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Frontage road closed south of Salado

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) closed the southbound frontage road south of Farm to Market road 2115, in Bell County, south of Salado, on Jan. 3.

The closure will allow construction crews to begin preparation of the new FM 2115 overpass as part of the IH 35 expansion in that area.

The \$81.7 million IH 35 expansion, which began in early December 2006, will reconstruct and widen the existing main lanes from four lanes to six lanes, while providing a concrete traffic barrier between the northbound and southbound sections, with the northbound frontage road being relocated and both frontage roads be-

ing widened between the Bell/Williamson county line and FM 2268, south of Salado.

Additionally, the frontage roads will be changed from two-way to one-way operation.

The project is estimated for completion in the Fall of 2009, weather permitting.

TxDOT urges the traveling public to be patient, observe all warning and detour signs and watch for construction personnel and equipment in the work area.

In addition to the \$81.7 million expansion of I-35 from north of Jarrell to FM 2268, TxDOT is also in the process of building \$16 million rest stops south of Salado.



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

A construction crew works on the \$16 million rest stop area south of Salado. In addition to the construction of the new rest stops, TxDOT will close the southbound frontage road of I-35 south of Salado for the expansion of I-35 from two lanes in each direction to three lanes in each direction. That project is valued at more than \$81 million.

Salado Village Voice staff introduces itself with new year

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

Salado Village Voice has a staff of six, including publishers Tim and Marilyn Fleischer. Other staffers are Ken Clapp, political columnist; Chris McGregor, features and sports writer; Stephanie Hood, advertising and 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.

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 24 years in the newspaper industry.

For almost 19 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 32- to 40-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, 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 editorial writing, third in state for column writing) and second in state for community service (for articles during the incorporation election).

He has also served the community in a variety



Tim Fleischer

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.

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

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Aldermen to learn of tourism, sewage

Tourism director Debbie Charbonneau will discuss the Tourism Strategic Plan conducted by Destinations Development, Inc. at the 6:30 p.m. Jan. 4 meeting of the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen in the municipal building on Stagecoach Rd.

Other topics for discussion include the sewage study report. The Village and Stagecoach Properties have joined together to conduct a feasibility study for a sewage system for downtown Salado.

Aldermen will also discuss a secondary associate judge for the municipal court and review year-to-date financials before adjourning into executive session to discuss a Code Official position.



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An Open Exchange of Ideas



America gets richer

If you don't yet believe that we live in a de facto caste system, just wait until the new Democratic economic populists take over Congress. They will rely on the usual myths to portray the American economy as an engine of inequity and dispossession, benefiting only the very rich.

In advance of this onslaught, Cato Institute scholar Alan Reynolds has written a new book, "Income and Wealth," that explodes much of the downbeat economic conventional wisdom.

The key difference between the richest and poorest households, Reynolds finds, is simply work: "Most income in the top fifth of households is from two or more people working full time. Most income in the bottom fifth is from government transfer payments." According to the Census Bureau, there are almost six times as many full-time workers in the top households as in the bottom, and 56.4 percent of the bottom households didn't have anyone working at all in 2004.

For Reynolds, the small number of workers in poor households casts doubt on the category of the "working poor." A member of the working poor is commonly defined as someone earning an hourly wage too small to support a family of four. But Reynolds points out that most of these low-wage workers "are not supporting more than one person." He notes that the poverty rate among married couples was just 5.4 percent in 2003, and a mere 2.6 percent among full-time, year-round workers more than 16 years of age.

"The vanishing middle class" is another concept Reynolds doesn't buy. If the middle class is perpetually defined as those earning between \$35,000 and \$50,000, it will constantly vanish as people get richer. In this vein, one liberal study complained that 31.3 percent of families earned more than \$75,000 in 2002, whereas only 11.1 percent earned that much in 1969. "By this measure," it

Rich Lowry



concluded, "America's broad middle class has been shrinking." No, members of the middle class were getting richer.

The New York Times reported in 2005 that the number of households with assets worth more than \$10 million grew 400 percent since 1980. The Times called this a sign of increasing concentration of wealth. Reynolds counters, "Having four times as many wealthy households in 2001 as in 1980 suggests wider ownership of stocks, bonds and larger homes -- less concentration of wealth, rather than more."

The economy is not a zero-sum game, frozen in place. A Business Week article in 2004 reported that the top 50 percent of families own 95 percent of the country's assets, meaning "the gains from rising wealth have effectively left out half the population." Reynolds explains that the wealthy tend to be older and more established. They will be replaced by younger workers as they age in turn.

What's most important to wealth creation in the long run is human capital, and that has become more widely dispersed. According to Reynolds, "fewer than 8 percent of those above the age of 25 had a college degree in 1960, but that fraction doubled to more than 16 percent in 1980, and nearly doubled again to almost 28 percent in 2004."

It is America -- not just the rich -- that is getting richer, even if Washington's newly empowered populists don't want to hear it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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TXU wants to build more coal plants; Texas wind power; DeLay after top ACU lobby job

In recent days Saladoans received a professionally prepared, multi-colored pamphlet from "Texans For Affordable Reliable Power" that warned all citizens that: "By 2009 our existing power plants will not be able to provide enough power."

The speciously tinged alarms continued: "Natural gas would be an expensive option," and "Renewable generation (wind, solar, water) cannot reliably deliver power when customers need it."

The "hard sell" brochure concluded: "New coal and nuclear plants are a necessity, even though nuclear plants take up to 10 years to permit and build."

Following the gloom and doom warnings, the energy mavens concluded their printed performance with a calming "not-to-worry" promise designed to gain acceptance for: "The new Texas coal-fueled power plants scheduled for 2009 will give us the additional power needed."

"TARP" is, in case you hadn't guessed, a consortium of "supportive" Texas communities organized, financed and directed by TXU to help the giant energy company secure the required state air permits to construct 11 new coal-fired power plants. And it's those very plants that are "hot button" political items in North Central and East Texas, where citizens are up in arms about future construction of what they term "more polluting monstrosities in their areas."

Also, no mystery that TXU's lobby group carefully forged the three-way connection between coal-fired power plants; the uproar about their construction; and the TXU support-group that sent you the "bad news, good news" promotional effort seeking public acceptance of coal power.

CLEAN COAL FUELED POWER AVAILABLE AND PRACTICAL

In our Nov 23 column we reported that Montana's Governor Brian Schweitzer, is promoting a proven method of converting coal to liquid fuel for use in today's fully operational gas and oil fired turbines - thus avoiding new construction and "on-line" time problems.

With enough coal in Montana and other states to meet the total power needs of our nation for 800 years - it boggles the mind as to why TXU is by-passing this clean, non-polluting production of energy.

The New York Times in a Nov 25 editorial asked: "Is TXU availing itself of the cleaner technology? No! TXU will use the old pulverized coal model. Company says the older models are more reliable."

The "Times" went on to refute TXU's argument: "The real reason it likes older models is they are easier to build, cheaper to run and ultimately much more profitable."

The public is clearly puzzled by TXU's negative attitude towards creating clean energy from coal. They know (as does everyone else) that the cost of generating electricity is borne by the consumer, and if we need (as TARP predicts) 63 percent more power by 2025, then that cost will be paid in full by homeowner and industrial growth, with little (if any) reduction in TXU's profitability!

The Legislature needs to set early January hearings to uncover exactly why the Texas utility group plans to continue fouling the air from smoke belching coal-fired energy plants. Especially when the same amount of energy can be produced from the

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



same source (coal) cleanly and efficiently with no danger to the air we breathe.

TEXAS LEADS NATION IN WIND POWER PRODUCTION

Just a few weeks ago, Governor Perry announced plans for enhancing the development of "Wind Power" in Texas, as a way of "supplementing" traditional gas, oil and coal generated electricity. The Gov's press conference included a number of corporate officials from the seven largest (American and international) wind energy companies, who noted their plans to invest "billions" in a major effort to convert wind into electricity.

Texas is the leading producer of wind power in the United States and with new (highly questionable) eminent domain laws recently passed by our pro-business legislature - there's no doubt the State will meet (within a few years) the industry's goal of creating 6,000 "new and competing" megawatts of non-polluting, renewable energy for 1.2 million family homes.

HERE'S ANOTHER SOURCE OF WIND

The only item overlooked by the "windy leaders" was tapping into the State Capitol building and our 254 county courthouses (not to mention thousands of city halls) to harness the hot air blowing continually in and around these "lawmaking-chatter-jabber" hubs.

Big problem would be the high cost of keeping State legislators in action year-round. That's called "annual sessions" and has long been considered anathema by anyone with at least one brain cell that's operational.

DELAY AFTER ACU'S "HIRED GUN" SLOT

We were wondering what Tom DeLay was up to these days, when news surfaced that he is pressuring the American Conservative Union for its top "hired-gun" job as a "high profile strategist." That's pol-speak for "lobbyist."

What better news for newly empowered congressional Democrats than having DeLay (their former nemesis), as spokesman for one of the country's top conservative associations? With the amount of tarnished baggage DeLay is dragging around, one wonders how many Republican lawmakers can be coerced on behalf of Tom's new bosses? As house majority leader, he treated peers with varying degrees of contempt, which "might" also haunt him as he seeks legislative favors for the ACU.

Other less than meritorious items in DeLay's resume includes a long standing criminal indictment in Travis County; his close association with "K Street" influence peddlers (remember Jack Abramoff?); plus old Tom's flair for "artfully" dodging rules.

ACU GOALS

The ACU is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots conservative lobbying group. Their internet "overview" indicates they favor the standard fare of right-wing priorities, i.e. opposition to higher taxes and lower government spending.

We also suspect they strongly embrace Pro-life issues; School Vouchers; and of course a "take no prisoner" attitude towards gays and their "liberal" associates (those being Democrats, in case you missed a meeting).

Interesting sidebar: Word has surfaced that several ACU board members have threatened to quit if DeLay is hired.

That's -30-

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Trustees to mull superintendent's job

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Salado ISD Board of Trustees will undertake a most important task on Jan. 9 when they evaluate the annual performance of the District Superintendent. This will be a time-consuming responsibility, as there are numerous arenas to be reviewed with the Board goal of "Getting it Right," without qualification or reservation.

I did note in the last issue of the *Salado Village Voice* that the District financial audit was "incomplete." This was a result of the scheduled auditors preliminary report not being presented to the Trustees during their regular meeting on Dec. 18.

This creates a fiduciary concern as the obvious question arises "How is the District's \$12 million budget performing?" Further, the District management of these funds will be unable to be evaluated.

This does not pass the common sense test and might not promote confidence in the current system.

Michael McDougal
Ed.D.

To the Editor:

The Christmas lights and luminaries may be fading, a few at a time, in Salado, but I believe this to be one of the brightest and best Strolls and Home Tours. The planning and

efforts of the volunteers were rewarded with people strolling and enjoying the beautiful music of Christmas throughout the village and passing by the nativity with the amazing animals, children and friends filling the parts of the familiar story.

Starting in October people decorate their stores, homes and yards - the results are lovely. The merchants were smiling and as a former longtime shopkeeper, I still am pleased when I see shoppers carrying packages. Every person who had a part should know how fortunate they are to live in this place and this country. Thanks to those who get the word out weeks ahead so we can share Christmas with so many.

The December days are full of parties, meetings, shopping, cooking and family that we often forget the real "Reason for the Season." But thanks to those who worked so diligently this year, the "Reason" was around us and I believe we were all blessed for remembering.

Thank you Salado for letting Robert and I ride in the parade and light the Christmas tree. It was a cold night but we love a parade and Salado. We hung our plaque proudly.

Doris Denman,
Salado

End of newspapers? Let's hope not

BY JASON SALZMAN

More and more of us are skipping the daily newspaper and getting information from blogs, websites, and entertainment TV.

The newspapers' websites are more and more popular, but website surfers don't buy subscriptions, and so far, advertisers aren't paying nearly as much to place ads on newspaper websites as they do for the dead-tree edition that's delivered to doorsteps. So, as their ad revenue drops, newspapers are cutting back on the number of stories written, the breadth of coverage they offer, the features they include, and much more.

Some people hear about this and shrug. Who cares if newspapers die? We can get by without them. But here's the rub. Most of the alternative sources of news, including blogs and websites, rely on newspaper articles for information. It's usually newspaper sto-

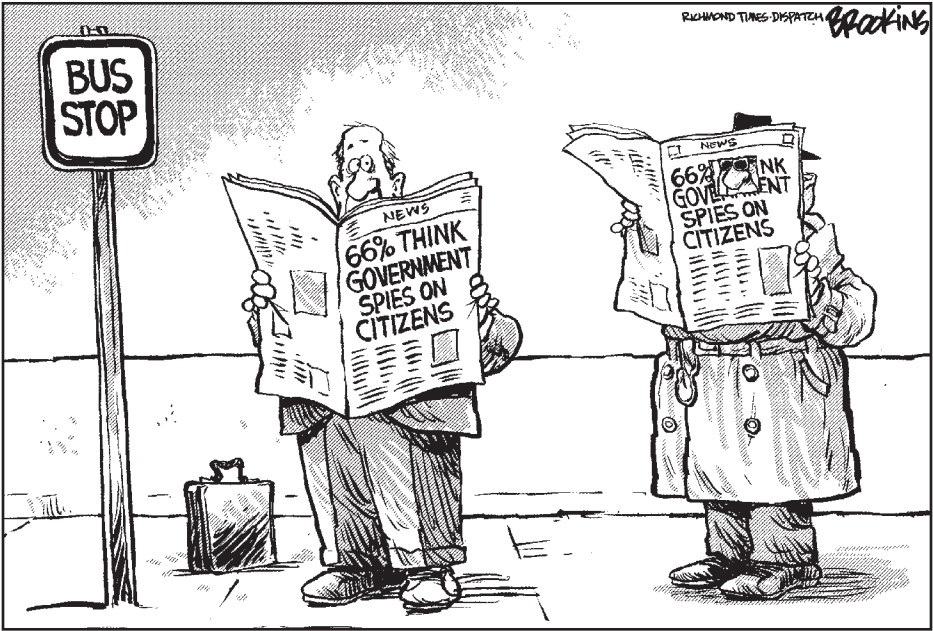
ries that provide ideas for TV stations or create the basis for the controversy on talk radio or the commentary on a blog. It's often a newspaper story that inspires an angry citizen to dig for facts that contradict or confirm a statement from a public official.

In other words, when you look at where local news comes from, it's almost always the journalists at the local newspaper who report the stuff people are talking about.

Sure, local TV news, radio, and other publications also produce local stories, but the number and breadth of stories from other sources don't hold a candle to what's generated by newspaper reporters. So, when people tell you that the local newspaper is no longer relevant in the Internet age, ask them what's going to take its place. Who, if not the newspaper reporter, is going to report on the mayor, the police force, the sports teams, and, of

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FORUM



Texas has nation's ninth highest property tax burden

By MARC A. LEVIN

As the new year begins, Texans should be looking forward to expanding opportunities. Unfortunately, many families cannot help but feel financially deflated by the property tax bill that came due for 2006.

Indeed, a new national study shows Texas has the ninth highest property taxes in the nation as a percentage of personal income.

Early January will bring anticipated recommendations for property tax relief from Gov. Rick Perry's Texas Task Force on Appraisal Reform. The state's taxpayers must hope the Legislature will both heed those recommendations, and at the same time return the \$15 billion surplus to taxpayers as tax relief.

For much too long, Texans angry over their property taxes have been dismissed as selfish misers. The conventional wisdom has been that Texas is one of the nation's lowest tax states and complainers should just be glad they don't live in Massachusetts. However, the Tax Foundation's national re-

port on property taxes released earlier this month shows Texas homeowners are being drowned in rising property taxes, forcing some to flee their homes for the safer ground of lower appraised property.

The report documents how property taxes have skyrocketed relative to personal incomes. From 1999 to 2005, property tax appraisals in Texas went up 75 percent. while personal incomes rose only 35 percent.

This is the result of rising property appraisals, on which state and local governments have been cashing in rather than rolling back tax rates accordingly. No wonder many Texans are struggling to simply pay their property tax bill.

The report not only reveals that Texas has higher property taxes than 80 percent of other states; it also shows that the property tax burden is particularly severe in several Texas localities.

For example, residents of Houston endure the highest effective property tax rate of any major city in the nation at \$2.99 per \$100 valuation. While oth-

er cities had a much higher statutory rate, they had significant exemptions. As a result, Houston's effective property tax rate is nearly three times that of New York City and more than five times that of Denver.

In addition, Fort Bend, Williamson, and Tarrant counties made the Tax Foundation's dubious list of the 20 counties with the highest median property taxes paid as a percentage of the median home value. The other 20 counties were in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Illinois.

Relief is already on the way. Legislation passed in the last special session will reduce the current maximum school property tax rate of \$1.50 to \$1.33 in 2006 and \$1.00 in 2007. Just as importantly, starting in 2007, rollback elections will automatically be required when appraisal creep effectively produces a school property tax increase of more than four cents per \$100 valuation.

Now, Gov. Perry's panel is preparing to unveil recommendations that

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Sensible priorities? For the Pentagon?!



Jim
Hightower

Trying to bring common sense to Washington, D.C., is about as hard as delivering a tray of ice cubes to hell -- but a group called Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities is trying to do just that.

Even wilder, this group of business people, military experts, and grassroots activists are trying to make sense of something as nonsensical as the bloated, obese, inefficient, antiquated, sugar-addicted bureaucratic jumble known as the Pentagon budget. Their goal is to take a slim slice of this overweight budget...and apply the money to some of our country's broader security needs.

Next year, the Pentagon will take \$463 billion of our tax dollars -- more than will be appropriated for the environment, education, energy, agriculture, housing, job training, poverty needs, science, national parks, and every other federal program combined. Also, the Pentagon's haul does not include fighting a war. War is extra! For example, the \$363 billion for Bush's war of lies in Iraq is all off budget -- he's putting that on the credit cards of our kids and grandkids.

So, the Sensible Priorities group wants to trim a mere \$60 billion in fat, pork, and pure lard that now goes to the likes of Boeing, Lockheed, and Halliburton for weaponry boondoggles that don't work or aren't needed. This would not take a dime from our troops in Bush's war -- and it still would leave the Pentagon brass with more money than the rest of the world combined spends on their militaries.

With this \$60 billion slice, we could provide Head Start for every child in America, guarantee health care for every child, rebuild every single American school, establish energy independence for our country through renewable fuels... and so much more.

Of course we need a strong military -- but FAT is not strong! We need a Pentagon that defends us... not one that bleeds us. To support Sensible Priorities, call: 212-243-3416.



Do you need to establish a trust due to your finances?

During your working years, if you save money diligently and make wise investment choices, you have a good chance of enjoying a comfortable retirement. But will you be taking proper care of your family after you're gone? The only way to

answer that question is to do proper estate planning - and trusts can be a key element of your estate plan.

How do trusts work? As the grantor of a trust, you set up the rules and appoint a trustee, who manages the trust and its assets. You and other donors then fund the trust with securities and other assets. The trustee collects these gifts and invests the money according to the rules of the trust, which will also determine the trust's beneficiary - the recipient of the trust's proceeds.

Different trusts have different objectives. When you design your estate plans, you may well need more than one trust. Here are some of the most widely used ones:

Revocable Living Trust - A revocable living trust can help you leave assets to your heirs without going through the costly, time-consuming - and public - probate process.

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



When you set up a revocable living trust, you can control your assets during your lifetime and determine how they will eventually be distributed to your heirs. You could, for example, have money distributed to your children or grandchildren in installments, over a period of years. Plus, a properly established revocable living trust will carry out your wishes if you become incapacitated.

Bypass Trust - If you're married, you can leave an unlimited amount of assets to your spouse, free of estate taxes and without using up any of your estate tax credit. But if your spouse then dies with an estate worth more than the federal estate tax exemption- \$2 million in 2007 - his or her estate

would be subject to the estate tax. Unfortunately, your original estate tax credit was unused and, in effect, wasted. Basically, a Bypass Trust allows both spouses' estate tax exemptions to be preserved, to the benefit of the surviving spouse and, ultimately, the children.

Special Needs Trust - If you have a family member with a disability, you might want to think about a Special Needs Trust. People with mental or physical disabilities can hold an unlimited amount of assets in a Special Needs Trust (sometimes called a Supplemental Needs Trust) without having the assets count against eligibility for certain governmental benefits, such as Supplemental Security

Income (SSI), Medicaid, vocational rehabilitation and subsidized housing.

QTIP Trust - If you're married for a second time, but want to make sure your children from your first marriage are protected, you may want to think about a QTIP (Qualified Terminable Interest Property) Trust. A QTIP trust enables you, as grantor, to provide for your surviving spouse and also maintain control of how the trust's assets are distributed once he or she also dies.

Of course, trusts are complex instruments, so you should work with an attorney, in addition to a tax adviser to make sure you are using the right type of trust and then consider a financial professional for funding it with the appropriate vehicles. By using trusts wisely, you can leave a legacy that benefits everyone.

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Directing many roles

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

You wouldn't choose a surgeon to diagnose your car's engine. Nor would you ask your accountant for a physical exam. Every professional specializes in a different field of knowledge.

Buying or selling a home requires the services of several professionals. The first may be your accountant, who can explain the tax implications of a real estate transaction.

Your attorney also plays an important role, researching the title to the property you are purchasing, uncovering any possible flaws, and assuring you of receiving a good and marketable title.

You may also need a surveyor, since mortgage lenders usually require a physical survey of a property's boundaries. Licensed surveyors ensure that you receive title to the exact property for which you contracted.

So what role do real estate professionals play in a property transaction? They act as a marketing agent for sellers, developing strategies to identify and attract likely buyers for the property.

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course, the weather—all in the same issue? Who's going to write the story that the blogger is going to trash?

That's why newspapers remain so important, even if you think they're biased, boring, or irresponsible. Most of them carry more fair and accurate information about local issues than you'll find anywhere else, even if newspapers are much smaller and more entertainment-oriented than they once were.

I mean, imagine if newspapers didn't exist. Information will become more and more fractured, with websites and bloggers keeping track of narrow bands of local information that will attract an audience just big enough to snag advertisers. Your

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will go further in relieving property taxes. It's widely rumored the proposal will include finally placing meaningful restraints on the de facto property tax increases that can be levied by local governments through skyrocketing appraisals.

In addition to adopting the panel's recommendations for reforming appraisals, the \$15 billion surplus lawmakers will have in-hand this session should be used to provide an additional 25-cent tax rate reduction. With a stroke of the pen, Texas taxpayers can be given needed relief.

Thanks to Texas' reputation as a low-tax state, our rate of economic growth has exceeded the national average in recent years, but we cannot afford to rest on our laurels.

Let's make a new year's resolution: Texans deserve to be secure in their homes, not forced to live in a house of cards is subject to the whims of an unaccountable appraiser. With an overpayment of taxes resulting in a record state surplus, this is one New Year's resolution for which there is no excuse not to keep.

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average citizen will be able to find the information and news they want, but the news they need to function in a democracy will likely slip through the cracks.

The discourse of our community, the news we share with each other, will be replaced by the discourse of interest groups, sports nuts, knitting clubs, liberal political junkies, conservative Christians, you name it. Everyone will have a lane on the information highway, but fewer of us will connect with each other. That's what's at stake as we watch America's newspapers struggle to survive over the next decade.

That's why the Federal Communications Commission should protect newspapers, to a reasonable degree, from being destroyed by the free market.

Because of their importance to our democracy, newspapers should not be treated like other products, like the soap you buy at the supermarket. One way to do this is to insist that newspapers are not swallowed by ever-bigger media conglomerates. Another possibility is for

Congress to create incentives for private investment in newspapers.

The point is, we can help newspapers survive, without censorship, but we first need to recognize just how important they are.

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SPORTS

Lady Eagles take third in Thorndale Tournament

Taking a short break from district play, the Lady Eagle hoopsters - winners of two of their last three games before Christmas - gave themselves a holiday treat by taking third place in the Thorndale Tournament. Salado trounced the Rockdale JV 85-28 in the tourney opener, but were then defeated by Manor 50-27, only to rebound to defeat Florence 50-46 in earning the bronze.

Tipping off first against Rockdale, the Lady Eagles got two standout performances from Kelsey Gobin and Kristen Smith, who scored 23 and 22 points, respectively, in a 47-point rout.

Before the first period was out Salado had put up 22 points and engineered a 14-point lead, setting the stage for a big victory.

The trend continued into the second, as the Lady Eagle defense allowed only three points and the offense put up another 16, allowing Salado to expand its lead to 38-11 at the half.

The Lady Eagles would add 20-plus points in each of the next two periods of

play, as Rockdale was not able to mount any sort of challenge to the Salado lead.

Behind Gobin's 23 and Smith's 22, Danielle Hazzard came through with a nice game, scoring 16. Cortney Dunnahoo had eight, as did Tamra Stanish. Kaylan Hearne scored seven and Brittany Gilchrest had one.

Moving on to the second round, the Salado offense which had been so potent just one game before practically vanished against Manor. The Lady Eagles were shut out in the opening period, and were able to bucket only six points in the second. Manor, meanwhile, registered 22 first half points and broke open a 16-point lead at the half.

The third period saw both clubs exchanging buckets, but the Lady Eagles did little to carve into the Manor lead, and the Lady Mustangs headed into the fourth with a comfortable 36-26 lead. Manor iced the win in the late stages with 14 more points, compared to Salado's 11, bringing the game to its 50-27 final.

Gobin once again topped Salado in points, this time finishing with

11. Hazzard had six, and Smith five, while Dunnahoo finished with three and Stanish had two.

In the consolation game Salado faced district rival Florence. The game was within both teams' grasp for much of the way, but the Lady Eagle defense held together in the second half to secure the four-point, 50-46 win to wrap up a third place tourney finish for Salado.

Though both clubs went back and forth throughout the first half, Florence did go to the break nursing a slim 28-27 lead. Salado went on top on the third, going up on Florence 39-36 with one period of play remaining.

Florence kept it close in the fourth, but the Lady Eagles scored just enough points to stay out in front and pick up the win.

Gobin paced Salado with 14 points, and Smith's 13 was close behind. Hazzard scored eight, Dunnahoo had seven, and Gilchrest and Hearne each scored four.

Following a calamitous 2-11 start to the season, the Lady Eagles have now won four-of-six and sit at 2-1 in district play, very much alive in the playoff chase.

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Residential Building Permits Issued by Village of Salado 2006

| Permit | Owner | Builder | For | Received | Signed |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 012006 | Martha Francis | | Add bathroom | | |
| | Chuck McCarter | DVM Construction | at 123 Rock Creek | 12/19/05 | 01/03/06 |
| 022006 | Susan Hayword | Lone Star Grading | Driveway at 916 Santa Maria | 12/21/06 | 01/03/06 |
| 032006 | Robert Blanton | | Storage bldg at 233 N. Main St. | 01/10/06 | 01/18/06 |
| 042006 | Michael McDaniel | | 207 Salado Plaza: Addition | 01/15/06 | 01-25-06 |
| 052006 | David McGilvray | Volney Bldg | 302 Royal View: New Residence | 01-19-06 | 01-25-06 |
| 062006 | Carlos Urquiza | | 100 Mary Ln: replace Storage Bldg | 01-30-06 | 02-02-06 |
| 072006 | Joe Copeland | Jay Connell | 585 College Hill: storage bldg | 02-01-06 | 02-02-06 |
| 082006 | Calvin Wineland | | Van Bibber: bldg. removed | 02-02-06 | 02-06-06 |
| 092006 | Calvin Wineland | Vernon Coressett | 146 Van Bibber: storage bldg | 02-02-06 | 02-06-06 |
| 102006 | Benjamin Maquinalez | same | 1335 Walker Cl. slab | 02-14-06 | 02-21-06 |
| 112006 | Sharon Kaine | same | 1219 Ambrose: new residential | 02-13-06 | 03-02-06 |
| 122006 | Michelle Spears | same | 120 Salado Oaks Dr. enclose patio | 02-27-06 | 03-09-06 |
| 132006 | Robert Walter | Stillwater Homes | 1341 Walker Cl. New Residence | 03-06-06 | 03-09-06 |
| 142006 | Blake Homes | same | 1352 Walker Cl. New Residence | 03-09-06 | 03-09-06 |
| 152006 | Stagecoach Properties | CRW Const. | 628 Center Circle Demolition | 03-21-06 | 03-21-06 |
| 162006 | R. Michael Harwell | same | 801 Indian Trl Storage bldg | 03-14-06 | 03-22-06 |
| 172006 | Robert Ray | Ocean Quest Pools | 2726 Winner Cl. Install Pool | 03-22-06 | 03-27-06 |
| 182006 | Bob Brown | Drews Custom | 1307 Walker Cl. Patio Cover | 04-07-06 | 04-17-06 |
| 192006 | | Paul Westerfield Homes | 206 Royal View new residence | 04-05-06 | 04-18-06 |
| 202006 | Rod Noonan | Mark VanBebber | 415 Royal View new residence | 04-19-06 | 04-19-06 |
| 212006 | Jay Crowley | Drews Custom | 1607 Old Mill Rd. renovate patio | 04-18-06 | 04-21-06 |
| 222006 | Morris Foster | CRW Const. | 628 Center Cl: restoration/expansion | 04-20-06 | 04-25-06 |
| 232006 | Shaun Miller | Lynn Renfro | 1107 Indian Trail install driveway | 05-03-06 | 05-04-06 |
| 242006 | Jim Hays | T+S Homes | 927 North Ridge new residence | 05-08-06 | 05-16-06 |
| 252006 | Larry McClaren | same | 1325 Stagecoach Rd.: demolition | 05-18-06 | 05-23-06 |
| 262006 | Chance Goodin | same | 573 Santa Rosa remodel/addit. | 05-15-06 | 05-30-06 |
| 272006 | Don Williams | B. Dalton | 700 College Hill new residence | 05-24-06 | 06-01-06 |
| 282006 | John Williams | J.D. Builder | 411 Van Bibber well house | 06-04-06 | 06-04-06 |
| 292006 | | Jimmy Wilson Homes | 100 Chelsea Cl.: new residence | 05-15-06 | 06-16-06 |
| 302006 | | Jimmy Wilson Homes | 108 Chelsea Cl.: new residence | 05-15-06 | 06-16-06 |
| 312006 | | Jimmy Wilson Homes | 104 Chelsea Cl.: new residence | 05-15-06 | 06-16-06 |
| 322006 | Bruce Butscher | same | 607 Arrowhead: storage bldg | 06-28-06 | 06-28-06 |
| 332006 | MJ Craig Homes | same | 1402 Guess Rd.: new residence | 07-12-06 | 07-24-06 |
| 342006 | Edward Bowles | same | 1011 Brookhollow: remodel | 07-31-06 | 08-15-06 |
| 352006 | Russell Allen Homes | same | 2725 Winner Cl.: new residence | 08-22-06 | 08-28-06 |
| BV060001 | JR Jarnagan | Dave Danek | 1601 Old Mill Rd.: storage bldg | 08-23-06 | 09-11-06 |
| BV060002 | Robert Pascoc | same | 2001 Indian Trail: summer house | 08-25-06 | 09-27-06 |
| BV060003 | Donald Bruggman | same | 1612 Old Mill Rd. new residence | | |
| BV060004 | | | 1416 Arnold Palmer: new residence | 09-27-06 | 10-02-06 |
| BV060005 | Chris Seaton | Swimco Pools | 509 Indian Trail Install Pool | 10-12-06 | 10-18-06 |
| BV060006 | Rick Durham | Home Depot | 1316 Salado Oaks Storage shed | 10-17-06 | 10-18-06 |
| BV060007 | Holland Homes | same | 1407 Fletcher Crt: new residence | 10-17-06 | 10-23-06 |
| BV060008 | Carolyn Wood | Flores Concrete | 1610 Guess Dr.: new driveway | 10-26-06 | 11-21-06 |
| BV060009 | Ruben Lemus | Heart of Texas Hsg | 101 W. Village Rd: move on home | 12-06-06 | 12-13-06 |
| BV060010 | Kenneth Buchhorn | same | 1009 Melissa Crt: renovation | 12-01-06 | 12-18-06 |
| BV060011 | Salado Water Supply | same | 410 Salado Plaza Dr.: access bldg. | 12-18-06 | 12-19-06 |

Commercial Building Permits Issued by Village of Salado 2006

| PERMIT | OWNER | BUILDER | FOR | RECEIVED | SIGNED |
|----------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 012006C | Johnny & Josh Bratton | | 301 Thomas Arnold: add deck | 01/17/06 | 01/23/06 |
| 022006 | Church of Christ | Buddy Strand | Repair parking lot | 01/10/06 | 01/23/06 |
| 032006 | Harold Schwake | | 1109 W Village Rd. move bldg. | 01/20/06 | 01/20/06 |
| 042006 | Village of Salado | Wright Builders | 301 N. Stagecoach: renovate bldg. | 01/26/06 | 02/07/06 |
| 052006 | Larry McClaren | | 1319 N. Stagecoach: parking lot | 03/21/06 | 03/22/06 |
| 062006 | Knox Tyson | Ace Construction | 100 N. Church: remodel | 03/23/06 | 03/27/06 |
| 072006 | Tablerock Theater | | 409 Royal: foundation for bldg. | 03/29/06 | 04/06/06 |
| 082006 | James Garrett Jr. | | 700 N. Main: demolish bldg. | 04/19/06 | 04/24/06 |
| 092006 | Larry McClaren | | 1319 Stagecoach: remodel | 03/01/06 | 03/05/06 |
| 102006 | Kate Garrett | | 771 N. Stagecoach: remodel | 05/01/06 | 05/16/06 |
| 112006 | Centraland Title Co. | Wright Builders | 221 N. Main: addition/remodel | 05/31/06 | 06/01/06 |
| 122006 | Salado Volunteer Fire Dept. | Shane Barrier | 205 N. Stagecoach: extend drive | 06/27/06 | 06/28/06 |
| 132006 | Village of Salado | Wright Builders | Pace Park restrooms | 06/28/06 | 07/13/06 |
| 142006 | Robert Woolard | | 680 N. Main: remove storage bldg. | 07/20/06 | 07/21/06 |
| 152006 | Robert Woolard | | 680 N. Main: build storage bldg. | 07/20/06 | 07/27/06 |
| 162006 | Larry McClaren | | 1319 Stagecoach: office space | 08/27/06 | 09/05/06 |
| BVO60001 | Presbyterian Church | | 105 Salado Plaza: renovate | 09/28/06 | 10/11/06 |
| BVO60002 | V&S Petroleum LTF | Travelmart/Arby's | 15 S. Stagecoach: renovate | 09/29/06 | 10/23/06 |
| BVO60003 | Stagecoach Properties | CRW Construction | S. Main: remodel 34 restrooms | 10/06/06 | 11/01/06 |
| BVO60004 | ReMax Gold Team | Larry Dolly | 40 Main St.: divide office | 12/05/06 | 12/13/06 |
| BVO60005 | CRW Construction | | 380 S. Main: shop & restrooms | 11/17/06 | 12/13/06 |

Village issues 67 permits in 2006

The Village of Salado issued a total of 67 building permits in 2006, an increase of 13 permits from 2005.

Since contracting with Bureau Veritas in August of this year, the Village has issued 16 permits.

Of those permits issued under the Bureau Veritas contract, three have been for construction of new residences and one of the five commercial permits has been for new construction (shops and restrooms on property owned by Stagecoach Properties).

The Village issued 46 permits for residential construction, including 16 permits for new residences. The Village also issued 21 commercial construction permits; however, only one of those permits was for new construction. The others were for remodeling and expanding current commercial space in the village.

In 2004 the village issued 67 permits; 57 permits in 2003.

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said. In addition to her work to establish the Family Relief Fund, Marilyn has also been Art Fair chairperson for two years, and worked with the Ladies Auxiliary to publicize its annual event, Christmas in October.

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.

Currently, Marilyn serves on the board of directors of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and the Salado Civic Center Foundation.

The Fleischers' children -- Royce Wiggan, an SHS senior, and Jenny Wiggan an SHS sophomore -- have grown up in the eye of the community. "We have dragged them to so many events with us as they were growing up," Marilyn said, "and now they are participating in many of the events that we are covering for the newspaper."

Kenyon Ford Clapp

Ken Clapp began his career in the newspaper business in 1938, at the age of ten, when he was hired to home-deliver the Cleveland News, one of that city's two afternoon papers.

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



Ken Clapp

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

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ing 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 900 times during his years with the Salado weekly, which means he is nearing the million word mark as an observer of state and national politics.

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

Chris McGregor

Chris was born in 1979, in Georgetown, Texas, and raised in Salado. He attended Salado schools from kindergarten through graduation.

He joined the newspaper in April 2002, and is a full-time student at Tarleton State University - Central Texas, and will receive his degree this spring with a B.A. in History. He was named to that university's Dean's List (4.0 GPA) in both Spring and Fall semesters of 2006, and was listed on Temple College's President's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA) in Fall 2005. In addition to working at the paper, Chris is also employed at the Inn on the Creek, in Salado. He plans on continuing his education by enrolling in law school in the fall.

In his spare time, Chris enjoys reading, outdoor activities and, to a lesser



Chris McGregor



Royce Wiggin



Stephanie Hood

extent, the ups-and-downs of Dallas Cowboys fandom.

Chris lives in Morgan's Point with his wife, Whitney, two cats and a dog.

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 first grade and is now a junior in High School, where he is a trumpet player in the Salado Eagle Marching Band and a tennis player.

He began work at the newspaper over the summer, where 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.

Stephanie Hood

A lifelong resident and 1987 graduate of Salado High School, Stephanie is a hometown girl at heart.

"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.

Stephanie first appeared at Tablerock at the age of 16. She now serves on the Tablerock Board of Directors and the kids are often found helping out both on and off stage.

The kids all enjoy Scouting. Stephanie serves as the Cubmaster for Pack 115 in Salado as well as serving on the District Scout Committee for Longhorn Council BSA and as an adult Girl Scout Leader for Senior Juliette Scouts in Salado.

A long time interest in pottery led Stephanie to the study of minerals used to formulate glazes. She currently serves as the President and youth director of the Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society.

Stephanie has received numerous awards on a national and state level for her photography.

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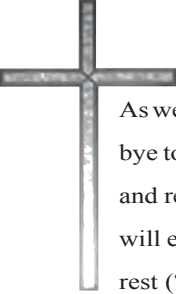
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Church and People

H.A. "Bud" Schenkel passes away Dec. 31

H.A. Bud Schenkel, of Salado, died Dec. 31, 2007 in a local nursing home.

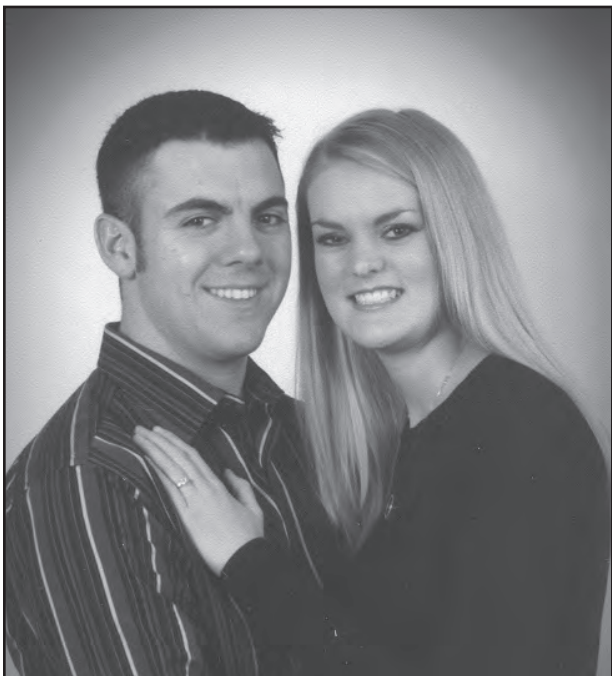
A resident of Salado since 1977, Schenkel was born in 1930 in Dallas.

He attended Highland Park High School, and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War.

He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1958, and was employed by Texas Instruments until 1985, when he retired to enter private business.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary Phillips Schenkel; three children, Catherine Sheffer and husband Ron, of Salado, Karen Kacir and husband Karl, of Rogers, Robert Schenkel, of Flagstaff, AZ; eight grandchildren, Ryan and Amy Scheffer, Rachel, Rebecca, Joshua and Erin Pursche, and Julia and Stuart Schenkel.

He was laid to rest Jan. 3, 2007 in Dallas with a private family graveside service.



Steve and Donna Brown, of Salado, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Whitney Brown, to Matthew Hicks, of Caldwell. The groom-elect is the son of Dena Doonan Matcek, of Caldwell, and James Hicks, of Bryan. He is employed at the Schwan's Distribution Center, in the sales department. He is a 2003 graduate of Caldwell High School. The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Salado High School, and is employed as a High School Mathematics Teacher in Bryan ISD. The couple plan a July 7, 2007 wedding at Tenroc Ranch, in Salado.

Beginner Ballroom dance held at CAC

"It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing." Heat up the new year with Swing Dance Lessons at the Cultural Activities Center. Classes begin on Jan. 4 and continue every Thursday until Feb. 1. Class time is from 6:30 - 8 pm.

The history of swing dates back to the 1920's, where the black community, while dancing to contemporary Jazz music, discovered the Charleston and the Lindy Hop. In the mid 1930's, a bouncy six beat variant was named the Jitterbug by the band leader Cab Calloway when he introduced a tune in 1934 entitled "Jitterbug".

With the discovery of the Lindy Hop and the Jitterbug, the communities began dancing to the contemporary Jazz and Swing music as it was evolving at the time, with Benny Goodman leading the action. Dancers soon incorporated tap and jazz steps into their dancing.

The class fee is \$25 per person and students are encouraged to register in couples. Couples will only need to bring leather sole shoes to dance and themselves for a great time! For more information about the Beginner Ballroom Dance Lessons - Learn to Swing Dance or to sign up, please contact the CAC at (254) 773-9926 or visit us online at www.cacARTS.org.



Mike and Diana Coggin, of Salado, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Brinn Newman, to Michael Serbanic, of Academy. The groom-elect is the son of Paul and Donna Serbanic, of Academy. The bride-elect, a 2004 graduate of Salado High School, is a student at Baylor University, majoring in Accounting. The groom-elect is a student at Tarleton State University - Central Texas, majoring in Criminal Justice. The couple plan a July 7, 2007 wedding at the Moon River Ranch, in Waco.

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Village Artists install new officers

The Salado Village Artists group held its annual Christmas party Dec. 5 at the lovely home of Gwen and Joe Morrison. Attended by about 45 artists with their guests, the party honored the newly elected officers to the governing board of the SVA.

Out-going President, Bonnie Armstrong, summed up her year as a wonderful experience and thanked everyone for all the help she received during her tenure to keep the artists affairs running smoothly. Some of the accomplishments of the Salado art club included workshops given by nationally known art teachers Paula White, Judi Betts, and Garnet Buster. Also, member D.K. Nichols held an abstract study class. There were also informal instructional classes taught by the members in areas of painting and drawing. Informative talks and demonstrations on subjects like photography, decorative stamping, painting techniques, and art history were also provided.

The Salado Village Artists club is unique in the



Back Row: Mardie Barnard, Carol Strong, Kathleen Letourneau, Bonnie Armstrong, Gwen Morrison. Front row: Tamera Denny, Ivy Rollins, Judy Beisel.

fact that the members are skilled in a variety of artistic accomplishments. The artists are variably proficient in painting, drawing, sculpting, photography, sewing, quilting, crafting, and even cooking, and love to share their knowledge and talents with each other. Also volunteering is part of the Artists' work. Duffle bags were made for the Lighthouse Children's Foster Home group, and quilts were made and given to the Linus Project,

which provides blankets for needy babies. Workshops, which are ongoing fund raisers, are open to the public, and are offered in a variety of techniques such as watercolor, acrylic, oil, pencil, and collage or mixed media. The new officers, are Gwen Morrison as President, Judy Beisel as Vice President, Carol Strong as Treasurer, and Susan Lawson as Secretary. New members to the board elected for two year terms are

Tamera Denny, Kathleen Letourneau, and VeAnne Stowell. Returning board members are Carolyn Chavers, Ivy Rollins, and Mardie Barnard. Bonnie Armstrong will sit on the board as past President. The Salado art group meets every Tuesday of the month at 9:30 in the art building behind the Civic Center on Main Street. Membership is open to anyone interested in learning, sharing, and creating artistic endeavors.

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Longtime instructor and yoga master Paul Coates will begin a new session of yoga Tuesdays, 6:45 p.m. Jan. 9 at the Stagecoach Inn and Monday, 5:45 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Cultural Activity Center. The classes will continue to meet each week for the

following six weeks. Still motivated after six weeks? Then, you can continue your classes with Coates; he is sure to assist you in relieving stress, increasing your flexibility and improving your health. He will teach you deep breathing, muscle stretching and control, along with skeletal placement and mind control techniques. Yoga has many benefits. Physically, yoga creates a toned, flexible, and strong body. It improves respiration, energy, and vitality. It helps to maintain a balanced metabolism, promotes cardio and circulatory health and relieves pain. Yoga helps you look and feel younger than your age. Mentally,

yoga helps you relax and handle stressful situations more easily. It teaches you how to quiet the mind so you can focus your energy where you want it to go — into a difficult yoga pose, on the tennis court or golf course, or in the office. Yoga also encourages positive thoughts and self-acceptance. Yoga also has spiritual benefits. It builds awareness of your body, your feelings, the world around you and the needs of others. It also promotes interdependence between mind, body, and spirit and helps you live the concept of "oneness." http://www.yogamovement.com/resources/benefits.html Coates should know the benefits of yoga; he began

practicing in 1968 after recovering from a serious illness. Since then, Coates has studied at the California Institute of Asian Studies and the Integral Yoga Institute in San Francisco as well as at schools in New York, London, New Delhi, Hong Kong and Singapore. No special equipment is required, but students are asked to wear loose fitting clothing that will allow for stretching and to bring a towel large enough to be folded into a pad. The cost of the course is \$40. Interested students can call the Azalee Marshall Cultural Activities Center for more information or call Coates directly at 947-9992 in Salado.

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Children of Salado's First Baptist Church assisted with the recent unveiling of a Texas Historical Commission Marker for former missionary to Mexico, Louisa Adeline (Addie) Barton. Pictured with Children's Minister Janet Schimank are Joshua Rogers, Dillan Kelley, Ryan Tepera, Kylie Croftcheck, Sarah Kate Kelarek, and Jessica Ringstaff.



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Attorney, Ed L. Laughlin will speak on Family Law. Laughlin practices law in Central Texas with offices in Temple, Waco and Killeen. He grew up and was educated in Temple. His degrees are from the University of Texas and Baylor School of Law. Before opening his practice in Temple he served as Assistant District Attorney in East Texas.

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Soprano Marjorie Owens to kick off Mozart Festival

Music in Salado, TX Inc. will honor the 250th birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with a Mozart Festival, scheduled for Feb. 3 - 4.

Events scheduled for the festival are: A Mozart Song Recital by Marjorie Owens, soprano, 7 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Salado Silver

Spur Theater. A reception will follow the concert at the Central Texas Area Museum on Main Street. The cost of this concert is \$10 per person.

On Feb. 4, at noon a lunch and lecture entitled: "The Genius of Mozart: Fact and Fiction" by Dr. Laurel Zeiss, Professor of

Musicology at Baylor University, will be presented at the Stagecoach Inn. Cost for the lunch and lecture is \$15 per person.

Also on Feb 4., at 7 p.m. The Vienna International Piano Duo will be presented in concert at the Salado Silver Spur Theater, with a reception following at the Central Texas Area Museum. The cost of this concert is \$10 per person.

At only 25 years old, Marjorie Owens has been an artist in the Houston Grand Opera Studio for the past three years, and will join the Chicago Lyric program in March of this year. She was the



Soprano Marjorie Owens (middle), pictured alongside Drs. John and Kim Van Cura.

for Young Singers. She has performed roles with the Houston Grand Opera, Ft. Worth Opera, Wolftrap Opera in Washington DC, and the Aspen opera Theater. She was recently cited in the New York Times as "one of the upcoming Great Big American Voices," and she displays a winning combination of vocal power and dramatic presence. A student of Dr. John Van Cura, Owens is a graduate of Baylor University.

Advance reservations may be made by sending checks to: Music in Salado, PO Box 1235, Salado, TX 76571, by Feb. 1. There is limited seating. Designate concerts you wish to attend.

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JANUARY 4
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 313 Stagecoach Rd.. Meeting is open to the public. If you would like to make comments to the board, please sign up before the meeting. Agenda posted 72 hours before the meeting at the Municipal Building. For information, call 947-5060.

JANUARY 10
Salado Business Association monthly meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Discussion will include the reorganization of the SBA and Salado Chamber of Commerce. Call 254-947-5040 for details.

JANUARY 11
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Social begins at 9:30 a.m. Program: Village of Salado Mayor Rick Ashe on the "State of the Village." Guests are welcome to attend.

JANUARY 16
Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: "Women of the Bible," presented by women of the Salado United Methodist Church.

Public is welcome.
JANUARY 15
Salado Independent School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, open meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Meeting is open to public. Citizens wishing to speak to the board must sign up prior to the start of the meeting. Agenda is posted at the Salado Civic Center 72 hours prior to the meeting. For information, call SISD Superintendent's office at 254-947-5479.

JANUARY 16
41st Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet, 6:30 p.m. at Salado's Tenroc Ranch. For tickets, reservations and information call Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

JANUARY 18
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 313 Stagecoach Rd.. Meeting is open to the public. If you would like to make comments to the board, please sign up before the meeting. Agenda posted 72 hours before the meeting at the Municipal Building. For information, call 947-5060.

JANUARY 18
Salado High School Fall Athletic Banquet, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria. Program will honor Salado Fall High School sports: cross country, football and volleyball.

JANUARY 25
Meet Your County Officials forum sponsored by Salado Area Republican Women, 6 p.m. at the Halley House. Buffet dinner: \$20. Info:

947-3617.
JANUARY 29
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge Building on Church Street.

FEBRUARY 3-4
Beethoven Festival, presented by Music in Salado, at the Silver Spur Theater. Feb. 2, 7 p.m. concert featuring the vocal and chamber music of Beethoven, with baritone John Van Cura, soprano Carole Meyer Willingham, pianist Kim Van Cura and strings. Feb. 3 noon luncheon and lecture, with the International Piano Duo and Dr. Robin Wallace, Professor of Music at Baylor University and Beethoven expert. Info: 947-5592 or www.musicinsalado.com.

FEBRUARY 3-4
Auditions for Salado Legends, 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock Amphitheater. Over 100 auditions for men, women and children actors. Not all parts are speaking parts. Info: Donnie Williams, director, 947-0717 or mr.duck@earthlink.net, or Jackie Mills, producer, 947-9205 or tablerock1@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 8
Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings at Tablerock Amphitheater. Invited Readings: 7 p.m. Open Mic: 9 p.m. Info: Jackie Mills, 947-9205 or tablerock1@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 10
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FEBRUARY 20

Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: "Let's Learn About Antiques," presented by Jimmy Murchison. Public is welcome.

FEBRUARY 26

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting, in the Lodge Building on Church Street.

MARCH 16

12th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament, benefitting Tablerock Festival, Inc. Tourney will be held on Mill Creek Golf Course, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. \$60 entry fee. Info: 254-534-3324 or tablerock1@aol.com.

MARCH 20

Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: A dramatic presentation of "Esther," written and performed by Judy Greene. Public is welcome.

MARCH 24 AND 25

Annual Wildflower Art Show, featuring artists and artisans from throughout Texas, at the Salado Civic Center. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040. More details TBA.

MARCH 24 AND 25

12th Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. March 24 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 25. Food booth, drinks, gift booths and dessert booths will be open both days. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets sold at the gate. Info: Donnie Jackson, 254-947-5100 or cvmusicministries@aol.com.

APRIL 2

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting, in the Lodge Building on Church Street.

APRIL 6-8

Annual Easter Pageant at Tablerock

Amphitheater, presented by the First Baptist Church of Salado. 8:15 p.m. nightly, free admission. Guests encouraged to bring a lawn chair. Church groups welcome. Info: Randy Carder, event director, 254-947-5465 or www.fbcsalado.org.

APRIL 17

Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: Decorating with Jill Shipman, interior designer and owner of Stonecreek Settlement bed and breakfast. Public is welcome.

APRIL 27

ABWA Benefit and Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Longhorn Room of Stagecoach Inn. Info: 254-947-3617.

MAY 24

Salado High School Class of 2006-07 commencement ceremony, at the Mayborn Center on the campus of the University of Mary Hardin Baylor.

MAY 26 AND 27

Wildfire Ranch hosts the Wildfire Truck Explosion Team Roping event. Info: 947-0291.

JUNE 9

Annual Salado Reunion, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School Commons area. Reunion is open to Salado alumni, as well as the general public. A lunch will be served. Info: 254-939-3187 or 254-947-5783.

JUNE 23 AND 24

Auditions for Tablerock's production of "Taming of the Shrew," 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock's backstage room. Info: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

JULY 21, 28 AND AUG. 4

15th Annual production of "Salado Legends" outdoor musical drama at Tablerock Amphitheater. Show times: 8:15 p.m. for each

show. Dinner at 7:15 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$8 for adult or child, and reservations are required. Cost for the performance is \$17 for adults and \$5 for children. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.

AUGUST 4-5

41st Annual Salado Art Fair, on the grounds of Pace Memorial Park. Featuring over 100 artists and artisans from Texas and throughout the Southwest. Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 4 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 5. Free parking throughout the village. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16

Fantasy Faire at Tablerock, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Characters from history, literature, mythology and imagination invite you to a world of Medieval magic. Music, storytelling, archery tournament, vendors and more. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors, and military with ID. Info: Stephanie Hood, shood@tablerock.org or www.tablerock.org.

OCTOBER 6-7

Auditions for A Christmas Carol, 3 p.m. each day at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205.

OCTOBER 7

Tablerock's Fright Trail auditions, 5 p.m. at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

OCTOBER 6, 13 AND 20

Fifth Annual Fall Shakespear Festival at Tablerock Amphithe-

ater. The Bard's Taming of the Shrew will be presented under the stars, 7:30 p.m. each performance date. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 children 12 and under, student or military; available at the gate or on-line at www.tablerock.org. Info: David Dunlap, director, 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

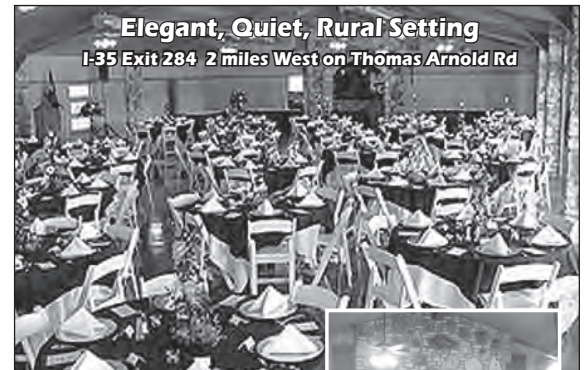
OCTOBER 27 AND 28

Tablerock's Halloween Fright Trail, featuring thrills and chills for young and old. Open 7:30-10:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Concessions will be available. Info: Jackie Mills, 947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

Nov. 30-DEC. 2

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll weekend. Details announced at later date. Visit saladovillagevoice.com for information as the days draw closer.

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Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. names directors, releases schedule

Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. has announced its Board of Directors for 2007.

David Dunlap will serve as President. First Vice President will be Jackie Mills, while Second Vice President will be Harry Sweet. Treasurer will be Dave Apichino, and Secretary will be Denver Mills.

Board members will consist of Jack Folsom, Mike Gunter, Bob Ritchie, Stephanie Hood, Sally Askins, Donnie Williams and Michael Cooper. Serving on the Advisory Board will be Michael Madison, Bruno Matarazzo, Dr. Donald Fox and Dr. Marion Castleberry.

Tablerock's 2007 performance season is also in place. The season will feature such mainstays as the Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings (7 p.m. Feb. 8); the 12th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament, benefitting Tablerock (March 16 at Mill Creek); the 12th Annual Gospel Music Festival (10 a.m.-8 p.m. March 24 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 25); the Annual Easter Pageant, presented by the First Baptist Church of Salado (8:15 p.m. nightly April 6-8); the 15th Annual production of **Salado Legends** (8:15 p.m. July 21, 28 and Aug. 4); Fantasy Faire (10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 15 and 16); the Fifth Annual Fall Shakespeare Festival, featuring **Taming of the Shrew** (7:30 p.m. Oct. 6, 13 and 20); Tablerock Fright Trail (7:30-10:30 p.m. Oct. 27 and 28); and the 15th Annual production of **A Christmas Carol**, adapted and directed by Harry Sweet (7 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 7 and 9).

For more information about Tablerock or any of the events in 2007 call 947-9205 or visit www.tablerock.org.



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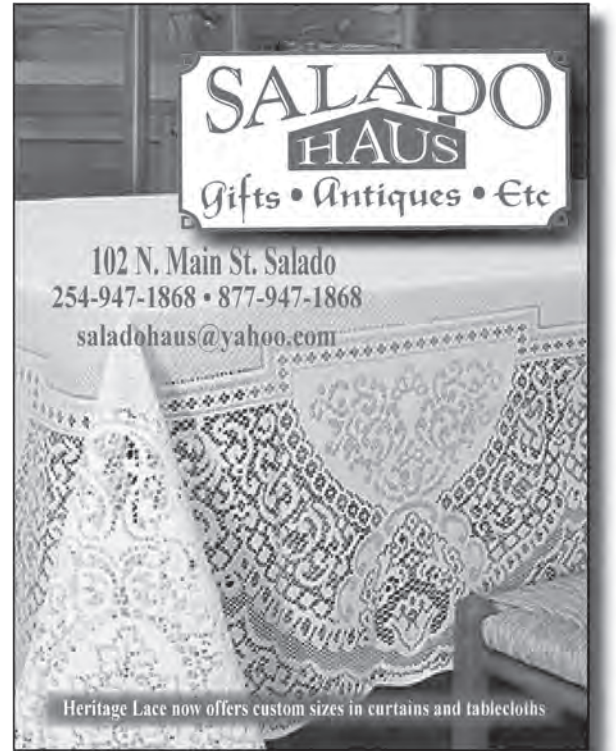
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History of DRT addressed at Rotary

Doris Kemp, of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, recently addressed the Rotary Club of Salado about the history of the century-old organization.

Kemp taught English in the Dallas area for 36 years, and also at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor for five years. She earned a Ph.D. from North Texas State University, and is one of the Charter members of the Salado Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT), Kemp explained, was founded in 1891, and over the course of its history has had 40-plus State Presidents. She explained that the DRT is not known as a 'feminist organization,' as witnessed by the group identifying its presidents by their husband's names, such as its first president, known as "Mrs. Anson Jones."

The Salado Chapter was organized in 2002, with MaryBelle Brown as a founder and maybe



Doris Kemp

the major force in its establishment, Kemp went

on to say. The group meets on Tuesdays approximately every other month, in the Central Texas Area Museum, across from Stagecoach Inn. Their meetings feature speakers with backgrounds in Texas history, she noted. The local chapter has also organized a youth group, known as the Children of the Republic of Texas.

Kemp also provided a summary of the organi-


zation's activities, headed by their major work in acting as custodians of the Alamo, where they maintain a gift shop and library. She pointed out that DRT is the group most responsible for the preservation of the Alamo. Adina de Zevala, in 1903, is credited with saving the Alamo when it was scheduled for sale and possible destruction.

Clara Driscoll, of Corpus

Christi, produced funds to purchase the property and was later reimbursed by the State. Texas then turned the property over to the DRT, which has maintained it ever since.


Other projects of the DRT include promotion of the celebration of Texas Honor Days and placement of historic markers.

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Serves 4-6

1/4 cup organic unbleached white flour or organic oat flour (if wheat free recipe is desired)

1/4 tsp sea salt

1/8 tsp black pepper

3/4 pound lean round beef cubes

3 TB extra virgin olive oil, divided

2 large stalks celery, chopped

1 cup chopped onion

1 cup chopped carrots, peeled if desired

1 cup chopped, peeled rutabaga

1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms

1/3 cup pearled barley

1 qt fat free, natural beef broth

1 bay leaf

1/4 cup chopped parsley for garnish

In a medium bowl, combine the flour with the salt and pepper. Toss the cubed beef into the flour mixture, coating all sides and reserving any leftover flour.

In a large Dutch oven or soup pot, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat. Brown beef on all sides and remove to a plate. Add the remaining tablespoon of olive oil to the pan. Stir in the celery,



Beef, Barley and Root Vegetable Stew

onion, carrots, rutabaga, and mushrooms, scraping

up any brown bits from the bottom of the pot. Cook the vegetables, stirring for 2 minutes.

Add the barley and continue to cook, stirring for an additional minute. Stir 1/4 cup beef broth into the remaining flour until completely blended. Add this along with the rest of the broth and the beef cubes back into the pot. Bring to a boil then reduce heat to simmer, uncovered, and stirring occasionally, cook for one hour or until thickened into a stew. Remove bay leaf. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Nutrition Info

Per serving (12 oz-wt.):
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Local author, Katherine Wende, weaves mystery tale in first work

By KAREN SUE KINNISON
LIBRARY ASSISTANT

For this week the library would like to showcase one of our new Salado authors whose book we now have in the library. It is called **The Kris Murders** and it is by local author Katherine Wende.

The Wende's have been oil company gypsies for most of their lives. They settled a few years ago in Salado after many years in Connecticut and abroad in London, England, and four years in Jakarta, Indonesia. Katherine is a UT music and voice major and has sung professionally, as well as directed and conducted in the theater. She spent some time here in Salado as the founder of the women's chorus, which is now the Salado Community Choral.

Through all those years, Katherine used writing for a "release of emotion" to help her through the wrenching moves that were her life with Bill, an oil company executive. She wrote as a catharsis -- to fill her time -- along

Check It Out



News & Notes from
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with music, which was the center of her life. She has written several books, but settled on publishing a murder mystery set in Jakarta because "that's what gets published," and she wanted to showcase her beloved Indonesia.

Katherine used what she knows best - music, musicians, diplomats, locals, and her understanding of the culture and people of Jakarta. Katherine has a great love for Indonesia. She says it is a gorgeous country and the people are extremely friendly. After their independence, the Indonesians patterned their country after the United States and their first president, Suharto, was considered their "George Washington." It

is her greatest hope that we as a country never jeopardize our relationship with Indonesia.

The "kris" of the book title is a ceremonial dagger with a wavy shape and a vicious sharp tip. It rips down going in and rips up coming out! It is fashioned after the swords of the sheiks of Arabia and is worn at official functions. Wende herself has a silver "kris."

The novel revolves around a struggling musician who gets a break in the form of a grant to write a symphony in Indonesia. He receives some money, publicity, and a welcome reception from the local amateur theatrical company, who are all abuzz about the upcoming tour. However, before

he can even get a note written, a local "chief of mission" diplomat is found dead with a priceless 16th century dagger, a "kris", in his chest. Who among them is the killer and why, and even more important - will the upcoming show go on?

With an insiders knowledge of the culture, the country, and typical diplomatic pecking order in the Near East, Katherine weaves an intelligent, insightful tale of music, theater, suspicion and intrigue in a country she loves and knows. It is a story about a life and a people she knows and loves. What could be better?

Check it out. Support your local authors! Be on the lookout for the library's annual author's reception to be held in February. It's a chance to talk with some of our many Salado authors and to view their works.

TC registration continues

Registration for the spring 2007 semester at Temple College resumed Jan. 2, and will continue at all Temple College locations until Jan. 11. Web registration is available to qualified students.

Students who have already registered also may make schedule changes during the registration period. Spring semester

classes begin Jan. 16.

Payment deadline is noon Jan. 11. Students who do not meet the payment deadline to complete registration will be dropped from classes and will have to late register and pay a late registration fee.

Students may register in person on a drop-in basis. Advising appoint-

ments are available by calling the Advising Office at 298-8331. Offices will be open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. and 8 a.m.-noon Friday.

Late registration is Jan. 16-22. Payment should be made the day enrolled.

Complete registration and class schedule is available at www.templejc.edu.

Renewable energy ag workshop slated in S.A.

Farmers, ranchers and rural businesses are invited to attend a workshop designed to help them obtain federal grants and loans to install their own renewable energy projects or make energy efficiency improvements to existing operations.

The Jan. 23 workshop in San Antonio will provide intense, hands-on technical help for potential applicants of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's

Section 9006 renewable energy and energy efficiency grant and loan programs.

The free workshop, "How to Win a USDA Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency Grant/Loan," will be 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Jan. 23 at the U.S.A.F. School of Medicine, 2601 Louis Bauer Road, Building 775, Room 196 (Large Auditorium), Brooks City-Base in San Antonio.

For more information on the workshop, contact USDA Rural Development at 254-742-9780.

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 ♦ K 8
 ♣ A 10 9 3

EAST
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 ♥ Q 10 9 6 3
 ♦ J 10 9 7
 ♣ —

SOUTH
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 ♦ A 6 3
 ♣ J 7 6 5 2

The bidding:

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Opening lead four of spades.

A delicate refinement of play

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The need for a delicate refinement in the play occasionally arises in bridge, and the mark of the master is that he recognizes these situations and takes whatever subtle steps may be called for.

Take this case where South was declarer in four hearts. He won the diamond lead, played the queen of hearts and finessed, West dropping the nine. He then led the jack. East covered with the king and South took the ace, on which West showed out.

Declarer now held the 10-7-3 of trumps and East the 8-6. To avoid the loss of a trump trick, South led a low club to the jack and returned the four of hearts. East played the six, gobbled up by the seven, and the ten then drew East's last trump.

Everything would have been fine except that when declarer next cashed the ace of clubs, East showed out, and there was now no way to run dummy's club suit. So declarer led the queen and overtook it with the king in order to lead a spade from dummy. This proved to be of no avail because West had the A-Q, and South finished down one.

Yet, declarer should have made four hearts. He did not give himself the maximum chance for the contract. After the trump situation became exposed, he should have realized that a 4-1 club break might defeat him and taken measures to guard against it.

Instead of leading the six of clubs to the jack at trick four, he should have led the queen to the king. Then, after picking up East's trumps, he would cash the ace of clubs. When East showed out, it would be a simple matter to finesse against West's ten on the next trick, and South would have finished with 11 tricks instead of nine.

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| 24 Tumble | 25 Java joints | 26 — -garde | 27 Start of a remark | 31 Herriot title start | 32 Vigoda or Saperstein | 33 Slippery character? | 34 Brit. fliers | 37 Singer Manchester |
| 41 Celt | 44 Faucet | 47 94 Across highlight | 49 Pants part | 50 "The Jungle Book" boy | 52 Cask | 54 Part 2 of remark | 58 Neon — | 60 Cap or dolman |
| 61 Bookstore section | 62 Bog | 63 Precambrian — | 65 In honor of | 66 Snick and — | 68 — above (somewhat superior) | 69 Part 3 of remark | 75 Baseball family name | 76 Antitoxins |
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| 75 Filled with wonder | 80 Instant, for short | 82 Coq au — | 84 — polloi | 85 '87 Streisand film | 86 Egyptian deity | 87 "— la vie" | 89 Supportive of | 90 Princess bruiser |
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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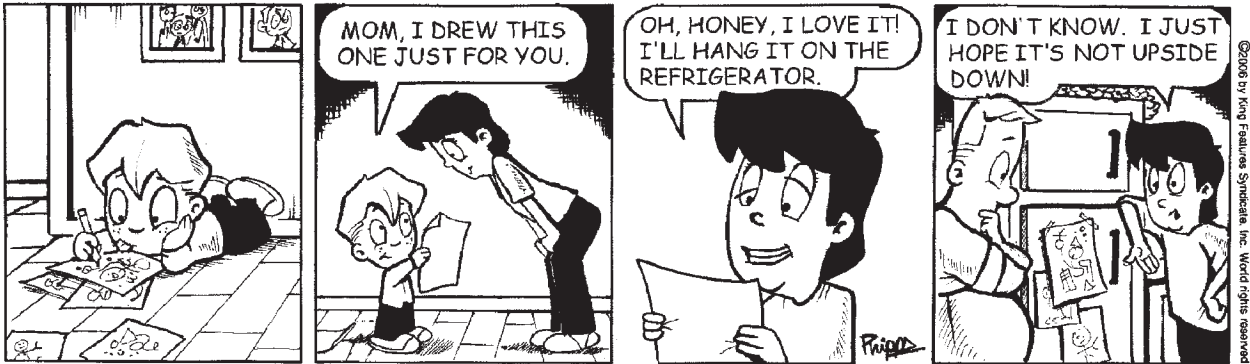
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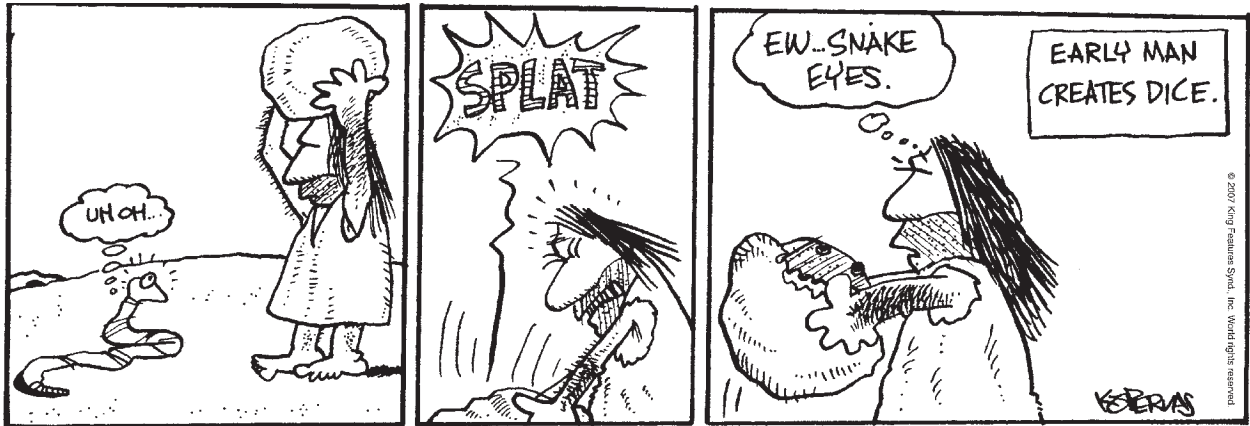
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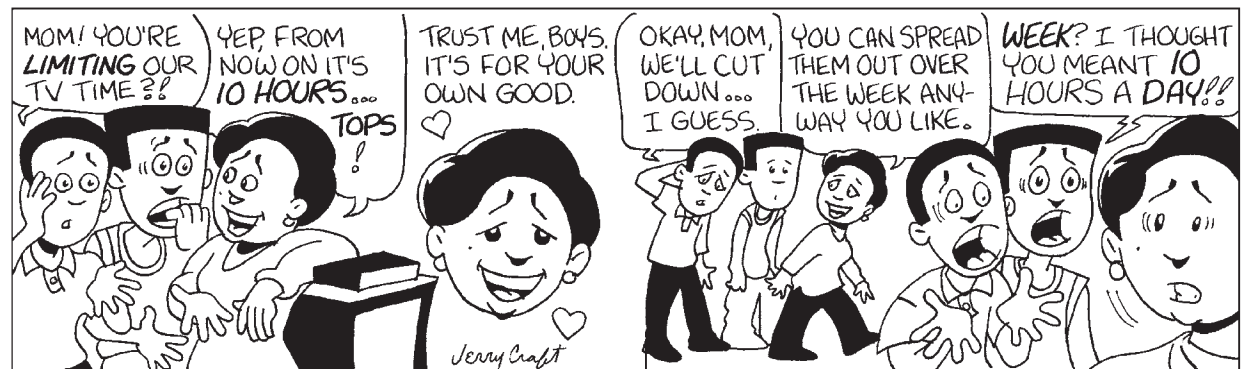
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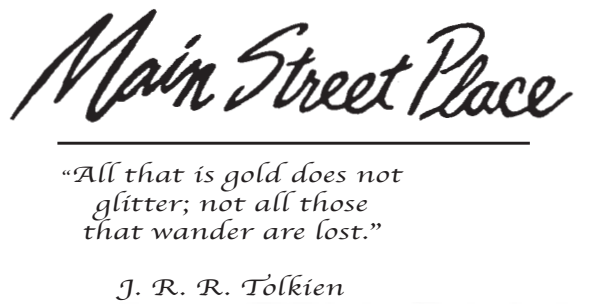


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The traditions and rituals of the wild game dinner

Forty-two years ago Delbert Brewster and Tom Ridout were college students in Abilene. Their wives were teachers. Elwana Brewster and Linda Ridout met each other at a teacher's meeting. They found several similarities in their lives. They learned that both of their husbands loved to hunt and fish and carve things

from wood. Tom carved designs on gunstocks; Delbert made all sorts of things from wood and decorated them with antler, bone and horn. At the time, dinner parties were becoming popular and the Brewsters and Ridouts thought they would have one of their own. Since Delbert and Tom were students and

didn't have a lot of money, they decided they would have a wild game dinner. They invited six couples. Delbert says that's about all their small apartment could hold. That first dinner consisted of duck, quail, frog legs and bass fish. Delbert gathered fresh vegetables from his parents' home in Comanche. The other couples brought salads and deserts.

Delbert and Elwana ended up living in Andrews. They both taught school. Tom and Linda lived along the Texas coast, in Austin and finally settled in the hill country where Tom makes rocking chairs and other furniture. He had a career in construction.

Although they were separated by miles, they

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



it at Delbert's family place near Junction.

I interviewed Delbert in the early 70s about his artistic creations. He invited my wife and me to one of his wild game dinners. We brought a salad. We've been friends ever since and have attended several of their dinners. People who attend the wild game dinner include a variety of people: city and school administrators, teachers, artists, beauty operators, furniture makers, ranchers, and home demonstration agents.

Some time ago they started having programs at the wild game dinner. The topics range from cowboy poets and flag makers to rocket scientists. This last dinner included a concert of bagpipe music.

always got together in the spring for a wild game dinner. Some of the menu items over the years have included possum, raccoon, armadillo, porcupine, mountain lion, mountain oysters, turkey fries and rattlesnake. The have dined on exotic game, too: gemsbock, orix, eland and bison. They have sampled most of the animals in North America: white tailed deer, mule deer, goat, moose, caribou, wild hog, squirrel and cotton tail rabbit. Some of the

salads have contained lambs quarter, dandelion and tumbleweed sprouts. Over a span of 42 years, children of wild game dinner participants have grown up, got married, had babies and are in all sorts of jobs. Scrap books full of pictures taken at previous wild game dinners are on display at recent dinners. Delbert and Elwana have hosted the dinner at their home in Andrews most of the time. Lately they have started having

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Speaker for the occasion will be Rick Ashe, Mayor of Salado. Ashe

will deliver a "State of the Village Address."

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teresting and informative meeting, as our Village continues to grow and many changes are taking place," said Miram Jordan, of the Ladies Auxiliary.

"This will be a chance to ask the mayor those questions that interest you." Guests are welcome and invited to attend.



Rick Ashe

Miro Quartet sets date at Cultural Activities Center

The acclaimed Miro Quartet will open the Central Texas Orchestral Society's 2007 concert season with a 7 p.m. Jan. 12 performance at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple. A reception will be held at 6 p.m., and an "UpClose" session at 6:15 p.m., both prior to the concert.

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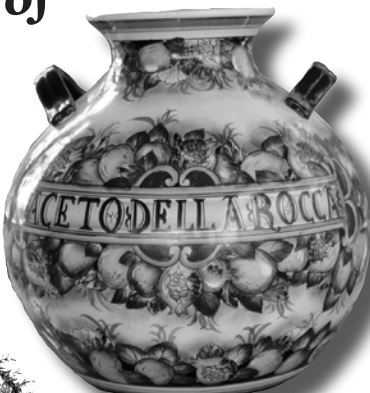
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High property taxes may impact home values

By BRYAN POPE

Most homeowners have groaned about property taxes at one time or another, and it is easy to understand why. Local property taxes constitute a hefty chunk of the total monthly cost of a home, second only to the actual mortgage payment.

Over time, numerous theories have tried to explain the relationship between local taxes, home values and homeownership.

Dr. James Gaines, research economist with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, said local property taxes affect home affordability by increasing the monthly cost of ownership, but that the value relationship is not as obvious or consistent.

"Property owners expect to pay property taxes," Gaines said. "A value impact typically arises if actual taxes differ substantially from perceived 'fair' taxes relative to the services provided. Research indicates that the value-depressing effect of property taxes can be offset if the market places sufficient value on the services provided by the tax."

Take the local school tax rate. Gaines said studies consistently show that the value of homes in "desirable" school districts exceeds that of similar properties located in "less desirable" school districts, even if the desirable local school property tax rate is higher.

Gaines said buyers may also play a higher value on other local services (such as fire and police protection, planning and code enforcement, road maintenance or other government services) or on lower total state and local taxes than they do on the "cost" of higher property taxes.

"If the market does not value the benefits of local

services more than the cost of providing the services, the value-depressing effects of higher taxes may be substantial," Gaines said. "This is especially true if actual taxes significantly exceed perceived 'fair' taxes for the area."

The value impact of local property taxes may depend on how the market views the property tax relative to the total tax burden. The total tax burden includes all other state and local taxes, collectively, on a per capita or percentage-of-income basis. If

relatively high property taxes are offset by lower other taxes, any negative property tax value impact may again be reversed.

The 2004 per capita property tax collections show Texas ranked 14th nationally in property tax burden. Texas' relative total local tax burden is substantially less than most other states. Projected 2006 data indicate Texas has the 36th lowest total state and local tax burden per capita and 45th lowest total state and

local tax burden as a percentage of income.

Despite the relatively low total state and local tax burden, Texas ranked 43rd in home price appreciation in the first quarter OFHEO report with a 5.9 percent increase compared with a 12.5 percent national rate.

For more information about factors that impact the cost of owning a home, read "Housing Affordability" in the October issue of *Tierra Grande* magazine.

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Can diesel engines really run on vegetable oil?

Dear EarthTalk: I understand that you can run a diesel car on used cooking oil. Why would I want to do that and how would I convert such a vehicle to do so? -- Benjamin Crouch, Boston, MA

The use of vegetable oil for diesel fuel has grown in popularity in recent years, thanks to both high fuel prices and ecological concerns. Analysts estimate that some 5,000 North Americans have converted their diesel cars or trucks to run on vegetable oil in the last few years alone. Those who do so usually make a deal with a local eatery willing to hand over its used cooking oil at the close of the business day.

The idea isn't new. The first diesel engines built in the 1890s were created to run on peanut oil to be used in developing countries where oil reserves didn't exist. And many of the older diesel cars and trucks still on the road today can use straight vegetable oil, especially in warmer climates where it won't congeal as easily as in the cold. Many modern diesel engines, though, leave the factory requiring true diesel fuel to run



well, as straight vegetable oil can muck up intricately engineered fuel pumps and injectors.

But drivers willing to spend between \$400 and \$1,000 on a conversion kit from one of two leading vendors, Missouri-based Golden Fuel Systems and Massachusetts-based Greasecar Vegetable Fuel Systems, can make the switch. And fryer-friendly restaurants are just about the only economical fuel source right now. Buying cooking oils at the supermarket would be costly, and consumers shouldn't expect to find filling stations pumping vegetable oil anytime soon.

The benefits of a conversion are more than economic. Vegetable oil is a renewable resource derived from plants, which by nature absorb carbon dioxide (CO2) during photosynthesis. Vegetable oil is thus "carbon neutral"--burning it merely releases stored CO2 back into the

atmosphere and therefore contributes no new greenhouse gases to the environment. By contrast, burning gasoline in a traditional engine releases CO2 that had been stored underground in oil, and thus contributes to global warming. Vegetable oil also burns cleaner than regular diesel, spewing no sulfur and much less particulate and carbon monoxide.

The conversion kits are only for diesel vehicles, as gasoline engines do not tolerate vegetable oil as a fuel. Since a conversion entails replacing and moving hoses and leads, as well as adding a separate fuel tank for the vegetable oil, it is best handled by a trained mechanic. Drivers should know that a converted vehicle does need a small amount of regular diesel fuel to get started, because at normal or cold temperatures vegetable oil is too thick to properly ignite. But the vehicle can switch over to vegetable oil once it is warmed up and the heat inside the engine loosens its thickness so it can run through efficiently.

Another way to use vegetable oil in a diesel engine is to blend it with regular

diesel fuel. This blend has become known as biodiesel, and works fine in regular diesel engines with no conversion required. Biodiesel vendors have set up pumping stations across North America, although they tend to be few and far between. Canadians can locate biodiesel stations at the website of the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association; Americans can consult the website of the National Biodiesel Board.

CONTACTS: Golden Fuel Systems, www.goldenfuelsystems.com; Greasecar Vegetable Fuel Systems, www.greasecar.com; Canadian Renewable Fuels Association, www.greenfuels.org/biodiesel/suppliers.htm; National Biodiesel Board, www.biodiesel.org/buying-biodiesel/retailfuelingsites.

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Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that some commercial fishing nets are 40 miles long? I heard a TV commentator accuse fishing fleets of “strip-mining the oceans.” If their nets are really that large, it certainly sounds like that’s what is happening! -- B. Johnson, Port Chester, NY

Considered the most destructive fishing technology ever devised, commercial “drift netting” involves vertically suspending near-transparent nylon nets in ocean waters with floats attached to the top and weights fixed to the bottom. Some are known to be as much as 50 miles wide, with a vertical height of about 50 feet deep. Once set, the nets are allowed to drift with the wind and currents (hence the term “drift net”) and to snag just about everything in their paths. Drift netting is considered to be the most efficient way to catch large amounts of the ocean’s biggest fish, including tuna, swordfish, marlin and salmon.

The problem with these gigantic nets is that they don’t discriminate between fish that can be sold for dinner tables and so-called “by-catch”--marine life not intended for food but which get hauled up anyway and then subsequently discarded dead back into the ocean. Drift netting is responsible not only for killing fish that will never be sold commercially, but also for the unnecessary death of hundreds of thousands of dolphins, seals, whales and sea turtles every year, despite international agreements outlawing the practice.

Driftnets also sometimes break loose, sailing through the oceans unattended, “ghost fishing” until they sink to the bottom under the weight of their victims or wash up on-shore where they snag seabirds, seals and other unsuspecting wildlife.

First developed by Japan in the 1970s, drift netting quickly caught on elsewhere and within just a decade scientists began to notice that the practice was taking a severe toll on marine biodiversity. Various experiments were conducted that bore out these concerns. A 1989 test using driftnets to catch tuna, for example, killed an average of four and a half marine mammals in every “set”--one whale or dolphin for every 10 tuna caught. Meanwhile, analysts observed a Japanese boat kill 59 dolphins and small whales in just 30 sets--a rate of almost two per set. With commercial fishing fleets legally deploying some 30,000 miles of driftnets around the world daily during the 1980s, the toll on marine life was no doubt staggering.

The first major effort to stop drift netting was the Wellington Convention, which was signed in New Zealand in 1989 and put into place a driftnet ban in the South Pacific. Four years later, the United Nations called for an international moratorium on the practice. Meanwhile, in 1992 Russia, Japan and the United States created the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific, banning all



(PHOTO BY GETTY IMAGES)
A striped dolphin caught in a driftnet in the northeast Atlantic Ocean.

driftnets more than 1 1/2 miles in length (“anadromous” refers to fish like salmon that live in salt water but spawn in fresh water). South Korea signed on but China did not, though it agreed to let the U.S. Coast Guard help police its fleet. In 2002, the European Union banned drift netting by its member countries.

According to Earthtrust, a U.S. nonprofit committed to ending drift netting, despite such commitments commercial fishing fleets around the world still deploy tens of thousands of miles of driftnets on a daily basis. While efforts to stop the practice have no doubt had some effect, drift netting remains one of the

biggest drivers of over-fishing today. As long as demand for tuna, salmon and other big fish continues, drift netting--illegal or otherwise--is likely to continue to wreak havoc on the world’s marine ecosystems.

CONTACT: Earthtrust’s DriftNetwork, www.earth-trust.org/dnw.html.

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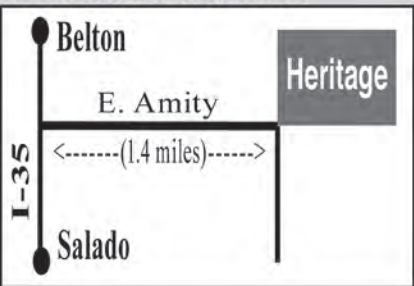


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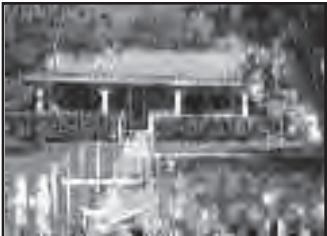
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