

Plans unveiled for renovation of Stagecoach Inn

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Stagecoach Inn has closed its operations for an extensive top-to-bottom renovation that may take more than two years to finish.

The renovation, which will ultimately add 38 rooms to the hotel operation, will begin with the historic restaurant building, according to Clark Lyda.

Lyda is the principal investor and developer leading the Stagecoach 1943, LP group that was slated to purchase the Stagecoach Inn from Terry Potts on July 15.

Work will begin soon on the 1861 building that opened as the Shady Villa Hotel. The second story balcony of the old hotel is storied to have been the location of an anti-secession speech by Sam Houston. According to the Texana book “Texas Siftings,” Houston reportedly had an exchange with a fiery secessionist from the crowd who shouted at him, “General Sam, we can whip them Yankees with cornstalks!”

“That may be true, but they have not agreed to fight with cornstalks,” Houston retorted.

This is just one of the many stories that has kept travelers from around the state enrapt about the Stagecoach Inn.

That historic charm is part of what led Lyda to purchase the property and will continue to be a focus in the branding of the Stagecoach Inn as a destination for travelers.

Dion and Ruth Van Bibber opened the restaurant in 1943 and it quickly became a renowned highway restaurant featured in Life magazine, Ford Times and on the prestigious Duncan Hines list. It was named by Texas Highways Readers as a Readers Favorite restaurant in Texas.

The distinctive menu, recited from memory by waitresses who had worked decades at the restaurant, included the

famous hush puppies, tomato aspic, banana fritter and, of course, the Strawberry Kiss.

When the restaurant reopens in about nine months, you can expect many of those favorites to stay the same.

But there will be some exciting changes to the restaurant, which will be under the operation of La Corsha Hospitality.

The team, according to Lyda, has “a clear understanding of the Stagecoach’s history, the strength of the brand and people’s affection for it, and the potential of the place to once again draw locals and visitors from across Texas.”

Jeff Trigger and David Bull are the principals of La Corsha. They “have a lifetime of remarkable experience in the hospitality industry from operating the iconic Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas to the restoration of the Driskill Hotel in Austin.

Bull graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in 1994. He joined The Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas, Texas and became the youngest-ever sous chef employed by the hotel. Moving to Austin, he served as the executive chef of the Driskill Grill, earning the Austin American-Statesman’s Number One Restaurant Award for three consecutive years. The Driskill Grill was recognized by USA Today as one of the country’s Top 50 Hotel Restaurants. Food and Wine Magazine honored Chef Bull as one of “The Best New Chefs 2003.” Bull has been nominated three times for the prestigious James Beard award for “Best New Chef Southwest.”

La Corsha operates Congress Austin, a tri-leveled dining and drinking establishment that includes the popular Second Bar + Kitchen, Bar Congress and Restaurant Congress.

The group is scheduled to open Boiler 9 Grill at the Seaholm development in Southwest Austin this summer.



A rendering of the plans for the renovation and expansion of the Stagecoach Inn, which a group led by Clark Lyda of Austin was slated to close the purchase on July 15. Work will begin quickly on renovating the historic restaurant building, followed by a complete renovation and expansion of the hotel property.

Trigger began his career in the hotel industry at Amfac Resorts in California and Hawaii. He was the managing director of The Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas and was recruited in 1999 to restore and reposition The Driskill Hotel in Austin.

With that success, Trigger launched La Corsha Hospitality Group.

Texas Monthly named Congress as the best new restaurant in 2010, while Esquire Magazine named it to its Top 10 list of new restaurants in the country. Bon Appetite magazine named Second Bar +

Kitchen as a Top 10 choice nationwide as well.

Trigger was listed as a General Manager of the Year by Business Traveler Magazine and was named by Leaders Magazine as one of the Best Hotel Managers in the World.

Other developments for La Corsha include opening a Second Bar + Kitchen in the Domain, the development and construction of an East Austin boutique hotel, the Hotel Saint George in Marfa, and the Baker Hotel in Mineral Wells.

The first phase for the redevelopment program is

the complete renovation of the existing restaurant. This will include demolishing and re-building the kitchen and service area. Current retail space on the west side of Main Street will be redeveloped to its earlier use as a conference center. Old-timers in Salado will well-remember when the Longhorn Room was on Main Street and hosted gatherings large and small.

According to Lyda, the 5,000 square feet on Main Street will be refocused as a conference center in close proximity to the kitchen facility of the res-

taurant.

“An emphasis on meetings and special events in the adjacent Longhorn Room will enhance sales and begin to rebuild demand for lodging,” Lyda stated. “Over the course of a year we intend to re-establish the brand and build a solid book of business for the restaurant and meeting facilities.”

The second phase is to completely renovate, expand and re-open the hotel. Plans call for adding 38 rooms and an additional 5,000 sq. ft. in meeting

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Salado sewer system costs now topping \$10.8 million

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Cost estimates for the construction of wastewater treatment plant and sewer delivery system for Main Street, Royal Street and the west side of I-35 are \$10.38 million.

Add in three optional low pressure delivery systems and the price climbs to \$10.8 million.

Aldermen met with Kasberg Patrick & Associ-

ates (KPA) engineer Rick Kasberg for more than two hours during a special workshop session July 14 to review figures in order to prepare for selling and financing bonds that were approved by voters in November 2014.

Final design costs for the system itself total \$874,880 while preliminary engineering costs, studies, financing and land total \$785,000 according to the Summary of Task

Items, Estimated Cost and Schedule

According to the schedule, final design would begin in December and continue through June with construction of the plant and delivery system slated for September 2016 through August 2017.

The schedule estimates the cost of construction for projects that will be designed by KPA (Main Street to the lift station at Stagecoach Inn) will

total \$2.75 million and is contracted by the Village of Salado. The construction costs for the projects to be designed by Pape-Dawson (delivery system from Stagecoach Inn to the wastewater plant at The Sanctuary and the 300,000 gallon per day treatment plant) totals \$4.93 million. The letter of intent between the Village of Salado and Sanctuary stipulates that the Sanctuary would design the treat-

ment plant and delivery system from south of the Salado Creek.

The optional low pressure systems include these:

- A line along Salado Plaza Drive to Brookshire Brothers at a costs of \$50,000.
- A line above North Main Street connecting to a system at Vanessa Street at a cost of \$81,470.
- A low pressure system along Vanessa Street to north of Mary Lane for a

cost of \$314,105.65.

At their regular board meeting on July 16, aldermen will consider a resolution “authorizing various actions to prepare for the issuance of the Village of Salado, Texas Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2015; and containing other matters relating thereto.”

For additional reporting and the site map for the sewer system, visit saladovillagevoice.com.

Salado College Hill Park lands Trails grant

Salado College Foundation, Inc., has received a Texas Parks & Wildlife Trails grant in the amount of \$14,159 to improve the Salado College Park trail. In addition to the grant, the Foundation itself will need to contribute \$3,540 to this project as part of

its commitment. Total amount of funds obligated to the project is \$17,699. The earliest construction can begin is December 2015.

With this grant funding, Salado College Park will have a newly constructed trail from the

statue of Col. E.S.C. Robertson and around Salado College ruins. The decomposed granite path will have a limestone curb to limit erosion. The trail will provide visitors to this historic site with a comfortable path to walk while learning about the

early founding of Salado and Salado College. The new path will replace the one constructed by Salado Masonic Lodge.

“With projects recently completed in the past nine months by the Foundation such as seeding the area with wildflowers which

came up in April and hanging 22 birdhouses,” Foundation president Bill Kinnison said, “the park is becoming a unique site for visitors to Salado.”

“The Foundation would not be at this point of development if it were not for the volunteers who cre-

ated the planted beds and donated funds for maintenance of the site as well as preservation of the ruins itself,” he added.

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Salado Chaos are shown above with trophies from a warm-up tournament earlier this summer. They are (top row, from left) Coaches Calvin Dockray, David Preston, Denver Cole and Justin Miller; (middle row, from left) Brodie Landon, Phoenix Flores, Brody Cole, Korbin Konarik; (front row, from left) Kalan Miller, Caleb Dockray, Jacob Preston and Jackson Turk. Not shown are Cole Mikalas, Tristan Walker and Brendan Wilson.

Chaos heads to Pony World Series

Salado Chaos 8U Pony Elite team will compete in the Pony World Series in Youngsville, Louisiana July 22-25 in a tournament with teams from Texas, Louisiana and Mexico. The Chaos have a record of 25 wins and four losses. They will face a team from Mexico at 4 p.m. July 22 in the first round of the tournament.

The Chaos placed third in the Regional Tournament in Dripping Springs July 11-12. They were the tournament champions in the warm-up tournament on June 6-7 in Manchaca. To raise money for the trip to Louisiana, coaches and parents are holding two raffles with tickets of \$10 each, six for \$50 or

15 for \$100. The drawings will be held on July 20 and winners contacted. From the white tickets sold, the winner will receive an Igloo Yukon 120 quart cooler/ice chest that has been donated by McGuire Tire, LLC. Blue tickets will be in a drawing for a Glock Model 19-9mm, a box of black Talon 9mm, FOBUS

paddle holster and a 5.11 carrying bag, donated by Kevin Finch. Winner of the firearm will have to fill out a registration form. Contact Coach Calvin Dockray for tickets via cell at 254-721-4993 or email dockray2@embarqmail.com.

Youth Football and Cheer sign-up July 18

Salado Youth Football and Cheer will sign up players for the 2015 season 8 a.m.-noon July 18 at Salado Sonic. The cost to participate in the Central Texas Youth Football League is \$90 for football players (\$70 for other siblings in the family) and \$80 for cheerleaders (\$60 for other siblings

in the family. The registration fees can be paid by Bell County check, money order or cashier's check. CTYFL has two divisions, Pee Wee and Junior. Pee Wee football is open to 7-9 year olds with a maximum weight of 135 lbs. and 100 lbs. for back-

fielders (based upon birthday as of Aug. 31). Junior Football is open to 10-12 year olds, (175 lbs. maximum weight, 135 lbs. for backfielders). For information about the CTYFL, contact Larnce Barker at 254-718-1327 or email bark-erfam5@embarqmail.

com. For information about CTYFL cheerleading, contact Heather Piatt at 254-718-7741 or email heather.piatt@saladoisd.org. CTYFL includes teams from Salado, Florence, Granger, Academy and Austin.



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CTC to host info session July 21 on weekend and evening college programs

Central Texas College (CTC) will host an information session for anyone interested in the school's new Weekend and Evening College programs. Scheduled to start this fall, both programs will allow students to earn an associate degree or certificate of completion by taking classes during the evenings or on weekends.

The information session will be held July 21 from 5:30 – 8 p.m. in the Mayborn Science Theater (Bldg. 152). The free session is open to the public as well as any current or new CTC students.

People with full-time jobs or family obligations during the day can now take advantage of the flexible scheduling to complete a degree or certificate program. "Students can take all of their classes on the weekend or weekday evenings or mix day, evening and weekend classes and

be a part-time or full-time student," said Amy Randolph Chernis, associate dean – CTC Evening and Weekend College. "We offer 11 certificate programs and 27 associate degree plans which can be completed while accommodating the student's busy weekday schedule."

The Evening College will be conducted from 5:30 – 10 p.m. this fall and the Weekend College will hold classes Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. During both programs, students will have access to the campus library and the Academic Studio which offers free tutoring, study space and other student success services," said Randolph-Chernis. "Both programs will offer 16-week, eight-week courses as well as self-paced, online and blended (online and classroom) options."

In addition to the initial

information session, subsequent sessions will be held on Aug. 8 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 18 from 5:30 – 8 p.m.

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space. The property will have two swimming pools and a mineral spa.

The primary hotel entrance and reception will be moved to Main Street. The I-35 frontage of the property will be heavily landscaped, according to Lyda with a buffer against the highway noise.

The central portion of the site will be landscaped courtyard and include an outdoor event and activity spaces, new family areas around the main pool.

"We will also visually open the Stagecoach's connection to Salado Creek and connect to the village's trail system," Lyda stated.

"Our goal is to re-establish the Stagecoach Inn as a destination venue in Texas for small conferences, special events and weekend tourism travel," Lyda said, adding that the group will capitalize on "the strong brand of the Stagecoach Inn as an authentic place offering gracious hospitality."

The renovation and expansion of the hotel is expected to take two years, Lyda said.

The group has applied to the Village of Salado for an economic development package that will include sales tax rebates, property tax abatements and sharing of hotel occupancy taxes for marketing of the property's meeting space. The board of aldermen will consider the package during its July 16 meeting.

Lyda is a lifelong central Texan. He fondly recalls weekend visits from Austin to the Stagecoach Inn with his family. A commercial developer, he was labeled by the Austin Chronicle as the "anti-developer developer" because of his inclinations toward preserving the his-

torical and cultural integrity of the developments in which he has invested.

During a career that has spanned more than two decades, he has chosen unique projects, including most recently the Perry Mansion in Austin for renovation and redevelopment.

Lyda is the co-owner of Monument Cafe and El Monumento in Georgetown.

"It's not going to be Monument or Mexican," he told the Salado Chamber of Commerce, "It will be definitively Stagecoach Inn. We are hoping to make Salado proud."



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Bloomer and Daniel graduate Sam Houston State University Spring 2015

The following students from Salado received degrees during Spring 2015 commencement ceremonies at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

Alexis Bloomer received a Bachelor of Arts, in Mass Communication. Jessica Daniel received Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

Community Bible Study 1&2 Corinthians Registration

The Temple-Belton Community Bible Study (CBS) adult evening class is currently registering members for next year's 30 week in-depth interdenominational Bible Study of 1 and 2 Corinthians. Beginning Sept. 14, the class will meet on Mondays 7:30-9 p.m. in the small sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Belton, at Sixth and Main Streets, Belton. Individuals may choose to participate in core groups for young adults, men, women, or married couples. Each week participants receive a reading commen-

tary on the previous week's topic and a set of questions to work on each day covering the next week's reading. These questions are discussed in small groups of about fifteen. Following the small groups there is a short teaching over the same section of Scripture. The class will break for Christmas and spring vacations and finish at the end of April 2016. For additional information, contact the class coordinator at (254) 773-1842 in Temple or the class associate teaching director at (254) 526-9128 in Killeen.

Village and Chamber bids farewell to Tourism Director Charbonneau



Chairman of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Board Tim Fleischer (above), Ambassadors Paulette Chandler and Barclay McCort (below) with the Mayor Skip Blancett, County Commissioner Tim Brown gathered with many others at a reception held July 14 at Inn on the Creek to honor Debbie Charbonneau in her recent retirement. Gifts and hugs were exchanged for 10 years of service.



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Above is the exterior of the St. Stephen Catholic Church which is scheduled to open this fall. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Above is an interior photo of the St. Stephen Catholic Church which is scheduled to open this fall. Painting and stained glass are scheduled to be completed in the next few weeks. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

St. Stephen Catholic Church building progresses

St. Stephen Catholic Church is slated to open its new sanctuary this fall. The new church will seat 500 congregants.

St. Stephen Catholic Church marked its 25th anniversary last fall. The church has its roots in Christ the King Catholic Church in Belton. In the spring of 1989, Bishop McCarthy asked Reverend Charles Davis from Christ the King in Belton to start a mission in Salado and designated Christ the King Catholic Church in Belton as the “mother” church. This mission would be a place where both English and Spanish speaking residents would be able to celebrate Mass. Sister Nancy Pewterbaugh came to Salado to work with the people and to help organize the new mission. The first Mass was celebrated

on Mother’s Day, 1989, at Tablerock Amphitheatre in Salado.

In July 1989, the Bishop asked Deacon Jordon Pfunter, from Hewitt, if he would become the Pastoral Administrator of the mission Salado as there would be no resident priest. About 15 families named the mission Holy Rosary, however, the Bishop suggested that the name be changed to St. Stephen (after the first deacon martyr) since the mission was to be under the administration of a deacon instead of a priest which was an unusual situation.

Eight acres were purchased in 1990 on FM 2268 and a small chapel was established. In 1991 a building was established for classrooms and living quarters and a building was moved onto the prop-

erty to accommodate the growing congregation.

The first Mass was held at the new building on Easter Sunday April 19, 1992 with standing room only. The church published its first directory in 1994 with 79 families.

In 1999, a pavilion was enclosed for a parish hall and a kitchen was added.

Plans for a new church building got underway in 2013.

St. Stephen Catholic Church broke ground on the new church on Dec. 16, 2014 with construction beginning the following month.

During the groundbreaking, Father Aloysius Nzekwe says, “By this time next year, maybe we won’t be sitting outside, but inside a new church building.”



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Eunice Anna Vasser, 89 of Waco, passed into the loving hands of the Lord on Sunday, July 12, 2015, surrounded by her family thanks to Interim Hospice care. Visitation will be Tuesday, July 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Pecan Grove Funeral Home, 3124 Robinson Drive, Waco, Texas. Services will be held at Meadowbrook Baptist Church, 1207 N. Old Robinson Rd, Robinson, Texas on Wednesday, July 15 at 10 a.m. Burial in Chilton Cemetery, Chilton, Texas.

Eunice was born September 30, 1925, in rural Hill County near Bynum, Texas to Gus and Lydia Schulze Busse. She graduated from Bynum High School and went to work in Waco, Texas, for AT&T Southwestern Bell as a long distance operator. When they went on strike, she met Hollis Vasser on the picket line. She was primarily a homemaker but in later years became a floral designer. She was active in her church teaching Sunday school and vacation bible school. She married Hollis Vasser on November 22, 1947 at Salem Lutheran Church near Malone, Texas. Together for 61 years, they had four daughters. Her greatest joy was her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Eunice was preceded in death by her husband, Hollis; her daughter, Judy Stafford; her grand-daughter, Katherine Michelle Gant; her brother, Dick Busse.

Survivors include her daughters, Bonnie Smith and husband Bill of Salado; Karey Patterson and husband Allen of Waco; Leisa Gant and husband Michael of West; her brothers, Ben Busse of Kerrville and John Busse of Goldthwaite; her sisters, Trudy Carter of Brownwood and Clara Hammond of Goldthwaite; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren on the way.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Fence Fund – Phase 2, Chilton Cemetery Association, 210 CR 4023, Chilton, Texas 76632. You may sign the online guestbook at www.pecangrovetfuneral.com.

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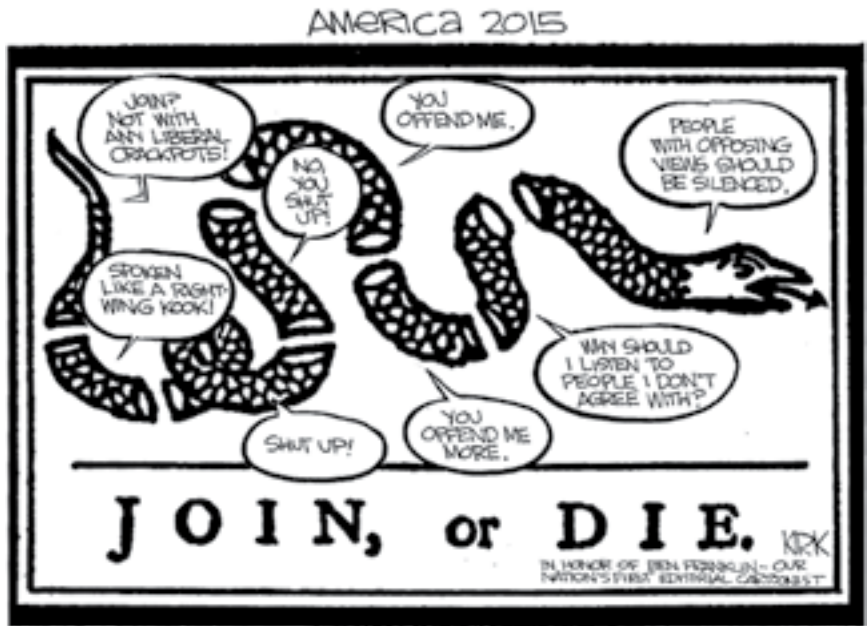
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6 p.m. Childrens and Youth Activities*
7 p.m. Choir Practice

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Sorry, Donald Trump has a point

You are hardly a name-brand company if you haven't dumped Donald Trump in recent weeks.

NBC, Univision and Macy's all have thrown The Donald under the bus, in the heaviest blow to schlock culture in this country since the cancellation of "Jersey Shore." The carnage ranges across media, encompassing reality TV ("Celebrity Apprentice"), entertainment properties (the Miss USA Pageant), fashion (the Donald J. Trump Signature Collection) and even fragrance (Success by Trump).

The shunning of Trump is in response to his, uh, memorable presidential announcement that included comments about the alleged rampant criminality of Mexican immigrants -- they're drug runners, rapists, etc. -- that were typically crude.

As it happens, Trump's new enemies are doing him an enormous political favor, at least in the short term. There are few things that benefit a Republican candidate in the current environment of left-wing bullying more than getting fired and boycotted for something he's said.

Trump's instantly notorious Mexico comments did more to insult than to illuminate, yet a kernel in them hit on an important truth that typical politi-

Rich Lowry



cians either don't know or simply fear to speak. "When Mexico sends its people," Trump said, "they're not sending their best."

This is obviously correct. We aren't raiding the top 1 percent of Mexicans and importing them to this country. Instead, we are getting representative Mexicans, who -- through no fault of their own -- come from a poorly educated country at a time when education is essential to success in an advanced economy.

Trump's comments made it sound as though Mexico is sending us moral defectives. But immigrants are willing to work. Immigrant men ages 18-65 are in the labor force at a higher rate than native men.

It's just that a lack of education hampers even hard-working people. This is illustrated in an exhaustive report by Steven Camarota of the Center for Immigration Studies, which favors a lower level of immigration.

Immigrants here from Mexico -- which has sent more immigrants than any other country for decades -- have the lowest levels of

education. Nearly 60 percent of them haven't graduated from high school.

This puts Mexican immigrants at a disadvantage, and it shows. Nearly 35 percent of immigrants from Mexico and their U.S.-born children are in poverty; nearly 68 percent are in or near poverty. This is the highest level for immigrants from any country. Immigrants make progress on almost every indicator over time, but are still far behind natives after two decades.

For all its crassness, Trump's rant on immigration is closer to reality than the gauzy cliches of immigration romantics, who are unwilling to acknowledge that there might be an issue welcoming large numbers of high-school dropouts into a 21st-century economy. If we don't want to add to the ranks of the poor, the uninsured and the welfare-dependent, we should have fewer low-skilled immigrants -- assuming saying that is not yet officially considered a hate crime.

The point could be made much more deftly and accurately by anyone not named Donald J. Trump. In the meantime, he fills the vacuum, and enjoys the whirlwind.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2015 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Of Democrats and deer

To the Editor:

This is a tale about how the village and its wonderful people saved a convention. I had scheduled the Texas Democratic Women's statewide convention to be held at the Stagecoach Inn six months prior to the date.

One month before it was to take place I was informed that my reservations had been cancelled. All guests would have to move due to the commencement of renovations. I was devastated.

I went to the *Salado Village Voice* to cancel an advertisement welcoming our guests.

When I told Tim and Marilyn Fleischer my story, they were taken aback and said they would not let Salado's reputation be damaged by this.

He called Will Lowery and led me to his Inn on the Creek. Mr. Lowery was able to give us a wonderful deal on our same date. Will and Paulette (of the visitors' center) called every innkeeping establishment in town. They were able to find rooms for all of our guests.

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Blanchard continues, "Customers are a 'revolt'

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Before the day was over our convention was rescheduled and we had enough rooms for all our people.

The fabulous visitor center is putting welcome-to-Salado bags together for us. Thank you ladies.

Frank Carlson is catering our lunch. (Owner of Cathy's)

Jackie Mills is giving our members a discount on Salado Legend tickets.

I want the Village of Salado to know what a wonderful place you live in and how supportive of each other you are. If you're not on the "Top 10 Places to Live", you should be.

Special Thank yous to the Fleischers, Will Lowery and Paulette.

Gratefully yours,
Melanie Caraway
Bell County Texas
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waiting to happen. No one owns them. They're just parked on our doorstep and if their expectations are not met, they will be glad to move along for something better. If you really want a booming business, you have to go beyond satisfied customers and create Raving Fans."

How is that done? Everyone does it differently. For Essencees, if we awakened expecting a bad day, we rarely disappointed ourselves. We stopped complaining, blaming, and being a duck --"quack,

To the Editor:

I support the effort of our Board of Aldermen to deal with increasingly intolerable problem with the high number of deer in our community. They ceased to behave as wild animals, indeed, sheep or goats on a pasture are more shy of people than treat.

For many years, one would encounter a deer in Salado once or twice a year. What caused this explosion?

It is well known that the deer help to spread ticks containing Lyme disease. It is a serious disease that is difficult to diagnose and treat.

Risk of a collision of a deer with a car or attack by a male during mating season should be seriously considered. Who will be legally and financially responsible in such untoward events?

Yes for no feeding ordinance and culling of deer. Sincerely,

L.R. Donner, M.D.
Salado

quack, complain, complain." We changed our attitude and way of doing business. It did not help our energy level, the daily grind, or the struggling, but it helped business. Our efforts produced results.

Consider businesses that are doing well. Why do people keep returning? Cost is not always a factor. For many, it is the service, extra effort, and quality, among other things.

Why this article? Everything is being done to complete I-35 construction this year. It will help but it will not always draw and keep customers. No one does it better or works harder than Salado business owners. Continuing to create "raving fans" that can't wait to tell others will make us better and better.

Supreme Court gives a welcome check on bureaucratic power

By Ed FEULNER

To say that conservatives haven't had much to cheer about at the Supreme Court lately is an understatement.

Much has been said -- and rightly so -- denouncing the judicial acrobatics required to save Obamacare and strike down state bans on same-sex marriage. So I wanted to take a moment to spotlight a case where the Court got it right: *Michigan v. EPA*.

As the saying goes, even a blind pig finds an acorn once in a while. And in ruling that the Environmental Protection Agency improperly ignored costs when it decided to regulate hazardous air pollutants from power plants, the majority made the right call.

At issue is Section 112 of the Clean Air Act, which directs the EPA to reduce air pollutants if the agency deems the regulation "appropriate and necessary." Part of what goes into determining what regulations are, in fact, "appropriate and necessary" is cost. And when it comes to the regulation in this case, the Court found that the EPA hadn't done that.

By the agency's own estimation, its rule to regulate emissions from coal and oil-fired power plants would result in compliance costs of \$9.6 billion annually. The direct benefits of the rule -- again, according to the EPA -- was

\$6 million a year.

No, that's not a misprint. For a mere \$9.6 billion, you can save \$6 million!

"To put that in perspective," writes energy and regulation expert Nicolas Loris, "it's the cost-benefit equivalent of renting \$1,600 in scuba gear to collect four quarters at the bottom of the lake. Every year."

But wait, didn't the EPA claim that there were indirect benefits to be realized from this rule, anywhere from \$37 billion to \$90 billion per year? They did. The alleged benefits included reductions in particulate matter and sulfur dioxide emissions from power plants, both regulated under a different section of the Clean Air Act.

But as Heritage Foundation experts Alden Abbott and Daren Bakst pointed out, "the agency didn't take these benefits into account when deciding to regulate. In fact, the EPA's regulatory impact analysis didn't play a role in determining whether it was 'appropriate and necessary' to regulate."

Even if all these indirect benefits were taken into account, we'd have to balance them against the fact that the EPA's cost estimate, as high as it is, is almost surely much lower than the true cost. According to Loris, the agency grossly underestimated the number of power plants that would be adversely

affected. That explains why industry projections -- which were much higher -- are likely more accurate.

It's not just a matter of waste, as bad as that is. The EPA's rule in this case would have enacted a fiscal toll on all of us. The industries affected by it would have been forced to pass the costs onto its customers.

And I don't just mean the price of energy would have risen. I mean the cost of almost everything. It takes energy to produce the goods and services we buy. The inevitable result of this rule, had it been allowed to stand, would've been fewer jobs and a weaker economy. And all for what appears to be a pitiful benefit.

Another reason this decision is important: The courts tend to defer to the judgment and interpretation of the regulatory agency in question. But this time, common sense won out, and the courts provided an important check on the power of unelected bureaucrats. We could use a lot more of that.

There is still much more that needs to be done to rein in the EPA, and Congress should now take steps to do just that. But let's not allow this victory to pass by unnoticed.

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Registration and check-in will be in front of Brookshire Brothers beginning at 10:30 p.m. July 31. This will be a chip-timed race.

Runners will take their places at the starting line at the crosswalk in front of Brookshire Brothers at 11:45 p.m. July 31.

The shotgun start will go off at midnight with the route traveling south along Main Street to Royal and Baines St. and back up Main.

An awards ceremony will be held at 1 a.m. and will include prize drawings.

Awards will be pre-



Midnight Madness returns to Main Street this year.
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sented in the following categories: plaques to the top male and top female runners and medals to the top 3 male and female finishers in each of the following age groups: 14 & under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 & above

Register by July 24 to be guaranteed a T-shirt

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Registration on Race Day (July 31, 2015) will start at 10:30 p.m. Entry fee night of the race will be \$40 for adults and \$30 for kids under 12 and military. Cash or credit/debit cards preferred.

Salado Art Fair marks 49 years with new location, The Venue

For the 49th year in a row, the Salado Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the Annual Art Fair. Known statewide and throughout the country, the Salado Annual Art Fair, slated for Aug 8-9, has drawn in thousands of visitors over the years and is a staple in the community. This year, the Art Fair will have booths inside and outside at The Venue on College Street.

A Children's Art Inspiration Area will inspire youth creativity. Features include watercolor, face painting, kite making and other activities. Spaces are offered to the school and church groups at no charge, and they keep the proceeds. Contact Yvonne Lane at the Chamber and Visi-



Salado Art Fair will be held Aug. 8-9 at The Venue

tor's Bureau for more information on spaces.

There will be dozens of artists and artisans inside and outside The

Venue while children play, trolleys run, and the oohs and aahs of some of the most beautiful art work is unveiled.

Hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Aug. 8 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Aug. 9. There is no admission fee for attending.

“Come be a part of a 49-year-strong event that brings every age and walk of life to Salado to see beautiful artwork of many genres,” Event Coordinator Yvonne Lane said.

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JULY 18 & 25 AND AUGUST 1
Salado Legends at Tablerock Amphitheater.

JULY 20-24
Silver Spur Arts Academy Imagineer Array of Arts Camp II info: tiffyoranch@gmail.com

JULY 20-23
Creative Arts Camp, 9 a.m. - noon at First Baptist Church Salado. info: KAllen@FBCSalado.org

JULY 21
LEGO Club, 11 a.m. - noon at Salado Public Library. info: 947-9191

JULY 21
Village of Salado-Planning and Zoning Commission will meet concerning an amendment to the Landscaping ordinance, 1:30 p.m. at the Municipal building.

JULY 22
Beyond Basics Knitting Class with Salado Yarn Co, 10 a.m. - noon inside The Shoppes on Main. \$25 plus materials. Register at saladoyarn.com

JULY 23
Superhero Movie for Teens, 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

JULY 25
Salado Masonic Lodge Installation of Officers. Dutch treat luncheon at Johnny's Steaks & Barbecue at 11:30 a.m. followed by the installation at the Lodge, 90 S. Church St. The public is invited to the luncheon and to this open installation.

JULY 27
Evening With the Mayor - Business Owners, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

JULY 28
LEGO Club, 11 a.m. - noon at Salado Public Library. info: 947-9191

JULY 29
Superhero Movie for



Local weatherman Andy Anderson performs in Salado Legends at Tablerock Amphitheater. Performances are Saturdays thru Aug. 1

Teens, 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

JULY 31
Midnight Madness Down Main 5K and Glow Run registration, 10:30 - 11:45 p.m. registration in the Brookshire Brothers parking lot. Race begins at midnight. Info: salado.com

AUGUST 1
Play Day Series at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. info (254)624-9678.

AUGUST 4
Salado ISD new student registration, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. All students PK3 - 12 grade. saladoisd.org

AUGUST 5-7
Silver Spur Arts Academy Imagineer Mini Theater/Puppet Camp info: tiffyoranch@gmail.com

AUGUST 6
Public Hearing to consider ordinance on deer feeding and management, 6:30 p.m. at the Village of Salado Municipal building.

AUGUST 8-9
Annual Salado Art Fair, The Venue. Info: www.salado.com or call 254-947-5040.

AUGUST 11
Evening With the Mayor - Service Organizations, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

AUGUST 12
Deadline to advertise in Salado: Jewel in the Crown of Texas. 947-5321 for info

AUGUST 15
Play Day Series at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. info (254)624-9678.

AUGUST 24
First Day of School for Salado ISD

AUGUST 25
Evening With the Mayor - New Residents (3 years are less), 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

SEPTEMBER 2 & 9
Learn to Knit Class with Salado Yarn Co, 10 a.m. - noon inside The Shoppes on Main. \$30 plus materials. Register at saladoyarn.com

SEPTEMBER 19-21
Chocolate and Wine Weekend, info: www.saladochocolatefestival.com.

OCTOBER 3
Salado Youth Fair Boosters Reverse Raffle, Tenroc Ranch.

OCTOBER 9-10
Christmas in October at Stagecoach Inn. info: salado.com

OCTOBER 11
Second Annual Fall Pub Crawl. Details to be announced.

OCTOBER 17
Cattleman's Ball, Tenroc Ranch, benefiting Salado Education Foundation.

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NOVEMBER 4 & 11
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NOVEMBER 13-15
54th Gathering of the Scottish Clans & Highland Games, Pace Park.

DEC 4-5, 11-12
A Christmas Carol at Tablerock Amphitheater.

DEC 4-6 AND 11-13
Salado Christmas Stroll, shops open late, strolling carolers, food and fun.

Empresario's Son: Col. E.S.C. Robertson's influence on founding of Salado reaffirmed

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

An old trunk sits in the middle of Michael and Nancy Kelsey's office in their downtown Belton home, a home built in the mid-19th century with old portraits of ancestors and scenes of Bell County history. In it are the personal letters portraits and other documents from the life of Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson, the son of empresario Sterling Clack Robertson.

The documents heretofore have remained private among the descendants until four years ago when the Robertson descendants began a refurbishing of the 150-year old Robertson Plantation. Cile Cowan and Sterling Ambrose gave the Kelsey's access to the personal documents of Col. Robertson.

Michael is a retired librarian having served more than three decades at Temple Public Library. He oversaw the genealogical section of the Temple Public Library

They have spent the last four years scouring through the documents which are on loan from the Robertson descendants, as well as the multiple volumes of the Papers Concerning the Robertson Colony, compiled, edited and published by the late Dr. Malcolm McLean. They have also gleaned historical data from Bell County tax records and deeds and from the E.S.C. Robertson papers at the University of Texas Dolph Briscoe Center for American History.

The Kelseys will publish an in-depth biography of Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson later this year, re-affirming Col. Robertson's principal role in the founding of Salado in 1859 with the establishment of Salado College.

Michael rejects the claim that Salado was es-

tablished in 1852 because of the establishment of a post office at that time.

According to the records of that time, the only post office in the area was much closer to Prairie Dell than to Salado. It was midway between Belton and Georgetown, the county seats of Bell and Williamson County respectively.

"The reference to it being 'Salado' was because of the custom at that time of identifying a post office by the closest stream, which was almost five miles away," Kelsey states.

Col. Robertson refers to riding seven miles to that post office in some of his early letters back to his family in Austin. Robertson lived for a short time in the Archibald Willingham cabin in 1854 while he began building the first family home on the property that he owned in the Salado area.

After completing that house, he brought his family up to Salado, which was still very much a frontier. Sure, there were dozens of settlers identified along the Salado, but no concentration close enough to call it a town.

Robertson then began work on the 22-room plantation home that continues to grace Salado and remains in the family. It is perhaps the most complete architectural example of a plantation in Texas, complete with the slave quarters, smoke house, brick

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Regular Events in Village of Salado

MONDAYS

Yoga for Women's Health, 10 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Salado Village Artists Stitches & Knitters, 1 p.m. at Salado Village Artists Building.

Yoga Basics & Beyond, 6 p.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Salado Masonic Lodge, Floor practice is 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge every Monday except Stated Meeting. Stated meeting is 7:30 p.m. Monday on or before Full Moon.

FIRST MONDAY

Salado First Monday Gardeners, 8 a.m. at the Visitor Center.

Salado Historical Society board meeting, 6 p.m. at The Baines House.

Salado Youth Fair Booster Club meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Salado High School. Info: SYFB-Club@gmail.com

Salado Athletic Boosters Club meeting, 7 p.m. at the High School Library. Info: saladoathleticboosters.org.

SECOND MONDAY

Public Arts League of Salado open board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Visitor's Center on Main Street.

THIRD MONDAY

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

TUESDAYS

YogaStrong, 9-10 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

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

Adult game day at Presbyterian Church of Salado, 10 a.m.

LEGO Club, 11 a.m. - noon at Salado Public Library. summer only info: 947-9191

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. at Johnny's Steaks & Barbecue **first three** Tuesdays of month; Roving Social after hours on **fourth Tuesday** of month.

Prix Fixe at The Range, 5 p.m. - close. \$14.95 for entree, dessert, drink.



Fiber artists can enjoy a wealth of opportunities in Salado. Several classes are hosted by Salado Yarn Co. inside The Shoppes on Main. Sit and Knit sessions are held every Tuesday at Salado Yarn Co and The Salado Village Artist Stitches and Knitters meet every Monday.

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

FIRST TUESDAY

Salado Village Artists Board Meeting, 9 a.m. at the Village Art Building.

Salado 4-H Club meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate Cafeteria.

SECOND TUESDAY

Sit & Knit, 10 a.m. - noon at Salado Yarn Co, inside The Shoppes on Main.

THIRD TUESDAY

Bell County Genealogical Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple Public Library.

WEDNESDAYS

Yoga for Core, 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Power Flow Yoga, 6:10-7:10 p.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Wine Down Wednesday at The Range. Half price glasses of wine, staff's choice.

FIRST WEDNESDAY

Adult craft group meets at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.-noon.

SECOND WEDNESDAY

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY

Mah Jongg at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

FOURTH WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAYS

Beginner's Golf clinic at Mill Creek by golf pro J.L. Lewis, 5-6 p.m. \$20 per person.

Martinis and Manicures at The Lounge at The Range, 5 p.m.-close. \$25 for 2 ladies night adult beverages, a manicure and a selection of appetizers, space is limited. appointments: 254-947-3828.

Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., Municipal building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public. First and third Thursday are regular meetings and second and fourth Thursday are workshop meetings.

FIRST THURSDAY

Chisholm Trail American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Salado.

SECOND THURSDAY

Salado Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center.

THIRD THURSDAY

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Visitors Center.

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FOURTH THURSDAY

Salado Area Republican Women, time varies. Salado Civic Center. Public welcome: 947-3617.

FRIDAYS

Friday Night Special at Mill Creek Country Club Bar and Grill. Menu changes every week. Call 947-5698.

FOURTH FRIDAY

Fourth Friday Gospel Singing, 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church on FM 2843. Pot luck to follow, bring a favorite dish or dessert.

SATURDAYS

Hatha Flow Levels 1 & 2, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623

Live music in The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on

Main St., 7 p.m. Artists change weekly. Check website for details.

FIRST & THIRD SATURDAY

Trudy's Closet, 8 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church

THIRD SATURDAY

Bell County Star Party, 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. at Overlook Park, Stillhouse Hollow Lake on FM1670. Central Texas Astronomical Society. info: centex-astronomy.org.

SUNDAYS

Open discussion Al-Anon Meeting, 6 p.m. Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center.

Hatha Flow Levels 1 & 2, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623

SECOND WEEKENDS

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event. info: (254) 947-3355.

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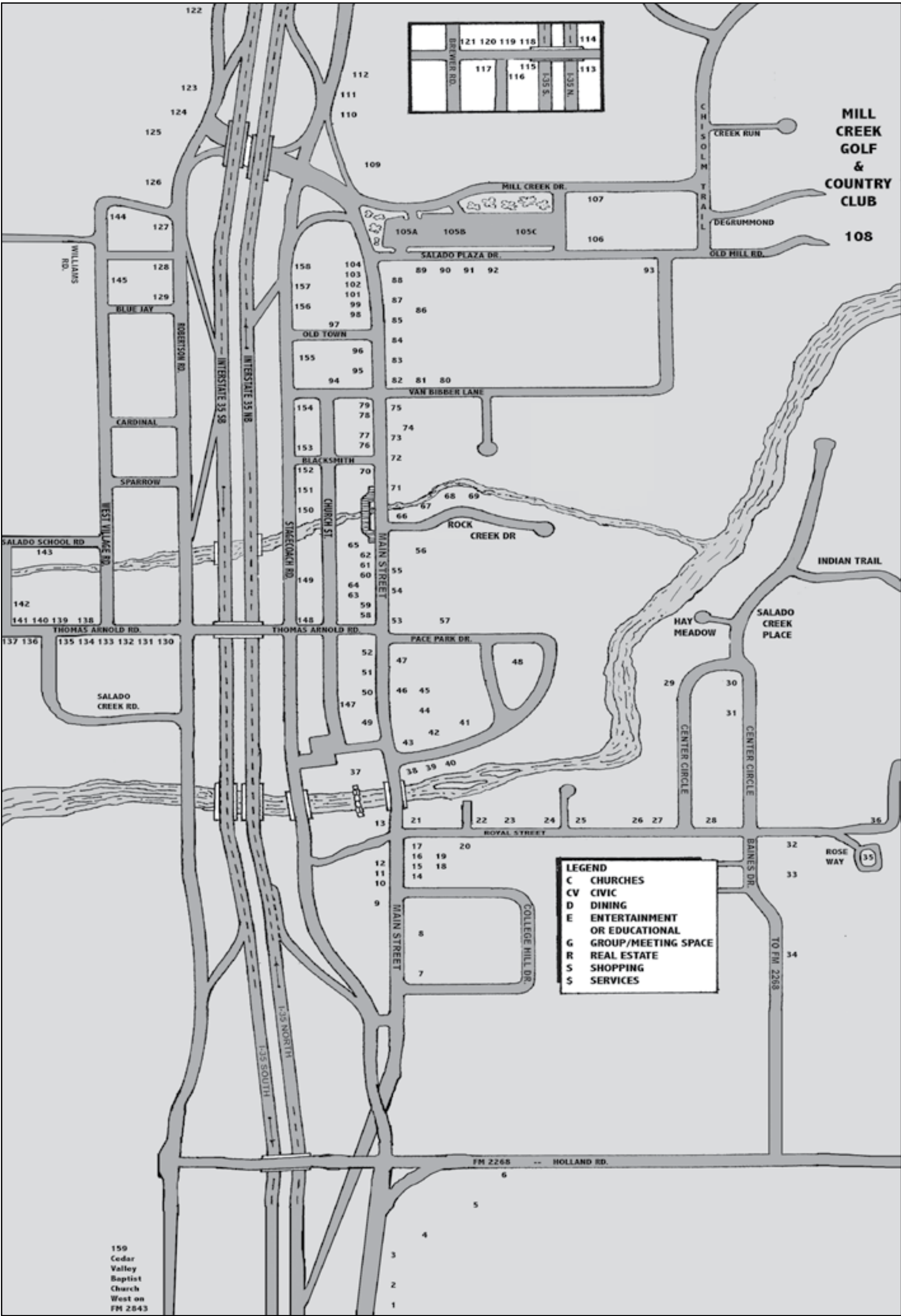
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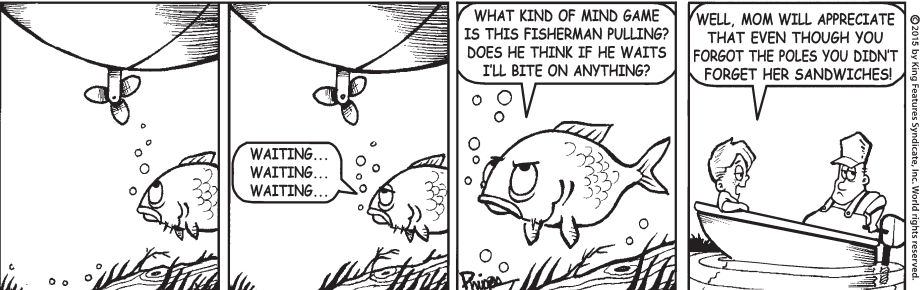
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2. JD's Travel Center	254-947-5228	D	A. Magnolia's			98. Stamp Salado	254-947-8848	S	142. Salado Eagle Stadium		
3. The Play Yard Preschool	254-947-1153	\$	C. Linda Rountree Pritchard Egg	254-947-4263	\$	100. Salado Post Office	254-947-5322		143. Eagle Baseball Field		
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8. SALADO COLLEGE HILL PARK			58. Salado Family Dentistry	254-947-5242	S	102. Subway	254-947-5593	D	147. Salado Masonic Lodge #296	254-458-2643	CV
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Sofi's	254-947-4336	S	A. The Pizza Place	254-947-0222	D	B. Finney Insurance	254-947-3599	\$	156. Salado Antique Mall	254-947-3355	\$
19. Salado Glassworks	254-947-0747	S	75. SALADO CIVIC SQUARE			B. Monteith Abstract & Title	254-947-3922	\$	157. Horizon Bank Salado	254-947-8636	\$
24. Springhouse	254-947-1960	D	79. CORNETT CORNER			B. Anytime Fitness	254-947-1063	\$	159. Cedar Valley Baptist Church	254-947-0148	C
27. The Shed	254-947-5554	L	A. Salado Creek Winery	254-947-0237	S	B. The Haire Shop					
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34. HISTORIC SALADO CEMETERY			82. Salado Civic Center	254-947-5479	E	C. Brookshire Brothers	254-947-8922	\$	Don Ringler	254-774-6500	S
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50. THE VERANDA			89. Presbyterian Church of Salado	254-947-8106	C	119. Salado Fire Department Station #2			Marilyn at 254.947.5321 or email		
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51. First State Bank	254-947-5852	\$	91. Salado Sculpture Garden			124. Johnny's Barbecue	254-947-5700	D			
52. FIRST CENTRE			92. SALADO ARTS COMPLEX			125. The Play Yard Infant Center	254-947-4065	S			
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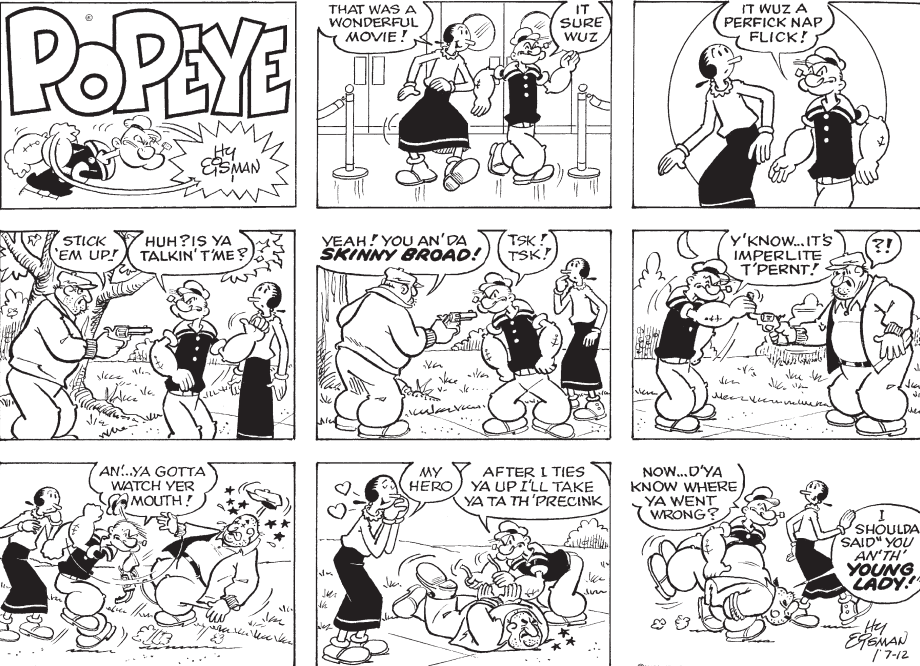
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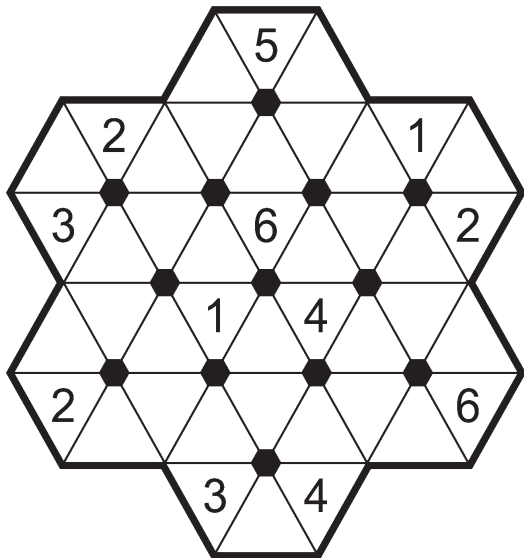
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



SNOWFLAKES
by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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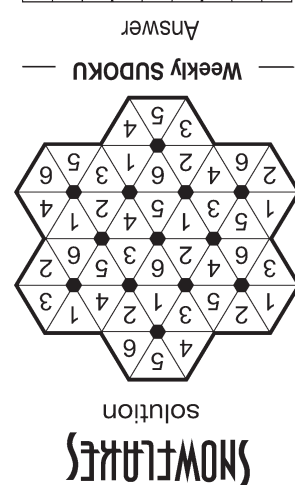
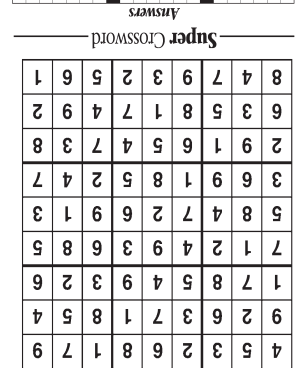
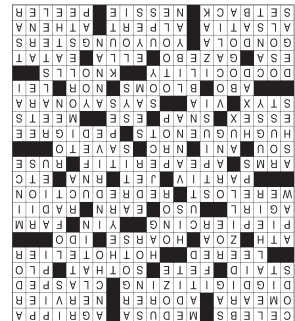
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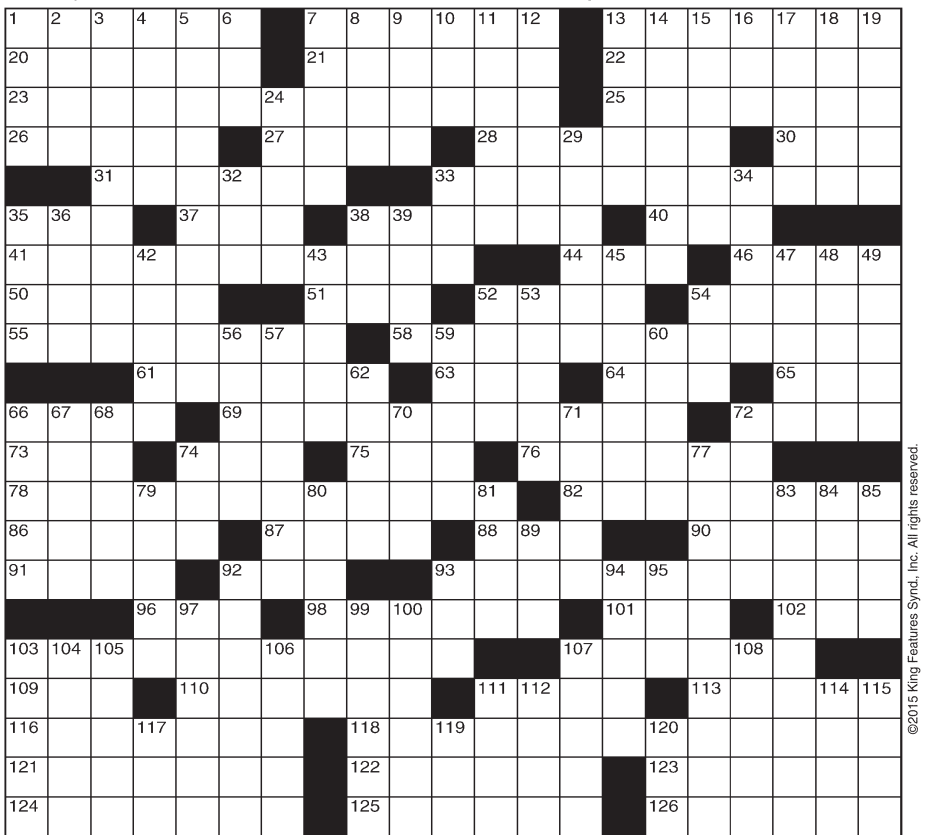
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Super Crossword

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NOTEWORTHY

- ACROSS
- 1 Film stars, e.g.
7 Snake-haired Gorgon
13 General who advised Augustus
20 Golfer Mark
21 Rabid fan
22 More gutsy
23 Really get into making electronic scans?
25 Embraced
26 Straitlaced
27 Grand party
28 With the result being
30 Abbas' gp.
31 Gazed wantonly
33 Conrad Hilton with a fever?
35 Part of NCAA or AAU: Abbr.
37 Animals: Suffix
38 Like a rough, harsh voice
40 Cobbler
41 Oath reply
44 — and yang
46 Raise crops
50 "Two Guys and —"
51 GI uplifter
- 52 Make at work
54 Wheel spokes, e.g.
55 Disoriented driver's remark to a passenger, maybe
58 Decrease in sunburn severity?
61 Last of a tetralogy
63 Boeing plane
64 Stranded stuff in cells
65 "Too many to list" abbr.
66 Tentacles
69 Gorilla's pre-dinner drink?
72 Bit of deceit
73 —wester (storm type)
74 Songwriter DiFranco
75 Reactor safety org.
76 Put a backup copy on
78 Embrace old French Protestants?
82 Purebred's genealogy
86 Vintage auto
87 Ginger treat
88 Suffix with Milan or Bern
90 Faces
- 91 Mythical river
92 By means of
93 Bid a Tokyo resident farewell?
96 Blood-typing letters
98 Flowers
101 —wester (storm type)
102 Waikiki wear
103 Meekness of medics?
107 Hillocks
109 That, in León
110 Backyard pavilion
111 Raines of "The Web"
113 Vex greatly
116 Suspended ski lift cabin
118 How senior citizens address teens?
121 Old French region
122 Tijuana Brass' Herb
123 She's a deity of wisdom
124 Progress delay
125 Sea serpent nickname
126 Paring tool
- 3 To whom property lawfully passes on
4 "— Was a Lady" (1933 hit song)
5 Fiancée who's a control freak
6 Get less firm
7 Paired up to breed
8 Blue-pencil
9 Sleep briefly
10 Mentalist
11 Burglar alarm component
12 Local lingo
13 — chili (kind of pepper)
14 Aspic ingredient
15 Like many violent films
16 ICU drips
17 Longstocking of kid lit
18 "Edward I" playwright
19 Passion
24 Start to a bit of bad news
29 "And — off!"
32 — v. Wade
33 Ugly witch
34 Lite, in a way
- 35 "Lend —" (Oscar-winning Disney short)
36 Buster Brown's bulldog
38 That boy's
39 — about
42 Gets ready
43 Little darling
45 Ready to roll, as a car
47 "Farewell"
48 Prison brawls
49 Chop to bits
52 German river
53 "— a jealous mistress"
54 Elvis' label
56 Chimp's kin
57 Second-cen. pope
59 Throw off
60 In need of a meal
62 White with Pat Sajak
66 Fire leftovers
67 Shake to
68 Rocky's gangster partner in cartoons
70 Stage piece
71 Sticky rolls
72 Actor Seth
74 "La Cage — Folles"
- 77 Asian nation since 2002
79 Group of six
80 Equip
81 Stitching line
83 2011 film about boxing robots
84 Raison d'—
85 Actor Morales
89 Pt. of GPS
92 Like A, E, I, O and U
93 Tamari, e.g.
94 Kofi of the U.N.
95 "— hoo!"
97 Colombian capital
99 Like Qaddafi
100 Actor Peter
103 Painter Edgar
104 "— Mio"
105 Art able to
106 "The Compleat Angler" writer
107 1971 Jane Fonda film
108 Shop shaper
111 Peepers
112 Singer of film
114 Duncan of Obama's cabinet
115 Ivan or Peter
117 Artistic touch
119 Good times
120 Hiatus



A highly sophisticated play
Contract
Bridge

By Steve Becker

There are plays that may appear to make no sense at all but are nevertheless demonstrably correct. Consider this deal where you're declarer at five clubs. West leads the king of spades, and the question is how to play the hand. Let's say you win the spade with the ace, play the king of trumps and then lead a low diamond from dummy. You plan to play the ten from your hand, but, unfortunately, East produces the jack, which you win with the king.

You next lead a diamond to the ace and play a third round of diamonds, hoping West will have to win the trick, which would ensure the contract. But East takes the third diamond with the queen and returns a heart, and down you go.

You could say that the outcome was unlucky, but,

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 3
♥ 8 5
♦ A 7 6 4 3
♣ K J 8 2

WEST
♠ K Q 9 8 5 2
♥ A J 10 4
♦ 9 8
♠ 5

EAST
♠ J 10 7 4
♥ Q 7 6 3 2
♦ Q J 5
♠ 7

SOUTH
♠ 6
♥ K 9
♦ K 10 2
♠ A Q 10 9 6 4 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ 3 ♠
3 ♠ 5 ♠
Opening lead — king of spades.
even so, you should be willing to shoulder a goodly portion of the blame. You could have adopted a different line of play that would have significantly increased your chances of making the contract. Although it's certainly not the sort of thing you see every day, the correct play is not to take West's king of spades with the ace at trick

one! Instead, you let him hold the trick, after which there is nothing he can do to stop you. Let's say West leads another spade at trick two. You win with the ace and discard a diamond from your hand. Then, after cashing the ace of trumps, you lead the K-A of diamonds and ruff a diamond. This establishes dummy's 7-6 of diamonds, on which you can later discard the K-9 of hearts, and you finish with an overtrick.

It is true that ducking the opening spade lead costs you a trick you didn't have to lose, but you get the trick back because you no longer have to lose a diamond. More importantly, you gain control of the diamonds and can establish them without running the risk that East will be able to win the third round of the suit.

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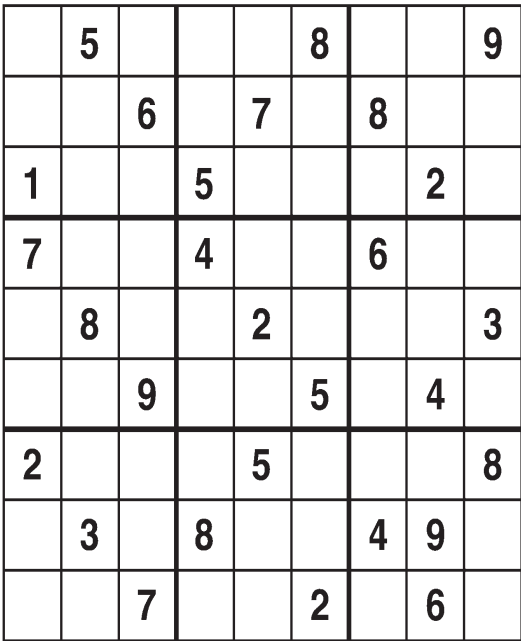


1. U.S. STATES: What time zone is the state of Alabama in?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "crypto" mean?
3. SCIENCE: What does an ichthyologist study?
4. MOVIES: What was the first major movie to show a flushing toilet?
5. ABBREVIATIONS: What does BMW stand for?
6. MUSIC: Who wrote the Beatles' song "Here Comes the Sun"?
7. MEASUREMENTS: The word "octennial" refers to a recurring period of how many years?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only mammal that can fly?
9. GEOGRAPHY: What did the African nation of Burkina Faso used to be called?
10. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Egyptian god of the afterlife?

Answers
1. Central
2. Hidden or secret
3. Fish
4. "Psycho"
5. Bavarian Motor Works
6. George Harrison
7. Eight
8. A bat
9. The Republic of Upper Volta
10. Osiris
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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kitchen, stables and family graveyard.

He finished the home about the time that tent meetings were held to discuss building a school in the area. At an October 8, 1859 tent meeting at Salado Springs, a group of prominent Bell County men decided to build a school. The Salado College Joint Stock Company was founded and \$5,000 in stock was sold to begin the school. Robertson served as the President and Secretary of the Stock Company board.

Robertson donated 100 acres to Salado College. Ten acres was for the college itself, while the rest of the property was surveyed into lots and sold, the proceeds of which benefited the building of Salado College.

The College was incorporated by the Texas Legislature on February 8, 1860 for a period of 20 years, during which time Salado flourished. In 1867, Salado incorporated with Judge. O.T. Tyler serving as the first Mayor. Tyler moved to Salado so that his children could attend Salado College. Tyler was one of the trustees of Salado College.

Salado College contributed to the growth of Salado to the point that there were 900 residents in 1880.

But that growth would not last and when the railroad bypassed Salado, its decline would be inevitable, resulting in a village that many have called a time capsule of the Antebellum days of Texas.

The above portrait of Col. E.S.C. Robertson captures him later in life. It was among the documents in an old trunk that Michael and Nancy Kelsey have utilized for their biography of E.S.C. Robertson. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Robertson Plantation featured on Salado Historical Society Tour

The historic Robertson Plantation will be one of the featured homes in this years Salado Historical Society Christmas Tour of Homes.

This rare architectural and historical gem stands just west of downtown Salado was built by Col. E.S.C. Robertson. The two-story Green Revival mansion was constructed over a span of almost four years. The tour will offer a glimpse at recent renovations by the sixth genera-

tion descendants of Col. Robertson.

The Robertson Plantation is perhaps the only fully functioning plantation property left in Texas that has been continuously owned and operated by one family.

Held the first weekend of the Salado Christmas Stroll, the tour is available Dec 4, 5 and 6. Tickets will be available at the Salado Visitors Center on Main Street.





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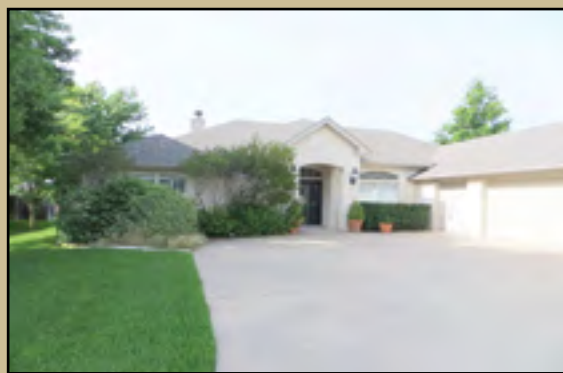
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- **Creeks of Salado:** Estate-sized lots starting at \$60,000
- **Mill Creek lots:** \$32,000 - \$59,000
- **Hidden Springs lots:** \$39,900 - \$74,900
- **1.25 ac.** Commercial tract in Jarrell at I-35 & Meadow Valley Loop.
- **4.6 ac.** fronting I-35, just S. of Salado
- **10.24 acres,** potential for commercial business on FM 1670, just off Hwy 190
- **11.7 ac.** tract on West side of I-35 frontage rd. between Belton & Salado.
- **50 ac.** fenced and cross-fenced, seasonal creek, pond, living quarters & barn.

Classifieds

pens, 3 stall barn & tack room, fenced backyard w/ craft house. Home is accented with reclaimed brick floors downstairs & custom carpet upstairs. Large master suite down, Butler's pantry w/ utility sink, garage converted to game room. Carport, circle drive. Salado Schools. NICE! 431 Elmer King Rd., Belton. \$499,921. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050

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Open & bright, this 4 BR home is located N of Salado with easy access to I-35. Outside the city limits but still has the Salado ambiance. Featuring a large kitchen that overlooks an oversized living area. 4th BR could easily be used as an office or study. Quaint storage building in the backyard adds to the appeal of this home. 1108 Yellow Rose, Salado. \$239,921. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050 01/23tfnf

3BR-2BA Desirable home on 2.493 acres. Beautiful in ground pool! Plenty of room for a garden. Split bedroom plan. Gorgeous setting with trees galore. Nice fenced in yard and two exterior buildings. 8048 FM 2484 \$209,500, Raney & Associates, call Ann Carroll 254-760-0101. 05/07tfnb

Beautiful 2/2 brick home on 20 acres, formal dining, updated granite kitchen overlooking the wooded back yard, master bedroom with sitting area opening to back porch. Guest house with full kitchen, bath & garage. 30 x 40 covered RV parking with utilities and 12 x 24 storage shed. Large native oaks, woods & walking trails surround the home site with rolling pasture for cattle or horses beyond. 7142 FM 1123, Belton. \$395,021. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050.

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Eco-Friendly Pest Control in the Garden

By MELINDA MYERS

Spots on tomatoes, holes in hosta leaves and wilting stems mean insects and diseases have moved into the garden. Don't let these intruders reduce the beauty and productivity of your landscape. Work in concert with nature to prevent and control these pests and you will be rewarded with a bountiful harvest and landscape filled with beautiful blooms.

Monitor. Take regular walks through the landscape. Not only is it good exercise, but it will improve your mood and you'll discover problems earlier when they are easier to control. Look for discolored leaves, spots, holes and wilting. Inspect the underside of the leaves and along the stems to uncover the cause of the problem.

Identify. Once you discover a problem, identify the culprit. Your local extension service, garden center or reliable internet resource can help. Once identified, you can plan the best way to manage the culprit.

Invite the Good Guys. Toads, lady beetles and birds help control many garden pests. Attract them to the garden by planting herbs and flowers to attract beneficial insects, adding a house for the toads, and birdbath for songbirds. Avoid using pesticides and learn to tolerate a bit of damage. A few aphids or caterpillars will bring in the ladybeetles, lacewings, birds and toads that are looking for a meal.

Clean up. Many insects and diseases can be man-

aged and prevented with a bit of garden cleanup. A strong blast of water from the garden hose will dislodge aphids and mites, reducing their damage to a tolerable level. Or knock leaf-eating beetles and other larger insects off the plants and into a can of soapy water.

Pick off discolored leaves, prune off diseased stems and destroy. Be sure to disinfect tools with 70 percent alcohol or one part bleach to nine parts water solution between cuts. This will reduce the risk of spreading the disease when pruning infected plants.

Adjust care. Reduce the spread and risk of further problems by adjusting your maintenance strategies. Avoid overhead and nighttime watering that can increase the risk of disease. Use an organic nitrogen fertilizer like Milorganite (milorganite.com) which encourages slow steady growth that is less susceptible to insect and disease attacks.

Mulch the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips. This will keep roots cool and moist during drought, improve the soil as they decompose, and also prevent soil borne diseases from splashing onto and infecting the plants.

Non-chemical Controls. If the problems

continue, try some non-chemical options for insects. A yellow bowl filled with soapy water can attract aphids, a shallow can filled with beer and sunk in the ground will manage slugs, and crumpled paper under a flower pot for earwigs are just a few ways to trap and kill these pests.

Or cover the plants with floating row covers. These fabrics allow air, light and water through, but prevent insects like bean beetles and cabbage worms from reaching and damaging the plants.

Organic products. Organic products like insecticidal soap, Neem, horticulture oil and Bacillus thuringiensis can be used to control specific pests. And even though these are organic, they are designed to kill insects or disease organisms, so be sure to read and follow label directions carefully.

Take Note. Make notes on the problems and solutions in this season's garden. Refer to these next year to help you do a better job of monitoring and managing garden pests. And when shopping for new plants, select the right plant for the location and choose resistant varieties whenever possible.

A little eco-friendly gardening can go a long way in creating a beautiful and productive garden.

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Salado Volunteer Fire Department Report July 7-12

July 7
12:41-1:32 a.m., FM 1670 and FM 2484. Out to a motor vehicle accident. Arrived on scene to find a single car in a field on it's wheels. Made access to vehicle and found 2 patients out walking around with minor complaints. Got patients to walk out to roadway to meet Scott & White medic unit. Once they arrived

they took over patient care. Made sure there was no fire danger on car. Had to cut lock off of gate to make access to vehicle for wrecker. Gate was opened and wrecker arrived on scene and loaded vehicle. Scott & White transported patients. Secured the gate and fence to keep livestock in field and all units cleared. 3 units, 5 personnel.

5:38-6:15 a.m., 1200 Block Mill Creek Dr. Out in reference to a fall. Arrived on scene to find an 88 year old female laying in bed, complaining of severe pain in her hip. Obtained and charted vitals. Scott & White medic arrived on scene and assumed patient care. Assisted in loading patient into ambulance and patient was transported. All units cleared. 1 unit, 1 personnel.

10:38-11:18 a.m., 1900 Block Indian Trail. Out to a patient that had fallen. Arrived on scene to find patient sitting on

couch with a towel on right eyebrow. Patient had some tenderness on her neck and put C-collar on patient. Got vitals on patient and charted them. Patient stated she did not remember where she had fallen and hit her head or how long ago it happened. Patient was aware at the time of our arrival. Scott & White arrived on scene and took over patient care. Assisted them with loading patient. Scott & White transported patient and all units cleared. 3 units, 3 personnel.

5:00-5:30 p.m., 11100 Block Ridgewood Dr. Out to 11100 Block Ridgewood Dr. for a lift assist. Arrived on scene to find the patient in wheelchair inside home. Patient needed help getting to vehicle. Assisted moving patient to vehicle. All units cleared. 3 units, 3 personnel.

7:38-8:18 p.m., 6000 Block W. Amity Rd. Dispatched priority 1 to 6000 Block W. Amity Rd. for a

25 year old female complaining of chest pain. Arrived on scene to find patient sitting on the bed in obvious pain. Established patient contact and the patient stated the pain was between her chest and abdomen and it did not move and it was constant. Patient stated the pain was a 10 of 10 and she has a history of gallstones. Patient was placed on the monitor and it showed a sinus rhythm. An IV was attempted in patient, it was unsuccessful. Scott & White arrived on scene and patient report was given to the responding medic. Assisted with patient care and getting the patient to the ambulance on the stretcher. All units cleared the scene and Scott & White transported patient. 1 unit, 4 personnel.

July 8
1:48-4:12 p.m., 282 SB. Out to a motor vehicle collision. Arrived on scene to find a multi vehicle accident. There were 5 vehicles involved with moderate damage. All patients were out walking around and only 1 patient had any complaints. Patient was complaining of face pain. Set up traffic control and established a safe area. 2 inside lanes of I-35 were closed until all vehicles were removed from roadway, once roadway was cleared all units cleared. 2 units, 4 personnel.

July 9
8:53-9:18 a.m., 700 Block Via Lago. Out to a patient with chest pain and difficulty breathing. Arrived on scene to find patient sitting in chair in living room. Patient was not having difficulty breathing upon my arrival or chest pain, but did have prior to my arrival. Got vitals and charted them. Belton medic arrived on scene and took over patient care. Belton transported and all units cleared. 2 units, 2 personnel.

July 10
2:56-3:21 p.m., 400 Block Decker Rd. Out to a patient in and out of consciousness. Arrived on scene with Belton Fire Department and assisted them with patient. Belton

medic transported and all units cleared. 2 units, 2 personnel.

7:41-7:55 p.m., 1000 Block Cacti Ln. Out to a patient locked in vehicle. Went en route and when we arrived on scene Belton Medic and Police Department were on scene. They had made entry and got patient out, no assistance needed and all units cleared. 2 units, 4 personnel.

July 11
8:35-9:07 p.m., Fox Rd. Out to an unknown fire in the area between Amity Rd. and Tahuaya Rd. Went en route and found the fire at 7985 I-35 SB. A control burn at this address. Control burn was in the city of Belton and Belton Fire Department was dispatched. Belton Fire Department arrived on scene and advised owner to extinguish fire. Took red line off booster and helped extinguish the fire. Once the fire was out all units cleared.

July 12
2:33-3:10 p.m., Salado Library. Dispatched to a 3 vehicle motor vehicle collision. Arrived to find they pulled off the highway into a parking lot. All were out walking around, no one had any complaints. No transports by all patients, no further assistance needed and all units cleared. 3 units, 9 personnel.

5:07-5:37 p.m., 285 SB IH35. Dispatched to a general illness. We arrived on scene to find the patient walking around the back of her truck. Patient was unable to sit still. She had no rhyme or reason, to her movement. She states she gets like this when she takes her inhaler. She is aware and she had no acute trauma. Scott & White arrived on scene and got a no transport. 3 units, 4 personnel.

5:36-5:51 p.m., 2500 Block FM 2268. Dispatched to a tractor fire. We arrived on scene to find an 18 wheeler. Driver states turbo blew and may have looked like it was on fire. No fire or any hazards found, all units cleared. 2 units, 3 personnel.

Salado Police Report July 7-12

July 7
12:52-12:56 a.m., 1670 at 2484. Agency Assist, assisted DPS with single car crash.

July 8
4:09-4:10 p.m., 210 S. Main St. Alarm Business, test of elevator alarm system. rep is on scene and code-4, clear.

8:40 p.m., 1700 Block Chisholm Trl. Disturbance, individual was very intoxicated causing a disturbance. His father was called and he took custody of individual and removed him from the property.

6:54-7:06 p.m., I-35 NB. Welfare Concern, assisted 86 year old white female motorist. Motorist stated that she hit a concrete curb and blew out her tire. Temple Towing was called at her request. Stayed on scene until wrecker arrived.

July 9
2:08-2:11 p.m., 1000 Block Salado Oaks. Miscellaneous. Solicitation. Female subject came to residence attempting to sell items. Area check. Unable to locate.

2:39-2:45 p.m., NB MM 286. Traffic Hazard. Requesting an assist in removing a pipe in the road. Constable located it and removed. Clear.

July 11
8:46-8:47 a.m., 815

N. Stagecoach Rd. Suite 100 Horizon Bank. Alarm Business. Side door, accidentally set off. Employees code-4, clear.

10:12-10:13 a.m., 1151 N. Main St. Alarm Business. Front door. Employee forgot passcode. Code-4, clear.

12:21 p.m., 1022 W. Village Rd. CEFECO. Suspicious Person, subject observed behind dumpster at above location with luggage. Subject was identified and is walking to Wyoming. Courtesy ride given to Knight's Inn in Belton where he obtained a room for the night. Clear.

4:32 p.m., IH 35 300 Block. Crash, received a call for a crash at the above location. Report on file.


July 12
4:59-4:56 p.m., 285 SB. Reckless Driving, caller advised driver was driving erratically. Made contact, not intoxicated. EMS checked for safety.

5:59 p.m., Thomas Arnold Bridge. Stranded Motorist. Assisted driver who ran out of fuel.

9:44 p.m., 284 NB. Reckless Driving. Reckless driver at 284, unable to locate.

10:18-10:39 a.m., 280 NB. Agency Assist, assisted DPS with DWI arrest.

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Melanie Kirchmeier, Community Builder award recipient

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 presented Melanie Kirchmeier with the Community Builder award during a luncheon held at Salado High School on June 27.

In accepting the award, Kirchmeier said she is only practicing the “example momma and daddy set for us growing up.”

With family, friends and members of Salado Masonic Lodge in the audience, Kirchmeier talked about the importance of family and the support she has received.

“My husband Bob has supported me every step of the way because he knows that giving back to the community is the joy in my heart,” she said.

Art Wadford, Worshipful Master of Salado Lodge, recounted some of the ways Kirchmeier has volunteered in Salado over the years.

“Melanie is a tireless supporter of Salado schools, whether in her position as a SISD trustee or in her work as a founding member of the Salado Education Foundation,” Wadford said. “She and her company Century 21 Bill Bartlett are financial supporters of Salado schools in numerous ways.”

“If there is a sponsorship of a Salado school function or group, you will find the Century 21 logo there,” he added. “She also contributes her time and money to raising funds for the local Volunteer Fire Department, Salado Chamber of Commerce, Salado Community Foundation and the professional associations with which she is affiliated.”

Kirchmeier was a founding volunteer for the Salado Family Festival, which raised funds to build the first soccer fields in Salado.

She headed the Salado Christmas Stroll, one of the largest events in Salado bringing thousands of people to Salado. She has overseen and been a member of the Salado Business Association and is serving a three-year term on the Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She is the vice chair of the Chamber board this year.

She is in her second term on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees, which oversees the education of almost 1,500 Salado students.

She is also an active



Art Wadford, Worshipful Master of Salado Masonic Lodge #296 presents Melanie Kirchmeier with the Community Builder award during a luncheon at Salado High School June 27. (PHOTO BY: TIM FLEISCHER)

and supporting member of her local church in Salado.

“It would be a shorter task to list the local efforts she is not involved in,” Wadford said, “than the efforts that she personally and professionally supports.”

A graduate of Salado High School, Melanie attended Southwestern University in Georgetown before returning to Salado to raise her family and build her professional career.

“She is highly regarded professionally and personally by her colleagues and her competitors because she is a woman who lives up to her word when she gives it,” Wadford said. “It is for her integrity and ceaseless volunteering in her hometown that we give the Community Builder Award to Melanie Kirchmeier.”

In accepting the award, Kirchmeier spoke on the impact that the Masonic fraternity has had on her family.

Her daughter Kayla was diagnosed at age four with cerebral palsy. One doctor advised drastic surgery in which the muscles of her legs would be removed from the bones and reattached. “She would have to be in a body cast for several months and there would be years of physical therapy to follow,” Kirchmeier recalled. Seeking a second opinion, Kirchmeier was told by another doctor to take a “wait and see” approach because Kayla was walking.

“I was torn between these two dramatically different prognoses,”

Kirchmeier said, when she was recommended by one of the doctors to contact the Scottish Rite Hospital in Arlington. “He told me that the chief at Scottish Rite had trained them both,” Kirchmeier explained.

But Kirchmeier added, she would need for a Mason to recommend Kayla. “I had seen their pictures in the paper,” she said. “I know one personally because he sat on the pew next to me in church.”

That was the late Bill Piper, a Past Master of

Salado Lodge who Kirchmeier said immediately brought the paperwork to her to begin the process of seeking treatment through the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

“When we first went there, it was so different than every other hospital,” she said. “This hospital was built for children and for their families. It was filled with bright colors and had play areas.”

That began a relationship of care lasting more than a decade in which they would travel to the

hospital twice a year for therapy. That care was extended to include the Scottish Rite dyslexia program, considered by many experts as a premier program in the field of education.

“All of this was free to us,” Kirchmeier said, “paid for by the Scottish Rite Masons.”

Kirchmeier told the local Masons that earlier in the week, her daughter, a graduate of Mary Hardin

Baylor, had signed a contract to teach pre-K with Bartlett I.S.D.

“Teaching has always been her dream,” she said. “It would not have been possible without the help and support of the Scottish Rite and the Masons.”

Editor's note: I am a member of Salado Masonic Lodge. I nominated Kirchmeier to the Lodge Awards committee for the Community Builder.

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