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Role reversal SHS state-bound players offer remix show tonight

Salado's state-bound UIL One-Act Play (OAP) directors believe that "mixing it up" is what keeps state qualifiers on their toes.

"We are doing a remix show this Thursday in which all the players' roles will be reversed," director J. J. Jonas said. "They will have to learn new characters and new lines within in a few days. Boys may be playing girl parts and vice versa. It will be fun."

With the state OAP contest three weeks away, Jonas said this was one way the company will keep their momentum going and keep the acting

fresh.

"We started preparations last summer for our spring contest season when we selected the play, The Sins of Sor Juana by Karen Zacarias. We went into rehearsals right after our fall show ended around Thanksgiving. Going to state is always a marathon, but this year, the state meet is three weeks later than usual, so we need to keep our players charged."

While the role reversal will certainly be entertaining, the team believes it will also be a great learning experience.

"A role reversal show

ensures that all players know each others' lines and there will be moments of discovery—things we had not thought of for our own roles," senior Tori Sellers said. "Plus, will be a treat for our fans and our student body – they get to see unusual casting of their peers. I mean, who wouldn't want to see our burly athletes dressed up in nun habits and petticoats?"

The OAP team confirmed a spot at state when they won the regional contest in Corpus Christi in April. They will be among the final eight plays in Conference

3A to compete from approximately 200 schools that originally entered at the district level.

"We are lucky to have such a strong group of hard-working students," director Kyra Mann said. "We could not achieve the success we do without the positive attitude and work ethic of our kids."

Salado won the Conference 2A OAP state championship in 2010.

The "Remix" show is at 7:30 p.m. May 3 for one night only and is open to the public. Admission is a \$2 donation that will be used to offset travel costs to the state meet.



Mikey Joe Sellers plays a nun in a role reversal showing of Salado's UIL One-Act Play.

D-word still whispered around the state

Though the overall percentage of the state is under moderate to extreme drought has continually dropped since September 2011, producers are beginning to worry that 2012 could be a repeat performance, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

In many areas, drought recovery continued, according to this week's reports by AgriLife Extension county agents. Producers were harvesting winter forages and small grains for hay to replace hay stocks depleted in 2011. Corn was being planted. Cotton farmers were either preparing to or starting planting, and farm ponds and stock tanks were filling up.

These signs of recovery, however, were confined mostly to the eastern half of the state, according

to the reports and the U.S. Drought Monitor. Draw an imaginary line Wichita Falls through Forth Worth and south to Houston, and every county west of that line continued to suffer one stage of drought or another. Large swathes of Far West Texas have yet to come out of the extreme drought that started in 2011.

And even in counties where there has been substantial rains, there was concern that the reprieve will be short-lived.

"That 'D' word – drought — is being whispered in many corners around the county," said David Winkler, AgriLife Extension agent for Bosque County, southwest of Fort Worth. "No one wants to say it out loud, but it is in the back of our minds as we watch plants on shallow soils turn



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Producers continued to harvest cool-season forages for hay. Most were storing the hay, concerned 2012 might be a repeat of 2011 drought, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service county agent reports.

brown from lack of water. It has been 30 days since our last significant rain event."

AgriLife Extension Central district reporters which includes Bell County compiled the following summaries for April 23-30: The trend of above-average temperatures continued, and soils and pastures further dried out. Most small grains were harvested for hay or silage. Most hay was being stored. Grasshoppers were reported, and a big outbreak was expected with-

out a rain soon. Some producers replanted coastal and Bermuda grass fields killed by the drought. Winter grasses continued to provide grazing, but were also depleting the soil moisture summer grasses will need to grow. Corn and sunflowers were growing very fast. Wheat neared being ready for harvest — two to three weeks ahead of normal. Corn, cotton, and milo producers hoped for rain in early May. Livestock were in good condition.

Early voting continues in local races

Early voting in the May general elections continues at the Salado Civic Center through May 8. So far in early voting, 134 have voted in the Salado Independent School District race and 71 have voted in the Village of Salado board of aldermen race.

Early voting hours will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays with two days of extended voting. Extended hours will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 8.

Election day will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 12 at the Salado Civic Center.

The local elections will be for two positions (three year terms) on the Salado Independent School District Board of Trustees and two positions (two

year terms) on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen.

Candidates for the two positions on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees will appear in this order on the ballot: Mark Depoy, Melanie Kirchmeier, Pam Oakes, Jim Reed and Kristi Jarvis. Reed is a one-term incumbent.

Candidates for the two positions on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen will appear in this order on the ballot: Bryan Fritsch, Ted Williamson, Shannon Ashe and Stephen Peters. Peters is a two-term incumbent on the board.

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Board of Aldermen meet tonight

Village of Salado aldermen will meet in regular session 6 p.m. May 3 at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. New business agenda items include appointing planning and zoning board of adjustment members, renewal of the Salado Volunteer Fire Department contract and expending funds for a sewer pipe under I-35. The meeting is open to the public.

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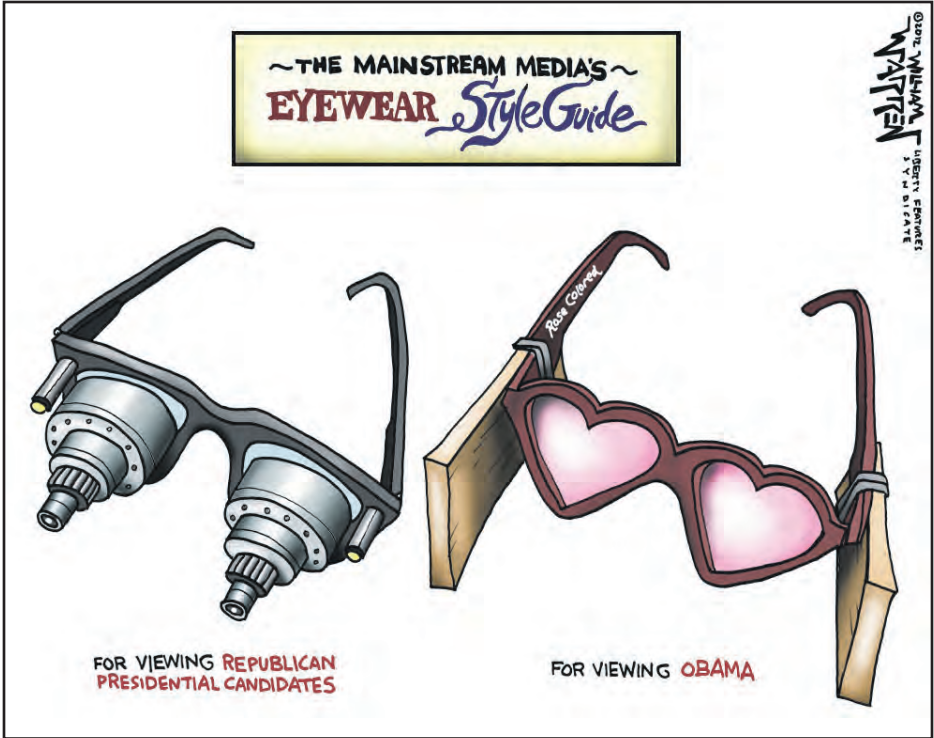
Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota is the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee. That means he's the Democratic point man for the absolutely essential work of not coming up with a budget. Conrad has occasionally gone wobbly. Sometimes he has sounded dangerously close to betraying the cause that his party has entrusted to him. Last month, the senator went on national TV to say he was going to have his committee "mark up" what he called a "10-year plan" -- i.e., a budget. After briefly flirting with this treachery, Conrad came back to his senses and recommitted himself to his duty to remain resolutely budget-less.

He didn't hold a markup at all, which is the time-honored process by which a bill is debated, amended and voted on. Conrad dispensed with all such fluff and minutiae. He offered his own plan, loosely based on the work of the Bowles-Simpson deficit-reduction commission, shot down any foolishness about amending or voting, and pronounced himself well-pleased. Conrad had delivered yet again, by not delivering a budget. If this seems an easy, almost no-show job to you, think again. There are two varieties of budgetary boldness. There's bold like Republican House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan. This involves passing out of committee detailed budget resolutions that go on to pass the entire chamber and to spark a full and frank debate about the nation's fiscal future. Then there's Kent Conrad boldness. This involves having the fortitude to defend doing nothing with threadbare rationalizations and weaselly misdirections. Fresh from his stalwart act of nonbudgeting, Sen. Conrad said it was too hard to pass a budget in an election year. But Senate Democrats hadn't passed one in 2011 or 2010, either. This year is a presi-

Rich Lowry



dential election year, 2011 was an off-year, and 2010 was a midterm election year. That covers every kind of year there is in Washington. By this standard, the Senate will have an annual excuse not to pass a budget resolution for the rest of time. The 1974 Budget Act says that, as a matter of law, the Senate Budget Committee is to pass a resolution by April 1 and Congress as a whole to pass one by April 15. No matter. Kent Conrad is the Bartleby the Scrivener of budgeting: He prefers not to. The chairman's exertions, such as they are, serve the political interests of his master, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. The leader doesn't want the fingerprints of Senate Democrats on a budget. What possible upside is there in telling the public, in some detail, how they will address the country's grave fiscal challenges? This gambit, a running charade for years now, betrays the intellectual exhaustion of the last remaining Democratic majority on Capitol Hill -- too scared and too cynical to undertake even a rudimentary gesture toward governing. As for Sen. Kent Conrad, he is retiring at the end of the year. As a private citizen, he will be able to look back fondly at the extraordinary capstone of his 25-year career, when he literally set a new standard for success for chairmen of the Senate Budget Committee. Bravo, Mr. Chairman, bravo. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2012 by King Features Synd., Inc.



Credit union bill would increase deficit, not lending

By ERIC SANDBERG
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Sometimes in Washington, the facts get in the way. Credit unions are once again pleading with Congress to increase their business lending authority. Sound good? Not so fast. This legislation from Sen. Mark Udall (D-Colo.) will shift small business lending from tax-paying community banks to tax-dodging credit unions. They say it will increase small business lending. Don't believe it. The credit unions are pushing bad public policy by distorting the facts. Their lobbyists have lost sight of their industry's historic mission and continue to promote a harmful agenda that would take business away from tax-paying community banks that serve small towns and neighborhoods across America. Most Americans do not remember that the historic mission of a credit union is to provide credit to people of limited means. This includes small consumer loans, car loans, etc. The mission does not include making sophisticated business loans where their industry has no demonstrated expertise.

Texans Credit Union in Richardson, Texas is a prime example of why credit unions should not be in this line of business. Texans is currently in receivership because its management and its regulators were ill-equipped to monitor the scope and volume of the business loans Texans was making in North Texas. As a result, Texans has millions of dollars of bad business loans on its books. The proposed legislation would truly provide increased lending ability for only approximately 30 of the 7,000 credit unions across the United States. It would shift loans that are already in the pipeline at community banks to credit unions that don't pay taxes. You simply can't be for community banks if you support the credit unions' mission creep. Most credit unions I have visited with are not interested in this legislation. They want to stick to their original mission. This is truly a piece of legislation that benefits a select few.

It's important to remember that credit

unions already have ample small business lending authority. This legislative proposal applies only to a new breed of credit union with little resemblance to the mom-and-pop variety that first inspired the industry's tax exemption. These "morphed" credit unions are not satisfied with making small business loans. If they were, they would have no need to raise their member business lending cap, since credit unions today can make as many loans under \$50,000 as they want. These aggressive institutions want to go after the corporate loans that tax-paying community banks make every day. If Congress does the bidding of this small minority of aggressive credit unions, it could be the beginning of the end for community banks. One doesn't have to be an economist to know that an industry subsidized by the federal government will easily out-price one that pays roughly one-third of its revenue in taxes, a typical bank's tax burden. Or to know that this is a classic example of a catering to a special interest group. Understand this fact. Credit unions pay no tax! If Congress sanctions the exodus of commercial loans from an industry that pays taxes to one that does not, the U.S. Treasury will go even deeper in the hole. This costs everyone increased taxes as opposed to those parties that borrow, take the risk and pay the interest. A similar bill in the last Congress would have cost taxpayers \$354 million in lost revenues over the next 10 years. The bill currently under consideration by the US Senate will cost even more -- just as lawmakers are trying to address our country's historic budget deficits. Fortunately, there is a more reasonable option for credit unions that would like to expand their business lending -- convert to a mutual savings bank charter. Some have already taken advantage of the flexibility this option provides. This is a far more sensible than promoting more tax-dodging that runs up the national debt and damages community banks that are the backbone of their local economies. THE TEXAS BANKERS ASSOCIATION (WWW.TEXAS-BANKERS.COM), FOUNDED IN 1885, IS A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION THAT REPRESENTS 86 PERCENT OF TEXAS BANKS, FROM THE SMALLEST TO THE LARGEST BANKS IN THE NATION.

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No one likes a smart aleck — or a stupid one, for that matter.

A really stupid one is called ALEC, the American Legislative Exchange Council, which masquerades as an “educational” group that simply assists state officials with policy research. In fact, it’s a corporate-financed, far-right front group that writes and aggressively pushes anti-worker, anti-consumer, anti-environmental, anti-immigrant, and other extremist “anti-people” legislative proposals.

ALEC’s operatives take these cookie-cutter bills from state capitol to state capitol, getting Republican governors and key legislators to introduce them. Then the organization helps organize astro-turf campaigns to ram such ugliness into law.

Gov. Scott Walker’s repressive agenda in Wisconsin is an ALEC product. So is Arizona’s war on Latinos, as is Florida’s murderous “stand your ground” shoot-em-up law. However, all this success led ALEC to get stupid. Its leaders got to thinking they were bulletproof, that they could shove this stuff down people’s throats all across the country — and the people would just accept it.

That was wrong. In fact, it was stupidly arrogant. Not only have people rebelled, they’ve also organized and mobilized. Groups like the Center for Media and Democracy, Color of Change, Common Cause, Occupy Wall Street, and People For the American Way have rallied grassroots people to hit ALEC where it really hurts: its pocketbook. Suddenly key corporate sponsors of this extremist organization were hearing from outraged citizens (and customers) — and now company after company is withdrawing its sponsorship.

Among those recently declaring that ALEC just “doesn’t fit our business needs” are Coca-Cola, Kraft Foods, Mars, McDonalds, PepsiCo, and Wendy’s.

To connect with these various efforts, go to www.AlecExposed.org

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

Readers on development, roads, secession

To the Editor:

In the April 5, 2012 edition of the *Salado Village Voice* there was a small notice among the real estate ads for a public hearing by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Salado. The subject of the hearing was for developing an 8 acre lot on O.W. Lowrey in the Mill Creek Springs I subdivision.

About a dozen residents of the area attended the meeting to listen to the presentations and share our thoughts on this proposed development. The notice had said “interested citizens are encouraged to attend.” Since this site is in an area that regularly floods it was of great concern to the residents of this area about what the developer planned to do about drainage and the runoff from the proposed site. The Builder spoke and said he would be raising up the building pads two and one half feet before building to assure that these homes would not flood. As yet there appears to be no published plan for the drainage of the water from those lots. Much of the water would drain onto O.W. Lowrey and Tallwood Circle. Many of the houses on these streets were affected in the floods of 2007, 2009 and most recently in the destructive flood of 2010. Some sustained more than 6 feet of water in their homes. This proposed building would only make the chance of flooding greater.

Last Monday evening there was an open forum at the Civic Center for the four candidates running for Village Aldermen during which the question of the feasibility of developing the sub-division on O.W. Lowrey was asked of each candidate. Two of the candidates responded that it is privately owned property and they didn’t know why it was even coming before the Aldermen, the area is in the ETJ and of no concern to the Village. They went on to say that if a builder was “dumb enough” to build in a flood area and people were “dumb enough” to buy them that was their business. However, both stated that “you’d never see them living in that area.”

One of the candidates stated that the issue need-

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ed to be looked into further so that it is not only “legal, but the right thing to do.” Also, that area does adjoin the Village and it could spill over into that area and could become an issue for the Village.

In September 2008, the Board of Aldermen passed the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance # 2008-20, signed by the Mayor and Village Attorney. It states:

WHEREAS, these flood losses are created by the cumulative effect of obstructions in floodplains which cause an increase in flood heights and velocities, and by the occupancy of flood hazards areas by uses vulnerable to floods and hazardous to other lands because they are inadequately elevated, flood-proofed or otherwise protected from flood damage; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations promulgated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mandate that local governments have a regulatory program protecting the community’s floodplain in order for property owners to qualify for federal flood insurance; and...

It is incumbent for the Aldermen to be familiar with the ordinance already adopted by the Village. Within the above ordinance is a major concern for the residents of this area “to qualify for fed-

eral flood insurance.”

If the floodplain is altered it could make the property owners ineligible to purchase flood insurance. Will the Village accept the responsibility for damage to our homes if we flood again?

The Aldermen must realize that the Planning and Zoning Board does have jurisdiction over the ETJ according to the Subdivision Ordinance of the Village of Salado, TX, 1. General Provisions, Section 1.1 b. It also states in Section 3.10, Storm Water Collections and Conveyance Systems, that there are specific guidelines for developers and builders in regard to water runoff.

In conclusion, if this subdivision is to be built the Village should require adequate drainage and floodway channels. The Aldermen of the Village need to step up and take responsibility for the protection of property, public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Salado.

Letter signed by Concerned Citizens of Mill Creek Springs I
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Robert O. (Buck) and Suzanne Harris: Cliff Circle
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Marshall and Christy Maedgen: O.W. Lowrey
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Joyce and Bill Wright:
Cliff Circle

To the Editor:

The Salado Chamber and candidates at the April 23 Candidates Forum should be proud of the conduct of the meeting and the direct and honest contributions of the candidates. A disturbing proposal however came from Counsel Candidate Williamson which could lead Salado to a cosmetic solution to our road and street issues rather than dealing with the problems.

About two years ago Mayor Stalcup started an exhaustive process of putting together a systematic, well thought-out program of identifying our road and street needs and directing our limited funds to a proper approach to their use. Needs were prioritized in accordance with each street section’s condition and importance. The limited number of high volume collector or arterial streets would receive a high quality structural treatment with an adequate road base that does not now exist and the lower volume residential streets would get surface treatment in accordance with their condition.

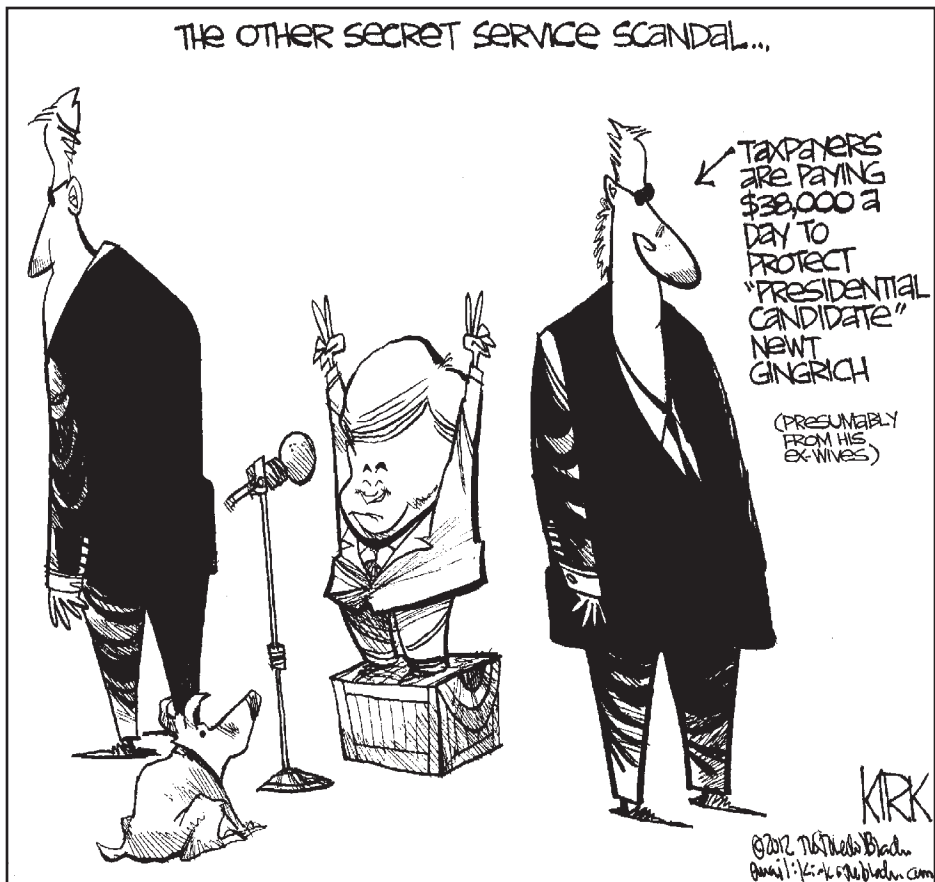
The higher order streets would have ribbon curb and a road base. The ribbon curb prevents longitudinal cracking and edge raveling; it also provides the visual appearance that our Village warrants. The ribbon curbs not only provide a clean appearance and structural support, but can be looked on as a measure of safety refuge for pedestrians and bikes. Some of the original developers of our community have already put this type road in place in locations on Chisholm Trail and Indian Trail; most of the newer Mill Creek Springs, because of the quality desired by the developer, has this type high quality roads. The Counsel endorsed the program of significant upgrade for long term life for high classification streets.

Alderman McCort was given the responsibility of implementing the program. In the short time since the program was initiated sections of Park Drive and Chisholm Trail have already been completed and Whispering Oaks will be up to this standard this year. In the future, because some sections already are in place, the Village can look forward to seeing our entire high order road system as one we can be proud of and enhances the appearance of the community as well as providing long term life.

Candidate Williamson appears to be advocating abandoning this program in favor of seal coating. He suggested a new form of seal coating but no form of seal coat provides road structure for long term life any more than painting a leaky roof will prevent rain water from continuing to pour through. We have a fine example of the lack of effectiveness of seal coat in adding life in the work done on Bluff Circle which failed structurally almost immediately after the application was done.

Mayor Douglas led an effort whereby professional planners studied our Village and developed a long-term plan that, among other things, classified our roads and streets by their importance.

This was the ground-



Aldermen candidates talk about roads, safety, parks, business, floods

The following questions were put before the candidates for the Village Board of Aldermen. Their answers follow:

1. What condition are our roads? Do we spend

too much, too little or just the right amount on them? Are there other programs/approaches to road maintenance that you would like to see the Village implement? (250 words)

2. What is your opinion of the Village's responsibility for public safety? Is it doing too little, too much or just the right amount in terms of police, fire, and ambulance/EMS services? (250 words)

3. Do you think the village is doing enough, too much or just the right amount in terms of parks and recreation services for the residents and visitors? Are there programs or changes that you would recommend? (200 words)

4. Is the village government doing enough, too much or just the right amount to promote and support businesses? Are there programs or changes that you would recommend? (200 words)

5. What is your opinion of the response of the Village government to the recent floods and other natural disasters in the recent past in terms of both the immediate response and the long term response? Any changes you would recommend for the future? (200 words)Stephen

repairs on Chisholm Trail and the One Lane Bridge that had been earmarked for other road repaving projects. The village has a multi-year plan to repave roads that was developed primarily through the efforts of Mr. Reihsen, a highly qualified engineer. That plan is being executed as funds are available. The latest contract for Whispering Oaks has just been let, and yes, it is expensive. Currently, Whispering Oaks is a couple of inches of asphalt over dirt, as are many roads that were built by developers, and therefore the idea of "sealing" that roadway at "minimal cost" is not a viable idea. That kind of maintenance is appropriate when a good, solid, and stable roadway is in place.

Question 2: Public safety is one of the primary responsibilities of any municipality. In terms of police service, I feel that the force needs to be increased to provide 24/7 policing within the Village and would support a tax increase to pay for it. The volunteer fire/EMS department is excellent and the Chief knows the process by which he can request funding support from the Board of Aldermen. I personally was instrumental in getting the annual contribution from the Village raised to 30K per annum in 2009. The Chief has made no requests for additional funding since that time so I defer to his judgment in this matter. The Village has a contract in place with S&W to base an ambulance in the Village to provide ambulance/EMS services which, at this time, appears to be adequate for our needs.

Question 3: This is one area that I believe we can and should expend some funds and effort on. The "View-from-the-Bridge" project is moving along and I have heard nothing but glowing comments about it. After the 2009 flood, I was the lead for the revitalization of Pace Park. After approximately 20K was spent to repair and upgrade the electrical system, level and grade the grounds and put in

concrete filled posts to delineate the parking area, most was washed away in the 2010 flood. Yes, I believe that the Village should act to enhance Pace Park for the benefit of our citizens and visitors.

Question 4: The Village collects Hotel/Motel taxes which, by law, can only be used to promote tourism, benefiting all the businesses in town. Ms. Charbonneau, the Director of Tourism, a Village employee, does an excellent job of promoting the Village, utilizing those funds. Ms. Stairs does yeoman work stretching the funds generated by the Chamber of Commerce (CofC) through dues and fund raising efforts. I support the efforts to beautify and maintain the business district that are currently underway and/or are in the planning stages, sponsored by various civic agencies. The Village is doing what it can to support businesses, within the confines of the law.

Question 5: During the floods of 2009 and 2010 the immediate response was adequate. The long term response was good. Necessary infrastructure repairs were accomplished in a timely manner. With the exception of the Police Department and three other employees, the Village of Salado is run, more or less, by volunteers. This became obvious during the floods. When an individual is a volunteer member of the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Citizens-on-Patrol-Salado (COPS), Board of Aldermen, Salado United Methodist Church (this was the evacuation point for displaced residents) as well as other organizations it can be difficult to determine which function has priority. What was lacking during these events was pre-emergency planning and post-emergency critique. The Village needs to develop a Disaster Response Implementation Plan (DRIP) as a blueprint for future emergencies based on the lessons

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Bryan Fritsch

Question 1: The roads in the village are adequate but are starting to deteriorate at an advancing pace. The past two flood incidents consumed significant tax revenues to effect necessary

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learned during the floods of 2009 and 2010. This plan would become a "living document" issued to and reviewed by the various groups that will be responsible for plan implementation. Coordination meetings should be held between these groups on a semi-annual basis to ensure that the plan remains current and the personnel responsible for implementation are aware of and are prepared to execute their assignments.



Ted Williamson

Question 1: Overall the roads are in decent shape compared to similar size towns in central Texas. With limited funds available for road maintenance and over 25 miles of surface streets, we should concentrate first and foremost on preserving our street pavement with preventative maintenance.

The most important aspect of asphalt maintenance is crack repair. Asphalt cracks when the underlying base foundation deteriorates because it was incorrectly installed by the paving contractor or the ground settles significantly. As the base foundation gives way, the asphalt begins to crack. If these asphalt cracks are not sealed, they will get worse. Water penetrates the unprotected crack and filters into the limestone base which leads to further deterioration.

Our streets are only as good as the underlying foundation. The streets need to have a regular schedule of crack sealing to repel as much water from deteriorating the underlying base. Two independent professional engineers with a combined 60 years of soil and pavement backgrounds agree, some our streets would benefit from microsurfacing and other streets from seal coating. In most cases, some initial additional repairs would be needed.

Question 2: Public safety should be the highest priority above anything. When seconds count, it could mean the difference between life and death. Having previously served in public office, I spent numerous shifts, many overnight, with law enforcement to learn their needs to insure citizen safety as well as their own.

I would love to see us work towards a goal of having 24-hour protection. First responders are quite often overlooked and are under-appreciated in today's society. With every call they respond to, they place their life on the line for us. Elected officials should work closely with our first responders and give them the respect and proper resources they need to do their job.

Question 3: I would also encourage cooperation between the Salado Youth Baseball Association and organizations like Little League Baseball, USSSA, Pony League and Super Series Baseball to bring tournaments in on available weekends. This in turn brings

more overnight visitors that benefit our businesses. To provide the quantity of fields necessary for such tournaments, we can partner with either the cities of Harker Heights, Belton or both.

Just as Pace Park is an attribute to our village, we should be thankful for the Public Arts League of Salado, Keep Salado Beautiful and the two landowners, the Salado Presbyterian Church and Coyote Glass Design for their efforts in establishing the Salado Sculpture Garden. This is intended to bring additional parkland, culture, and a place for sculptors to display art. In an effort to forge a working use agreement with the village for our citizens and visitors to enjoy, the non-profit Keep Salado Beautiful, brought forth a proposal to the Salado Board of Aldermen that would provide additional public parkland. This proposal, with guarantees from Keep Salado Beautiful, would not cost the village one cent. Despite these guarantees, the voting members turned down this proposal on a 3-1 vote.

Question 4: As stated in the previous question, there is opportunity to put more "heads on beds" in our village if we can partner with the Salado Youth Baseball Association in bringing to our village youth baseball tournaments with the potential organizations listed. This is a great revenue source, not only for the association, but for our local inns, eateries and shop owners. I have watched this work to great benefit in the towns of Brenham and Burnet. Families, parents and grandparents travel long and far and bring their dollars to spend. Having witnessed the success it brings to communities, this would also give Salado's youth and future sports stars competition to sharpen their skills here at home. Salado should be a place for our young people as well, not just our young-at-heart.

I would also encourage, on our event weekends, spreading activities along the entirety of our business

district. Not only north and south on Main Street but encompass the Royal Street area over to College Hill. In surveying our local business owners, quite often on event weekends, one side of our business district will flourish while another side sees very little traffic.

Question 5: I tip my hat to the village government in place during the two floods and the tornado damage in May 2008. Given the fact local government had limited funding to work with, the spirit of helping fellow neighbors was heart-warming to witness. When it came to volunteering and assisting as much as possible, I commend Mayor-Elect McCort and all others on the Board that did the best they could with limited resources.

In conjunction with the Clearwater Underground Water District, the village government now has a real-time alarm system in-place to monitor rapid rising water on Salado Creek before it adversely affects our village. If we can find the funding, possibly through a government grant, a reverse 911 system could be established that would alarm residents and subscribing business owners threatened by future devastating flood events that could threaten life and property.



Shannon Ashe

Question 1: Road maintenance has been and always will be a constant struggle in our Village. For the most part I believe our roads are in fair condition with some extreme eyesores. I think we need to be open minded to learning about new technology and materials being used for road

repair today and consult with the experts who are currently employed in road construction. As far as spending goes, I am satisfied as long as we adhere to the approved budget. However, we need to re-evaluate and prioritize which roads need the most attention, and to what level of repair. I would be interested in our Village hosting a road repair workshop lead by local road experts so we can make better informed decisions on recommended bids. We should invite other small town officials to attend and investigate co-op project opportunities.

Question 2: It's the Village's responsibility to provide Police, Fire and EMS services to its citizens, and to foster an environment that supports the effective delivery of those services. Within its limited budget, I believe the Village has done an outstanding job in providing safety and security to Salado. According to Salado's Police Chief, Jack Hensley, crime in Salado is at an all-time low. For the first time in five years, the 2011 holiday season in Salado did not experience any thefts or burglaries. This has been accomplished by the visibility of the police and the support of the citizens watching out for each other and reporting suspicious activities. The Village of Salado benefits most from the Community Policing concept. Examples are the Citizens on Patrol Salado and the Vacation Watch programs, as well as the expanded Neighborhood E-Watch program. The Village government also continues to have beneficial agreements with the Salado Volunteer Fire Department and Scott & White. The Village approves each year to give financial support to the Salado Volunteer Fire Department to help with the expense of equipment and training. To ensure quick response time, the Village makes available the Annex Building to Scott & White Emergency Services.

Question 3: Safe, organic and well-kept parks can en-

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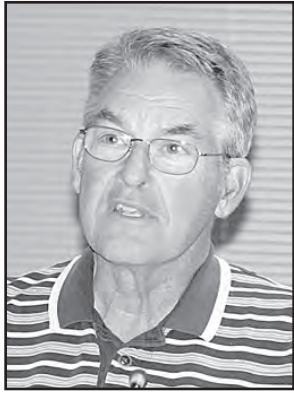
Village hopefuls FROM PAGE 5A

hance the quality of living. Our lives are very stressful, and having a peaceful place to unwind and connect with nature is invaluable. Even with the set-backs from the flood damage, I believe Salado has made great strides toward creating parks and recreational areas for our residents and visitors to enjoy. As part of the Village Comprehensive Plan, the Village has monitored the successful beautification projects of Keep Salado Beautiful and a View from a Bridge in collaboration with groups such as P.A.L.S. and Master Gardeners. I think it is important that the Village makes all its resources available to these projects, including, but not limited to, access to insurance when needed, maintenance, security, and promotion through Tourism.

Question 4: Congratulations to the businesses on their increased sales tax income this quarter. I know they've worked diligently to create ways to attract customers. There is more our government can do to support our businesses. I'd like to work with the Tourism Council in bringing in more groups but we need the infrastructure. We want our guests, who pay our sales taxes, to experience the utmost in hospitality. I believe the Village is heading in the right direction with talks about a waste water treatment system downtown. We need to organize the data and the resources and move forward. I believe a revenue bond from the Texas Water Development Board would be the best course of action. I've visited with friends who have concerns if we bring in a sewer system we would be inviting "big box" businesses into Salado. I share their concerns, but I also think it is a necessary risk, or my fear is we will be passed over and become a ghost town. There's not much money in ghost tours. In addition, the Village should modify ordinances, on a case by case basis, and work with creative zoning, so Salado does not lose its integrity.

Question 5: The first priority of emergency management is to save lives. I think our Village officials and volunteers did an excellent job and should be commended

for their actions during the recent floods. The second is recovery. The Village Government provided roll-away dumpsters to residents for clean-up; delivered water and nourishment; organized recovery teams; and authorized Don's services in Maintenance to help with clean-up efforts. The individuals who serve on the Village Board put in multiple man hours working side by side with their neighbors, doing what they could to help preserve property. The recent floods and tornados have been heartbreaking, but watching our community unite, helping each other, only strengthens my love for Salado. The third priority is prevention. As part of the NRCS Emergency Watershed Protective Program, there are sensors in place along the creek that indicate when the water is rising, and notification is sent to the emergency team (Police Chief, Fire Chief, Mayor, etc.) to give warning to prepare and evacuate. In preparation for future emergencies, I believe Incident Command training should be provided to Village officials and crisis management volunteers, to better understand what is needed in the event of a natural or man-made crisis.



Stephen Peters

Question 1: The condition of our roads overall is good. We could always spend more or not even as much as we do. We started a program three years ago that evaluated the conditions of each road/street in Salado and prioritized the need for their maintenance. Since then, we have renovated part of Chisholm Trail, Park Dr, and this year, we will renovate Whispering Oaks. We have also repaired the washout of Chisholm Trail and the one lane bridge across Salado Creek of their damage during the 2010 flood. We also built, with

federal help, the new bridge over Smith Branch. I think it is prudent to continue what we are doing. It is a slow but steady process.

Question 2: Obviously, the village has a responsibility for public safety. We could probably provide more personnel in the police area, but I think we have provided adequate coverage of policing the community with what we have. An increase in the number of personnel would probably mean a property tax increase. The Salado Volunteer Fire Department provides excellent fire protection. We increased the village support to them by 20 percent a year ago. I think that is adequate support. A year ago, the village entered into an agreement with Scott & White to provide emergency response in Salado. The village provides them a place to house their ambulance but at a cost to the village. I think a better long term solution for their ambulance support would be for their placement at the Scott & White clinic rather than the village building.

Question 3: We have a nice park area at Pace Park. Although, the area has suffered serious damage from flooding over the past 3 years, it is still used by many residents and visitors on a daily basis. We will probably not expend many funds to maintain the area that will easily flood with normal rains in the winter and spring. However, the village maintains the rest of the park. At this time, I would not recommend any changes.

Question 4: Our tourism department quite actively promotes Salado thus supporting the businesses in Salado. They do an excellent job. No.

Question 5: The immediate response has been excellent. We have expended our financial resources and repaired what we needed to repair and countless number of people volunteered many hours in effecting repairs. We do not have any capability to change the results of floods or windstorms in the village. The creek has flooded for generations and will continue to flood. I do not think it is prudent to build along the creek or to rebuild those structures that were damaged significantly.

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SISD Candidates answer questions

The following questions were put to the candidates for the Salado ISD Board of Trustees. Their answers follow:

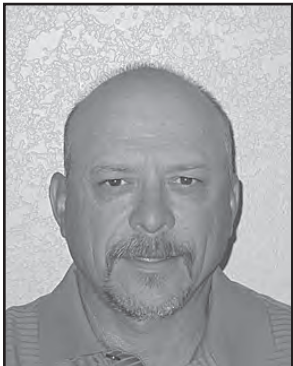
1. The state legislature in 2011 cut funding across the state. The deficit in state funding to Salado ISD this year is over \$630,000. The projected deficit in state funding for next year is anticipated to be over \$882,000. How should SISD deal with the cuts in state funding? (150 words)

2. Last year, SISD voters turned down an \$11.5 million bond proposal for athletic and extra curricular facilities. Did you support the bond then? Why or why not? Would you support a similar bond proposal for athletic and extra curricular facilities in the next three years? Why or why not? Are there other alternatives? (200 words)

3. SISD's maintenance and operation tax rate is the maximum \$1.04 that it can be without a vote of the public. Do you or would you support increasing the tax rate above that amount? (100 words)

4. SISD enrollment has grown, yet enrollment at the High School level has dropped, bringing Salado back down to 2A. Is this a problem or a benefit? Why? (100 words)

5. SISD has a three-year old high school. What is your opinion of the condition of the other three campuses? When was the last time you visited the school campuses? Are there areas in which the campus facilities are excellent or below par? How should we improve them? (200 words)



Mark DePoy

Question 1: We must view a budget deficit as a hidden opportunity rather than a crisis – an opportunity to be transparent with taxpayers that we are disciplined and efficient with their hard earned property tax dollars. State underfunding for education is not going away anytime soon. We must look ahead, have the leadership and a fiscal vision to develop a plan that prepares us to live within our means to respond to that reality. There are several possibilities to reduce our budget without compromising the core of education, including:

Reduce overhead by consolidating schools (TAE and SIS to pre-K-5), add 6th grade to Salado Junior High and streamline support functions. Note: We are the only school in our district that supports 4 campuses financially to include separate administration.

Embrace the efficiencies associated with on-line learning, testing and paper reduction.

Consider a redesign of the bus routes to provide greater efficiency.

Question 2: I did support the 2011 athletic bond. At the time, I felt it would benefit our students, and the

community, not to mention the low capital construction costs and a compelling interest rate environment. Passage would have centralized all of our high school athletic facilities to one campus, eliminated transporting the athletes back and forth, resolved parking issues and increased revenue to Salado businesses. The taxpayers spoke loudly against the bond and I respect the voters' decision and will carry that forward. In retrospect, with the downturn of the economy and 2011-2012 state budget cuts to education, perhaps it was best that the bond didn't pass last year.

With our economy in poor shape and our district struggling with the budget shortfall, realistically no athletic bond proposal is feasible in the immediate future. Alternatives are few and far between, but we must devise ways to maintain and improve our existing facilities with a cost conscious approach. Moving back to 2A from 3A will help to alleviate some of the capacity strains we've felt from time to time.

Question 3: Whether or not they have a child in school, a taxpayer with a \$200,000 home in the Salado ISD pays \$2,080 annually in property taxes just to the school district. That's plenty to ask and I do NOT support raising taxes in this economic environment with folks already struggling to pay their bills and for those taxpayers on fixed incomes. We should exhaust every effort to save money where we can before we even think about asking for more. I believe the community wants the best, but given we are already at the cap, we must be realistic.

Question 4: What should concern us most about our downgrade from 3A to 2A is that we are not in a growth mode and are losing students as education progresses from elementary to secondary education, especially at the high school level. We need to understand why and extend efforts to attract families and have their children attend our schools. Whether 3A or 2A, we must foster challenging environment of excellence in academics and extracurricular

activities. When enrollment declines, the school district loses money. Now is definitely not a time to be losing state funding.

Question 5: Our three older campuses are less than thirty years old and have relatively good bones. While there is ample classroom space today, a spike in enrollment could strain that capacity. I have one child at the Jr. High campus and one at the Intermediate school. I visit and am more familiar with these campuses. As was suggested at the Alderman forum, we need to do a better job at seeking grant funding (free money) to improve infrastructure improvement and technology. My primary short term concern for all three campuses is that we provide adequate infrastructure for quality education in a safe, secure learning environment. This is a fundamental requirement that all district leaders must agree upon.



Melanie Kirchmeier

Question 1: In these economic times it is very important for Salado ISD to analyze every dollar spent. Unfortunately, since we will have a deficit in state funding, we will need to analyze each line item in the budget. Last year the board voted to use our fund balance to have a balanced budget. It is excellent that Salado ISD has a strong fund balance, however, we cannot keep using fund balance to balance our budget each year. I would like to see a healthy fund balance with a rigorous analysis of each line item to determine if the expense item is necessary. The School Board will have to make very difficult decisions on our current programs. We all want the absolute best for our students;

however it is imperative we stay within our means as a district.

Question 2: There are several reasons that I supported the \$ 11.5 million bond proposal for the athletic and extra-curricular facilities. Salado is a wonderful community that had been hit hard by several factors and the community was trying to recover. I wanted Salado to be the shining star once again and also wanted our community to unite together. Another item presented to the community by the focus groups supporting the bond were the incredibly low bond rates Salado ISD would receive if the bond passed. Unfortunately, with the low bond rates it also meant the economy was struggling. I completely understand why the bond failed.

At this time, I would be very surprised if the Salado ISD Board proposed a new bond package. I believe the community spoke and the board has listened. With the budget constraints that we are currently under I believe there are other alternatives that the board would need to consider. Perhaps take our Master Plan and start analyzing to see if there is anything that can be done without proposing a bond.

Question 3: Since I am not currently serving on the Salado ISD Board, I don't have all the information that I need to make an informed decision. However, having attended meetings for many years I would vote no to increasing the maximum \$ 1.04 M&O.

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Salado Eagles players, coaches, trainers and batboys are shown above after the boys beat Liberty Hill in the final game of district. The Eagles will face Wimberley in the bi-district round. (PHOTO BY JIM MOHLER)

Eagles face Wimberley in bi-district

Salado Eagles will face the Wimberley Texans in the bi-district round of the 3A baseball playoffs in a best-of-three series to begin at 7 p.m. May 3 at Burnet High School. Game two will be 7 p.m. May 4 at Leander Rouse

High School and game three, if necessary, will be 1 p.m. May 5 at Burnet High School.

The Eagles finished the season with a 3-0 shutout of the district champions Liberty Hill Panthers last week. With an 8-2 district record (17-10 overall), the Eagles are the second place team behind Liberty Hill (9-1, 17-6-1 overall). Burnet is the third place team from District 25AAA with a district record of 6-4, (16-9-1 overall).

The Wimberly Texans placed third in district 26AAA behind Boerne and Fredericksburg (both 12-3 in district). The Texans were 9-6 in district.

The Texans return six starts from the 17-11-1 Bi-District Team.

Salado	3
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Salado Eagles finished district play with a 3-0 shutout of the district champions Liberty Hill Panthers on April 27.

After a scoreless two innings, Salado pushed two runs across the plate in the bottom of the third inning.

Jon Franz hit a one-out single and stole second and third base. Marshall Mann reached on a walk and advanced to second to put runners in scoring position.

Cole Haag scored both runners with a drive down the third base line, being thrown out at first for the second out of the inning.

Jacob Jordan led off the sixth inning with a double and scored on a single by Casey Frazier.

Salado tallied five hits in the game. Mann and Frazier both had singles and scored runs, while Jordan had a double and scored a run. Haag had a single in the first inning. Britton Hawes had a single in the sixth inning but was left on base.

Frazier earned the win on the mound for Salado pitching five innings and striking out two batters. He allowed three hits and a walk.

Hawes pitched in relief, striking out two batters and allowing one hit.

The Panthers got runners into scoring position twice in the game. They left four on base.

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Austin Silva hands off to Peyton Best as the boys won the Sprint Relay at the Regional meet. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Tracksters qualify for state

Salado High boys track team won the Region IV 3A Track Meet over two wind-swept days in Corpus Christi last week. Ashley Adams qualified for the State track meet, as well, in the 3200 Meter run.

The boys earned 82 points to beat out Sweeny's 75 point effort and Lampasas' 52 points.

Ryan Simmons qualified for State in two events, as did Robert Emrick. Simmons was first in the shotput with a 56'5". Emrick was second with a 53'10".

Simmons was second in the discus with a mark of 177'. Emrick earned a wildcard spot with his third place mark of 157'.

The Sprint Relay team of Joe Owens, Austin Silva, Reece Nicholson and Peyton Best earned the

gold medal with a 42.94 over Sweeny and Lampasas. The four placed fourth in the 4X200 Meter relay with a time of 1:30.81 in a race where the top four finishers were separated by less than a half-second.

Joe Owens qualified for state with a second place in the 200 Meters with a time of 22.41 behind Taylor's Fred Kerley.

Alex Cooke missed qualifying for state by a hundredth of a second, but brought home points in the 3200 Meters (third with a 10:09.08) and the 1600 Meters (fourth with a 4:40.30).

Bryce Martin tied for fourth in the pole vault with a height of 13'6".

On the girls side, Ashley Adams ran a 5:26.63 in the 1600 Meters for the silver medal and a berth at the State Meet. She also



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Ashley Adams earned silver in the 3200 and 1600 Meter races.

qualified in the 3200 Meters with a second place time of 11:57.31

Rachel Lea was fifth in the 100 Meter Hurdles with a time of 15.00.



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Ryan Simmons and Robert Emrick placed one-two in the shotput. Both SHS tracksters will compete in the shotput and the discus at the State Meet.



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On April 19, Salado Education Foundation awarded over \$10,600 in Innovative Teaching Grants to 6 teachers at SISD.

Lauren Glover, Art Department Salado Intermediate and Junior High, re-

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(Courtesy Photo)
SISD Board of Trustees President and SEF Treasurer Kim Bird is shown above with Charla Kelley and Salado Junior High Principal Harry Miller. Kelley received a \$2,400 grant for the Smart Music software program for use with sixth grade students.

ceived \$629 for an iPad for use in her Art classroom.

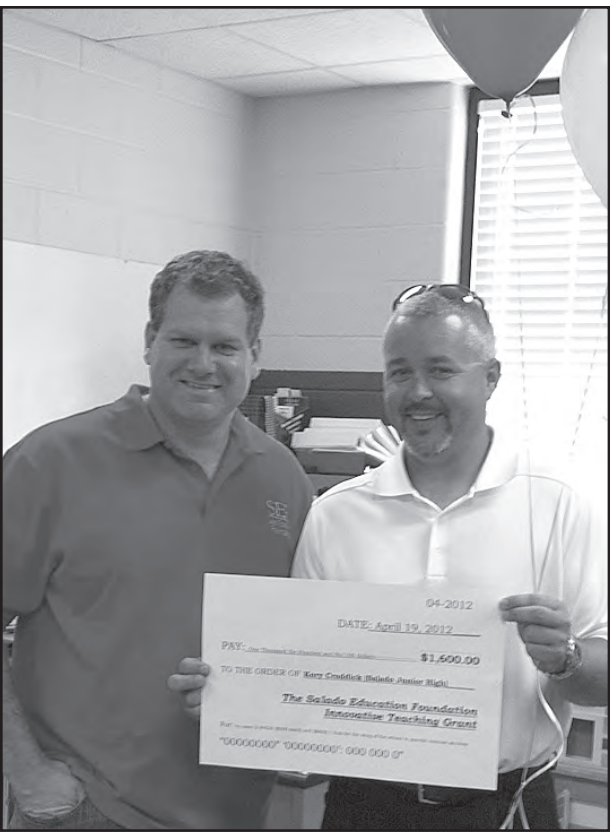
Katlin Wells, Salado High School Physics, received \$3,485 for PATCO software and 6 starter kits.

Kory Craddick, Salado Junior High Technology instructor, received \$1,000 for 2 iPads for student use in his Technology Courses.

Robert Franks, Science Department Chair at the High School received \$1,400 for a additional Whiteboard for a Biology classroom at the high school.

Julie Norden, Thomas Arnold Elementary and Salado Intermediate Librarian received \$498.33 for 26 E- books.

Charla Kelley, Band Director, received \$2,400 for Smart Music Software that she will use to help 6th grade band students.



Kory Craddick, above right, received a grant of \$1,000 for the purchase of two iPads for the junior high technology program. He is shown with SEF board member Jason Howton.

SEF also provided \$1,200 for wireless internet hubs to be installed at Intermediate and Junior High Schools to enhance the use of the iPads awarded.

“We are so proud of the excellent work being done by the teachers and students at SISD and we are honored to be able to assist them with these grants,” said SEF President Kristi Jarvis.

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Question 4: Several factors were involved in Salado ISD dropping back down to 2A. The 2A bracket increased to a maximum of 429 to 449 students while our enrollment in High School dropped by 20 students. Both of these had to occur for Salado to drop back to 2A. Whether our students are classified as 3A or 2A, it is very evident that our students can compete at every level. While classified as 3A many of our students have competed at the state level in academics and in athletics. Our goal is to make our students successful at any level.

Question 5: I have been on three campuses within the last six months and the Elementary within the last year. While I visited the intermediate school, I was very impressed with the number of computers in the library. It was encouraging that our young children had access to this technology at their grade level. When I visited the Jr. High two weeks ago, it was wonderful to see the students engaged in learning. I walked down the halls a bit and remembered when the school was built in 1979. The walls have changed some, but the overall condition looked very well maintained. I was in the Elementary last year and feel certain it could use some upgrades.

I think a facilities study would be a valid exercise for the Salado ISD Board to review. It is imperative that we keep our facilities well maintained and repaired for the safety of our students. I would like to see maintenance items that are expected over the next few years and be certain that these items are in our budget. While in a budget crunch, we certainly do not want deferred maintenance to haunt us in the future.



Pam Oakes

Question 1: The District is using reserve money to cover the deficit for this year and plans to do the same for the next. Our expectation should be that the State will continue to underfund education in the future so the deficit spending cannot continue indefinitely. When a budget deficit arises, we have the option of increasing revenue (taxes), reduce spending or a combination of the two.

Most school districts in Central Texas have chosen to reduce spending because their maintenance and operation tax rate is already at the maximum \$1.04. Salado is also at the maximum rate so we must tighten our budget belt as well. Our families must live on a budget and our district cannot be any different. School board trustees are expected to be good stewards of public funds and ensure that they use the funds as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Question 2: Although I love sports and my children are actively involved in many, I did not support

the bond for economic reasons. At the time the bond was proposed, it was already known that there would be severe cuts in state education funding. New facilities are built with debt service taxes but they are operated and maintained by the maintenance and operation (M & O) tax. Salado is already at the maximum \$1.04 M & O rate so any new facilities would be taking money away from the classroom. A school district's first priority is to provide a quality education with extracurricular activities being secondary, so we MUST fund academics first.

There are too many unknowns for me to firmly say whether I would support a future bond issue. We all want our children to have great facilities in which to compete, but we must be able to afford to build and maintain those facilities. Construction costs and interest rates are low right now so it is a good time to build, but just because something is on sale does not mean we rush to go out and buy it.

Question 3: The quality of education the district was able to provide would have to be severely diminished before I would consider calling for a vote to increase the tax rate. Families are still struggling in this weak economy and any increase in taxes would put further strain on their finances. The entire country is living in a new normal where money is tight. Everyone, including school districts, is going to have to create and implement innovative solutions on how to do more with less.

Question 4: Although the small school size was a major reason we chose to call Salado our home, I was disappointed when we dropped back to 2A. Competition brings out the best in everyone. Our students stepped up to the level of competition and experienced great success in both academic and athletic endeavors at the 3A level. I firmly believe our success would have increased each year as we continued to learn how to compete with larger schools.

Question 5: I have spent time in the middle school and high school on several occasions this year and the junior high several times last year. Our campuses are in good condition given their age.

Recommendations for improvements include integrating more technology into the classrooms, expanding the elementary library to meet growth needs, reconfiguring the elementary cafeteria into classrooms or other usable space and securing all entrances. The District should proactively seek grant money to defray the costs of these capital improvements.

One of the most important things we can do with our facilities is to take care of them so they do not fall into disrepair. Performing preventive maintenance should dramatically increase the useful life of all of our campuses, decreasing the need for future replacement. Surrounding school districts have recently discovered that it is difficult to operate numerous facilities when state funding is reduced and it is even more difficult explaining to taxpayers why you have to close facilities that were just recently built.



Jim Reed

Question #1: There are many ways to deal with budget cuts. Some districts near us have taken measures that have seriously impacted their staff and therefore, their students. As we faced this situation this year, the board and superintendent made the commitment to minimize the impact on our staff and students as much as possible. The reality is that there is less funding available to budget and cuts will be necessary. Some cuts are easier to identify than others. This past year we delayed the purchase of replacement buses and left some positions open where staff and teachers either retired or left the district. We were able to do this by accessing a small portion of our reserve funds. I anticipate that we will follow this strategy for another year before seeking a balanced budget a year from now. Regardless the goal needs to be to minimize impacts on our students.

Question #2 - Yes, I supported the bond proposal. It was my opinion that the facilities were needed and that although the economic climate was tough, the timing was right. At the time of the proposal, interest rates were at an all-time low and at the same time, construction project costs were down over 40%. That combination convinced me that the bond package was in our districts long term best interests. As far as support for a new package is concerned, those conditions have changed. I still support the need for the facilities, however my support would be contingent upon a review of all of our facilities. I believe we need to compare our enrollment projections against our current classroom spaces. This comparison will show us where our needs are and will

help us plan for when new educational facilities will be needed. After that work is done, if I am convinced that the need for educational facilities is not in jeopardy, then yes I could support a new bond package. As far as other alternatives, I am open to all ideas which maximize the use of the limited funding available while providing the best stewardship of district resources.

Question #3 - I do not support holding an election to ask the voters to raise this rate. The only time I could see a change in this position would be if the state legislature continues to underfund their commitment to education. If the current environment stays stable, I believe that we can continue to provide a quality education for our students. If the time comes when we can no longer adequately provide for our students, my current position might change.

Question #4 - I don't see this situation as either a problem or a benefit. We are between the 2A/3A classification and will be for a couple of cycles. This situation is normal and mirrors the situation in Belton where they moved between 4A and 5A for a few cycles. What is encouraging is that we have been competitive in both classifications. Many schools in this situation can't compete at the higher level for years. We have had nervous successes, most recently dominating the UIL academic competition, doubling the point total of our nearest competitor.

Question #5 - I have been on all three campuses this year. It is my belief that all of our campuses are in excellent condition. Over my past three years on the board, we have made systematic improvements to all of the schools in our district. These include roof replacements, sidewalk covers and security upgrades. These projects were completed within the available district funds. Our maintenance staff maintains our campuses in an amazing fashion. With that in mind we do have to realize that our elementary school is getting very old. There will come a time when either a major rehabilitation or replacement

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Lunch - Thomas Arnold Elementary, Salado Intermediate and Junior High


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Fried Steak Peas & Carrots Roll Mashed Potato Gravy Pears	Corn Dogs Baked Beans Carrot Sticks Mixed Fruit Cake	Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Breadstick California Blend Peaches w/topping	Chili Mac Peas Garlic Toast Pineapple Tidbits	Cheeseburger French Fries Vanilla Pudding

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Lunch - High School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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project will be needed. In the meantime we must continue to incrementally make improvements as identified by our administrators and facility staff. We also need to be ready to take advantage of opportunities that come up as well. Examples include the partnership between the PTO and the school that led to the new gym floor at Thomas Arnold and the energy grant that made improvements to all our campuses.



Kristi Jarvis

Question 1: In 2011-2012, SISD adopted a budget with a low growth projection and is managing to come in under budget so far this year. By continuing to be conservative on our budget projections and to cut positions by attrition, I believe SISD will be able to keep a vast majority of our positions directly effecting student's educations. SISD has a healthy fund balance of \$4.2 million, a portion of which can be used to help decrease the deficit while still keeping our FIRST accountability rating acceptable. I would also suggest SISD look for additional avenues of funding such as grants.

Question 2: I did support the bond in 2011. As a member of the Bond Committee, I believed that it was an excellent time for the district to call a bond election. Interest rates and construction cost were at an all time low. While I respect the decision of the voters, I do believe that we still need the new facilities due to safety and maintenance concerns. I believe the School Board and Superintendent will need to carefully assess the conditions of all our facilities, athletic and instructional, to reevaluate our needs. I would suggest our Fine Arts facilities and our technology infrastructure be evaluated at that time too. My support for any future bond would depend on the needs assessment taken in the context of the financial climate at the time.

Question 3: I believe that SISD should continue it's fiscally conservative budgeting for the time being. If the state continues to cut funding to education in the next biennium, I believe it will be necessary to look at calling a Tax Ratification Election to raise the tax rate. SISD has to be able to fund competitive salaries and our maintenance and operation expenses without cutting an excessive amount of essential teaching positions.

Question 4: While I believe the district needs to investigate the decrease of sixteen students in the senior class this year, the move to 2A will not significantly affect Salado ISD. Salado fans will continue to cheer on our teams, including soccer, and Salado will continue to be competitive in all sports.

SISD has also excelled in UIL. This year we won District and Regionals involving a record number of athletes and scholars. It is an insult to our students and teachers to insinuate they will lower their standards next year in 2A. I have faith that Salado will continue it's winning traditions.

Question 5: I believe SISD's Elementary, Intermediate and Jr. High schools are in remarkable shape considering their age. The Elementary was built in 1967, the Jr. High in 1979 and the Intermediate in 1999. In my capacity as a SIS/TAE and Jr. High PTO Board member, President of the Salado Education Foundation, and a very involved parent volunteer, I am inside SIS on a daily basis and in TAE and SJH several times a week. The maintenance and custodial staff are to be commended for their excellent work in keeping our facilities in top condition. While there are some minor issues with leaks common to flat roofs and some foundation settling, there are no emergent facility issues at this time. Some rooms were painted and floors replaced with funding from the PTO and other groups and these minor repairs have greatly enhanced our campuses. While an elementary school is the next project in the District's Long Term Plan, I believe there are many issues such as location (there is no land to build on at the current site) and appropriate interim facilities for students that must be taken into consideration. I believe an in depth study should be started.



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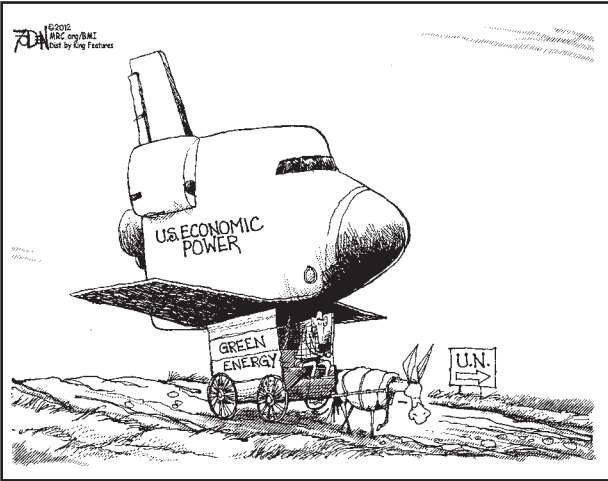
To the Editor:

Perhaps the time has come to debate our state's secession from the U.S.A. It seems that the current presidential political season brings many issues to the fore that we should consider. Many of those issues involve our state's relationship to the federal government. Let's think about a few details that should be cleared up before we take the next step:

Financing and economics – Will we need a Federal Reserve banking system? Right now, my savings account is protected by the FDIC. Our nation state can cover that. Although investment accounts are not covered by insurance, we could develop our own investment monitoring system. An agency that would oversee the financial institutions of the Republic of Texas – the banks, the investment businesses, the loan companies, the pawn shops. Such an organization would provide oversight unique to our own Republic. That agency will provide good jobs for our best and brightest—and most honest of the state. On the other hand Texans are known to be honest and frank, never exaggerating. Perhaps we don't need this kind of agency. Thus we can eliminate unnecessary costs to our citizens. We probably don't need to pay for that.

Medical – Where will we buy our pharmaceuticals? Canada, Mexico, China or other countries can offer all those meds at lesser costs than we currently pay for them. We can trust them to do what is ethical or we can develop our own system of inspection and review. Perhaps medical devices can be manufactured within our borders—or sourced from abroad. I'd imagine an artificial heart from Syria would be just about as good as one manufactured in the U.S.A. Regardless of source, we'd probably need an agency to approve such devices. Who will pay for that?

Healthcare – We can take over Medicare and Medicaid while keeping an eye on Humana, Blue Cross and United Healthcare. Past experience shows that our Republic's medical involvement will yield health insurance



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Military – Ft. Hood and Ft. Bliss could close and we could take over the U.S. Army's responsibility. Our own army could patrol our borders—Mexico, and the U.S. Hummers can be resurrected. Tanks, munitions, even nuclear weapons could be produced here. Naval activities could be transferred to Texans. We can build, own and pay for our own naval ships. We could easily develop our own Air Force. Big Spring and Wichita Falls would boom at the expansion of military aeronautic activity there. The Texas Coast Guard would take over monitoring our navigable water ways....illegal drug smuggling, aggressive foreign nations, seaworthiness of commercial vessels, safety of our waterways. Lots of Republic men and women can serve in our defense. Who will pay for that?

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There are some other minor items we probably should address: air safety; transportation safety; food safety; changing our state symbols to national symbols (a mockingbird clutching an olive twig and an oak branch—Cool!); gas prices; labor unions; civil rights; the EPA; printing currency and stamping coins; non-petroleum based energy; consumer safety; education (I must side with Mr. Perry on this one—we don't need it). Yes, that just about takes care of our needs.

Let's put secession on the ballot in November. The time has surely come. And if it passes, we should have the option to move abroad—to Louisiana.

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Obituaries

OTIS BOYCE BRODIE

Otis Boyce Brodie, age 91 of Salado passed away at his home on April 26, 2012. A memorial service will be held at Christ Church, 200 N. Main St., in Temple with Rev. David Alwine officiating. Brodie will be buried at a later date at Mount Olive Church of Christ in Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Otis Boyce Brodie was born on August 5, 1920 in Tylertown, Mississippi.

He served in the Army as a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He received numerous medals and commendations achieving the rank of Command Sergeant Major.

Upon retiring from the Army, Mr. Brodie was Store Manager of Barry's Dept. Store in downtown Killeen. He then worked in the automobile business.

Brodie was active in Bell County and Killeen business and civic organizations. He lived in Central Texas since 1959.

He previously served with Killeen Chamber of Commerce, USO, Kiwanis Club of Killeen and various other civic organizations.

At the time of his death was a member of Christ Church in Temple.

He is survived by his sons Douglas B. Brodie of Salado and Timothy B. Brodie of Harker Heights, four grandchildren and one great grandson.

Memorials may be made to Aware Central Texas, 1003 N. Main St. Belton, TX 76513.

Heart of Texas Cremation and Burial Service of Killeen is in charge of arrangements.



military in December 2006 as a water treatment specialist, and was assignment to the 509th Combat Service Support Company, 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Fort Hood, since June 2011.

Gonzalez deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from December 2008 to October 2009 and from June 2011 to April 2012.

Gonzalez's awards and decorations include the NATO Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, two Afghanistan Campaign Medals with campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and two Overseas Service Ribbon.



PAUL T. SANFORD

Paul T. Sanford passed away on April 28, 2012. Funeral services were held May 1, 2012 at Salado United Methodist Church in the historic chapel and service in the main church. Internment followed at the Salado Cemetery.

Sanford was born Nov. 18, 1927 in Tennessee, the fifth son of T. E. and Mary White Sanford. He survived polio at the age of 8 and the death of his mother at age 9. As a result, the family of 8 siblings were split up among relatives. A shattered leg from a horse kick at age 11 and a fracture at age 21 were only temporary obstacles.

Sanford left the Midwest to join family members in east Texas working in the oil fields, first as a maintenance person on large equipment and later as a master welder. He worked for Phillips Oil, Mobil Oil Co.

In 1955 he bought an

independent service station in West Columbia and operated it and a wholesale gas business for two years.

In 1954, Paul met the love of his life and married Patsy Guest of Salado, a school teacher in the area. His new father-in-law, Earl Guest invited him to partner with him in purchasing Salado Feed and Grain Company. It was a feed store, a feed mill, storage buildings and a scale office. The storage eventually had a capacity of eight million pounds of grain and storage for extra ingredients used in the feed mill. Most went export through the ports in Houston, Galveston and Corpus Christi. In connection with the business, Paul ranched, raising cattle and hogs.

He later owned 18 wheelers for hauling oil field equipment, and owned and operated dump trucks and backhoes in the area. He built a storage business south of town which he continued to operate until his death.

Always active in the community, Paul has worked with Salado little league, girls softball and Salado youth's animals at the Bell Co. Fair. He served as the 3rd president of the Chamber of Commerce, helped in building the first fire department building, the first fire truck, and did fundraising to build the Pace Park Pavilion. He was on the board helping to start Salado's First State Bank.

Paul and Patsy raised three boys.

He is survived by his wife Patsy, sons Terry and wife, Janice of Sugar Land, Tracey and wife, Lisa of Ft. Worth and Jim of Austin. Grandchildren include Justin, Charlie, Ashley, Casey, step-grandchildren Ashley, Janna, Heather and six great-grandchildren, and two sisters: Eva Hancock of Bristow, Ok., and Pat Shamas of Tulsa, OK.

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Wednesday Night (May 9)

5:15 pm Fellowship Meal
6:00 pm M & M Kids and Youth Activities

*Life Screening May 16
Call office for appointment*

Vacation Bible School will be July 9-13

SPECIALIST

MOISES JESUS GONZALEZ

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died April 25, 2012 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Specialist Moises Jesus Gonzalez, 29, whose home of record is listed as Huntington Park, Calif., died in Balkh Province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when his vehicle rolled over.

Gonzalez joined the

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Rep. John Carter meets with Fort Hood neighbors outside Kabul.

U.S. troops are making gains daily helping Afghan security forces defend their nation against Islamic extremists, and the U.S. government must support those gains in order to meet the dual goals of a lawful, self-sustaining government in Afghanistan while bringing all U.S. forces home as quickly as possible, according to U.S. Representative John Carter (R-TX31).

“Our Fort Hood soldiers have done a tremendous job through battlefield victories and cooperative efforts with Afghan security forces and civilians in building a new Afghanistan that can become a respected member of the community of nations,” said Carter. “That is a long way from the barbarous actions of the Taliban in running this country leading up to 9-11. Today we have a nation on the verge of enormous gains in security, liberty and prosperity.”

Carter toured troops in the Kabul area earlier this week along with several other members of Congress. It was the Congressman’s fourth trip to Afghanistan to meet with Fort Hood soldiers. Carter has also visited Fort Hood troops in Iraq on six occasions.



- Who is **Pam OAKES**?
- 18 year Salado Resident
 - Married to Scott and mother to Kristen and Ryan who attend Salado High School and Salado Intermediate
 - Certified Public Accountant with a BA in Accounting with experience in both the public and private sector
 - Active member of the Salado Methodist Church, serving as a teacher and member of the finance committee
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Carolyn Williams waits on a customer at Gregory's of Salado. The store, which has been in business for 35 years, announced a going-out-of-business sale that began this week.

After 35 years, Gregory's will close; Williams will begin next chapter

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Carolyn Williams announced this week that -- 35 years after opening her business in Salado -- Gregory's will be closing its doors in the coming weeks.

In announcing the Going out of Business sale, Gregory's is marking down its inventory of exquisite jewelry and designer accents by as much as 70 percent.

While she is closing her business in the coming weeks, Williams says she looks forward to retiring after more than three decades in the retail business.

"Serving customers in Salado and the surrounding areas has provided me with many fond memories that I will always cherish," Williams said. "After 35 years, I have decided to end an era and to begin a new life."

Part of that new life will be retirement from the retail business, which Williams began in 1977 opening Burlwood Gallery at Salado Square with her then-husband Greg Dachs.

Another part of that new life will be -- she says -- when she becomes a grandmother.

Her adult children Gregory and Elizabeth are both married now.

When the Dachs moved the store to the Shady Villa location, they changed the name of it to Gregory's for their newly-born son.

"I've raised my family with this store," Williams said. Both children attended Salado schools before going on to college.

Williams recalled days when her son Gregory was in band and every year in December band kids and parents lined the streets of Salado with luminarias for the annual Christmas Stroll weekend. "That was a lot of work!" Williams said with a smile.

In her three-plus decades as a business owner, Williams has been active in the business and civic community of Salado. She served as a director on the board of the Salado Chamber of Commerce twice -- with a 15-year hiatus between terms on the board. She served as chairman of the former Salado Business Association (which many years ago melded

into the Salado Chamber of Commerce) and was the Stroll chairman as well. Gregory's was rightfully named the 2005 Chamber of Commerce business of the year.

While Gregory's has had great success locally, it has also achieved much success among its peer group in business. It was named the Top Retailer of the Year in the U.S. by Niche magazine, which is dedicated to the American craft and artisan industry. Through the years Gregory's has been seen in several national magazines, including Harper's Bazaar, In Style, Vogue, Modern Bride and Bride.

Today, Carolyn says she is looking forward to a retirement that will include traveling with her husband Wendell Williams, a banker in the Temple area for 40 years.

"He's going to be ready to retire in a few years," Williams says, adding that she looks forward to traveling with him on trips that don't include buying jewelry or doing other business.

Some of that travel will be to visit children (and hopefully grandchildren)

and some of that travel will be just the two of them.

"That is something I really look forward to," she says wistfully.

In closing her store, Williams says that she has trepidation and excitement. "I am full of butterflies," she says. "I am excited about retirement, but I am also not sure how it will be when I don't have to wake up and go to work on a Saturday morning."

Williams adds that she will miss the close bonds she has forged with her customers, most of whom she counts as friends as well.

"We have been there when someone is making pretty important decisions," she says, like an engagement ring or jewelry to commemorate an anniversary. "Years after a purchase, couples will come into our store and show us the ring or bracelet they bought from us. That brings back memories."

Williams says that she looks forward to making memories of her own in the coming years, as a wife, mother and --- hopefully -- a grandmother.

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.

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THURSDAYS
Ladies night for all the working girls at Gypsy's Closet. Gypsy's Closet will remain open until 6 p.m. on Thursday evenings, so come by and enjoy a glass of wine and after work shopping.

THURSDAYS
Martinis and Manicures at The Lounge at The Range. \$25 for 2 ladies night adult beverages, a manicure 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, seating at 7:30 p.m. Call for reservations, 254-947-5554. Visit www.inncreek.com for menus or see ad this issue of newspaper.

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, seating at 7:30 p.m. Call for reservations, 254-947-5554. Visit www.inncreek.com for menus or see ad this issue of newspaper.

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

WEEKENDS THRU MAY 5
Performances of "Same Time, Next Year" at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. For information, visit www.thesaladosilverspur.com or call the box office at 254-947-3456.

MAY 3, 10, 24 & 31
Children Learn to Knit Class 4 - 5 p.m. at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main, Ages 7 - 14. linda@saladoyarn.com.

MAY 3
Student Knitting Group 4 - 5 p.m. at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main, register at linda@saladoyarn.com \$5 per session.

MAY 3
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Inn. Public meeting.

MAY 3
Chisholm Trail ABWA meeting, 6 p.m., McCain's Bakery and Cafe.

MAY 4
Noon Book Review of The Republic of Austin by author Jeffrey Kerr at Salado Public Library. Bring a sack lunch.

MAY 4
Paul Cox plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

MAY 4 & 5
Seventeenth Annual Gospel Festival. Times are 6-9 p.m. May 4 and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. May 5. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children (12 & under).

MAY 4-6
Special Savings with the Salado Market Days Sale at Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main.

MAY 5
Texas Naturalist Series at the Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. Texas Parks and Wildlife angler education program will feature hands-on activities to introduce children and adults to the joys of fishing in Texas. Ursula Nanno will give the pro-

gram.

MAY 5
BYOB (Bring Your Own Blanket), a concert series for children on the creek featuring childrens' artist Staci Gray. Tickets include lunch, concert and dress up play. Call the store for ticket information, 254-231-1399

MAY 5
Stefanie Fix performs 6-9 p.m. at Salado Creek Winery, 227 N. Main St.

MAY 6
Just a little help knitting class with The Salado Yarn Company inside Southern Comforts, noon - 5 p.m, Linda@saladoyarn.com to register.

MAY 7
Keep Salado Beautiful gardening day at the Salado Sculpture Garden. For information contact beckydenton@embarqmail.com.

MAY 7
Salado Historical Society Board Meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Civic Center Board Room.

MAY 7, 14, 21, 28
Salado Spring Basketball League with JV and Varsity divisions.

MAY 8
Community Emergency Response Team of Salado (CERTS) meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

MAY 9
Salado Lions Club, 11:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center.

MAY 10
Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA Style Show 11 a.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Tickets for the style show are \$25 and available at Christy's, Howling Wolfe and Susan Marie's. For info call Barclay McCort 947-3617.

MAY 9 & 16
Beginning Sock Class with The Salado Yarn Company inside Southern Comforts. For experienced knitters, \$50 for 3 sessions held at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. Linda@saladoyarn.com to register.

MAY 10
Student Knitting Group 4 - 5 p.m. at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main, register at linda@saladoyarn.com \$5 per session.

MAY 10
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Stagecoach Inn Conference center.

MAY 11
The Judith Miller Band plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

MAY 11, 12
Music Weekend in Salado. The Temple Jazz Orchestra in concert on Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater Stage at 7:30 p.m. May 12 will be the final musical production of the weekend. Concessions served by Men in Black Tie. Groups and singers playing daily in shops throughout the Village. Jazz Concert: \$20. Tickets sold at gate or www.tablerock.org Call 254-947-8634 or 254-947-9205.

MAY 11-13
The Texas MG Register will be gathering in Salado. The classic English cars will be on display. Look here for details.

MAY 12
Rummage sale to benefit the SHS class of 2012 Project Graduation. Salado Civic Center 7 a.m.- 1 p.m.

MAY 12
Salado High School Sports Banquet and Awards Ceremony, 6:30 p.m. at Salado High School cafeteria. Long-time Baylor coach Grant Teaff will be the keynote speaker.

MAY 12
Sit & Knit group at The Salado Yarn Company inside Southern Comforts, 10 a.m. noon Linda@saladoyarn.com to register.

MAY 12
Dimlit Daylight performs 6-9 p.m. at Salado Creek Winery, 227 N. Main St.

MAY 12
George Ensle plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

MAY 13
The Range will be open noon-3 p.m. for Mother's Day. Call for reservations 254-947-3828. Visit therangeres-restaurant.com for special menu.

MAY 13
Just a little help knitting class with The Salado Yarn Company inside Southern Comforts, noon - 5 p.m, Linda@saladoyarn.com to register.

MAY 17
Salado Chamber of Commerce board of directors meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Salado Tourism and Visitors center.

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Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Inn. Public meeting.

MAY 18-JUNE 9

My Way, "A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra" - created by David Grapes and Todd Olson. Weekend performances at Salado Silver Spur Theater. For information, visit www.thesaladosilverspur.com or call the box office at 254-947-3456.

MAY 18

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

MAY 19

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

MAY 19

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

MAY 19

Vodka and Caviar tasting and reception at The Range. Visit www.therangerestaurant.com for details.

MAY 19

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Called Meeting for conferring two EA degrees, 9 a.m. at the Masonic Hall, 95 S. Church St. Lunch will follow. Two proficiencies will follow. Lunch will be served.

MAY 21

Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Public meeting.

MAY 23

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

MAY 24

Student Knitting Group 4 - 5 p.m. at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main, register at linda@saladoyarn.com \$5 per session.

MAY 25

Fred Fuller plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

MAY 26

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

MAY 26

Greg Whitfield plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

MAY 26

Adult learn to Knit at The Salado Yarn Company inside Southern Comforts, 9 a.m. - noon, Linda@saladoyarn.com to register.

MAY 27

Just a little help knitting class with The Salado Yarn Company

inside Southern Comforts, noon - 5 p.m., Linda@saladoyarn.com to register

MAY 27

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

MAY 28

Annual Memorial Day Service at Historic Salado Cemetery, 9:30 a.m. For more information call Bill Kinnison, 947-1958.

JUNE 4

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Masons Hall, 90 N. Church St.

JUNE 7

Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. Join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 6 p.m. saladoyarn@gmail.com

JUNE 4-7

Salado Eagle Camp basketball camp for incoming third through ninth graders.

JUNE 11-JULY 21

Salado Legends Rehearsal. Call director Donnie Williams at 254-947-0717.

JUNE 15-17

TABC Team Basketball Camp for JV and Varsity Players. Information at www.tabc-campofchamps.com

JUNE 18-20

TABC Team Basketball Camp2 for JV and Varsity Players. Information at www.tabc-campofchamps.com

JUNE 21-23

TABC Skills Camp for nine year olds through Junior High Players. Information at www.tabccampofchamps.com

JUNE 22 - JULY 14

The Seven Year Itch - by George Axelrod. Weekend performances at Salado Silver Spur Theater. For information, visit www.thesaladosilverspur.com or call the box office at 254-947-3456.

JULY 4

Salado Historic Society Old Fashioned 4th of July Picnic 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Bring side or dessert.

JULY 5

Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. Join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 6 p.m. saladoyarn@gmail.com

JULY 22 - JULY 29

Tablerock Theater Camp includes: classes, food, lodging and trips.

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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 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.

AUGUST 2

Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. Join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 6 p.m. saladoyarn@gmail.com

AUGUST 3

Midnight Madness down Main Street, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce. Details to come.

AUGUST 24

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

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 6

Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. Join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 6 p.m. saladoyarn@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 28

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

OCTOBER 4

Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. Join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 6 p.m. saladoyarn@gmail.com

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 12-13

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

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 1

Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main. Join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 6 p.m. 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 10-12

Fifty-first Annual Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games on the grounds of Salado Civic Center, sponsored by the Central Texas Area Museum.

NOVEMBER 29

Christmas Stroll Parade. Salado Chamber of Commerce. Details to come.

Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2

Christmas Stroll, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce. Details to come.

Nov. 30, Dec 1, 7, 8

20th Annual - A Christmas Carol. Performances 7 p.m. each night.

Adult \$10, Student \$5, Child \$3 (12 and under) Call 947-9205.

Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2

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DECEMBER 1 - 22

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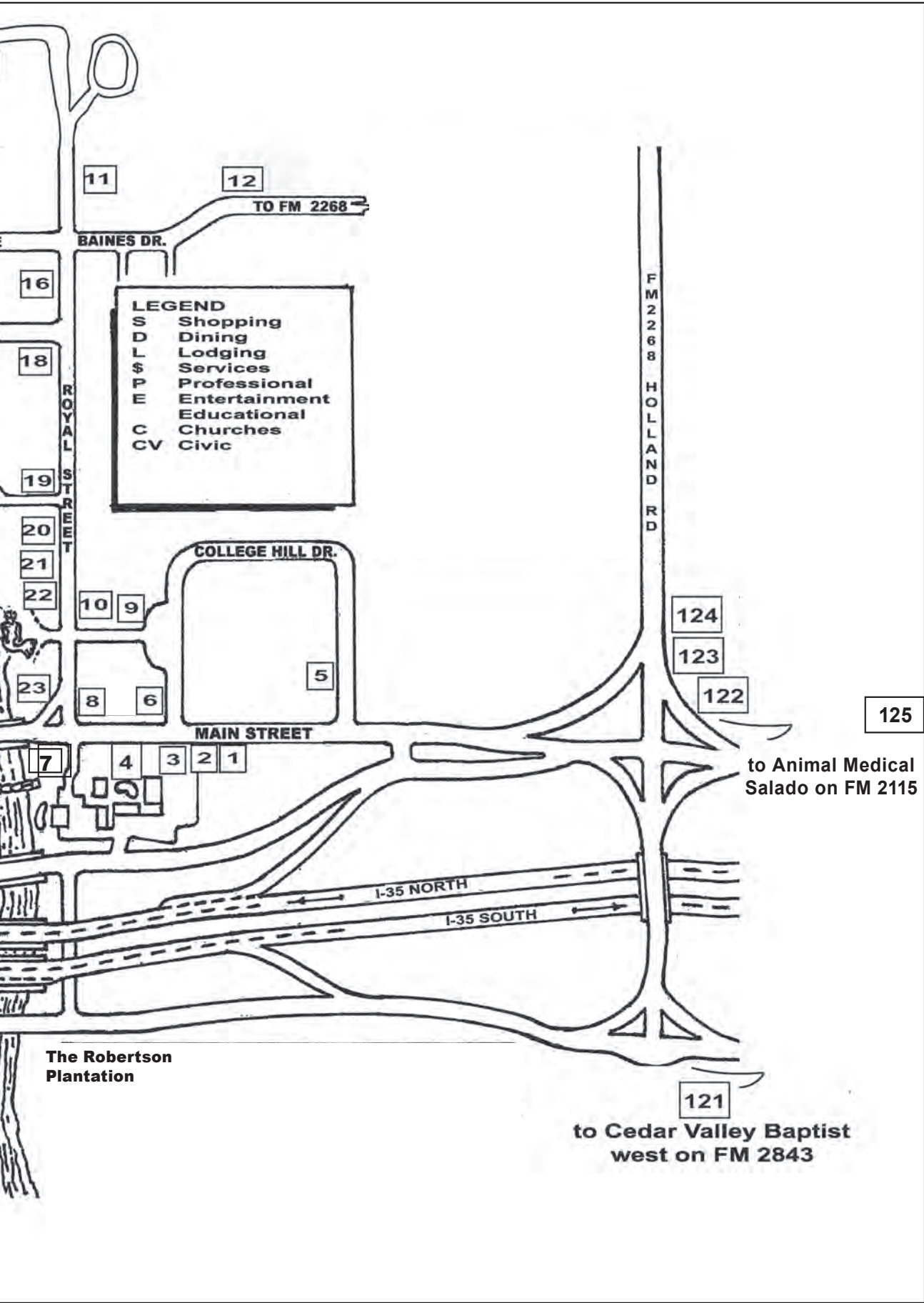
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by Linda Thistle

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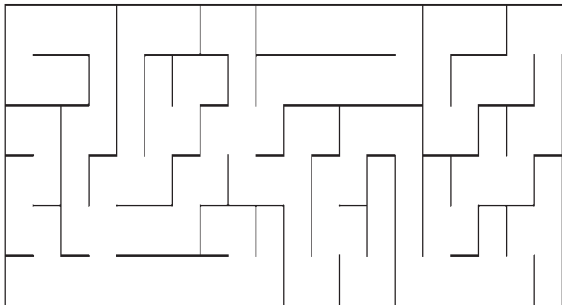
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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze



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East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠	A Q 10 4 2	♠	7
♥	A 3	♥	K Q J 9 8 4
♦	10 4	♦	J 9 3
♣	K 10 6 2	♣	A J 5

SOUTH	
♠	K J 9 8 5
♥	10 6 2
♦	A Q
♣	Q 9 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠

Opening lead — seven of hearts.

The better way

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

There is a lot of guesswork in bridge, but a substantial amount of it can be overcome by careful play.

Take this case where you're in four spades and West leads a heart. When dummy comes down, you see that your only possible losers are a heart, a diamond and two clubs.

You realize that the diamond loser can be eliminated with a successful diamond finesse, and that one of the two club losers also can be avoided if you guess which way to take the two-way finesse against the jack.

You may therefore feel that the outcome depends largely on whether or not this is your lucky day. But if you consider the matter more carefully, you realize that making the contract is an absolute certainty, and that it does not matter how the missing cards are divided.

Accordingly, you win the heart lead with the ace, cash the K-A of trumps and play a heart from dummy. East wins with the jack and presumably returns a low diamond.

Now, though it might go against your natural instincts, you go up with the ace, deliberately rejecting the opportunity to finesse the queen. You do this because by doing so you guarantee the contract 100 percent. Next you ruff your last heart in dummy and then exit with a diamond.

At this point, it does not matter which opponent wins the diamond. The next play is bound to be either a club, which automatically eliminates one of your two potential club losers, or a diamond or heart, which allows you to ruff in dummy as you discard a club from your hand. Either way, you're home free and clear.

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Birdling BITS

BY
Cindy Brook

Keep it Simple

Ways to make bird clean up easy:

1. Wash feeders in at night to keep them dry and bacteria-free.
2. Wash trays and let them air dry overnight.
3. Refill feeders at night so all you have to do is hang them in the morning.

I do these time-saving tasks daily.

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

— King Crossword —

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Perfect pineapple!

PORTOBELLO AND PINEAPPLE TERIYAKI VEGGIE BURGERS Serves 4

This method uses leftover pineapple juice from a can of pineapple to make a simple teriyaki sauce.

Ingredients

4 (5-inch) portobello mushrooms, stemmed
1 (20-ounce) can pineapple rings, juice reserved
3 tablespoons soy sauce or wheat-free tamari
2 tablespoons light brown sugar
1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
1 tablespoon grated ginger
1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
Canola oil
1/4 cup water
1 tablespoon cornstarch
4 whole wheat hamburger buns, toasted
Green or red leaf lettuce
Method

Using a small spoon, delicately scoop out and discard the dark brown gills from the underside of each mushroom. Wipe mushrooms gently with



a moist paper towel to remove any remaining debris then transfer to a wide, shallow baking dish along with the pineapple rings.

Put 3/4 cup of the reserved pineapple juice (save remaining for another use), soy sauce, sugar, garlic, ginger and sesame oil into a small bowl and whisk together to make a marinade. Pour marinade over mushrooms and pineapple, cover and set aside, turning occasionally, for 1 to 2 hours.

Grease grill grates with canola oil and preheat to medium high heat. Meanwhile, drain leftover marinade from mushrooms and pineapple and transfer to a small saucepan; bring to

a boil over medium high heat. In a small bowl, stir together water and cornstarch then whisk into marinade and boil until thickened, about 1 minute more; set aside.

Working in batches, grill mushrooms and pineapple, gently flipping once, until hot throughout and tender, 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer to buns, top with lettuce and serve with teriyaki sauce on the side, if you like.

Nutrition Per serving: 360 calories (80 from fat), 9g total fat, 1g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 990mg sodium, 65g total carbohydrate (6g dietary fiber, 38g sugar), 8g protein

PINEAPPLE BREAKFAST SANDWICH Serves 2

This open-face sandwich makes for a bright, filling breakfast. For a tropical twist, skip the strawberries and walnuts and top with bananas and shredded coconut instead.

Ingredients

1/2 cup finely chopped fresh pineapple
4 tablespoons Neufchatel or part-skim ricotta cheese
2 slices whole grain bread, toasted
4 large strawberries, sliced
2 tablespoons chopped walnuts

Method

In a small bowl, combine pineapple and Neufchatel and then spread



evenly on bread. Top with strawberries and walnuts and serve.

Nutrition Per serving: 220 calories (120 from fat), 13g

total fat, 5g saturated fat, 20mg cholesterol, 230mg sodium, 21g total carbohydrate (4g dietary fiber, 8g sugar), 8g protein

FRESH PINEAPPLE SALSA

Makes about 2 cups

The tropical flavors of pineapple and lime combine with red onion, cilantro and serrano pepper for a salsa that's great with grilled pork, skirt steak, shrimp or tofu. It's also delicious with tortilla chips or spooned over tacos. For the best flavor, make at least 30 minutes ahead of time to allow the flavors to mingle.

Ingredients

2 cups diced fresh pineapple
1/2 cup chopped cilantro
1/4 cup finely chopped red onion



1 serrano pepper, stemmed, seeded and finely chopped
Juice and zest of 1 lime
1/8 teaspoon sea salt

Method

Toss all ingredients together in a large bowl. Serve immediately or cov-

er and chill until ready to use.

Nutrition Per serving (1/4 cup): 25 calories (0 from fat), 2g total fat, 0g saturated fat, 0g protein, 6g total carbohydrate (1g dietary fiber, 4g sugar), 0mg cholesterol, 40mg sodium

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Coreopsis-a little piece of sunshine

By JANN DWORSKY
BELL COUNTY MASTER GARDENER

Coreopsis is a native wildflower standing 1-2 feet tall with daisy-like flower heads. The flowers are yellow with a reddish-purple center and nod gracefully in the breeze. One plant may have as many as 25 blossoms at a time, all nodding gracefully in the wind.

Coreopsis has a distinctive look as a young plant, which can be recognized easily. When the plant is only 4-5 inches across it will lie almost flat on the ground. Its leaves are arrow shaped with the biggest leaf at the end of the stem. They may have 5-10 of these pointed leaves and they look like a clock with many hands pointing to the time. None of my other “weeds” look like this.

Coreopsis is also known by several names, coreopsis tinctoria, plains coreopsis, golden tickseed, goldenwave, calliopsis, and is part of the Aster family. This beautiful wildflower escaped from cultivation on the East coast, but came to Texas as soon as it could. It has also been cultivated



The coreopsis will bring a bright yellow to your garden. It is a native wildflower than stands almost two feet tall with daisy-like flower heads.

widely. An excellent close up photograph can be seen at wildflower.org.

When the coreopsis finish blooming and then start to form a green seed head, trim these heads off and in a few weeks the plants will be in full bloom again. The bloom display will last twice as long, or about 6 weeks if you let them seed out the second time; you will then have many coreopsis in

future years. Most of the seeds scatter and fall everywhere and don’t need any care. I collect and scatter some of the seeds where I would like to see more coreopsis.

A wonderful website, wildflowerhaven.com gives reports of fields of wildflowers such as bluebonnets, coreopsis, firewheel, and many others. This site provides wildflower routes with maps

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Final two performances of Same Time Next Year

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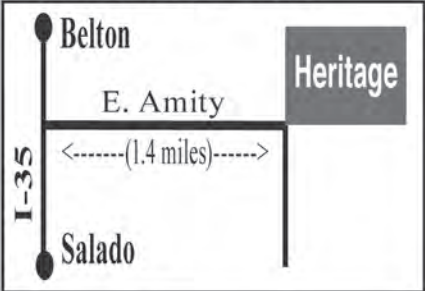


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Dear EarthTalk: Why is Greenpeace upset with some leading tech companies for so-called “dirty cloud computing?” Can you explain?
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Leading tech companies like Google, Apple and Microsoft are now offering unprecedented amounts of data storage and access to “apps” on huge Internet-connected servers, saving consumers and businesses the hassle of installing and running programs and storing information on their own local computers.

This emerging trend, dubbed “cloud computing,” means that these providers have had to scale up their power consumption considerably, as they are increasingly responsible for providing more and more of the computing horsepower required by the world’s two billion Internet users. No doubt, sharing such resources on centralized servers is more efficient than every individual and business running their own versions separately. In fact, the research firm Verdantix estimates that companies off-loading data and services to cloud servers could save \$12 billion off their energy bills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85 million metric tons within the next decade. But for the greenhouse gas savings to be realized, the companies offering cloud computing services need to make the right energy choices.

Greenpeace has been tracking sustainability among tech companies for over a decade, and recently released a report, “How Green is Your Cloud?” assessing the green footprint of the move to cloud computing. According to the analysis, some of the major players (Google, Facebook and Yahoo) have gone to great lengths to ensure that significant amounts of the power they need come from clean,

green sources like wind and solar. But Greenpeace chastises others (Apple, Amazon and Microsoft) for relying on so-called “dirtier” sources of power, such as coal and nuclear, to run their huge data centers.

“When people around the world share their music or photos on the cloud, they want to know that the cloud is powered by clean, safe energy,” says Gary Cook, a Senior Policy Analyst with Greenpeace. “Yet highly innovative and profitable companies like Apple, Amazon and Microsoft are building data centers powered by coal and acting like their customers won’t know or won’t care. They’re wrong.”

Greenpeace’s report evaluates 14 major tech firms and the electricity supply chains in use across more than 80 different data centers that power cloud-based services. Some of the largest data centers are in buildings so big they are visible from space and use as much power as 250,000 European homes. If the cloud were its own country, says Greenpeace, it would rank 5th in the world in electricity consumption.

“Companies like Google, Yahoo and Facebook are beginning to lead the sector down a clean energy pathway through innovations in energy efficiency, prioritizing renewable energy access when siting their data centers, and demanding better energy options from utilities and government decision-makers,” reports Greenpeace. But unfortunately the majority of the indus-

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ter readiness.

To the World Resources Institute (WRI), a Washington, DC-based think tank devoted to sustainability issues, Rio+20 is important as it forces the world's nations to "review progress on and reaffirm a global commitment to the policies designed to foster economic growth that is both inclusive and respects the planet's limited carrying capacity." WRI adds that amid a global recession, a widening gap between rich and poor and heightened competition for energy, food and other natural resources, the conference couldn't be timelier but "unfortunately, no clear vision for Rio+20 has emerged, and expectations...remain low."

But conference participants are busy preparing. The Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future (SFSF), a network of non-governmental participants, is busy developing the Global Transition 2012 Initiative, which will lay out specific recommendations culled from organizations and thought leaders around the world.

"A goal of the initiative is to achieve an outcome from Rio+20 that catalyzes a 'Global Transition' to an economy that maximizes well-being, operates within environmental limits and is capable of coping and adapting to global environmental change," reports the SFSF. "The Global Transition 2012 initiative will propose focused and accessible goals, targets and policy interventions that will chart a clear route towards the greening of the global economy, and the achievement of social and economic justice."

Rio+20 participants hope this event will be remembered as an historic occasion when nations of the world aligned behind the cause of staving off global environmental catastrophe. But the more likely outcome is a few non-binding agreements that will soon be forgotten by constituents, the media and even many of the participating countries. Not since 1987's Montreal Protocol to phase out ozone-depleting chemicals have nations of the world been able to come together in a significant way to address specific environmental ills. And without any binding agreements already on the table, Rio+20 doesn't look to dazzle either.

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