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Music Weekend May 11-12

Salado's Music Weekend will include jazz, folk rock, Mariachi and classical ending with a performance by the Temple High School Highlighters at Tablerock Amphithe-

The two-day music weekend begins on the evening of May 11 with a "Music Trail" of performances beginning at 6:45 p.m. The "Music Trail" will feature Dow Ferguson with classical music at the Salado Wine Seller; Judith Miller with jazz at the Range; Stefanie Fix with folk rock at The Apothecary and ends with Mariachi Cocula at the Salado Patio. This is a ticketed event for \$29.95 per person. Tickets must be purchased at www. saladoevents.com.

Start your day off on May 12 with shopping, dining and musicians performing in a variety of genre in various locations throughout the Village. Guests can wander from performance to performance and enjoy a variety of music venues. Maps of performances provided.

The Temple High School Highlighters will perform at 7:30 p.m. May



The Temple High School Highlighters will perform a free concert at Tablerock on May 12.

ally-recognized group of in both 2011 and 2004. file awards. Last spring public. the Highlighters traveled to Lafayette, Louisiana, formation and ticket inwinning the Essentially formation visit us online Ellington regional contest at www.saladoevents.com and performed with jazz or contact Debbie Chartrombone great, Wycliffe bonneau at the Village of Gordon at Festival Inter- Salado Tourism office at national. They were one 254-947-8634 or dcharof 15 bands that earned bonneau@saladotx.gov. the privilege to compete

12 at Tablerock Amphi- at the Essentially Ellingtheater on Royal St. The ton International compe-Temple High School tition at Jazz at Lincoln Highlighters are a nation- Center in New York City high school musicians This school year they who bring Big Band Jazz were one of 12 bands from to life with their focus on across the national who improvisation. This group earned the chance to play has been a part of the high at Swing Central Jazz in school music program at Savannah, Georgia, plac-Temple High School for ing third. They will be over 60 years and over the performing at Tablerock past decade have earned Amphitheater. This is a a number of high pro- free event and open to the

For details, update in-

U.S. News awards SHS Silver

Eagles ranked 156th in state, 1,919th in nation!

Salado High School earned the Silver Award and is ranked by U.S. News as being in the top 10 percent of high school in Texas and the nation.

SHS was ranked 156th out of 1,842 high schools in Texas and 1,919th out of more than 22,000 high schools in the nation.

"I am very proud of our students and teachers for earning the U.S. News Silver Award," Superintendent Michael Novotny said. "While the award criteria was based on high school results, the teachers at the elementary, intermediate, and junior high schools also

deserve the credit as they did a great job of preparing their students for high school and providing them with a strong foundation that enabled them to earn this award."

According to the report, SHS shows a College Readiness Index score of 17.4. Student exit exams received grades among multiple proficiency level established by the state. One a scale of five, SHS students displayed a Math Proficiency of 3.3 and a Reading Proficiency of 3.4. Based on student performance on state exit exams and internationally available exams on college-level coursework (AP®/IB exams), the U.S. News gives SHS a 96 percent proficiency in reading and a 95 percent proficiency in Math. On the reading tests, 56 percent of SHS students met the standard while 40 percent achieved commended status. On the math test, 63 percent of students met the standard and 32 percent were commended.

The report shows that 22 percent of the SHS student population are economically disadvantage. Sixteen percent of SHS students participate in the free or reduced lunch programs.

age elections May 12 School, Vill

Polls will be open at the Salado Civic Center 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 12 for two local races: Salado Independent School District and Village of Salado Board of Aldermen.

Early voting ended on May 8 with 618 casting ballots in the SISD race and 342 voting in the Village of Salado aldermen

The local elections will be for two positions (three year terms) on the Salado one-term incumbent. Independent School District Board of Trustees and two positions (two of Salado Board of Alder-

Candidates for the two positions on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees will appear in this order on the ballot: Mark De-Poy, Melanie Kirchmeier, this edition begin on pag-Pam Oakes, Jim Reed and es 4A (aldermen) and 11A Kristi Jarvis. Reed is a (school board).

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

Candidate profiles in

Party voting begins May

the Republican or Democratic Primaries will be May 14. Salado precinct voters can cast their ballots at the Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main St.

Early voting will be Belton, TX 76513. conducted in person each weekday. Following are the hours for early voting: May 14-18: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

May 19: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 20: Noon-5 p.m. May 21-25: 7 a.m.-7

Primary Day is 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on May 29 at the Salado Civic Center.

The deadline to reserve

The first day to vote in early ballots by mail is May 29. May 22 is the last day to apply for a ballot by mail request, which must be mailed to Bell County Clerk, Attn: Election Department, P.O. Box 480,

> Registered voters that fall into one of the four following categories are eligible to vote by mail: 1. Individuals 65 years or older; 2. Disabled; 3. Will be out of the county on Election Day and the entire period of early voting and 4. Confined to jail, but otherwise eligible to vote.

This is the Republican Primary Ballot for Salado Precinct voters:

President: Mitt Romney, Jon Hunstman, John Davis, Charles "Buddy" Roemer, Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich, Michele Bachmann, Ron Paul, Uncommitted

U. S. Senator: Glenn Addison, Tom Leppert, Ben Gambini, Curt Cleaver, "Doc Joe" Agris, Ted Cruz, Lela Pittenger, Craig James, David Dewhurst

U.S. Representative, District 31: John R. Carter, Eric Klingemann

Railroad Commissioner: Warren Chisum, Beryl Burgess. Becky Berger, Joe Cotton, Roland Sledge, Christi Craddick

Commissioner Railroad (Unexpired Term): Greg Parker. Berry Smitherman, Al Lee, Elizabeth Murray-Kolb

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2: Steve Smith, Don Willett

Justice, Supreme Court. Place 4: David Medina, Jon Pool, Jr., John Devine

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6: Nathan Hecht

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals: Sharon

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7: Barbra Parker Hervey Judge, Court of Criminal

Appeals, Place 8: Elsa Alcala Member, State Board of Education, District 10: Rebecca Osborne, Tom Maynard, Jeff Fleece

State Senator, District 24: Troy Fraser

State Representative, District 54: Jimmie Don Aycock Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals, Place 2: Jeff Rose,

Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals. Place 3: Madeleine Connor, Scott Field

Justice, 3rd Court of Apneals Place 5: David Purvear Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals, Place 6: Bob Pemberton

District Judge, 27th Judicial District: John Gauntt, Paul L. LePak

District Judge, 146th Judicial District: Mary Black Pearson, Jack Jones, Brett Pritchard

Judge, 426th District Judicial District: Fancy H. Jezek

District Attorney: Henry Garza

County Attorney: Jim

Nichols, Bob Barina

Sheriff: Bob Patterson, Luis R. Cortez, Eddy Lange, Keith Lee

Tax Assessor-County Collector: Sharon Long

County Commissioner, Precinct 1: Richard Cortese

County Commissioner. Precinct 3: Milton Lentz, Clarence (C.J.) Wilde, Bill Schumann, Martin E. (Marty) Janczak

Constable, Precinct 2: Roger Laird, Rolly Correa

County Chairman, Republican Party: Nancy Bos-

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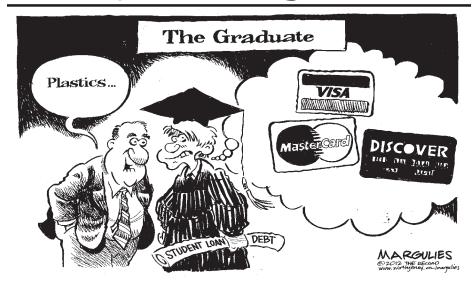
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Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

The Salado Lions Club pancake breakfast will be 7:30-10 a.m. May 12 at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center. Tickets, \$6 each, Kids 6 an under eat free. Proceeds go to Salado student scholarships and community projects.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Left's favorite bad statistic

Archimedes didn't say, "Give me a bad statistic, and I will move the Earth." But that was only because the ancient Greek mathematician wasn't familiar with the ways of Washington.

An entire movement has grown up around the factoid that American women make about 80 percent of the pay of men. It is a reliable talking point of Democrats who insist the country is racked by a "War on Women." A raft of proposed legislation purports to remedy the discrimination exposed by the damning number.

MSNBC host Rachel Maddow recently wielded the statistic on "Meet the Press." and reacted with shocked disbelief that anyone would question such a cold, hard fact, as if it were as incontestable as the circumference of the Earth.

Never mind that the figure is crude and misleading. The latest data from the Labor Department say that women made 82.2 percent of what men made in the first quarter of 2012. That's a considerable gap, but comparing all women versus all men is not particularly telling when all sorts of variables -- occupation, levels of experience, education, hours worked -- are in play.

"Women gravitate," Carrie Lukas of the Independent Women's Forum writes, "toward jobs with fewer risks, more comfortable conditions, regular hours, more personal fulfillment and greater flexibility. Simply put, many women -- not all, but enough to have a big impact on statistics -- trade higher pay for other desirable iob characteristics."

The Institute for Women's Policy Research, a feminist outfit obsessed with the wage gap, published a study noting that twice as many women as men work in jobs with median earnings below the federal poverty line for a family of four. Unless all these women -- some 5.5 million -- were coerced into these positions, this fact alone shows how occupational

Rich Lowry



choice influences the wage gap.

The slogan that invariably accompanies the 80 percent statistic is "equal pay for equal work." But men and women get paid differently for different work. Warren Farrell points out in his book "Why Men Earn More" that the 25 worst jobs in terms of stress and physical demands -- occupations like sheet-metal worker and firefighter -- are more than 90 percent male. In general, men who are employed full time work more hours a day than women employed full time (8.2 hours compared with 7.8, according to the Labor Department), and women are much more likely to interrupt their careers to have children, affecting their earning power over time.

With women now earn about 60 percent of bachelor's and master's degrees, and reaching parity with men in medical and law schools. It stands to reason that the wage gap will narrow, even if it doesn't disappear.

A study by a research organization called Reach Advisors shows that single women in their 20s make 105 percent of single men in their 20s in urban areas, and 120 percent "in certain cities with a heavily knowledge-driven employment base." These women must not realize that they will never make their way in the workplace without Congress somehow acting to ensure "equal pay."

In the end, the reality doesn't matter. A bad statistic never dies.

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

Reader reflect on Salado Library, importance of school election

To the Editor

April 21 was a beautiful day in Salado, the weather was perfect and many events were going on. A lot of people were enjoying our town. We are so proud to know the Salado Public Library is in such capable hands now and in the future. The expansion is going to serve the community well.

When we purchased the land, the dip in front bothered some but a plan was in mind by the Denmans to beautify the grounds. Robert had a dream to design and build a structure to make Salado proud and to fit into its history.

After purchasing the Barton House on Main Street from Darwin and Carolyn Britt, we moved from Austin on August 28, 1977. It was our home for almost twenty years and lived our love of Salado there with the stories of the Barton family and the house was built in 1865 by Dr. Welborn Barton. After building the small building next door to our home, we opened the Barton House Antiques had the shop for seven years there while Robert worked in Austin for the Texas Highway Department 25 years. Later we opened our antique shop next to Grace Jones' building on Main and Royal Street and we opened the Royal Emporium. After twelve years it was time to further our

Local people have been a great part of our plans. Curtis Cook put Robert's dream on paper, our local caring builder John Kohutek was faithful to our idea. Day by day, picture by picture, we saw the progress and a reality took place. Those pictures and the original plans were given to the Library Board. I felt the building and Robert should have a cornerstone and the rock was placed on the south end of the front porch.

We were so pleased when we were asked about selling the building to the Salado Library Foundation. We could not have chosen anyone that would have been better for our wonderful people we know and love.

Thanks to Charlene Carson and members of the Historical Society that have worked so well to put together the great collection of artifacts to honor the legacy of Salado and its people and history. Those papers will be in the library to be used for those interested in knowing more of their heritage.

Thank you Salado for working together so many years to make Salado what it

Robert and Doris Denman

To the Editor:

Salado is known by many as the "Jewel in the Crown": a small village with a big heart, and one that has always exuded with pride in its community. The pride shown in this town is to be applauded, and we celebrate the many great people and great things happening here! This is what keeps this vibrant village thriving. Often, though, it is also the same pride that sometimes shields us from seeing the reality of a situation, and keeps us from being able to admit that positive changes commonly do need to occur.

On May 12th, Salado will be given a great opportunity to make a positive impact on its community and school by voting for two trustees to serve three year terms, respectively, on the school

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

board. This is a necessary change for Salado, evident by the outcome of the last trustee election. By definition, a trustee is a person with whom something is entrusted. Obviously, what they are being entrusted with is our most precious gift: our children. These men and women are the trustees and overseers of all in the realm of education for Salado ISD. This includes curriculum, administration, educators, and facilities; it also means upholding the ethics and morals set forth by the mandates from the state of Texas.

When going to the polls to choose our new trustees, please keep in mind that they are obligated to our children, and to the success of Salado ISD. We applaud the volunteers who serve in this capacity with due diligence, as trustees should be accountable for the decisions they make, whether it is through voting or implementation. When reviewing the documented meeting minutes, though, it appears that there is often little if any debate or deliberation on the majority of issues, and most school board votes are unanimous, or six to one.

As we embark upon the return to 2A, and a new 2012-2013 school year, we still have very crucial issues that must be addressed, including balancing our budget, confronting the recent benchmarks and the subsequent "unknowns" of the new state-wide STAAR testing, documented concerns from troubled parents, grandparents, community members, and taxpayers, as well as the promised results from the impromptu surveys conducted last fall. Communications from the district administration boast about accomplishments, as it should; however, this cannot assuage the challenges and hurdles we must still overcome on many substantive issues. We figuratively need a "spring cleaning" as we still need to clean the clutter that appears to continue to be swept under the proverbial rug. If we do not address these issues and work in a collaborative effort, even as we maturely agree to disagree, we will continue to see an export of good families and great students willingly moving to other school districts, adversely impacting our district in a multitude of areas.

As responsible citizens, let's consider our current reality as we make our own decisions at the polls. Despite the outcome of who is elected, sworn in, and entrusted as a "trustee" to the school board, whether it is an incumbent, a new member with exciting energy, or both; the voters all deserve to "trust" that they will be listened to, and responded to thoughtfully, respectfully, and promptly. Our elected public servants must have the courage and leadership to endorse good governance and transparency: taxpayers and parents who count on the district to provide the best possible education deserve this for each and every child. The old Doris Day song, "Que Sera, Sera" (whatever will be, will be) is not good enough for Salado ISD; we want to remain "A Jewel in the Crown."

Sincerely, Steven R. Lastovica

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What's behind 'Fakegate?'

Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner

What could be more American than encouraging a robust debate on one of the most controversial issues of the day? The answer -- for some on the left, anyway -- is: lie about your opponents and make a pathetic effort to discredit them.

That, at least, is what an activist named Peter Gleick decided to do in a backwards attempt to promote his view that global warming is unquestionably and primarily a manmade phenomenon -- one that will cause calamitous changes in the environment.

On Feb. 14, Gleick sent several documents he had stolen from the Heartland Institute to more than two dozen fellow activists. And he threw in a fake memo for good measure -- one that purportedly showed the institute trying to spread misinformation about climate change. This was followed by the gasps of horror from leftleaning pundits.

Why Heartland? Because this free-market non-profit group been at the forefront of the climate-change debate. They've published books, articles and reports, held conferences, and debunked the hysterical claims of the radical environmental movement. Their efforts have earned them the scorn of liberal activists who would rather smear their opponents than debate them.

Consider the title of one of Heartland's most prominent environmental reports: "Roosters of the Apocalypse: How the Junk Science of Global Warming Nearly Bankrupted the Western World." No wonder they found themselves in Gleick's crosshairs. As the head of the left-leaning Pacific Institute, he apparently couldn't let any credible challenge go unsabotaged.

So what did the stolen documents reveal? Mostly that Heartland has a broad base of support and that it is pursuing a variety of projects designed to further its mission. Also included was an array of confidential information -- donation levels, contact information for board members, and home addresses for some directors, for example.

The centerpiece of Gleick's counterfeit cornucopia was an alleged insider memo outlining plans to stop teachers from "teaching science," and to "undermine" reports from the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The memo also claimed the Charles G. Koch Foundation was funding Heartland's climate-change efforts.

None of this was true, but it didn't stop Gleick from loading his "smoking gun." Unfortunately for him, his ammunition turned out to be blanks. Computer forensic work showed that the memo couldn't have come from any Heartland computers. It references only the documents that Gleick stole (a theft which he later was forced to admit). It also contains factual errors that no one at Heartland would have made.

So why create this spectacularly inept forgery that has come to be known as "Fakegate"? It seems to be an obvious attempt to build a counter-version of "Climategate," a genuine scandal that erupted when e-mails from the University of East Anglia were leaked in 2009 and 2011. They showed that certain scientists were manipulating data that didn't support the left's climatechange agenda and were blackballing scientists that refused to go along with that agenda.

Climategate gave the radical environmental movement a well-deserved and very public black eye -- and apparently a thirst for revenge.

Is Fakegate the extremists' way of admitting that they cannot compete in the environmental debate on a level playing field? The polls aren't going their way. Nor is the science. In the face of all this, has it just become too much work for them to engage in a fair fight over the facts? Considering that the odds of them winning a fair fight get longer every day, it appears that the answer is yes.

There's nothing more American than asking questions -- even ones that radical environmentalists insist are settled. Bravo to Heartland for standing up to the bullies who want to pretend otherwise.

Ed Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (www.heritage.org).

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Obama's long, hot summer

By Congressman John Carter

Gas prices at nearly \$4 a gallon are choking summer driving. A more than 8 percent unemployment rate for the 4th year in a row is stifling summer jobs. Now hotel and neighborhood pools could be closed for the season due to the latest batch of federal red tape.

Four years of President Barack Obama's regulatory and economic assault on our economy is coming home to roost in summer 2012 to make this a long, hot summer for working Americans.

The last time we had a run up in gas prices like this was 2008, as the nation slid into the worst recession since the Great Americans Depression. demanded commonsense solutions that year - cut our reliance on foreign oil by drilling here, offshore, and in Alaska, while pushing for new energy sources including wind, solar, thermal, natural gas, nuclear, clean coal, and hydroelectric. "All of the above", was the resounding national consensus on how best to expand American energy production and become independent from foreign oil.

What we got instead was the Obama Administration actually standing in contempt of a federal court order to allow renewed oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. President likewise continued his blocking of new drilling in Alaska.

Oil leases on federal lands and waters have dropped 44 percent since Obama took office, from 9.929 during the last three years of the Bush Administration, to 5,568 under the first three years of

the Obama Administration, according to Bureau of Land Management records.

The only thing that

has prevented even higher prices at the pump is that drilling on private land has increased as a result of new private-sector oil technologies that produce oil from fields that were previously of marginal value or closed. Yet the Administration has even managed to undermine those efforts, by blocking the critical Keystone Pipeline project that would bring new oil from Canadian shale oil fields to our Texas refineries, creating 20,00 new jobs immediately and another 110,000 in the future.

To add insult to injury, while blocking the private sector from using private money to increase energy and jobs at zero taxpayer expense, the President has spent billions of taxpayer dollars on failed "green" energy schemes of Administration friends like the bankrupt Solyndra solar energy company, while producing not one watt of new power. The only thing green about this Administration's energy policy is apparently the green going into the pockets of Obama campaign donors.

While spending the nation into our first-ever international credit downgrade through \$834 billion in federal stimulus giveaways like Solyndra, the Administration policies have worsened the economic plight of middle-income Americans. As of March, real median household income is down \$4,300 a year since Obama took office according to the latest analysis of U.S. Census data by Sentier Research.

All while the unemployment rate remains at 8.2 percent according to March jobs data. Not only are families earning less, fewer of them are earning anything under the current economic policies. much for summer jobs for kids. So much for fulltime jobs for parents.

Starting this month,

summer 2012 will suffer insult on top of injury. The Administration has decided to demand that every public accommodation pool and sauna in the country will have to offer permanent access for the disabled at every pool and water feature, meaning that portable lifts that can be moved between pools and saunas are no longer acceptable. There currently aren't enough permanent lifts available to keep our pools open, even if the high cost weren't an issue. The result will be that across the nation, thousands of hotel and community pools will have a closed sign hanging on the fence.

While pool closings may not change the course of our economy, this redtape overreach is a prime example of the cumulative drain on our economy and lives of an Administration more focused on extremist policy goals than the economic well-being of middle-income America.

So as Americans sit at home due to high gas prices and lack of earnings, watching the algae grow in the closed neighborhood pool, we need to make sure we remember this long, hot, summer 2012 in November.

JOHN CARTER IS THE U.S. CONGRESSMAN FROM DISTRICT 31, WHICH INCLUDES BELL COUNTY

Food stamp foolishness



Jim **Hightower**

Maybe you thought the lowest possible point of Republican miserliness was reached when Ronald Reagan's Secretary of Agriculture proposed that ketchup be counted as a vegetable in the school lunch program. If so, you've not taken a peek at the GOP's astoundingly penurious budget proposal recently pasted together in a fit of ideological extremism by the party's budget guru, Rep. Paul Ryan.

Of all things, GOP lawmakers hacked \$8 billion from next year's food stamp funds — a well-run, widely popular, and effective program that helps millions of hard-hit American families stave off some of the pain of poverty. Maybe so, concede Ryan & Company, but the program is out of control, having added some 13 million people in the last three years. Well, gosh, Paul, welcome to the real America — where joblessness is rampant, wages are down, and the middle class is tumbling into poverty. Food stamp use is supposed to increase in such times. It means the program is working.

Still, retorts a Ryan henchman, everyone must sacrifice to lower the deficit, so these cuts are merely "reflecting the budgetary times we're in." Really? Then why does your budget give an average of \$265,000 a year in more tax benefits to millionaires? And why, in your demand for severe austerity in government, do you not cut a dime from the Pentagon's bloated budget — even handing it an increase?

Finally, Ryan asserts that his food stamp cuts are for poor people's own good. Citing his Catholic religion's doctrine of "social magisterium," Paul the Pious says he's preventing poor families from the moral horror of being "dependent on government."

Just imagine their gratitude! And imagine Ryan's embarrassment that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops dared to contradict his divine rationalization, bluntly calling the cuts "unjustified and wrong."

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Aldermen hopefuls discuss ETJ, sewer, golf course, I-35, taxes The following questions so, how can it go about doing area should be served by the why or why not? What Road, Blackberry Road, and Plighway 2268 as well as furneed to contract with a man-

were put before the candidates for the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen. Their answers follow.

1. Should the Village try to expand its boundaries? If this? What areas would you like to have brought into the city limits? (200 words)

2. Should Salado pursue a sewer system? If so, why? If not, why not? What

sewer system? What cost and funding mechanisms should pay for the cost? (300 words)

3. Should Salado consider purchasing the golf course to become a municipal course?

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would be the advantages/disadvantages of pursuing this? (200 words)

4. What should Salado do to prepare for the impact of I-35 expansion? (200 words)

5. Do you support a property tax increase? If so, for what? If no, why not? (200



Brvan Fritch

Question 1: The Village needs to grow to expand its tax base. State law currently does not permit involuntary annexation for a municipality of our size so therefore any annexations have to be requested by the property owners. I feel that the Village should encourage the owners of the motel properties on the North end of town to request annexation. They have already expressed interest in doing so in order to benefit from the planned future sewer system. Also, the Village should try to expand along Hester Way out to Blackberry Road. I envision the Village eventually growing to where it encompasses the area bounded by Amity

need to contract with a management company to handle day to day operations. The employees of the course might become city employees with all those associated costs. With a ballpark figure of \$4 million or more, purchasing the golf course is not financially viable at this

Highway 2268 as well as fur-

ther expansion on the West

definitely needs a sewer sys-

tem. Because of the costs in-

volved the system needs to be

phased in. Phase one should

encompass the motel proper-

ties on the North end of town

and run along Main Street to

College Street. It should also

include the properties on the

West side of Main Street to

the I-35 access road and the

properties on the East side

of Main Street that are read-

ily accessible such as Van

Bibber, Rock Creek Drive

and portions of Royal Street.

Participation should be man-

datory for all properties that

have access to the system.

Initial funding should be

through General Obliga-

tion Bonds and hook-up

fees. Hook-up fees should be

structured to reflect the type

and size of the properties,

i.e. residential or business/

type of business. Operation

and Maintenance fees should

be borne totally by the us-

ers of the system and would

be based on the volume of

effluent generated which

would be levied as a percent-

age of each customer's water

usage. A great benefit of a

sewer system, that has been

somewhat overlooked is that

the property owners would

no longer need to maintain

a leach and drainage field,

making that land available

for development, sale, or

Question 3: The Vil-

lage is currently wrestling

with the issue of funding a

desperately needed sewer

system. Some parties have

looked into purchasing the golf course at a cost of ap-

proximately \$2.5 million and

come to the same conclusion.

In addition, another \$1 mil-

lion or so would be needed

to restore the holes lost in the floods of 2009 and 2010. The

irrigation pond needs major

work to stop leakage and the

bridges on the course have

to be replaced, again. Salado

Creek, running through the golf course property, needs

extensive cleanup and gravel

removal. The fairways are

in poor shape and need a lot

business expansion.

Question 2: The Village

side of I-35.

time. Question 4: Village officials have been working diligently with TxDot in an attempt to minimize the impact of the I-35 expansion. Though some exits to Salado may be closed for short periods of time, we will not be cut off from I-35 traffic. Through coordination and cooperation with TxDot concerning temporary signage during the construction phase I do not believe that there will be any major negative impact. According to TxDot officials, at no time during the construction phase will through traffic be diverted down Main Street unless there is a traffic accident that forces such a diversion for a short period of time. As a benefit to the local residents, the Village should obtain and publish information concerning any on/offramp closures and traffic diversions. This information should be published in the Salado Village Voice and updated as necessary.

Question 5: According to information obtained from the Village, we have a projected budget of roughly \$794K this year. Roughly \$331K is anticipated to be generated from sales taxes. Approximately \$226K is expected to come from the Hotel/Motel occupancy tax which, by law, may only be used to fund tourism, leaving \$236K to be generated by property taxes, franchise fees, and other sources of income such as permits. This budget, based on previous years experience, seems to be adequate to fund Village operations as evidenced by the fact that the Village has no long term debt. There is actually an ongoing discussion to possibly reduce the property taxes in the upcom-SEE ALDERMEN, PAGE 5A

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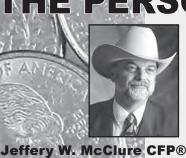
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ing budget year. I would support a property tax increase only to help fund the sewer system project and to expand the Police Department in order to provide 24/7 coverage for our businesses and citizens. I see no other project/program in the near future that would warrant levying an increase in property taxes.



Ted Williamson

Question 1: Most municipalities annex for two basic reasons: (1) to control development; and/or (2) to expand the city's tax base. There are several aspects that must be considered for Salado's overall best interest in proposed annexations. Would the proposed annexed area be of financial benefit to our municipality and is it in a prime growth area? In my judgment it boils down to whether the positives outweigh the negatives. Positive aspects for Salado to annex an area consist of increased revenue base on the added property valuations, additional sales tax revenues, the addition of franchise fees collected for the village with annexed properties, and protection from substandard development which would decrease neighboring property values.

Negatives include the responsibility of additional streets for maintenance, street lighting and added areas of police protection. On a case-by-case basis, if the positives outweigh the negatives, yes it would be in the best interest for our village to annex an area. As a general law municipality, Salado would need to receive a request from a majority of the landowners or voters prior to the subjected annexation and that the Board also adheres to the regulations of the Texas Local Government Codes.

Question 2: Our business district is what we depend on for sales tax revenue. As we continue to lose our retail businesses, we lose needed sales tax revenue. New enforced TCEQ health regulations relating to aging septic systems require these businesses to replace these systems with new, larger systems requiring more space than many of our storefront businesses have on premises. Unable to meet these demands, as the existing systems are condemned, our businesses have no other option but to close. As more and more businesses close, our sales tax revenue stream for Salado's operating budget will decline. In addition, as our tourist destination storefronts close, our visitors will choose other destinations to spend their monies.

Without a wastewater system, starting in phases in the business district, our businesses will have no other choices but to close. In order for our village to qualify for future bonds, we will be examined closely to see if we have a steady sales tax revenue base to support the risk of issuing bonds. We will continue to spiral downward, as a village, if we do not step-up and get a waste-

water system. You only need to compare this to your own budget; your income and expenditures. As you start to lose one source of income, to maintain what you have, another stream would have to be increased. Our other main income stream is our property tax. It doesn't take a masters degree in finance to realize our situation is not in good shape.

In my studies, we do not qualify for any types of grants. We do not have an abundance of lower-income housing, section 8 or otherwise, nor do we want this. Even then, if our sales tax revenue stream continues to vacillate, the incoming village leaders will have to consider other difficult options to insure Salado is a worthy risk to issue loans for construction of this much needed system.

Question 3: Our Village has long been known for the Robert Trent Jones designed Mill Creek Golf Course.

The ravaging floods in recent years inflicted a terrible toll on the property. More than anything, I would love to see the business owners succeed. It is the centerpiece for the Mill Creek community to enjoy. Salado has some very challenging issues to address and overcome. We do not have the funds to purchase this property and as a Village, we do not need to get into the golf course business. There are very few municipalities that see positive cash flow from municipal golf courses.

We need to have elected officials that can and will work in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Brazos River Authority, the Bell and Williamson County Commissioners, our state and congressional representatives to find solutions to do what can be done to reduce the severity of future floods. This is a long range goal that cannot happen overnight. It will take a collaborative effort to bring this to reality. Flooding of Salado Creek can never completely be eliminated, but measures can be taken to

provide relief for low-lying residential owners and the golf club.

Question 4: We are going to experience a downturn in sales tax revenue as storefronts like Gregory's on Main Street and I-35 storefronts, namely the Exxon/Arby's and the Dairy Queen close. The board will need to manage our funds very closely to insure every dollar spent is done so with careful thought.

I believe the efforts of the Salado Community Foundation to work on the Main Street beautification project is very commendable. Yes, it will be an inconvenience for travelers to stop during construction. Continuing the efforts to make Salado a destination must be our collective goal.

Question 5: Nobody embraces tax increases. If property tax increases are necessary, well thoughtful reasoning must be explained to the citizens why. Please review my answer regarding question 2 above.



Shannon Ashe

Question 1: Yes, the Village should try to expand so it could bring in those businesses south and north of the current boundaries. The Village cannot annex property without the property owners requesting to do so. Our primary income is sales tax. We have businesses just outside our boundaries that could be contributing toward our sales taxes, thus keeping our property taxes low. If we provided a sewer system, it would give us the opportunity to revaluate our government status from a Type B to a Type A government, which could allow the Village to annex, as long as we had a plan to provide the sewer service to the proposed annexed property. I would even consider a property tax moratorium for those businesses.

FROM PAGE 4A

Question 2: Yes, I believe we should pursue a sewer system for downtown and west of I-35. We have 3 vacant historical homes on Main Street that I believe could be income producing properties if we had a sewer system. We would be able to better host our visitors by giving them comfortable facilities. New businesses would be attracted to the sewer system. I believe a revenue bond (the bond is paid by the revenue produced by the usage) would be the best way to finance the waste water system. In doing so, only the property owners who use the system would pay for the system.

Question 3: At this time the Village of Salado cannot afford to purchase the golf course, so I would say no. However, it is an interesting idea that deserves more investigation. Perhaps if a private and public partnership were forged, it could be a possibility.

Question 4: The battle has

been fought and we won the victories we could win. We fought to have a downtown exit, which was not part of the original TXDOT plan. Now we have to gear up and deal with the impact as it occurs. I strongly believe we need to launch an aggressive ad campaign, complete with billboards and additional signage, to inform travelers that Salado is open for business. Through coordinated efforts with business owners and the Village government, specifically Tourism, I think we need to beef up the advertising budget. Once they are here, our visitors need to have a fun and fulfilling experience, so they will return and bring their friends. Word of mouth is very powerful; we cannot afford one unsatisfied customer. The entire Village, not just the business

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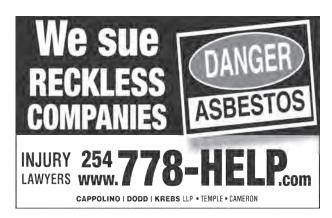
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This trip is for adults and the ticket price is \$40 per person. The trip begins at 10:30 a.m. by meeting with trip chaperone, Carol Olcott, in the lobby of the Santa Fe Depot. Once checked in, travelers will board the Amtrak Texas

The Railroad and Heri- Eagle bound for Cleburne.

Upon arrival, visitors will have time to enjoy lunch, shop and take in some of the local sites. Travelers will depart Cleburne at 2:50 p.m. for the return trip and arrive in Temple at 4:45 p.m.

More information about the City of Cleburne may be found on their visitors' information site at http://visitcleburne.com/

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Stephen Peters

Question 1: Currently, the only way for the village to expand its' boundaries is via voluntary annexation. One group came into the village a few years ago and was the reason for a lawsuit by a property owner against the village. Other areas could voluntarily offer to be annexed by the village, however, there isn't much incentive for them to do so. If they were removed from the ETJ and subject to being annexed by Belton involuntarily, then residents of the ETJ might be induced to becoming residents of Salado. They also might be induced if they were members of a utility district that had sewers. I think the areas north of the village to FM 2484 and west to the high school and south from there would be the most advantageous to the village. More than likely, that is the area

that will have the most development once the IH 35 renovation project is complete.

Village candidates

community, needs to put

want a property tax increase.

Only if the need is apparent

and imminent would I sup-

their best foot forward. Question 5: I do not

port an increase.

Question 2: No. I think that only part of Salado and its ETJ is in "need" of a sewer system. The owners of the properties needing sewers should organize a utility district and build sewers for their district. Obviously, the only funding mechanism to pay for the capital cost of sewer development is through an ad valorem tax on property within the established district. I do not believe that the revenues of a sewer system would be sufficient to repay any capital loans. Any operating cost should be borne by users of the sewer system.

Question 3: It certainly should be considered, but at the right price and with the right operating approach. The golf course needs significant capital expenditures that would not be available within reasonable budget ceilings. Any consideration of purchasing and operating the golf course would have to be on a "pay as you go basis". I understand that operating revenue for the golf course has not been positive for years. I think the village could be a better marketer of the golf course than what has been done. By improving the marketing approach, I think the revenue could be increased. I would expect that the operation of the course by an independent contractor would be best for the village if the village were to purchase the course.

Ouestion 4: We have prepared financially as a village. Our reserve fund is healthy. Many forecasts have been made that would reduce our sales tax revenue significantly because of the road construction and its affect on retail sales in Salado. We have not taken on any multi year liabilities that obligated our sales tax dollars. We financially are in the best position we could possible be in. The natural development that will occur along the new right of way should increase our sales tax revenue after completion of the expansion.

Question 5: NO. For me

to support a property tax increase, we have to have a definite reason for such an increase. But to suggest a property tax increase just to generate revenue and then find ways to spend it, is, in my opinion, wasteful. Given any additional funding, an entity is generally predisposed to spend it, whether, needed or not. I did support an increase this last year for two reasons; firstly to provide some funding for engineering services applicable to some type of sewer system and secondly, to provide additional funding for road maintenance or possibly gateway signs along the interstate. I also supported the increase in the water franchise fee which generates revenue based on water usage across the board to all users rather than a tax against property values only levied against those under 65. I will be expecting those increases to be rolled back if not needed again.



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Salado Police Report May 1-6

1:05-1:17 p.m., 500 Block San Pedro. Alarm, no one home, house secure. 3 small dogs in backyard.

10:50-11:15 p.m., 100 Block Laly Lane. Assist Other Agency, was dispatched to the above address on a disturbance (violent). Separated parties and ID'd the suspects. Individual was arrested and transported to the Bell County Jail by BCSO deputies. Cleared.

May 2

7:10-7:45 p.m., 2700 Block Smith Bluff. Crash, 1 vehicle crash. Report. May 4

4:55-7:30 p.m., Dairy Queen. Assault Disturbance, on the above date and time I was dispatched to a 911 hang up. Once I arrived on scene I determined that it was an Assault Call. Individual was arrested and his vehicle impounded. Report. May 5

8:53-9:10 a.m., 200 Block Salado Plaza. Animal, removed Animal.

6:25-6:35 p.m., 423 S. Main (Cen. Tx. Area Museum). Business Alarm, upstairs old museum alarm. Building secure ground level. Advised key holder contact was pending. Was never advised on if a key holder came to scene. Clear.

10:05-10:20 p.m., 3200 Block Chisholm Tr. Suspicious Activity, caller states white SUV is chasing a red pickup truck. Area checked. Unable to locate. Clear.

10:30-10:40 p.m., 409 Royal (Tablerock). Busi-

Salado Reunion June 9

The annual Salado Reunion will be June 9 at the Salado Intermediate School Cafetorium at 550 Thomas Arnold Road in Salado. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The reunion will continue until 3:30 p.m.

A lunch of chicken fried steak, gravy, red skin potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, drink and dessert will be catered by Captain Red's of Hutto. The lunch will be served at noon, immediately following a short business meeting. There will be ample visiting time both before the meeting, and during and after the lunch. Lunch tickets are \$10 a plate and reservations should be made by June 2.

Special recognition will be given to classes celebrating anniversaries of their graduations (such as 25th, 50th, etc.)

ness Alarm, side door alarm. Building secure ground level. No key holder contact. Clear.

11:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m. 1401 S. Stagecoach (Stagecoach Inn). Disturbance, two males in room being loud and disturbing guests in adjoining room. Night Clerk wishes them to leave the premises. Contact made and subjects were reimbursed for the room. Subjects left on request. Clear.

May 6

12:35-1:30 a.m., 1453 N. Stagecoach (Old Auto Excellence). Fire, grass fire reported at above location. Arrived on scene to find area of brush with trash in it on fire behind building being torn down. Assisted SVFD with traffic control. Fire extinguished. Clear.

7:50-8:15 p.m., 3900 Block Betty Place. Assist Other Agency., Complainant on Amanda states house behind hers has open back door and "bad smell" coming from inside. Stated neighbors have not been seen for some time. Arrived on scene and assisted BCSO in clearing the residence. No one located inside. Residence is still furnished. Bad smell was spoiled food. No signs of forced entry. No other information found at scene. Clear.

5:00-5:10 p.m., 423 S. Main (Cen. Tx. Area Museum). Business Alarm, upstairs old museum. Arrived on scene to find building secure ground level. No key holder contact per dispatch. Recall at 1800 hrs for same alarm. Building secure ground level and still no key holder contact. Dispatch advised this is 3 alarms in 24 hours. Clear.

3:05-4:00 p.m., 280 NB I-35. Assist Other Agency, Crash, dispatched as passenger car vs. 18 wheeler with the passenger car now facing the wrong direction. Arrived on scene and began providing traffic control. Assisted DPS with traffic control due to high volume of traffic and operators failing to vacate the lane for DPS. Clear.

4:00-4:20 p.m., 300 Block Salado Creek Place. Disturbance in Progress. Dispatch advised subjects in creek which is part of private property owned by Complainant. Stated subjects were told they were on private property and refused to leave. Arrived on scene to find subjects had continued past the residence in the creek and were now walking back. Complainant stated subjects told him they were on public property. Property lines were explained to the subjects who left towards Pace Park on foot as instructed. Male subjects was identified and D.O.B., no subject had ID on them due to being in the creek. DL return attached to call sheet if needed. Clear.







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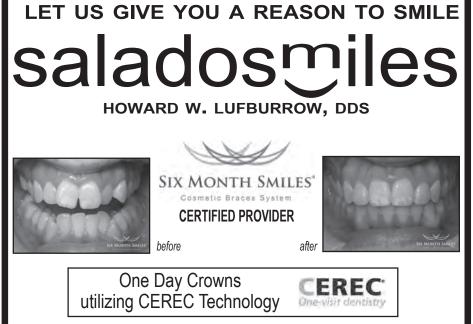
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Eagles sweep Wimberly

Salado Eagles swept the Wimberly Texans in convincing fashion last week and face Cuero in the Area Round of the 3A State Playoffs. Game one will be at Nelson Field at Reagan High School (7400 Berkman Dr.) in Austin at 7 p.m. May 11. Game two will be at noon May 12 at Nelson Field with game three to follow 30 minutes after the end of game two, if needed.

Salado 12 Texans 1

Salado took five innings to finish off the Wimberly Texans in the first of their best-of-three series last week, winning 12-1 on May 3 in Burnet.

Salado scored two unearned runs in the first in-

Trey Mohler led off with a walk and advanced on a deep fly to center by Jon Franz. He scored on a single by Marshall Mann.

Cole Haag reached on a fielder's choice that gave Salado out number two. Haag scored the unearned run before the third out was recorded.

The Eagles added four runs in the second inning, taking advantage of five hits.

Reagan Bazar led off with a double and scored on Davis Little's single. With one out, Mohler hit a single and Jon Franz drove in both runs with a double. He advanced on a ground out and scored on a double by Haag. Hagg was left stranded on second.

Salado added another four runs in the fourth inning.

Jacob Svadlenak led off the inning reaching base



Lead-off batter Trey Mohler dives safely back to first base during Salado's sweep of the Wimberly Texans last week. (Photo BY JIM MOHLER)

on a fielding error. Mohler was hit by a pitch.

Franz hit a single to score Svadlenak. Mann hit a single to load the bases.

Haag reached on a play that put Mohler out at home. Britton Hawes hit a sacrifice fly to score Mann.

Salado added two more runs in the fifth. Mohler reached on a walk and advanced on a single by Mann. Walks scored both Mohler and Mann.

The only score for Wimberly came on a homerun by J. Grey.

Salado 13 Texans 3

Salado took the series in decisive fashion with another mercy-rule win over Wimberly on May 4, winning 13-3 in four-anda-half innings.

Salado scored two runs in the first inning. Mohler led off by reaching on an error. He advanced on a single by Franz. Mann hit a single to score Mohler and Haag hit a deep sacrifice to score Franz.

Salado was scoreless

in the second inning, but added an unearned run in the third inning. Mann walked with two outs in the inning and scored on a double by Haag to tie the game at 3-3.

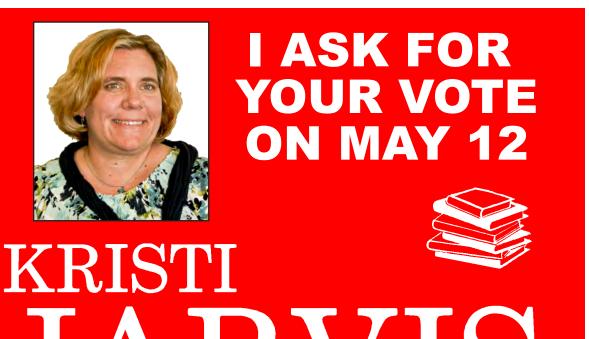
Scoring three runs in the top half of the third inning, the Texans took their only lead of the series.

The Eagles put the Texans away by scoring 10 runs in the fourth inning, tallying six hits.

With an early out in the inning, Salado scored when Bazar and Eary both walked and Svadlenak reached on an error by the second baseman.

Mohler knocked in a runner with a single and Franz knocked in another runner with a sacrifice.

Mann walked and Haag, Frazier, and Little hit singles to keeps runs coming across the plate. Bazar walked in a run and Eary hit a double to score three runners. He scored on a single by Svadlenak before the final out was recorded.



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Salado students participated in the Texas Art Education Association Junior Visual Art Scholastic Event (JrVASE) in Golthwaite on May 5.

Students displayed work created under the direction of art teacher, Lauren Glover, and are interviewed by a certified juror. Jurors look for originality of concept, technical expertise, understanding of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for visual art, and the interpretation of the student's stated intent.

Each entry is scored on a scale with Superior rated artists receiving a medal.

Sixth grade students: Annabelle Richardson, watercolor of Texas Landscape, Superior. Madeline Carter, ceramic bowl entitled *Sea of Copper*, Superior. Jamie Rich, block print entitled *Nerdy Girls*, Superior. Natalie Fort, Tempera painting entitled *Bloom* which also featured



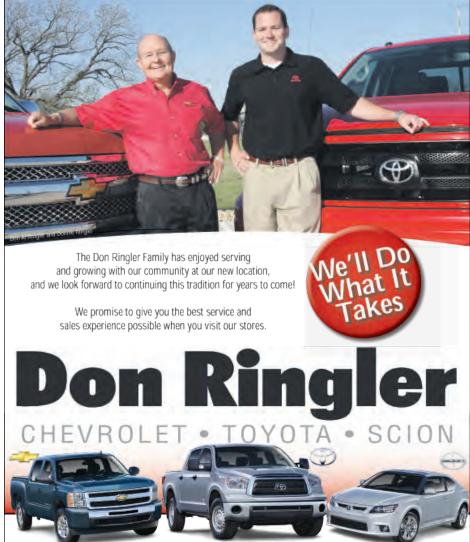
The Texas Art Education Association awarded Allen Sirois an exlempary medal for his JrVASE 3D Metal Art entry entitled A Pair of Frog Leg Spurs. The iron spurs are half mounted with a copper frog, with the legs as the shank and the feet holding the rowels. A crystal is set as the frogs eye. Sirois also created the leather spur straps, carved with his brand.

a poem and a block print of peace signs.

Seventh grade students: Parker Seaton, charcoal still life drawing, Superior. Courtney Evans, colored pencil self-portrait, Superior. Allen Sirois, charcoal still life drawing, Superior and *A Pair of Frog Leg Spurs*, Superior.

Sirois 3D metal art entry, A Pair of Frog Leg Spurs, was also selected

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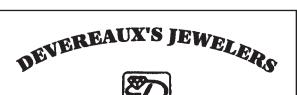
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gram which allows parents the freedom to choose their child's school, public or private, while also saving significant taxpayer dollars.

Repealing Obamacare: Congress should immediately repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (otherwise known as Obamacare) and reject the rationing of healthcare by government or the intrusion by government into the doctor-patient relationship.

Public Prayer: Government should be prohibited from restricting the content of public prayer.

Balanced Budget/ Controlling Government Growth: Out of control spending should be stopped at all levels of federal and state government through constitutional amendments limiting any increase in government spending to the combined increase of population and inflation, requiring voter approval.

Redistricting: The Texas Legislature should redraw the court-imposed lines for Congress and State legislative districts in its upcoming session in order to remedy inequities.

The Democrat Party Ballot is the following:

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Proposition 1: Any graduate of a Texas high school, who has lived in the state for at least three years and lived here continuously for the last year, should be eligible for in-state tuition at state supported colleges and universities and given the opportunity to earn legal status through a higher education or military service.

Proposition 2: Because a college education is increasingly necessary for jobs that allow our citizens to achieve middle class lifestyles and become the entrepreneurs who create the jobs that our economy relies on, we call on the Texas Legislature to fund colleges and universities such that tuition and fees can be affordable to all Texans.

Proposition 3: Should the Texas Legislature allow the people of Texas to vote to legalize casino gambling with all funds generated being used only for education?

SISD candidates on hiring principal, athletics, superintendent, teachers

The following questions were put to the candidates for school board. Their answers follow.

- 1. Perhaps one of the first duties as a board trustee would be hiring of a junior high principal. What are the qualities/qualifications you would want to see in the new hire for this position? (150 words)
- 2. Earlier this year, two petitions circulated about the athletic department. The first was a parent-driven petition critical of the Athletic department. The second was a student-driven petition in support of the coaches and athletic department. Did you sign EITHER petition? If so, why? What is your opinion of Salado athletics? (250 words)
- 3. In your opinion, how is the new superintendent doing in his first year on the job? Are there are areas in which he is strong? Areas in which he is weak? If his contract were to come up at your first meeting, how would you vote (considering the knowledge you have today)? (200 words)
- 4. Does Salado attract, recruit and retain quality teachers? How can this be improved upon? (150 words)



Mark DePoy

Question 1: The two most important qualities I look for not only in a candidate but in a person are leadership and accountability. Successful individuals who are respected all have this instilled in their character. A principal who can develop a culture which not only reaches his/ her staff, and connects with students, will create a great environment for learning. Naturally, qualifications are very important and will factor in on the hiring process. Personally, I give just as much weight on someone who can reach out and get everyone involved to achieve excellence in all areas of our students' lives.

Ouestion 2: I signed the athletic petition for 1 reason. COACH MELVIN BATES! I felt like a strong statement needed to be made. Signing was my way of showing my personal disappointment in our administration for not helping Melvin when he needed it most! He simply wanted to switch some duties from H.S football to Jr. High so he could have more flexibility to help his wife, who was going through some very serious health issues. For 26 years Coach Bates was a great teacher, successful coach, a positive role model and an even better person. He was shown absolutely no respect or loyalty. There is simply no excuse for that to happen! I'm even more disappointed that no one at SISD stood up for Melvin when he needed it most! This was a perfect opportunity to retain an outstanding teacher, coach and mentor for our children. He raised the expectations of our baseball program and created the culture of excellence I have talked about throughout this campaign. Most of the issues in the petition were things I was not involved with but I did feel strongly about the above issue. I maintain good relationships with many of the coaches I am involved with through athletic activities of my children. We are moving in a positive direction and I will continue to support our coaches in that fashion. Our teachers and coaches must be accountable for their performance and we must be loyal to those who are accountable, even in difficult circumstances.

Question 3: We should all step back and give Dr. Novotny time to implement his vision for the district. With so many issues being thrown his way from budget cuts, petitions, to testing issues we must allow him time to settle in and absorb it all. I feel he is communicating very well with the parents and issues are being taken seriously. I would like to see our budget issues and challenges discussed with more transparency, so taxpayers and the community are well aware of what we are facing. Overall, I think he is moving forward and has a plan for our district's future. I would definitely give him my vote of confidence if I were to vote on his contract for renewal.

Question 4: Our students DESERVE THE BEST, and our best deserve to be rewarded!

I'm pleased that Dr. Novotny is exploring and implementing initiatives to attract and retain high quality teachers. I think teacher salaries are and should be a major priority if we are to retain and hire quality teachers and coaches. Our students need to be challenged so that they are ready to move on to whatever endeavor they choose and the only way to do that is with great teachers who feel they are being compensated for their hard work. Our current budget shortfall will make it difficult but we must find ways to make this happen



Melanie Kirchemeier

Question 1: Salado ISD has a lot to offer a prospective Junior High Principal. I believe we will have many qualified applicants and will be able to hire a strong, experienced Principal. It is imperative that we hire a new principal that will encourage the staff while requiring excellence in the class room and extra-curricular programs. Salado ISD has parent advocates that want the best for their children. A strong principal will be able to listen to parents, take their concerns, and make adjustments that will be best for the students. The district should have a comprehensive plan and have goals for each campus. The plans should be implemented by each Principal, including the Junior High

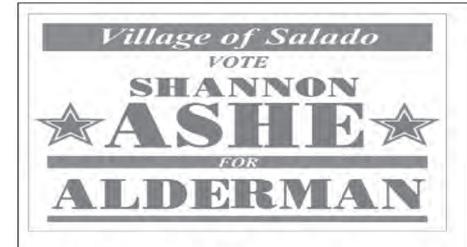
Principal and be held accountable for reaching their goals. Our students and staff deserve the best. I believe we can hire the best and have excellence in Salado Junior High School.

Question 2: I did not sign the parent-driven petition. I did not sign the student-driven petition. I did attend the school board meeting where both petitions were presented to the school board. The students that spoke were well prepared and stated their opinions eloquently. The parents that spoke were passionate about their children and voiced their concerns about the athletic department.

Having attended athletic events over the years, I am always proud of our athletes. We have very competitive students that excel in many areas. As in any program, our students deserve to be led and nurtured into productive and confident adults. The athletic program is an excellent avenue to create a competitive environment that allows our students to excel. While the athletic department has had many successes, as in any program there is always room for improvement. If there are issues in the athletic department, or any department, it is Dr. Novotny's responsibility to ensure that we have strong leaders in each area of Salado ISD. Dr. Novotny created a task force comprised of parents and staff to address some of the parents' concerns. I trust this process will create a positive environment for our athletes.

Question 3: My personal management style is to praise in public and criticize in pri-

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Who is Shannon Ashe?

- 21 Year Resident of Salado
- Married to Rick Ashe, Past Mayor of Salado, Past Alderman
- Mother of Addie Ashe (Salado Jr. High School)
- Civic and Church Organizations: First Baptist Church Salado, Salado Historical Society, Tablerock (board member)
- Salado Business Owner, (2000-2009)
- Occupation: Corporate Event Planner
- Your Neighbor: 524 Santa Rosa (near the Cemetery)

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Pineapple	Banana	Pineapple	Apricots	Orange
Juice - Apple	Juice - Orange	Juice - Apple	Juice - Orange	Juice - Apple
Daily Choice: Toast & Jelly, Cereal (Frosted Corn Flakes, Honey Nut Cheerios), Milk (Fat Free Chocolate, 1% Strawberry, 1% White)				

Lunch - Thomas Arnold Elementary, Salado Intermediate and Junior High

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Chicken on a Bun	Spaghetti	Pepperoni Pizza	Nachos	Cheeseburger
	Cheetos	Green Beans	Iron Man Salad - Elem	Pinto Beans	French Fries
	Mixed Veg	Roll	California Blend	Cornbread	Apple Slices
	Yellow Cake	Mixed Fruit	Peaches w/topping	Strawberry Apple Dessert	
Daily Choice: Milk, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Fresh Fruit (Jr. High: Baked Potato) Friday: Fruity Freeze					

Lunch - High School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Cheesy Dog	Chicken Spaghetti	Pepperoni Pizza	Fish Nuggets	Cheeseburger
Baked Beans	California Blend	Iron Man Salad	Broccoli Coleslaw	French Fries
Mixed Fruit	Garlic Toast	Peas & Carrots	Hushpuppies	Cheetos
Applesauce Cake	Banana Bread	Peach Cobbler	Pears	Fruit Pan Dowdy

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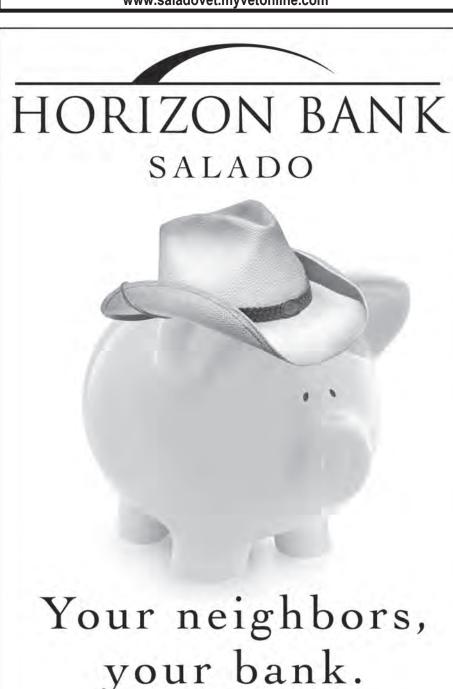
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vate. Therefore, I choose to talk about the positive aspects. Dr. Novotny came into a position that needed a strong leader. With our past Superintendent only being in Salado ISD for a short time, Dr. Novotny inherited certain issues that needed to be addressed quickly. However, it takes time to understand the staff, the community, and the students. I believe he has immersed himself in Salado ISD and is very aware of the needs of our school district. As in all school districts there will be very difficult decisions to make in the future and Dr. Novotny will need to use strong leadership skills to be effective in taking our district to the next level. It is imperative for the School Board and Superintendent to speak frankly about performance and reaching the district goals.

I believe it is very important to have consistency for our staff and students. To develop trust with parents, teachers, and students it is imperative that we maintain a strong core of leaders in our district. So, yes, I would vote to renew Dr. Novotny's con-

Question 4: Salado ISD has some excellent teachers in our school district. My children have had teachers that have had long lasting impacts on them. They remember the kind gestures, tough discipline, and encouraging words given to them throughout the years. Our family has had teachers become our advocates in their education. I believe with strong Principals on each campus and a strong Superintendent that encourages excellence we will have teachers prosper and grow. To retain quality teachers we must provide an energetic, supportive administration that will create a working environment that is enjoyable and engaging.



Question 1: Our new principal must be a leader in the eyes of students, parents and

A Jr. High principal plays a critical role in student development as he or she leads students in the crucial transition from their middle school years to the more rigorous academic life of high school. A principal must develop a connection with the students so they understand his or her vision. Embracing this vision is the key to managing the campus and issues that directly relate to students, such as student motivation and fair and effective disci-

A principal also needs to possess broad management skills to ensure campus success. These skills include building a common vision for campus improvement that the faculty and staff embrace, monitoring the instructional process, developing and measuring performance objectives against well defined metrics and taking corrective action when necessary.

Question 2: Both petitions centered on achieving excel-

lence and I am quite sure that supporters of either petition ultimately desire excellence in our district, whether that pertains to academics or athletics. No one should be made to feel ashamed for supporting excellence.

I supported the parentdriven petition but did not have the opportunity to see the student petition. However, I am sure there were things in that petition that I would have supported as well. Although the parent petition addressed several issues, my support was focused on only two issues -the need for integration between junior high and senior high programs and better communication between coaches and parents. Wanting to be part of the solution, I volunteered and was selected to be on the community athletic committee that Dr. Novotny convened.

I attended all three meetings Dr. Novotny held and was active in the discussion of possible solutions to improve athletics at Salado ISD. My attendance at the meetings gave me significant insights into many of the issues the coaches and athletic department face. At the final meeting, Dr. Novotny provided the group with eleven recommendations that will be implemented, eight of which were centered on improving communication and integration.

Our success this year demonstrates that our athletics, academics and fine arts programs are all strong. However, the mark of truly great programs is they continue to strive for excellence no matter how successful they have been in the past.

Question 3: A new superintendent must be provided an opportunity to succeed in his second year and the school board must establish improved accountability metrics to measure that suc-

Dr. Novotny's first year at Salado ISD has been a challenge. He has had to juggle two principal retirements, funding cuts, new state testing and all the while, find the time to learn about our district. Given the challenges he has faced and the limited time he has been in charge of the district, I think he has done a good job and I would vote to extend his contract.

The second year will be an opportunity for Dr. Novotny to showcase his strengths, which include listening to different viewpoints before making decisions, projecting a positive image for the district while acknowledging its challenges and utilizing a team approach to problem solving. Next year presents an opportunity for him to implement his vision for the district and develop metrics that can be used to measure success. Only then can Dr. Novotny's performance be assessed fairly and objective-

Question 4: Quality teachers are attracted to the District in large part due to the community's positive characteristics. Our challenge is retention.

Due to the fragile economy, our attrition rate has dropped from a high of 25 percent five years ago to 12 percent today. It's imperative that we provide our best teachers with the incentives to be committed to the district for the long term. If they chose to leave the district, we should conduct comprehensive exit interviews to fully

understand the reason for their departure.

Short tenure can be, at least in part, attributed to Salado's lower pay scale. We need to be competitive and do a better job of creating monetary and non-monetary incentives to reward teachers. Rewards must not only be tied to longevity but more importantly, to classroom performance. If great educators feel they are being fairly compensated and recognized, not only will they stay but they will also be even more compelled to continue to excel.



Jim Reed

Question #1 - The school board's role in the hiring process of the new principal will be to review the hiring process of the superintendent and take action on his recommendation. As far as the qualities and qualifications I seek, they are the same as those I seek in all our campus leaders. Beyond the basic legal qualifications, they should be considered leaders in their field. Additionally, the successful candidate should exhibit personal qualities beyond reproach. Our teachers and students deserve a leader who holds themselves to the highest standards. Finally, I believe we need leaders who can inspire those around them. They should exhibit and demand excellence as the standard or all we do.

Question #2 - I did not sign either petition nor did I attend any of the meetings where they were discussed in the community. I was proud of our students and how well they presented their side of the issue. I did not agree with the tactics undertaken by those advocating the petition. That being said, do I think we can do better as a district with regard to our athletic program, yes. Anytime a district is not seeking improvement we are settling for less than excellence. What I disagreed with was the divisive tactics employed by those advocating change. Specific changes I think are necessary include better communication with the community and a better response process when concerns are raised.

Our athletic program has a long, storied tradition of excellence. That tradition continues today. This year saw all of our programs able to compete and excel with most programs advancing to their various playoffs. Our shift to 3A was athletically more successful than many programs are when they advance classifications. As our district grows, we will have to deal with necessary changes. How we choose to handle this change will determine our success. If we work negatively, at odds with one another, our success will suffer. If we work cooperatively, our chances of success will be enhanced. This doesn't mean we have to agree, but we should model how reasonable

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School Board Candidates

people can disagree respectfully. By working cooperatively through the changes to come, we teach our children a valuable life lesson.

Question #3 - One of the actions I am most proud of during my tenure on the school board is the part I played in the hiring of our superintendent, Dr. Novotny. I am completely satisfied with his performance during his first year. If his contract were on the agenda for approval today, I would gladly vote to approve it unconditionally. In my experience his strengths include his organizational skills, his communication skills and his ability to attract exceptional staff members. I also applaud his involvement in becoming an involved member of the community. I have not identified any specific weaknesses in him to date. He has handled the challenges of his first year in an impressive manner. Our districts future is certainly bright with him leading our efforts.

Question #4 - I think we do a very good job of attracting high quality staff and teachers. This is evident in the hiring of our new high school principal. He is among the brightest administrators in the state and he has chosen Salado as the place to continue his career. Our district has long been a place where teachers have chosen to work, sometimes at lower pay rates because of the environment we have created. We must do everything in our power to maintain a positive working and community environment. Additionally, we must demand that our teachers be held accountable for doing their jobs and promoting excellence. We also must do what we can in difficult financial times to reward our staff for their hard work. They will be asked to more with less help as we struggle to deal with the financial shortfalls to come.



Kristi Jarvis Question 1: In addition to the common sense qualifications like caring, strong sense of community and good values, I think there are more unique of the position needed. A Jr. High principal needs to have the ability to gently demand respect from a group of students that typically (and age appropriately) push the limits of parents, teachers and administrators alike. When that respect is expected, it allows the teachers to teach instead of dealing with behavior issues, and increases teacher and student morale. In this age of slashed funding and budget cuts, the principal needs to come prepared with innovative ideas on saving money on material and personnel. Being able to offer strong onsite leadership is an essential job of a Jr. High Principal. Teachers, students and parents need to know there is someone in the building able to deal with any issue and make decisions in a timely manner.

Question 2: I did not sign

either petition. The parent one because I did not agree with the content or methods and the student one because I didn't know about it before it was presented at the School Board meeting.

I attended one of the parent led petition recruiting meetings. As my children are in athletics, I am very interested in creating a supportive, nurturing environment for our students and coaches. I asked the group if they took their grievances to Coach Talbot directly. I was told they hadn't and wouldn't. They were going directly to the (then) newly hired superintendent. I believe in following an established chain of command to resolve issues. In my personal experiences, I spoke directly to the Jr. High coach and we resolved the problem promptly and efficiently. I was also not satisfied with the source of their statistics. Numbers are very powerful and easily manipulated.

I applaud, the student petition that was clearly a heartfelt response to what they saw as a personal attack on their coaches and teach-

I believe Salado Athletics is doing a fine job of teaching our kids respect, teamwork and good values. At the Jr. High level, my daughter's coaches (who are also her teachers) put her academics first. They communicate well, answering any questions in an honest and timely manner. I am also happy to see Coach Glenn Talbot at many of the Jr. High events. He cheers them on and offers words of encouragement. I am very satisfied with the job he and the Jr. High staff are

Question 3: I believe that Dr. Novotny has done an exceptional job his first year. He has encouraged communication through out the district between parents, teachers, administrators and himself. He is present at most district events, encouraging and cheering on our students and teachers alike. He has embraced the community of Salado by being involved with programs like Leadership Salado, Rotary and Mentors, to name a few. He has made himself very approachable and assessable. He has tackled the unpopular job of creating a budget in this time of decreased state funding that protects our core teaching positions

and allows for innovation in the classroom. Salado ISD needed a dynamic, involved leader and I believe Dr. Novotny has filled that need. I would vote to approve a new contract for him, as I am very interested to see where he will lead us in the years to

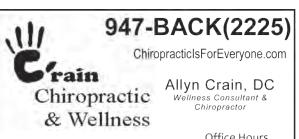
Question 4: Salado ISD has many high quality, caring teachers. As with many small districts, our budget does not allow for high dollar salaries so we must offer something more. We do, in the form of smaller classes, supportive administrators and involved parents. While some might advocate financial incentives, a 2005 study in the Alliance for Excellent Education found 50% of teacher turnover was due to lack of support and poor working conditions. Being a smaller district also brings many new teachers. I believe we should enhance our teacher-mentoring program to help our new teachers get through those crucial first 5 vears. While our turnover rate in Salado has risen the last two years (as it has in many districts), I feel we must give our teachers the resources they need in the classroom and quality continuing education. I also believe we should look to outside resources such as our PTO's, Education Foundation and Booster Clubs to help fund some of these ini-

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Shawna Keith and Bradley Johnson to marry

Shawna Marie Keith of Keller and Bradley Scott Johnson of Fort Worth announced their engagement and approaching marriage. The prospective bride is the daughter of Patti Griffin of Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin. She is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit in Dallas and has been accepted into Baylor University's Neonatal Nurse Practitioner program. The prospective groom is the son of Mark and Patti Johnston of Salado. He is a 2001 graduate of Salado High School and is the manager of Cousin's Pit Barbeque.



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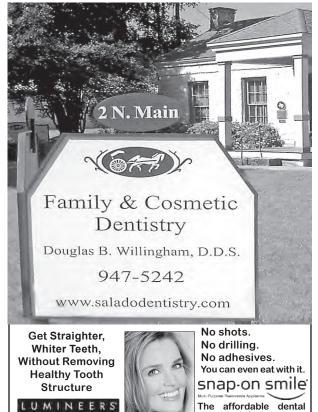
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Copeland weds Holmes

Cheyenne Dawn Copeland of Salado and Kristopher Micheal Holmes of Salado were wed in a double-ring ceremony April 14, 2012 at the Chapel at Caliber Oak in Salado.

The bride is the daughter of Larry Copeland of Salado and Melony Mc-Clendon of Paradise, Texas. Chevenne is a Teller at First State Bank Central Texas

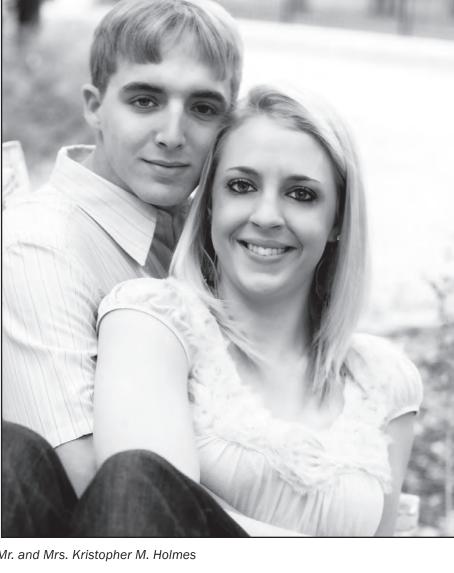
The groom is the son of Chris Holmes of Asheboro, North Carolina and Tammy Whitten of Elm Mott, Texas.

He is a Collision Repair Technician, and a graduate of Lincoln Tech.

John Swedland of 3C Cowboy Church of Salado officiated the ceremony. The reception was held at the Stagecoach Conference Center.

The bride wore a strapless, off-white mermaid style gown by LaLavinia from Georgios Bridal in

The Maid of Honor was Paige Henry of West. Bridesmaids were Dara



Community

Mr. and Mrs. Kristopher M. Holmes

Schiller of Salado and Brittany Holmes of Elm Mott.

The Best Man was Scott Wight of West. Groomsmen were Dwayne Whitten of Armer of Waco.

The Flower Girl was Copeland.

Addison Holmes Salado.

The Ring Bearer was Ryan Holmes of Elm lington and Jost Gram- Mott. Ushers were: Dakota, Casey and Brady

Saturday **May 12**

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Meeting of SARW May 24

The May 24 luncheon meeting of Salado Area Republican Women scheduled at the Robertson Room of the Stagecoach Inn will focus on the state election laws, Republican Party rules, the Party convention process and the structure of the Federation of Republican Women. Presenters will be Sherril Gardipee

and Kate McKinley.

The luncheon is due to start at 11:30 a.m. but there will be a special new member orientation held from 11 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The special new member orientation will be led by Annette Fusion. The cost for the luncheon is \$15 and reservations need to be received by Monday, May 21. Mail checks to SARW, Pac; P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 76571. Questions may be addressed to Ms. Gardipee at sgardipee@hot.rr.com or at (254) 939-7085.

Anyone interested in contributing items for the care packages for soldiers and for children of the war zone are encouraged to bring items to the meeting.

Items need to fit into a shoe box. Helen Sim-Americanism onette, Chair, stated the local club is planning to send 40 boxes to the military.



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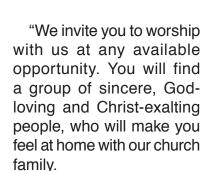
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SERGEANT ABLE FELIPE DURAN

FORT HOOD, Texas – Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who was found unresponsive in his residence April 30 in Copperas Cove, Texas. Coryell County Justice of the Peace John Guinn pronounced him deceased the same day.

Sergeant Able Felipe Duran, 47, whose home of record is listed as Colorado Springs, Colo., entered the military in December 1992 as a signal support systems specialist, and was assigned to Company D, 1st Battalion, Warrior Transition Brigade, Fort Hood, since March 2011. Duran's awards and decorations include the NATO Medal, Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal with silver loop, National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star, Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, the Drivers/Mechanics Badge and the Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge.

The cause of death is under investigation.

SERGEANT JOSHUA LOUIS KLINE

FORT HOOD, Texas -- Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died May 5 on Texas Highway 195, near Splawn Ranch Road and the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, Killeen, Texas, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Sergeant Joshua Louis Kline, 26, whose home of record is listed as St. Robert, Mo., entered activeduty service in January 2007 as a food service specialist and served more recently as a biomedical equipment specialist. He arrived at Fort Hood in May 2010 and was assigned to Company A, 21st Combat Support Hos-

pital, 1st Medical Brigade, Fort Hood, since September 2011.

Kline deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from August 2007 to November 2008 and also in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from August 2010 to August 2011.

Kline's awards and decorations include two Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal. National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with campaign service star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two Overseas Service Ribbon and the Army Service Ribbon.



DALLAS NICHOLE WILLIAMS May 27, 1999 - May 1, 2012

Belton--- Dallas Nichole Williams, 12 of Belton, passed away Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at her home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 5, 2012 at Dossman Funeral Home with E.R. King and Roy Brantley officiating.

Visitation was held May 4, at Dossman Funeral Home.

Dallas was born May 27, 1999 in Temple, the daughter of Kevin and Deana Williams. She attended Elm Grove Baptist Church and was a member of Peaceable Kingdom Retreat For Children, Camp Camp, and the Children's Special Needs Network of Belton.

She is survived by her parents, Kevin and Deana Williams of Belton; grandparents, Brenda and Eddie Culp of Belton; Bobby Williams of Temple; Mark and Veronica Harford of Temple; great grandparents, Mary Louise Brantley and Bill Hobday of Temple.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Camp Camp, P.O. Box 27086 San Antonio, TX 78227, or Peaceable Kingdom Retreat For Children 19051 FM 2484 Killeen, Texas 76542.

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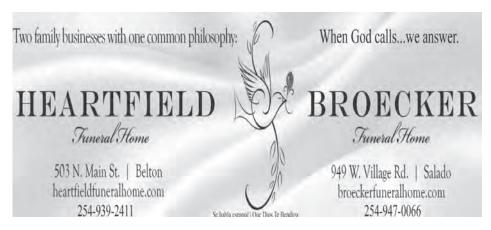
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WEDNESDAY

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6 p.m. WEBS

(Wed. Evening Bible Study)

6 p.m. AWANAS (Age 2 – grade 6)

7 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

6 p.m. Bible Drill (grade 4 – 8)

6:30 p.m. Youth Activities



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Mother's Day Out Registration is now open for the 2012-2013 school year!

Sunday Morning (May 13) Mother's Day

8:30 am Worship Service (Main Sanctuary)

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship Service (Main Sanctuary)

11:00 am Glory Service (YAC)

Wednesday Night (May 16)

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





Lieutenant Al Califano of the the Salado Fire Department visited the children at Salado United Methodist Church's Mother's Day Out program last Thursday, April 26 Lieutenant Al showed the children all the equipment he has to wear to protect himself when going into a fire and talked to them about fire safety. The children especially enjoyed seeing the truck with all its hoses and hearing the truck's loud horn!

The British are coming!

MG Register gather here for 37th year

British automobile pioneer Cecil Kimber and his MG Motorcar Company Ltd. could hardly have imagined the impact their first sports car would have on the automotive world. More than 85 years later, and 30 years since the last MG rolled from the storied factory at Abingdonon-Thames, that passion shows no sign of letting up.

This infatuation (some might say obsession!) is kept alive today by the more than 200 enthusiastic members of The Texas MG Register (TMGR). The TX MG Register was formed 37 years ago - and celebrated their very first event in Salado at the Stagecoach Inn. Since that time, TMGR members have always gathered in Salado during Mothers Day weekend - enjoying the town and celebrating their little British cars.

TX MG Register members are custodians of more than 500 classic British automobiles, ranging from a 1930 M-Type fabric covered roadster to some of



Above and below: Texas MGs will be on display in Salado's Pace Park on May 12. The Texas MG Register gathers in Salado every year on Mother's Day weekend.

the last MGBs produced. TMGR members are devoted to maintaining and enjoying one of the world's favorite cars.

Most automotive historians agree that America's affection with open, two seat sports cars began with the MGTC model of the 1940's, a distinction acknowledged in later company advertising with the slogan "The sports car America loved first". Like many a bride, servicemen returning from England

after World War II brought home the tiny British roadsters they fell in love with during the war. Slightly more refined TD and TF models followed, and it was devotees of these "T Series" MGs who formed the original Texas MG Register in 1975. In 1993 the club welcomed owners of "modern" MGA and MGB models, and became the TMGR as it is today; a diverse group of all ages, backgrounds and interests hailing from all parts of Texas, the nation and even as far away as Australia.

The TMGR's bylaws establish that the club is "primarily dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of MG cars". For some members this means showing their meticulously restored cars at the spring "Gathering of the Faithful" (GoF) held every year at Salado. Many enjoy disproving the myth of British automotive unreliability with a hearty challenge to both man and machine, driving hundreds, sometimes thousands of miles to Salado for this annual

As Jim Yule, a past President says: "The Texas MG Register is about having fun. It's about enjoying MG's and the down to earth folks that own them." Look for a convoy of MGs travelling Bell County roads this May 10-13, and congratulate the TX MG Register members on their 37th Anniversary! The cars will be on display in Pace Park on May 12.



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

Treasurer of local water supply corporation board

Former treasurer of the Salado Youth Baseball Board

and volunteer youth softball coach

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Questions? Call Pam at 947-0352
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Springhouse welcomes back

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Silver Spur Arts Academy offers classes, camps for CenTex Kids

Silver The Spur Arts Academy (SSAA), in association with the Salado Silver Spur Theater, announces its "InSPURational Summer" lineup of unique, creativity-cultivatin' camps and outreach programs for aspiring young artists and performers.

"Participants have the opportunity to learn techniques in visual and performing arts in amazingly fun ways," Grainger Esch, said SSAA co-founder and Creative Director of the Salado Silver Spur since 2004. "More importantly, they learn how to harness their imaginations in creative and positive ways."

Tuition for each the five day camps is \$185, and students are encouraged to bring a sack lunch or snack. Reservations for the camps are strongly encouraged since space is limited. The camps are offered on weekdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following upcoming dates:

June 4 - 8, students age

July 16 - 20, students age 9-to-18.

At these first two session, the campers will be able explore a kaleidoscope of creative avenues, from theater and dance to visual arts and music. "The sky is the limit at The Academy," Esch said.

Aug, 6 - 10, for stu-

performance, movement, dance, speech, singing, clowning, writing and improvisation.

"The students can plunge into dance, drawing, crafting, crooning, play-acting, painting, moving, imagining and more," Esch explained. "Each camp culminates with a fun, creative and quite festive finale for families and friends to explore and enjoy!"

For more information on the upcoming camps or classes, or to reserve a spot for an aspiring young artist, call the Salado Silver Spur Theater at 254 947-3456, or visit the Silver Spur Arts Academy website at www.silverspurarts.com and click on Events.

While you're there, you can learn about the SSAA's outreach programs for schools, hospitals, day care facilities, retirement communities, and other groups, as well as private lessons. You can also check out the SSAA's new informational video produced by videographer Will Von Bolton.

SEASONED INSTRUCTORS & IMAGINEERS

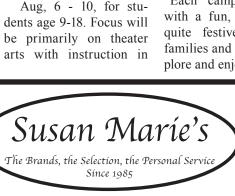
Saladoan Tiffany Schreiner, the Academy cofounder who has more than 25 years experience in movement and dance instruction, will lead the camp's warm-up and dance sessions. Her family has been highly involved with theatre and artistic performance for

generations. She has studied dance, yoga and holistic physical/mental/spiritual healing throughout her life.

The Visual art and craft instruction will be provided by the terrifically talented trio of Sheryl Russell, Shellie O'Neal and Sandra Edwards, all of Salado. Each one has a wealth of professional experience in fostering young imaginations and careers in commercial art, graphic design and arts education, respective-

Tony Blackman of Belton, the Silver Spur's longtime long-time, singing Technical director, will direct the musical theater portion of the camp. His professional experience includes more than 20 years in the fields of acting, singing, directing, stagecraft, deigning and teaching.

This year's camps for ages 9 and up will also include creative writing instruction by Marjie Rynearson of Temple, an award-winning, produced SEE SILVER SPUR CAMPS PAGE 8B





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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

MONDAYS

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

Mondays

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

TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m.

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TUESDAYS

Salado Community Chorus practice, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center, unless otherwise noted.

TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Weekly Yoga class 6:30 p.m. at Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main St., info tiffyoranch@gmail.com. **T**UESDAYS

Prix Fixe menu at
The Range. Two entrees
and adult beverage for
\$14.95. Terrific for Date
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weekly. Find The Range
on Facebook to see this
week's menu or call 254947-3828.

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 manice and a selection of appetizers. Call 254-947-3828 to book your appointment. Space is limited.

FRIDAYS

Four course fine dining at Inn on the Creek, 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 din-

ing 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

May 10, 24 & 31

254-947-3456.

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 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 Wolffe and Susan Marie's. For info call Barclay McCort
947-3617.

May **10**

2012 Salado High School Art Show featuering the work of the advanced art students, 5 p.m. at Salado High School.

May 10

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

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 Lions Club pancake breakfast, 7:30-10 a.m. at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center. Tickets, \$6 each, Kids 6 an under eat free. Proceeds go to Salado student scholarships and community projects.

May 12

Salado High School Sports Banquet and Awards Ceremony, 6:30 p.m. at Salado High School cafeteria. Longtime 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 therangerestaurant.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 14, 21, 28

Salado Spring Basketball League with JV and Varsity divisions.

May 16

Beginning Sock Class with The Salado Yarn Company inside Southern Comforts. For experienced knitters, \$50 for 3 sessions held aat 10 a.m. or 6 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.

May 17

Village of Salado 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

Salado Village Artists will have an Art Supply Sale on May 19 at the Village Art Center located behind the Civic Center.

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. Two proficiencies will follow. Dutch treat lunch will follow.

May 21

Reception honoring Miriam Ervi for her 12 years on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m. in the Meadows Room of the Salado Civic Center.

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

Salado Area Republican Women luncheon in the Robertson Room of the Stagecoach Inn, 11:30 a.m. \$15 luncheon with reservations by May 21 to SARW PAC, PO Box 373, Salado, TX 76571. Meeting will focus on state election laws and the party process.

May 24

Student Knitting Group 4 - 5 p.m. at The SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 2B

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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 27

Salado High School Class of 2012 Baccalaureate Service, 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Salado.

May 28

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

JUNE 1

Noon Book Review at Salado Public Library. Bring a sack lunch.

JUNE 2

Salado High School graduation ceremony, 11 a.m. at the Mayborn **Campus Center at the** University of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton.

June 4

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

JUNE 4

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

JUNE 4-7

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

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 7 Village of Salado

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

JUNE 7

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

JUNE 11-JULY 21

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

JUNE 12

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

JUNE 13

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

JUNE 14

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

JUNE 15-17

TABC Team Basketball Camp for JV and Varsity Players. Information at www.tabccampofchamps.com

JUNE 18-20

TABC Team Basketball Camp2 for JV and Varsity Players. Information at www.tabccampofchamps.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.

JUNE 27

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

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. More information 254-947-9205 or e-mail tablerock1@aol.com or

visit www.tablerock.org 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

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August 3

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November 29

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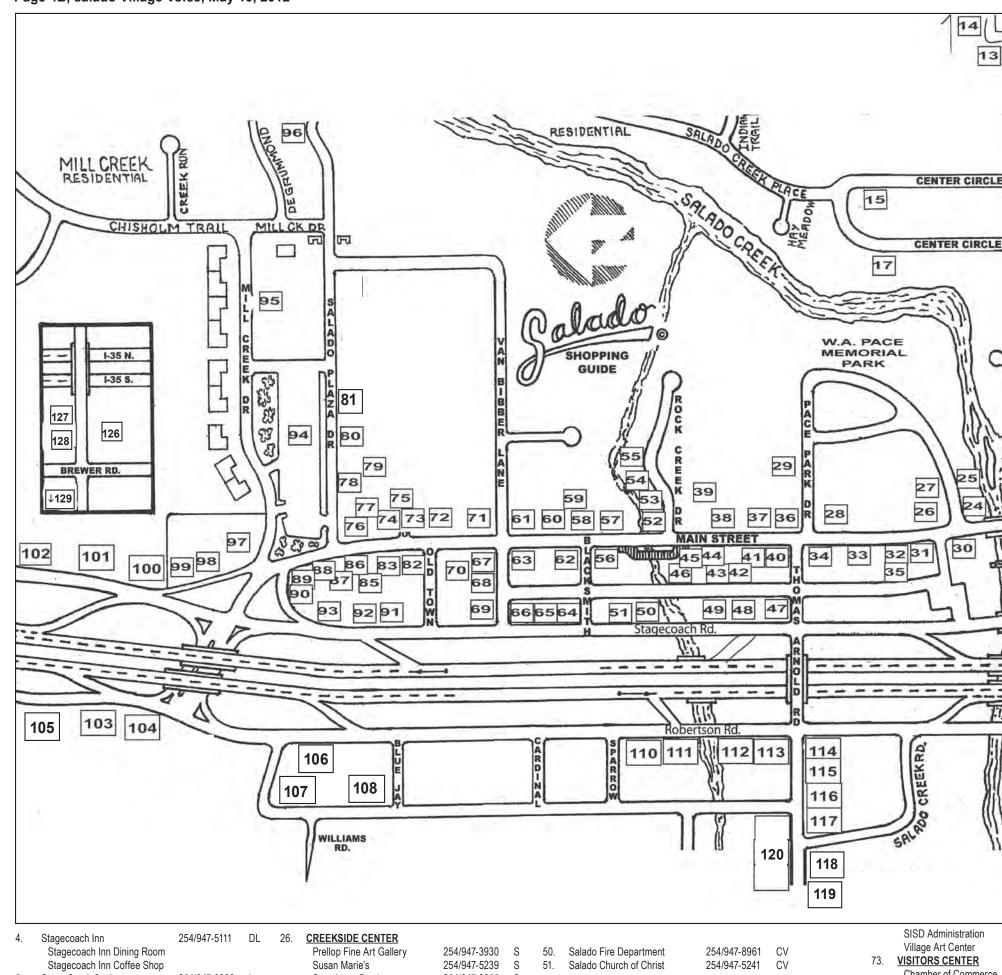


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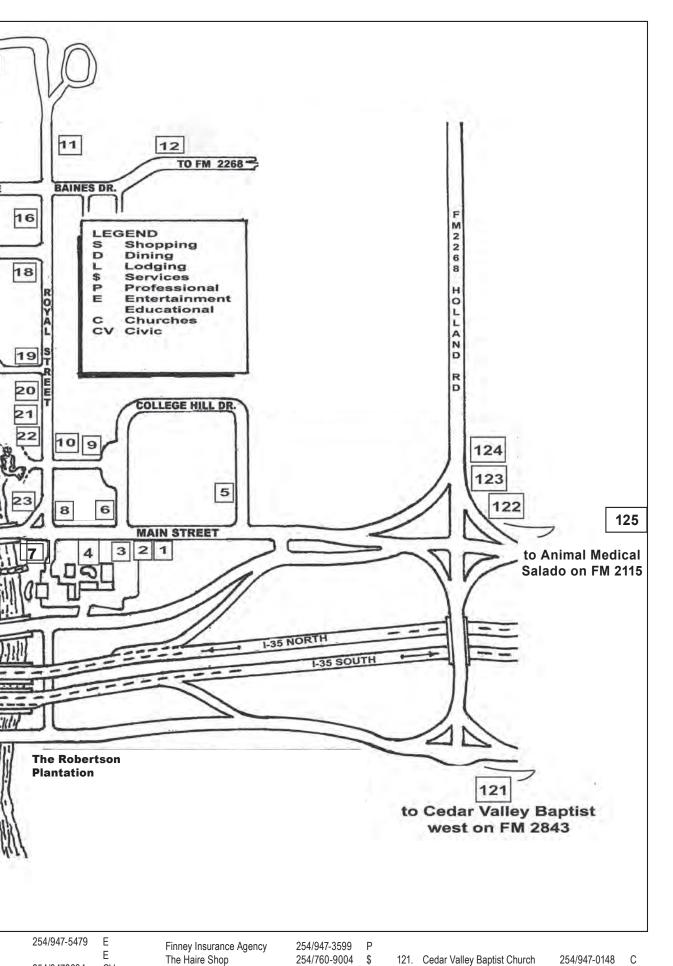


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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way

that each row across, each column down and

each small 9-box square contains all of the

numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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34 Bullets, e.g.

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South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

WEST

♥ A K J 4 2

♦ 9854

The bidding:

South

1 NT

♠ 10 9

NORTH **♥**1076

♦ KJ 10 2

SOUTH

North

3 NT

♥Q985

♦AQ6

West

Pass

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Opening lead — ten of spades.

Contract

By Steve Becker

This deal was played

many years ago in a

tournament in Vienna. It

features an exceptional

defensive play by West,

who laid a clever trap for

declarer and then had the

satisfaction of watching

suits at the one-level,

North-South arrived at

three notrump. West de-

cided that the best hope

to defeat the contract was

to find his partner with

strength behind dummy's

spades. So he led the

spade ten, which declarer ducked to East's queen.

East then shifted to a low

club, taken by dummy's

and three clubs -- and

concluded that the best

chance for a ninth lay in

developing a heart trick.

So at trick three, he led the

ten of hearts from dummy,

on which East played the

three and South the five.

But instead of taking the

trick with the jack, West

followed smoothly with

good fortune had the de-

sired effect on South. Con-

vinced that East must have

the jack of hearts, declarer

led another heart toward

his Q-9-8 in an attempt to

met with a cordial recep-

tion from West, who proceeded to cash four heart

tricks for down one. His

brilliant duck of the first

heart trick had lured a

greedy South down the

with nine tricks after the

ten of hearts held. But how many players would be able to resist the temp-

tation to try for an extra

trick once the heart jack

was "proven" to be with

taken the first heart trick,

South could not have been stopped from making the

As for West, had he

Of course, declarer could have romped home

road to disaster.

East?

contract.

The second heart lead

score an overtrick.

This apparent stroke of

the deuce!

South had eight tricks -- a spade, four diamonds

queen.

After bidding all four

him fall right into it.

Bridge

Famous hand

EAST

♦ K Q 6 4 2

♣J 10 7 5 2

East

Pass

Pass

- 38 From what place?
- 40 Angry 42 The girl

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- 43 Injury
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- 49 Former spouses
- 52 Corral
- 53 Spacecraft compartment

come to my yard, I put out seed I think they'll like so they keep coming back. I observed they preferred: thistle or sunflower chips. The chips won. Save some money and buy one kind of seed. Don't worry, they'll be back!

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Mother's Day delights

GLUTEN-FREE BAKED BERRY FRENCH TOAST

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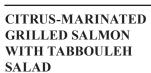
A berry-packed breakfast crowd pleaser that's made with gluten-free bread, sweetened with maple syrup and scented with nutmeg.

Ingredients
Canola spray oil
6 slices GlutenFree Bakehouse Light White Sandwich Bread, toasted

2 cups mixed berries, such as blueberries and sliced strawberries

5 eggs 1 cup lowfat milk 1/2 cup 365 Everyday Value Organic Maple Syrun

1 tsp grated nutmeg



Serves 5

Tabbouleh salad is a beloved whole grain dish. As with traditional versions, this recipe uses fragrant mint and parsley to flavor the salad, which proves a great match for grilled salmon topped with fresh tomatoes and cucumbers.

Ingredients Salad

1 cup uncooked bulgur wheat

1 1/2 cups boiling water Juice and zest of 2 lemons 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided

1 1/2 cups chopped flatleaf parsley

1/2 cup finely chopped chives

1/2 cup finely chopped red onion

1/4 cup finely chopped mint

Salt and pepper to taste

Salmon

3 tablespoons olive oil, plus more for oiling grill (if needed) Juice and zest of 1 orange

Salt and pepper to taste 5 (6-ounce) boneless skinon salmon fillets

1/3 cup finely chopped red onions

RASPBERRY MOUSSE Serves 8

Ingredients 1/2 cup berry blend 100% juice

1/2 cup vegan cane sugar 1/4 cup cornstarch

1/8 teaspoon fine sea salt 2 cups (from 2 6-ounce packages) fresh raspberries, divided

14-16 ounces silken tofu (refrigerated variety), drained

1 1/2 ounces dark chocolate, shaved with a vegetable peeler



Method

Preheat oven to 350°F. Oil an 8-inch baking pan and line with bread, overlapping slices and pressing them down to form a solid bottom layer; scatter berries over top. Whisk together eggs, milk, syrup and nutmeg and pour over bread. Bake until golden

brown and set, 45 to 50 minutes.

Nutrition per serving: 280 calories (60 from fat), 7g total fat, 1.5g saturated fat, 155mg cholesterol, 310mg sodium, 48g total carbohydrate (2g dietary fiber, 27g sugar), 8g protein



2 tomatoes, chopped, or 1 cup cherry or grape tomatoes, halved

1 cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped 1 tablespoon lemon juice Method

For the salad, put bulgur wheat, boiling water, lemon juice and oil into a large bowl and stir gently. Immediately cover with a dish towel and set aside for 1 hour. Uncover and fluff with a fork. Add zest, parsley, chives, onions, mint, salt and pepper and toss gently to combine. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for at least 1 hour.

Meanwhile, for the salmon, whisk together 2 tablespoons of the oil, zest and juice, salt and pepper in a wide, shallow dish. Arrange salmon in dish, turn to coat all over with marinade, cover and chill for 30 minutes.

Mint sprigs, for garnish (optional) Method

In a medium pot, whisk together juice, 1/2 cup water, sugar, cornstarch and salt and bring to a simmer over medium heat, whisking often. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook 30 seconds more, whisking constantly; remove pot from heat. (Juice mixture will be very thick.) In a food processor, purée 1 1/2 cups raspberries and the tofu until creamy and

Preheat grill and brush grates with oil. Remove salmon from marinade; discard remaining marinade. Arrange salmon on grill, skin side up, and cook, flipping once, until golden brown on both sides and just cooked through, about 10 minutes total. Transfer to a platter and set aside to let rest for 5 minutes.

Stir together onions, tomatoes, cucumbers, remaining 1 tablespoon oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Serve salmon on a bed of tabbouleh salad with the tomato-cucumber mixture spooned over the top.

Nutrition per serving: 580 calories (270 from fat), 30g total fat, 4.5g saturated fat, 105mg cholesterol, 580mg sodium, 34g total carbohydrate (9g dietary fiber, 6g sugar), 44g protein

smooth. Add juice mixture and process until well combined. Spoon mousse into small dishes or a serving bowl, cover and chill until very cold, 4 to 6 hours. Garnish with chocolate shavings, remaining 1/2 cup raspberries and mint. Serve immediately. Nutrition per serving: 150 calories (35 from fat), 4g total fat, 1.5g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 60mg sodium, 25g total carbohydrate (3g dietary fiber, 17g sugar), 5g protein

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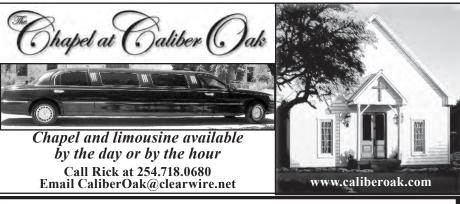
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Theater Camp Director-Kelly Parker; Assistant Director- Anna Easterling Parker and Tablerock Theater Camp Founder- Mike Doggett have planned Tablerock Theater Camp, an eight-day session starting on July 15 and running through July 22, 2012. The Camp is available to high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors and College Freshmen. The camp will enroll no more than 11 boys and 11 girls. Cost is \$650.00 per camper with a deposit of \$300.00 due by May 25, 2012. Small Scholarships are available. Daytime Only student cost is \$500.00. Tablerock is a member of the Institute of Outdoor Drama, head-

quartered at East Carolina University at Greenville, NC.

Every student will be cast in one performance of the nationally recognized Award Winning Outdoor Musical Drama Salado Legends. Classes will be taught by College professors, authors, stage directors, song writers, seasoned performers, story tellers and experts in various fields. Costuming by world renowned Sally Askins, Professor at Baylor University. Kelly Parker, Theater Professor at McLennan Community College will conduct courses on UIL; Chef Rod Stockstill and Chef Russell Stockstill will conduct classes on "Preparing Lunch for Poor, Hungry Actors"; Scouting for Costumes & Props by Jackie Mills; Writing Lyrics/Songs by Richard Paul Thomas, Jackie Mills and Tom Taylor; Stage Weapons by Arnie Bielss and Tim Wilson; Stage Lighting and Sound by Kelly Parker; Sponsorship/Advertising by Jackie Mills & Mary Hanik; How to Critique & Rewrite by Tom Taylor and Kelly Parker and story telling in Tablerock's "Faces in the Woods" by Tom Taylor. Other classes and instructors are under consideration. Housing and dining will be in air conditioned facilities. Some evening classes conducted in the amphitheater.

Trips out of town via Salado ISD air conditioned bus will take campers on tour to

Baylor Costume Department, to McClennan County College Theater Department in Waco, TX and to Temple to visit Goodwill and Salvation Army stores (a treasure trove for props & cos-There will be tumes). a walking tour of Salado (Tablerock is 3 blocks from downtown Salado) to visit the Silver Spur Theater and to visit downtown merchants in Salado.

Applications, Student and Parent Handbook and instructor's vita may be obtained on www. tablerock.org.

SALADO SILVER SPUR SUMMER CAMPS

playwright and screenplay author, as well as a stage and screen actress. Under her guidance, students will write their own scenes and have the opportunity to perform them in each camp's Friday performance for friends and family.

Rounding Academy staff, Esch of Salado will help workshoppers young

find their funny-bones with exercises in physical comedy, clowning and other circus skills. The veteran of Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus has shared the gift of laughter for 23 years as a professional entertainer in theater, television, movies, circus and street performances.

"Participants

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awaken their imaginations while receiving fun-filled instruction in performing and visual arts," Schreiner said. "Our mission is to fuel young imaginations by giving them the confidence and know-how to express their artistic visions."

"Kids don't have the conceptual boundaries we do," Russell added. "Their imaginations are not limited. All they need is a little direction and encouragement."

"For many children, the ability to create is innate," Edwards noted. "Their joy of self-discovery leads to greater exploration and expression. Our art studio environment fosters that growth by providing space, materials, time and freedom to examine interests and to grow as a whole person."

"The theater," Schreiner observed, "is, in a sense, an all-encompassing art studio, where both visual and performing arts can be melded into marvelous masterpieces through practice and focused attention.

"Teamwork is highly encouraged

she added.

"Studies have repeatedly shown that involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking and verbal skills." Edwards noted. learning also can improve motivation, concentration, confidence and work."

"It can build strong friendships, provide comfort and self-fulfillment, increase the desire to set and achieve goals, teach a positive work ethic and a cooperative spirit, and grow appreciation for other things," Schreiner said.

"Each camp session will begin with a yogabased warm-up of stretching and breathing, leading into dance, movement and imaginative play exercises to stimulate mind and body," she explained. "And that opens up the creative floodgates.

"The theater is, in a sense, an all-encompassing art studio, where both visual and performing arts can be melded into marvelous masterpieces through practice and focused with an attention. Creativity is emphasis on what can be like water from a spring," accomplished when cre- she noted. "They're both ative minds work together, great ways for kids and not only for ourselves, but parents to stay cool during the hot summer."

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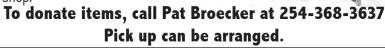
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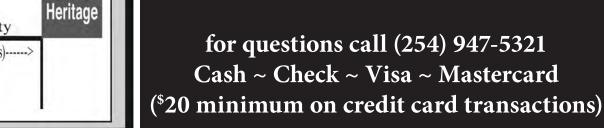
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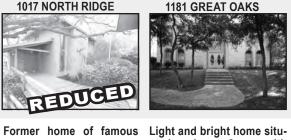
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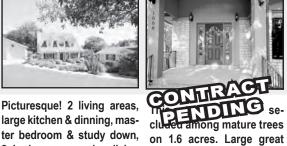
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talking to a store manag-

er in person may be even

more effective, especially

if you are armed with a

pile of your receipts from

the store from the previ-

ous month or two to show

how much spending power

you alone would be able to

allocate toward Fair Trade

versions of the items you

spread the Fair Trade gos-

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ples of Fair Trade products

that the store already sells

in order to raise awareness

Another creative way to

are buying there.

given product line.

The "Fair Trade Your Supermarket" campaign/Oil drilling on the Arctic Ocean's outer continental shelf

Dear EarthTalk: What is the "Fair Trade Your Supermarket" campaign? -- Brian Howley, Washington, DC

A project of the nonprofit Green America, the "Fair Trade Your Supermarket" campaign aims to empower consumers to advocate for more "Fair Trade" products on store shelves at their local supermarkets. Fair trade is a system of exchange that honors producers, communities and the environment by ensuring that farmers and artisans throughout the developing world are paid fair prices for their work and have direct involvement in the marketplace. The goal of the wider Fair Trade movement, according to Green America, is to build real and lasting relationships between producers in developing countries and businesses and consumers around the world.

And that's where your neighborhood grocer comes in. "While the Fair Trade movement is gaining steam nationwide, most of our supermarkets still carry few-if any-Fair Trade products on their shelves," reports Green America. "Together, we can put Fair Trade products within reach for millions of Americans."

And just how does Green America expect us to do this? "First, take stock of Fair Trade products in your supermarket-look for coffee, tea, chocolate, rice, sugar, honey, wine, fresh fruit, and olive oil." Scan the relevant aisles for thirdparty certifier Fair Trade USA's distinctive blackand-white "Fair Trade Certified" label, which is

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Dear EarthTalk: The oil industry is planning what some call a dangerous strategy of drilling

for oil on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Arctic Ocean. What's going on? -- Vera Bailey, New Hope, PA

In November 2011 the Obama administration began lifting the moratorium on off-shore drilling that had been imposed in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon disaster. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced a five year plan including 15 leases for oil development on Alaska's Outer Continental Shelf and in the Gulf of Mexico. For now the East and West coasts of the continental U.S. have been spared from drilling, but environmentalists are particularly worried about opening up the fragile Alaskan Arctic to off-shore rigs.

"This five-year program will make available for development more than three-quarters of undiscovered oil and gas resources estimated on the [Outer Continental Shelf], including frontier areas such as the Arctic, where we must proceed cautiously, safely and based on the best science available," Salazar told reporters.

Republicans were incensed that more acreage was not being made available for off-shore drilling, but environmentalists couldn't believe what they were hearing for different reasons: In June 2011 the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) had released a 292-page report commissioned by Interior Secretary Salazar "to identify the gaps in scientific or technical knowledge about how drilling in the Beaufort and Chukchi seas north of Alaska would affect the region," reports Jerry Bellinson in Popular Mechanics. The report, Bellinson says, "details several areas where those gaps exist, including oilspill cleanup technologies, basic mapping of currents and the effects of underwater noise on sea mammals." Despite the USGS's warnings, the Obama administration decided to proceed anyway.

"Drilling infrastructure permanently alters ocean floor habitats," reports Defenders of Wildlife. "Drill rig footprints, undersea pipelines, dredging ship channels, and dumped drill cuttingsthe rock material dug out of the oil or gas well—are often contaminated with drilling fluid used to lubricate and regulate the pressure in drilling operations." The group adds that contaminated sediments are carried long distances by currents and can kill important small bottomdwelling creatures at the bottom of the marine food chain.

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Defenders also argues that spills, leaks and occasional BP-like catastrophes are unavoidable with off-shore oil drilling, if history is any guide. "Even with safety protocols in place, leaks and spills are inevitableeach year U.S. drilling operations send an average of 880,000 gallons of oil into the ocean."

As for wildlife, offshore drilling can have devastating effects even with no spills or leaks. "Seismic surveys conducted during oil and gas exploration cause temporary or permanent hearing loss, induce behavioral changes, and even physically injure marine mammals such as whales, seals and dolphins," reports Defenders. "Construction noise from new facilities and pipelines is also likely to interfere with foraging and communication behaviors of birds and mammals. Because they are at the top of the food chain, many marine mammals will be exposed to the dangers of bioaccumulation of organic pollutants and metals." And offshore drilling only adds insult to injury as far as Defenders is concerned: "In the face of the climate crisis, the U.S. needs to look for ways to decrease petroleum consumption, not...increase it."

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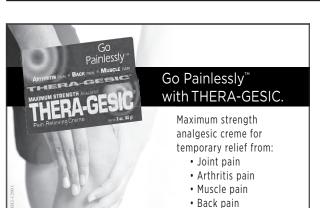
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