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Meet your newspaper staff Salado Village Voice in third decade

The Salado Village Voice newspaper will mark more than three decades of service to the Village of Salado in early spring this year.

During that time, the newspaper has always been a family affair, since its founding by Dayton Kelly in 1979. After Dayton's death, his sons Dennis and Bill operated the newspaper until the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper in 1988.

As we begin 2010, *Salado Village Voice* staffers would like to introduce themselves to the community they serve.

Salado Village Voice has a staff of five, including publishers Tim and Marilyn Fleischer. Other staffers are Ken Clapp, political columnist; Stephanie Hood, advertising composition and Royce Wiggin, office assistant.

In addition to individual awards by staff members, *Salado Village Voice* has been honored by the community and state. The newspaper was the first-ever Business of the Year, awarded in January 2003 by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. The newspaper has also been named multiple times to the Texas Association of School Board's Honor Roll for news coverage of the Salado school district.

The newspaper qualified for the Periodicals rating from the US Post Office in 2009 and will be joining the Texas Press Association in 2010.

Tim Fleischer

Tim Fleischer has been a newspaperman since he was 16, working for both weeklies and daily newspapers. "I got the Devil's Ink at an early age and haven't been able to get rid of it," he said of his 26 years in the newspaper industry.

For more than 20 years of it, he has been the editor of the *Salado Village Voice*.

But his love for Salado has been for more than two decades. "I came to Salado for the Art Fair and Gathering of the Clans with my parents when I was growing up in Coryell County," he said. "I drove through it every day on my way to run a small newspaper in Florence."

Tim and Marilyn Fleischer have published the newspaper since 1988. During that time, the newspaper has grown from an eight-page tabloid to a 28- to 44-page paper of three sections including two sections with full color.

"We have grown with the community and are a reflection of it," he said.

In those years, the newspaper has won several awards from the Texas Community Newspaper Association, where *Salado Village Voice* competed against newspapers from San Antonio, Dallas,



Tim Fleischer

Houston, Austin and around the state.

Tim has won several TCNA awards: advertising design (third in state for large ad format and third in state for advertising series); editorial work (first in state for editorial writing, third in state for column writing) and second in state for community service (for articles during the incorporation election).

Fleischer has always been named to the Texas Association of School Boards Media Honor Roll several times during his tenure at the helm of the newspaper, including the 2008 Honor Roll. Media are recommended and nominated for the Honor Roll by local school boards for their coverage of schools.

He has also served the community in a variety of capacities, including four years on the board of directors of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and six years on the board of directors of the Institute for Humanities at Salado. He was president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and treasurer for two years of the Institute for Humanities.

Fleischer recently rejoined the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, filling out an unexpired term. He and wife Marilyn will chair the Salado Art Fair in 2010.

Tim is also a Mason and twice Past Master of the Salado Masonic Lodge #296.

He and wife Marilyn share responsibilities at the newspaper. "She runs the office and I make editorial decisions," he said.



Marilyn Fleischer

Marilyn Fleischer

Marilyn got the Devil's Ink in her blood after meeting Tim more than 20 years ago.

She worked for TU Electric prior to the purchase of the *Salado Village Voice* in March 1988.

She also owned and operated a plant business in the Killeen/Copperas Cove area for several years while raising her three children.

During their years in Salado, Marilyn has served the community in many ways. "I think I have been most satisfied with my work with the Salado Family Relief Fund," she said. In addition to her work to establish the Family Relief Fund, Marilyn has also been Art Fair chairperson for two years, and served three years as a Chamber of Commerce Director. She currently serves on the Salado Civic Center board of directors.

She has also won awards from the TCNA. She has twice been honored. She won second place for Best Feature Photo and second place for Community Service for her work with the Family Relief Fund.

The Fleischers' children -- Royce Wiggin and Jenny Wiggin, are both graduates of Salado High School -- have grown up in the eye of the community. Royce graduated in 2007, beginning in second grade in Salado schools. Jenny began her school career as a kindergartener at Thomas Arnold Elementary School and graduated in 2009.

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January named School Board Recognition month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2010 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation of the critical role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"The biggest challenge of education is also one of its greatest strengths. During a time when state and national mandates rightly place more emphasis than ever on setting the bar high for education, it remains important for each community to retain control of its own educational system," Governor Perry said.

Salado school board trustees are these: Deborah Aldridge, third term; Rodney Bell, first term; Kim Bird, first term; Miriam Ervi, fourth term; Jim Reed, first year; Darrell Street, second term and first year as President of the Board.

"We encourage every community to acknowledge the commitment that board service requires of more than 7,000 locally elected school board members in Texas and support them as they tackle the enormous task of governing school districts. We applaud their dedication as they offer vision and leadership and work to empower every child to succeed," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

The Salado ISD Board of Trustees will meet in regular session 6 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Salado Civic Center. The regular meetings are open to the public. Each regular meeting has an opportunity for the public to address the board.

SARW will host candidate forum

Salado Area Republican Women will host a candidates' forum and dinner 6 p.m. Jan. 28 at Tenroc Ranch, 5471 Thomas Arnold Road in Salado.

All candidates serving the Bell County area are invited including statewide candidates.

Social time starts at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Candidates running for office will be afforded an opportunity to speak. Public officials in office will also be introduced.

The dinner meeting is open to the public and reservations may be made by mailing a \$20 check to SARW, Pac; P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 76571 but reservations need to be received by January 22, 2010.

Individuals desiring to vote in the March Primary must be registered by Feb. 1. The Primary is March 2.



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Village Board of Aldermen meeting
scheduled for Jan. 7 has been
cancelled and rescheduled for 6 p.m.
Jan 14 at the Village Municipal
Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Janet Napolitano's man-caused disaster

Janet Napolitano is impressed with Janet Napolitano's work. In an instantly notorious statement on CNN, the Homeland Security secretary said "the system worked" when a man boarded a Christmas Day flight from Amsterdam to Detroit with explosives in his underwear that he couldn't quite manage to ignite.

Does "the system" count on all explosive devices smuggled onto international flights not detonating? When Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab set himself on fire while trying to blow up the plane and kill its 278 passengers, a Dutch filmmaker lept on him, ripped a smoldering object from near his crotch and put it out with his bare hands. Or as Napolitano put it, "Everybody played an important role here."

This is a bizarre division of labor. You carefully pack to avoid any liquids more than 3 ounces. You stand in a security line. You take off your shoes. You get your fingernail clippers confiscated. You run your carry-on bags through an X-ray machine and walk through a metal detector. And after all that, it's still your responsibility to subdue the terrorist in the next row.

Napolitano immediately took back her praise of "the system," in a tacit acknowledgment that its only success was in demonstrating its own industrial-scale irrationality. At a cost of \$30 billion since 2004, we've implemented security procedures ideally suited to harassing innocent passengers who only want to travel from Point A to Point B with minimal inconvenience. It's only the terrorists we have trouble handling.

If a terrorist is a proverbial needle in a haystack, Abdulmutallab constituted something closer to a sledgehammer. His father, a powerful banker in Nigeria, warned the U.S. Embassy that he might be dangerous. This didn't prompt any further investigation, but got Abdulmutallab entered into the Terrorist

Rich Lowry



Identities Datamart Environment, a massive database that evidently does nothing to enjoin terrorists from traveling to the U.S. on missions of mass murder.

Even by the most basic standard of post-9/11 travel, Abdulmutallab should have set off alarms. He reportedly bought his ticket in cash and only had carry-on luggage. Never mind his travel history that included a trip to Yemen.

It's never going to be easy for a free society to defend itself from furtive enemies, but that doesn't excuse willful obliviousness. We should move to a more Israel-style security system, devoting more energy to the intelligence and on-the-spot assessments necessary to focus on the greatest potential threats. And we should resist the civil libertarians who create pressure to narrow down the most meaningful watch lists and work to forestall adoption of more effective whole-body imaging scanners.

For its part, the Obama administration should frankly acknowledge that the "war on terror" wasn't a Bush-Cheney construct to scare and manipulate the American public. Napolitano did her utmost to avoid even uttering the word "terror" at a 2009 congressional hearing, preferring the absurd neologism "man-caused disaster."

That's a phrase best applied to the shoeless shuffle at the airport security lines, not the heinous acts of war plotted by Abdulmutallab and his inevitable successors.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2010 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Full report on "personal" letter from GOP Chairman; Plus feedback from DNGers about December column

This is the time of year when we clear our desk of all notes, scraps, clippings and other bits of flotsam and jetsam which are discardable, as one of the few resolutions we annually try on for size: **Resolve to be neater!**

A goal that normally results in a burgeoning pile of "too good to toss" stuff at year's end, which finally brings us around to this week's column-opener: **A recently received "personal" letter from (of all places) headquarters of the Republican National Committee!**

That's right folks - a four page missive from Michael Steele, Chair of the RNC, seeking my opinion - as a "grassroots" friend of the Grand Old Party!

Steele apparently assumed I was either an active GOPer or a "right thinking leaner" of some sort, since he included a registered "Obama Agenda Survey" to be completed and returned.

We're not certain who it's registered with - but it came with a strong warning: **"Do Not Destroy"**.

The "slanted" questionnaire centered on what I thought about "everything" Obama had done thus far (Steele never referred to Obama as President - just "Obama") and following the 15 questions - guess what? **You nailed it!** A request for money and not just a five buck donation: Started with \$500 and dwindled down to "Other".

GOPERS LIST NEEDS

A careful examination of the aforementioned letter strongly suggests that the Republican Party currently has some very special needs, as follows - **in their own words:** (A) "The Republican Party has been on the defensive and now needs to refocus and rebuild." (B) "We must offer substantive alternatives to Obama's agenda and not just oppose it" and (C) "Unfortunately Obama and Democrats have lots of money so we (Republicans) need to start building our campaign war chest".

All of which brought Chairman Steele back to his starting point: "Send in a contribution."

COMMENTARY ON TOP-GOP LETTER

Outside of the fact that this column has either been mixed up in the GOP's computer files or some Village "friend" sent our name in for pure mischievousness - it was interesting to get an inside look at what the Repubs are up to - at this grim point in their minority status in Congress and the White House.

Chairman Steele noted several times, that Republicans are "Not going to give up or go away!" - so Democrats can forget that 2010 hope.

GOPers are also going after their disaffected defectors who went with the President in '08, but are unhappy with all that's going on in the nation's capital today.

And lastly - the Grand Old Party plans to stop being just "defensive" bystanders, which makes us wonder what (and who) they've been blasting away at this past year.

Anyway, if it gets worse, don't expect their congressional squad to exhibit the slightest tinge of non-partisanship, when it comes to resolving upcoming national or international problems.

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



DEMOCRATS NO BETTER

And don't be lulled into thinking the Democratic brass are any different. Check out Speaker Pelosi and Majority leader Reid and see if you can find even a glimmer of cooperative action.

All this inter-party palaver about working together for the good-of-the-nation, is about as beneficial as a "hot-air" blimp providing coverage of a football game played in a covered stadium!

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FEEDBACK ON PREVIOUS COLUMN

Feedback on what's produced in this column - particularly if the subject is controversial - is usually prompt and well divided between miffed, peeved and hostile.

Not so - with views from our local "Do-No-Gooders" who are still gathering with alarming regularity at the Stagecoach Coffee Shop. These pugnacious curmudgeons apparently have to think about things (desultorily) before commenting, as is the case today: Seems several of the DNGers read the December 10 column on "Republicans and their new loyalty pledge mandate."

You might recall our "comments" on GOP leaders who were using harsh measures to lure wayward members back to the fold when many of them were already headed that way: We termed it puzzling at best. Or, better yet - bordering on the cuckoo level!

That's what produced several DNGer rejoinders, including one banterer who offered: **"You reckon some bad old liberal - slyly disguised as a true-blue (sorry - "true-red") Republican, infiltrated the National Republican Committee headquarters and wrote a loyalty pledge that appears to have been purloined from the moribund tale: 'Ten Ways To Commit Political Suicide'?"**

Another local droller snidely offered: **"If Sarah Palin would snazzy up like she did for the cover of Newsweek (Nov 23) I'd happily follow her anywhere - anytime."**

He then asked for anonymity fearing his better half might give him the same "heave-ho" being planned for the runaway Repubs.

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QUOTE OF THE YEAR

At the start of each new year - we look for the best "off-the-wall" politically inspired quote from the preceding year.

Our 2009 selection was written by John Kelso, Austin American Statesman's humorist, after he observed Tom DeLay's "Dancing With The Stars" spectacle.

Kelso described Tom's performance in general, and his pants in particular: "Like watching two hippos mating under a Snuggie!"

Which hopefully will be the **final obit** on DeLay's TV appearances: "politically and/or otherwise."

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AND FINALLY.....

We wish you and yours a belated "Happy New Year" filled with good news on all fronts: Personal, Political, and Economic!

That's -30-

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The Way Forward

Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner

In 2010, Americans should demand that our leaders be followers. They ought to do what the rest of us are already doing.

Let's begin with spending. According to a poll conducted by Consumer Reports magazine, two-thirds of Americans planned to reduce their spending on holiday gifts. That made sense in this economy. Unemployment was up, employee pay wasn't, and people wanted to hang on to their hard-earned money. If only our federal government would do the same thing.

Instead, Washington closed out 2009 by promising to increase spending even more.

In a December radio address, President Barack Obama declared that his administration would keep trying to "spend our way out of this recession." Obama wants to throw more federal funding at infrastructure (whatever happened to the "shovel ready" projects we heard about last February?) and create new tax breaks for consumers who invest in energy-efficient retrofits in their homes ("cash for caulkers").

Keep in mind that the administration's current spending plans would create as much government debt as every other president from George Washington to George W. Bush. Combined.

Obama plans a trillion more in new federal spending, he wants to spend a trillion on health care reform, he tossed away \$787 billion on an ineffective stimulus plan, and on and on and on.

Consumer Reports puts things very nicely. "I always tell people to stick with cash whenever possible, because when you have to take money, put in your hand the actual dollars and see them flying out of your hand into the cash register, it makes you much more of a disciplined shopper," the magazine's "Tightwad" Tod Marks says.

It's time for our policymakers to show some of that same discipline, and stop piling up debt that will need to be repaid by our children and grandchildren.

Congress should also

follow public opinion on health care. By early December, polls showed little support for the reform bills being raced through Congress. A CNN poll in December showed that a mere 36 percent of Americans supported the Senate's legislation, while 61 percent opposed it.

In January, members of the House and Senate will have to reconcile the different bills each house passed. But instead, lawmakers ought to agree to just kill both of these unpopular measures and start over, especially since the Senate bill turned into what's known in Washington as a "Christmas tree."

"I don't know if there is a senator that doesn't have something in this bill that was important to them," Majority Leader Harry Reid put it just before Christmas. "And if they don't have something in it important to them, then it doesn't speak well of them." Actually, it doesn't speak well of our elected officials when they're buying votes with our tax money. They should show some real leadership, start over and draft a reform bill that really helps people.

Finally, nobody likes a tax increase, so Congress should get to work on making the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts permanent. Many of those cuts are set to expire at the end of this year. Unless they're renewed, lower-income Americans will suffer. For example, at the end of 2010:

The 10-percent tax bracket would disappear, replaced by a 15-percent rate.

Couples would see the marriage penalty return.

Taxpayers with children would lose 50 percent of their child tax credits.

It's seldom a good idea to raise taxes. But jacking them up as the country is struggling to recover from recession would be especially bad and could push us back to the brink of economic disaster.

As this election year kicks off, our leaders would do well to listen to the wisdom of the people -- before they learn it first hand in November.

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

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Preserving the CLASS Act is vital to senior care

By LARRY MINNIX

As the healthcare debate continues to unfold, a little-known but important provision in the Democrats' reform package that would fill a huge gap in our nation's health insurance system is attracting renewed attention.

This provision -- the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Act, or CLASS Act for short -- would create a national long-term care insurance program. It couldn't come at a better time.

Roughly 10 million Americans are currently in need of long-term services and supports. That number is expected to increase by half over the next 10 years. Yet few Americans have insurance plans that cover such care.

Many people assume that Medicare will take care of any long-term services and supports they may need down the road. Unfortunately, that's not the case. Medicaid -- the government health-insurance program for the poor -- will pay for long-term care, but seniors and the disabled would have to impoverish themselves in order to qualify.

The CLASS Act would create a voluntary insurance program that would pay out cash benefits in the event a beneficiary became

too disabled to perform normal daily activities, like getting dressed. Those who elected to participate would have premiums deducted from their paycheck.

By providing benefits in cash -- an estimated \$50 to \$75 a day -- the CLASS program would ensure that beneficiaries could go on leading productive, independent lives. And unlike some forms of insurance, CLASS benefits would continue for as long as a person's need persists -- whether that's three months or a lifetime.

It's important to note that this money is not designed to replace private insurance. CLASS benefits simply provide a financial backstop to protect against disability- or age-induced impoverishment. Beneficiaries would be expected to have supplemental private coverage as well.

Other countries have found that government-sponsored long-term care insurance actually stimulates the purchase of private policies. In France, sales of private "wrap around" policies have jumped 15 percent annually since lawmakers there created a long-term care program. Germany saw a similar jump in private insurance sales after it created its long-term care plan.

If these countries' experiences are any indication, the CLASS program would

serve as a low-cost "foot-hold" that makes private coverage more affordable for those who might typically be scared away from long-term care policies by high prices.

Critics of the CLASS program claim that it will add to the federal deficit. But that's not the case. Because people would pay premiums to participate, the CLASS Act's benefits would be funded exclusively by beneficiaries' premiums and earned interest, not general tax dollars. The reform package also mandates that the program remain solvent for 75 years. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and other experts have found that the CLASS plan will meet this requirement.

In fact, the CBO estimates that the program would actually lead to about \$72 billion in net deficit reduction over the next 10 years.

The CLASS provision would help millions of Americans afford vital care. Establishing this voluntary and fiscally responsible program now, under the healthcare reform umbrella, will ensure that America's most vulnerable get the care they need now and into the future.

LARRY MINNIX IS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF HOMES AND SERVICES FOR THE AGING.

Who wants to die for Zarzai?



Jim Hightower

With some notable exceptions and a great deal of grumbling in its ranks, Congress seems to be going right along with Obama's Afghan plan. Such as it is.

Washington will add some 30,000 U.S. troops to the war, practically none of which will be loved ones of White House staffers, lawmakers, Pentagon officials, and the war contractors who are behind the push. This latest escalation means 100,000 of our troops will soon be on the line there, facing trauma, maiming, and death. America's money goes with them--the cost of maintaining each soldier in this faraway land is roughly a million dollars a year.

For what? We're told that the goal is to build up the Afghan army and central government of President Hamid Karzai so they can, someday, secure their own divided, war-torn country. Whether that's really in our national interest, much less worthy of the sacrifice of American blood and treasure, is doubtful. But one thing is not in doubt: Continuing to prop up Hamid Karzai is a disgrace.

His inept and thoroughly corrupt presidency, assured only by bribes and massive electoral fraud in his recent re-election campaign, is not worthy of a single American life or dollar. Obama claims that Karzai will end the corruption--or else. Or else what? No one says.

Meanwhile, at a recent anti-corruption dog-and-pony show in the Afghan capital, Karzai made a terrible showing. He made a point of defending the city's mayor, who's already been convicted of misusing public funds and is facing more charges of embezzlement and abuse of power. Karzai called him a "clean person" and pushed to reverse his conviction.

Washington keeps telling Karzai to get rid of all the corrupt officials in his government. But wait--it's his government. He's the chief of corruption! Why should anyone else die for this guy?

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More about golf carts on roads; writer gives thanks for home tour

To the Editor:

I recently wrote you a letter expressing my concerns with allowing golf carts to have access to the crowded roads in our beautiful town.

I also provided the Aldermen with a copy of an ordinance from another community (in NC) which

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Letters to the Editor

allows golf carts on their roadways.

I researched statutes in several states and while most of the rules were similar, the one I provided to the Alderman was the best written and comprehensive of all. At the last meeting in December, the Aldermen decided to follow the Texas State regulations for golf carts. This is a step in the right direction but far short of a safe answer to allowing these vehicles on our roads.

There are several unanswered questions in the Texas statutes. The State rules do not allow golf carts on any road with a posted speed limit in excess of 35 mph, so driving to the Post Office or any of the business along Stagecoach where the speed limit is 40 mph will be illegal. The State requires insurance, what kind of insurance? The cart must be operated in daylight only and be no more than 2 miles from the place where it is normally parked. There are also minimum equipment requirements for these carts. Now the unanswered questions that really have me upset are: (1) will only licensed drivers be allowed to operate these vehicles? (2) what are the fines for non compliance? (3) who is going to enforce these requirements?

If history is any example we will have 12 year-olds driving these carts all

over town with absolutely no enforcement of the rules the Aldermen have decided to follow.

Sincerely,
Ltc(ret) R. Todd Schwenke

To the Editor:

The Christmas Homes Tour was absolutely beautiful last month. I would like to thank the Morrisons, the Posvars, the Brooks and Jack Husung, who so graciously opened their home to us.

Friends from Austin who joined me for the tour were in awe over the homes and the lovely decorations.

I would also like to extend thanks to Hulda Horton and the Salado Historical Society for putting the tour together.

The Home Tour is a very special event for Salado is such a beautiful beginning for the Christmas Season.

Sincerely,
Jane Voigt

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Boys drop district opener; Cagers compete in Sinton

Salado Eagles Varsity cagers are 8-11 and 0-1 after a district-opening loss to Lexington and an appearance in the Sinton Tournament over the Christmas holidays.

Salado 43
Lexington 51

Lexington Eagles handed Salado a district-opening loss on the road by outscoring by six points in the second half.

Lexington closed a narrow 7-5 first quarter lead by Salado to hold a 21-19 halftime lead.

Braxton Tucker shot 47 percent from the field on 17 tries to score 17 points. He also had two blocks, four rebounds and two steals in the game.

Others scoring for Salado were these:

Koby Spears, 8 points, 1 assist, 1 rebound and 1 steal; Jacob Heiner, 4 points, 1 assist, 1 rebound and 1 steal; Hunter Ward, 3 points and 1 assist; Colton Meiman, 3 points, 3 assists, 1 rebound and 1 steal and Paul Warren, 2 points.

Sinton Tournament

Salado Eagles won two of four games during the Sinton Invitational Tournament Dec. 28-29. The Eagles beat Refugio and Lehman in the middle rounds and lost to Rockport-Fulton and Tuluso-Midway.

Salado 55
Rockport-Fulton 57

Salado allowed Rockport-Fulton to score 13 points in the fourth quarter of their first-round contest, forcing the game into overtime tied at 45.

Rockport-Fulton outscored Salado 10-12 in overtime for the 55-57 win.

Tucker had 14 points to lead the Eagles in scoring. He also had 1 assist, 4 rebounds and 2 steals.

Meiman matched his 14 points and also had 4 assists and 1 steal.

Also scoring for Salado were the following: Spears, 9 points, 1 assist, 1 rebound; Shannon Ponder, 5 points, 1 assist, 2 rebounds and 1 steal;

Ward, 5 points, 1 assist and 1 rebound; Warren, 3 points, 2 assists and 1 rebound; Jada Kornegay, 2 points, 1 assist, 2 rebounds and 1 steal; Caleb Little, 2 points, 1 block and 4 rebounds; and Heiner, 1 point, 3 assists and 1 rebound.

Refugio 28
Salado 76

Salado Eagles took a 41-15 halftime lead over Refugio in the second round of the Sinton Tournament Dec. 28, going on to win easily 76-28.

Tucker shot 75 percent from the field on 12 tries and scored 21 points to lead Salado. He also had 4 assists, 8 rebounds and a steal.

Kornegay shot 45 percent on 11 tries from the field to score 13 points. He also had 8 assists, 7 rebounds and 1 steal.

Also scoring: Warren, 8 points, 3 assists, 3 rebounds and 1 steal; Ponder, 8 points and 3 rebounds; Spears, 8 points, 7 rebounds and 1 steal;

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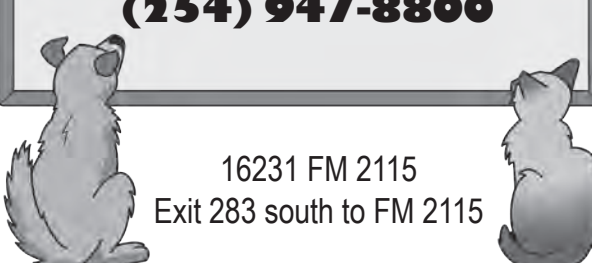
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Lady Eagles start District 3-0

Varsity Girls 61
Jarrell 40

The Salado Varsity Girls beat Jarrell 61-40 to open district Dec. 18. The Lady Eagles led the first quarter 16-6, and would end the first half with a score of 32-23. Salado would make the lead larger in the third quarter for a score of 46-28. Salado maintained it's lead in the fourth quarter for a final of 61-40.

Hadley Joiner led Salado scoring 15 points.

Followed by Kirsten McGillick scoring 10 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Carling Urben and Clark, each scoring 8 points; Alexis Bowman, 7 points; Billi Pipes, 4 points.

Gatesville Tourney

Varsity Girls 39
Brownwood 50

Salado lost the first game of the Gatesville Tourney to Brownwood. The Lady Eagles held an early lead of 11-4 in the first quarter. Salado would go into the half tied 18-18. The third quarter would end with the Salado trailing 2 points, 29-31. Salado would not be able to regain the lead and the game would end 39-50.

Joiner led Salado scoring 15 points.

Followed by Brennan Boydston scoring 8 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: McGillick, 6 points; Urben and Pipes, each scored 4 points; Bowman, 2 points.

Varsity Girls 32
Wimberly 44

Salado dropped it's second game of the Gatesville Tourney to Wimberly. Salado was behind early in the first half with a score of 9-14 in the first quarter and a score of 17-27 by the half. Salado would trail for the rest of the second half. The game would end with a score of 32-44.

Joiner led Salado scoring 10 points.

Followed by Boydston scoring 8 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Pipes, 6 points; Urben, 3 points; Clark and Bowman, 2 points each; McGillick, 1 point.

Varsity Girls 60
Marlin 68

The Varsity Girls were outscored in fourth quarter to lose their third game of the Gatesville Tourney against Marlin. The Lady Eagles led Marlin 21-17 in the first quarter, and led 34-28 into the half. Salado's lead would shorten to 4 points in the third quarter for a score of 49-45. Salado would lose the lead and the game as they were outscored 11-23 in the fourth quarter for a final of score of 60-68.

Boydston led Salado scoring a total of 24 points.

Followed by Joiner scoring 12.

Also scoring for Salado were: Pipes and Clark, each scoring 6 points; Urben, 5 points; McGillick, 3 points; Bowman, 2 points.

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JV Boys basketball results

After two recent wins over the Christmas holidays, the Salado JV Boys basketball team is 4-3 with a district opening win over Lexington.

Salado 54
Robinson 46

The Salado JV Boys beat 3A Robinson JV 54-46 on Dec. 21.

The boys held a slim first quarter lead of 12-10, extending it to 25-17 at the half. Both teams scored 29 second half points.

Tony Sager led Salado with 24 points, followed by Bubba Luna, who had 11 points.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Kyle Bradley, 7 points, Johnny Jordan, 4 points, Cameron Smith, 3 points, Trey McGlothlin, 3 points and Cody Wortham, 2 points.

Salado 66
Lexington 28

Salado JV Boys opened district play by clipping the Lexington JV Eagles 66-28 on Jan. 2.

Salado took an eight-point

first quarter lead of 19-11, extending it to 30-19 at the half. The Eagles ran away from Lexington with a 20-point third quarter, 50-16. They padded it further with 16 points in the fourth.

Peyton Best led the scoring for Salado with 16 points. Sager followed with 11 points. McGlothlin also had double figures with 10 points.

Also contributing were Luna, 9 points, Marshall Mann, 5 points, Bradley, 4 points, Reece Nicholson, 3 points, and Jordan, Wortham, Jonathan Franz and Ty Ro-

emer, all with 2 points.

JV White 27
Robinson 46

The Boys JV White were beaten by Robinson. Salado trailed early in the first quarter 2-12 and would trail 10-27 by the half. The game would end with a final of 27-46.

Marshall Mann led Salado scoring 9 points.

Followed by Cooper Cox scoring 7 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Andrew Warren, 4 points; Austin Adams and Brandon Womac, 3 points each; Josh Oyler, 1 point.

Junior high girls results

8th A Salado 32

Rogers 13

Jaylee Sebek - 8 pts.

Ashley Adams - 8 pts.

Taryn Kornegay - 6 pts.

Morgan Mattson - 4 pts.

Reagan Best - 4 pts.

Josie Norman - 2 pts.

8th B Salado 9

Rogers 16

Rachel Hildebrand - 6 pts.

Rachel Ray - 2 pts.

Sheyenne Hicks - 2 pts.

7th A Salado 29

Rogers 26

Vera Funk - 9 pts.

Carmella Perez - 8 pts.

Taylor Atwood - 4 pts.

Kristen Oakes - 3 pts.

Bethany Cheatham - 2 pts.

Grace Tauferner - 2 pts.

CeCe Cantu - 1 pt.

7th B Salado 4

Rogers 10

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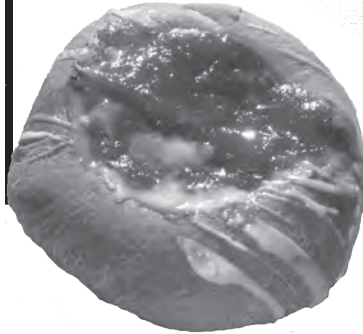
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He studied Journalism in high school and after three years' service with the Air Force followed later by a year's recall to active duty during the Korean conflict, Ken returned to Southwestern University in Georgetown with his wife Melba and their children.

Graduating with honors, Ken began teaching government, history and journalism at Uvalde High School. He later received his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Texas in Austin and was promoted to assistant high school principal.

After 10 years as teacher-administrator, Ken accepted the position of managing editor of the Uvalde Leader-News. Two years later he moved to Killeen as that school district's Director of Personnel, Research and Public Relations.

In 1972, Ken took a leave of absence to work with Uvaldean Dolph Briscoe in the rancher-banker's successful run for Governor. Governor Briscoe convinced Clapp to remain in state government thus ending his 18-year career as teacher and administrator. Clapp became the Governor's executive assistant and chief of staff in 1974.

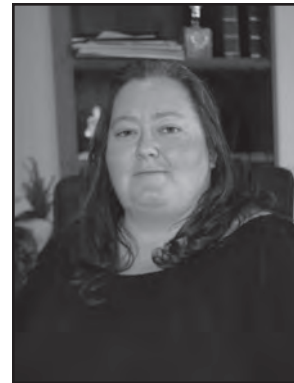
Before leaving office, Governor Briscoe appointed Clapp to the Texas Employment Commission in late 1978 to represent Texas employers. Commissioner



Ken Clapp



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Clapp was approved unanimously by the Texas Senate in January 1979 and served a full six year term before retiring in December 1984.

Returning to their Bell County home, Ken and his wife Melba, founded the Salado Post-Dispatch, located in the historic Vickrey-Berry house. The recession of '85-'86 took its toll including the Post-Dispatch, however never straying far from journalism, Ken continued writing a political column for a number of Texas newspapers and in 1988 created his "Off The Record" column for the **Salado Village Voice** under the new publisher-editors Tim and Marilyn Fleischer.

He has made his column's "-30-" deadline over 950 times during his years with the Salado weekly. In 2009, he reached the 1.1 million word mark as an observer of state and national politics.

Ken is retired as Chairman of the Salado Civic Center Foundation in 2009. He is one of the original members of the group that renovated the old school building in 1992-3.

Royce Wiggin

Royce Wiggin is one of those rare species: a native of Salado, born here in 1989.

He has attended school in Salado since second grade graduating in 2007. While in high school, he was a trumpet player in the Salado Eagle Marching Band and a tennis

player. He began work at the newspaper over the summer of his junior year in high school. His responsibilities include placing and rotating ads on pages, directing phone calls in the office, proof reading, typesetting and a myriad of other duties.

He is the son of Tim and Marilyn Fleischer, owners of the newspaper, and is glad to finally get paid for all the hours he spends at the newspaper office.

He is attending college at Temple College, while working full time at the newspaper.

Stephanie Hood

Another native of Salado is Stephanie Hood, a 1987 graduate of Salado High School, Stephanie is a hometown girl at heart and a third generation native Saladoan.

"I grew up here, Salado is more to me than just a tourist destination. Salado is its history and its people. I grew up swimming in Salado creek. I remember when people lived in the houses on Main Street and Roy T was the guy who owned the grocery store and played the fiddle. I really enjoy working in my hometown where the news is about the people who I know and love."

Stephanie joined the newspaper in 2006 as the composition person. She has spent her career creating

images that express ideas. "My background is in Broadcasting, taking a complex idea and fine tuning it into a few simple images and words that make sense to everyone." Stephanie finds using those skills to help out in her community to be the most rewarding.

For 15 years she worked with Children's Miracle Network, creating 'Miracle Stories' about patients at Scott & White. CMN is not the only place Stephanie serves her community. Stephanie, her husband Robin and her four children find plenty of places to volunteer.

The kids all enjoy Scouting. Stephanie currently serves as a committee member for Boy Scout Troop 232 and Sea Scout Ship 255 in Harker Heights and Venturing Crew and Sea Scout Ship 150 in Morgans Point. "Scouting is a great activity for teens. The BSA program has grown to offer teens - boys and girls a chance to be community leaders while they enjoy the outdoors and I am proud to be a part of that."

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Boys Results

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Heiner, 7 points, 4 assists, 1 rebound, 2 steals; Meiman, 6 points, 3 assists, 4 rebounds and 2 steals and Little, 5 points, 5 rebounds and 1 steal.

Salado 60
Lehman 41

Salado Eagles had little trouble with Lehman in the third round of the Sinton Tournament Dec. 29, winning 60-41.

Salado outscored Lehman 25-20 in the first half before running away with the game with a 35-point second half.

Tucker was perfect from

the field on seven shots and perfect at the charity stripe on six shots to score 20 points in leading Salado to the win. He also had another double-double with 12 rebounds, 1 block and 2 steals.

Three other Eagles had double figure games, all with 10 points: Heiner, Spears and Little.

Heiner shot 75 percent on four tries and had 2 assists in the game.

Spears also contributed 2 assists, 3 rebounds and 2 steals for the Eagles.

Little grabbed 4 rebounds and 1 steal in the game.

Also scoring: Meiman, 9

points, 5 assists, 1 rebound and 1 steal and Kornegay, 1 point.

Salado 61
Tuloso-Midway 66

Salado could not overcome a 24 point first quarter and 19 point third quarter effort by Tuloso-Midway and fell 66-61 in the fourth round of the Sinton Tournament Dec. 29.

The Eagles outscored Tuloso-Midway 20-9 in the fourth quarter but could not overcome the 16 point lead.

Spears had 14 points in the losing effort, shooting 60 percent from the field. He also had 4 assists, 1 rebound and 1 steal.

Tucker matched him with 14 points on 50 percent shooting from the field. He grabbed 7 rebounds and 3 steals and made 1 assist in the game.

Meiman also shot 50 percent from the field for 14 points. He also had 4 assists and 7 rebounds.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Ponder, 8 points, 1 assist, 7 rebounds; Ward, 4 points, 1

assist, 1 rebound and 1 steal; Warren, 4 points and Heiner, 3 points and 4 rebounds.

Salado 57
Robinson 63

Salado Eagles closed a nine point fourth quarter lead by the 3A Robinson Rockets, forcing overtime in the non-district game Dec. 21, but the Rockets outscored the Eagles 15-9 in the OT period for a 63-57 win.

The Rockets blasted out to a 27-17 halftime lead and held on for a 40-31 third quarter lead before Salado outscored the Rockets 17-8 in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 48-48.

Tucker led Salado with a double-double of 12 points and 13 rebounds in the game. He also had 5 assists, 4 blocks and 3 steals in the losing effort.

Warren followed with 10 points. Warren had 3 assists and a rebound.

Also scoring were Spears, 9 points, 1 rebound and a steal; Ponder, 8 points, 4 rebounds and 1 steal;

Girls

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Varsity Girls 60
Kemp 42

The Salado Varsity Girls team won it's last game of the Gatesville Tourney against Kemp. Salado led Kemp in the first quarter 13-5, and increased their lead to 27-16 by the half. Salado would maintain it's lead in the third quarter 42-34 and would then outscore Kemp 18-8 in the fourth quarter for a final of 60-42.

Joiner led Salado scoring 25 points.

Followed by Boydston scoring 18 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Urben, 6 points; Clark, 4 points; McGillick, 3 points; Jessica Carmona and Bowman, 2 points each.

Varsity Girls 54
Lexington 37

The Varsity Girls team defeated Lexington in Salado. Salado led Lexington 15-7 in the first quarter of the game, and would go into the half with a score of 28-15. The Lady Eagles would extend the lead over Lexington by and extra point in the third quarter 36-22. Salado would extend their lead by 3 points in the fourth quarter for a 54-

37 victory.

Joiner led Salado scoring 12 points.

Followed by Clark scoring 10 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Pipes, 7 points; Boydston and Carmona, 5 points each; Lupe Perez, Urben, and McGillick, each scoring 4 points; Bowman, 3 points.

JV Girls 40
Jarrell 36

Meredith Ward led Salado scoring 13 points.

Followed by Kylie Robinson and Jenna Franzy, each scoring 8 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Helena Carroll, 6 points; Kasey Weathersbee, 4 points; Kacie Wells, 1 point.

JV Girls 33
Lexington 31

Ward led Salado scoring 14 points.

Followed by Chelsea Boaz scoring 6 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Wells, 5 points; Leah Ray, 4 points; Sierra Pyle and Helena Carroll, 2 points each.

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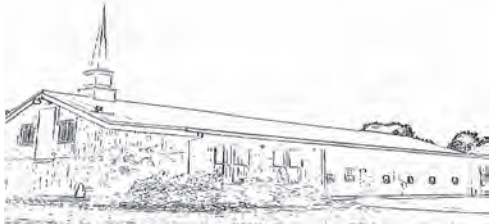
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Lois Mae Watson Shepperd passes away Jan. 1 at the age of 96

Lois Mae Watson Shepperd passed away New Year's Day, 2010 at the age of 96, in a Belton Nursing Home. Born November 10, 1913 to Ausie and Bertie Mae Capps Watson. she is preceded in death by brothers Foster, Harold, Dick and Joe Watson and sisters Inez Buford, Osie Baker and Josie Cearley.

Lois married Roy T. Shepperd on September 12, 1931. They had five children. She was preceded in death by her husband, in 1993, and two sons, William Ausie, who died in infancy and Harold Wayne in 1997. Surviving children and spouses are Lee Roy and Sue Shepperd of Lometa; C.M. (Cotton) and Elaine Shepperd and Nancy and Skip Carter of Salado.



Lois Shepperd 1913 - 2010
Shown here inside Shepperd's Grocery Store circa 1950. Shepperd's Grocery was the site of Salado's first Movie Theater.



She is also survived by 4 granddaughters, 7 grandsons, 21 great grandchildren, 2 great-grand children and several nieces and

nephews.

Shepperd was a life-long resident of Salado. She attended Belle Plains School and graduated from Salado High School in 1931. She was the oldest known living graduate of Salado High School, and the oldest member of the Salado School Alumni Association.

She was a founding member of the Salado Civic Center Foundation Board that planned and oversaw the restorations of "the old red school" into the Salado Civic Center. She was a longtime member of the Salado Monday Club and a lifetime member of the Salado Ladies Auxiliary.

Both Roy T. and Lois were life long supporters of Salado Schools. Roy T. choose the Eagle and colors red and white to represent Salado High School in 1926 when he helped coach the first boys basketball team. Both of them attended every home basketball and football game for as long as their health allowed.

The Shepperds owned and operated Shepperd's

Grocery Store at the corner of Main and Royal for 30 years. After the store sold in the late 1960's, Roy T. went on to be elected Bell County Treasurer, while Lois continued to work for the new owners 11 years. The store sold again and she worked nine years for Thomas Wilkes Antiques. In all, she worked at the same location for 50 years.

Lois was a member of the Salado United Methodist Church for 82 years. She joined the church when she was 14. Throughout the years, she was a faithful member and her contributions to the church were many. She was known for her brownies at the fifth Sunday lunches and her grape and plum jellies were legendary. For many years, after her children were grown, she and Roy T. loved to play Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the church's annual Christmas parties.

Funeral services were held Jan. 4 in the Salado United Methodist Church Historic Chapel - the church she joined when she was 14. She was interred at the Salado Cemetery with Joe Bentley officiating. Pallbearers were grandsons: Jeffery, Michael, Regan, and Buddy Shepperd, David Rembert and great grandson Scott Shepperd. Honorary pallbearers were grandsons: Kenneth Wayne, Chris and Patrick Brotherton, Jeff England and her great grandsons.

Memorials may be sent to Salado School Alumni Association, PO Box 791, Salado, TX 76571; the Salado Cemetery Association, PO Box 21, Salado, TX 76571 or the Salado United Methodist Church.

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Obituaries



SPC. JONATHAN L. HUGHEY

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a soldier who died Jan. 1, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona of injuries suffered as a result of a gunshot wound.

Spc. Jonathan L. Hughey, 24, of Phoenix, AZ., joined the military in March 2007 as an wheeled vehicle mechanic. He was assigned to Forward Support Company, 62nd Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade since October 2009.

Hughey deployed in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom from April 2008 through July 2009.

Hughey's decorations and awards include the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NATO Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon.

ROBERT "BOB" FELTON WRIGHT

Bob Wright, 84, of Bryan passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2009. Visitation was held January 1, at Memorial Funeral Chapel College Station. Funeral Services were held January 2, at the funeral home.

Football was a way of

life for Bob Wright. Born in Junction and raised in Ballinger, this west Texas native was fortunate to play high school and college football for his dad, legendary coach "Pooch" Wright. Bob's college football experience at the University of Texas ended when he was drafted into the Army to serve in World War II.

Bob and his fellow soldiers of the 71st Infantry Division landed at Le Harve, France, in February 1945. After crossing the Rhine, the 71st fought their way through Germany to the Danube River and on to Linz, Austria. Bob was promoted to First Sergeant and was awarded the Bronze Star by the age of 19. After the war ended, Bob enjoyed being a member of the 71st Division football team which won the 3rd Army championship in Bavaria.

After returning home in 1946, Bob enrolled in Howard Payne Col-

lege where his father was the head football coach. Graduating in 1949, Bob followed his dad into the coaching profession. He began his career in Olney, TX and eventually coached at several schools including Brownwood, Howard Payne College, Ballinger, and Cleburne. He served as the Assistant Executive Director of the Texas High School Coaches Association from 1968 to 1972. Bob was inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor in 1986.

Bob came to Texas A&M University in 1972 with Emory Bellard as the recruiting coordinator for the football team. During these seven years the team went to four bowl games, was ranked in the top 15 for three years, and won a share of the SWC championship in 1975. He joined the TAMU College of Education in 1979 and remained there until his retirement in 1990.

Bob was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 56 years, Tylene.

Bob is survived by his three children: Robert, a retired firefighter; Nilah, a retired school counselor; and Jaime, a school teacher; his sister June Carley of Giddings, Texas; his brother Donald "Bud" Wright of Del Rio, Texas. He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren: Mary Hroch, Katy Gardea, Zachary Felton Wright, Travis Wright, Cody Wentreck, Jim Wentreck; and one great-grandchild, Levi Hroch.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Texas A&M Former Student Association, 505 George Bush Dr. College Station, TX 77840 as well as the Carnegie Library of Ballinger, 204 North 8th Street Ballinger, TX 76821.

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Cindy Bridges, one of the members of the local ABWA chapter, will be the featured speaker at the Jan. 7 meeting at

McCain's Cafe and Bakery at 6:30 p.m.

Bridges will be speaking about the aspects of the 9-1-1 system and the

implications for the public.

She is an employee for Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) as a 9-1-1 Public Education Coordinator and Addressing Specialist, where she has been employed since 2000.

Bridges was a regional state coordinator for the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) for four years, is currently the Vice-

President of the Public Educators of Texas (PETs), and a certified Emergency Number Professional (ENP) since 2006. She has published two articles in the national Emergency Number Professional Magazine on 9-1-1 Public Education and has over 15 years of dispatching and 9-1-1 experience combined.

Bridges has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Public Management/Criminal Justice and is now currently working towards her Master's degree with Tarleton University in Management/Leadership.

Bridges and her family traveled all over the Southeast as an Army family but finally settled in Texas. She now lives in Salado with her husband, Eric of 16 years and their 2 children, Tyler and Keshlei. Persons interested in attending are invited and no reservation is necessary.

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Texas Boys Choir to appear Feb. 14 during Music Festival

The Fifth Annual Music Festival in Salado will feature Anton Nel with the Miro Quartet on Feb. 13 and the Texas Boys Choir on Feb. 14.

Anton Nel (www.antonnel.com) enjoys a remarkable and multifaceted career that has taken him through North and South America, Europe, Asia and South Africa.

The dynamic Miro Quartet (www.miroquartet.com) is returning to Salado for its fourth performance. The international chamber group has captivated audiences and critics around with world with its youthful intensity and mature interpretations.

The performance will be 7 p. m. Feb. 13 in the Salado United Methodist Church Sanctuary, 650 Royal Street. Tickets are

\$20 per person. A reception will follow the performance.

The Texas Boys Choir will perform at 4 p.m. Feb. 14 in the Salado United Methodist Church Sanctuary. Tickets are \$20 per person for the performance.

The Texas Boys Choir, led by S. Bryan Priddy, was founded in 1946 by George Bragg to provide any boy, regardless of socio-economic or ethnic background a structured environment for the development of a world-class performing choir of boys. Essential to this development is the artistic training in an accredited academic institution; experienced teachers instill the qualities of self-discipline, self-confidence, decorum, patriotism, and leadership. Based in Fort Worth, the

Texas Boys Choir performs locally, nationally and internationally, both for fees and for community service purposes. For the past 60 years, the choir has been a publicly supported professional nonprofit boys choir and an educational institution dedicated to fostering the talents of gifted young men. Texas Boys Choir continues to be an important part of the North Texas Arts Community.

The Texas Boys Choir continues in the tradition of European church choirs, with boys beginning their vocal training at a young age. The choir further develops its vocal training through the use of the changing voices. The choir draws heavily on the sacred tradition of perform-

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The Texas Boys Choir will perform on Feb. 14 as part of the Salado Music Festival, sponsored by Music in Salado.




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The Salado Historical Society attributes the success of its 2009 Tour of Homes to the cooperation and support of numerous Saladoans. Foremost among them were the home owners who opened their doors wide to the admiring crowds: Michael and Pat Posvar, Mark and Diana Brooks, Jack Husung, and Joe and Gwen Morrison.

Next were the score of volunteers who served as friendly docents in the tour homes.

A special word of appreciation goes to Marilyn and Tim Fleischer and their staff at the Salado Village Voice for providing generous space for reviews of the Tour of Homes through the weeks of promotion.

And of course, much gratitude is expressed for scores of "tourists", local and out of town, whose purchase of tickets provides the Society with funds for its protection and preservation of Salado's heritage and history.

With sincere gratitude,
The Salado Historic Society

Village of Salado Calendar of Events

JAN. 5-FEB. 9

Six week Yoga classes with Paul Coats, 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at Stagecoach Inn. Coates, instructor, has trained yoga in New York, California, Europe and over the Far East. He has more than 40 yrs. teaching experience. For Information, call 947-9992.

JANUARY 7

Young Writers Program in connection with SISD, Tablerock Amphitheater. Details to come.

JANUARY 7

Salado American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6 p.m., McCain's Deli and Bakery, corner of Main Street and Van Bibber.

JANUARY 8

Brown Bag Noon Book Review, Salado Public Library.

JANUARY 9

Christmas Tree chipping and mulching, 9-11 a.m. Salado Plaza Shopping Center parking lot. Chipping provided by Double J Tree Service.

JANUARY 9

Bell County Star Party, hosted by the Central Texas Astronomica Society, 5:45-10 p.m. at Overlook Park on Stillhouse Hollow Lake. For more information about the CTAS and Star Parties, visit <http://www.centexastronomy.org>.

JANUARY 11

St. Stephen's Catholic Church Women's Society meeting 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

JANUARY 11

Salado Democrats, 6 p.m., El Tapatio Restaurant in Salado Plaza Shopping Center.

JANUARY 12

Salado Rotary, 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn.

JANUARY 12

Community Emergency Response Team of Salado (CERTS) meeting, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. All interested community members and volunteers are invited to attend.

JANUARY 13

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

JANUARY 14

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m., 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

JANUARY 14

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. social, Salado Civic Center.

JANUARY 15

Free Computer Class, "Understanding Teens & Technology: A Class for Parents Only" taught by Jeanie Lively, 1:00-2:30 p.m., come early, class size limited, Salado Public

Library.

JANUARY 16

Recycling at Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd., 9 a.m.-Noon. Gift wrapping paper is not accepted, as this is not recyclable.

JANUARY 18

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

JANUARY 19

Salado Rotary, 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn.

JANUARY 21

Diet and Nutrition with Laura Murphy, 6-7:30 p.m., Salado Public Library.

JANUARY 21

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m., 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

JANUARY 22

Fourth Friday Gospel singing at Cedar Valley Baptist Church, eight miles west of Salado on FM 2843, starts at 7 p.m.

JANUARY 25

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge, 90 N. Church St.

JANUARY 26

Salado Rotary, 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn.

JANUARY 27

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

JANUARY 28

Candidate forum and dinner, Tenroc Ranch, 6 p.m. social, dinner at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by Salado Area Republican Women. Reservations are \$20, payable to SARW PAC, PO Box 373, Salado, TX 76571 by January 22. All candidates serving the Bell County area are invited including statewide candidates

JANUARY 30

Recycling at Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd., 9 a.m.-12 noon. Gift wrapping paper is not accepted, as this is not recyclable.

FEBRUARY 4

The Central Texas Poetry & Prose Readings. Guest Speaker: Karla K. Morton the 2010 Texas State Poet Laureate. 7p.m. No fee, refreshments available. Details TBA.

FEBRUARY 6-7

Valentine Bake Sale with homemade bak-

ery goods from the St. Stephen's Catholic Church Women's Society at the St. Stephen Catholic Church.

FEBRUARY 8

St. Stephen's Catholic Church Women's Society, 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

FEBRUARY 12-14

Wildfire Ranch 12th Annual Open to the World. Professional cowboys such as Team Roping World Champions Rich Skelton and Speed Williams as well as repeatedly crowned All-Around World Champion Trevor Brazile and many, many more will be converging on Wildfire Ranch in Salado, roping for cold, hard cash! The 12th annual Wildfire Open to the World Team Roping is one of the richest, highest paying team ropings in the world with a payout and prize line totaling over \$500,000. Visit www.wildfirearena.com or call 254-947-9929.

FEBRUARY 13

Anton Nel, pianist, along with the Miro Quartet, Salado United Methodist Church Sanctuary, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. Sponsored by Music in Salado.

FEBRUARY 14

The Texas Boys Choir in concert at the Salado United Methodist Church Sanctuary, 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. Sponsored by Music in Salado.

FEBRUARY 13-14

Salado Legends Auditions 3 p.m. either day. Call Donnie Williams 760-6838 or Jackie Mills 947-9205. Scholarships available.

MARCH 15

The 14th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament To Benefit Tablerock. \$75.00 entry fee, shotgun start at 1:00pm call Denver Mills 947-9205.

MARCH 26-28

Texas Packard Meet at Salado. This meet has been featured in the national Packard Club magazine as well as in Hemming's Classic Car magazine and Old Car's Weekly. For information and to register, visit www.texaspackardmeet.com.

MARCH 27-28

10th Annual Wildflower Art Show. Salado Civic Center grounds. Artists and artisans from Texas and throughout the Southwest feature oil, acrylics, watercolors, pastels and mixed media including woodwork, sculpture, jewelry, glassworks, metal work and handmade clothing. Salado Chamber of Commerce, www.salado.com or call 947-5040.

MARCH 27-28

Rogue Art and Texas Wine Fest, Noon- 4 p.m., Salado Wine Seller will host 25 Texas wineries. Texas wine tastings, music, art and food. 841 N. Main Street. 254/947-8011. www.saladowine.com.

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MARCH 27

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APRIL 1

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APRIL 17-18

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APRIL 30-MAY 1

The 13th Annual Gospel Festival Jim Woodul - 254-634-4658, Friday 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. \$5 adults \$3 child

MAY 1

Fine Art Gallery Trail 5-9 p.m. For info call 254-947-3930 or visit salado.com.

MAY 7-9

Texas MG Register in Salado. Weekend long gathering of car collectors. Events will be at Stagecoach Inn and Pace Park. 35th Anniversary of the Texas MG Register... 35 years of British cars gathering in Salado every Mother's Day weekend. For more information, visit the TX MG Register website at www.tmgr.org, or contact TMGR President Russell Read at 972-291-4543. As they say in the MG club... "safety fast!"

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AUGUST 7-8

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OCTOBER 2

Fine Art Gallery Night. 5-9 p.m. For information call 254-947-3930 or visit salado.com

OCTOBER 8-9

Christmas in October. Christmas shopping, bake sale, style show, vintage car show and raffle. Admission is free. Sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. For information, call 254-947-5040 or visit salado.com.

OCTOBER 9-10

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NOVEMBER 12-14

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DECEMBER 3-4, 10-11

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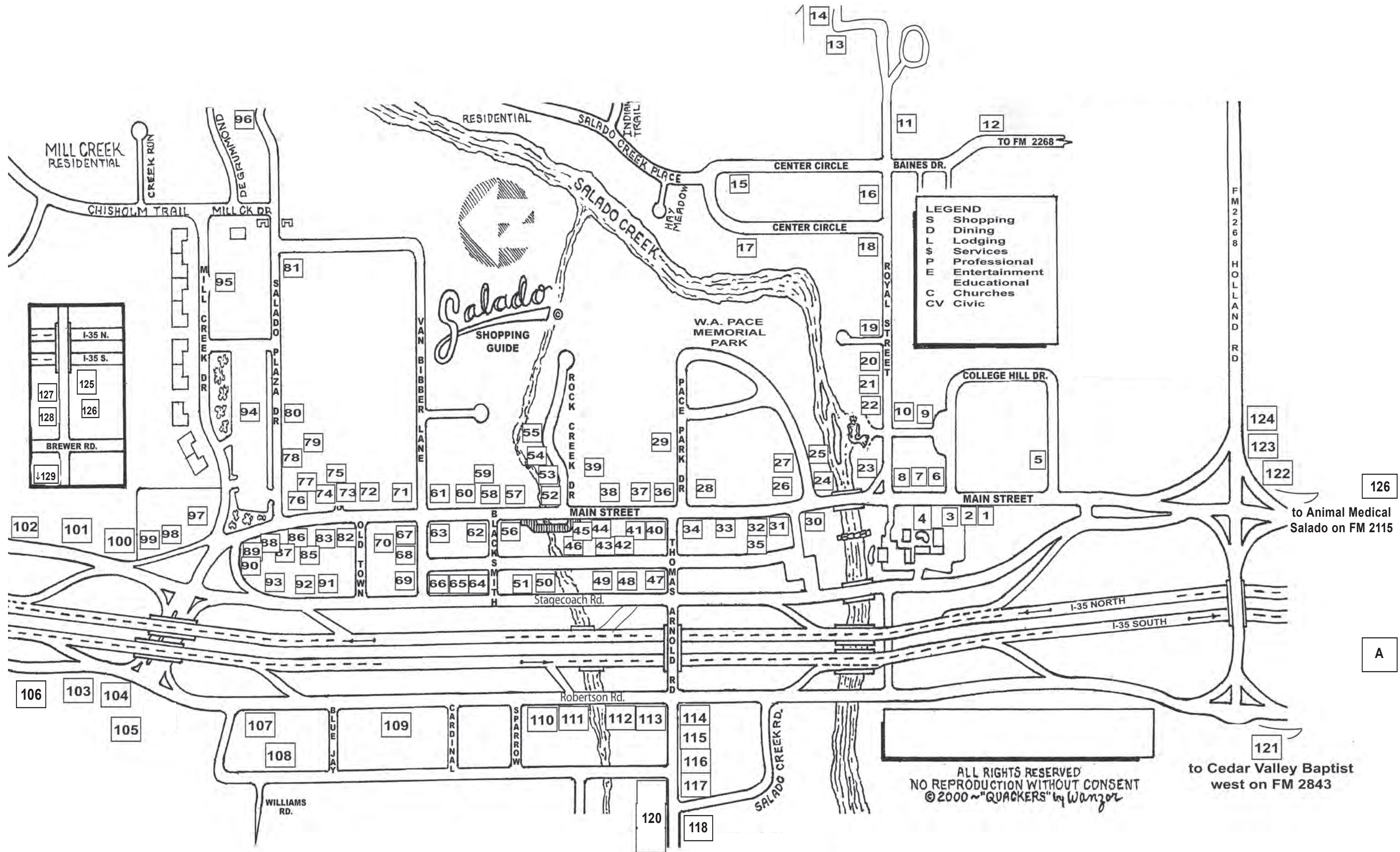


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1 Did some weeding
 5 Cudgel
 8 "National Treasure" actor
 12 Roundish hairdo
 13 Inventor Whitney
 14 Rainbow
 15 Just lie there
 17 Gridlock elements
 18 Deity
 19 Within one's power
 21 Xbox enthusiast
 24 Crow or crane
 25 Metmorphoses' poet
 26 Military headquarters
 30 Automaton, for short
 31 Leans to one side
 32 Singer DiFranco
 33 Cameo's opposite
 35 Shell-less snail
 36 Mah-jongg piece
 37 Tether
 38 "— Preacher Man"
 41 Vast expanse

DOWN

1 Owns
 2 Frequently
 3 Mound stat
 4 Followed relentlessly
 5 Rosary component
 6 Elev.
 7 Included as

42 Related (to)
 43 Hamburger's hello
 48 1492 vessel
 49 Greek vowel
 50 Pop choice
 51 Carina
 52 Tatter
 53 Basin accessory

a part of
 8 Locust
 9 Speedy steed
 10 "You go, —!"
 11 Being, to
 16 Neither mate
 20 Table scraps
 21 Asian desert
 22 Shake-speare's river
 23 Catcher's prop
 24 Prove untrue
 26 Pirate
 27 Festive
 28 Respons-ibility
 29 At hand

31 Workweek's end initials
 34 Lacking a musical key
 35 Rap sesion?
 37 Director Spike
 38 Foundered
 39 "Grapes of Wrath" type
 40 Baseball team
 41 Unescorted
 44 Actress Hagen
 45 AAA job
 46 Hearty quaff
 47 Needlefish

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East dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.

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

WEST
 ♠ Q 2
 ♥ Q 7 6 4 2
 ♦ Q J 9 4
 ♣ 9 5

EAST
 ♠ A 7 3
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ K 6 5 3
 ♣ A 10 6 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K 10 9 8 5 4
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ 10
 ♣ K Q 8 7

The bidding:
 East Pass
 South 1 ♠
 West Pass
 North 1 NT

Pass 2 ♠
 Pass 4 ♠
 Pass 3 ♠

Opening lead — queen of diamonds

Shades of Sherlock Holmes
Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Declarer's role bears a strong resemblance to that of a detective trying to solve a murder mystery in that there are nearly always clues to rely on from either the bidding or the play. Declarer is expected to examine those clues and then act on them as circumstances dictate.

Here is an example of good detective work. North-South's bidding was somewhat aggressive, but the final contract was a sound one.

The opening diamond lead was taken by dummy's ace, and the jack of spades was finessed, losing to West's queen. Declarer ruffed the next diamond and then led the king of spades to East's ace.

Back came a diamond, ruffed by South, who drew East's last trump and played the king of clubs. East won with the ace and returned his last diamond, declarer ruffing with his last trump.

By now, South had lost two spades and a club and had to win the remaining five tricks to make the contract. He started by cashing the A-K of hearts, then played the jack of clubs followed by the four. After East produced the six, declarer, whose last two cards were the Q-8 of clubs, had to decide which one to play.

The fate of the contract hinged entirely on this decision. Essentially, South had to determine whether East's last card was more likely to be a club or a heart.

East had played the jack of hearts on the second heart lead, so, assuming that East's jack play was on the level, his remaining card had to be either the ten of clubs or queen of hearts.

South concluded that it could not be the queen of hearts. East had already shown up with two aces, a king and a jack. Had he also held the queen of hearts, he presumably would have opened the bidding at his first turn. Declarer therefore finessed the eight of clubs and so made the contract.

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Weekly SUDOKU
 by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★

★ Moderate ★ ★ Challenging
 ★ ★ ★ HOO BOY!

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In its history, the Texas Boys Choir has traveled to Australia, Japan, England, Mexico, Latvia and Germany. They have sung for the Pope, the President, for Kings and Heads of State. It has appeared numerous times on National Television and on radio broadcasts. With over 35 professional recordings, the Texas Boys Choir continues to be one of the top boys choirs in the world. Its unique sound and beauty of tone causes the choir to be in great demand for a variety of performances including concert performances, convention openings, operas, weddings, and more.

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By KAREN KINNISON

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- 1 head butter lettuce
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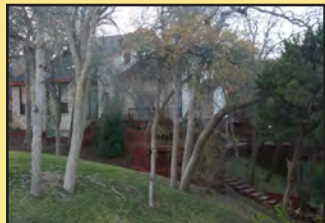
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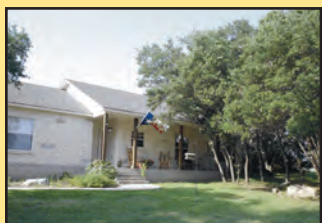
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Secure cup hooks

Q: My roommate and I put those screw-in cup hooks underneath one of our kitchen cabinets, and the first time we hung coffee mugs from them, the hooks pulled right out of the wood and the cups all smashed. How do you set hooks so they don't fall out. Also, how can we fix the damage to the cabinet bottom before the landlord sees it? -- Katie J., via email

A: From your description, the cabinet bottom is most likely a lightweight wood, maybe particle board, and perhaps a bit old and slightly deteriorated. Cup-hook screws are similar to wood screws, with sharp points and slightly wider screws in order to "bite" securely into the wood. However, between the particle board and heavy

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mugs, the screws just didn't have enough to hold onto.

Try two things next time: larger hooks and a solid piece of wood. Most cabinets have a brace along the bottom made of solid wood. Pre-drill a hole that is smaller in diameter than the diameter of the hook screw, then screw the hook into place.

Another method, if your cups must absolutely hang in a certain place and direction, is to add support to the particle board. Again, do this by selecting larger hooks with longer screws. Purchase a strip of solid wood at least one-half inch thick and about 2 inches longer than the planned line

of cup hooks. Put this strip inside the cabinet on the "top side" of the base. Measure the distance from the middle of the wood strip to the outside edge of the cabinet. Mark this same distance on the underside of the cabinet (this will help you locate the screws correctly). Mark the spot where you want each hook. Last, tack down the wood strip with a dot of wood or white glue on either end, just so it doesn't slide around.

Have a partner hold the wood strip in place as you pre-drill the screw holes, going through the cabinet base and into the strip in one straight shot. Continue to support the

wood strip as you screw the hooks through the base and into the wood strip.

This support strip will allow you to hang most coffee mugs or other lightweight items. I don't recommend hanging heavy items like pots and pans from the hooks, as the added weight could bring the cabinet base down.

HOME TIP: Add another item to your toolkit: earplugs. HEAROS, an earplug manufacturer, recommends all DIY'ers using power tools wear them to protect from hearing loss.

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Do TV screens broadcast harmful electronic emissions? What's better for the environment, sewers or septic systems?



"Contrary to popular myth, TV screens do not broadcast harmful emissions to kids who sit very close, though they can cause eye strain and fatigue easily remedied by a good night's sleep. However, kids who watch more than four hours of TV daily are more susceptible to obesity, and a 2007 Seattle Children's Research Institute study showed that for every hour per day infants spent watching DVDs and videos they learned six to eight fewer new vocabulary words than babies who never watched the videos. PHOTO BY GETTY IMAGES

Dear EarthTalk: Years ago I read that children should be kept at least two feet from the television because of harmful electronic emissions. Is this still relevant? Is there a difference regarding this between older and new flat-screen models?

-- Horst E. Mehring, Oconomowoc, WI

Luckily for many of us and our kids, sitting "too" close to the TV isn't known to cause any human health

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issues. This myth prevails because back in the 1960s General Electric sold some new-fangled color TV sets that emitted excessive

amounts of radiation—as much as 100,000 times more than federal health officials considered safe. GE quickly recalled and repaired the faulty TVs, but the stigma lingers to this day.

But even though electronic emissions aren't an issue with TVs made any time after 1968 (including today's LCD and plasma flat screens), what about causing harm to one's vision? Dr. Lee Duffner of the American Academy

of Ophthalmology isn't concerned, maintaining that watching television screens—close-up or otherwise—"won't cause any physical damage to your eyes." He adds, however, that a lot of TV watching can surely cause eye strain and fatigue, particularly for those sitting very close

and/or watching from odd angles. But there is an easy cure for eye strain and fatigue: turning off the TV and getting some rest. With a good night's sleep, tired eyes should quickly return to normal.

Debra Ronca, a contributor to the How Stuff

Works website, argues that some parents might be putting the cart before the horse in blaming close-up TV watching for their child's vision issues. "Sitting close to the televi-

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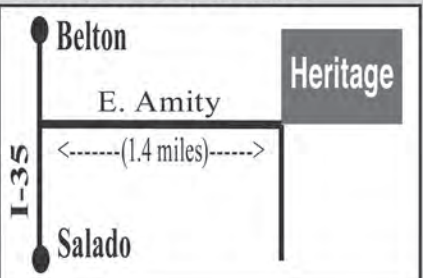



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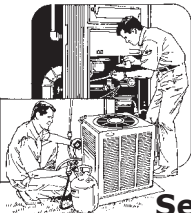
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sion may not make a child nearsighted, but a child may sit close to the television because he or she is nearsighted and undiagnosed," she reports. "If your child habitually sits too close to the television for comfort, get his or her eyes tested."

Of course, excessive TV viewing by kids can cause health problems indirectly. According to the Nemours Foundation's KidsHealth website, children who consistently watch TV more than four hours a day are more likely to be overweight, which in and of itself can bring about health problems later. Also, kids who watch a lot of TV are more likely to copy bad behavior they see on-screen and tend to "fear that the world is scary and that something bad will happen to them." Nemours also finds that TV characters often depict risky behaviors (like smoking and drinking) and also tend to reinforce gender-role and racial stereotypes.

There has also been much debate in recent years on the effects of TV viewing on infants. A 2007 Seattle Children's Research Institute study found that for every hour per day infants spent watching baby DVDs and videos they learned six to eight fewer new vocabulary words than babies who never watched the videos. But a 2009 study



"Most people, given a choice, prefer to be on a municipal sewer system, as the burden of keeping it running smoothly falls on the local government. Proponents of septic systems, however, say that a professionally designed, installed and maintained system should perform just fine. When homeowners don't take proper care of their septic systems, and wastewater is not properly treated, it can contaminate surface and groundwater and threaten public health. Pictured: A home septic system under construction."
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by the Center on Media & Child Health at Children's Hospital Boston found no negative cognitive or other impacts whatsoever on those infants exposed to more television than less.

While it may be inevitable that your kids will watch TV, the key, experts say, is moderation. Limit kids' exposure to screens of any kind, and monitor what they are allowed to watch. As KidsHealth points out, parents should teach their kids that the TV is "for occasional entertainment, not for con-

stant escapism."

CONTACTS: American Academy of Ophthalmology, www.aao.org; How Stuff Works, www.howstuffworks.com; KidsHealth, www.kidshealth.org; Seattle Children's Research Institute, research.seattlechildrens.org; Center on Media & Child Health, www.cmch.tv.

Dear EarthTalk: What's better for the local ecology, sewers or septic tanks? -- T.H., Darien, CT

You probably won't have much choice as to whether that home you're thinking of buying is on sewer or septic. Most likely it's a done deal, unless the neighborhood is presently all on septic but is considering a petition to the town to switch to sewers (in which case you can usually agree to hook up or stay put).

There are pros and cons to each in regard to the environment. Both types of systems are designed to handle and treat so-called "blackwater" (wastewater from toilets) and "graywater" (wastewater coming from our sinks, showers, dishwashers and laundry machines. On-site septic and community-wide sewer systems work in similar ways, utilizing micro-organisms to filter out bacteria, viruses and other disease-causing pathogens before releasing the cleansed water back into the environment.

In general, most people prefer to be on a shared sewer system if they have a choice, as the burden of keeping the system running smoothly falls on the local government, which presumably has the money and expertise to ensure that wastewater is

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A staple of almost any camping trip, firewood can be a simple and useful forest product. But when you transport firewood to your campsite or vacation home, you could unknowingly spread dangerous insects and diseases with the

potential to kill millions of trees.

Some of the most devastating invasive species in North America are inadvertently spread through the transportation of firewood, including the emerald ash borer, the Asian longhorned beetle and the European gypsy moth.

Harmful pathogens such as beech bark disease and redbay wilt can also be borne on firewood.

No matter where you live or camp, transporting firewood carries the risk of spreading harmful forest insects and diseases. And while it's true these invasive species can spread

slowly over time through natural means, the incidental transport of a bug into a new environment with plenty of food and little competition can cause unpredictable outbreaks that drastically alter natural landscapes.

Whether building a campfire or heating a

home, it is imperative to buy wood where it will be burned. The Nature Conservancy urges campers, travelers and homeowners to purchase their firewood locally to avoid the spread of invasive infestations. To best protect trees, make sure all your firewood is sourced less than 50 miles from where it will be burned. If traveling to a campsite outside that range, call the state or federal park nearest the site and inquire about local firewood distributors. Be sure to ask the seller where

the wood was cut—if it wasn't harvested within 50 miles of your campsite, find another source. Leave locally purchased wood at the campsite for the next campers when you leave.

Careful and thoughtful actions can protect America's trees and forests, as well as the wealth of life they support and the enumerable benefits they provide.

To learn more about the work of The Nature Conservancy, including invasive species we help control, visit nature.org/texas.

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properly treated across the region. Also, in a shared sewer system, wastewater is whisked away to a centralized treatment facility; anyone who has ever experienced a septic system backup on their property can appreciate what a benefit off-site wastewater treatment can be.

Another advantage to a shared sewer is that such systems are usually built to withstand heavy loads and can better accommodate periods of heavy precipitation or storm surges that might overwhelm smaller, poorly conceived or maintained home-based septic tanks, which are by virtue of their size and the laws of physics more prone to

overflow and send contaminants into nearby surface and ground waters.

Septic systems have their proponents, though, who say that a professionally designed, installed and maintained system should hold up in even the biggest of storms. The University of Minnesota Extension (UMNE), which publishes the useful online "Septic System Owner's Guide," says vigilance is key: "The only way to guarantee effective treatment is to have a trained professional ensure adequate unsaturated and suitable soil exists below the soil treatment area to allow for complete wastewater treatment."

When homeowners

don't take care of their septic systems properly, though, they can become a nuisance for the surrounding ecosystem. Wastewater that is not properly treated can contaminate surface and groundwater and threaten public health. According to UMNE, improperly treated sewage can be the culprit behind the spread of hepatitis, dysentery and other diseases resulting from pathogens in drinking water, while also compromising the purity of lakes and streams. Additionally, flies and mosquitoes that are attracted to and breed in wet areas where sewage reaches the surface can also spread disease.

Improperly treated sewage can also lead to increased nitrates in local water supplies, which is dangerous for infants, pregnant women and those with already compromised immune systems. In and around lakes and streams, this influx in nitrates can lead to plant growth out of whack with the local ecosystem's ability to handle it, resulting in oxygen-free "dead zones" devoid of marine and riparian life altogether.

CONTACT: Septic System Owner's Guide, www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/naturalresources/dd6583.html.

Legal Notice

Application has been made in accordance with Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Private Club Registration Permit by Legend 44 Ranch dba The Legend Club & Grill, located at 11333 1670 Lane, Salado, Bell County, TX. A Non Profit Corporation: Larry W. McClaren, Pres/Dir; Glenn M. Fenner-Ketcham, Sec/Dir; Ginger M. Ketcham, Dir.



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