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It's official: we're the Eagles Decades-old traditions adopted into official policy

By TIM FLEISCHER
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After more than 80 years, it's official.

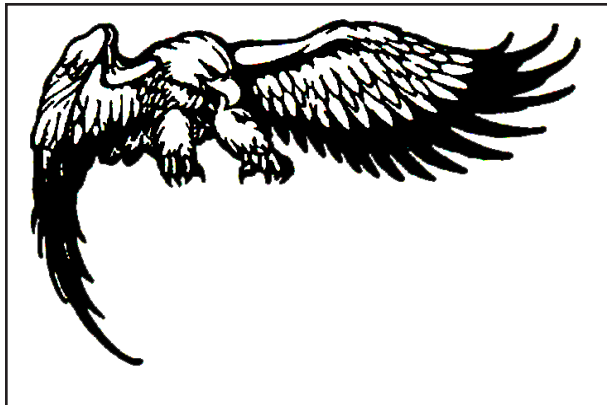
The official mascot for Salado High School is the Eagle.

The official colors for the Salado High School Eagles are red and white (although black is allowed as an accent or for modesty's sake in uniforms).

The official school song for Salado High School is "Red and White Forever."

Salado I.S.D. trustees voted unanimously at their Nov. 20 to make official what has been traditional after a lengthy discussion about the recent promotion of the "Warbirds" theme in the sports program and the predominant use of red and black on sports uniforms.

Salado High School alum Tom Gidley brought the matter before the board after raising the question a month ago in the citizens comment portion of the meeting. Trustees cannot



This Eagle was drawn by Salado artist Bill Jaxon and copyrighted for the sole use of Salado I.S.D. for school sports and other programs.

act on issues discussed by citizens during the citizen comment portion of the meeting unless the issue is on the regular portion of the agenda.

Gidley told trustees of the frustration that many former students have felt about the Warbird image on t-shirts, programs and uniforms.

"Coaches and faculty ought to be promoting the tradition of Salado," Gidley said. "Our colors are red and white. Our mascot

is the Eagle, which represents the highest symbol in the land."

"This thing here," Gidley said, pointing to the graphic image on the front of the 2006 football program, "I don't know what it is."

Gidley told trustees about the copyrighted image of the Eagle drawn by artist Bill Jaxon more than two decades ago. "That's the Eagle," he said, adding

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Ida Mae Taylor, with Salado Haus, greets a shopper during the Midtown Shops Holiday Open House Nov. 18. Many of the shops at Main Street and Rock Creek Dr. were open late with drawings, refreshments and prizes. Salado shops have kicked off the holiday shopping season with a marked increase in traffic and sales. The Christmas Stroll (the first two weekend in December) are traditionally some of the busiest days for local shops, as is the Thanksgiving weekend. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Salado will light up for annual Christmas Stroll Dec. 1-3 & 8-10

The historic Texas Village of Salado's downtown will be frosted in the white lights of the holiday as strolling carolers and traditional musicians will complement the 24th Annual Salado Christmas Stroll Dec. 1-3 and 8-10. The shops, galleries and restaurants throw open their doors to offer an alternative to the bland cookie cutter approach to Christmas found in the malls and big box retail outlets.

In the sparkle of thousands of white lights, the lyrics of a Christmas carol drifting from a nearby courtyard, strollers will feel as if they have been let in on a great secret.

Tablerock Amphitheater will present its unique version of "A Christmas Carol" on both weekends of the Stroll.

The annual Historical Society Tour will feature many beautiful homes and historic sites Dec. 1-3. Visit www.saladovillagevoice.com for information on the Salado Christmas Tour of Homes.

There will be live seasonal music at various spots



The First Baptist Church will be the location of a Live Nativity during the Salado Christmas Stroll. The

around town with strolling carolers, choirs and other musical acts.

The First Baptist Church will feature a "live nativity" the first weekend of The Stroll.

The annual parade and lighting of the Christmas Tree will kick off the Stroll starting at 5 p.m. Nov.

30. Music by Salado High School band will follow the parade as Saladoans gather at the Salado Civic Center to light the community Christmas tree. A potluck supper will be held at the Salado Civic Center that evening for the community.

Salado Youth Association asks for land, Foundation funds

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A group of citizens representing the Salado Youth Association (SYA) requested Nov. 20 that the Salado Chamber of Commerce Foundation deed approximately five acres of land on Rose Lane adjacent to the current youth baseball and soccer fields to the SYA and requested that the Chamber Foundation give the cash it acquired a year ago from the Salado Community Center Foundation to the SYA to pay off debt and to improve the youth facilities there.

Glenn Hodge, whose family donated over 10

acres of property to the community about two decades ago, went before the Chamber Foundation board of trustees, to make the request on behalf of the SYA, which owns and maintains the property on which the youth baseball, softball and soccer fields are housed.

Through in-kind donations of time, labor and materials, fund-raisers such as the now-defunct Salado Family Festival, and individual donations, the SYA, the Salado Youth Baseball Association and the Salado Youth Soccer Association have expanded the facilities over the years from a single baseball field -- the

original Hodge field.

Now, the complex has two baseball fields, a softball field, a concession stand and three soccer fields. SYA has plans for more fields in the future, when finances allow.

SYA purchased an additional tract of land to expand the facility and continues to pay down the principal and interest on the loan.

If the SYA were to reach an agreement with the Chamber Foundation, it would pay off the balance on the property (approximately \$28,000), and invest the remainder in improving the facilities there,

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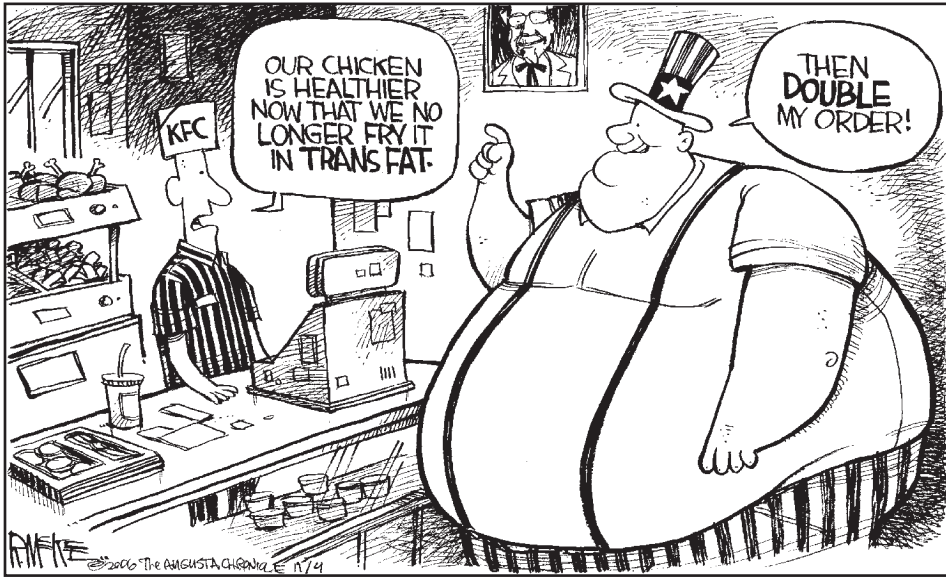
Salado Chamber of Commerce and the Holiday Inn Express invite you to an open house and business after-hours. The open house will be 5-7 p.m. Nov. 27 at the newly-opened Holiday Inn-Express.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The welfare reform miracle

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the most extraordinary cultural and policy shift in recent American life -- the revolution wrought by President Clinton's signing of a welfare-reform bill in August 1996. Pro-work reforms of welfare had been bubbling up from the states since the early 1990s, but the federal legislation completed a change in philosophy that rippled into the lives of single mothers, changing them dramatically for the better.

If the kind of social progress brought by welfare reform had been caused by a liberal policy, its architects would be enjoying Kennedy School sinecures. But the rebels who changed the welfare status quo were conservative intellectuals and officeholders. The only tribute to them is the facts, recounted in congressional testimony by the Heritage Foundation's Robert Rector, the intellectual godfather of reform, and in a new book, "Work Over Welfare," by Ron Haskins, a former staffer on a key congressional committee.

Welfare caseloads have dropped 60 percent since the passage of welfare reform. Was that just the result of a strong economy? No. Caseloads didn't decline significantly in any of the eight periods of economic expansion from the 1950s to the mid-1990s. From 1953 to 1994, the number of families on welfare dropped in only five years, and two years in a row only once. By 2005, welfare caseloads had been declining for a stunning 11 straight years.

Work requirements, and the message sent by reform that dependence is unacceptable, got former recipients into the work force. "From 1993 to 2000 the portion of single mothers who were employed grew from 58 percent to nearly 75 percent," Haskins writes. Among never-married mothers, the most disadvantaged group, employment grew by 50 percent. "Employment changes of this magnitude over such a short period for an entire

Rich Lowry



demographic group are unprecedented in Census Bureau records," he adds.

If a mother is on welfare, it basically guarantees that she will be poor. If she has a job, she will probably have more income, and her children will be better off. So, child poverty dropped every year between 1994 and 2000. In 1995, the black child poverty rate was a little higher (41.5 percent) than it had been in 1971 (40.4 percent). Welfare reform sent it plummeting to 30 percent by 2001, when "the poverty rate for black children was at the lowest point in national history," Rector writes.

Welfare reform, then, has affected the lives of millions of people. If the 1999 poverty rate had still been at 1990 levels, there would have been another 4.2 million poor mothers and children. If the illegitimacy rate had continued at its pre-reform pace, another 1.4 million children would have been born out of wedlock. Welfare reform has created a fundamentally different and better dynamic in the nation's anti-poverty policy.

More worrisome is that the success of the 1996 law has relieved pressure on policymakers to keep states from backsliding on enforcing work requirements. And the ultimate reform in poverty policy won't come until government encourages marriage among the women who now become single mothers. If that seems a hopelessly ambitious cause, a little more than a decade ago people said the same about reforming welfare.

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Montana Governor has workable plan to escape mid-east oil bondage; And - another mid-term "shocker"

Does the name Brian Schweitzer ring a bell? Probably not, but if his energy plan is even "close" to being accurate (and professionals in the field believe this to be the case) then this guy could one day be hailed as a bonafide phenomenon and authentic American "Hero." At least to everyone being snookered by a gang of domestic "commodity speculators" who unjustly set gasoline and other energy prices that shred family budgets, not to mention the nation's economy.

And let's not forget to add, to that rascally group, the middle east "robber baron" crazies, who think they hold international "legalized-larceny" licenses.

GOVERNOR SCHWEITZER

Brian Schweitzer is the Governor of Montana. He's also a Democrat, which is surprising in a super-conservative (Bush-Red) State that prides itself on self-sufficiency (aka minimum governmental interference) as most rural westerners subscribe to with gusto.

Schweitzer believes America can become energy independent by simply using resources we already have available in this country, namely from our "total" oil reserves, and the nation's untapped coal supply.

The Governor is not suggesting more deadly smoke belching coal-fired producers of energy. He would convert Montana's vast coal reserves (along with other coal rich States) into clean, emission-free liquid fuel. Top energy experts agree with Schweitzer and his "coal-liquefaction" ideas, which they believe will create twin benefits of both domestic and international importance.

BENEFITS OF LIQUEFYING COAL

The first benefit, of adding liquefied coal to our oil and gas energy-mix, would be to rapidly unshackle us from recurring embroilment in the oil-based terroristic strife, incited on a regular basis by mid eastern thug-like leaders; and secondly, this new "energy independence" could dramatically reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming.

Montana has enough coal to meet the energy needs of the nation for 200 years (nation's total - 800 years) which are estimates from corporate and government scientists.

Coal can be converted to liquid fuel for use in thousands of giant gas and oil fired turbines already in operation today, and **as long as oil remains above \$30 dollars a barrel - liquefaction is cost effective.**

KEEP SCHWEITZER IN MIND

So - the next time the name Brian Schweitzer comes up, it might be advisable to listen carefully. He's a tough westerner with good ideas and little patience with the foolishness he encounters in Washington.

He might also be a good prospect to consider when candidates for our highest offices are discussed. He's an "atypical" Democrat and light-years away from the "Gore-Kerry-Hillary" northeastern species.

After all, he's only been Montana's governor a year and already convinced enough State Republicans to vote (November 7) for Democrat Jon Tester over veteran GOPer Conrad Burns. That unusual win, together with Virginia's upset-squeaker, gave Demos a clean congressional sweep.

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



LIMBAUGH OUT AS WATERBOY??

In the midst of the post-political galumphing - we came across one of the more singularly unexpected results of the mid-term election. It was from Rush Limbaugh who reportedly announced, shortly after the uprising, that he felt "liberated," which we assume means he is now free to blather about everything and anything on his mind.

We naturally wondered what "Mount Rush-mouth" had kept sequestered over the past six years, that can now be unleashed on our unsuspecting national psyche.

Limbaugh (obligingly) enlarged his "liberation" comment with the following "shocker": (*LA Times and New Republic*) **"I no longer am gonna have to carry the water for people who I think don't deserve to have their water carried."**

Triple Wow!!!

If this were the Church Page - we'd be talking "Epiphany-Time" for old Rush, but since it isn't, we'll just have to wait and see what's next on "motor-mouth's" agenda of mental-pabulum.

We're pleased that Limbaugh finally admitted what we have long believed - that he's been the "official" GOP mouthpiece (and lap dog), from "Day-one, Bush-time."

Another certainty is that if Rush started peddling "pre-owned" cars - he'd quickly become poster boy for this second most doubtful occupation. Don't worry, "numero uno" on the "keep hand on wallet" list still belongs firmly to our pet-fogging friends - over by the bar.

A REAL JOB FOR 80th SESSION

If lawmakers are looking for something worthwhile to do during the upcoming legislative session, they might try their hand at **cleaning up the current wide open system of allowing unlimited financing of campaigns by individuals, groups, PACs and lobbyists.**

Citizens should demand new laws that stringently control the amount of money that can be given to a candidate. We also need to halt all corporate donations for any purpose; and finally put a cap on the amount each candidate can spend on a single election.

Should that day of political-nirvana arrive, **we just might start electing qualified people with no strings attached to them** and produce laws necessary and helpful for the vast majority, rather than a select few.

Fact is - the time is "ripe" to contact both Senator Fraser and Rep. Delisi, urging them to introduce a measure that turns off (or at least down) the money-spigot. Then let's sit back and see who (or what group) jumps the highest, (with feigned outrageous grousing), about stifling freedom.

All of these finaglers are frightened at the prospect of having candidates freed from undue pressure, obligations and vote peddling.

AND FINALLY.....

"Always leave 'em laughing" is an old vaudevillian adage. So in line with that sage advice, we turned to the 1930's and appropriate words from our favorite - Will Rogers, and his slightly irreverent **"Prayer For Congress."**

"Congress will be meeting soon. Let us all pray: Oh Lord, give us strength to bear that which is about to be inflicted upon us. Be merciful with them, Oh Lord, for they know not what they're doing. Amen."

That's -30-

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Rangel, Bush and the Draft

By FRANK SCHAEFFER

Charles Rangel is right to call for a draft. The present system is unfair. We don't really have an "all-volunteer" military. We have a recruited military and the recruiting is mostly done where it works, in other words in middle class and working class neighborhoods and from "legacy" families where someone is already in the military. Where recruiters usually don't bother going--and often aren't even allowed to go--is to elite private high schools and colleges.

The spirit of the Vietnam-era deferments has carried into the all-volunteer era. There is a subtle unstated, unplanned but nevertheless real collusion between the upper middle class, the military and the civilian government. Everyone is happy to leave things the way they are. The upper classes aren't asked to serve. The government doesn't have to spend money on expensive ROTC programs in top schools or fight to get recruiters on anti-military campuses.

No one has done more to perpetuate the recruiting status quo than President Bush. After 9/11 he asked our military to go to war. He asked the rest of us to travel, go on vacation and shop.

Following 9/11, like most Americans, I rallied behind our president. And I had a very personal stake in the success of the "war on terror." My youngest son was a Marine. I desperately wanted to believe in the man who held my son's life in his hands.

My response to friends who spoke against Bush was basically, "Go to hell, how dare you criticize my son's commander while my beloved boy is in harm's way?"

Bush said we were in a "global war" then sent fewer soldiers to Afghanistan than there are cops in Manhattan. He let bin Laden get away with murder and let jihad-funding Saudi Arabia off the hook. Bush called two-faced, terror-sponsoring Pakistan an "ally" and then attacked Iraq. The Commander in Chief changed his "reasons" for war from eliminating weapons of mass destruction to "building democracy."

Then--by not sending enough troops to Iraq, for the post-war "reconstruction" phase--he showed himself to be one of the most incompetent war

leaders in American history. And throughout Bush has never asked his own class, the most privileged Americans, to step up.

Do you remember after 9/11 how we were so ready to do whatever was asked of us? What did President Bush NOT ask?

"My fellow Americans we are at war. I am calling on every American of military-service-age to consider volunteering including those of you fortunate enough to be in our best private colleges or employed in highly paid jobs. The spirit of defending our democracy requires that Americans of all classes fairly share the sacrifice we must now make.

"The attack on us was perpetrated by fanatics financed by our dollars. Our oil consumption has funneled billions to terrorists and the so-called religious schools all over the world where a hate-filled ideology is taught. I am therefore calling on Congress to enact emergency legislation that will cut our dependence on oil in half within five years. I am asking you to accept a two dollar-per-gallon gas tax. This money will be used to finance a massive crash program to develop new energy sources and to expand our military.

"Our response to unprovoked aggression must involve every American. So I'm proud to tell you that my military-age children walked to a military recruiting office this afternoon and volunteered. We are all in this war together..."

Rangel was quoted as saying: "There's no question in my mind that this president and this administration would never have invaded Iraq, especially on the flimsy evidence that was presented to the Congress, if indeed we had a draft and members of Congress and the administration thought that their kids from their communities would be placed in harm's way." (Associated Press, 11/20/06). I think he is right.

We are now so used to the anti-democratic and immoral status quo where we ask some to give everything while most Americans are asked to give nothing, that I'll bet Rangel's bill doesn't stand a chance. If the leaders of both parties haven't even asked their own children and their own class to volunteer why would they support a draft?

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Elections not repudiation of conservatives

By DAVID E. JOHNSON

Democrats and much of the media have attempted to make the argument that the Election results were a repudiation of conservatism and even of Ronald Reagan's legacy for America. Recently I was on television with a Democratic consultant who jubilantly proclaimed that the elections symbolized a rejection of conservatism dating back to 1964. Nothing could be further from the truth. The election results were a repudiation not of conservatism but of President Bush, whom conservatives believe has betrayed the Reagan legacy. Conservative ideals and principles are alive and well and continue to dominate the political landscape.

President Bush was elected by conservatives who believed that he would finalize unfinished items of the Reagan Revolution or so it was believed by conservatives. Throughout his first term and into the 2004 Election, this unwavering support among conservatives sustained him and allowed him to thwart his political adversaries. Then came the Harriet Miers nomination for the Supreme Court in 2005. At Strategic Vision, our polling in key states in 2005, showed that the President's erosion of support among conservatives began with the Miers nomination. Seemingly overnight after that move, a majority of Republicans no longer viewed President Bush as a conservative in the mode of Ronald Reagan. Even with Miers' withdrawal and the Alito nomination, the President's standing among Republicans continued to decline as issues such as spending and immigration began to dominate the news. By Election Day in our polling,

the President was lucky if fifteen percent of Republicans viewed him as a conservative in the Reagan mode. These conservatives sent a message on Election Day -- by staying at home or voting Democratic to express their displeasure at the President's perceived indifference or betrayal of conservative ideals.

Conservatives believe that the President, while providing lip service to the Reagan legacy, doesn't understand (or does not understand but is not interested in) the fight for the conservative agenda. They believe that the President has forgotten the Reagan mantra of less government, less taxes, and a stronger defense. More importantly, President Bush as demonstrated by the past several elections, has forgotten the key to success that Ronald Reagan understood -- to succeed conservative principles must appeal not only to conservatives but also to moderates and yes, even some liberals. Reagan understood that the greatness of ideas lay in the poetry of history, as he echoed in his rhetoric of Franklin Roosevelt, the liberal icon, just as Roosevelt had echoed Lincoln.

Democrats seemed to have learned that lesson well. They realized that to capture a majority they had to shed their liberal candidates and tap into the conservative anger with President Bush, they had to appeal to conservative voters. With candidates such as Heath Shuler and Brad Ellsworth, who acted as they were the ideological heirs of Ronald Reagan, Democrats attempted to rebrand their Party despite being led by such liberals as Nancy Pelosi who describes the Reagan Years as America's Dark Age. Indeed, the biggest political makeover came when liberal New York Sena-

tor Charles Schumer proclaimed that he and other Democrats were the real conservatives in the tradition of Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan. At least after losing ground for over twenty years the Democrats were realizing that the center of politics had moved to the right (even if the Democrats will move back to the left now that the elections are over). Republican leaders appear to have gotten the message although subsequent actions will prove if they did or not. Indeed, all prominent Republicans except for President Bush have called for Republicans to return to the Republican principles of Reagan conservatism.

The White House however, seems to buy the idea that conservatism has been rejected. They act as if success will lie in adopting a "me-too" stand very similar to what Republicans did after the New Deal and that led to a Democratic Congress for over 40 years. This was seen in the timing of the Rumsfeld resignation, the announcement of Senator Mel Martinez as the new Republican National Committee Chairman, and pledges of cooperation with Democrats. Polling conducted by Strategic Vision shows that Republican voters sense this as a renewed betrayal of Republican ideals.

The conservative movement is far from dead as Democrats hope. It is alive and well and according to polls reflects mainstream America. Conservatives are waiting for leadership to once again reassert Republican principles and fight for those principles. If Republicans and the White House fall for the Democrats myth that voters rejected conservatism, conservatives will send a louder message in 2008.

The ungodly pensions of CEOs

Jim Hightower



Corporate America is fast implementing a two-tiered retirement system: a platinum-level plan for the top executives -- and a dirt-level plan for all of you riff-raff below.

There's even a term for the platinum pensions reserved for the corporate elite: "Top Hat" plans, they're called. But while the CEOs are feathering their own nests with multimillion-dollar annual pension payments, they're working double-time to destroy the retirement nest eggs of millions of their rank-and-file workers.

Leading this pension-busting movement is the Business Roundtable, a lobbying front made up of the CEOs of America's 400 largest and richest corporations.

The Roundtable wails that its members simply can no longer be expected to pay the middle-class pensions that they negotiated -- supposedly in good faith -- with workers. Roundtable members say that workers must "take responsibility" for their own retirement accounts, rather than expecting the corporation to come through for them.

The Business Roundtable is also leading of another minging effort to downsize the "golden years" of America's working class. It has been an enthusiastic backer of President Bush's push to privatize our Social Security program. The top honcho of the Roundtable has grandly declared that its members "will spend what it takes" to switch Social Security to private pension accounts.

The CEOs want everyone's retirement to be at the mercy of the market... except theirs, of course. Consider such Roundtable members as Home Depot, IBM, ExxonMobil, Pfizer, Coca-Cola, Prudential, and GE -- the CEOs of these giants are to get corporate-guaranteed pension payments of more than \$2 million a year.

ExxonMobil sums up the attitude of these CEOs. Its executive suite at corporate headquarters is known as the "God Pod." To keep track of the hypocrisy of these false gods -- and to help bring them down to earth -- go to www.pay-watch.org.

Giving financial gifts? Know the rules before you do

The holidays are approaching rapidly, so shopping may be on your mind. Of course, you can find many different types of thoughtful presents that will "make the day" of your loved ones. But

why not give a gift that can brighten their entire future? Specifically, why not give a financial gift that has long-term benefits?

Before you give shares of stock or other finan-

cial assets, however, you might want to brush up on some of the rules governing financial gift giving.

When you give someone a "typical" holiday present - clothing, electronics, books, gift certifi-

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



cates, etc. - you normally don't have to worry about any taxes, except sales tax. But if you want to give away stock or other securities, you will have to consider "gift tax" rules, which are basically designed to prevent people from removing most of the assets from their taxable estates through large gifts.

However, gift tax rules are, for most people, quite generous. Consider the following:

You can give up to \$12,000 to an individual in a tax year without facing any tax consequences. In fact, you can make \$12,000 gifts to as many different people as you'd like in a tax year without incurring gift taxes.

You can give your spouse a gift of any amount without facing gift taxes.

You and your spouse

can each give the same individual \$12,000, for a total of \$24,000, gift-tax free.

If you decide to give stocks, you have to keep a few things in mind. Make sure you know what you originally paid for the stock (its "tax basis"), how long you've held it and its fair market value at the date of the gift. The recipients will need this information to determine gains or losses if they decide to sell the stock you've given them.

Both you and your loved ones can gain valuable tax advantages from your gift of stock. When you gave your shares of stock, you also gave away your "holding period" - the amount of time you've held the stock. So, even if the recipients own the stock only a day or so before selling it, they'll just have to pay the long-

term capital gains tax rate, which may be considerably lower than their current income tax rate. And by giving shares of stock, you also will benefit - because you'll avoid the capital gains taxes you'd have to pay if you sold the stock yourself. Before taking any action, though, consult with your tax adviser.

You don't have to actually give stocks to help your intended recipients make progress toward their financial goals. As an alternative, consider giving your loved ones money to add more shares of stock (or bonds or other investments) to an IRA. For 2006, investors can put up to \$4,000 in a Roth or traditional IRA (or \$5,000 if they are 50 or older). If your intended recipients have fully funded their IRAs for 2006, they can apply your gift for 2007, for which the contribution limit is the same.

The holidays are only here for a short while - but your financial gifts to your loved ones can make a difference in their lives for years to come.

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Reality check

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

A review of the 2006 economy and a forecast for 2007 reveal some interesting trends in real estate. While most markets anticipate a cooling down period, it's important to understand that the hottest markets accelerated real estate to the point where an adjustment is desperately needed.

It's hard to believe that in 2005, the national av-

erage for home appreciation was over twelve percent! The market simply cannot continue to bear that figure, but appreciation will continue in the five to six percent range, and early reports indicate that this year will be among the four best ever in real estate.

It makes sense that the very hottest markets with the very highest prices will see a fall in sales. On the other hand, strong but reasonable markets should actually begin selling faster. Basically, there's no need for concern if listing periods remain at six months or less.

Of course, unknown factors can affect these trends, such as oil prices, inflation and interest rates. However, business spending remains robust in 2006, and a strong economy is anticipated to be a positive influence on real estate.

While interest rates may rise a couple times in the coming year, they should still remain at or below seven percent. Considering rates were about double that twenty years ago, you can see that we're still very optimistic about home ownership!

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New Officers for Salado Area Republican Women were installed by the District Director, Copy Alexander on Nov. 16. Shown at right seated left to right: Marie Jackson, 2nd Vice President; Linda Hill, President; Sherril Gardi-pee, 3rd Vice President. Standing left to right: Nancy Healey, First Vice President and Jean Alexander-Smith, Treasurer. Not shown is LaNora Miller, Secretary.



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Eagles

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that no other school could use it.

Gidley presented trustees with a petition signed by about 200 people requesting the school board to formally adopt the mascot, the school colors and the school song and to prohibit use of the word and image Warbirds.

“Dr. Battershell told me there is no policy,” Gidley said. “I would like for you to adopt a policy that our mascot is the Eagle, that our color is red and white and that our song is ‘Red and White Forever.’”

Athletic Director Jeff Cheatham told the board that “We never intended to change the mascot.”

Instead, the term Warbird was more of a nickname used to build morale for the team and school.

“The Indians called the eagle ‘warbird,’” Cheatham said, adding that its feathers were worn by warriors. He added that the term warbird was one of pride.

Salado High School principal Kay Matthews addressed her concerns about banning or prohibiting the use of Warbird in the school, telling trustees that if the school bans the

use of Warbird, “the kids will only want to do it more.”

Trustee Frank Carlson proposed that the district formally adopt the Eagle as its mascot, adopt the school colors as red and white and adopt ‘Red and White Forever’ as the official school song, and that the use of the term warbird be prohibited on merchandise sold through the school. “We shouldn’t spend tax dollars on it,” he said.

Carlson added that if 200 people signed the petition, it was because they “find it offensive.”

“We do control anything we determine as offensive,” he said, at which point other trustees questioned whether the term warbird was “offensive” or not.

At one point during the discussion, trustee Miriam Ervi half-heartedly suggested that the problem might go away “if we were the Salado Salamanders” instead. The interjection of humor into an otherwise tense moment was not appreciated by some of the 60 in the audience. “This is not funny,” replied one audience member.

Trustees defeated the

first motion -- not because of sentiment about the Eagles or the school colors -- but because of concerns about enforcing the prohibition of the warbird on merchandise. “I have no problem with the first part of the motion,” said Debby Aldridge before voting against the motion with Ervi, Chris Seaton and Jeff Kelly.

Carlson then made a motion to officially adopt the Eagle as the Salado mascot, red and white as the official school colors and ‘Red and White Forever’ as the official school song, as well as assigning the policy committee with the task of determining whether the use of warbird can be prohibited in merchandising through the schools.

“If a kid goes and has ‘warbird’ printed on his t-shirt and it is not sold through the school,” Carlson said, “I have no problem with that. That is a matter of freedom of speech.”

The policy committee is also tasked with bringing recommendations back to the board, after consulting with legal counsel, at its January meeting.

The board voted 7-0 for

the alternative motion.

Carlson then proposed a moratorium on the school purchasing any merchandise with the warbird image or words on it for the next 60 days while the policy committee addresses the issue. Renfro gave a second to the motion, which failed with Carlson, Renfro and Jackie Burson voting in favor and Aldridge, Ervi, Kelley and Seaton voting against.

“I hope that this is the biggest problem that we face as a school district,” Aldridge said during the midst of the ‘warbird’ discussion.

Following the long discussion on the issue, many of the audience members left the meeting.

“If they (referring to the audience members who left) really want to know what’s going on in our schools,” Ervi stated for the record, “they would be here for this report (the Academic Excellence Indicator System)... but look at them leaving.”

Trustees went on to meet for another two hours, covering a lengthy agenda of more than a dozen items. See related story this issue *Salado Village Voice*.

Foundations

FROM PAGE 1A

including building a concession stand for the soccer fields and paving the large parking area.

The Chamber Foundation, which is a separate entity from the Salado Chamber of Commerce, acquired both the cash reserves of about \$90,000 and the five

acres of undeveloped property on Rose Lane from the now-defunct Salado Community Center Foundation.

That Foundation was formed by the Chamber in the mid-80s to raise money for construction of a Community Center on the property at Rose Lane.

While an architectural rendering of the proposed Community Center was created, no construction was done over the two decades that the group raised funds.

The Chamber Foundation has been considering how to best use the ap-

proximate \$90,000 and property it has acquired, but trustees this newspaper has contacted have been unwilling to discuss what those plans may entail.

The Chamber Foundation took no action on the request from the SYA for the property or the funds.

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Salado Village Alderman approve \$10,000 septic system study

In their regular meeting on Nov. 16 Village of Salado Alderman voted to execute an agreement to study the feasibility of the Village and Stagecoach Inn joining together to create a sewer system.

The cost of the ten thousand dollar study will be shared equally by

Stagecoach Inn and the Village of Salado.

Ricky Preston of Salado Water Supply was on hand to comment on local water issues. The Village of Salado is considered 'water safe' until the year 2050, but that includes the 1600 acre foot of water on reserve in

Stillhouse.

Currently that water is not being accessed. The Kempner Water Corporation has been formed and is in the planning phase of an intake system and water treatment facility on Stillhouse. There is concern that the Army Corps of engineers may not allow

any further intake systems on the lake.

Salado Water Supply has been investigating several cooperative agreements with existing water treatment facilities for accessing the water reserves they own.

Preston reminded the Alderman that the Salado

Water Supply will hold a public meeting January 20, 2007 at the Civic Center.

Pat Cook of Inspection Technology Services, Fort Worth was on hand to give a brief overview of the building inspection services his company provides. He highlighted the fact that their inspectors have hands on building experience in addition to their inspection licensing.

Year-to-date financials were not presented as Treasure Eldon Mille was not in attendance. Present were Curt Strong, Merle Stalcup, Rick Ashe, Jackie Mills, Suzi Epps, Mike Cooper and Diana Zulaf.

Debbie Charboneau gave a brief tourism report followed by John Anderson, who presented the aldermen with a copy of the Tourism Strategic Plan report in its second draft.

A Chevy truck was purchased from the po-

lice department at the blue book value of \$565. Police Chief, Alan Rogers informed the alderman that regulations require that the sale of items confiscated in drug cases be sold and the monies used for drug enforcement.

The Chief also reported that the new police car has been delivered, some necessary equipment and painting still remain to be done prior to putting it into service.

Salado Intermediate students Brenna and Lainey Sirois were on hand to accept a proclamation from Mayor Rick Ashe. As members of OriGenAL Voice, Girls Speaking Out Against Big Tobacco the girls requested that Nov. 16, 2006 be declared Kick Butts Day in the Village of Salado.

The board retired into executive session with Village Attorney Alan Borjorques to discuss possible litigation.

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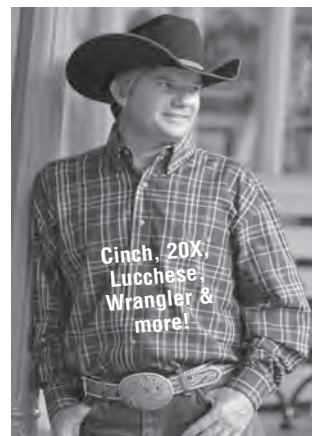
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It was a beautiful day for cruising Salado in a Model T, except for this member of the group who broke down in the middle of the Salado Creek bridge last Sat.
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The Draft

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The Democrats and Republicans are as frivolous in wartime as the nation they represent. Today the Democrat's idea of a good potential Commander in Chief is Barack Obama, a man who never served, has no international experience and whose "qualification" for the presidency is that he's spent about as much time in Congress as he has on Oprah. And the Republicans have given us Bush, a president who is so incompetent a war leader that tolerating his "leadership" is an immoral act.

If the Republican Party cared about our troops they would be asking President Bush to resign.

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Frank Schaeffer is a writer. His most recent book is "BABY JACK" a novel about class, politics, service, God, the military, and the America of today--where a few are asked to give their lives while most are asked to sacrifice nothing. "BABY JACK" is available from Amazon.

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Varsity Eagles split opening games

The Salado Eagle hoopsters, under first year coach Kenny Mann, under 1-1 after opening the season with back-to-back games versus Class 3A Manor.

Salado rebounded after falling to Manor to start the year by dispatching the Mustangs 57-45 at home Nov 17.

Playing without their top scorer from last year, in injured senior Ryan Clark, the Eagles spread the offensive production around, with three players cracking double figures and another finishing with nine.

The game began with both offenses in a rhythm, as Manor opened up an 18-17 lead after one. Five different Eagles contributed points in that first period. In the second, Manor got into foul trouble and Salado took advantage, with the Eagles converting 13-14 free throw opportunities and taking a 35-30 lead at halftime.

After the break, both teams struggled to regain the offensive momentum they had achieved in the

game's first half, with both clubs managing a scant nine points in the third. Salado, again earning trips to the free throw line, was able to expand the lead and ice the 12-point win as the final period progressed.

The Eagles, fielding just a seven-man roster, were led by Noah Harbison's 15-point effort. Chad Tumey chipped in with a dozen points, and Nick Seawood had 10. Tommy Schatte recorded nine, Justin Pruitt had seven and Clay Sharum scored four.

**Salado - 42
Manor - 45**

The Eagles opened the season with a close Nov. 14 road loss to Manor. As with the second tilt between the two clubs, this one stayed close throughout much of the first half. Manor held a slim 26-21 lead at the break, with Salado's Harbison pouring in 16 points to keep the Eagles close.

In the third, the teams combined for only nine points, but Salado was able to shave a bit off the Manor lead, going into the fourth within striking distance at 30-26.

The comeback did not materialize, however, as Manor earned frequent trips to the free throw line and converted nine of those chances to fend off the Salado rally and hold on for the win.

Harbison was the only Eagle in double figures, and his 25 points easily paced all scorers. Sharum had six in the losing effort, while Schatte had four. Seawood and Tumey both chipped in three, and Pruitt scored one.

After the Thanksgiving break, the Eagles will travel to Class 3A Rockdale Nov. 28.

Junior High Results

**Salado 8th A - 30
Florence A - 26**

The Eighth grade Eagles got contributions from seven different players in a four point win over Flor-

ence. Taylor Ruddick and Hunter Ward each paced with team with seven points. A trio of Eagles, Paul Warren, Jacob Heiner and Clint Scarbrough, had four.

**Salado 8th B - 26
Florence B - 10**

The Eighth Grade B Team allowed just four first half points en route to a 14-point victory. Colton Norman led Salado with eight points, while Cameron Cooke recorded six, and Jacob Brank and Janson Oyler had four apiece.

**Salado 8th A - 34
Lago Vista A - 44**

The Eagles stayed close with the Vikings for three quarters, but in the fourth Lago Vista pulled away by converting a multitude of free throw chances. Hunter Ward and Braxton Tucker both had eight

points for the Eagles, while Jacob Heiner had six and Scarbrough and William Cleveland contributed four each.

**Salado 8th B - 12
Lago Vista B - 10**

In what could be termed a defensive struggle, the B team survived scoreless second and third periods to hang on for a two point win. Salado recorded six points in both the first and third in the game. The top scorer was Cameron Cooke, who had four.

**Salado 7th A - 43
Florence A - 7**

Nine of 10 Salado players in uniform broke in to the scoring column as the Eagles routed the Buffs by 36. Salado led 12-0 after one and never looked back. Top scorers were Johnny Jordan, Jada Kornegay, Colton Meimen and Pey-

ton Best, who all had six.

**Salado 7th B - 20
Florence B - 4**

Joe Owens scored six points, George Romfh had eight and Devan Patterson added four to propel the B team to a double-digit win over Florence.

**Salado 7th A - 43
Lago Vista A - 8**

The A Team won in dominating fashion again, as Koby Spears dropped in 13 points and Austin Silva registered 10 in a blowout victory over Lago Vista.

**Salado 7th B - 11
Lago Vista B - 14**

A scoreless fourth period proved Salado's undoing, as Lago Vista came from behind to steal a win.

Cole Goodrum had seven points on the game, all of them coming in the third.

Lady Eagles fall to 2-2 after losses to Franklin, Waco Christian

The Salado Lady Eagles fell to 2-2 on the season following a 53-41 home loss to Franklin Nov. 20 at Coach Smith Gym.

Salado opened the contest by jumping out to a 13-10 lead after one, and the teams traded baskets for much of the second, with the result being a narrow 25-24 Lady Eagle lead.

In the third, the Salado offense began struggling to find points, as Franklin managed to tie the score entering the final frame. In the fourth the Salado

defense ran into trouble containing Frankling, and the opposition pulled away with 19 points to Salado's eight, amounting to a 12-point Lady Eagle loss.

The girls were led by Kristen Smith, who topped the Salado offense with 11 points. Kelsey Gobin and Danielle Hazzard each contributed 10 points, while Tamra Stanish and Mary Runyon scored four. Rounding out the scorers was Brittani Gilchrest, who had two.

Salado - 33

Waco Christian - 53

Prior to the Franklin loss, Salado was on the receiving end of a lopsided 20-point defeat on the road Nov. 14.

The Lady Eagles kept pace with Waco Christian in the first, battling to a 13-12 score after one. But over the next two periods the Lady Eagles would be outscored 29-11, which proved to be too big a deficit to fight out of. Salado held Waco Christian to 11 points in the fourth, but by then the game was already

decided.

Smith was again the leading scorer for Salado, recording 10 in the losing effort. Gobin was solid with a nine point showing, and Hazzard had four. Also scoring were Cortney Dunnahoo, three, Mary Runyon, three, Tamra Stanish, two and Brittani Gilchrest, two.

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Eagles knocked out of playoffs by Hearne

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado head football coach Jeff Cheatham hoped to keep the explosive Hearne Eagles offense on the sidelines for the majority of the game, but was unable to keep them out of the game long enough, losing in the first round of the 2A playoffs 26-14 at Temple's Wildcat Stadium Nov. 18.

Salado controlled the ball for most of the first half, possessing it 18:38 of the 24 minutes in the half. The Eagles scored two touchdowns in the half, but allowed Hearne to score three times in the first two periods.

From the opening drive, which ate up more than six minutes off the clock, it looked as if Cheatham's ball control game plan was working. Salado drove 80 yards in 13 plays with Justin Konzen bulling his way in from the one yard line at 5:53 left in the first. Leo Galvan added the extra point for Salado's 7-0 lead.

Hearne swapped possession with Salado and then stopped the Eagles at



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Anthony Maquinaldez pancakes a Hearne defender to open a hole for Leo Galvan to run through during the Salado Eagles 26-14 loss on Nov. 18.

the 46 yard line on a fourth down try. It took less than 90 seconds for the Hearne Eagles to score with 6'1" 245-lb. Quarterback Lloyd Turner finding the diminutive Patrick Edwards (5'8", 160 lbs) streaking past the

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Justin Konzen and another Eagle player chase Hearne quarterback Lloyd Turner during Salado's 26-14 loss Nov. 18. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

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Members of the Salado Mentor program were recognized during the Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees meeting Nov. 20. Bob Roemer, chair of the Salado Mentors, reported to trustees on the progress made by the new group. To date 19 mentors have been inducted into the program after completing background screening, interviews and training. Twenty-three percent of the fifth graders are currently assigned a mentor. Feedback about the program from school staff, students and mentors has been very positive. Recognized at the meeting were mentors Sherry Brown, Sue Whistler, David Barnard, Sherry Brown, Mary Priest, Nancy Jacobson, Nell Anderson, Linda Heath, Frank Wallace, Rodney Bell, Kim Bird, Miriam Jordan, and Phil Beckwith. School staff members Anna Kate Mackie and Andrea Gonzales were recognized for their work with the students and matching process with the Salado Mentors Board. Other Salado Mentors include Helen Alexander, Lanell Campbell, Marty Cassady, Pat Milford, Joe Price, and Eldon Miller. Additional volunteers are still needed for the Salado Mentors program. There are several SISD middle school students eligible to participate in the mentoring program. To find out more about Salado Mentors, contact the Superintendent's Office, 254-947-5479 or one of the Salado Mentor Board Members, Debby Aldridge, Christy Arner, Jessica Beyer, Andrea Gonzales, Karen Hale, Grace Lavadia, Susan Lincoln, Charlie Turnbo and Bob Roemer.

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last Salado defender for a 35-yard touchdown strike at 11:52 in the second quarter. The point-after try failed, leaving Hearne trailing 7-6.

Salado responded with another 80-yard drive, erasing another six minutes from the clock. The key play of the drive was a 24-yard pass from David Rosenau to Stephen Quick on third down and 20, bringing the ball across midfield to the Hearne 46 yard line. Salado pushed the ball to the Hearne 17 yard line, but an offside call moved the ball back to the 22 yard line. Seth Collins scored on a 22-yard belly bump misdirection run, needling his way through the Hearne defense. Galvan's kick gave Salado a 14-6 lead with 5:40 left in the half.

Hearne would score twice in that time, drive 57 yards in just five plays on the next possession. This time Turner connected with Edwards for a 39 yard touchdown. A two point try failed, leaving Hearne trailing 14-12 with 3:44 left in the half.

DeMarcus Wright would intercept a deflected Rosenau pass at the Salado 25 yard line, giving Hearne an opportunity to take the lead. The Eagles would not let the opportunity pass by. Turner found Forrest Rucker, a 6'6" 220 lb. tight end over the middle for a 20 yard touchdown with 1:17 left in the half. Salado stopped the Hearne Eagles

on a two point try to trail 18-14 at the half.

The Eagles teams swapped possessions through the next 20 minutes before Hearne stopped Salado at the 45 yard line on a fourth down and five. Hearne then moved the ball to the Salado nine yard in seven plays, facing a fourth down and seven to go. An illegal procedure moved the ball back to the Salado 14 yard line, where Hearne lined up to go for the first down. Turner waited in the pocket and dashed up the left side of the defense as the pocket collapsed, scoring with 2:13 left in the game. He threw to Lamarquis Thompson for the two-point conversion, giving Hearne its final lead of 26-14.

Hearne used an uncharacteristic balanced offensive attacked against the Eagles, rushing for 133 yards on 28 tries and passing for 140 yards on seven completions.

Salado threw the ball for 150 yards on 11 receptions and rushed the ball for 114 yards on 45 carries.

The win drops Salado's record to 7-4 on the year and improves Hearne to 7-4 on the year. The Hearne Eagles will face Rice Consolidated (9-2), 7 p.m. Nov. 24, Katy's Rhodes Stadium.

Both the Rogers Eagles and the Jarrell Cougars lost their first round games to Lexington and Somerville, respectively.



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)
 Hearne's Patrick Edwards escapes the grasp of Josh Bush and an unidentified Eagle defender during the Salado Eagles' 26-14 loss to the Hearne Eagles.

Salado vs. Hearne by the book					
Score by quarter	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Salado	7	7	0	0	14
Hearne	0	18	0	8	26

Salado	Team Stats	Hearne
14	First Downs	9
45-114	Rushes-yards	28-133
21-11-1	Passes-comps-ints	19-7-0
150	Passing yards	140
264	Total offense	273
1-0	Fumbles-lost	3-1
7-60	Penalties-yards	9-65
2-37.5	Punts-avg.	3-40.3

Scoring:
 SHS: Konzen 1 yd run, 5:53 1st, Galvan PAT, 7-0.
 HHS: Turner 35 pass to Edwards, 11:52 2nd, PAT failed, 7-6.
 SHS: Collins, 22 yd run, 5:40 2nd, Galvan PAT, 14-6.
 HHS: Turner 39 yd pass to Edwards, 3:44 2nd, PAT failed, 14-12.
 HHS: Turner 20-yd pass to Rucker, 1:17 2nd, PAT failed, 18-14.
 HHS: Turner 14 yd. run, 2:24 4th, Turner pass to Thompson PAT, 26-14.

Rushing leaders:
 Turner, 14-103, 1 TD, Hearne; Rosenau, 15-71, Salado.

Passing leaders
 Rosenau, 11-20, 150 yds, 1 int, Salado. Turner, 7-18, 140 yds., 3 TDs, Hearne.

Receiving leaders
 Edwards, 2-74, 2 TDs, Hearne. Rucker, 4-63, 1 TD, Hearne. Collins, 2-57, Salado.

Trustees discuss AEIS, NCLB, DIP and other 'alphabet soup' reports

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado school trustees discussed the Academic Excellence Indicator System report, the No Child Left Behind program, the District Improvement Plan, the 2007-08 school calendar and construction during a three-hour meeting Nov. 20 at the Salado Civic Center.

Salado Intermediate School principal Joe Palmer presented the AEIS report, and trustees opened the floor for comments from the public, receiving only one.

Palmer presented the scores at the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test by Salado students, broken down into special populations. See graphic with this story.

The AEIS not only considers the raw TAKS test scores, but examines drop out rates, dual courses enrollment, attendance rates, improvement on the TAKS, and the number of students achieving the commended levels on the TAKS for the Campus Gold Performance Standards Rating.

Salado High School students failed to achieve the Gold Performance Standard Rating on the attendance rate of 95 percent for all students and all special populations. The attendance rate for economically disadvantaged (ED) students was 93.9 percent.

Salado High School students also did not meet the Gold Performance standard on commended reading (20 percent), mathematics (20 percent) or science (20 percent). High School students did meet the Gold Performance standard on Social Studies, and on the number of students taking the SAT and ACT tests and the number of students involved in the Texas Success Initiative for ELA and Math.

Salado Intermediate School achieved the Gold Performance standards in several areas: attendance rate, commended reading achievement, commended writing, commended science, and commended social science. The Intermediate did not achieve Gold Performance standard for commended mathematics achievement.

Thomas Arnold Elementary School students achieved the Gold Performance standard for commended reading, but did not achieve the standard for commended mathematics, commended writing or attendance rate.

Following Palmer's

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Salado ISD AEIS 2006 Results on Texas Assessment of Knowledge & Skills

Thomas Arnold Elementary										
	Reading		Math		Writing		Science		Social Studies	
	06	05	06	05	06	05	06	05	06	05
All students	89	94	82	84	97	95				
Hispanic	81	88	76	78	90	99				
White	91	95	82	88	98	93				
Econom. Disadv.	77	87	76	69	93	88				

Salado Intermediate School										
	Reading		Math		Writing		Science		Social Studies	
	06	05	06	05	06	05	06	05	06	05
All students	95	93	91	84	98	93	89	72	87	91
Hispanic	88	77	87	63	99	81	93	44	79	73
White	97	96	93	88	97	95	89	76	88	95
Econ. Disadv.	83	81	74	70	99	87	81	62	86	67

Salado High School										
	Reading		Math		Writing		Science		Social Studies	
	06	05	06	05	06	05	06	05	06	05
All students	95	85	79	74			76	67	95	90
Hispanic	84	67	73	61			63	40	89	76
White	98	88	80	77			80	71	96	92
Econ Disadv.	76	65	62	49			50	42	76	73

Campus Ratings

Thomas Arnold Elementary: Academically Acceptable

Salado Intermediate: Recognized

Salado High: Recognized

Salado I.S.D. Campus Gold Performance Standards Ratings

Standard	Elementary	Intermediate	High School
Completion rate	N/A	N/A	N/A
Drop out rate	N/A	N/A	N/A
Advance courses/dual enroll	N/A	N/A	DNQ
Attendance rate	DNQ 97% A: 97 H: 97.2 W: 97 ED: 96.6	ACK 96% A: 97 H: 97.5 W: 96.9 ED: 96.7	DNQ 95% A: 95.5 H: 95.1 W: 95.5 ED: 93.9
Commended Reading/ELA	ACK 20% A: 34 H: 29 W: 35 ED: 32	ACK 20% A: 43 H: 33 W: 45 ED: 25	DNQ 20% A: 23 H: 13 W: 24 ED: 13
Commended Mathematics	DNQ 20% A: 26 H: 14 W: 27 ED: 9	DNQ 20% A: 28 H: 17 W: 30 ED: 9	DNQ 20% A: 17 H: 9 W: 18 ED: 3 AA: 20
Commended Writing	DNQ 20% A: 14 H: 10 W: 16 ED: <1	ACK 20% A: 57 H: 63 W: 59 ED: 36	N/A
Commended Science	N/A	ACK 20% A: 46 H: 29 W: 50 ED: 24	DNQ 20% A: 14 H: 7 W: 15 ED: <1
Commended Social Studies	N/A	ACK 20% A: 38 H: 21 W: 42 ED: 10	ACK 20% A: 29 H: 19 W: 31 ED: 14
Comparable Improvement Reading/ELA	64 Q4	299 Q2	236 Q2
Comparable Improvement Mathematics	66 Q4	299 Q2	240 Q2
Recommended Program	N/A	N/A	DNQ 70% A: 68.9 H: 50 W: 69.7
Recommended Program	N/A	N/A	ACK 70%/40% A: 75/43.8 W: 77.2/45.5
Texas Success Initiative ELA	N/A	N/A	ACK 50% A: 56 H: 43 W: 58 ED: 25
Texas Success Initiative Math	N/A	N/A	ACK 50% A: 56 H: 54 W: 55 ED: 29

Reading the Ratings:
N/A: Not Applicable
DNQ: Did Not Qualify for Gold Standard
ACK: Acknowledged
Student Populations
A: All Students
H: Hispanic student subgroup
W: White student subgroup
ED: Economically Disadvantaged student subgroup
AA: African American students subgroup



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November 27 - December 1

Lunch Thomas Arnold Elementary

- Mon: Chicken Sandwich (Hoagie, Chef Salad), Peas, Pears Milk
- Tues: Macaroni & Cheese (Hoagie, Chef Salad), Peas, Sugar Cookie, Fresh Fruit, Rolls, Milk
- Wed: Pizza-pepporoni (Hoagie, Yogurt & Fruit Plate), Corn, Breadstick, Peaches, Milk.
- Thurs: Nachos (Hoagie, Chef Salad), Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- Fri: Cheeseburger on Roll (Peanut Butter & Jelly, Chef Salad), Burger Salad, Fries, Fruity Freeze, Milk.

Lunch Salado Intermediate & High Schools

- Every Day: Pizza Hut Pepperoni Pizza, Chef Salad, Fresh Fruit, Choice of Milk, Tea
- Mon: Beef & Bean Burritos, Corn Dog, Tots, Baked Potato, Spanish Rice, Green Beans Pears
- Tues: Lasagna, Hamburger, Frito Lay, Corn, Potato Wedges, Peas, Salad, Pineapple
- Wed: Pizza, Chicken Sandwich, Red Potatoes, Baked Potato, Salad, Corn, Peaches, Breadstick
- Thurs: Nachos, Loaded Baked Potato, Fries, Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Oatmeal Cookie, Garlic Bread
- Fri: Hamburger, Meatball Sub, Pinto Beans, Apple-sauce, Burger Salad, Fries, Fruity Freeze

Breakfast Menu

- Daily: Assorted Dry Cereals, White Toast, Fresh Fruit, Juice, choice of Milk, Jelly

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Wed: Biscuit Sausage Thurs: Breakfast Bagel Sausage
Fri:

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Trustees

presentation, audience member Bud Wood asked about the correlation between the students on the honor roll and performance on the TAKS test.

"There are a lot of kids names on the honor rolls," Wood said, "especially at the elementary and high school levels, but they are not doing as well on the test as the students at the intermediate school."

"If I had a kid on the A-B Honor Roll that flunked this test (TAKS)," Woods added, "I would be upset about it."

Palmer said that by the time students reach his campus, they are used to the standardized test, adding that it is difficult to prepare a third grader for a test that they have never seen before.

Palmer joked that "my

teachers are meaner." He did tell Woods that the seventh grade year is one of the hardest transitions for students to make, which may explain the lower numbers of students on the honor rolls.

In other business, Salado ISD Superintendent Robin Battershell reported that Salado ISD had 100 percent meeting the No Child Left Behind

(NCLB) Highly Qualified Teacher requirement for 2005-06. She also reported on the NCLB intervention stage and activity manager report, which deals with performance of students in special programs on the TAKS test.

Among the programs examined under the Performance Based Monitoring System (PBMS) are career and technology education (CATE), bilingual or English as a second language (SL) programs and special education programs.

Students in CATE all met the standards for the report.

Dr. Battershell did tell board members that ESL students did not meet the PBMS standards, including on the reading portion of the TAKS. She also informed the board that the special education program

did not have enough students participating in the TAKS-only test and too many students participating in the SDAA II only test. "We need to get those reversed," she said.

The district also has too few special education students mainstreamed into the classroom and has too many students identified as special education students to meet the state standards in those two criteria.

Following the numbers-intensive reports on Salado students scores on standardized tests, trustees approved a District Improvement Plan developed by the Site-Based Decision Making Committee with no discussion from the board.

Dr. Sharon Pate, who co-chairs the committee, presented a District Improvement Plan, which gives objectives and strategies to achieve the nine goals adopted by the board for the district.

The nine goals of the district are these:

1. Parents will be full partners.
2. Students will be encouraged and challenged to meet their full potential.
3. All students will remain in school until they obtain a high school diploma.
4. An appropriate curriculum will be provided for all students.
5. Qualified and effective personnel will be recruited, developed and retained.
6. SISD students will demonstrate exemplary performance in comparison to national and international standards.
7. Schools will be safe

and disciplined.

8. SISD will be creative and innovative.

9. Technology will enhance the curriculum and workplace.

In other business, school trustees adopted a 2007-08 school calendar that will have a starting date of Aug. 27 for students (in-service and training begins Aug. 20 for staff) and will end for students on May 30, 2008.

The following will be student holidays during the 2007-08 school year: Oct. 8; Nov. 21-23; Dec. 24-Jan. 4; Jan. 21; March 17-21; May 26.

Early release days will be Dec. 21, Jan. 18, May 29 and May 30.

Trustees approved a donation of covering for the batting cages, discussed lighting at the football field, instructed the capital improvements committee to have an engineer draw plans to address safety issues on the press box and approved low bids from Joe Jackson for roofing on the concession stand and Wolff construction for repair to the sidewalks and hired Dona Block as a high school math teacher.

Trustees also learned more about the recently-formed Salado Mentors program and reviewed checks and payments, during which Frank Carlson noted that some checks were missing from the register and four other checks were not coded correctly.

Mill Creek plans Christmas Party on Dec. 12

The Mill Creek Community Association's Annual Christmas Party will be Dec 12 at the Longhorn Room at Stagecoach Inn. Social Time will begin at 6 p.m. and Dinner served at 6:45 p.m. Entertainment will follow. This is an occasion for festive attire and fellowship with the Mill Creek residents.

The cost will be \$20 per person for members and \$25 for non-members. The non-members can avoid the extra fee by joining the association before the RSVP date of December 1st. The membership fee is \$20 per household.

Your check will be your reservation and mailed to Mill Creek Community Association, P.O. Box 562, Salado, TX 76571.

It is important to respond by Dec. 1 so that the Social Committee can plan for the dinner.

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Serves 2
 12 oz fresh or frozen cranberries
 3/4 cup sugar
 1 TB orange zest
 1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
 1 1/2 cups mandarin orange segments, fresh, peeled and seeded (or canned, drained)
 2 TB Port (optional)
 1-13/4 lb Cornish game hen, halved lengthwise
 1/2 tsp sea salt
 1/4 tsp freshly cracked pepper
 Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil.

To prepare the sauce: Combine the cranberries, sugar, orange zest, orange juice and mandarin orange segments in a saucepan over medium-high heat, stir to blend. Bring to a boil. Cover the saucepan and decrease the heat to low, simmer, stirring frequently, until the berries have broken open and released their juices, about 8 to 10 minutes. Add the port, stir, and cook for 2 minute more. Divide the sauce. Using a mesh strainer, strain half of the sauce into a small saucepan by pressing on the solids with the back of a spoon to create a glaze. Place the remaining sauce in a separate serving bowl, set aside.

To prepare the hen: Rinse the hen halves and pat dry with paper towels. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place the hen halves, skin side up, on the prepared baking sheet. Brush about 2 tablespoons of the glaze over each hen half, coating generously. Roast the hen halves until golden and their juices run clear, about 25 minutes. Pour the pan juices into the reserved glaze mixture and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer to thicken slightly and blend flavors, about 3 minutes. Transfer hen halves to plates. Spoon remaining glaze on top and serve with sauce.

Nutrition Info

Per Serving (12 oz-wt.): 390 calories (35 from fat), 4g total fat, 1g saturated fat, 24g protein, 65g total carbohydrate (4g dietary fiber, 60g sugar), 105mg cholesterol, 400mg sodium

Miso Quinoa Dressing with Mushrooms and Peas

Dairy-Free, Vegan

Miso adds savory depth to this unique dressing — an excellent side dish for the holidays or any time of year. Transform it into a hearty vegetarian entrée by adding cubed, baked tofu.



Makes 4 main dish or 6 side dish servings
 1 cup quinoa
 1 TB canola oil
 2 medium carrots, diced
 2 cups sliced white mushrooms
 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
 1/2 tsp ground ginger
 2 cups packaged miso broth or 2 cups water mixed with 4 tsp miso paste
 3/4 cup frozen peas
 1/2 cup diced green onions
 Place quinoa in fine-mesh strainer and rinse under cold water until water runs clear. Drain quinoa and set aside.

In a heavy medium saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Add diced carrot and sauté about 2 minutes. Add mushrooms, garlic and ground ginger and sauté until garlic is fragrant and the vegetables are tender, about 3 minutes. Add quinoa and stir for about 1 minute. Mix in broth. Cover and simmer over low heat until quinoa is almost tender, about 12 minutes. Add peas, cover and continue simmering until quinoa grains are translucent and liquid is absorbed, about 5 minutes more. Transfer to bowl and stir in diced green onion.

Nutrition Info

As a main dish (4 servings):
 Per serving (About 6 oz/161g-wt.): 250 calories (60 from fat), 7g total fat, 0.5g saturated fat, 10g protein, 40g total carbohydrate (6g dietary fiber, 4g sugar), 0mg cholesterol, 300mg sodium
 As a side dish (6 servings):
 Per serving (About 4 oz/108g-wt.): 170 calories (40 from fat), 4.5g total fat, 0g saturated fat, 6g protein, 27g total carbohydrate (4g dietary fiber, 3g sugar), 0mg cholesterol, 200mg sodium

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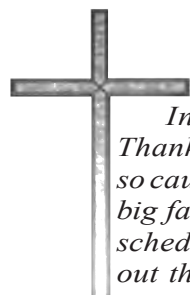
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Birdwell, Carter united in marriage

Lucy Laura Birdwell and Fowler Thomas Carter were united in marriage Oct. 28, at Saint Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston. The double-ring ceremony was officiated by the Reverend John Bentely, with music by organist David Henning and accompanied by a string quintet. A reception followed the ceremony at the Bayou Club with music provided by Toast and Jam. On the eve of the wedding a rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Coronado Club.



Mrs. Fowler Thomas Carter

The bride is the daughter of the Nancy Leech Birdwell of Salado and John E. Birdwell III of Austin. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Glenn H. Leech of Albany, and the late Glenn H. Leech, and Mrs. John E. Birdwell II of Austin, and the late John E. Birdwell, II. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Carter, Jr. of Houston. He is the grandson of Maude B. Carter of Houston, and the late Thomas L. Carter, Sr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Graves.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a strapless ivory duchesse satin gown by designer Reem Acra. The bodice and the waistline of the full frontal A-line gown was richly jeweled with an intricate Moroccan design of pearls, swarovski crystals, and gold threading. The gown boasts a scalloped chapel length train adorned by an opulent jeweled applique, which was flanked by two built in bustles.

To further compliment the bridal ensemble, Birdwell wore an ivory single cathedral length veil. The veil was fully embellished with pearls, crystals, and gold threading to replicate the jeweled pattern on the train of the bridal gown.

The bride carried a soft, rounded bouquet of stephanotis and Sahara roses of white and green with accents of champagne. Serving as Maid of Honor was the bride's sister, Megaen Lee Birdwell of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Sara Griffin Black, cousin of the bride, of Puerto Del Cruz, Venezuela, Sarah Moore Brown, Holly Susan Sevcik, Katherine Ross Carter, Molly Leachman Carter and Georgia Elizabeth Carter, sisters of the groom, all of Houston, Shelle Hawkins Crenshaw, of Breckenridge, Laurel Corinne Kagay, Danielle Carol Loerch, Meredith Leigh Page, and Jennifer Balon Taylor, all

of Austin, Emily Colbert Nail, of Lubbock, Kimberly Leech Odom, cousin of the bride, of McAdoo, Texas, and Miss Elizabeth Lee Tidwell, of Albany.

Black satin gowns designed by Alvina Valenta were worn by the bridesmaids and they carried green and white bouquets of roses and lisianthus. Wearing a gown by Joan Calabrese, Eloise Carter Walne of Atherton, California, cousin of the groom, served as flower girl.

Serving as the brides house party were Lauren Nicole Johns, Amanda Leigh McDonald, Lauren Blaylock Teare all of Houston, Kalico Karr Leech, of Seymour, Lindsey Fae Tidwell of Austin, and Desiree Blaire Wright of Lakewood, Colorado.

Thomas Leachman Carter, Jr., father of the groom served as Best Man.

Groomsmen were David Michael Anderson, Philip Francis Beck, Wil-

liam Garwood Conner, David Alexander Denenberg, Jason McKinley Francis, Brian Bakke Kilpatrick, James Bryant McAlister, Kyle Winston McIlheran, Michael Tyler McQueen, Peter Frederick Meyer, David Taliaferro Miclette, Skon Michael Nazarian, Brian Glenn Patterson, and Peter Graves Pettigrew, cousin of the groom, all of Houston.

Serving as the groom's ushers were Roy Phillip Bowman, James Ross Canion, Christopher Jerrod Leavitt, Tobin Scott O'Donnell, all of Houston, Harper Brown Gully and Charles Travis Walne of Austin.

Readers of the service were James G. Leech, uncle of the bride of Albany, John G. Watson, and J. Walker Cain, II, uncles of the groom, both of Houston.

The Bride is a graduate of Westlake High School in Austin, and Texas Tech University majoring in English. She works as a consultant in Houston. The Groom is a graduate of Episcopal High School in Houston, and received his degree in History, from St. Edwards University in Austin, and is working towards his Master of Business degree at St. Thomas University in Houston. He is the co-founder and co-owner of Carter-McIlheran LLC in Houston, Texas.

Following the honeymoon trip to Little Dix Bay in Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands, the couple will reside in Houston.

Lions hold Pancake Breakfast

The Salado Lions Club will host an all you want pancake and sausage breakfast 7:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Dec. 9, at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center. The activity center is located on Church St.

Adult tickets are \$5, children 12 and under at \$3 each.

Funds raised by the Lions supports scholarships, Lions Park, Lions Eye Bank, and provides camp for crippled children.



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The Salado Church of Christ hosted its first Community Appreciation Luncheon to honor those serving the community of Salado. Honorees included local as well as county officials, the Salado Volunteer Fire Dept., Chamber and Tourism Directors and many more individuals. The Salado High School choir serenaded while the honorees enjoyed a holiday feast. Minister Joe Keyes welcomed the audience adding, "There will be no formal speeches other than these few words to honor the men and women...who serve us in so many important positions."

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Church of Christ youth ministry brings "Worth the Wait" program teen-parent forum Nov. 29

Salado Church of Christ youth ministry and Scott and White's Worth the Wait programs are hosting a Teen-Parent forum at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center 6:30-8 p.m. Nov. 29.

This will be a forum that promotes abstinence and opens up the conversa-

tion between parents and teens about sex.

There will be a follow up class called "True Love Waits" that focuses on God's view of relationships, marriage, parenting, and sex. This class will run every Wednesday, for 10 weeks, following the Teen-Parent.

It will start Dec. 6, and finish Feb. 14, and is open to youth in grades five through 12.

To submit a question for the forum, or for more information about this event or the class, contact: Ben Lazcano at Salado Church of Christ, 254-947-5241, or email him at blazcano@saladochurchofchrist.org.

UMHB host Christmas workshop Dec. 9

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Art Department will host the 10th Annual Christmas Workshop 1-4 p.m. Dec. 9. Proceeds will go to benefit Belton Communities-In-Schools.

A fee of \$15 will be charged at the door. (Additional brothers and sisters will be charged \$10 each.)

Children ages six and under must be accompanied by an adult for the entire event.

During the first part of the event, children will make a variety of Christmas decorations and ornaments. The second part will be a performance by Toucan Jam (musical duo, Kelly Mulhollan and

Donna Stjerna from Fayetteville, Arkansas, also known to audiences as Still on the Hill).

Space is limited and registration recommended.

To register call Helen Kwiatkowski in the UMHB Art Department at 254-295-4676, or e-mail hkwiatkowski@umhb.edu.

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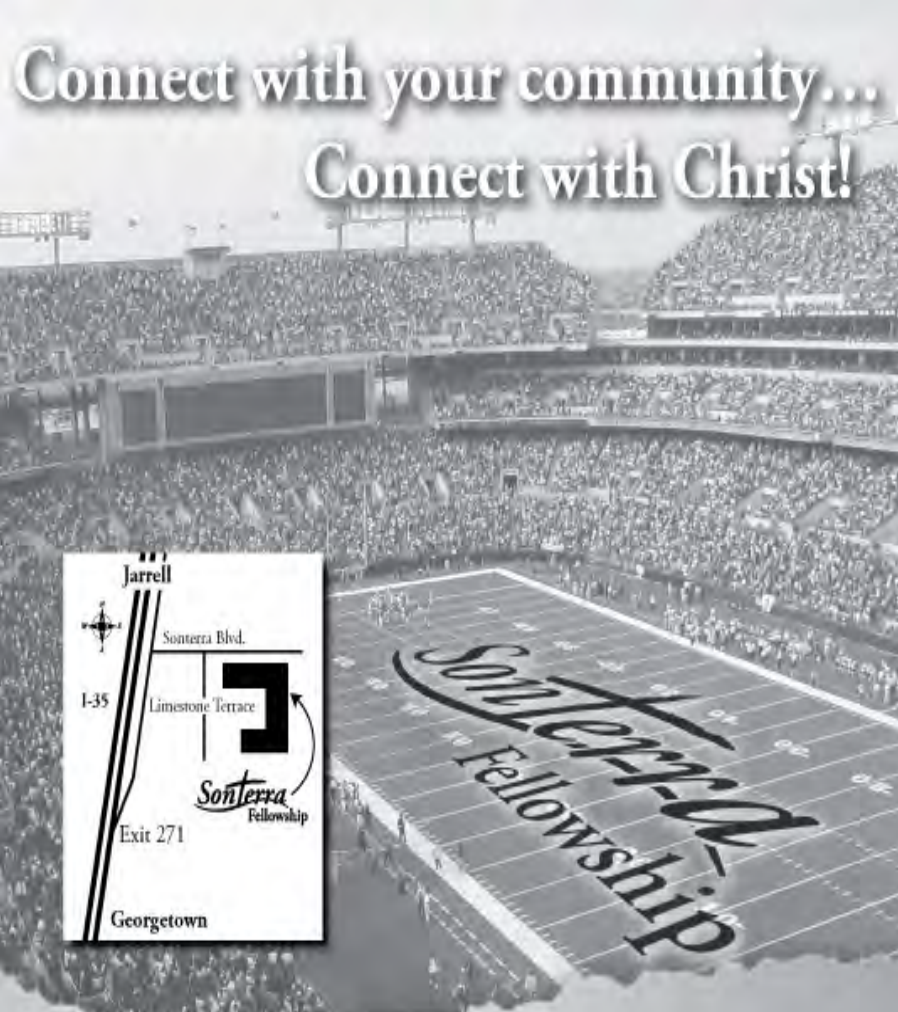
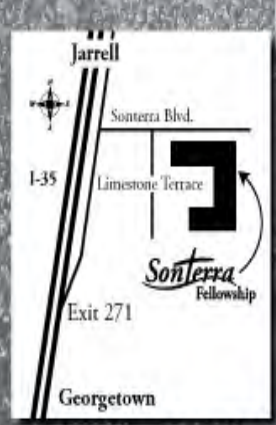
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Salado speech, drama team wins another sweepstakes trophy

Playing David to the Goliath schools on the speech and drama circuit, Salado High School continues to fill its trophy case with awards once collected only by 4A and 5A high schools. The only 2A school in attendance once again, Salado won the 1st place sweepstakes award at the Round Rock Texas Fo-

rensic Association (TFA) qualifying tournament, leaving Westlake-Austin, Westwood, and Judson in the lower placing slots.

"We don't let anyone convince us that we can't do it. Instead of each student just entering a couple of events, we each enter as many as four events and we have to be the best in each of them," said Culver.

Lauren Culver joined

state qualifiers Tyler Cook, Magan Bradshaw, and Dixie Darling as the fourth student from Salado to meet the point requirement to compete at the TFA state meet in March. Culver also qualified in Duet Acting.

"We pull together as a team and push each other to excellence. We may not arrive in a charter bus or

stay in a motel room-we're driving back and forth, getting home at midnight and up again at 5 a.m., but that motivates us to work even harder, just to prove that the underdogs can prevail," said Darling.

Placing 1st in Humorous Interpretation, Culver is two points away from a state qualification in that event. Cook and Bradshaw are qualified for the TFA state meet in Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Cook is also qualified in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking and Darling is qualified in Dramatic Interpretation.

"We hope that we are teaching our students that there are no limitations if you are willing to set your goals high and work hard to achieve them," said debate coach Tim Cook.

Josh Benolken and Nathan Peters made their debut into the finals round of duet acting, placing 6th; Benolken also placed 6th in Humorous Interpretation. Crystal Schoellmann placed 4th in Prose Interpretation and 5th in Dramatic Interpretation.

Bradshaw won the 2nd place speaker award in debate with Bradshaw and Cook as quarterfinalists.

"Just because we are a small school doesn't mean we have to stick to small goals," said senior Crystal Schoellmann. "It's all about what you believe you can do and how hard you work to get there."

Salado will host a UIL tournament on December 2 and will travel to Westlake-Austin on December 10-11 for another TFA qualifying tournament.

Newspaper announces holiday closings

Salado Village Voice newspaper office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Nov. 23-24.

The office will re-open for regular business hours at 8 a.m. Nov. 27. The newspaper will publish at its regular time for the Nov. 30 edition.

The newspaper will also be closed for Christmas on Dec. 25 and New Year's on Jan. 1, but will publish on its regular days those week.

Salado Volunteer Fire Department Incident Reports, Oct. 2005

Date	Time	Type
10/2	08:15	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/3	17:30	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/4	11:51	Vehicle accident w/injuries
10/5	01:23	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/6	10:25	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/7	02:29	Passenger vehicle fire
10/8	01:13	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/8	15:43	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/9	00:15	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/9	03:21	Building fire
10/9	13:28	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/9	14:47	Vehicle accident w/injuries
10/9	18:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/9	18:30	Vehicle accident w/injuries
10/10	06:19	Vehicle accident w/injuries
10/10	22:36	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/10	23:57	Building fire
10/11	10:25	Unauthorized burning
10/11	11:06	Hazardous condition, other
10/11	18:52	Vehicle accident w/injuries
10/11	22:49	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/12	11:58	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/12	11:16	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/12	19:45	Gasoline, flammable liquid spill
10/12	20:23	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/12	22:01	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/13	18:35	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/14	10:45	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/15	10:32	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/15	10:38	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/16	09:57	Vehicle accident w/injuries
10/16	10:31	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/16	10:42	Vehicle accident w/injuries
10/17	15:12	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/17	15:26	False alarm or false call, other
10/17	07:34	Authorized controlled burning
10/18	12:42	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/18	14:43	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/18	19:06	Grass fire
10/18	19:30	False alarm or false call, other
10/18	23:54	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/20	13:29	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/20	20:27	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/21	03:53	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/21	06:50	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/23	02:26	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/24	03:23	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/24	15:34	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/24	21:16	Brush, or brush and grass mix fire
10/26	14:52	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/26	13:19	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/27	06:00	Grass fire
10/27	06:34	Authorized controlled burning
10/28	08:53	Dispatched and canceled en route
10/28	15:43	Authorized controlled burning
10/29	05:03	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
10/31	14:03	Medical assist, assist EMS crew

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Texas tradition prevalent in country home on tour

By DALE GORE

A Texan visiting the country home of Jakie and Dottie Shirley at 3000 W. Amity Road will want to "sit a spell" among all the icons of the Lone Star State incorporated into the architectural features, furniture and decor. Reminiscent of an early stone and timber Texas farmhouse, sitting back from the road on a 13 acre spread, complete with a barn and other buildings, accommodating goats and geese, the house is one of the six to be open during the annual Tour of Homes sponsored by Salado's Historical Society Dec. 1-3.

A long porch with leaded glass door and side lights welcomes guests into a large foyer. A tile floor features a large Texas star echoing a metal one outside on a gable above the



porch. Tile continues into the great room, kitchen and halls. An oak, claw footed library table holds an arrangement of poinsettias, magnolias and glittered greenery among tall brass candlesticks and hurricane lanterns. Above the table is an elaborate mirror in an oak and leather frame made by Jakie, whose skill

has created most of the furniture and picture frames throughout the house. A grandmother clock, topped by angels and greenery, and an antique music stand, holding a Christmas carol which reflects the Shirley's mutual musicianship, complete the entry's decor.

To the right of the foyer are two guest bedrooms

with a bath between. One features an iron bed with a coverlet crocheted by Jakie's mother, a vintage Singer sewing machine and a collection of Royal Copenhagen Christmas plates, which was begun when the first was a wedding gift to the Shirley's and continued in significant years, as on the birth of their children. An English curio cabinet holds Dottie's girlhood classic collection of "Little Women" dolls by Madame Alexander and her daughter's dolls. Indigo and burgundy denim Roman shades are at the windows.

The color blue is con-

tinued in the second bedroom, centered by a sleigh bed of wood and wrought iron. A Texas star quilt and blue denim valance on an iron rod compliment the old golden oak table beside the bed and a rocking chair of similar vintage.

To the left of the entry, the dining room is resplendent in vivid red and gold, colors repeated in the large oriental carpet. The Queen Anne dining table, surrounded by tall caned-back chairs, holds a pair of red Bohemian lusters wrapped in red poinsettias, white magnolias, glittered fruit and greenery. Scolloped lace valences hang at the wide window and an antique brass chandelier with etched crystal globes hangs over the table. Ornate plates hang in decorative wall racks and scrolls of wrought iron flank the china cabinet in which is displayed the Shirley's wedding china.

The foyer leads directly ahead in the great room, appropriately designated as its dimensions easily accommodate two sofas, a love seat, two leather re-

cliners, and a piano. The fireplace of native stone with the Texas star carved in the center has a Jakie original mantle of oak highlighted with brass nailhead and a star motive. A simple wooden nativity setting is placed on the mantle. At the windows, fabric swags through star and horseshoe ends. A tall Christmas tree in the corner holds numerous crocheted ornaments made by his mother.

A map of Texas is worked into the stone tile floor between the great room and dining area of the kitchen. More of Jackie's skill is seen in the kitchen area. All of the cabinets and furniture he made of old wood. A long trestle table was made of wood from an old house near Tyler and a hutch of barn wood he made as a gift for Dottie on their first wedding anniversary. Open shelves display rows of home-canned vegetables and fruits from their garden. For the holidays the table will be set with charger plates hand-painted by Dottie, whose artistic gifts, in addition to music, include sewing all the home's window treatments, and stained glass windows and lamp shades.

The master bedroom is spacious, with an ornate iron bed in the center. Windows are swaged in floral chintz with tassel trim hanging on wrought iron rods. A Victorian Larkin desk of golden oak and other vintage pieces grace this tranquil retreat. The adjoining bath has a large

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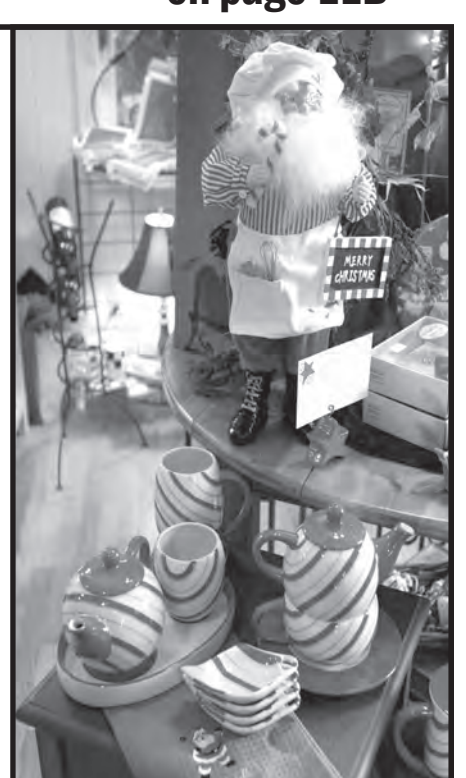
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NOVEMBER 27
Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting, 5:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn Express. Mixer and open house will take place 5-7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 28
Cooking Class at The Range, with Chef Dave Hermann
 - "The Art of Saute." 6 p.m. start. \$50 per class includes hands-on instruction, recipes, a meal and wine. Class space is limited. Info: 947-3828.

NOVEMBER 30
Salado High School National Honor Society sponsors a blood drive, with the Scott & White Blood Mobile, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the High School parking lot. Email Susan Shobe at susan.shobe@saladoisd.org to reserve a time.

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. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.

DECEMBER 1-3
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Christmas is on the Air," a special holiday show in the spirit of old-time radio. Enjoy this "live broadcast" on WSPR, brought to you by Doohickey's Department Store. With Penny and Grainger at the mic and sound effects table, anything can happen. Plenty of live music and holiday hoots. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1 and 2 and 2 p.m. Dec. 2 and 3. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

DECEMBER 1-3
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 Jo Glass for a Christmas luncheon. 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. Reserve a spot by calling 947-5482.

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.

DECEMBER 8-10
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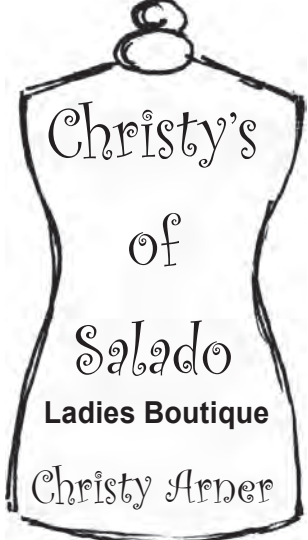
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DECEMBER 9

Salado Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center. All you can eat pancakes and sausage. Adults: \$5, children 12 and under: \$3.

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 Public Library presents "Thursdays at the Library," with Tyler Fletcher presenting a program on "Stained Glass Church Windows," 6:30 p.m. Free admission and plentiful parking. Info: Alayne, 947-9191.

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.

DECEMBER 15-17

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Christmas is on the Air," a special holiday show in the spirit of old-time radio. Enjoy this "live broadcast" on WSPR, brought to you by Doohickey's Department Store. With Penny and Grainger at the mic and sound effects table, anything can happen. Plenty of live music and holiday hoots. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 and 16 and 2 p.m. Dec. 16 and 17. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

DECEMBER 18

Music in Salado annual Members' Christmas Concert, at the home of John and Barbara Robertson, in Salado. More info TBA.

DECEMBER 22-24

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Christmas is on the Air," a special holiday show in the spirit of old-time radio. Enjoy this "live broadcast" on WSPR, brought to you by Doohickey's Department Store. With Penny and Grainger at the mic and sound effects table, anything can happen. Plenty of live music and holiday hoots. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22 and 23 and 2 p.m. Dec. 23 and 24. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

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.

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JANUARY 16

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

JANUARY 29

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge Building on Church Street.

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, Professor 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.

FEBRUARY 26

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.

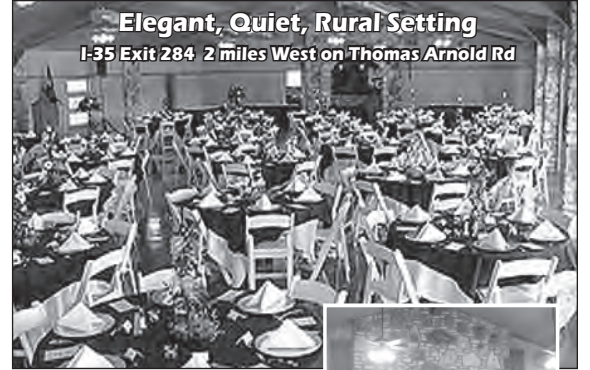
APRIL 17

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

APRIL 27

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

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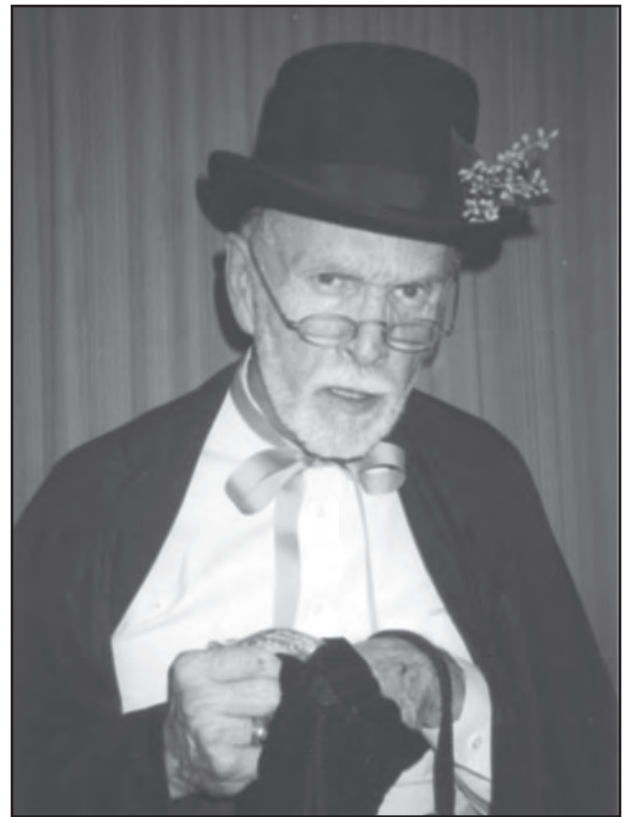
PERFORMANCES SET FOR DEC. 1, 2, 8 AND 9 AT TABLEROCK

Tablerock Festival of Salado will present Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. Dec. 1, 2, 8 and 9 at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal Street Salado.

The stage adaptation of A Christmas Carol was written by Harry Sweet. Sweet will also direct this classic story of Christmas Eve in the life of Ebenezer Scrooge, epitome of greed and self-interest, in 1843 London. Through ghosts and supernatural interventions Scrooge is given the opportunity to transform himself into a man of compassion.

The 60 cast and crew members include: Charlie Voelter - Scrooge; Donnie

Williams - Bob Cratchit; Rush Leigh - Tiny Tim; Howard Horton - Marley; Ciara Bamsch - Christmas Past; Keith McCormack - Christmas Present; Ashley Barshaw - Christmas Future; Jim Hunter - Nephew Fred; Chase Hall - Young Apprentice Scrooge/Jonathan; Shannon Ashe - Mrs. Cratchit; Taylor Stumberg - Caroline; Rebecca Redman - Associate/Belinda; Lainey Sirois - Associate/Dancer; Samantha Horton - Martha Cratchit; Addie Ashe - Fan; Bob Ritchie - Fezziwig; Stephanie Hood - Mrs. Dibler/Mrs. Fezziwig; Brenna Sirois - Lucy Cratchit; Marcene Grimsley - Millie; Ashley Lummus - Belle; Jenna Fritsch -



Charlie Voelter as Scrooge

Mrs. Pratt; Barbara Anne Horton - Older Belle; Tony Blisard - Old Joe/Merchant; C.J. Carpenter - Ignorance; Colby Carpenter - Want/Caroler; Janet Leigh - Ginger; Cabe Temple - Boy Scrooge/Peter; Connor Leigh - William; Dan Horton - Belle's Husband; Colton Singleton and Anna Hamman - Fiddlers; Dancers - Trish Crowe, Sarakay Lamons and Kacey Robinson.

Ensemble roles: Bridget Williams, Kira Hamman, Alaura Eagan, Chris Carpenter, Lynne Carpenter, Chandler Carpenter, Cory Carpenter, Jacob Sellers, Julia Singleton, Allen Sirois, Landon Sellers, Jennifer Sellers and Becca Hamman.

The crew includes David Dunlap - Sound/Pro-

grams; Kassy Kotzian and John Redmon - Stage Managers; Brenda Grimsley - Spot Light; Dave Apichino and Sharon Van Winkle - Concessions; Marilyn Ritchie - Makeup; Jackie Mills - Tickets/Costumes/Producer/Programs; Denver Mills - Sets/Parking/Tickets.

In addition to the regular food sold beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Tablerock concessions, the Salado Rotary Club will sell homemade chili, cornbread and a drink for \$5. All proceeds going toward construction of Tablerock restrooms and concession stand. Bring warm wraps. Tickets sold only at the gate on performance nights, \$5 for adults, \$3 for students.

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The pain may not be what it seems

You may understand that there is no such thing as "spot reduction" for the abdominal area. That is great. But what if I told you that your struggle with low back pain doesn't necessarily have to come from a weak core area either? If you have followed this column, you know the importance of a strong core and its direct relationship with correct movement and bodily function. So, what am I saying?

There is no such thing as spot reduction. You need to have a strong core to protect yourself from injury.

But, if you have low back pain, it may not be a contractile tissue issue (i.e. muscle), it may be an organ issue!

Let me explain:

What if I told you that organs speak to muscles? Yes, internal organs borrow their pain-sensitive nerve fibers from the muscular system. When an organ is in pain, the brain cannot determine what hurts; the organ or the muscle. The brain can only determine which segment of the spine the message came from. At this point, the brain tells

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By KEVIN McCAULEY



all the organs and tissues in that specific area to behave as if it is in pain. This pain then begins to weaken muscles and specific muscle groups begin to react to movement like they are in pain!

If this sounds odd to you, it shouldn't. When someone is about to have a heart attack, do they complain about their heart or the left side of their chest and left arm muscles? Do women only have pain in their female organs around menstrual periods or do they have challenges with their low back and down their legs?

So, here are the practical points for you:

1) If you are constantly struggling with pain in the low back area but you don't feel as you have an issue with any soft-tissue damage in the abdominals or low back; it may be poor gut health. You may be consuming foods that you are allergic to or intolerant of.

Here is a list of some of the basic allergies and intolerances that people have challenges with:

Allergies: Eggs, Fish and Shellfish, Milk, Peanut, Soy, Sulfites, and Wheat

Intolerances: Lactose and Gluten

If you are serious about improving your health with proper nutrition, avoid the intake of the above foods that you think are challenging your organs for six weeks. At that point, if you decide to reintroduce that specific food, your body will tell you if it is a problem.

Another reason for struggling with low back pain is being constipated. When the digestive system isn't running properly and the body doesn't eliminate regularly the colon

becomes problematic. A laxative or an enema may be all that is needed to alleviate this challenge. Note: Generally speaking, consuming very little to no processed food, staying hydrated, increasing your exercise regimen and increasing the intake of real whole foods will keep just about everybody regular. No one should rely on laxatives and enemas, but your goal for a healthy digestive system should be two bowel movements a day!

So, now is the time to listen: Are your organs talking to your muscles?

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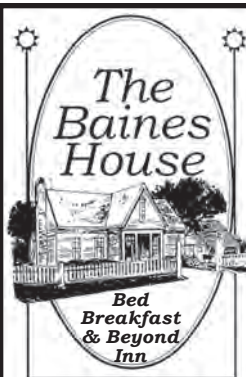
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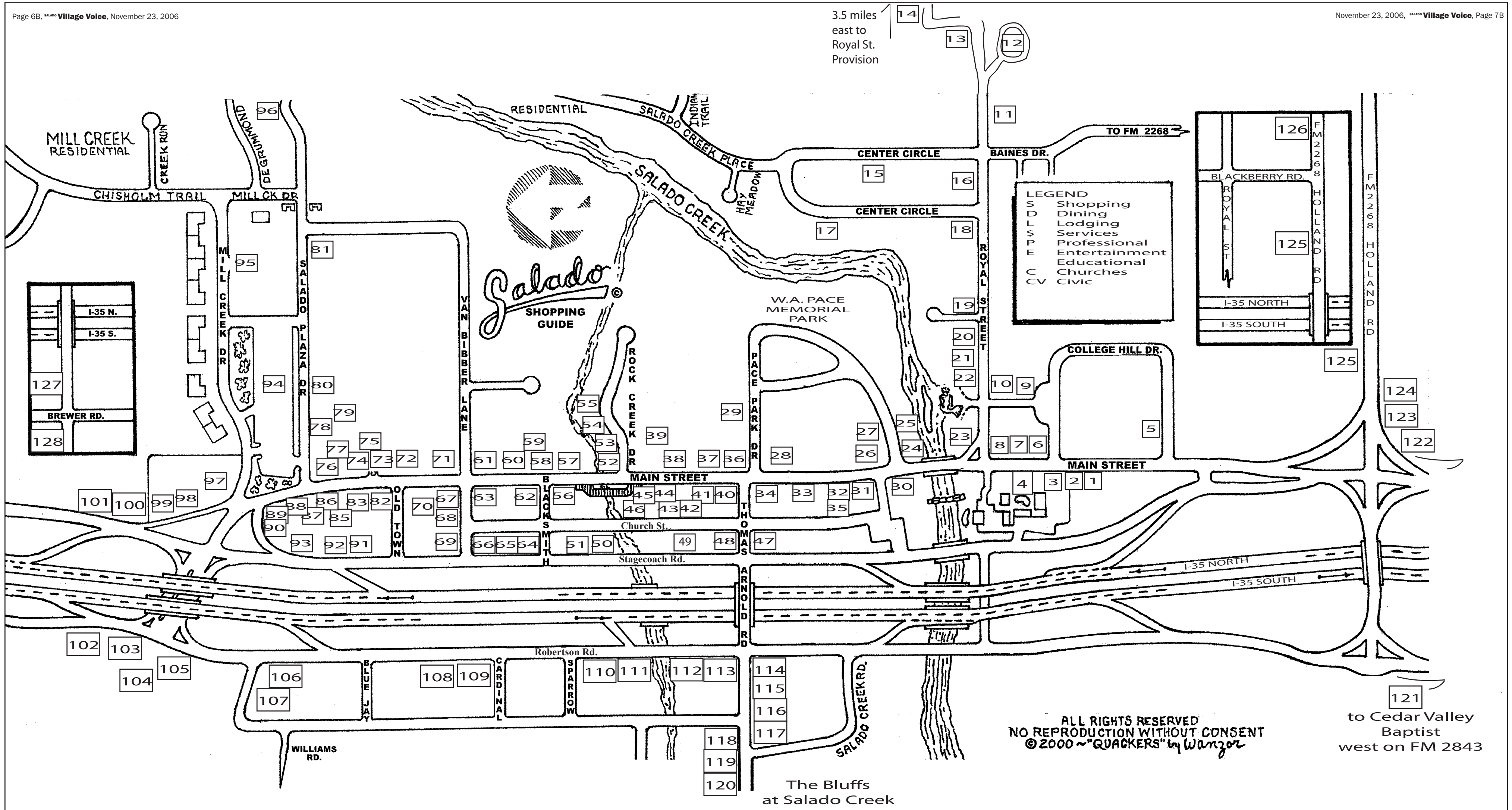
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The first session is entitled "Holiday Brunch & Gift Giving Solutions" and will begin at 10 a.m. Nov. 25 at The Range restaurant on Main St. Salado.

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 and Holiday Cheese Ball with Unique Display.

On Nov. 28, Chef Hermann will teach "The Art

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Chorus Christmas concert upcoming

12TH ANNUAL PERFORMANCE SLATED FOR DEC. 8

The Salado Community Chorus will present its 12th Annual Christmas Concert 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Salado Civic Center.

Patty Campbell, chorus president, describes the Christmas Concert as a mixture of upbeat music, combined with traditional Christmas pieces. Complimentary refreshments will be served at the performance.

There are no tryouts for the Salado Community Chorus. The choral group, under the direction of our choral master, Dr. Kin Van Cura, celebrates the love of music and each singer personally experiences the joy of singing.

Jean Teal, a long-time member of the chorus, says "people who enjoy singing get a great joy that is inspirational." The Salado Choral welcomed many newcomers to the group this year. One new member, Connie Wagner from Temple, feels the chorus



The Salado Community Chorus

is important to her because "singing feeds my soul. It puts me in a place like nothing else can." The group's well-accomplished adults have a passion for song, they say.

Each Tuesday evening at 6 p.m., the group assembles and Dr. Van Cura asks the group for vocal expression. The singing is piano accompanied by Dr. Van Cura, and two members of the chorus, June Willingham and Bobbie Reihsen, say they "listen to Kim's expert playing with deep appreciation." Willingham went on to say, "It is so

amazing what Dr. Kim gets out of us with her talent. It is like a concert for us at every week's rehearsal."

Adva Volle added, "The director gives us so much to work with."

Dr. Kim's ability surges through her, and the group returns her energy in song.

Currently there are five married couples who find singing together an important and fun night out. Nancy and Billy Thompson travel from the Holland area. They say the chorus is important to them because "we both enjoy singing, plus the camaraderie

of this group makes us feel a part of the community." Billy went on to say "Singing here is exciting. It gets you in the Spirit of Christmas."

The chorus even bridges the generation gap. Wayne Jackson and his daughter, Donna Jackson, drive from Belton for "the opportunity of singing a variety of music."

During the Christmas stroll, the chorus will sing their way through downtown Salado for two hours, celebrating a Christmas tradition from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Mayborn Planetarium serves up special holiday shows

The holiday weekend is a great chance for the entire family to explore the night sky at the Mayborn Planetarium and Space Theatre, in Killeen. There are three planetarium shows to help navigate the soon-to-be winter night sky. Two of the shows, "In My Backyard" and "The Sky Above Mr. Rogers' Neighbor-

hood" can be seen during the child-friendly Saturday matinee. The third show, "Season of Light," runs Friday and Saturday evenings.

"In My Backyard" features children's entertainer, Fred Penner, who leads a lighthearted exploration of things large and small from the colors of the rainbow to

the counting of ladybugs on a rose. Show time is Saturday at 1 p.m.

In "The Sky Above Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," kids will laugh, sing and learn about the wonders of the day and night skies with Fred Rogers and his band of Neighborhood-of-Make-Believe friends. Show time is 2 p.m. on

Saturday.

Following Mr. Rogers is "Legends of the Night Sky: Perseus and Andromeda." The newest planetarium show, "Season of Light," examines the cause and effect of seasonal changes on Earth.

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spa tub, an enclosed shower and ample mirrors over a tiled dressing table with two sinks. Over the tub hangs an old window frame with inserts of colored glass and mirrors, another Dottie's hand-work.

A fourth bedroom, in colors of pink and lime designed as "Abbies Room" for their granddaughter. An antique iron bed painted white and a large collection of porcelain "June" dolls given their daughter by Jackie for her various achievements in school and other endeavors fill a cabinet especially made for their display. A rag doll Dottie made for her, and reproduced many times for children of friends, sits proudly on the bed's pillows. A small table with lyre legs holds a bedside lamp. A lollipop tree, an annual tradition, will be on display.

Up a stairway, its handrails draped in beribboned greenery, one enters a large room with both a sitting area and a place for sleeping. The former holds a sofa, comfortable chairs and a large television. The latter has an antique craftsman-style bed dressed in a red-white-blue Texas star and stripe coverlet (another of Dottie's creations). Windows are draped in a checked cotton fabric, and a Christmas tree is adorned with corresponding red/blue ornaments crocheted by Jackie's mother.

The bathroom cabinetry is made of barn wood and chicken wire, designed and installed by Jackie. Old wood frames a mirror over the primitive dressing table.

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 Susy Terry, 2517 Winners' Circle; Terry and Jan Whitley, 1317 Jack Nicklaus Circle; and Jack Husung, 609 Willow Creek Drive. Also open to the public will be two 19th century log cabins owned by the Historical Society and the recently restored historic Chapel of 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 center and at each of the six homes. Tour hours are 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec 2, and 1 to 5 p.m. Dec 3.

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It's amazing what one person can do

JG Baker of Friona has a lot to show for his time on earth.

"I've always wanted to see what was around the next corner," he says. "By the time I was 17 I had been to 28 states riding freight trains.

He left home in 1931 when he was 16.

"There'd be sometimes as many as 300 bums on freight trains back then."

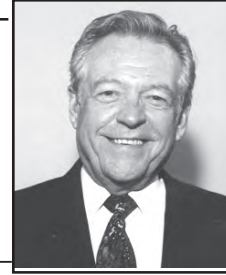
He learned an important lesson about getting on a moving train.

"Never try to catch a train you can't outrun."

He says during depression years nearly everybody was out of work.

"I've worked for as little as a nickel an hour and done a lot of it. Money was scarce. Fifty cents a day was a good wage for several years. First fourteen months me and my

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wife was married we spent a total of 74 dollars for gas and oil and groceries. Now you spend that every other day."

He started a custom grain harvesting business that took him all over the western states. As a hobby he made furniture.

"Run them old combines all summer and come home in winter and work in my woodwork shop."

JG's workmanship is of a high quality. He makes church furniture and gives it away.

"I give it to churches that had some sort of disaster. I

try to give away a set every year and I've done that several years. A set has a pulpit, communion table, two chairs, two lecterns, and two flower stands."

He has made 1,250 clocks and given most of them away. He gave me one and it's in a prominent place in my office. His name is on every clock he makes. He carves things. He made a pocketknife with two blades from one piece of wood.

People ask him to make things, like a pool cue or oversize dominoes for a man with limited sight.

He has made dozens of pet caskets. He made 175 meat blocks, 54 during one winter season. Mr. Baker has a store in downtown Friona filled with furniture he has made. His workshop is the size of a hangar. Of course he built it by himself.

Mr. Baker plays the didgeridoo, raises geese, collects Indian baskets and has a large garden filled with rhubarb, asparagus, okra, tomatoes and peppers.

JG Baker is 90 years old. He has made some of the tools and equipment he uses. His daughter bought an old hotel and turned it into a residence. Mr. Baker helped with the renovation and made a lot of the furniture in it. When I asked him for an interview I told him I had about 30 minutes to spend with him. I left about three hours later. It was time well spent.

Salado Chamber accepting nominations citizen, business and hall of fame for 2006

The Salado Chamber of Commerce will again present awards for the Hall of Fame, Business of the year and Citizen of the year at their annual banquet January 16th at Tenroc Ranch.

The Chamber will recognize a Business of the Year for its outstanding efforts and exemplary work in promoting Salado and local community activities and presenting a tasteful image to the many visi-

tors to the community. The recipient business must have been a member of the Salado Chamber for at least one year.

The Salado Citizen of the Year may or may not be a Chamber Member or may not be a business person. It will be awarded on individual merited activities and leadership in any and all respects of the community: private, public or business.

The Hall of Fame recipient should have a very long history of extraordinary achievements and contribution to our community. The recipient can be living or deceased. There should be two winners in this category if possible; one who is deserving and still living and for the committee to go back in history and pick an individual.

The committee would like to have nominations

from the community. You can mail your recommendations for any or all of these three categories to Salado Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 849, Salado, TX 76571 or you can e-mail them to scc@vvm.com, or you can drop by or call the Chamber Office and give them to Suzi Epps. Give a few reasons why you think this business or person is deserving in your opinion.

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The orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Stephen Heyde, and Ballet Austin, under the direction of Stephen Mills, will share the stage. Joining the professional ballet dancers onstage will be local children performing as Angels and Bon-Bons.

As part of the ballet experience, children 3-12 may join the Holiday Kid's Club, which includes a T-shirt, a party, the opportunity to meet the dancers after the performance, and other fun benefits.

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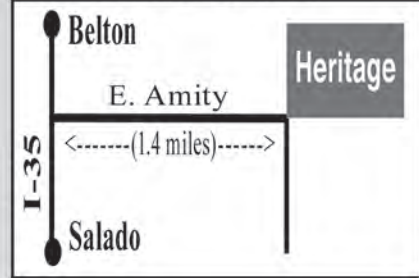
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Sue Ellen Slagel and Melanie Kirchmeier with Century 21 Bill Bartlett were among the more than 27,000 Realtors attending the National Association of Realtors annual Realtors Conference and Expo held in New Orleans, November 9-13. Attendees came from all parts of the United States to learn about the latest professional news, information and tools to help their businesses.

In addition to participating in briefings and education sessions, conference attendees heard presentations on political forums on major issues facing the real estate industry. A sign of continuing real estate prosperity was evidenced by the interest in the conference annual trade exposition. More than 625 exhibiting companies participated in the expo. The trade show featured the latest in computers, cameras, education and professional development, financial services, office equipment, relocation services, sales promotions, virtual tours and wireless devices.

For any real estate questions or an overview of the real estate market, please give Sue Ellen or Melanie a call at Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate 254-947-5050.



Sue Ellen Slagel and Melanie Kirchmeier, of Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate in Salado.

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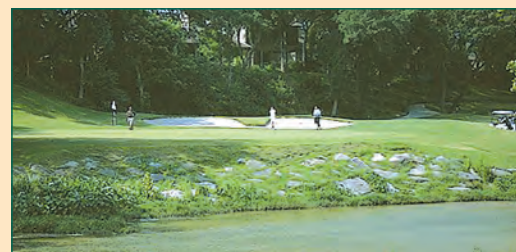


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Enclosing a porch or deck with glass is the most cost-effective way to create a sunroom, according to Marc Fox of Patio Enclosures, Inc.

"Homeowners are so pleased when we tell them they can save money by utilizing an existing cement porch slab and an overhang. We simply enclose the room with sliding glass doors or large windows and screens that are customized to fit their particular space," reports Fox.

The porch is transformed from a place only usable when the weather is right, to added living space that lets the homeowner "control the weather." Imagine staying out late on a warm summer night in screened comfort, even when the mosquitoes are biting, or watching the



You can enclose your patio, turning it into an all-weather sunroom.

sunrise with a warm cup of coffee on a crisp fall morning. Envision experiencing a rainstorm, cozy and dry, from inside your new glass-enclosed porch.

By enclosing a porch with glass, a homeowner can actually turn outdoor space into indoor space, with the flexibility of screens to bring the outdoors in at any time. Three-season rooms are often decorated with wicker, rattan or wrought iron furniture for a casual, outdoor look. Vertical blinds or pleated shades give the room a finished feeling and add privacy and temperature control. Homeowners often find their new sunrooms

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When considering a

three-season glass enclosure, keep in mind that because it is not designed to be heated, it is typically closed off from the rest of the house in winter. If you want to use your room all year round, use insulated glass. Insulated glass, although it is more expensive, enables the room to be effectively heated in the winter and air-conditioned in the summer months.

With both types of rooms you can select full-length sliding doors, or sliding windows, which are built over a short knee wall. Either way, be sure to use 100 percent tempered glass for safety. Tempered glass is stronger than regular window glass and will not break as easily.

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As we have claimed many times, we have the most wonderful patrons here in Salado. And one of those was Salado resident, Jim Howell, who loved to visit our library and check out DVD's. Sadly Jim passed away mid October. Jim's wife, Beverly, and his family asked mourners to send their remembrances to the Salado Public Library and enough has been graciously donated for us to acquire nine new DVDs in memory of Jim. Thank you Howell family and God keep you Jim.

Here are a few of the new books for November. The library will be closed for Thanksgiving weekend so you might want to hurry on down now and get something good to read, so you can help your poor body wrestle with all that turkey and dressing and

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News & Notes from Salado Public Library

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FICTION:

Gaits of Heaven by Susan Conant

Susan Conant is the three time recipient of the Maxwell Award for Fiction Writing by the Dog Writers Association of America. This is a hilarious series praised for its eccentric and quirky characters. Trainer Holly Winter learns more reasons why dogs make better friends than people.

Cross by James Patterson: For Alex Cross fans—this is a follow-up to Cross's wife's unsolved murder in a previous book. Will Alex solve the case? Will he survive the end? A riveting Patterson as usual but this one is a cliffhanger, that you won't get to resolve till 2007. Sorry.

The Handmaid and the Carpenter

by Elizabeth Berg: Just in time for Christmas, Berg delivers a story about the Christ Child highlighting the romance between the young parents-to-be. This is a sweetly understated dramatization of the familiar story with a spunky Mary and a conflicted Joseph, but Berg shies away from any keener analysis of faith, marriage, or miracles.

Nature Girl by Carl Haissen

For Haissen fans, this is his 11th novel and another hilarious Florida romp. With an engaging and di-

verse screwball cast and Haissen's humorous touches, this one is less satire and more Rube Goldberg, but takes the reader to a satisfying conclusion.

The Interpretation of Murder by Jed Rubenfeld

For Meltzer, Silva, and leCarre fans! This debut novel is a mystery masterwork revolving around Sigmund Freud's only visit to America. You might want to give this one a try.

NON-FICTION

We have a spate of new books for your health concerns and/or issues!

Bird Flu What to Do: Prepare to Survive by Verona Fonte

Cheating Destiny: Living with Diabetes, America's Biggest Epidemic by James Hirsch

Food to Live By: The

Earthbound Farm Organic Cookbook by Myra Goodman

AND-- a few to make you cringe:

Talk to the Hand: The Utter Bloody Rudeness of the World Today, or Six Good Reasons to Stay at Home and Bolt the Door by Lynne Truss What can I say?

Big Box Swindle: The True Cost of Mega-Retailers and the Fight for America's Independent Businesses by Stacy Mitchell

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The Audacity of Hope by Barack Obama: A rising star who surfaced at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, Obama shares his thoughts about healing the divisions in our country.

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Dear EarthTalk: What can I do, as just one individual, to help curb global warming? -- Karen Cross, via e-mail

Most of our own direct contributions to global warming pertain to the modes of travel we choose. For starters, air travel burns more fossil fuels per person than any other form of transport. So if you can opt for other forms of long-distance travel, you can reduce your contribution of greenhouse gases significantly--provided, of course, that at least a planeload of others are doing the same.

The other main offender in the transportation arena is the private automobile. Driving less frequently, carpooling, and using public transport such as buses and rail can take a big bite out of the greenhouse gases and pollution you are personally responsible for. Also, think about all those short car trips you take where a brisk walk or bicycle ride might do the trick and provide some needed exercise in the process.

When driving is a necessity, though, always make sure your vehicle is properly tuned and that the tires are properly inflated, so as to conserve fuel. If you are

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contemplating the purchase of a new car, consider one of the many offerings of gas-sipping hybrids, which often come with tax incentives, now on the market.

At home, you can fight global warming by buying energy-efficient appliances and keeping older ones serviced, as inefficiencies translate into energy waste. And simply minimizing heating and cooling in the home can reduce your individual contribution to climate change while also lowering monthly bills. In cold weather, dress warmly and sleep with warm blankets; in warm weather, dress lightly and open the windows to create drafts; when you go out, turn heat and air conditioning down or off.

Insulating and weatherstripping your house is another great way to reduce energy use. And if



A walk to the store will do you good--while keeping climate-altering greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere. (PHOTO COURTESY GETTY IMAGES)

your utility offers check-off options for renewable power sources like wind or solar, opt for them, even if it costs a buck or two--a small price to pay for a healthy planet. And plant a few trees in the backyard. Over their lifetimes they'll remove tons of carbon dioxide that would otherwise contribute to global warming.

Cutting back or eliminating meat and dairy from one's diet is another great way to fight climate change, while also keeping healthy. Cows used for meat and milk are continuously fed in order to maximize their productivity, and as a result they continually emit methane as they digest. According to Noam Mohr of the non-profit EarthSave, methane gas is 21 times more powerful a greenhouse gas than the carbon dioxide coming out of our tailpipes. Given the massive proliferation of

livestock around the globe, these industries are major contributors to global warming. Also, switching from supermarket-based, energy-intensive processed foods that must be shipped long distances to food grown locally can reduce one's greenhouse gas contribution even more than by switching from a gas-powered mid-size car to a hybrid.

Various climate-related websites, including CarbonFootprint.com and TerraPass.com, offer free online "carbon footprint calculators" so individuals can see and even calculate how their actions contribute to global warming. SafeClimate.net helps businesses of all sizes take action on climate change.

CONTACTS: EarthSave, www.earthsave.org/globalwarming.htm; Carbon Footprint, www.carbonfootprint.com; TerraSEE EARTHTALK, PAGE 11C

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Dear EarthTalk: Are the flame-retardants used in many products as a fire safety precaution dangerous to our health? If so, what can I do to avoid contact with them?

— Katya, via e-mail

Flame-retardants are in widespread use in both the U.S. and Canada, primarily in carpet padding, foam cushions, polyester bedding and clothing, wallpaper, and the plastic housings for computers, faxes and other electronics. Most are made from variations of a chemical known as PBDE, which stands for polybrominated diphenyl ether.

According to the Washington State Department of Ecology (WSDE), in laboratory studies some PBDEs have been shown to cause problems in rodent brain development. "Most of these problems stem from pre-natal exposure and exposure soon after birth. The health effects appear to be permanent," says WSDE. They are quick to point out, though, that levels in humans have not (yet) reached the levels that cause problems in lab animals, but that scientists are concerned because the levels in humans keep rising.

PBDEs are "persistent" in that they don't break down but remain active in our air, water, soil and food. WSDE says that PDBEs are building up in animals throughout the food chain, even turning up in orca whales in Puget Sound in Washington and in the bodies of polar bears in the Arctic.

PBDEs also stay in our bodies, accumulating in our fatty tissue. The U.S. is the world's largest maker and user of PBDEs, and levels found in Americans are as much as 100 times higher than in Europe, where most PDBEs were banned in 2001. North American levels, say scientists, are doubling every two to five years. Primarily, human exposure has been through eating fish, though babies can be exposed by drinking mother's milk. Children are also exposed when they wear polyester pajamas treated with flame retardant. Indeed, PDBE chemicals easily "off-gas"



Fire-retardant chemicals can easily "off-gas" from the very products -- like kids pajamas -- that they are designed to make safe. (PHOTO BY GETTY IMAGES)

from the very products they are designed to make safe.

Consumers can take precautions and avoid products that contain PBDE. Among other cautions, the Healthy Children Project recommends buying clothing, bedding and furniture made from natural fibers, such as cotton and wool, which do not melt near heat and as such do not need to contain flame-retardants.

Another way to minimize exposure is to stick to a diet low in animal fat, since the chemicals accumulate in larger amounts in animals higher up the food chain. Joyce Newman of the Green Guide recommends vegetables, fruits and whole grains over meat and fish. When choosing meat and fish, she suggests cutting away as much of the fat as possible, and choosing leaner cuts overall.

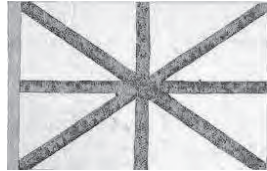
As for consumer goods, WSDE says that industries need to re-think their product designs whereby highly flammable materials are avoided and ignitable materials are separated or shielded from heat sources. Some mattresses in use now in nursing homes and hospitals, for example, employ a "barrier layer" of durable material between surface fabric and interior foam and meet stringent fire safety standards without the use of chemicals. But until the Canadian and U.S. governments begin to take PBDE dangers more seriously, it will be up to individual consumers to look out for the health of their children and families.

CONTACTS: Washington State Department of Ecology's "Toxic Flame Retardants: The Buzz on PBDEs," www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/0604026.pdf; Healthy Children Project, www.healthychildrenproject.org; The Green Guide, www.thegreenguide.com.

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