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Sales tax rebates up 11%

Village of Salado received \$33,323.44 in sales tax rebates Nov. 10, an increase of more than 11 percent over last year's \$29,880.62 payment.

The Village outpaced the average of all Bell County cities. All of the cities in Bell County received \$4 million in November in sales tax rebates, 10 percent over last year's \$3.6 million payment.

For the year, Salado has received \$317,374.34, which is 8.39 percent more than the \$292,802.32 received through November last year.

November sales tax payments represent sales tax collected in September and paid to the Comptroller in October.

The Salado Public Library District showed a

dramatic increase in sales tax payments. The District, which levies a half-cent sales tax within its boundaries that are the same as the school district, received a \$25,656.50 payment in November, which is 30.15 percent more than last year's \$19,712.17. For the year, the Library District has received \$216,088.33, more than 15 percent more than the \$187,180.27 paid through November of last year.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced the state collected \$1.6 billion in sales tax revenue in October, up 17.3 percent compared to October 2005. Strayhorn sent \$505.3 million in November sales tax rebates to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 11.9

percent compared to November 2005.

"Texas continues to see an increase in sales tax collections, from both consumer and business purchases, as we progress into the final months of the year and the start of the holiday shopping season," Comptroller Strayhorn said.

Strayhorn today sent Texas cities \$348.8 million in sales tax allocations, up 12.2 percent compared to November 2005. Texas counties received November sales tax allocations of \$28.5 million, up 13.6 percent compared to one year ago. The 110 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$14.4 million in sales tax, up 15.8 percent compared to last November.

The next sales tax allocation will be Dec. 8.



The Empty Bowl project is the major fundraiser for Salado Family Relief Fund, which is gearing up for its annual Christmas drive to provide presents for more than 30 families (120 children) in Salado. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

SFRF kicks off Christmas drive

The Empty Bowl Project Nov. 11 raises money for the Salado Family Relief Fund at a time that it is most needed, when the Fund is preparing for its annual Christmas drive.

Best known for the annual Christmas drive, the Relief Fund provides Christmas gifts and Christmas dinner to more than 30 families and over 120 children in Salado schools. That is not where the work ends, though. The Relief Fund also assists families in need year round by helping with food, shoes, clothes, school lunches and other necessities. The Relief Fund does not give cash to recipients.

"We depend heavily on financial support from area churches, civic and school groups, and individuals to help us provide Christmas to those in need in Salado," said SFRF President Leigh Drake.

Since forming a decade ago, the Fund has helped families in the area in a

variety of ways, including temporary assistance for medicines, rent, clothing, food and other necessities. "We never give out cash," said founding president Marilyn Fleischer, "but we will always try to work to find a solution or a way we can help."

The board works closely with school personnel, such as the secretaries, administrators, counselors and teachers.

The Fund has established a school supply bank at the school, administered by the Communities in Schools workers. The Fund also ensures that children get a hot meal by working with cafeteria staff.

The Fund also contributes \$100 per month to the Salado Food Bank, which is able to buy food in bulk for those in need.

Doing these deeds in the community taps into the SFRF to the point that it needs the help of church groups, school groups,

civic clubs and individuals to "adopt" families or individual children during the Christmas drive.

"We provide a wish list of gifts from the family or children," Fleischer explained, "and the adopters buys what items they feel are adequate."

Sometimes the SFRF fills in the blanks, sometimes it is not necessary. Because of the increasing number of families being served in Salado, the SFRF has had to spend more money each year.

"We try to make sure that every qualified family is provided for in some way," Drake said.

Monetary donations are welcome year-round. The Fund has accounts at First State Bank and Compass Bank.

For more information about the Salado Family Relief Fund, call Leigh Drake at Leigh's Necessities, 947-3185 or Marilyn at the Salado Village Voice newspaper 947-5321.



Heavy lifting

Richard Waters, of Lakeview Services carried the large limestone carvings from the recent event sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) to various locations throughout the village. The sculptures can now be found at the Salado Public Library, Pace Memorial Park, the grounds of the Halley House and the grounds of the Barton House. (PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HOOD)

Inspection process tops agenda

Salado aldermen will hear another presentation on third party plan review and inspection during their regular meeting 6:30 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Municipal Building on Stagecoach Rd. Inspection Tech Services will discuss their service options with the board.

Aldermen will also hear year-to-date financials from the Village Treasurer Eldon Mille.

Other business items will include the purchase of a Chevy pickup from the Police Department, discuss of a report on the Clearwater Symposium and local water issues and a report

on the agreement between the Village and Stagecoach Inn regarding a sewer system for Salado.

In executive session, the board will consult with Village Attorney Alan Bojorquez regarding possible litigation.

The meeting is open to the public.



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Midtown Open House

The Midtown Salado shops invite you to their Holiday Open House 5-8 p.m. Nov. 18. The open house will include treats, temptations, specials and prizes.

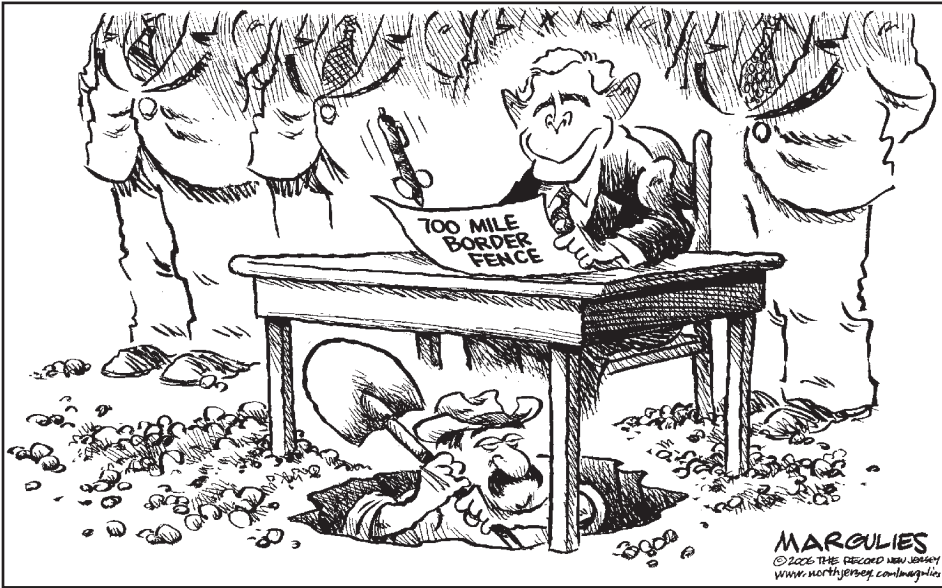
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Change the course

President Bush's resolve is something to behold. One Bush aide tells a story of how when he left Texas to work for Bush in the White House after the 2000 election, a friend gave him a photograph of Lyndon Johnson visibly crushed at his desk, looking at casualty reports from Vietnam. The point was to remind this Bush adviser that the burdens of the office can break any man.

Six years into a turbulent presidency, Bush is determinedly un-crushed. Under the weight of a difficult war in Iraq, of regular meetings with families who have lost loved ones, of a hostile press and a vitriolic opposition, Bush has never given any indication of being run down. It is a testament to his physical and, above all, his spiritual strength.

The problem for Bush is that in the current environment, his resolve has become a drag. People hear him say that he will stay in Iraq even if only Laura and Barney still support him, and they think it signals a stubborn unwillingness to adjust. They hear him say that the next president will have to decide whether or not troops are in Iraq, and it sounds as if Bush's Iraq policy is on a mindless auto-pilot.

This is why the phrase "stay the course" has flipped in its political significance. It used to be the rallying cry of the war's supporters. Now, it is gleefully used by critics to discredit the war's supporters. Shrewd Republicans, including the president, have tried to get out from under the phrase by saying they want to "adapt to win." But "stay the course" is sticking.

Not many people want to stay the course in Iraq, and why should they? The Baghdad security plan is faltering, the violence is intensifying and the Iraqi government is dithering. This is why the Democrats' nebulously defined call for changing the course in Iraq is so attractive. Even many hawks want to change

Rich Lowry



the course (if in an entirely different way than the war's opponents).

Bush needs to give a "change the course" speech. He cannot give up on his essential goal of establishing a stable, democratic Iraq, but he needs to signal that the strategy in Iraq, the number of troops (we might need more), and all constructive ideas from Democrats or Republicans are on the table, because he is not happy with the progress there and he is working to find better approaches. Bush has given the impression of being detached from reality in Iraq, and that sense is simply deadly.

For a president who talks so much about being a wartime leader and whose administration so emphasizes the prerogatives of the executive, Bush has been an oddly passive commander in chief. He often seems to be run by his government rather than the other way around. He rarely fires anyone. His deference to his generals is near total. He hasn't acted at key moments to resolve debilitating bureaucratic battles within his administration. He might be the "decider," but his deciding hasn't reached down far enough to see that his strategic decisions are effectively implemented.

There is a crisis in Iraq for all to see. Bush has to make it plain that he sees it too, and that his government is going to react to it. If he doesn't, his admirable resolve risks becoming a millstone around the neck of himself and his party.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2006 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Demos regain Congress; Voters send "Centrist" message; Guv's 39 percent wins; Rumsfeld quits

Last week's mid-term election provided excitement, amazement, and despondency (depending on one's hopes and fears at the time) starting with early news that the House of Representatives had fallen to the Democrats. By week's end, a total of 31 seats had reportedly shifted from the GOP to Demo side of the aisle.

Even more startling was word that Democrats had racked up four of the six seats they needed to take over the Senate, with two States leaning to the left. Two days later Virginia and Montana toppled and the sweep was complete, with the resultant power transferred from one party to the other with a less than normal amount of political bloodletting, other than the natural anguish on the part of those being fitted for their new "Minority Party" mantles.

Next day (Nov 8) - a second political **stunner** when word leaked out that SecDef Donald Rumsfeld was quitting! To be replaced by Bob Gates, A&M's popular president and former CIA Director under Bush the Senior.

FYI: A "Stunner" is considered just one notch below a "**Thumpin**" which was used by the President to describe what happened to both he and his party on Nov 7.

REFERENDUM OR WHAT?

The astonishing combination of a mid-term Demo victory coupled with the Rumsfeld resignation, is creating an avalanche of analyses, written and spoken commentaries, and punditry from all corners of the political arena starting from the far right (the galumphing Rush Limbaugh), to the center (David Broder et al), and on to the extreme left (Molly Ivins' funny-farm).

The majority opinion, from within the ranks of the "explainers" decided the election **an unconditional referendum on the Iraqi War and the President himself.**

That, of course, may be correct but this writer (along with other moderate scribes) believes the vote "also" carried a **repudiation of the "extremism" exhibited by both parties over the years, with a greater degree of outrage against Republicans, since they had the power, these past six years (but not the inclination), to do better.**

If, in fact, this is the case, then the next Congress had best get on with the country's business without rancorous partisanship, thereby avoiding the shameful "Do-Nothing" title so rightfully earned by Congress to date.

DEMOS NEED TO BE WARY

Now that both Houses of Congress are in the hands of Democrats, it would be prudent for the winners to take a long look at how best to exercise their newly won power when dealing with Republican survivors, who are naturally "smarting" over their unexpected loss of both Houses - particularly the Senate.

Democrats (and their leaders) need to keep in mind that the same voters who have given them a chance to take charge of the nation's lawmaking business with a "new" centrist approach, can also take that power away in two years, especially if Demos revert to wrangling or worse - i.e. allowing party "lib-nuts" to call the shots legislatively.

Same is true for Republicans. If they can work from a middle ground position along with Democrats for the best interests of the nation and not the

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



provincial interests of their party extremists, then the country will prosper and so will Congress.

The next two years may become the most far-reaching in recent history and could very well determine the future of "centrism" as a working political force in America.

MCGOVERN PARLEY UNWISE

Inviting George McGovern to meet with some 70 Demos this coming week was not a well advised "first" move to make, since McGovern is properly considered to have destroyed the moderate wing of the Democratic Party back in the early '70s.

If this "champion of liberalism" is to have any directional authority among Democrats, they can kiss their newly-won power goodbye, along with any hopes of winning the presidency in 2008.

PERRY WINS DESPITE LOSING 61 PERCENT OF TEXAS VOTE

The five person race for Governor this year was certainly one for the books. GOP Rick ("landslide") Perry won another four year term with 39 percent of the popular vote. Or put another way - with 61 percent of the State not wanting him to be their Governor.

Reason for this less than stellar showing by old "Crazy Hair," were Independents Kinky Friedman and Carole Strayhorn, who probably kept Democrat Chris Bell from staging an "upset" victory.

Second place Bell received 1,309,774 votes to Perry's 1,714,618. Kinky and Grandma (together) siphoned off 1,342,759 tallies. Bell's suspected "lion's share" of that million-plus "shouda-been" GOP-Demo-vote would have given the former Houston congressman the Governor's Office.

KINKY VOTE

Interesting was the number of votes the rowdy (but otherwise hilarious) Kinky, racked up in Bell County (4,183) and state-wide (553,327).

And - we bet you didn't know there are more than 200 "Kinky-voters" here in Salado!

AND SO....

It appears that Americans have decided the best place to govern is from the moderate center. Something Karl Rove forgot to mention to Bush when he told the Pres to stay with the GOP base (extreme-right) to get elected. That worked in 2000 and 2004.

What "Rover" didn't tell King George is that **you can win - but you can't "govern" - from "out of touch" zealotry.** So, what Rove failed to tell his boss, was left to the electorate to do, as they did - on Nov 7 - with a vengeance.

ONE FOR THE ROAD

Let's wind up this election post-mortem with what hopefully will produce a smile. It was a funny two liner, not from old Kinky, but Chris Bell, who finished the gubernatorial race with a surprisingly decent second place showing against incumbent Perry.

Bell produced a "laughter" following news on October 31 that "Crazy Hair" was in Washington being "sized-up" by high powered D.C. Repubs for VP-consideration in 2008.

Next day, after glomming onto the Veep story, Bell had Texas giggling: **"Governor Perry was in Washington on Halloween - wearing a vice-presidential costume. Scared the hell out of everyone!"**

That's -30-

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The boy in the back row

Supt's Corner

by Dr. Robin Battershell

Eighteen years ago, I sat in a cafetorium watching an elementary awards ceremony. I watched a group of five little boys sitting on the back row, quietly watching as one after another of their classmates were called to the stage to receive awards for perfect attendance and academic prowess. The names of the five were never called. Near the end of the awards ceremony, the person sitting next to me whispered, "unfortunately those little boys will probably never make it."

I have had the opportunity to follow the life of one of those little boys over the past 18 years. He was diagnosed with a learning disability and I witnessed that as gifted children were put in "cluster" classes so were the lower performing children. He worked hard in school, never to find academic acclaim but getting by. He did not stand out in the crowd, he did not make trouble, he largely went unnoticed.

He had a penchant for music and when the opportunity presented itself to play in the middle school band, he jumped on it. To his surprise, he excelled, eventually earning a music scholarship.

The rigors of the college music program along with a full class load and a learning disability proved to be too much and after two years of struggling, especially in mathematics, he sadly faced a decision. As fate would have it, an opportunity presented itself, going to a vocational technical school. Upon visiting this campus, he liked the philosophy

"we are here to work with intelligent young people who haven't quite found their talent yet". He enrolled and was awarded the Dean's List semester after semester. It was the first academic recognition he had ever received and the beginning of things to come. Eventually he was selected as a resident assistant and thus was thrust into a leadership role.

Near the end of his associate's degree, he announced a surprise to his parents. He returned home with report card in hand. Proudly displayed on the report card was, College Algebra, "A". With head held high, he said he had used his own money and enrolled in Algebra even though it wasn't required for his degree plan.

Upon graduating with his associate's degree, he enrolled in a bachelor's program. When asked to write about the most significant event in his life in a psychology class, he wrote "I faced and I conquered math." He also had faced and conquered a learning disability, now merely viewed as a challenge not unlike the challenges that all people face very day.

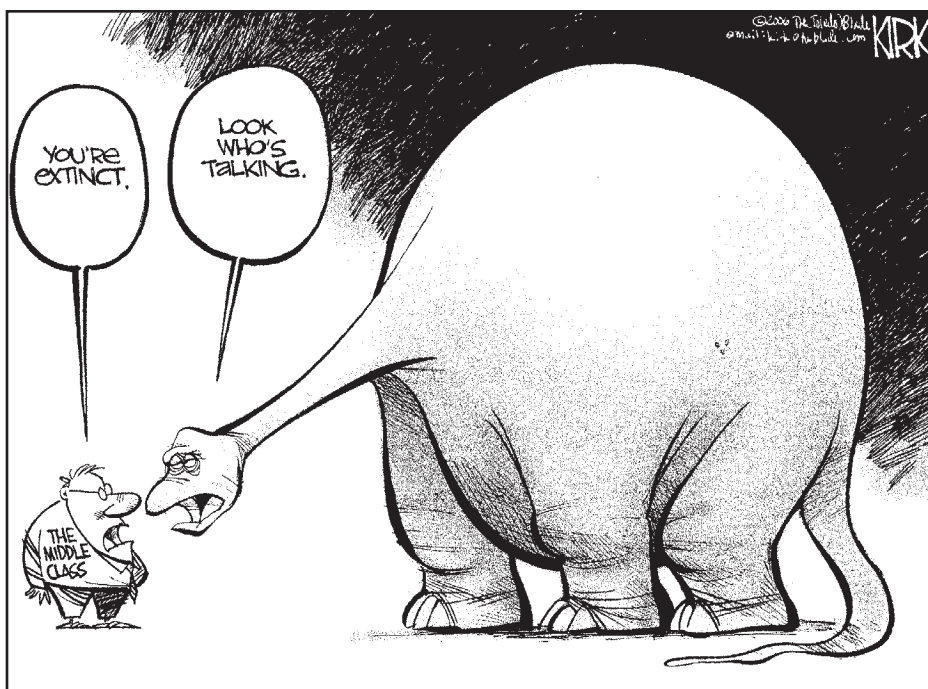
So you see, this quiet little boy who sat on the back row unnoticed is now a graphic artist for a television station. This little boy, this young man is my son.

Lessons learned? Never give up. Look for options. And above all love your children for who they are, not what you think they should be.

Son, you made it. Mom and Dad are proud.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



On a visit to Guantanamo Bay

Heritage Forum

by Edwin Feulner

GUANTANAMO BAY, Nov. 1 - At least two detainees at the holding facility here skipped lunch today because they're on a hunger strike. Which is a pity for them -- the food was delicious.

By contrast, the steady stream of news about "Gitmo" tends to leave one with a bad taste.

On the day I toured the facility, lawyers for 100 detainees were in court insisting their clients have a right to be heard in American civilian courts. And a recent McClatchy newspaper story claimed that "reports of mistreatment and torture have dogged the facility since it opened," and added, "critics ... have described an island gulag of desolation and despair."

What is missing from the criticism is any sense of perspective. For one thing, the most outspoken critics of American policy haven't bothered to visit Guantanamo. If they did, they'd see that the U.S. military is using the facility to hold roughly 400 enemy combatants. And despite all the criticism, Gitmo's the most transparent facility ever used to house prisoners of war.

Most of the detainees have lawyers. That must be a first in the history of

warfare. No government is required under the laws of war to charge enemy combatants with any crime; anyone picked up on a battlefield may be held until hostilities end.

Furthermore, the Geneva Convention does not require that detainees be allowed to speak to lawyers and does not give them the right to challenge their detention in civilian courts. By any measure, the U.S. government has extended our deadly enemies unprecedented legal rights.

In return, we're collecting valuable intelligence. Many detainees are still giving us useful information about the location of al Qaeda training facilities and the terrorist organization's chain of command.

As far as alleged torture goes, consider the hunger strikers mentioned above. To keep them alive, the military has been tube-feeding them the same way a hospital feeds an incapacitated patient. "Medical associations have called it unethical," Reuters news agency reports. Would letting the detainees die be more ethical? Doctors at Gitmo even adjusted the detainees' feeding schedule so that, during Ramadan, they wouldn't be getting any sustenance during daylight hours. We're not only protecting the lives of detainees, we're respecting their religious traditions as well.

In fact, if there's any abuse going on, it might be that the detainees are eating too much. They get some 4,000 calories a day -- hardly a starvation diet. Guards say one has gained 150 pounds.

Some Americans seem

to have forgotten there's a war going on. Not these detainees: They regularly threaten their guards and vow to have their friends kill the guards' families back home. Our service members take these threats seriously -- many remove their nametags before they'll walk past a cell block. One officer's tag identified him as Col. "I don't know."

At least 10 former Gitmo detainees, once released, returned to the battlefield against coalition forces only to be killed or captured again. One even managed to assassinate an Afghan judge. So it makes sense that our military hold on to dangerous people until we can be certain they're no longer a threat.

Incidentally, more than a quarter of all current Gitmo detainees are eligible to leave, but they've got no place to go. No country is willing to accept them, so they remain in Cuba. One reason we can't simply deport them is that the U.S. military will not, as a matter of policy, send a detainee to a country where he is likely to be tortured. Remember that the next time you're told the United States condones torture.

I've never been prouder of our men and women (many of the guards at Gitmo are women) in uniform than when I saw how professionally they handled themselves and our enemies. Our facility at Guantanamo Bay should be in the news every day -- as an example of what we're doing right: Winning the war on terror, while still treating our enemies humanely.

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Katherine Harris speaks for God



Jim Hightower

Let me begin by thanking God for Katherine Harris.

She is such a picture-perfect example of ultra-right-wing looniness, theocratic hubris, raw Republican partisanship, and big-money political corruption that she serves as a sort of burning bush, warning us never to let such people gain high office.

Harris, of course, was the Florida secretary of state who did Bush's bidding in 2000 to pervert the election results and hand him the presidency. Rewarded with White House backing for a congressional seat, she promptly got cozy with corrupt Pentagon contractors and is now under FBI investigation for taking illegal campaign donations. She was also this year's GOP nominee for United States senator from Florida.

But at least, unlike some Republican officeholders, Harris does not even try to sugarcoat her extremist theocratic views and intentions. In an August interview, she made a most alarming declaration, asserting that, "God is the one who chooses our rulers."

Say it's not so, Katherine! God chose you? And Tom DeLay? And Dick Cheney? Good lord, what a vindictive and destructive god that would be!

Then she unleashed her inner Taliban, declaring that America's doctrine of separation of church and state is a "lie," that the United States should not be a "nation of secular laws," and finally, this stunner: "If you're not electing Christians, then in essence, you are going to legislate sin."

Ah, yes - those diabolical Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Unitarians, and probably even Presbyterians are all engaged in a grand conspiracy to dictate that all people must engage in adultery, murder, thievery, and other godless scourges. Thank God no Christians like Katherine Harris do such things.

Keep being our example, Katherine. You're doing the Lord's work - and you are proof that He works in mysterious ways, indeed.



Talk to Your Adult Children about Estate Plans

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



One final word: Make sure your beneficiary designations are updated - and let your children know that these designations are up to date and now take into account all births, deaths and remarriages in the family. Keep in mind that these designations - which will appear on your retirement plans, insurance policies and investment accounts - can supersede the instructions on your will.

At first, discussing estate plans with your adult children can seem awkward for everyone. But after a short while, both you and they will feel more and more comfortable in discussing these issues, which are of such great importance to your family.

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talking about these issues? It's difficult to say, but it seems likely that greater maturity and a sense of perspective have a lot to do with it.

In any case, once you've decided it's time to bring up your estate plans with your children, how should you go about it? Consider easing into the subject by talking about things that may not be so emotionally charged. For example, you might want to discuss your grandchildren's college education and how you'd like to help pay for it. Or, you might want to talk about a charity you've already supported, and mention that you're planning to remember it in "the future."

Once you've broken the ice by addressing these types of subjects, you should find it easier to

move into the real nitty-gritty of your estate plans. Tell your children what's in your will, who helped draw it up and where a paper copy can be found. Better yet, give them a copy of it. If you've created a living trust, explain its benefits; i.e., your assets can pass directly to them and other beneficiaries without court interference, lengthy delays and public disclosure.

Just as importantly, let them know how you'd like matters to proceed if you should ever become incapacitated. Do you want to give one of your children durable general power of attorney to act for you? If so, which child? Explain your decision to all your children.

Title Insurance, Insuring the past of your property

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Title insurance is among the costs of successfully closing a real estate transaction, but many people don't understand what this is for, or why they must pay for it. First of all, realize that title insurance works differently from traditional insurance policies in a very important way.

Other types of policies may protect you

from future events, and you must continue to pay the premiums for as long as you want that protection. Title insurance is (usually) a one-time purchase that actually protects you against losses arising from hazards from the past.

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If you question the cost of title insurance, keep in mind that many companies often search records back fifty years or more to discover and correct problems, often without even involving the homebuyer.

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What type of legacy would you like to leave to your adult children? Whatever you have in mind, share it with them. By making sure they understand what elements are in your estate plan, you can avoid a lot of confusion, hard feelings and family squabbles when it's time to settle your affairs.

Of course, it may not be as agreeable to discuss estate plans with your children as, say, talking about your granddaughter's soccer game or your grandson's role in the school play. And you may have to recognize that your children, even though they're adults, feel uncomfortable in discussing topics dealing with estate planning. Such feelings are not uncommon. In fact, fewer than one in three families have actually had a meaningful conversation on legacy-type issues, according to a study by Allianz Life Insurance Co.

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The Former Ministers of Music who sang for their supper at the Salado Historical Society Chili Supper Nov. 6 were (from left) Ken Williams, Larry Putnam, Bobby Johnson, Gary Baxley and Larry Reeves.

Chili supper a night to remember

To the Editor:

The annual Salado Historical Society chili supper was truly a night to remember. Little did anyone guess when eight women from the Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary met in the living room of the Tyler House on April 6, 1979 that on Nov. 6, 2006 over 100 people would meet in the rested red schoolhouse (now the Civic Center) and celebrate Salado's history from 1852.

Dr. Wallace Davis and the FMM's (Former Music Ministers) gave us a trip through the years with memories of words and music. The talent in our area is amazing -- we are truly blessed! Dr. Davis will serve as President in 2007, we learned as new officers were voted on as well.

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Our thanks to everyone who has supported the Historical Society through the years to bring it this far. Much has been accomplished to preserve "The Treasure" we have. The "newer" people coming to Salado are becoming members as well as those who are "not so new." More people are becoming aware of Salado and why we are proud of what happened here beginning in 1852. Did you know Salado College was the second largest in Texas in 1870? People are giving us their important papers of history and we are needing

room to place these in a setting of safety and availability for research to those who come to Salado to find their roots. Our Salado history is so rich, we need to share it.

Our thanks to those who made the night special: Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe, who made our chili, Salado's good cooks who made conrbread and desserts, Hulda for all she does in preparing for the event and locking up after all of us are gone and to those who keep the community informed of what we are doing.

Two important marker

dedications are coming up in December. The Norwood Home on Main Street will receive a Salado Landmark at 2 p.m. Dec. 9. The following day, a Texas State Marker will be dedicated at the First Baptist Church of Salado. This one is for Addie Barton, who served as Salado's missionary to Mexico. Watch for further information in the Salado Village Voice.

Everyone is invited to join us in continuing to make Salado special. The Salado Historical Society welcomes you to become a part of our membership.

As one of those eight original women who met together in 1979, I would like to thank the community.

Doris Denman.
 Salado



First Community Title hosted a Chamber of Commerce After Hours Business Mixer Nov. 6. Shown above are Chris Alexander (Texas Tradition Homes), Claire Hartman (First Community Title) and C.J. Harbuz (Angelic Herbs).

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How Bell County town of Holland got its name

BY DARWIN "MONK" IVICIC

A hundred, twenty-five years ago, Holland, Texas did not exist. Neither did Temple, Little River-Academy, Sparks, Bartlett, Granger, Heidenheimer or Rogers. A cotton field occupied the territory where the current town of Holland now exists.

At that time, the Mountain Home community stretched along Darrs Creek and several miles in all directions east of the current town of Holland.

The history of Holland and the Mountain Home Community will be part of a historical presentation at the Holland Hayfield-Dobbs Museum at 2 p.m. Nov. 25. Darwin "Monk" Ivicic will give the presentation, with remarks about



The cotton gin belonging to J.R. "Rube" Holland was built in 1878.

the impact of cotton and the railroads on east Bell County.

In 1881, a new little town called Holland was

located three miles southwest of the old cotton field where the current town of Holland is now located. That new little town began

in 1878 when J.R. "Rube" Holland built a steam-powered cotton gin on his farm. A store was built near the gin and a Post Office

named "Holland" opened in the store on April 10, 1879. Later that year a post office called "Mountain Home" was opened on Dec. 1, 1879 in Kerr County.

Railroad workers and mules were building the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad through the cotton field that Holland now occupies. The railroad project began in Missouri and ended by connecting at a southeast-southwest-northeast rail line in Taylorville (Taylor).

The MK&T route was drawn and labeled as "proposed" on the Texas General Land Office official Texas map dated Jan. 1, 1879. An earlier map in the Texas Archives Office dated 1874 shows the MK&T proposed railroad route to run from Waco to Belton to Georgetown to Austin, but was later changed. That same year, "Rube" Holland and family left Arkansas for San Marcos. They left Arkansas in one wagon of a "three-wagon" wagon train, with very little money, seeking a better life in Texas.

Another railroad, a Galveston Merchants' Railroad (The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe) was under construction from Galveston northward and intersected with the MK&T Railroad construction route in another Bell County farm field near Birdsedale. The G,C & SF railroad people bought the field where the two routes intersect, auctioning off routes for a future town June 29, 1881. That town would become Temple. Initially, the GC&SF route was proposed through Cameron, then to Belton, then to Gatesville. The terrain around Belton became a factor. Birdsedale is near the Birdcreek/Airport Road in Temple. Old Troy moving a short distance to the MK&T railroad route was inevitable.

Later in 1881, the MK&T Railroad finally announced the location of depot sites for passenger and freight at five to six mile intervals between the Temple Junction and Taylorville. A depot site named Mountain Home station was in the cotton field adjacent to the old community of Mountain Home. The growth of a new town called Mountain Home began. The depot site was 200 feet south of what is Travis Street in Holland.

In early 1882, construction of the MK&T route was completed. The new railroad town surrounding the Mountain Home station continued to grow. In August and September 1882, the post office department approved the relocation of the "Holland" post office from Rube Holland's gin into the new railroad town of Mountain Home, a move of three miles. Rube Hol-

land and family sold the cotton gin and farm at the original Holland to A.G. Lindemann, Sr. and moved a short distance south in 1882.

In 1882, a train map labeled the town surrounding Mountain Home train station as Mountain Home. Train ticket destinations were labeled as Mountain Home station.

The new town continued to grow around the railroad station depot and continued to be called Mountain Home.

Other new neighboring railroad towns of that era were Sparks, Bartlett, Granger, Heidenheimer and Rogers.

If the MK&T railroad had been constructed from Waco to Belton, then to Austin as proposed in 1874, the construction cost would have been much more expensive due to more creeks, rivers and rocky terrain. Built from Waco to Taylor, it was constructed through farm fields with soft "cotton patch" black dirt.

The new railroad town Mountain Home eventually ended up with its post office name Holland as its town name.

The two railroads did not intersect in Belton as per the 1874 proposed map. A court battle erupted! The battle ended in the Texas Supreme Court. The two railroads continue in service today and continue to intersect near Ave H and 14th Street in Temple.

The GC&SF railroad was constructed westward to Lampasas, then delayed. The construction passed by the northern outskirts of Belton. Eventually, Belton received depots from both railroads at dead-end spurts downtown within walking distance of the courthouse. GC&SF continued railroad construction northwest from Temple Junction toward Crawford, Meridian, Cleburne and north.

The simultaneous construction of the railroads by rival companies also resulted in the spawning of Bell County towns Pendleton, Nolanville and Killeen.

Railroads of that time were a new thing, a miracle in Texas and elsewhere. There were no highways, no cards, only dirt trails traveled by animal-drawn wagons, buggies and stagecoaches. During rainy weather, travel was halted.

J.R. "Rube" Holland and family resided, raised and ginned cotton in the southwestern portion of the old Mountain Home community for 14 years. The Hollands purchased Summer's Mill in 1888 and moved there. James Rhuben Holland and his wife are buried at Summer's Mill by their historic two-story home. The small cemetery plot is surrounded by an iron fence.

The Salado Youth Soccer Association would like to recognize and thank the following sponsors for their contributions and assistance in making the Fall '06 soccer season a tremendous success. Without their valued support, the Fall '06 season would not nor could not have been so successful. SYSA extends a sincere thank you to these generous organizations for their support of Salado youth and SYSA...

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Representatives of clan societies were on hand to lend their expertise to visitors researching Scottish ancestry and heritage.

The highland dance competition featured the Highland Fling, Scottish Hornpipe, Sword Dance, Sean Triubhas and the Lilt.

Individuals and bands competed in the bagpipe and drum competition sending the sound of the highlands across the Village.

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SPORTS



Tight end Josh Fulfer reaches out for a pass during the Salado Eagles' 41-7 win over the Rosebud-Lott Cougars. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Salado de-claws Rosebud 41-7

Salado Eagles had almost 300 yards more offense than the Rosebud-Lott Cougars as the Eagles thrashed Rosebud 41-7 to claim a part of the District 25AA Championship Nov. 10, sharing it with the Rog-

ers Eagles.

Salado rang up 364 yards total offense, while allowing the Cougars to gain just 71 yards in total offense.

The Eagles chewed up 290 yards on the ground and junior quarterback David Rosenau had 74 yards passing on nine attempts, five completions.

His favorite target was Stephen Quick, who grabbed two passes for 26 yards. Tyler Wright had a 22 yard catch and Justin Konzen had a 20 yard catch.

The Eagles scored 27 points in the first half, 21 in the first quarter. Tanner Myers took a hand-off around the left end for a three yard touchdown with 9:56 in the first. A 55 yard kick off return by Adam Patton set up the scoring drive.

The Eagles recovered the ensuing kick off and marched 40 yards to score. Konzen scored on a three yard run with 7:28 in the first.

Rosenau took the snap up the middle for a 36-yard touchdown with 5:24 left in the first and a 21-0 lead.

Rosebud Lott's Ethan Marek picked up a fumbled snap by Rosenau and returned it 65 yards for the Cougars only score, bringing the score to 21-7 at the end of the first period.

The Eagles drove 63 yards down field and Rosenau picked up another fumbled snap, this time running it in from the three



David Rosenau tries to escape the grasp of two Cougars during the Salado Eagles' 41-7 win over the Rosebud-Lott Cougars. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

yard line. The PAT kick failed, giving Salado a 27-7 lead.

Salado scored midway through the second quarter, when Konzen ran the ball over tackle from the six yard line. The PAT brought the score to 34-7 with 4:51 left in the first half.

The Eagles scored the final touchdown of the game on their first possession of the second half. Tyler Wright intercepted a Rosebud pass to set up the scoring drive. Rosenau threw a 15 yard pass to Stephen Quick for the touchdown. Leo Galvan's fifth extra point kick brought the score to 41-7.

Konzen led the stingy Salado defense with seven assisted tackles, one unassisted tackle and a tackle for loss. He also had a quarterback hurry and recovered a fumble.

Matt Fritsch had eight assisted tackles and two

unassisted tackles.

Wright registered four assisted tackles and an unassisted tackle. He also knocked down a pass and intercepted a pass.

Blake Hancock made six assisted tackles, one unassisted tackle and a tackle for loss.

Alonso Galvan had six assisted tackles, and unassisted tackle and a tackle for loss.

Josh Bush made six assisted tackles, an unassisted tackle and a tackle for loss.

Adam Patton registered five assisted tackles, an unassisted tackle and knocked down a pass.

Ethan Williams had two assisted tackles, an unassisted tackle, three tackles were for losses. He also hurried the quarterback twice, blocked a kick and had two Big Hits on the night.



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Salado Junior Varsity Eagles Red team finished a perfect season at 10-0. They are (front row, from left) Daniel Champion, Tyler Wright, Sterling Martin, Tyler Pines, Josh Rodriguez; (second row, from left) Joseph Tantillo, Tyler Cook, Matt Ming, Jared Lutz, Ryan Wooley, Nick Mohammed; (third row, from left) John Cruz, Logan Foster, Josh Marquez, Bryce Dunks, Phillip Weatherly, Cory Langford, C.J. Little, Jake Bradshaw; (fourth row) Clayton Whitmire, Tyler Coker, Bubba Leifester, George Wideman, Jon Spinks, Caleb Little, Garrett Ward, (back row) Coaches Scott Ringo, Melvin Bates, Colby Elizondo.

JV wraps up perfect season

Though the final outcome wasn't decided until late in the fourth quarter, when the dust settled the JV Eagle Red team had put the finishing touches on an undefeated, 10-0 season with a 12-0 shutout of Rosebud-Lott Nov. 9.

The unblemished campaign was the second in the past three years for Salado JV teams, and over that span the squads are a combined 27-2.

The opening quarter amounted to a defensive standstill, as the Eagle offense ran a total of six plays. Rosebud-Lott began the second quarter with possession and proceeded to control the ball for nearly the entire quarter. However, with just over two minutes remaining before the half, the Salado defense came up with a stop on fourth down. Two offensive plays later, Garrett Ward

recorded the game's first points on a 67 yard touchdown run. Strong blocking by Caleb Little, Tyler Coker and Justin Berumen helped spring the run. The two-point try was unsuccessful.

Salado received the ball to start the second half, leading by a touchdown, but coughed up the ball on the second play of the third quarter. Rosebud-Lott again controlled possession, this time for almost seven minutes. The Eagle defense stiffened once again, though, but on the ensuing Salado possession the offense was forced to punt.

The see-saw defensive battle continued into the fourth, as Salado forced a Cougar punt attempt early in the quarter, which was blocked by Ward. That special teams play set-up the Eagles inside the Rosebud 40 yard line. Af-

ter gaining a first down, Salado faced a third and six from the 14-yard line. A short completion from Ward to Matt Ming for seven yards gave the Eagles first and goal. Ward then ran it in from seven yards on the next play to up the Eagle advantage to 12 points.

John Cruz helped ice the win on the next Rosebud possession when he picked off a Cougar pass attempt. Salado, in turn, was able to run off the clock, thanks to some hard running by Logan Foster.

"All season our long our defense played outstanding," said Coach Scott Ringo. "Tonight, they were put in a position where there were on the field for very long periods of time. They did a great job containing Cougar running backs. They are a big reason why we finished the year undefeated."

Salado JV White - 0 McGregor - 14

The JV White finished its season with a 4-6 record with a loss to McGregor Nov. 9.

The Eagle defense played well in the game's opening quarters, and the team went to the half trailing just 6-0. In the second half, however, the Salado offense had trouble sustaining drives, and a late score by McGregor put the game away.

Alex Stiles had a strong game for the Eagles, on both sides of the ball, while Jace Peralta did a good job filling in for injured quarterback Trae Liller.

Though the team's record was a bit under .500, the boys were 3-0 when facing District 25AA competitors, and according to Coach Rocky Boaz, showed great improvement throughout the season.

Who is best free throw shooter in Salado?

The Fifth Annual "Best Free Throw Shooter in Salado" Contest will be Dec. 2 at the Thomas Arnold Elementary gymnasium. It is sponsored by the Salado Athletic Booster Club.

Preliminary rounds start at 2 p.m. Finals start approximately 4 p.m.

Lady Eagle cagers rush out to 2-0 start

The Salado Lady Eagle hoopsters, under first year coach Beth Moses, made an early statement in the young season with a double-digit victory over Class 3A Rockdale Nov. 10. The road win improved Salado to 2-0, as the Lady Eagles downed Whitney, another

Contestants will vie for the title of "Best Free Throw Shooter in Salado." An award will be given to the top shooter in each division.

There will be seven Divisions. The following age divisions have these approximate starting times:

Pee Wee (first and second grades) 2 p.m.
Intermediate (third and fourth grades) 2:30 pm
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points - and eight for the entire second half - while the Lady Eagles built a 34-23 lead entering the final frame.

The fourth period didn't feature much in the way of offense, with both teams registering only four points as Salado

cruised to a 38-27 final.

Gobin was the only Lady Eagle to reach double figures in points, closing out the night with 14. Fellow senior Mary Runyon contributed seven, while junior Kristen Smith had six. Sophomore Danielle Hazzard scored four.

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Youth Eagles headed to championship

Salado Youth Eagles advance to the championship title game for the Central Texas Youth Football League following a dominating win over the Moody Bearcats 33-10 on Nov. 11. The Eagle offense scored five times while

the Eagles defense kept the Bearcats to one touchdown. John Pegues scored two touchdowns and two extra points. Steven Sibbitt scored one touchdown run and an extra point. Trey Mohler caught a 15 yard pass for a TD.

Cooper Cox ran in for a touchdown. Barton Cheatham kicked four short kickoffs to the Bearcats, three of which were recovered by the Salado Eagles's Sean Moore, Trey Mohler and Brandon Womac. The Youth Eagles de-

fense also caused two fumbles, recovered by John Pegues and Steven Sibbitt. The Eagles extend their record to 8-2 and will face the Troy Youth Trojans at 1 p.m. Nov. 18 at the old Belton High School stadium on Sixth Street in Belton.

Mewhinney named to Big 12 All-Academic

Prior to the running of the conference championships in Kansas, the Academic All-Big 12 cross country team was announced recently by the conference office. Six members of the

Texas A&M cross country team were selected for the honor with four designated to the first team. Named to the women's first team were seniors Lauren Mewhinney (Salado, Texas) and Sarah

Sauvageau (Katy, Texas) along with junior Chandler Self (Rockwall, Texas). Mewhinney is majoring in biomedical science while Sauvageau is in grad school studying Management Information Systems. Self is



Lauren Mewhinney, shown here in her senior year at Salado High School, has been named to the Big 12 All-Academic Team.

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a Kinesiology major. The Aggies were represented on the men's first team by sophomore Mitch Bible (Albuquerque, NM), who is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Chosen to the second team on the men's side were junior Brian Duplechain (Kingwood, Texas) and sophomore David Hebert (Weatherford, Texas). Duplechain is majoring in Construction Science while Hebert is a General Studies major. First team members were required to have maintained a 3.20 or better GPA, while those named to the second team needed a GPA in a range between 3.00 to 3.19. To qualify for academic honors student-athletes must maintain a 3.00 GPA or higher either cumulative or the two previous semesters and must have participated in 60 percent of their team's scheduled contests. Freshmen and transfers are not eligible in their first year of academic residence. Senior student-athletes who have participated for a minimum of two years and meet all the criteria except percent of participation are also eligible.

Eagles to face Hearne in first round Nov. 18

BY TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles have a bittersweet slice of the District 25AA pie and will face the Hearne Eagles in the first round of the Div. 1 AA playoffs at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at Wildcat Stadium in Temple.

The District Co-Championship is bittersweet because it is shared with the Rogers Eagles, who handed Salado its only district loss in the third week of the loop. The hosting Rogers Eagles had a field goal called good that was wide in the closing seconds of the first half, enough of an edge for a 13-10 win in a toughly fought game.

Coach Jeff Cheatham hopes his contest with Hearne is not nearly that tough, nor as tough a contest as last year's heartbreaking loss to the Brookshire-Royal Falcons.

To avoid another heartbreak in the playoffs, the Eagles defense will have to get to Hearne quarterback Lloyd Turner, who Cheatham describes as "big, fast and strong."

Coupled with receiver

Patrick Edwards, the two lead a pass-heavy spread offense. Edwards gets a lot of his yards after the catch, needling his way through defending secondaries.

Forrest Rucker, a 6'6" 220 lb. junior will also be a target for Turner.

If the Eagles defense gets to the quarterback the way it has in the last half of the season, Turner will not have many opportunities to get the ball to receivers.

"Our best defense," Cheatham said, "is a ball control offense. We need to make first downs and move the ball down the field."

Quarterback David Rosenau, after sharing the pre-district quarterback job with Stephen Quick, has matured into the leadership position.

Yet Cheatham points out how far his young offensive line, with just two seniors has come this year: Josh Fulfer, Dallas Butts, Denny Jordan, Payton Smetana, Jimmy Ferrell-Raborn, Robert Cloud and Chase Stuckey.

On their backs may depend the outcome of the game Nov. 18.

Path to the Playoffs Salado Eagles 2006

Opponent	Score	Win/Loss
West	7-28	L
McGregor	29-12	W
Hamilton	15-42	L

District 25AA Games		
Academy	36-6	W
Jarrell	40-5	W
Rogers	10-13	L
Lago Vista	37-7	W
Troy	29-21	W
Florence	50-7	W
Rosebud-Lott	41-7	W

Season Record 7-3, District Record 6-1, District 25AA Co-Champions

Hearne Eagles 2006

Opponent	Score	Win/Loss
Italy	30-21	W
Thorndale	22-14	W
Caldwell	0-28	L
Navasota	8-28	L

District 26AA Games		
Somerville	40-21	W
Franklin	34-27	W
Hempstead	16-6	W
Lexington	6-58	L
Trinity	6-14	L
New Waverly	20-0	W

Season Record 6-4, District Record 4-2 Second Place

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Salado High School senior Chelsea Ervi is seen signing a letter of intent to attend Texas Tech University as a member of the Red Raider track team. She is pictured with her mother, Miriam Ervi (left) and Coach Cindy Mewhinney. Not pictured is Jim Ervi, Chelsea's father. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



The Salado Lady Eagle Cross Country team finished in eighth place at the Class 2A State Meet Nov. 11 in Round Rock. Team members are, standing from left: Chelsea Ervi, Lindsay Martin, Abby Frazier, Molly Rooney, Courtney Dunnahoo, Tamra Stanish and Amanda Mattson. Bottom row: Kaleigh Rank, Keelie Mims.

Cross Country places 8th at State

After finishing in third place at the Region IV Cross Country Meet, and qualifying for the State Meet for the sixth consecutive year, the Lady Eagle cross country team failed to place a runner in the top 10 individually, and finished eighth as a team in a field of 12.

Salado totaled 162 points at the meet, held Nov. 11 in Round Rock's Old Settlers Park, which placed them 12 points behind seventh place Wallis-Brazos. Shallowater won the title with a score of 67, while Wall and Ballinger finished second and third, respectively. Crawford finished in fourth place, and Salado district rival, Little River-Academy, came away with a sixth place finish.

Salado's top runner, Chelsea Ervi, put together a time of 12:03.25, which was good enough for 11th place individually. Ervi won the bronze at the regional meet, and took gold at the District 25AA meet in Salado.

Finishing in 20th place for Salado was Lindsay Martin, who came in with a time of 12:23.25. Martin finished seventh at the district meet and 10th at regionals.

Also running for the Lady Eagles were Molly Rooney, whose time of 12:44 placed her in 45th, and Tamra Stanish, who came in 84th after recording a time of 13:42.35.

Amanda Mattson finished in 88th at 13:49.30 and Courtney Dunnahoo finished in 91st at 14:04.60. Rounding out the Salado runners was Keelie Mims, who finished 108th at 14:47.15.

The Salado cross country teams are coached by Cindy Mewhinney.

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You've got mail!

Soldiers speak about importance of mail

By SPC. RYAN STROUD
3RD BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST
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BAQUBAH, Iraq (Nov. 4, 2006) -- "There is nothing in the world that is better than receiving mail," said Sgt. Agustin Sanchez -- and he would know.

As the certified mail clerk for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, it is his mission to make sure all the Soldiers from the "Grey Wolf" Brigade get the mail they look forward to receiving.

Sanchez, who waits until after lunch to pick up mail from the post office, returns to his office and begins the sorting process. Sanchez said he knows he has to work quickly to meet the needs of those around him.

"Most Soldiers don't get their mail until after they get back from work," said the El Paso, Texas native. "When you come home from a long day of working hard or being on a patrol, nothing beats coming back and hearing, 'Hey, you've got mail!'"

"When I get mail it's like Christmas every month because I don't get many packages back home," said Spc. Eddie Quintero, HHC, 3rd BCT, and a native of San Diego. "It's like a piece of home in a box."



Pvt. Rokeisha Washington, a native of San Antonio, helps Staff Sgt. Michael Addesso, from Fayetteville, N.C., both of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, sort through mail to be delivered to Soldiers of the "Grey Wolf" Brigade. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY SPC. RYAN STROUD, 3RD BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS)

With the internet being provided at the bases Morale, Welfare and Recreation facility, many Soldiers can go there to receive e-mails or pictures from a loved one. While e-mail is nice because of its timely delivery, Sanchez said he would rather have a hand written letter.

"Receiving a letter beats getting an e-mail any day,"

Sanchez said.

"There is no better way to say 'I love you' to a Soldier overseas than sending a hand-written letter," added Sanchez. "To take the time to sit down with a pen and paper, it just makes Soldiers feel loved. It reminds them of home."

"Mail is love in an envelope," said Pfc. Freddie Scott Jr., HHC, 3rd BCT,

and a native of Tallahassee, Fla. "Mail is like fuel that motivates me, and it lets me know people care about me and appreciate what I am doing for my country."

Feeling loved is something Sanchez said all Soldiers need, adding the letters he hands out lift the Soldiers' spirits.

"It is the biggest morale booster in the world," he said. "Any Soldier will tell you that."

"Sometimes that's all you need -- to know someone appreciates what you are doing," added Scott.

"I remember my last deployment to Iraq," said Sanchez, remembering the letters and drawings he used to get from children in the states.

"It just makes you smile and it does raise your morale way up," he added. "I kept those drawings with me -- they meant a lot."

People taking time out of their busy day to remember the Soldiers who are fighting hard for them overseas are what make the Soldiers keep going every-day, said Sanchez.

"From a colonel all the way down to a private, nothing is better than receiving a hand-written letter, pictures or a care package from a loved one," said Sanchez. "It reminds you that there is someone out there who cares about what you are doing and appreciates it. They appreciate your efforts."

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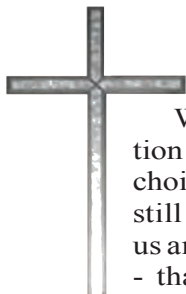


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Zbranek weds Meissner Nov. 11 at Trinity Catholic

Ashley Diane Zbranek and Allen Paul Meissner, both of Bartlett, were married Nov. 11 in a double-ring ceremony at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corn Hill. Monsignor Emilian Foltyn administered the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Zbranek, of Salado, and Mr. and Mrs. Curt Murray, of Holland. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Meissner, of Bartlett.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a white gown by Michaelangelo, featuring a scalloped neckline with a crystal and rhinestone beaded corset and bodice, flowing into a box pleat A-line skirt.

Matron of Honor was Paula Heisterberg, of Temple. Bridesmaids were Kayce Varney, of Oakdale, PA, Marisa Conley, of Temple, Shane Ennis, of Jarrell, and Samantha Meissner, of Bartlett.

Best Man was Chris Nemece, of Weir. Groomsmen were Aaron Martinaka, of Bartlett, Trey Hartman, of Seguin, Brent Lee, of Austin, Matt Vinson, of College Station, and Allen Tschoerner, of Schwertner.

Junior bridesmaid was Shelby Zbranek, of Bartlett.

Ushers were Derek Wolf, of Bartlett, and Andrew Nemece, of Stephenville.

Garland Kneten provided music for the ceremony.



Mrs. Allen Paul Meissner

A reception followed at Moravian Hall.

A 1997 graduate of Belton High School, the bride attended Texas Tech University and is a graduate of Central Texas College, School of Cosmetology. She is employed at

the Scott & White University Medical Campus in Round Rock.

The groom is a graduate of Georgetown High School and is a 2003 graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.S. in Agricultural Systems

Management. He is self-employed at Meissner-Pitts Farms.

Prior to the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Moravian Hall.

Following a wedding trip to Antigua, the couple will reside in Bartlett.

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Salado United Methodist Church invites the community to join them for Autumn Fest 2006.

The Autumn Fest will be 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at the church for food, fun and fellowship.

The Autumn Fest will include face painting, balloon animals, a cake walk and a bake sale. Proceeds will benefit local and regional mission projects.

The Methodist Church is located on Royal St. For more information about the Autumn Fest, call the church at 947-5482.

**Monday Club sets
Christmas Lunch**

The Monday Club of the Salado United Methodist Church will meet 11:30 a.m. Dec. 4 at the church, and will then carpool to the home of Jo Glass for the group's Christmas lunch.

Food will be provided by Glass, the club's president. During the meeting, election of officers will be held. Attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a child up to age 12 or a monetary gift.

Reservations may be made with the Monday Club's Telephone Committee or by calling the church office at 947-8744.

Retired officers meet in Killeen

The Central Texas Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), will meet Nov. 17 at the Yank Sing Restaurant in Killeen.

The program will be

given at 2 p.m. at the Mayborn Planetarium, on the CTC campus, for all MOAA members and guests. A minimal fee will be charged each attendee.

There will be a MOAA

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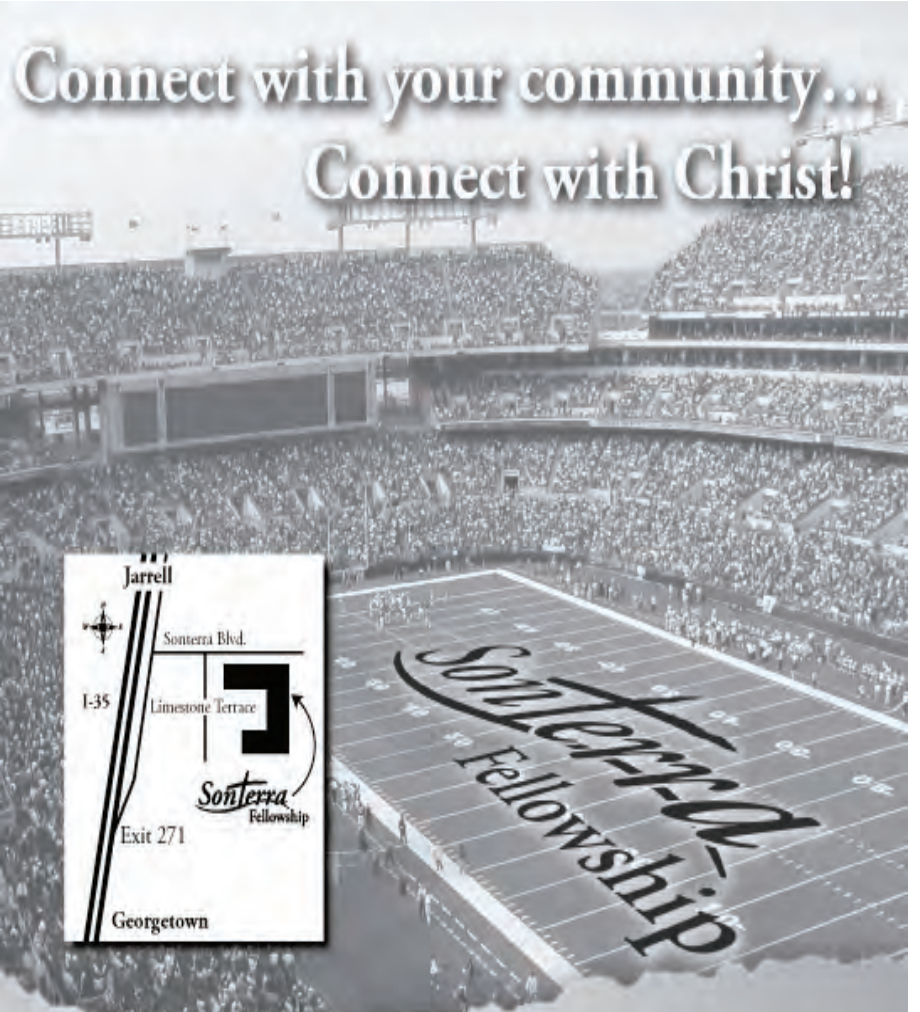
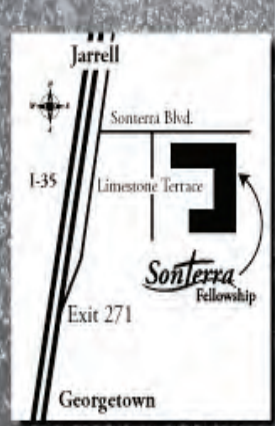
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Bremer addresses Rotary

SHS Band Director Tom Bremer recently gave the Salado Rotary Club an overview of the program.

Mr. Bremer is a graduate of Killeen High School and Texas Tech University, after 2 years teaching in west Texas he came to Salado; he has been band director for Salado for 5 years. He was accompanied by Drum Majors Jamie Burson and Ariel Simpson.

The Salado band program involves over 170

students; this includes 70 in the varsity band, 45 in the 7th grade band and about 60 in the 6th grade band. The band competes in University Interscholastic League contests and consistently finishes well, in the upper 20 per cent.

The year for the varsity band begins with late summer practicing of fundamentals of marching.

A show is put on in late October in the form of competition at a UIL marching contest. There

are 5 major fall/winter events they prepare for after football; the Veteran's Day Celebration, post football season sports, all-region band, the Christmas Parade and the Winter concert. This is followed by several late winter and early spring events leading to the march UIL Concert and sight reading contest. This is followed in April with solo and ensemble contests. In other words unlike any other school activity the band competes throughout the

entire year.

In addition to all the other activities they have now added a jazz band.

Mr. Bremer closed his discussion with a briefing on the band's new truck. This will replace the unreliable van they used in the past to get their equipment to the events in which they are involved. The truck was financed by donations and band boosters. This includes the formal band boosters group, the Salado Rotary and Duane Silkette



Salado High School Band performs at Rotary Chili Supper in October. PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HOOD

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Grand Mill Creek home included in Tour Husung residence is secluded, majestic

By DALE GORE

Flanked by typically grand Mill Creek homes, Jack Husung's residence at 609 Willow Creek Drive, is nevertheless almost invisible, secluded within a forest of great trees and virtually encircled by native stone walls, a contemporary California-style house of redwood and stone, with a Spanish concrete tile roof. One of six homes scheduled on the annual Tour of Homes, sponsored by Salado Historical Society Dec. 1-3, it was recently acquired by Husung, and has undergone considerable re-decorations.

Approached by a circular drive, the house sits back from the street. Iron gates open to stone steps that lead to the large carved doors. The square foyer, which looks down into the living room, displays a chest which belonged to the former owners and was acquired at Husung's insistence because of its Guatemalan ambiance. His long-time interest in the country has resulted in his adoption of a girl and a boy, siblings, both under five years old. After over two years of negotiations with Guatemalan authorities, he will be bringing them here Dec. 10.

A hall runs the width of the house, at one end of which is the master suite and at the other the kitchen. In between are the living room, a step below, and a dining room. The living room's ceiling is 25 feet high at its center, providing ample room for a 12-foot Christmas tree, its glitter reflected in tall windows that look out to the pool area. The fireplace wall of the same native stone of the house's exterior, background for a massive wreath, rises

to the ceiling's highest point. Over-sized furniture pieces are dwarfed by the room's height and breadth.

Woodwork throughout the house is a refined version of exterior wood, clear heart redwood left in its natural color but highly lacquered. Floors on the first floor are Mexican tile.

The dining room is on an angle just off the entry and in sight of the kitchen. A long refectory table surrounded by dining chairs, centers the area. A large bronze stag, purchased during a recent trip to Aspen, CO, is a proud centerpiece on the table. The area's compact size is deceiving, Husung says, as he recently hosted 26 dinner guests comfortably. A huge Welsh side piece holds a collection of Spode china in the Woodlands pattern. Borrowing from this theme, pheasant feathers peek out of floral arrangements and are spotted among the Christmas tree ornaments in both living and dining rooms.

Kitchen cabinetry is light pickled wood, a dramatic contrast to the satin brown of redwood elsewhere. Textured walls are brown, counters are creamy-white tile and appliances are stainless steel. A deck is reached by doors from the dining room and kitchen.

The master suite features a king-size bed, luxuriously dressed, set against chocolate brown walls, lightly textured, and a fireplace-centered sitting area where leather chairs and ottoman create an inviting ambiance. A slender tree, standing at tall windows opening to the patio and pool, sparkles under its trove of Waterford crystal ornaments. A chest displays multiple



The residence of Jack Husung, at 609 Willow Creek Drive in the Mill Creek neighborhood, is among six private homes to be featured as a part of the Salado Historical Society's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes. The Homes Tour will be held in conjunction with the first weekend of the Salado Christmas Stroll, Dec. 1-3.

Santas, trees and other seasonal figures, also of Waterford crystal.

The accompanying bath boasts a spa tub, a steam shower, a sauna, mirrored walls, white tile and crystal lighting.

Off the hallway is a guest powder room. Spode plates in Woodland Stream pattern are arranged on the walls. Colors here, as throughout the house, are gold, green and deep red.

Upstairs are two bedrooms, each with its own bath, decorated especially for Husung's adopted children arriving next month. The hall between the room displays wall hangings from Guatemala, intended, perhaps, to make the little ones feel at home. The boy's room is in the traditional primary blue, red and yellow combination. A Christmas tree with Noah's Ark figures sits on a small table. An iron crib, numerous toys, a colorful rug, and a child-size chair slip-covered in blue denim with "Jackson" embroidered on it fill the room.

Maria's room is des-

igned similarly, but on a hot pink chair. White provincial furniture, richly trimmed linens of lime and shocking pink, "Choo-choo dolls" known in Guatemala as "pets," await the room's young occupant. Her Christmas tree holds hot pink, vivid lime and crystal ornaments.

At the end of the hall a large den features a copper wood-burning chamber flued through a tile fire wall. A 12-foot tree is laden with over 100 Rhadco ornaments. Greenery and glittered baubles form a garland draped around a gold framed mirror. Leather chairs face the

corner fireplace, and an antique hobby house with yarn mane and tail stands nearby.

French doors in the lower floor rooms lead to the pool at the back of the expansive property. Stone walls, wrought iron, water features and a statutory compliment overhanging trees and climbing ivy.

Five other gracious homes will welcome guests during the Tour. They are Jerry and Linda Hill, 101 Salado Creek Place; Jim and Ann Bienski, 803 Rose Way; Gene and Susan Terry, 2517 Winners' Circle; Terry and Jan Whitley, 1317 Jack Nicklaus Cir-

cle; and Jackie and Dotie Shirley, 3000 West Amity Road. Also open to the public will be two 19th century log cabins owned by the Historical Society and the recently restored historic chapel of the First United Methodist Church, now on a new site on Royal Street.

Tickets for the tour are on sale at the Civic Center. Bought in advance, they are \$12. After Nov. 29, they will be \$15, available at the Civic Center and at each of the six homes.

Tour hours are 5-8 p.m. Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 2 and 1-5 p.m. Dec. 3.



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NOVEMBER 18
Playoff football: Salado Eagles versus Hearne, 7:30 p.m. at Temple High School's Wildcat Stadium.

NOVEMBER 21
Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: "The Glory of Christmas in the Crystal Cathedral," a video by Paul David Dunn, presented by Lena Haddock. Public is welcome.

NOVEMBER 21
Mealtime Mastered at The Range, 6-8 p.m. Six meals for \$125 or 12 meals for \$225. Meals are designed for 4-6 servings apiece. Info: 947-3828 or www.therangerestauranta.com.

NOVEMBER 21
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NOVEMBER 22-24
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NOVEMBER 25
Cooking Class at The Range, with Chef Dave Hermann - "Holiday Brunch and Gift Giving Solutions." 10 a.m. start. \$50 per class includes hands-on instruction, recipes, a meal and wine. Class space is limited. Info: 947-3828.

NOVEMBER 27
Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting, 5:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn Express. Mixer and open house will take place 5-7 p.m.

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NOVEMBER 30
Christmas Stroll Parade and Village of Salado Pot-Luck Supper, beginning at 5 p.m. on Royal Street and concluding with the lighting of the village Christmas Tree at the Salado Civic Center. Santa Claus will be available for photos with children afterward. Pot-luck supper will be held at the immediate conclusion of the parade. Public is invited.

DECEMBER 1, 2, 8 AND 9
Tablerock Amphitheater's Annual presentation of Charles Dickens' Yuletide classic, A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets available at the gate beginning 6:30 p.m. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m.

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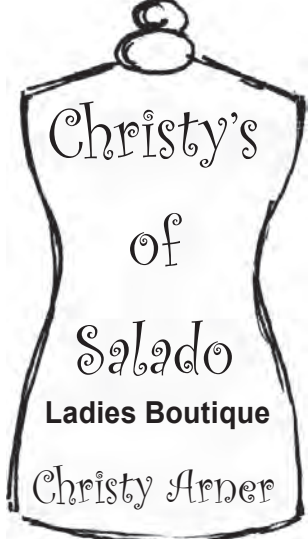
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Salado Historical Society's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes. Residences of Jerry and Linda Hill, Jim and Ann Bienksi, Gene and Susan Terry, Terry and Jan Whitley, Jakie and Dottie Shirley and Jack Husung will be featured, along with two 19th century cabins and restored Historic Chapel of the Salado United Methodist Church. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 if after Nov. 29. Available at the Civic Center or at any of the homes on the tour. Hours: 5-8 p.m. Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-6 Dec. 2 and 1-5 p.m. Dec. 3.

DECEMBER 1-3 & 8-10
Annual Salado Christmas Stroll event. Shops open late, entertainment and music throughout the village. Free parking.

DECEMBER 2
Fifth Annual "Best Free Throw Shooter in Salado" contest, at the Thomas Arnold Elementary School Gym. Prelims at 2 p.m., finals at 4 p.m. Awards will be given to the top shooters in each division. Sponsored by Salado Athletic Booster Club.

DECEMBER 4
Salado Monday Club meeting. Group will meet 11:30 a.m. at SUMC and carpool to the home of



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DECEMBER 7-9

2006 Coach Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament, featuring some of the finest high school basketball teams in the state. More info TBA.

DECEMBER 8

Salado Community Chorus 12th Annual Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Performance will feature a blend of upbeat contemporary music with traditional Christmas pieces. Concert is free and open to the public. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

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DECEMBER 12

Mill Creek Community Association meeting and Christmas Dinner in the Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach Inn. 6 p.m. social, 6:45 p.m. dinner entertainment. Festive attire is encouraged. Tickets: \$20 per person for members and their guests; \$25 for non-members.

DECEMBER 13

Salado Lions Club

Christmas Lunch, with members and spouses. Belton High School Madrigals will provide a holiday musical program.

DECEMBER 14

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary President's Coffee, 9:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

DECEMBER 14

Salado ISD bands' Winter Concert. Sixth and Seventh Grade Bands: 2 p.m. in the SIS Commons; High School Band, Jazz and Choir: 6:30 p.m. in the High School Gym.

DECEMBER 14

Main Street Gymnastics presents "Making Spirits Bright -- A Christmas Collage," 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Intermediate School cafeteria. The event is free and open to the public, and will feature gymnasts, tumblers and dancers performing to a variety of Christmas music.

DECEMBER 15

Salado Ambassadors Christmas Lunch, noon at Holiday Inn Express.

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DECEMBER 18

Music in Salado annual Members' Christmas Concert, at

the home of John and Barbara Robertson, in Salado. More info TBA.

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DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 5

Salado ISD schools adjourned for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

DECEMBER 31

Third Annual New Year's Eve at the Salado Silver Spur. More info TBA.

2007 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.

FEBRUARY 2-3

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, Profes-

sor of Music at Baylor University and Beethoven expert. Info: 947-5592 or www.musicinsalado.com.

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.

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.

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And as difficult as the Holiday Seasons can be on your health because of excessive poor food choices, an increase in alcohol consumption and lack of sleep, I am here to tell you that uncontrolled allergies may, and can be, just as disruptive to your everyday life.

Traditional medicine and natural medicine view allergies in very different ways. The traditional medical view is that the allergy is a result of the patient being sick or of their body malfunctioning. Natural medicine, on the other hand, views allergies as a result of the patient's chemical/allergen exposure and dietary habits. In this way, it is the patient's environment that is sick, not the patient.

As the Mountain Cedar allergy season comes upon us, it is important to realize that optimal health can play a large part in how your body responds to the preceding allergens.

So let's take a look at some *small* basic changes that can create large rewards concerning your reaction to certain allergens.

1. In terms of diet, avoiding sugar, fruit juices, most grains and

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By KEVIN McCAULEY



pasteurized dairy products is nearly always helpful. Replacing commercial milk with raw milk from grass-fed cows is also usually well tolerated and highly health promoting.

2. Making certain that enough long-chain omega-3 fats (DHA and EPA) from fish oils are included in your diet is also helpful. Please make sure to use a high quality product, one that conforms to the strictest guidelines for purity and freshness.

If you are not sure if you are struggling with a "cold" or an allergy, here is some basic information from Russell Roby, MD, to help you better understand the difference between the two.

1. How long have you had this "cold?" If the answer is several weeks, then it's not a "cold." A "cold" only lasts 3-5 days, period.

2. Is it the "cold" season? There are certain conditions which encourage "colds." Very cold temperatures, rain, and crowded places are the usual conditions in which "colds" occur. So if it's a moderately warm day in March...it's probably not a "cold." "Colds" are caused by Rhinoviruses and are almost always of very short duration and in the conditions mentioned.

3. Okay, it's not a

"cold." So what is it? Often the patient is having symptoms such as nasal congestion, drainage, coughing, sneezing, low grade fever (under 101 degrees). These are symptoms of "colds." But they are also symptoms of allergy. These symptoms can be confusing. It helps to note on the calendar when symptoms begin and end. You may notice a "pattern," particularly, if the cause is allergy. The "pattern" may be symptoms that occur at the same "pollen" season each year.

Dr. Roby is also quick to point out that "basically one rule helps differentiate an allergy from almost every other medical disorder: It comes and it goes. Almost any other disorder gets worse.

... or better; but, they don't appear and disappear, come and go week by week, month by month, season by season, year in and year out."

So, though we may not be able to do anything about the many allergens that the Central Texas environment contains, we certainly can view our daily lifestyle environment as being sick and take action to improve it!

Kevin is a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach in Salado. He is the owner/operator of Progressive Wellness Services, a Total Wellness Company. Kevin helps families instill positive lifestyle habits into their lives, including: proper nutrition, smart exercise and understanding hormonal responses. If you have any questions e-mail Kevin at youbewell@earthlink.net.

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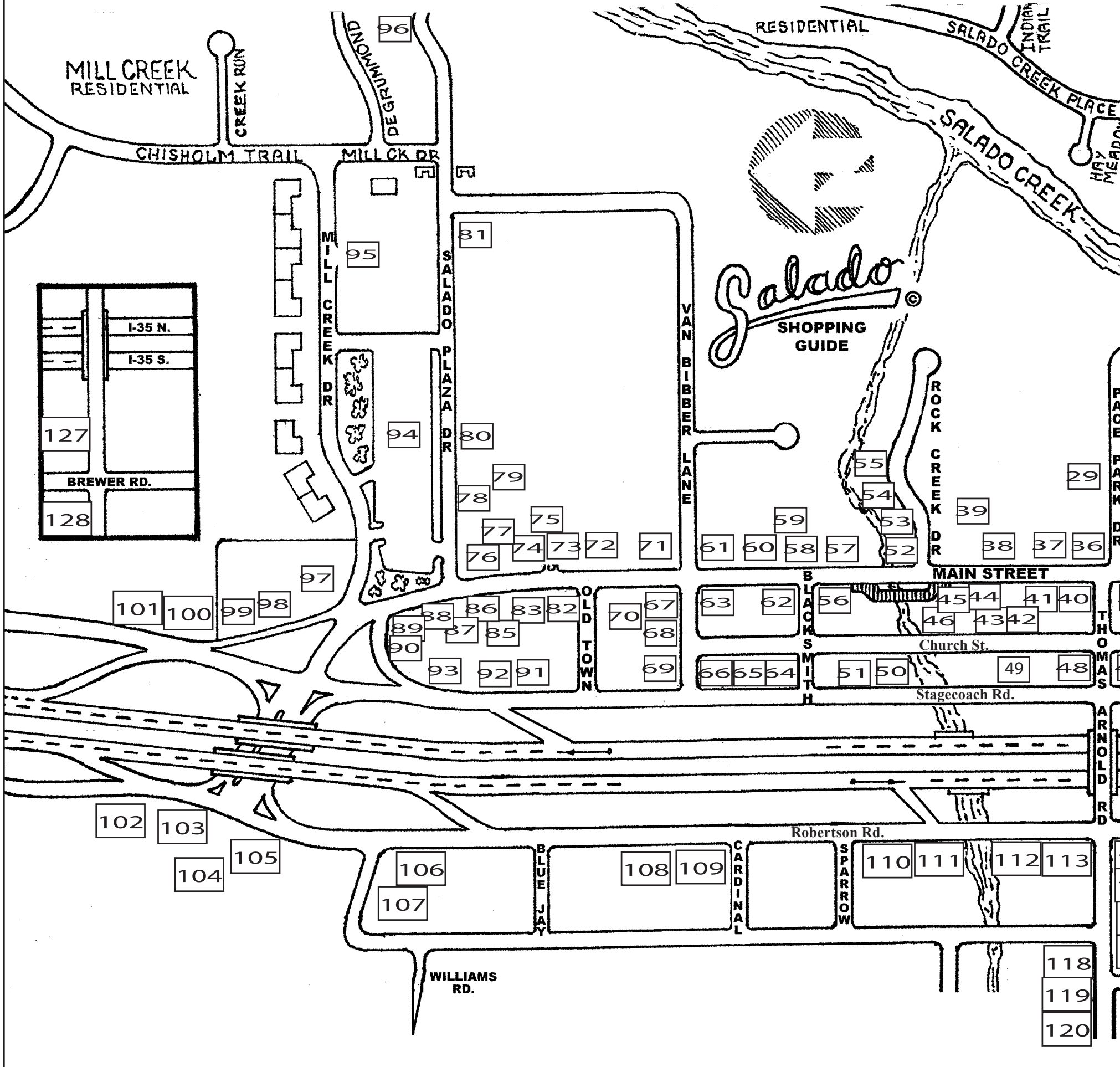
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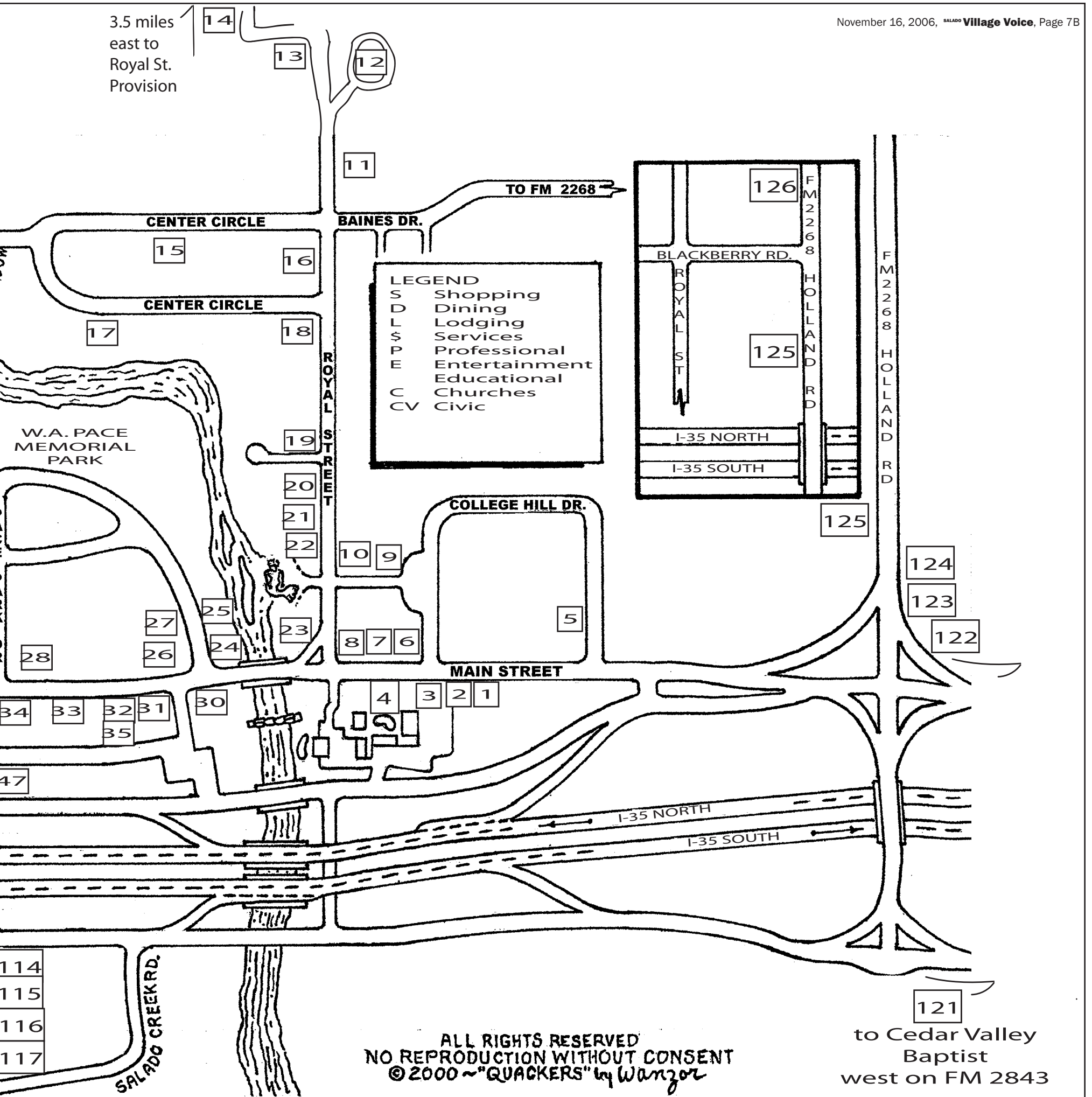
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16.	The Baines House B&B	254/947-5260	L	37.	Inn at Salado	254/947-0027	L		The Front Row Emporium	254/947-5831	S
17.	Inn on the Creek B&B	254/947-5554	D,L	38.	SALADO SQUARE			57.	THE COLONY		
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Temple College art department plans drawing class in Ireland

What aspiring artist wouldn't dream of spending 15 days in one of the most beautiful regions of Ireland, with sketchpad in hand to capture castle ruins, fishing villages, mountains and spectacular landscapes? Add in lectures, tours of the area, working alongside other artists with instruction by an award-winning teacher for a wonderful learning experience, all at bargain prices.

Temple College will offer just such an opportunity in May to students enrolling in an undergraduate drawing class which will be taught in Connemara, one of the most beautiful regions of Ireland. Michael Donahue,

award-winning artist and teacher, will lead the 15-day study group tour.

"Students will have an opportunity to draw some of the most spectacular landscapes in the world," Donahue said. "The group will tour historic Celtic ruins with one of Ireland's premier archaeologists, stay overnight in a castle, draw and explore castle ruins, fishing villages and mountains, and earn three hours of college credit at the same time. We have tried to make this a wonderful learning experience at the lowest possible cost to the student."

This is the 11th year TC has offered the three-hour undergraduate drawing class in Ireland. Students may enroll at any level: beginning, intermediate, or advanced, or for non-credit. The courses will be taught concurrently and the courses will give the student ample one-on-one interaction with the instructor. Individual and group critiques are part of the course.

Class will be limited to 12 students with 8 students minimum. Dates for the trip will be May 15 - 29.

The 15-day itinerary will include free time on

weekends for participants to explore other regions of Ireland. Cost of the trip ranges from \$1,853 to \$1,961 (shared room in a bed and breakfast). The price includes lodging, some meals, ferry rides and land transportation. Airfare is not included. Other prices for private rooms, and out-of-state students are available on request. A \$350 non-refundable deposit is due by Dec. 31, 2006.

Included on the itinerary will be a visit to the dramatic Cliffs of Moher on western Ireland's coast and exploration of the coastal village of Roundstone. Students will sketch at Bunratty Fokpark near Shannon. The group will stay overnight in Ballynahinch Castle and students will be allowed to explore and draw the 350-acre estate which includes beautiful rivers, lakes, woodlands, and hiking trails.

The group will spend three days on the island of Inishmore with its historic ruins, cliffs, pubs and fishing harbors before traveling to the picturesque village of Clifden. Within easy walking distance is the harbor, scenic

Sky Road, and the ruins of Clifden Castle. Archaeologist Michael Gibbon will give the class a half day walk through the area boglands, exploring the fauna, flora, and the ruins of ancient civilization.

Michael Donahue, chairman of the art department, will be instructor for the class. Donahue has more than 30 years of college teaching experience and in 1992 was named Piper Professor, one of the top 10 college and university professors in the state. He is a practicing artist whose works have been included in more than 49 national and regional exhibitions. Donahue has traveled and worked as an artist in Paris, France, and Florence, Italy, and has studied art in Ireland.

For additional information or registration forms look under Academic, then Art Department on the TC website at www.templejc.edu or contact Michael Donahue, chairman, Temple College Art Department, 2600 S. First St., Temple, TX., 76504; e-mail michael.donahue@templejc.edu or call (254) 298-8570 or 1-800-460-4636, ext. 8570.

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Chisholm Trail Chorus to perform in Temple and as part of Salado's Christmas Stroll

The Chisholm Trail Chorus will perform two shows Nov. 18 at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple. The award-winning Sweet Adeline group will take the stage at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission at the door.

The 36-member group will celebrate life as they sing about friends, family, holidays, patriotism and their love of music. Joining them onstage are two seasoned quartets, Bel Canto Quartet and Heritage Square Quartet. Santa Claus is also expected to make an appearance at both shows to the delight of children young and old. Local motivational speaker Georgia Best will emcee the event.

Bel Canto Quartet, which means, "Beautiful Song," has been performing together for nearly three years. Janet Brown, lead, serves as Assistant Director for Chisholm Trail Chorus. Pat Murray, baritone, is a police officer at Southwestern University in Georgetown. Carol Scherer, bass, is director of Chisholm Trail Chorus and Music Minister for the First United Methodist Church in Belton. Katie McClellan, tenor, is a seasoned Sweet Adeline, having sung with several award-winning choruses across the country.

Heritage Square Quartet has performed all across Texas, from Corpus Christi to Abilene, as well as throughout the Waco-Temple-Killeen centroplex. The men's barbershop quartet is a registered quartet with The Barbershop Harmony Society and is part of Society's Centroplex Chapter, the Texas Country Gentlemen, in Temple. Members are Mike Makowski, bass; Andy McDonald, baritone; Bob Sowder, lead; and Jim Maxwell, tenor.

Chisholm Trail Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is a women's cappella chorus that presents jazz vocals, choreographed pop tunes and award-winning harmony to the community through weekly education classes and frequent performances throughout Central Texas.

The chorus, directed by Carol Scherer, is comprised of Central Texas women from Temple, Belton, Troy, Hewitt, Waco, China Springs, Lott, Copperas Cove, Killeen, Harker Heights, Gatesville, Lometa, Rogers and Georgetown. Janet Brown is Assistant Director. Visual Team Leader is



Members of the Chisholm Trail Chorus sing during an outdoor performance.

Kay Atwood. Earlier this year, the chorus placed third overall and second for mid-size choruses at Regional competition in Dallas.

Sweet Adelines International is a worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education and performance. The motto of Sweet Adelines International is "Harmonize the World."

In addition to its annual show, Chisholm Trail Chorus performs at area events, nursing homes and corporate functions. Rehearsals are scheduled 7 p.m. every Thursday night at the Cultural Activities Center. For more information, call 254-541-4666 or visit the group's website at: www.evg.org/chisholm.

The Chisholm Trail Chorus will also be participating in Salado's Christmas Stroll. The group will be strolling and singing down the village's Main Street beginning approximately 7 p.m. Dec. 1.

These Salado Shops are Open on Sunday

Accents of Salado	11:30am-5pm
All Lathered Up	10am-5:30pm
Angelic Herbs	11am-4pm
B. Herd Gallery	11:30am-5pm
Bird in the Hand	Noon-5pm
Brownings Courtyard Cafe	11am-3pm
Carden's	Noon-5pm
Charlotte's of Salado	10:30am-5pm
Christy's	Noon-5pm
Classics on Main	1pm-5pm
FSG Fine Jewelry	11am-5pm
Gladys & Sophie's	11am-5pm
Gregory's	Noon-5pm
Heirlooms	10:30am - 5:30pm
Leigh's Necessities	Noon-5pm
Linda Roundtree Pritchard	By Appointment
Magnolias	Noon-5pm
Main Street Place	Noon-5pm
Matters of the Heart	Noon-5pm
Mill Creek Pro Shop	7:30am-Dusk
Miller Fine Art	1am - 5pm
MJ's Country Corner	Noon-5pm
Mud Pies	11am-3pm
National Ropers Supply	12:30pm-5:30pm
Old Salado Springs Retreat	By Appointment
Prellop Gallery	Noon-5pm
RMK Galleries	11am-5pm
Roy T's Old Salado Bakery	7am-1pm
Salado Haus	Noon-5pm
Salado Mansion	11am-9pm
Salado Sawmill	By Appointment
Salado Silver Spur Theater	2pm Show
Salado Wine Seller	Noon-6pm
Southern Comforts	Noon-5pm
Spendors	11am-5pm
Springhouse Antiques	10am-5pm
Stagecoach Inn - Coffee	6:30am-8pm
Stagecoach Inn - Dining	11am-4pm & 5pm-9pm
Stanford Court	Noon-5pm
Strawberry Patch	Noon-5pm
Susan Marie's/Scarletts	12:30am-5:00pm
Sweet Nut Things	Noon-5pm
Tenroc Ranch	By Appointment
Texan By Design	Noon-4pm
The Front Row	10am-5pm
The Sewing Basket	Noon-4:30pm
Uncommon Grounds	9am-2:30pm
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CTC's guest artist series Nov. 16

The Central Texas College (CTC) Fine Arts Department will host its annual Guest Artist Series 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in the LBJ Fine Arts Auditorium (Bldg. 112) on campus. This year's artists will feature faculty members of the Tarleton State University - Stephenville music department.

Featured pianist is Dr. Leslie Spots, assistant professor of piano at Tarleton. Her illustrious solo career has included international performances at the Tchaikovsky Hall of Moscow University, the South Bank Center of London, Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, the inaugural opening of Philadelphia's Kimmel Center as well as several tours of Germany.

Spots was a finalist in the National Federation of

Music Clubs competition and received special recognition from the Performers of Connecticut, Inc. in the area of chamber music. She has accompanied many internationally-renowned sopranos including Julianne Baird, Gwendolyn Bradley and Donna Connolly.

Johnathan Hooper, director of bands at Tarleton for the past 24 years, will perform on the trombone. He currently conducts the Tarleton Wind Symphony and Chamber Winds. As a conductor, Hooper has directed honor bands at national meetings of the College Band Directors National Association and has led the Tarleton Wind Ensemble during concerts in London, England and Dublin, Ireland. As a performer, he has appeared with the Pinellas County (Florida) Youth Symphony, Florida All-State Band, the

American Jazz Band during its European tour, the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra, Fort Worth Civic Orchestra, the Holiday on Ice Orchestra, Texas Wind Symphony and numerous traveling shows.

Soprano Marika Kyriakos will be one of vocalists for the evening. She is the director of voice for the Tarleton music department. Kyriakos has studied with Darlene Wiley, Dalton Baldwin who is the coach of the Metropolitan Opera, Phillip Thomas of the English National Opera in London and other distinguished singers. This lyric coloratura soprano has performed with the Metropolitan Opera and continues to be an active performer of oratorio, opera and recital literature across the United States and abroad.

The other vocalist is Dr. Louise Mills, soprano. She

has studied and performed in Europe under the auspices of the American Institute of Musical Studies and the International Institute of Vocal Arts. She has sung with both the Houston Grand Opera and the Dallas Opera. Dr. Mills has taught voice and related subjects at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Louisiana State University and Houston Community College. Currently she is adjunct professor of voice at Tarleton State University.

Tickets for the Guest Artist Series are \$5 each and available at the CTC Fine Arts Dept., located in Bldg. 112 on campus. They may also be purchased at the door the night of the performance. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Fine Arts Music Scholarship program at CTC. For more information, call 254-536-1572.



Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Secretary Bob Gleason presented a \$500 check to Superintendent Robin Battershell Nov. 8 as the proceeds from the Oct. 6 Chili Supper destined for the SISD Band Program.

Eat, drink & be merry!

Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we may die, we often hear as one raises a glass.

Thankfully, one can eat, drink and be merry with Dave Hermann, executive chef of The Range at the Barton House, without having to go off to war in the morning.

Hermann has announced two November cooking classes to help folks get ready to celebrate the holidays.

The first session is entitled "Holiday Brunch & Gift Giving Solutions" and will begin at 10 a.m. Nov. 25 at The Range restaurant on Main St. Salado.

The menu for the class will include the following:

- Poached Eggs over Roasted Corn Cakes with Hollandaise Sauce
- Individual Blueberry "Soufflé"
- Savory Stuffed Crepes
- Holiday Gift Ideas
- Scones, with assorted

flavorings

- Holiday Cheese ball with Unique Display.

On Nov. 28, Chef Hermann will teach "The Art of Soufflé," beginning at 6 p.m. The menu for the class will include:

- Salmon Filet with Flavored Butter Sauce
- Beef Medallions with Brandy Sauce
- Scallops over Bacon and Corn Ragout
- Vegetables to round things out

Folks attending the classes will, Hermann says, "Leave with new knowledge, recipe hand-outs and a full belly."

The cooking classes with Hermann are \$50 per class per person includes hands on instruction, recipes, a meal and wine. Class size is limited so reserve a space soon.

Gift certificates for classes also make great holiday gifts, Hermann said.

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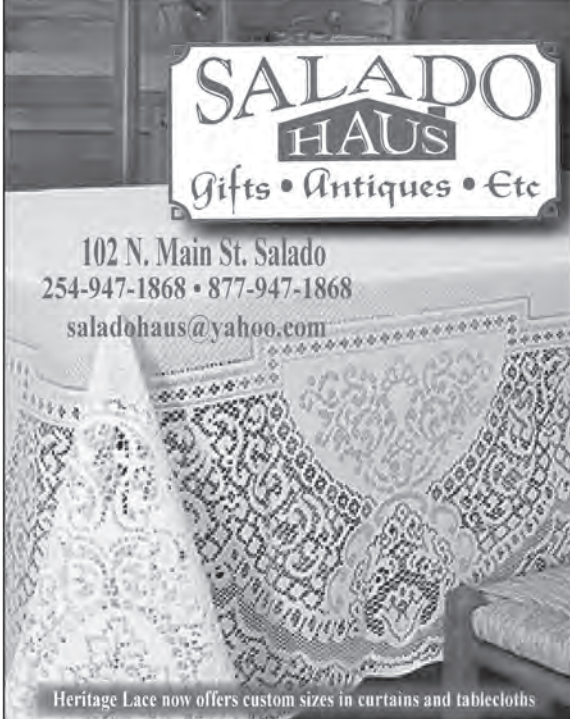
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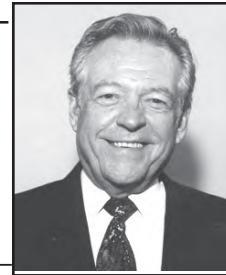
Jerry Baird of Snyder has a chuck wagon.

"It's an old one I found up in Dickens County," says Jerry. "I found it in a barn about 30 years ago. It's about a hundred years old. It's an original old wagon that has got a lot of character over the years from this West Texas wind. You can drive it down the road. It's hung in there and made the journey with me."

Jerry has done chuck wagon cooking for the last quarter century. He's serious about it and has won several cooking contests, including Brady's annual Labor Day goat cook-off. When the Olympics were in Atlanta in 1996, he was there cooking with his wagon.

"I couldn't do that again

by
 Tumbleweed
 Smith



Jerry says most of the chuck wagons registered are in Texas but the association is exploding in other states, especially California.

"People are taking these old wagons and fixing them up. They're absolutely gorgeous. They're spending a lot of money on them, you know. They spit shine and polish them up real good. They take them to cook-offs all over Texas. Those are pretty challenging. You have to cook five things: bread, meat, beans, potatoes and dessert. It's hard to keep from burning something."

Last year Jerry's wagon received the Will Rogers' Wagon of the Year award from the annual western artist academy awards event held in Fort Worth. Jerry usually hauls his chuck wagon from place to place on a trailer, but when he's working on a ranch he uses a team of horses to pull it.

because of security."

Last year he cooked for the governor and the state senate. He says it was the first time a chuck wagon had been allowed on the capitol grounds.

"You know chuck wagons nearly totally disappeared. There were very few left in Texas, so about ten years ago we started an organization called The American Chuck Wagon Association. We had no idea it would grow like it's grown. There are 146 wagons registered now in the association. They are put in archives at Texas Tech, which gives them a history that will be there forever. We decided to work on making the chuck

wagon the official vehicle of Texas."

Jerry and other chuck wagon owners enlisted the assistance of Senator Kel Seliger and others who thought the proposal had merit.

"The Texas senate last year, in spite of not being able to do some things, passed legislation to make it official. Of course we had to testify and go through everything imaginable to make it happen, but the chuck wagon is now the official vehicle of the state of Texas. It's just like the bluebonnet is the state flower and the mocking bird is the state bird. It has its prominent place in history now."



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\$226,900: 100 Chelsea Circle, Salado. 4 BR, 2 BA, white rock with metal roof and cedar trim/ front porch. Great access to I-35!



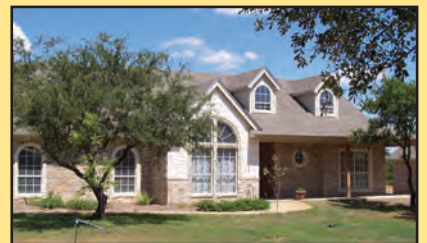
\$229,000: 380 Salado Creek Rd., Salado. 4 BR, 3 BA close to Salado schools. Fenced back yard.



\$239,000: 1635 Hidden Springs, Salado. Nice covered back porch. 3 BR, 2 BA on 2.29 acres in Hidden Springs.



\$244,500: 3416 Chisholm Trail, Salado. Great floor plan. Private wing with 4th BR & 3rd BA are handicap accessible.



\$247,500: 1236 Crystal Springs, Salado. 3 BR, 2 BA on 4.34 acres in Hidden Springs. Heavily wooded.



\$289,900: 117 Salado Creek Place, Salado. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, game room, hardwood floors. Great location.



\$324,700: 2716 Winners Circle, Salado. Overlook 3rd fairway on Mill Creek Golf Course. Study could be 4th BR. Irrigation system.



\$369,900: 608 Whispering Oaks, Salado. 4 BR, 3.5 BA, two living, two dining, with additional bonus room. Beautiful in-ground pool.



\$645,000: 12261 Blackberry Rd., Belton. 4 BR, 3 BA home on 10 acres. Separate guest quarters, barn & outdoor kitchen.


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825 Park Dr. #1, Salado	\$ 177,000
18751 Hwy. 95, Holland	\$ 199,700
605 Spring Ct, Belton	\$ 211,900
1425 Bishop Dr., Salado	\$ 216,000
115 Tallwood, Salado	\$ 238,700
2010 Old Mill Road, Salado	\$ 259,000

1003 Heritage Lane, Belton	\$ 272,000
4601 FM 2843, Salado	\$ 294,000
513 Royal View, Salado	\$ 299,000
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818 Hillcrest Dr., Salado	\$ 347,500
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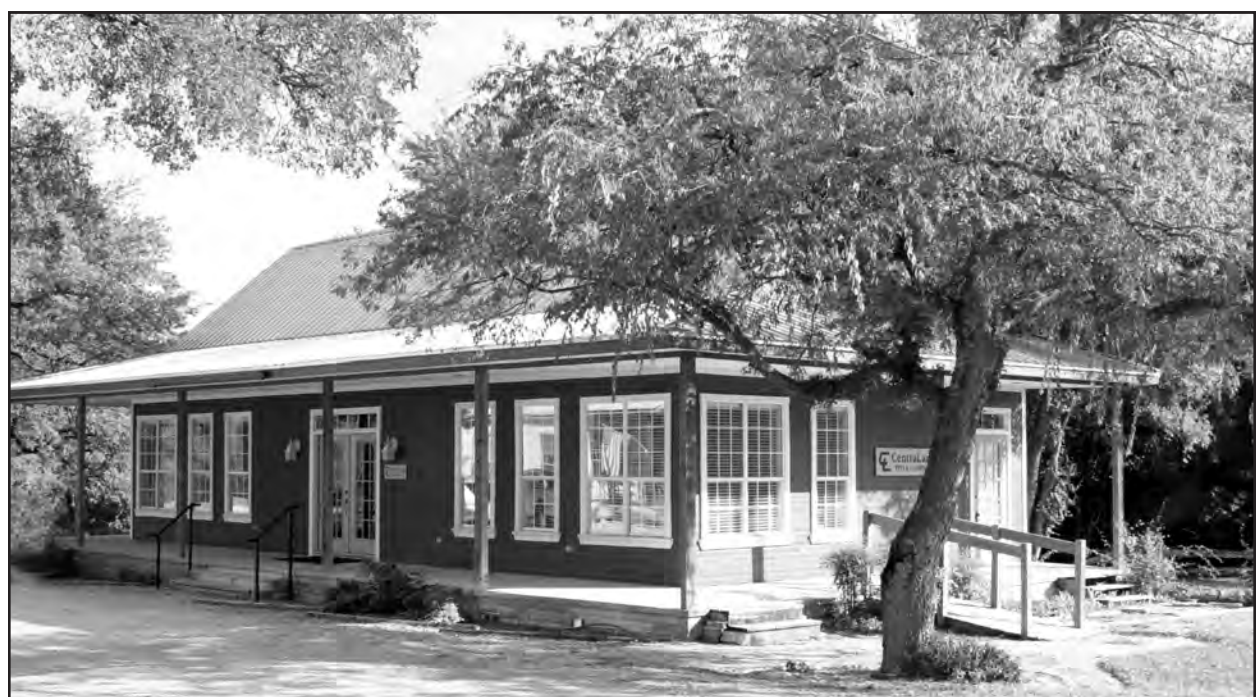
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1209 Old Mill Road
Great location in Mill Creek. Custom-built, one owner home in need of updating. Nice floor plan with large great room, three bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, large study with built-ins. Lots of storage. Pretty, private backyard. ~~\$245,000~~. Priced reduced to \$192,400.



515 Indian Trail
Gorgeous stone home, landscaped with two-tiered pond in backyard. Large rooms throughout. Two great rooms, two fireplaces, plus separate formals, library. Four bedrooms and unbelievable storage. Approximately 5,000 sq. ft. \$499,000.



1 Jones Circle
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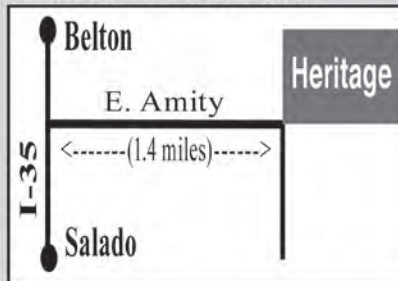
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Area first-time homebuyers are now eligible to get a four percent down payment and closing cost assistance grant with a 6.10 percent mortgage rate, or a 5.75 percent mortgage rate (without down payment assistance) through a new bond program by the Central Texas Housing Finance Corporation.

With the new 5.75 percent and 6.10 percent 30-year fixed rate mortgages, Central Texas HFC has a \$10 million single family bond program that helps borrowers purchase their first home. Homebuyers have access to mortgage loans (FHA, VA, RHS and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac eligible conventional) that may also provide a grant for down payment and closing cost assistance equal to four percent of the original loan amount throughout the following counties: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba.

"This program provides mortgage loans at attractive interest rates with a down payment assistance grant to families who might otherwise be unable to afford a home," said Jon Burrows, County Judge for Bell County. "For example, a first-time buyer who received a \$100,000 loan would receive an additional

\$4,000 grant which could be used for down payment and closing costs."

"The largest barrier to home ownership many families face is lack of a down payment," said Judge Burrows. "We want to continue our long-standing support and encouragement of home ownership by providing a way for families to achieve and afford the

American Dream of owning their own home."

Income limitations for the program include annual family income not to exceed \$54,300 for families of two or fewer persons and \$62,445 for families of three or more. The maximum home cost under the program is \$237,031. Eligible prospective homebuyers cannot have owned

a home in the last three years, except in certain targeted areas. Higher income and purchase price limits are also available in those targeted areas.

The Central Texas HFC is a non-profit governmental corporation formed by the seven counties and has provided single family bond programs since 1982. The HFC last issued such a

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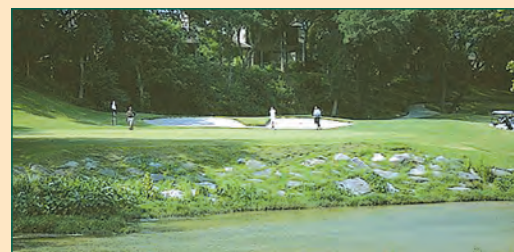
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Plan a Holiday Menu

* Don't wait until the day guests arrive to shop for holiday groceries. Plan a menu and pick up all needed items a few days in advance, so crowded grocery stores can be avoided.

* Make some dishes beforehand so less time is spent in the kitchen when guests are there. Many side dishes, appetizers and desserts can be prepared a few days earlier and chilled or frozen until ready to use.

Create an Inviting Home

* Do a quick clean up of the main areas of the home: the bathrooms, living and dining rooms, kitchen, and any other places guests will see. Don't worry about deep cleaning; instead make sure floors are swept, surfaces are clean, and clutter is out of the way.

* Light a few candles,



With a little prior planning, the holiday season can be stress-free.

put out some new magazines or books, and turn on some holiday music so visitors will feel welcome.

* Tiredness and fatigue can be a main source of bickering and tension, so make sure guests have the chance to get a good night's sleep. Create an "instant" guest room by putting out sheets and blankets and inflating an air-filled mattress. AeroBeds are comfortable and convenient, inflating in less than 60 seconds. The AeroBed Premier DuraSuede is up to 95 percent stronger than other brands, making it perfect for families with rambunctious children. It's comfortable -- and durable -- so it will hold up to frequent use over the holidays.

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* Take advantage of guests' offers to help. Whether it's clearing a table, washing dishes or helping prepare a meal, most people are willing to pitch in. This will allow for more time with guests and less stress for the host or hostess.

to shop for -- and be sure to stick to the list. Don't forget to pick up a few extra items that make great last-minute gifts. Bottles of wine, boxes of chocolate or gift certificates are all easy items to pick up and keep on hand for unexpected party guests.

* Order gifts online -- many Web sites offer next-day shipping, so presents will arrive in time for the holidays.

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What are some healthier alternatives to fizzy sodas?

Dear EarthTalk: The marketing of soda to school kids was a big item in the news this past year. What's so bad about soda and where can I find healthier alternatives that

still have the "fizz?"- Chase Abromovitch, via e-mail

Soft drinks can be found most anywhere in the world, but nowhere are they as ubiquitous as in the United States,

where 450 different types are sold and more than 2.5 million vending machines dispense them around the clock, including in our schools. The American Beverage Association

says that, in 2004, 28 percent of all beverages consumed in the U.S. were carbonated soft drinks.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture advises a 2,000 calorie-a-day limit as part of a healthy lifestyle, and no more than 10 to 12 teaspoons of sugar. However, between 1994 and 1996 Americans were averaging about 20.5 teaspoons a day, or 68.5 pounds of sugar a year. Over the past 16 years, the amount of sugar in American diets has increased by 28 percent, with about a third of it coming from soft drinks. A single 12-ounce can of soda has around 13 teaspoons of



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sugar, usually in the form of high-fructose corn syrup.

Some nutritionists say that consuming high-fructose corn syrup causes weight gain by interfering with the body's natural ability to suppress hunger feelings. Currently,

64.5 percent of adults over the age of 20 are overweight, 30.5 percent are obese and 4.7 percent are severely obese. According to Dr. Sonia Caprio, a Yale University professor of pediatric endocrinology, "The reality is that there is epidemiological work done in children as well as adults that links obesity and Type 2 diabetes with the consumption of sodas."

In response to such concerns, the nation's largest beverage makers -- including Cadbury Schweppes, Coke and Pepsi -- agreed in May 2006 to halt nearly all soda sales in public schools. Beginning in 2009, elementary and middle schools will sell only water and juice (with no added sweeteners), plus fat-free and low-fat milk. High schools will sell water, juice, sports drinks and diet soda. Diet sodas use artificial sweeteners, which add little or no calories, though some, such as aspartame, have been embroiled in controversy for years over their questionable health benefits and even possible links to cancer.

Michael Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, lauded the move in a an appearance on The Early Show: "Soft drink companies have been marketing what we call liquid candy in high schools and some middle schools for many years now. It will be great to get rid of them."

For those who can't do without their soda pop, natural varieties are growing in popularity and can be found at most health food markets. Many use cane juice to sweeten, because it is less processed but has many of the nutrients found in sugar cane. Others add no sweetener and instead let the real fruit ingredients do the job. Popular brands include: Steaz, a less

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Dear EarthTalk: What is the most environmentally friendly way I can wash my car: doing it myself or going to the local car wash? -- Jim, Denton, TX

Few people realize that washing our cars in our driveways is one of the most environmentally un-friendly chores we can do around the house. Unlike household waste water that enters sewers or septic systems and undergoes treatment before it is discharged into the environment, what runs off from your car goes right into storm drains -- and eventually into rivers, streams, creeks and wetlands where it poisons aquatic life and wreaks other ecosystem havoc. After all, that water is loaded with a witch's brew of gasoline, oil and residues

from exhaust fumes -- as well as the harsh detergents being used for the washing itself.

On the other hand, federal laws in both the U.S. and Canada require commercial carwash facilities to drain their wastewater into sewer systems, so it gets treated before it is discharged back into the great outdoors. And commercial car washes use computer controlled systems and high-pressure nozzles and pumps that minimize water usage. Many also recycle and re-use the rinse water.

The International Carwash Association, an industry group representing commercial car wash companies, reports that automatic car washes use less than half the water of even the most careful home car washer. According to one report, washing a car at home typically uses between 80 and 140 gallons of water, while a commercial car wash averages less than 45 gallons per car.

If you must wash your car at home, choose a biodegradable soap specifically formulated for automotive parts, such as Simple Green's Car Wash or Gliptone's Wash 'n Glow. Or you can make your own biodegradable car wash by mixing one cup of liquid dishwashing detergent and 3/4 cup of powdered laundry detergent (each should be chlorine- and phosphate-free and non-petroleum-based) with three gallons of water. This concentrate can then be used sparingly with water over exterior car surfaces.

Even when using green-friendly cleaners, it is better to avoid the driveway and instead wash your car on your lawn or over dirt so that the toxic waste water can be absorbed and neutralized in soil instead of flowing directly into storm drains or open water bodies. Also, try to sop up or disperse those sudsy puddles that remain after you're done. They

contain toxic residues and can tempt thirsty animals.

One way to avoid such problems altogether is to wash your car using any number of waterless formulas available, which are especially handy for spot cleaning and are applied via spray bottle and then wiped off with a cloth. Freedom Waterless Car Wash is a leading product in this growing field.

One last caution: Kids and parents planning a fundraising car wash event should know that they might be violating clean water laws if run-off is not contained and disposed of properly. Washington's Puget Sound Carwash Association, for one, allows fund-raisers to sell tickets redeemable at local car washes, enabling the organizations to still make money while keeping dry

and keeping local waterways clean.

CONTACTS: International Carwash Association, www.carwarcenral.com; Simple Green, www.simplegreen.com; Freedom Waterless Car Wash, www.freedomwaterlesscarwash.com; Puget Sound Carwash Association, www.charitycarwash.org.

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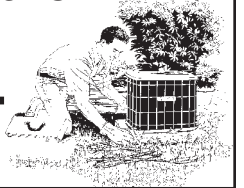
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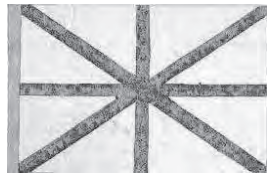
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Virtual Tour!
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New Elegant Estate 4/3/3+ on 3 tree-covered acres. Inviting entrance, beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite countertops, large fireplace, 3+ car garage and much more. **\$389,900.**



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Granite Countertops and open floor plan make this new Texas ranch style a must see. This 3 BR/2BA/2GA is minutes away Harker Heights and Stillhouse Lake, but still in Salado ISD. Energy Star rating. **\$209,900.**



3/2.5/2 - Beautiful Traditional Home in Salado. Hardwood Floors, High Ceilings, Granite Countertops, Large Kitchen, and much more! Priced at **\$344,900.**



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3/2 - Rare Find located just northwest of Salado. Log Home on over 10 acres with barns all for just **\$199,900.**



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Virtual Tour!
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Great location! 3/2 manufactured home with excellent location in Salado overlooking Salado Creek. Priced at **\$99,900.**



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10 acres oak trees, electricity & well, \$130,000.
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Indian Trail - 90x188.
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30 acres fronting I-35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn.
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