady Yarbrough.

Republican Candidate Bal-

Aldermen to consider allowing live music

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen may decide tonight whether restaurants with live music will be allowed within the Historic District and Local Retail zoning. The board of aldermen will hold the second hearing 6 p.m. July 19 at the Municipal Building to consider the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The P&Z Commission voted unanimously to amend the Zoning Ordinance add "Restaurant with Live Music" to the Land Use Chart. The P&Z Commission also recom- mends the addition of the Land Use "Restaurant with Mobile Food Vendor" to the Land Use Chart. These land uses will be per- mitted only in the Historic District and Local Retail zones of Salado.

Mobile Food Vendors

will still have to meet all State and County health department regulations to operate within the Village of Salado.

The additions to the Land Use Chart stem from the Village of Salado first issuing a building permit to Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue for the expansion of the restaurant to include an outdoor catering and dining pavilion and a stage and dance floor for outdoor live music.

The building permit was issued earlier this spring, but the board of aldermen voted June 7 to revoke the building permit because it did not meet the Zoning Ordinance Land Use Chart. The current Zoning Ordinance permits Dancehalls, but only in the Historic District.

This is one of the few times in the existence of the Village of Salado and its Zoning Ordinance in

which the Land Use Chart has been so strictly applied to a business or residence. There are numerous examples in which Land Uses that are NOT allowed at all by the Land Use Chart in fact exist. For example, Private Ambulance Services are allowed in Business Parks on a Conditional Use Permit only (p. 74 of Zoning Ordinance). However, the Village of Salado leases its facility to Scott & White for its private ambulance service to the area.

While the restaurant owners Johnny and Josh Bratton contend that they are not building a Dance Hall, the Zoning Ordinance states that if a new Land Use is not listed in the Land Use Chart, that the building official must apply the closest Land Use regulations to the proposed building.

Following the logic that an outdoor stage with an

outdoor 20 foot by 40 foot dancefloor most closely resembles a Dance Hall among the more than 252 Land uses listed. There are 12 Land Uses listed under Amusement and Recreation Services alone, including Dance Hall.

After the June 7 meeting, Johnny's applied for and was granted a building permit for the construction of the catering and dining facility. The stage and dance floor were struck from the plans.

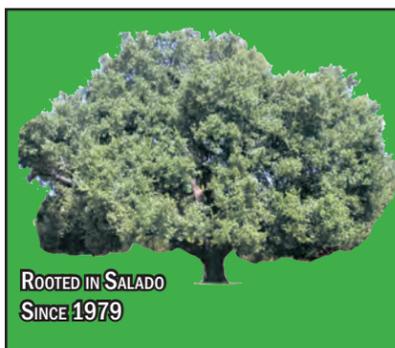
Meanwhile, application was made by Johnny's for the addition of the Land Uses to be considered tonight, which would allow the restaurant to pursue construction of a stage and dance floor. The P&Z met on June 26 in a jam-packed public hearing to consider the addition and members Ronnie Tynes, Tom Mc- Mahon and Gerry Reihnsen voted to recommend the

amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Land Use Chart.

The Brattons plan on building the facility to host weddings, reunions, hail and farewells, corporate and statewide gatherings. They hope to have the facility open by October to host the Southwest Cattle Raisers Association gathering. The SCRA plans a private concert for about 500 people one evening on the grounds.

Whether approval of the new land use comes in time for the Brattons to apply for building permits, complete construction and receive a Certificate of Occupancy before the date remains to be seen.

Citizens comments can be made at the beginning of the meeting. In order to make comments to the board, you must fill out a form prior to the start of the meeting.



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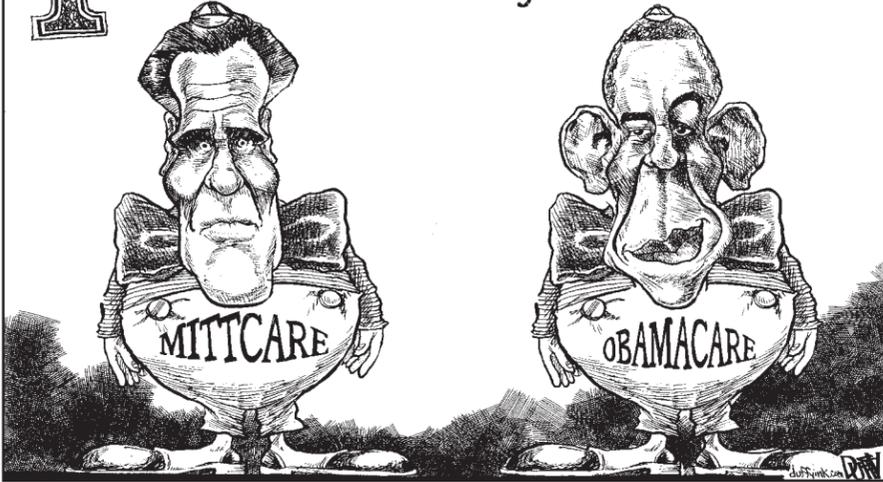
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An Open Exchange of Ideas

The difference between us is plain to see said Tweedle Romney.



The great drone panic

The Great Drone Panic of 2012 is upon us.

Congress recently instructed the Federal Aviation Administration to open up the skies to more domestic use of the pilotless aircraft by private citizens and law enforcement. This, we're told in the urgent tones of Paul Revere on his famous ride, is the first step toward a dystopian surveillance state overseen by a ubiquitous drone air force. Nothing will be hidden from the watchful eye of the drones.

The influential conservative columnist Charles Krauthammer wants drones banned domestically and thinks the first American to shoot one down will be declared a national hero. Sen. Rand Paul considers them a clear-and-present danger to American freedom and is offering legislation to require a warrant every time one takes flight, except to patrol the border or in extraordinary circumstances. The drone is to our liberty what the wolf is to sheep, a natural enemy.

It is understandable that drones don't have a warm-and-fuzzy image. Overseas, the drone attack has become the signature tactic in the war against terror. Spectacularly precise strikes take out people who had no idea it was coming, in notably antiseptic (for the operator of the drone, at least) acts of warfare.

And this is the first objection to the use of drones domestically: They are weapons of war! About to be deployed here at home! Not exactly. We don't kill people with drones; we kill them with Hellfire missiles. The drone is just the platform. By this standard, we would have no police helicopters because helicopters are weapons of war.

As for police drones randomly watching us as we innocently go about our business, this is not a novel phenomenon. Police do it all the time. It is called a

Rich Lowry



patrol. They do it utilizing all manner of technology -- on foot, on horseback, on bikes, in cars and even on Segway scooters. So long as they are looking at us in public areas where we have no reasonable expectation of privacy, our liberty survives intact.

Drones are coming no matter what. They will be too inexpensive and too useful to ignore. FedEx and UPS are interested in using drones to fly cargo. Farmers have used drones to monitor their crops. The market for drones, now almost \$6 billion, is expected to double in the next 10 years, according to The New York Times.

As drones proliferate for commercial and other private uses, it is foolish to expect law enforcement to forgo them. Already, the Border Patrol uses drones along the border. One day we will marvel that there was a time when a police drone wasn't first on the scene of a shooting. Or a time when we had high-speed car chases, endangering everyone else on the road, instead of a drone following the suspect from the air.

Ultimately, it is not the technology that matters, but the use to which it is put. A can of pepper spray is technologically unsophisticated. Yet it can be an instrument of cruelty if wielded arbitrarily by a cop. The drone is potentially a powerful tool. Vigilance is advisable; panic is silly.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2012 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Salado needs a City Manager

Controversy has swarmed the Village of Salado government since early this spring concerning the expansion of Johnny's Barbecue to include an outdoor catering and live music venue, a proposed subdivision in the ETJ of Salado and the building of one home in the floodplain.

Two of those controversies will be at the forefront when the Board of Aldermen meet tonight at the Municipal Building. The other -- construction of a home in the flood plain -- has been tabled because a vote of the Zoning Board of Adjustment did not meet the policy set in the local ordinance, nor did it follow the Local Government Code. But even that controversy will raise its head again in coming weeks or months.

During this summer of discontent, voices have screamed of cronyism, favoritism, incompetence and even corruption. Many of the parties involved have "lawyered up".

However, much -- if not most -- of the controversies could have been alleviated or even avoided if the Village of Salado had two things: 1. easier to understand and implement ordinances and 2. a City Manager to help both residents and property owners navigate through the murky waters of municipal regulations.

It's time to talk about the 800 lb. gorilla in the room. Specifically, it is our current form of government in which aldermen and in particular the mayor are given so much authority and responsibility without the commensurate time, training and expertise.

To be blunt -- perhaps cruel even, but accurate -- we are getting what we pay for in Salado. We have by far the lowest tax rate in the county. We have roads in dire need of repair. We have mediocre parks (at best) in the Village. We have a serious need to address a wastewater treatment plant that will serve not just the needs of downtown businesses, but be expandable to the future needs of the west side of I-35 and then to the future needs of the residential areas of the community. (We plan to discuss this issue at-length in a later edition, but we should all admit that the discussion needs to be opened). We need an injection of economic development to protect commercial property values and residential property values. We have 392 pages of local regulations (not counting the international building codes and other

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documents that back up those local regs).

Add to that, we have a volunteer mayor and five volunteer aldermen.

Salado has a police force of four (a fifth was agreed to last aldermen meeting), a full-time Tourism Director, a maintenance man, and two full-time secretaries (one of whom splits time between general municipal duties and tourism duties and the other who also acts as a municipal court secretary) and a code enforcement officer who works one day a week.

And over 2,000 residents and property owners who expect a governmental body that is responsive, responsible and active in the development and growth of our community.

It is our contention that we will continue to muddle along with huge, costly flareups and controversies and little if any guidance or leadership until the day we decide that we no longer want to wallow in the sophomoric excuse of "well, we've only been incorporated for a few years, please don't hate us for horrible decision-making because we are doing the best that we can."

It is time that the Salado grows up and hires a professional City Manager. Without a doubt, there will be problems associated with this, to include the cost, but we contend that the benefits of a full-time City Manager far outweigh the negatives.

To look at the issue in another perspective: We do not expect the Salado ISD Board of Trustees to implement the STAAR Test, to oversee major construction on a daily basis, to be sure that the district is meeting its legal obligations and to make sure that the cafeteria is meeting its budget. We expect them to hire qualified professionals to do the daily administrative jobs while the board of trustees sets policy, goals and adopts a tax rate.

The same should be true of our municipal government. The mayor and aldermen should set policy (following the expert recommendations of professionals and the wishes of constituents), adopt tax rates and hire a professional to manage the administration of the Village government.

In order to do that, the Village MUST have an election to change its form of government from Mayor-Aldermen form to City

Manager-Council form.

Before that can happen, the Village aldermen must vote by a two-thirds majority to move from a Type B General Law Municipality to a Type A General Law Municipality.

After that, citizens of Salado can present a petition of qualified registered voters in the Village boundaries. The petition must include the qualified signatures of at least 20 percent of the votes cast in the last Mayoral election (about 65 signatures because Danney McCort received over 300 votes in the May 2012 election).

According to Attorney General opinion no. JC-0544 in 2002, "an election on this issue may be held only upon the submission of a petition by qualified voters.

Then, voters must approve the change in the form of government.

The Village cannot hire a City Administrator and give that person the same duties as a City Manager in an attempt to skirt the very explicit state law regarding this matter.

Also in the 2002 AG opinion, John Cornyn wrote "where the legislature has granted express statutory duties to the mayor or duly-appointed city manager of a general-law city, the city council has no authority to assign those duties to a "city administrator" or other city officer or agent."

The need for a City Manager cannot be understated or ignored. The process is explicitly laid out by state law. If the residents of Salado want to see this change, they must be proactive in coming together in drawing up the requisite names on a petition to present to the Board of Aldermen and Mayor.

The deadline for ordering the election in November is Aug. 20. Aldermen meet on Aug. 2 and again Aug. 16. They will be deep into the budget process next month so consideration of a City Manager may be on their minds.

However, in order to bring this to fruition, it will need to be on the minds of the voters in Salado as well.

Those who support this change must work diligently this fall to bring this issue to the Board of Aldermen to call for a May 2013 election.

Then they must sell the proposal to the voters this spring.

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States have a say in immigration policy

Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner

Reporters and pundits don't always get it right. Take the Supreme Court's decision on Arizona's immigration law.

Many media outlets said the Court struck down most of the law. In reality, nearly all of the law had already been upheld in a federal district court ruling. Only four provisions remained at issue before the Supreme Court.

The high court wound up throwing out three of those provisions, giving the administration a mathematical victory perhaps. But the Court firmly upheld the fourth provision, which Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer correctly called the "heart" of the law. That provision allows Arizona law enforcement personnel, once they've arrested someone, to check the suspect's immigration status if they have a "reasonable suspicion" that he or she is in the country illegally.

But checking the immigration status of arrestees is not all Arizona -- or any other state -- can do to combat the problems created by illegal immigration. Those other initiatives that passed muster in district court remain valid, too.

One provision bars state or local officials from implementing policy that impedes enforcement of federal immigration laws. So, unlike California and New York, there will be no "sanctuary cities" in Arizona.

Another provision assures that state and local officials will cooperate fully with agencies trying to determine an applicant's eligibility for welfare and other public benefits, providing all available information about the applicant's immigration status. They must also provide the information to verify residency claims or eligibility for licenses.

Cracking down on illegal day-labor spots, the law makes it a misdemeanor for drivers to block or impede traffic while trying to hire or pick up passengers for transportation to a worksite.

Another provision makes it a felony to "intentionally engage in the smuggling of human beings for profit or commercial purpose." The law defines smuggling quite broadly to include transporting anyone who a driver "knows or has reason to know" is not in the country legally. The state may also impound vehicles used for this purpose.

The state statute even manages to put a little pressure on the feds to enforce their own federal law. Now, once an illegal immigrant completes a

prison sentence for violating a state law, Arizona officials will notify immigration authorities of his pending release. How politically embarrassing if the feds should then refuse to pick up convicted criminals known to be here illegally.

All of these measures reflect plain common sense -- and all could be enacted elsewhere. But perhaps the greatest finding of the Supreme Court ruling is its reaffirmation of the constitutional principle of federalism.

As the majority opinion noted, this "central" principle holds that "both the National and State Governments have elements of sovereignty the other is bound to respect." In other words, the states can exercise some control over immigration within their borders.

They need not be passive patsies if the Feds drop all pretense of providing border security. Rather than let millions of illegal immigrants strain their welfare, health and education systems to the breaking point, states can act to mitigate the problem.

That's what Arizona did. Faced with a massive influx of illegal aliens (now comprising as much as 6 percent of the state's population) that produced, according to the Court ruling, an "epidemic of crime, safety risks, serious property damage, and environmental problems," Arizona asserted its sovereign rights and enacted a law to address these problems within its borders. The courts have blessed all but three of that law's provisions.

One of the beauties of federalism is that it allows for a competition of ideas among the states. That's what is shaping up now in the West. Saddled with the same immigration-related problems as Arizona, California is on its way to taking a far different response.

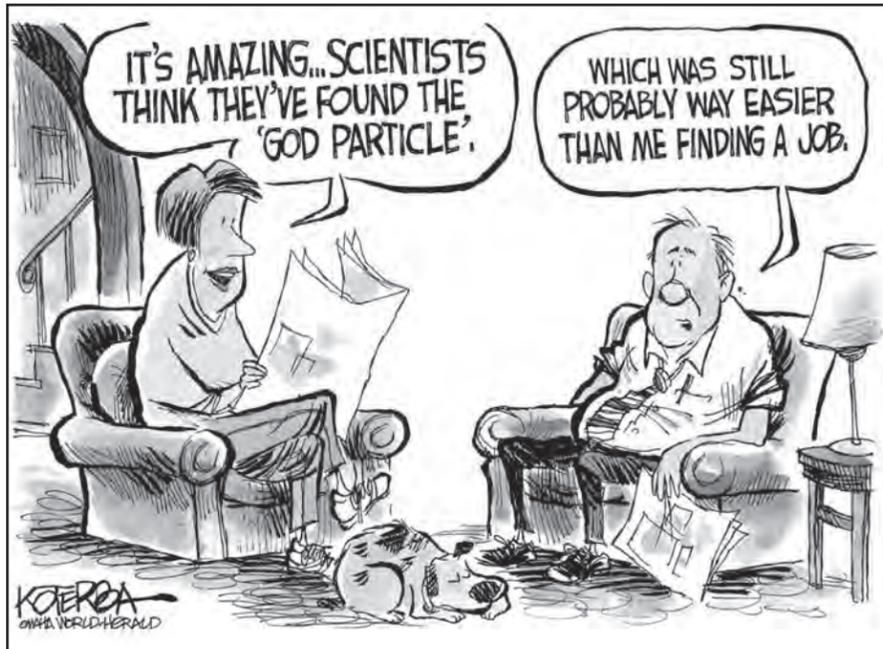
Lawmakers in Sacramento just passed a bill to block local law enforcement from referring anyone for federal deportation unless they've been convicted of a violent or "serious" felony. Backed by more than 100 "immigrant rights" groups, the bill's supporters have dubbed it the "anti-Arizona" proposal.

It will be interesting to see how this policy competition between two "laboratories of democracy" pans out. But given the extraordinary costs of illegal immigration, the smart money will be riding on Arizona.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



More on music

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to Ms. Sneed's letter last week:

Ms. Sneed, Your concern should not be the effects a new outdoor venue or the Legends Club has on our Salado Youth. Your concern should be what are we going to do to offer our youth an alternative. Your concern of going from 3A to 2A to 1A should be in what are we going to do to keep youth here? A new complex that keeps getting shot down, that's what. Look at our school and compare it to other facilities.

I have a grandson, who loves Johnny's and he loves the Biergarten at Wahlberg, not for the beer but for the music and dancing with his grandmother, me. He is 5. I have not done my part to support our youth, because I know very few in our community, but after reading this letter I must step up to the plate and get involved, for my grandson will be here for a lot more years and I want him to have the best at academics and athletics. A new state of the art facility would benefit our youth so much. Right now it is a fight on rainy days between the band and the sports teams to use the gym. People aren't leaving Salado because of music, dancing and drinking facilities, look at all the wine we pour out daily, which I think is great, they are leaving for opportunity to get the best they can from nicer facilities for their children. I recently ate dinner at the Oscar Store and saw more youth out there dancing and laughing and having fun than I have ever seen at a "dance hall". Not one of them was drinking that

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Letters to the Editor

I saw. They were having fun. Little bitty kids on up to adults, doing line dancing like crazy. I must admit I tried to keep up, but was short, it is good exercise. I can only speak about Thomas Arnold Kindergarten, because I have had no opportunity to know any other facility, but TA is great, Principle Nix is wonderful, the teachers are the best, I am not going to take anything away from this facility or our educators, they are the best, but to say an outdoor venue will hurt them, no, that won't be what hurts them. What will hurt us is when we do start losing all our youth to other towns because of facilities. And everyone knows when we don't have kids to teach, great educators have to go to and if this is not what you want to happen, then don't shoot down something that can only be positive for the community, support it.

A new School Complex facility will keep our youth busy and entertained, plus allow them to grow, in their sport and in their academics. My brother has been a coach for several years and he has reached lives which for whatever reason could have been lost. He and his other coaches have always worked out a summer schedule for their facility to be open during summertime with plenty of adult supervision, allowing kids to stay in the community, go to the complex, study, workout or just visit. We have a nice facility, but we don't have a great facility. We need great to compete with neighboring

attractions.

The venue will bring lots of enjoyment for families and our youth. I say bring on the Cotton-Eyed Joe!!

Respectfully,
Debbie Cockrell
Salado, TX

To the Editor,

I have been following the controversy over the outdoor music venue at Johnny's, and was greatly disturbed at the incredibly unfair and biased report that you put forth on July 12th, which clearly demonstrates your favor toward Johnny and Josh Bratton. As someone who attended journalism school and has worked in network television news, I wondered if you made any attempts to consult the parties who are against the outdoor venue before publishing this article? As a journalist you have an obligation to promote equality and justice in the Salado community, however the words in this article, which are so clearly in support of Johnny's, are nothing short of morally reprehensible. Furthermore, the fact that this biased article was written at the hands of an Editor-In-Chief speaks to the issue of corruption and abuse of power that the neighbors of Johnny and Josh Bratton have bravely brought to the public's attention. Shame on you, Sir. Shame on you.

Sincerely,
Joanna Eslocker
Buda, TX

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Local Beer Boom



**Jim
Hightower**

And now, for some happy talk — by which I mean a non-corporate, "little-d" democratic, and altogether pleasurable economic development that's spreading across our country. In a word: beer.

More specifically, craft breweries are flourishing from Maine to Oregon, with happy hopheads in town after town now able to boast of their own local, unique, zesty, and fun batch of suds. While Anheuser-Busch (now owned by a Belgian conglomerate) and MillerCoors (partially owned by Canadians) still dominate America's beer market, sales of the non-descript national brands have soured in recent years. But innovative, small-batch, hometown yeast-wranglers have tapped a burgeoning market of brewski lovers reaching for the real gusto

Since 2004, craft beers have doubled their share of the U.S. market. Some 250 upstart breweries opened last year alone, bringing their total number to nearly 2,000. This is a true populist economic phenomenon. Consumers and artisans have found each other and spontaneously created an alternative, locally based economy that helps sustain themselves and their community, rather than having their money siphoned out by far-away profit-takers.

Of course, the big boys are slyly trying to sink their own taps into the craft success of the small guys. Budweiser and Miller, for example, are now marketing pretend-craft beers, having bought such once-local brands as Chicago's Goose Island and Wisconsin's Leinenkugel. Unabashed by this consumer deception, however, a Miller spokesman sniffed, "We don't concern ourselves with what [someone else] defines as a craft brewer."

Wow — sounds like Miller's man quaffed one too many mugs of a genuine local beer from San Diego. It's called "Arrogant Bastard."

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

It's time to seriously tackle money behind drug cartels

By RAFAEL ESPADA
AND RAYMOND BAKER

Several Latin American leaders have proposed legalizing aspects of the drug trade in recent months, clearly acknowledging that the current strategy in the war on

drugs is not working. They are correct in highlighting the flaws in the traditional approach to battling illicit narcotics, but do we really need to wave the white flag? Or do alternative approaches still exist to curtail the illicit drug trade?

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna estimates that globally more than forty percent of cocaine is seized somewhere between production and consumption. It also estimates, however, that less than one half of one percent of laundered criminal money is interdicted worldwide. For too long, the focus of the Drug Enforcement Administration and other law enforcement bodies has been on drug busts, while remarkably little has been done to curtail the money financing these illicit operations. We've been battling the symptoms without truly addressing the underlying cause. Curtail the money behind drug smuggling and we will curtail the crime itself.

The United States has already proven its ability to quickly and decisively tackle illicit financing when it puts its mind to it. After September 11, 2001, the USA Patriot Act included considerably strengthened anti-money laundering legislation, for example, banning shell banks—and any banks doing business with shell banks—from operating within the U.S. financial system. This and other measures made it more difficult for terrorist financing to circulate in the legitimate financial system, and consequentially executing large-scale terrorist attacks has become much more difficult.

We can do the same with drug money; it's simply a matter of political will.

Much of the profit realized by drug cartels in the United States makes its way back into Mexico as cash dollars where it is then smuggled through to Guatemala, El Salvador, and Panama. It subsequently gets deposited in local banks which then ship the physical U.S. dol-

lars back to the United States. Knowing which local branches of these Central American banks accept large cash deposits of U.S. currency would be a critical tool for Central American—and U.S.—law enforcement as they battle the war on drugs. It helps track the drug cartels and crack down on their financing. However, the private, commercial banks currently load the bulk U.S. dollar currency onto airplanes and fly the cash directly back to the United States usually without informing their own Central Bank or law enforcement where they got the money. Global Financial Integrity and others have proposed requiring commercial banks in Central American nations to route these cash transfers through their nation's Central Bank, which would then relay the money to the destination bank in the United States, thereby allowing the nation's Central Bank to track the magnitude of the problem and from which banks and branches the money originates.

It's a proposal which has been met with honest consideration in Central America but which has not been implemented due to opposition from the U.S. government. Why is the U.S. government opposing this proposal? Surely the U.S. would benefit significantly from the trove of drug cartel financial data that would result from such an arrangement.

Moreover, there are few places in the world where it is easier to open an anonymous shell corporation than inside the United States. These entities, which can be registered by company formation agents possessing sole information as to the real owners, often make it impossible for U.S. and foreign law enforcement agencies to track the finances of the world's largest drug cartels. They grant the cartels and other financial criminals impunity through anonymity. The bi-partisan Incorporation Transparency and Law Enforcement Assistance Act, which was introduced into the U.S. Senate and House of Representa-

tives last fall, would give federal authorities access to this ownership information and contribute to ostracizing drug cartels from the legitimate financial system.

Still, even when anti-money laundering rules are in place, it's extremely important that financial regulators be fully funded and provided the resources they need to ensure banks comply with the law. Citibank, HSBC, and Wachovia have all been in the news recently for allegedly failing to comply with U.S. anti-money laundering regulations. Further, a recent study conducted by the U.K. government found that three quarters of British banks were not adequately complying with anti-money laundering rules. There is no reason to believe the situation is any different at American banks. Ever-shrinking budgets for the nation's under-staffed financial watchdogs have real consequences: a money laundering Wild West being one of them. Congress must ensure that U.S. regulators are appropriately budgeted with the necessary resources to perform their duties, and the bankers found to be complicit in the laundering of money should receive jail time – merely fining financial institutions is not enough.

As we did with terrorists a decade ago, the United States has the ability to deliver a striking blow to drug smugglers—curtailing the money that fuels the entire industry. Before we consider giving up and legalizing drugs, and instead of perpetuating the costly whack-a-mole model of drug busts and seizures, let's pull the rug out from under the narcotics industry. We can do it if there is political will.

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Letters — FROM PAGE 3A

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For the past 10 years, Johnny's Steaks and Barbeque has been an integral part of our community. As a business they started out small and have continually invested in improvements to better serve their customers. Many residents and nearby families have chosen Johnny's to cater or host reunions, weddings, rehearsal dinners, and parties for friends and families. Businesses have used them for meetings both small and large. They are now growing again and we should celebrate and support this effort. With the new outdoor venue they will be able to host events which will add more to the whole Salado economy both due to more tax income as well as more people coming to Salado and spending money in our hotels, bed and breakfast establishments, retail shops, restaurants

and other venues. A major plus for the community will be entertainment for tourists and locals on weekends after the shops close, keeping them in Salado rather than moving into other nearby cities, etc...

Most residents with kids in our schools, sports, or other activities know that Johnny's has always been there to sponsor, contribute, and support local activities. We think it is time to show our support for Johnny and Josh. If you know the mayor or one of the aldermen, let them know how important this business is for us all!

One last note: Johnny's Steaks and Barbeque and the surrounding area are located in a retail zoned area. It is unfortunate that a few houses were built in that retail zone, but it is still zoned RETAIL.

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July 9
10:43-11:20 a.m., 50 N. Main- First State Bank. Robbery, subject robbed bank.
11:20 a.m.- 12:10 p.m., 100 Block N. Main. Burglary, subject entered building and removed item.
5:30-5:50 p.m. NB MM 283 I-35. Assist Other Agency, Crash/Fleet. DPS Trooper hydroplaned at above location, striking interior dividing wall. Provided traffic control due to inclement weather and location of crash. Trooper is Code-4. Left with two Troopers and one Deputy on scene for traffic control to respond to disturbance in progress. Clear.
9:15-10:00 p.m., 282 NB I-35 (Rest Area). Assist Other Agency, Disturbance in Progress. Dispatched that nude white male was running around the rest

area by where the trucks park. Arrived on scene, located complainant who stated the male ran south. Cleared buildings and began checking under trucks with BCSO and DPS. Subject was not located. Only the one complainant called. Clear.
July 10
6:30-7:25 p.m., I-35 SB 280. Assist Other Agency, Major 10-50, 2 vehicles, injuries. Assist SVFD and DPS. Traffic Control. Cleared.
7:30-7:40 p.m., I-35 NB 280. Disabled Vehicle, assisted motorist by pushing the disabled vehicle off the road. She had a family member en route. Cleared.
8:40-8:55 p.m., 401 S. Main (LaFon's). Alarm (Business), dispatch advised of a general alarm. Checked all windows and doors, secure. No keyholder en route. Cleared.

N. Main (Horsefeathers). Alarm, checked all windows and doors. All secure.
7:50-8:20 p.m., Sonic. Suspicious Person, Sonic reported a Black Male subject that was just standing around for the last 2 hours. Homeless person. Got him a shake and a ride to Flying J Truck Stop. Cleared.
3:55-4:15 p.m., 2100 Block Bluff Circle. Animal Call, dead baby deer in homeowners shrubs. Disposed of baby deer. Cleared.
10:25-10:35 p.m., #1 Salado Square (Magnolia's). Alarm, checked all windows and doors. All secure. Cleared.
July 11
3:30-3:40 p.m., Sonic. Suspicious Persons. Sonic employees reported that 2 subjects were parked for approximately 2 hours in a grey Dodge Pk. and were making out. The subjects were identified and asked to leave. Cleared.
4:35-4:50 p.m., I-35 NB 292. Assist Other Agency, Belton PD asked for assistance on a disabled vehicle at the NB I-35 290. Assisted motorist by changing her tire. She was in the lane of traffic. Cleared.
5:45-6:15 p.m., I-35 SB 280. Assist Other Agency, Major one vehicle accident with injuries. Assisted

SVFD and DPS. Traffic Control. Cleared.
4:25-5:45 p.m., 100 Block Thomas Arnold. Duty Upon Striking Fixture/Crash, Suspect crashed his truck into a pole and a fence. He then left the scene with identifying himself. Suspect was located and will be charged. Report.
July 14
12:30-12:35 a.m., 900 Block Mill Creek. Found Property, resident's drivers license was found in Belton and turned into Belton PD for pick up. Resident was advised. Clear.
4:30-5:30 p.m., Pace Park. Burglary of a Motor Vehicle, walk in complainant wished to report her vehicle was burglarized yesterday in the park. A purse and it's contents were removed without permission. Report.
July 15
2:15-2:20 p.m., 229 N. Main (Griffith Fine Art). Business Alarm, front door/interior motion. Arrived on scene to find door unsecured. Patron had entered premises without knowing the gallery was closed. No keyholder contact at time of call. Unable to secure door. Contact later made with keyholder and door was secured. Nothing was disturbed inside. Clear.

July 12
4:40-4:55 p.m., 900 Block Park Dr. Animal Call, apartment renter, has a medium brown and white dog on his back porch. Dog barks a lot, neighbors complaining. Called apartment manager and informed him of the complaint. Renter stated that he would take care of the problem. Cleared.
6:35-6:45 p.m., 601

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Bank robber still at large

The suspect who robbed First State Bank on July 9 and is suspected in a series of bank robberies is still at-large. Salado Police Department released the Salado bank video of the suspect this week.

A lone suspect entered First State Bank-Salado at approximately 10:40 a.m. July 9, produced a note and robbed the bank of an undetermined amount of money.

The suspect is described as a slender white male, 5'11" to 6'0" in height. He was wearing a navy blue ball cap, navy blue with royal blue stripes long sleeve pull-over shirt, navy blue with royal blue stripes shorts, white athletic shoes and white socks.

He produced a note to the teller, indicating that that he was armed. He fled the scene on foot.

Salado Police Chief Jack Hensley said that the suspect is a suspect in a series of bank robberies from Arkansas to various parts of Texas, including Tyler and Temple.

Anyone with information about the suspect or the incident is encouraged to contact the Salado Police Department at 947-5681.



A camera at First State Bank caught this image of the man suspected of robbing the bank on July 9. Anyone who can identify this man should call the Salado Police Department at 254-947-5681

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Trustees amend coaches stipends

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While Salado ISD anticipates state funding cuts of more than \$800,000 in 2012-13, trustees affirmed the current teacher salary schedule during their July 16 meeting. The board also adopted a new coaching stipend schedule that removes the per-day salary payments for coaches that start in August before school starts, but increases the overall stipends paid to coaches.

The district will continue the step increase for teachers this year and approved a \$0.25 per hour increase for hourly staff and a 1.7 percent increase for administrators and directors (the increase does not include new administrative hires).

Superintendent Michael Novotny told *Salado Village Voice* that the district will absorb some of the state funding cuts through the attrition of some positions within the district, including part-time reading, cafeteria workers, janitorial and at least two full-time teaching/coaching positions at the high school.

The district will likely dip into its fund balance to fully fund the proposed expenditures. The board will adopt its budget later this summer.

The Coaching Stipend Schedule adopted July 16 is as follows: Football Coordinator, \$5,500; Head volleyball, basketball, soccer, baseball and softball coaches: \$4,500; Head track, powerlifting, cross country, golf and tennis coaches: \$4,000; Girls Athletic Coordinator, \$1,000; Assistant football, volleyball, softball, baseball, basketball and soccer coaches: \$3,000; Assistant track, powerlifting, golf, cross country coaches: \$2,500.

Junior High School Sports: Football, volleyball, basketball, cross country and track coaches: \$2,000; JH athletics coordinator: \$1,000.

SISD pays almost \$5,000 above the state minimum for teaching staff.

The SISD teacher salary schedule and comparison to state minimum pay can be found in this week's edition, as well as a look at the average pay for police, firefighters, soldiers, government officials and celebrity sports and entertainment figures.

SISD Teacher Salary Schedule

Yrs of Exp	Annual Base	State Base
0	33,000	27,320
1	33,500	27,910
2	34,000	28,490
3	34,500	29,080
4	35,000	30,320
5	35,550	31,560
6	36,550	32,800
7	37,650	33,950
8	38,750	35,040
9	39,850	36,070
10	40,950	37,040
11	41,950	37,960
12	42,950	38,840
13	43,950	39,650
14	44,700	40,430
15	45,450	41,160
16	46,200	41,860
17	46,950	42,510
18	47,700	43,130
19	48,450	43,720
20	49,200	44,270
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A look at what other professions earn

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Sergeant (E5)	\$25,489	\$31,946
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2nd Lt. (O1)	\$33,941	\$42,703
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Major (O4)	\$51,473	\$68,137

Based on 2012 pay tables. Chart reflects Basic Pay only and does not include bonuses, allowances and other benefits.

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“Meet the Eagles” Aug. 25; Boosterreverseaffle Sept. 8

The 2012-2013 SHS athletic season will kick off with a “Meet the Eagles” night on Aug. 25 at the high school. The Silent Auction begins at 5 p.m. A buffet style spaghetti dinner, catered by Johnny’s, will be served from 6-7 p.m. Dinner tickets will be \$10 each and there will be 200 tickets available for purchase at the door. All tickets, adult and child, are the same price and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

The Silent Auction will close promptly at 7 p.m. Guests will then have the opportunity to Meet the Eagles in a pep rally type atmosphere featuring the Salado high school band drum corps, beginning at 7:15 p.m. in the gym. The 2012-2013 High School coaching staff, as well as all varsity level volleyball and football players, cheerleaders, cross country teams, trainers, twirlers, flag corps members and drum majors will be individually introduced.

At the conclusion of the event, guests will be able to check the Silent Auction master list to see if they were lucky winners.

On Sept. 8, the Salado Athletic Booster Club will hold its’ annual Reverse Raffle at 6 p.m. in the Blue Heron Room at Tenroc Ranch. Doors will open at 5:30. A new computerized system will manage the raffle duties. Guests will enjoy a meal then dance to music by the Kenny Orts Band and peruse a variety of luxury, live and silent auction items. Autographed sports memorabilia and movie items, as well as trips and other collectibles will be included.

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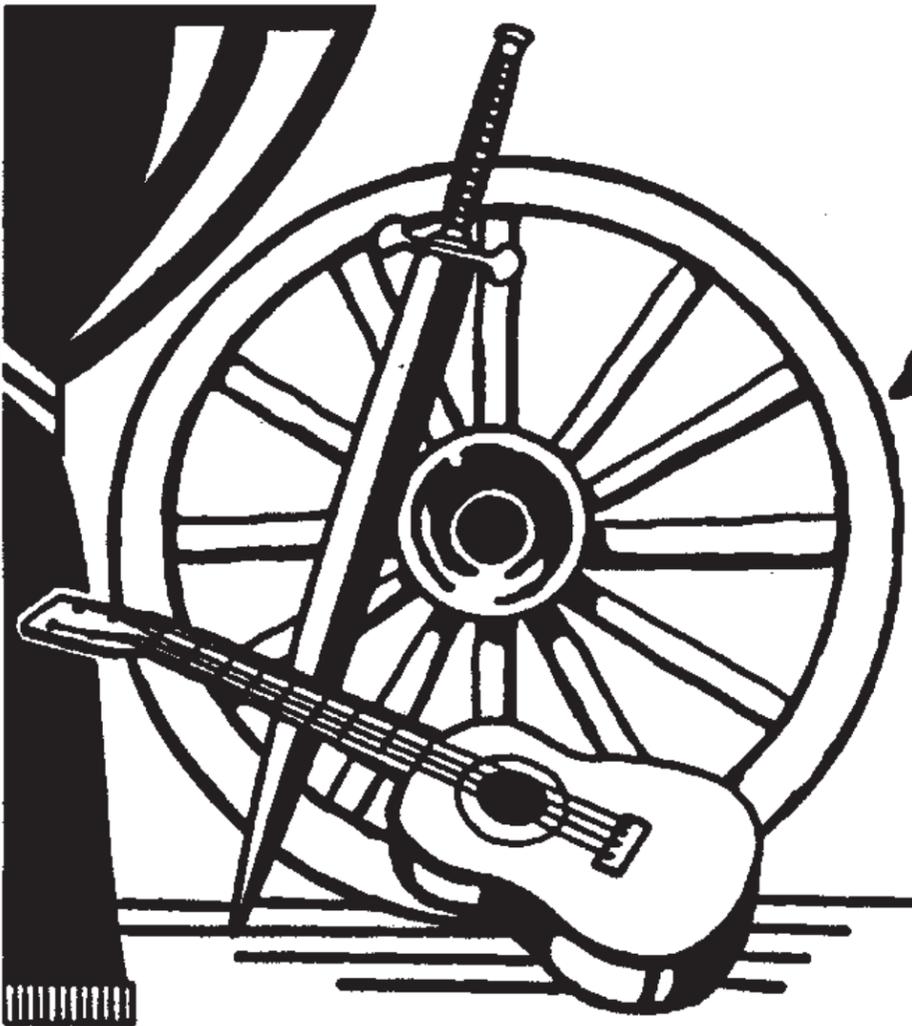
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SISD is busy this summer hiring new teachers, employees

Salado ISD Trustees voted at their July 16 meeting to hire Michelle Weaver as the Salado Intermediate School and Salado Junior High School art teacher. The board is still in the process of filling a vacancy for a kindergarten teacher.

This spring and summer, SISD has hired several new teachers and administrators, including two new campus principals. Burt Smith was hired this spring as the SHS principal and Chris Diem was hired this summer to replace retiring principal Harry Miller at the Junior High.

Chris Diem; SJHS Principal. Education: Texas A&M University (B.S. Political Science); Tarleton State University (M.Ed. Educational Administration). Experience: 2005 – 2008 High School Social Studies Teacher in Killeen; 2008 – 2009 High School Social Studies Teacher in College Station; 2009 – 2011 High School Assistant Principal in College Station; 2011 – 2012 High School Assistant Principal in College Station

Other recent hires include these:

Tara Beaty as SHS/SJHS agriculture science teacher. Education: Tarleton State University (B.S. Agriculture Science and Development); Student taught in Salado ISD. Experience: 2010 – 2012 Agriculture Science Teacher in Rosebud-Lott

Travis Dube left SISD to take an assistant principal position in another district.

Bill Collier, SJH reading teacher and coach. Experience: 1974 – 1976

Airman graduates basic training

Air Force Airman Andrew Luna graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Luna is the son of Lilia Tapia of South Pearl Street, Belton.

Reading Teacher/Coach in Port Lavaca; 1976 – 1981 Reading Teacher/Coach in Ganado; 1981 – 2004 Reading Teacher/Coach in Troy; 2004 – 2012 Reading Teacher/Coach in Holland;

Jami Smith, SIS fifth grade social studies teacher and SHS Coach. Education: Southwestern Oklahoma State University (B.S. Education). Experience: 1990 – 1991 4th Grade Teacher in Canyon; 1991 – 1996 2nd and 3rd Grade Teacher/Softball Basketball, Track Coach in Del City, Oklahoma; 1996 – 1997 2nd Grade Teacher in Wichita Falls; 1997 – 2012 1st Grade and 2nd Grade Teacher in Plano.

Gary Ramthun, SHS science teacher and coach. Education: Texas A&M (B.S. Wildlife Fisheries). Experience: 1987 – 1988 High School Science Teacher/Coach in Gonzales; 1988 – 1989 High School Science Teacher/Coach in Pearsall; 1991 –

1992 Junior High Science Teacher in San Marcos; 1992 – 1998 Junior High Science Teacher/Coach in Johnson City; 1998 – 2012 High School/Junior High School Science Teacher/Coach in Holland.

Courtne Bagley, SHS social studies teacher. Education: University of South Carolina (B.A. International Studies); University of South Carolina (MA.T. Secondary Social Studies). Experience: 1997 – 2011 High School Social Studies/German Teacher in South Carolina; 2011 – 2012 High School Social Studies Teacher in Belton.

Diane Konarik, SHS special education teacher and SHS girls coach. Education: University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (B.S. Exercise and Sports Science); University of Texas at Permian Basin (M.S. Kinesiology). Experience: 2010 – 2012 High School Physical Education Teacher/Coach in Belton.

Ashley Arisco-Faglie, SISD School Nurse. Edu-

cation: University of Mary Hardin Baylor (B.S.N. in Nursing). Experience: 2010 – 2012 Preoperative Nurse at Scott and White.

Sul Ross, SHS social studies and physical education teacher and coach. Education: Tarleton University (B.S. Secondary Education History/Physical Education/Kinesiology); Experience: 1990 – 2012 Social Studies/Physical Education/Health Teacher/Coach in Austin;

Belia Rodriguez, central administration payroll specialist. Experience: 1985 – 1989 Personnel Clerk for Texas Rehabilitation Commission; 1989 – 1994 Administrative Services Coordinator for Scott and White; 1996 – 1996 Office Assistant for Bartlett Electric Coop, Inc.; 1999 – 2002 Admin. Secretary/TAMU Program Coordinator for Scott and White; 2002 – 2012 Administrative Assistant for Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools

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The annual Mustang Creek Whitetail Workshop include informative seminars on a range of topics, such as herd health, whitetail nutrition, record keeping, bottle-rearing fawns, and a hands-on tour of Mustang Creek Ranch's all-new deer handling facility. Dr. Kroll will also discuss his new Dr. Deer Management System, a one-of-a-kind tool that helps hunters and land owners keep accurate records on their hunting properties and receive direct consultation from him. The event will run from 9 am to 1 pm.

"Dr. Kroll is widely recognized as the Father of Modern Whitetail Management and we're very excited to have him as our guest at this year's workshop," says Bill Grace, owner of Mustang Creek Ranch. "Whether your managing a hunting lease or establishing a breeding program, everyone wants larger, healthier deer. We've coordinated our management strategy with Dr. Kroll for nearly a decade and we've learned over the years that continually educating yourself about the deer, their nutrition and behaviors as well as keeping informed about the newest management techniques are the real keys to success."

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Farrow attends Olympics after studying history of games in Europe

Alyssa Farrow of Salado left the United States July 12 to attend the 2012 Olympic Games after spending three weeks in Europe tracing the history of the Olympics from ancient times to today with the Harding University Olympic Tour.

As part of the tour, Farrow, a sophomore exercise science major, will spend time in Greece, Italy, Germany and England gaining hands-on experience and learning about the culture surrounding the Olympic games. Students will visit Athens and receive lessons from Greek coaches in the 2004 Olympic stadium on track and field techniques both ancient

and modern. Next, the group will travel to Rome to learn about gladiatorial combat and Circus Maximus events that took place there, and then to Munich to learn about the history of more modern games. Ultimately, the group will reach the London Summer Olympics and attend games such as beach volleyball, swimming and soccer.

Twenty students and faculty will be attending the program and will return on Aug. 4. Students will also have the opportunity to travel independently in Europe before returning to the United States.

AUGUST 4 Stillhouse VFD will offer to-go or dine-in BBQ at annual fundraiser

Stillhouse Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold its Annual BBQ Fundraiser-Drive-Thru or Dine In 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. (or until sell out) on Aug. 4 at the Stillhouse Station located on FM 1670.

Brisket and pulled pork with all the trimmings and sides will be served. Side dishes will include pickles, onions, beans, potato salad, and bread. Sweet and unsweet tea will be served to the dine-in cus-

tomers. Cost is \$7.

The Fire Station will have personnel available to fill your to-go order from the car and deliver it to you without getting out of your vehicle. Or you can join the Volunteers inside and let them serve your family inside the bay. The volunteer fireman will take this opportunity to familiarize you with the station, equipment, and goals for the future of the department.

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SUMC Fundraiser aids Back-to-School project

The Salado United Methodist Church invites everyone to attend the 7th annual celebration fund raiser Ice Cream in Paradise: A Journey in Song, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 5 at Caliber Oak Chapel. Tickets are \$65 each

and seating is limited. Proceeds will benefit the Salado Family Relief Fund Back-to-school Project. The Chapel is located at 5235 Royal St. The event is sponsored by the Women's

Ministry Group at SUMC. Checks can be made payable to Salado United Methodist Church and mailed to 650 Royal, Salado, TX 76571. Or call 947-5482 to reserve your space.

If you are unable to attend and would like to contribute to the back to school project, a backpack can be purchased for \$25. Donations can also be directed to the Salado Family Relief Fund.

Temple-Killeen Bible study course spans 32 weeks

The Temple-Killeen Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Women's Day Class will have a Welcome for ladies interested in learning more about Bible Study Fellowship, and

registering for next year's 32 week study on the Book of Genesis, 9:10 a.m. Sept. 12, also the first class day. The study will be held Wednesdays at First Baptist Church

of Killeen, 3310 S. WS Young Dr. For more information contact Nancy Goodnight, Class Administrator at nancygoodnight@gmail.com.

3C Team Roping set for Aug. 11

A Team Roping for Christ will be held Saturday, Aug. 11 at the 3C Cowboy Fellowship, 16258 Gooseneck Road, Salado. Books opens at 6 pm and Roping starts at 7 pm. For more information call 512-966-9616

Belton Senior Activities Center announces fun times for 50 plus

The Belton Senior Activity Center will be having a Country & Western Dance on Thursday, July 19, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. with Bill Harvey and his "Miles & Miles of Texas" band. The dance is open to all area seniors 50+ in age.

A \$4 donation per person is requested. Guests are asked to bring a finger food or snack to share during intermission. Come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship at the Belton Senior Activity Center.

The Belton Senior Activity Center will be having their monthly Pot Luck Dinner on Monday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m. Guests are asked to bring a casserole dish, side dish or dessert to share. The Center will provide the meat, coffee and tea. Following the meal, entertainment will be provided by "The June Bugs" made up of four brothers that sing and dance. This activity is open to all seniors and their guests. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the fellowship at the Belton Senior Activity Center.

ity Center will be having "Movie Day" at 12:30 p.m. The featured movie will be "Goodnight for Justice" released in 2011. After losing his family to murderous criminals as a youth, John Goodnight (Luke Perry) takes up the law as an adult—eventually becoming a circuit judge in the wild Wyoming Territory of the late 19th-century frontier. Dedicated to seeing that justice is served for the innocent and victimized, Judge Goodnight relies on his skills with both words and weapons to defend the law in a harsh and often lethal landscape.

On Tuesday July 24 the Belton Senior Activ-

This activity is open to all area seniors and their guests. Popcorn and drinks will be provided free of charge. For additional information, contact the Belton Senior Activity Center at 254-939-1170 or the Activities Director at 254-718-1859. The Belton Senior Activity Center is located at 842 S. Mitchell Street, Belton, Texas.

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New Marie Jackson scholarship goes to working mother

The Salado Area Republican Women have been working on their community service projects.

At a meeting honoring Marie Jackson, long-time member, the board approved a \$1,000 scholarship in Marie's name. The award goes to a single mother working at the Park Manor Nursing Home who is working on a nursing degree. This is in addition to the regular scholarship the women awarded in May.

The board also approved the purchase of a chair for the new Salado Library expansion program. An ongoing program with the Republican Women is volunteer work at Salado Welcome Center. The women saw a need there and agreed to help man the center. These are just some of the contributions the women have made, along with the political activities. The group invites anyone interested in joining to contact President Ellen Staples at 254 598-5689 or texazona@gmail.com.



L-r: Ellen Staples, Maudean Smith, Marie Martch, Barclay McCort and Borah VanDormolen. Seated is honoree Marie Jackson

Obituaries



STAFF SERGEANT QUESTON LYNN NEWELL

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a deceased Soldier who was found unresponsive July 5, 2012 at his residence in Killeen, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Queston Lynn Newell, 35, whose home of record is listed as Killeen, entered active duty service in August 1996 as a mechanized infantryman and served more recently as an air and missile defense crewmember. He was assigned to Company D, Warrior Transition Brigade, Fort Hood, since March 2011.

Newell deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from March 2004 to March 2005 and March 2009 to February 2010.

Newell's awards and decorations include three Army Commendation Medals, eight Army Achievement Medals, four Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Iraqi Campaign Medal with campaign star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral three, Army Service Ribbon, four Overseas Service Ribbons, Army National Guard Recruiter Badge, Combat Action

Badge, Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver Wheeled and Driver Tracked Vehicles.

Circumstances surrounding this incident are currently under investigation.



RUTH HAZEL (CLARK) PIATT

Ruth Hazel (Clark) Piatt, 88, of Salado passed away on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at her residence. A private celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Her body was cremated. Crotty Funeral Home & Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

Ruth was born on October 22, 1923 in Mattoon, IL. The youngest child to Samuel E. and Edna Marie (Flynn) Clark. Ruth married Carl Eugene Piatt on November 22, 1937 and he preceded her in death in 1994. They were married for 57 years and had five children.

Survivors are two sons, (Billy) Carl and wife Charlene of Alabama and Robert (Bob) Eugene and wife Peggy of Salado; one daughter, Priscilla (Penny) Elane Allen and husband Tim of Alabama; 18 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Dorothy Hutton Odell, Lavernia Merrick and Goldie Shortle; Oldest daughter, Patricia (Pat) Jean Waters and youngest son, Carl Eugene Piatt Jr.

Genealogical Society learns to probe public documents

Kristi DeCluitt, McLennan County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1, will present the July 23 Central Texas Genealogy Society program on the court system, documents, records, and how you can find them in each court that could help the genealogist in their family search. The program will be on the court system, documents, records, and how you can find them in each court that could help the genealogist.

The Central Texas Genealogical Society meets on fourth Mondays at 7 p.m. in the West Waco-McLennan County Library and Genealogy Center at 5301 Bosque Blvd. in Waco. The Genealogy Center provides resources for developing genealogical and family history searches. The Central Texas Genealogical Society meets monthly to share common interests and subgroups meet to discuss specific research areas. All are welcome to attend.

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 6 p.m. WEBS
 (Wed. Evening Bible Study)
 6 p.m. AWANAS (Age 2 – grade 6)
 6 p.m. Bible Drill (grade 4 – 8)
 6:30 p.m. Youth Activities
 7 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

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Sunday Morning (July 22)
 Pastor David Mosser—1st UMC Arlington will be preaching
 8:30 am Worship Service (Main Sanctuary)
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:50 am Worship Service (Main Sanctuary)
 11:00 am Glory Worship Service (YAC)

Wednesday Night (July 25)
 5:15 pm Fellowship Meal
 6:00 pm M & M Kids and Youth Activities

ATTENTION

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Tonkawa Chief

Ellis takes stage during Legends performances

By Jackie Mills

Miles Ellis has been cast as Chief of the Tonkawas in Salado Legends for twelve intermittent years. His Blackfoot Indian heritage makes him a perfect fit for the role, to say nothing of his musical talents in making and playing Native American flutes. Each year Miles erects the Indian Village teepees on the set of Salado Legends, arranges the props as they would be seen in an authentic Indian Village and



Miles Ellis will take the stage during the July 21, July 28 and August 4 performances of Salado Legends. He will portray the Chief of the Tonkawas.

then burns Indian sweet grass in a ceramic hand-thrown pot, addresses the four winds and blesses the set and the amphitheater. The cast and crew attribute cool evenings, good crowds, and good performances to the blessings. To Miles, it is tradition. But in truth, he adds the extra spark that makes the play a success.

Being a fourth generation Texan, Miles is a history buff. He shares stories with his "tribe" on the set of Salado Legends as they wait to appear on stage. One little blond girl insisted on being an Indian in the play so she could stay close to Miles and partake of his stories and the goodies his wife makes for the Indians in Miles "tribe." For ten years he watched her grow up and still calls her "the little blond captive." Jon McHaney, now the Assistant Director, chose to

be in the Indian Village at 11 years-old and stayed an Indian through college and two years as a teacher. This year Jon will be calling the show and is going to miss his old role as Tonweya. Matthew Biels has insisted on being an Indian since the 2nd grade. Matt is now a Freshman at Temple High School but still has his mother die his hair black each year for the play. Miles has dedicated members of his "tribe."

Salado Legends actors, crew, composers, and helpers number over 100. They range in ages from 4 to 81 years-old and live all over Central Texas. About half of them complain of not being cast as a Tonkawa Indian. It is not unusual to have a couple of actors dressed in cowboy or Civil War costume tell the "Legends" director, Donnie Williams, "They sure have good eats

over in the Indian Village, and they are having way too much fun...cast me as an Tonkawa Indian next year!"

Miles has been the sound engineer for the Rodger Duncan Band for sixteen years and enjoys the change of pace it gives him from his job at Scott and White where he is a Reference Lab Courier. He and his wife, Leslie, make their home in Holland, Texas and have three grown children and five grandchildren.

This year, the 20th year for Salado Legends, Tablerock will host a reunion for past cast and crew members. A special free performance, in addition to the scheduled performances, will be performed for the "Legends" veterans to see what is new and what has not changed in the production over the years. Miles SEE LEGENDS, PAGE 8B

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

MONDAYS
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 practice, 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge 90 N. Church St., except on Stated or Called Meeting nights.

MONDAYS
Village Quilters and Knitters, 1:30 p.m. at Village Art Building.

TUESDAYS
Salado Village Artists, Village Art Building, 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS
Salado Rotary Club,

11:30 a.m.
TUESDAYS
Salado Community Chorus practice, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center, unless otherwise noted.

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

TUESDAYS
Weekly Yoga class 6:30 p.m. at Salado

Wine Seller, 841 N. Main St., info tiffyorchanch@gmail.com.

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

THURSDAYS
Martinis and Manicures at The Lounge at The Range. \$25 for 2

ladies night adult beverages, a manice and a selection of appetizers. Call 254-947-3828 to book your appointment. Space is limited.

FRIDAYS
Four course fine dining at Inn on the Creek, seatings from 5:30 to 8 p.m. . p.m. Call for reservations, 254-947-5554. Visit www.inncreek.com for menus.

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

SATURDAYS
Recycling program, 9 a.m.-noon on the grounds of the Salado Arts Workshop, 113 Salado Plaza Drive.

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

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Four course fine dining at Inn on the Creek, seatings from 5:30 to 8 p.m. . Call for reservations, 254-947-5554. Visit www.inncreek.com for menus.

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

SUNDAYS
Brunch at Inn on the Creek, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 254-947-5554.

WEEKENDS THRU JULY 21
Salado Legends Rehearsal. Call director Donnie Williams at 254-947-0717.

WEEKENDS THROUGH JULY 21
The Seven Year Itch - by George Axelrod at Salado Silver Spur Theater. A publishing exec, trapped in the city while his family vacations, finds his fantasies colliding with reality in one of theatre's all-time hits. Curtain for this revived show's eight performances is 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday (no matinees). Admissions are \$18 for adults; \$15 for senior citizens, military personnel and students with ID. Children age 12 and under are \$10. (Parental Discretion Advised.) Group rates are available. For information, visit www.thesaladosilverspur.com or call the box office at 254-947-3456.

JULY 19
Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, 8:30 a.m. in the Salado Visi-

tors Center.
JULY 19
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

JULY 20
Joe Berg plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

JULY 21
Jamie Thomas performs 6-9 p.m. at Salado Creek Winery, 227 N. Main St.

JULY 21
The Judith Miller Band plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

JULY 21, 28 & AUG. 4
20th Annual Salado Legends. Dinner reservations required. Dinner 7:15 p.m. \$8 adult or child. Show 8:15 p.m., \$17 Adult, \$5 child under 12. Tickets: www.tablerock.org or call 254-947-9205. Ticket office, concession opens at 6:30 p.m.

JULY 21
7th Annual Mustang Creek Ranch Whitetail Workshop at Mustang Creek Ranch. Dr. James C. Kroll is the featured speaker. \$20 per person. Contact: 254.947.0026.

JULY 22
Family Splash Fun, 4-6:15 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church, 5798 FM 2484. Call 947-5917 for details.

JULY 22-29
Tablerock Theater Camp includes: classes, food, lodging and trips. More information 254-947-9205 or e-mail tablerock1@aol.com or visit www.tablerock.org.

JULY 23-25
Bug Zone Vacation Bible School at Grace Baptist Church, 5798 FM 2484, 6-8:30 p.m. nightly. Children who have completed K-sixth grades. Call 947-5917 for information.

JULY 23-26
Girls basketball camp for third-ninth graders, \$50 each. Session 1 for third-sixth graders, 9 - 11 a.m., Session 2 for seventh-ninth graders, noon - 2 p.m., contact: 947-6900 ext. 1070 or gtablott@saladoisd.org

JULY 25
Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m. Salado Civic Center.

JULY 27 - AUGUST 18
Ballot Box Bedlam! Or The Millionaire Mountebank's Mayoral Machination. Annual melodrama performances every weekend at the

Salado Silver Spur Theater. For information, visit www.thesaladosilverspur.com or call the box office at 254-947-3456.

JULY 27
Fourth Friday Gospel Singing at Cedar Valley Baptist Church, FM 2843, 7 p.m. Potluck at 10 p.m.

JULY 27
Paul Cox plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

JULY 28
(no relation) performs 6-9 p.m. at Salado Creek Winery, 227 N. Main St.

JULY 28
Byrd & Street plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

JULY 30
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, 95 S. Church St.

JULY 30-AUGUST 2
Summer Volleyball Camp for Girls who will be in fifth through sixth grade. Volleyball 9-11 a.m. Camp for grades 8 & 9 held from noon - 2 p.m. at the High School The cost will be \$50. contact: 947-6900 ext. 1075 or rachel.lee@saladoisd.org

AUGUST 2
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

AUGUST 2
Chisholm Trail American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6:15 p.m. at McCain's Deli.

AUGUST 2
Corks and Creations, 6 p.m. at Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main St. Join Angela Patrick as she leads you step by step through creating a painted masterpiece of your own with a patriotic theme. Please call Angela Patrick for reservation at 254-681-1416. Cost \$45 includes all materials and a glass of wine.

AUGUST 3
Midnight Madness down Main Street, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce. Visit www.salado.com for more information.

AUGUST 3
Blood Drive, Scott & White Clinic - Salado. 8 - 11 a.m. sign up at 254-947-7500.

AUGUST 4
Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. Join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 10-noon saladoyarn@gmail.com.

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AUGUST 5

Ice Cream in Paradise: A Journey in Song, 6-9 p.m. at Caliber Oaks Chapel. Sponsored by Salado United Methodist Church, tickets are \$65 with limited seating. Proceeds will benefit the Salado Family Relief Fund Back-to-school Project.

AUGUST 6-9

Salado Junior Cheerleader Summer Camp for Pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade, 9-11 a.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Cost is \$55 per camper and include T-shirt and snacks each day. For more information call Salado Cheer Coach Charla Kelley at 254-718-1725 or Betty Peralta at 512-746-2016.

AUGUST 6

Salado Historical Society Board Meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Civic

Center Board Room.

AUGUST 7

Salado I.S.D. New Student Registration for grades nine-12. 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. at the Salado High School Library (1880 Williams Rd.). Please bring the following required documentation at time of registration: birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof residency (two proofs needed: deed or lease agreement and a utility bill), current driver license and any previous school records including TAKS test results. For more information contact Registrar Betty Peralta at 254-947-6974 or betty.peralta@saladoisd.org.

AUGUST 8

Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m. Salado Civic Center.

AUGUST 9

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Robertson Room of Stagecoach Inn Conference Center.

AUGUST 9

Yoga and Wine at Salado Wine Seller. \$18 per person/\$30 per couple. Questions email Tiffany at tiffyoranch@gmail.com.

AUGUST 11

Team Roping for Christ at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. Books opens at 6 p.m., Roping starts at 7 p.m. contact: 512-966-9616

AUGUST 13

SHS Volleyball against China Spring, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 6 p.m.

AUGUST 14

SHS Volleyball against Vandegriff, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 6 p.m.

AUGUST 14

Community Emergency Responders of Salado (CERTS) meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Volunteers encouraged to come and learn more.

AUGUST 13-17

Vacation Bible School at the Presbyterian Church of Salado, Salado Plaza Dr., 9-11:30 a.m. See presbsalado.org for more details.

AUGUST 18

Helen Alexander's Beginning Oil Painting class, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Village Art Center. Cost \$50 to members of Salado Village Artists, \$60 to nonmembers.

AUGUST 18

Tequila Tasting at The Range at the Barton House, 254-947-3828 or www.therangerestaurant.com for details. This was requested in response to The Range's "Vodka & Caviar Tasting" that was well loved.

AUGUST 18

Adult Learn To Crochet at The Salado Yarn Co. 10-1 p.m. \$25 + supplies saladoyarn@gmail.com.

AUGUST 23

SHS Varsity football scrimmage against Gatesville. 6 p.m. at Eagle Field.

AUGUST 24

Salado ISD Annual Health and Benefits Fair 9 - 11 a.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

AUGUST 24

SHS Volleyball against Belton, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 6 p.m.

AUGUST 25

"Meet the Eagles" night on at Salado high school. Silent Auction at 5 p.m. Spaghetti dinner, 6 - 7 p.m. Dinner \$10 with limited tickets at the door.. Pep rally at 7:15 p.m., Meet coaches and varsity band and athletes.

AUGUST 27

First Day of School for Salado I.S.D. students.

AUGUST 28

SHS Volleyball against Lago Vista, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 6 p.m.

AUGUST 31

SHS varsity football against Rockdale 7:30 p.m. at Eagle Field.

AUG 31 - SEPT 22

Nunsense II: The Second Coming - by Dan Goggin. Weekend performances at Salado

Silver Spur Theater. For information, visit www.thesaladosilverspur.com or call the box office at 254-947-3456.

SEPTEMBER 1

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

SEPTEMBER 3

School's out for Labor Day.

SEPTEMBER 7

SHS Volleyball against Lorena, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7

SHS varsity football against Lorena 7:30 p.m. at Eagle Field.

SEPTEMBER 8

Salado Athletic Booster Club annual revenue raffle, Tenroc Ranch Blue Heron room. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., music by the Kenny Orts Band. contact: 291-8898 or vickie.frazier@saladoisd.org.

SEPTEMBER 9

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

SEPTEMBER 11

SHS Volleyball district game against Jarrell, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 15

V...Vaughan oil painting class, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Village Art Center. Cost is \$100 for Salado Village Artists members and \$120 for non-members. \$50 deposit required to hold spot.

SEPTEMBER 18

SHS Volleyball district game against Florence, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 22

Friends of the Salado Public Library "Death by Chocolate" contest. Information available at the library.

SEPTEMBER 25

SHS Volleyball district game against Rogers, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 28

Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. Call 254-947-5040.

OCTOBER 2

SHS Volleyball district game against Rosebud-Lott, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 4

Southwest Cattle Raisers Association Meet and Greet, 5:30-8 p.m. in Tenroc Ranch Chisholm center.

OCTOBER 5

Texas Hereford Association meeting, Tenroc Ranch Chisholm center.

OCTOBER 6

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

OCTOBER 5

SHS varsity football against Marlin 7:30 p.m. at Eagle Field.

OCTOBER 9

SHS Volleyball district game against Academy, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 5 - 27

The Mystery of Irma Vep - This definitive spoof of Gothic melodramas, recently revived Off-Broadway to raves, is a quick change marathon in which two actors play all the roles. Weekend performances at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. For information, visit www.thesaladosilverspur.com or call the box office at 254-947-3456.

OCTOBER 6 & 7

A Christmas Carol & Fright Trail Auditions at Tablerock. Call 254-947-9205.

OCTOBER 8

Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

OCTOBER 12-13

Christmas in October at Stagecoach Inn Conference Center, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary.

OCTOBER 16

SHS Volleyball district game against Lexington, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 20

Salado Education Foundation annual Cattleman's Ball, Tenroc Ranch Chisholm center. Details to Come

OCTOBER 21

The Chapel at Caliber Oak Music Series performance. Barbara George, cellist and Felicity Coltman, pianist. Email Denise Thomssen at deniset@clearwire.net for details, reservations.

OCTOBER 23

SHS Volleyball district game against Cameron, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 26

SHS varsity football against Academy 7:30 p.m. at Eagle Field.

OCTOBER 27-28

Annual Salado Art Fair, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce. Call 254-947-5040 or visit www.salado.com.

OCTOBER 27 & 28

Tablerock's Fright Trail, 6:30-10 p.m. \$5 Adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Information 947-9205.

NOVEMBER 3

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

NOVEMBER 5

Salado Historical Society Fall Chili Supper, 6 p.m. at Salado Church of Christ Activity Center. Bring salad, cornbread or dessert.

NOVEMBER 9

SHS varsity football against McGregor 7:30 p.m. at Eagle Field.

NOVEMBER 9-11

Fifty-first Annual Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games on the grounds of the Salado Youth Association sports fields off of Rose Lane, sponsored by the Central Texas Area Museum.

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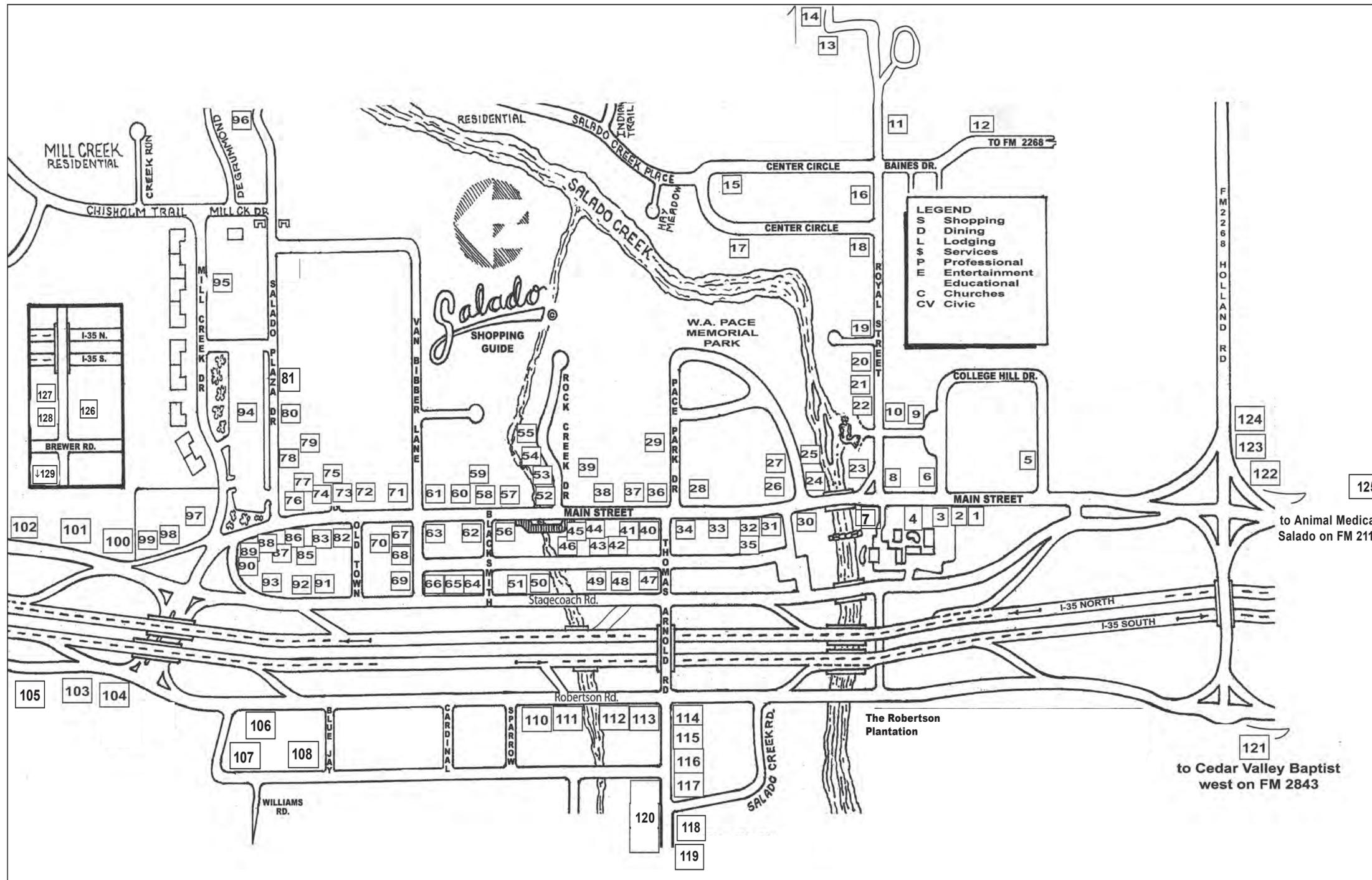
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- 13 Meadow
- 14 Carpet style
- 15 Entrance
- 16 Tuna variety
- 18 Baseball game division
- 20 Not on the road
- 21 School district CEO
- 23 Common Mkt.
- 24 Type of tree
- 28 Sharpen
- 31 "That feels so good!"
- 32 Distend
- 34 Raw rock
- 35 Restaurant employee
- 37 Hamlet's castle
- 39 Morning light
- 41 Promgoers' car
- 42 T-shirt fabric
- 45 Situated below
- 49 One who'll eat anything
- 51 Tittle
- 52 Manhandle

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 - 10 Damage
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 - 22 Billy Goats Gruff foe
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 - 25 Cry of derision
 - 26 Old joke
 - 27 Simplicity
 - 29 Blunder

- 30 Golf-ball prop
- 33 Clock information
- 36 Vain
- 38 See
- 40 Election mo.
- 42 Prolonged sleep
- 43 Muscat's land
- 44 Sniffer
- 46 Owl's call
- 47 Sicilian volcano
- 48 Shafts of light
- 50 Edge

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Weekly SUDOKU
 by Linda Thistle

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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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Kids' Maze

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East dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ 10 8 6
 ♥ A J 7 4
 ♦ 10 9 8 6
 ♣ Q J

WEST
 ♠ 7 5 4 3
 ♥ K 8 6
 ♦ Q J 5 3 2
 ♣ 8

EAST
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 ♦ A 7
 ♣ AK 10 9 7 6

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q J 2
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ 5 4 3 2

The bidding:
 East 1♣ South 1♠ West Pass North Pass
 2♣ 2♠ Pass 3♠
 Opening lead — eight of clubs.

Accidentally on purpose Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

One way to describe a poor bridge player is to say that he plays so badly, he even trumps his partner's aces. Sometimes, though, trumping partner's ace is absolutely necessary to achieve the best result.

Consider this deal where South got to three spades on the sequence shown. North's three-spade bid was clearly wrong, as he was in effect punishing his partner for competing against a partscore.

South had previously limited his values by overcalling with one spade, so he could hardly have a hand that would make a game opposite North's mediocre values.

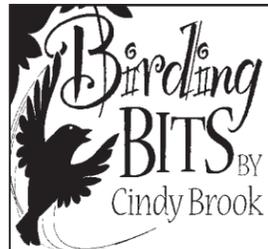
West led his singleton club, and East started the defense on the right path when he took the king and returned a trump. Declarer won with dummy's ten and led the queen of clubs. East played the ace, and it was at this point that West trumped his partner's ace and led a second round of trumps!

As a result, South went down one. He could ruff his third club in dummy, but he could not avoid losing his remaining club to East. All told, he lost three clubs, a heart and a diamond.

Had West failed to trump his partner's ace at trick three, South would have made the contract, trumping two clubs in dummy instead of one to finish with nine tricks.

The hand illustrates the importance of keeping an open mind on defense. All too often a declarer is allowed to conduct his business without interference and so achieve what appears to be a normal result. East's trump shift at trick two was not difficult, but West's ruff of his partner's ace showed a high degree of awareness at the critical point in the play.

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Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook
Glorious Water
 It's summertime, and it's hot. Birds aren't the only things that need water to drink. I've seen other creatures with wings — like bees, butterflies and dragonflies — sipping water from birdbaths. So keep those birdbaths clean and that water fresh.

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Solution time: 21 mins.
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 — King Crossword —

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Answer
 — Weekly SUDOKU —

With a cherry on top

BIG BLUE BURGERS WITH CHERRY MUSTARD

Serves 4

Give summer a bang of flavor with grilled beef burgers topped with cherry-spiked Dijon mustard, grilled sweet onions and tangy blue cheese.

Ingredients

1/2 cup finely chopped pitted fresh cherries (about 8)
6 TB whole grain or Dijon mustard
2 tsp expeller-pressed canola oil
1 red onion, thickly sliced, rounds intact
4 frozen 1/3-lb Nature's Rancher Beef Burgers
1/2 tsp fine sea salt
1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper
4 whole wheat hamburger buns, toasted on grill



4 leaves Bibb or romaine lettuce
1/2 cup 365 Everyday Value® Blue Cheese Crumbles
Method

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Combine cherries and mustard in a bowl; set aside. Brush oil on onion slices and then season burgers and onions with salt and pepper. Grill all, flipping once, until onions

are tender and burgers are cooked to your liking, about 10 minutes. Spread mustard on bottom buns; top with lettuce, onions, burgers and blue cheese. Top with buns and serve.

Nutrition Per serving: 450 calories (210 from fat), 23g total fat, 10g saturated fat, 65mg cholesterol, 1040mg sodium, 28g total carbohydrate (4g dietary fiber, 7g sugar), 29g protein

BROWN RICE SALAD WITH CHERRIES AND CHICKEN

Serves 6

This salad is full of the great summer flavors of cherries, basil and grilled chicken. Buying prepared grilled or roasted chicken (frozen or fresh) will make it a snap to put together. You can even substitute thawed frozen brown rice instead of cooking the basmati rice — you'll need about 2 1/4 cups.



diced (about 3 1/2 cups)
2 cucumbers, peeled and diced
1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
1/2 cup pecan halves, toasted and chopped
1/2 cup finely sliced basil leaves
Method

Bring 2 1/2 cups water to a boil in a small saucepan and stir in rice and 3/4 teaspoon of the salt. Bring back to a boil, stir again, cover and simmer until the rice is just tender but not mushy, about 40 minutes (not all the water will be absorbed). Drain rice and

rinse briefly under cold water. Drain again.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, shallot, pepper and remaining 3/4 teaspoon salt. Add cherries, chicken, cucumbers and onion and toss. Add rice and pecans and toss again. Serve at room temperature garnished with basil.

Nutrition Per serving: 380 calories (130 from fat), 14g total fat, 2g saturated fat, 65mg cholesterol, 650mg sodium, 40g total carbohydrate (4g dietary fiber, 12g sugar), 27g protein

Ingredients

3/4 cup brown basmati rice, rinsed
1 1/2 teaspoons fine sea salt, divided
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 shallot, finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 pound cherries, pitted and quartered
1 pound prepared grilled or roasted chicken breast,

CHERRY BLUEBERRY CRUMBLE-TOP PIE

Serves 8

Ingredients

1 pound cherries (about 4 cups), pitted
2 cups blueberries
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 cup plus 1/3 cup sugar, divided
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup quick-cooking oats
1 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
4 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into chunks
3 tablespoons buttermilk or regular milk
1 frozen 9-inch pie shell
Method



Preheat oven to 375°F. In a large bowl, combine lemon juice and 1/2 cup of the sugar and toss to combine. Sprinkle with the cornstarch and toss again. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, oats, cinnamon, sugar and salt. Add butter and use a pastry cutter or your fingertips to work it into the flour until no pieces larger than peas remain. Stir in buttermilk with a fork, stirring until the mixture forms clumps. Pour cherry mixture into the pie shell and top

evenly with flour mixture. Place on a foil-lined baking sheet (this will catch any drips) and bake until the filling is bubbling and the top is browned, about 1 hour. Cool and serve.

Nutrition Per serving: 340 calories (110 from fat), 12g total fat, 6g saturated fat, 15mg cholesterol, 170mg sodium, 57g total carbohydrate (3g dietary fiber, 33g sugar), 4g protein

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Friends of Salado Library seeking entrants into annual Death by Chocolate

It is time to plan for the Friends of the Salado Public Library "Death by Chocolate" contest on Sept. 22.

Adult and Youth participants are invited to enter this contest with any dish that contains chocolate. First and Second prizes will be awarded to both Adult and Youth sections.

"This year we will include a prize for the best display in both age groups," said Elaine Ed-

dings, Salado Public Library Head Librarian.

Deadline for entering the Death by Chocolate contest is Sept. 21.

Instructions on how to prepare and submit your entry are included in the registration packet at the library. Use these lazy summer days to begin plans on your Death by Chocolate item and display. Death by Chocolate is part of the Salado Tourism Chocolate Weekend.

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Legends

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has prepared a CD of bits of past performances of Salado Legends and set the action to the play's music so past cast and crew can get a glimpse of themselves in previous performances. Past cast and crew members from 1993 to 2011 are encouraged to call Tablerock at 947-9205 for a special invitation and tickets to their reunion performance.

Performances of Salado Legends are on July 21, 28 and August 4 this year. Dinner reservations for the catered meal at the 3 scheduled performances are required: \$8 for adult or child. Adult

show tickets are \$17. Child (4-12) show tickets are \$5. Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater is located on Royal Street in Salado, Texas.

Tickets may be purchased in Salado at Fletcher's Antiques, First State Bank and Compass Bank. To charge tickets on line through TIX: www.tablerock.org. You may purchase tickets at ITR on Fort Hood as well as Compass Bank in Belton and Temple. For groups of 20 or more call 1-254-947-9205 or write to Tablerock, PO Box 312, Salado, TX 76571.

Grill a summer veggie pizza

By ANGELA SHELF MEDEARIS
THE KITCHEN DIVA

If you love fresh vegetables and adore pizza, why not combine them on the grill? The best part is that you can change this recipe and use whatever vegetables you have on hand. This pizza is so good you might want to devour the whole thing.

Although traditional Neapolitan pizza dough is made only with flour, yeast, salt and oil, the recipe below has an American twist. This unique recipe uses bread flour for strength, all-purpose flour for tenderness and cornmeal for flavor and texture. It makes a delicious, slightly crunchy dough for any pizza recipe, but especially for vegetable toppings. If you don't want to make your own pizza dough, you can purchase commercially made dough, dust your board with some cornmeal and then roll out the dough so that the bottom will be coated with cornmeal to give it a similar crisp texture. You can use any combination of the vegetables below on your pizza.

SUMMER VEGETABLE PIZZA

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 medium zucchini, cut lengthwise into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- 1 medium yellow squash, cut lengthwise into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- 1 large bell pepper, stem and seeds removed and cut in half
- 1 large purple Globe egg-

- plant, stem removed and cut into rounds
- 1 large Portabello mushroom or 4 small mushrooms, wiped free of debris, stem trimmed or removed
- 3 plum tomatoes, cut in half
- 6 green onions, root ends removed
- 4 pieces of asparagus, stems trimmed
- Cooking oil spray
- 1 (12-inch) pizza crust or packaged pizza crust
- 1/4 cup (1 ounce) finely grated pecorino Romano cheese
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh basil
- 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped fresh oregano

1. Prepare a medium-hot fire using charcoal or gas grill. Meanwhile, using a large bowl, soak the vegetables in cold water for about 30 minutes before you grill them to keep them from drying out. Drain and pat vegetables dry.
2. Combine oil, vinegar, salt, pepper, pepper flakes, zucchini, yellow squash, bell pepper, eggplant, mushrooms, tomatoes, green onions and asparagus in the bowl, tossing gently to coat. Place vegetable mixture on grill rack coated with cooking spray. Grill 2 minutes on each side or until tender.
3. Lightly coat pizza crust with cooking spray; grill 1 minute on each side or until lightly toasted. Arrange vegetable mixture over crust. Sprinkle with pecorino Romano cheese. Grill 5 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Remove from grill; sprinkle with basil and oregano.

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Q: My mother-in-law insists on cranking the old manual thermostat all the way to the left on a hot day. She says this will cool the house faster. When it gets too cold inside, she cranks it all the way to the right to turn off the air conditioner. How can I tell her that isn't the most efficient way to cool a house? -- Damian L., Springfield, Mass.

A: Well, I'm no expert in how to break the news to someone who's stubbornly insistent on doing things her way. But her method of controlling the air temperature is not only inefficient, it's a quick way to break the thermostat.

In fact, that may already have happened. Your mother-in-law is probably controlling the thermostat this way because she is not getting the comfortable temperature she wants when she sets the thermostat in the typical "comfortable" range of 65 F to 75 F. This may have happened from turning the control gauge too far left or right, or it may simply be an old ther-

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mostat in need of replacement.

Instead of insisting that she set the thermostat in one place and leave it alone, talk to her about bringing in a heating and cooling contractor to inspect the entire air conditioning system, including the thermostat. And try to persuade her to have the old thermostat replaced with a more accurate, programmable electronic thermostat. The cost savings that result from regularly maintaining a cooling system and

keeping the temperature in a comfortable range can be significant.

And a programmable thermostat can remove one chore from her to-do list: It can lower or raise the interior temperature of the house at set times, without her having to manually set the thermostat.

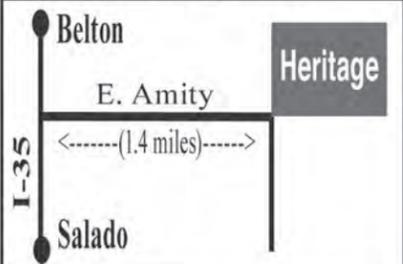
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Meat consumption, health and the environment /Challenging Canada's Prime Minister's efforts to weaken environmental protections

Dear EarthTalk: We've been hearing for years how producing red meat is bad for the environment while consuming it is bad for our health. How do other types of meat, fish, dairy and vegetable proteins stack up in terms of environmental and health impacts? -- Julia Saperstein, via e-mail



with chemical pesticides and fertilizers) were determined by EWG to generate the most greenhouse gases.

EWG partnered with the environmental analysis firm CleanMetrics to assess the climate impacts via lifecycle assessments of 20 popular types of meat, fish, dairy and vegetable proteins. EWG's assessment calculated the full "cradle-to-grave" carbon footprint of each food item based on the greenhouse gas emissions generated before and after it left the farm—from the pesticides and fertilizer used to grow animal feed all the way through the grazing, animal raising, processing, transportation, cooking and even disposal of unused food (since some 20 percent of edible meat gets thrown away by Americans).

According to EWG, conventionally raised lamb, beef, cheese and pork also generate more polluting waste, pound for pound. Of these, lamb has

Not all forms of protein are created equal as to the environmental and health implications of raising and consuming them. A 2011 assessment by the non-profit Environmental Working Group (EWG) found that "different meats and different production systems have varying health, climate and other environmental impacts."

The quantity of chemical fertilizers, fuel and other "production inputs" used, the differences in soil conditions and production systems and the extent to which best practices such as cover cropping, intensive grazing or manure management are implemented all affect the amount of greenhouse gas emissions a meat product is responsible for generating. To wit, lamb, beef, cheese, pork and farmed salmon raised "conventionally" (e.g. with inputs including hormones and antibiotics and feed derived from crops grown



A study by the Environmental Working Group assessed the climate impacts of 20 popular types of meat, fish, dairy and vegetable proteins and concluded that beef has more than twice the emissions of pork, nearly four times more than chicken and more than 13 times as much as vegetable proteins such as beans, lentils and tofu.

the greatest impact, followed by beef and then by cheese—so vegetarians who eat dairy aren't off the hook. "Beef has more than twice the emissions of pork, nearly four times more than chicken and more than 13 times as much as vegetable proteins such as beans, lentils and tofu," summarizes EWG.

On the health front, EWG reports that "eating too much of these greenhouse gas-intensive meats boosts exposure to toxins and increases the risk of a wide variety of serious health problems, including heart disease, certain cancers, obesity and, in some studies, diabetes."

Besides cutting out animal-derived proteins

altogether, the best thing we can do for our health and the environment is to cut down on our meat consumption and choose only organic, humane and/or grass-fed meat, eggs and dairy. "Overall, these products are the least harmful, most ethical choices," says EWG, adding that grass-fed and pasture-raised products are typically more nutritious and carry less risk of bacterial contamination. "While best management practices can demonstrably reduce overall emissions and environmental harm, the most effective and efficient way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and environmental impacts from livestock is simply to eat,

waste and produce less meat and dairy." For more

information, check out EWG's free online "Meat Eater's Guide."

CONTACTS: EWG Meat Eater's Guide, www.ewg.org/meateatersguide.

Dear EarthTalk: Why were some environmental websites blacked out all day back on June 4? Was this some sort of protest, or did they get hacked?-- Ned Cooper, Detroit, MI

It wasn't hackers this time. In fact, a group of environmental and social justice organizations representing millions of Canadians blacked out their websites for 24 hours this past June 4 to protest

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efforts by Canada's conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper to push through a budget bill that would significantly weaken environmental protections. Organizations leading the black-out include the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, the David Suzuki Foundation, Ecojustice, Greenpeace, Nature Canada, Sierra Club Canada and World Wildlife Fund Canada, and several others. More than 13,000 other websites—including those of many major U.S. green groups including the Sierra Club—also participated in the black-out and continue to support the effort calling for stronger,

not weaker, environmental protections. Reports the Black Out Speak Out website: "The environmental changes are particularly undemocratic and worrisome given the extent to which the government is going to please powerful oil interests..." Green leaders say Harper's motives stem from his interest in expanding and exploiting Canada's tar sands oil and gas deposits, which constitute the second largest petroleum reserve in the world (after Saudi Arabia's). "Harper's attacks are happening for many reasons, not the least of which was the success of environmental groups in Canada, the U.S. and Europe in threatening what Big Oil wants most: unlimited tar sands expansion and pipelines like the Keystone XL to send its oil around the globe," reports Michael Marx, director of the U.S. Sierra Club's Beyond Oil campaign, on the Huffington Post website. "He put the interests of the oil industry first and looked the other way when it came to enforcing laws about air and water pollu-

tion, endangered species and the health of downstream communities." Marx says that "tar sands oil companies are destroying a pristine forest the size of England, accelerating the rate of climate change, causing thousands of wolves, bears, migratory birds, and caribou to die, and leaching toxic chemicals into rivers, as downstream communities experience a spike in cancer rates." According to Marx, Harper's government is trying to disarm its opposition by threatening the charitable status (and thus the fundraising ability) of green groups who oppose tar sands, subjecting them to onerous tax reporting requirements to bog them down. "Black Out, Speak Out" is a warning that the Harper Government has gone too far," says Marx.

CONTACTS: Black Out Speak Out, www.blackoutspeakout.ca; Huffington Post, www.huffingtonpost.com; Sierra Club, www.sierraclub.org.



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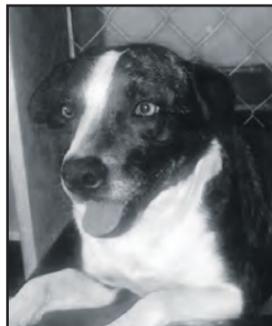
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