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Rebates remain up for Library Sales taxes dip for Village

Sales tax collections in Bell County have cooled off from their pace earlier this year with the chilly fall weather. Rebate checks to local cities, counties and special purpose districts were sent out by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn on Dec. 8.

Village of Salado, which levies a one percent sales tax, received a \$25,516.55 check, which is five percent less than last December's payment of \$26,905.87. For the year, however, the Village is still more than seven percent ahead of 2005, having received \$342,890.89 in 2006, compared to \$319,708.19 last year.

The Village is not the only Bell County city to see the sales tax rebate check drop in December. Nolanville, which has outpaced 2005 rebates by 32 percent, saw its first dip this month: \$8,346.01, which is 19 percent less than last December's \$10,304.64 payment.

Other cities, including Temple, Killeen and

Harker Heights, showed much smaller increases in sales tax rebates this month: Killeen was only one percent ahead of last December's \$1.2 million check; Temple was only five percent ahead with \$1 million received and Harker Heights was just over two percent ahead receiving \$205,873.27.

While the Village saw its rebate check drop in December, the Salado Public Library District was up by almost seven percent this month. The Library District received a \$17,903.11 for the half-cent that it levies, compared to \$16,773.93 last December. For the year, the District is running 15 percent ahead with \$233,991.44 paid compared to \$203,954.20 in 2005.

Bell County also levies a half-cent sales tax, and saw a slight dip in its December payment, which was \$880,783.77 compared to \$883,199.05 last year. For the year, however, Bell County has received \$12 million, or five percent more than last

year's \$11.4 million.

"The final sales tax allocation of 2006 brings total local sales tax revenue for the calendar year to a record \$5.2 billion," Strayhorn said. "This marks the first time local sales tax revenues have reached \$5 billion in a single year."

Strayhorn sent Texas cities December sales tax allocations of \$273.1 million, up 8 percent compared to December 2005. City sales tax allocations during calendar year 2006 totaled \$3.5 billion, up 13.5 percent compared to calendar year 2005. Counties' December sales tax allocations were \$24.8 million, up 13.9 percent compared to December 2005. Counties received \$312.7 million in sales tax during calendar year 2006, up 16 percent compared to last year.

December's sales tax rebate checks to cities, counties and special purpose districts represent sales made in October and reported to the state Comptroller's office in November.



Salado's busy Christmas shopping season is in full season, following two very successful Christmas Stroll weekends. Local retailers are hoping for a bounce from the dip in October.

Strategic Plan next step for Village of Salado?

BY TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The next step in Salado's evolution may include a Strategic Plan to accompany the Village's Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Plan, Subdivision Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance and recent Tourism Strategic Plan.

Salado aldermen talked about a Strategic Plan during their Dec. 7 meeting at the Salado municipal building. Alderman Curt Strong informed fellow board members of a recent discussion he had with Jim Reed, executive director of the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG).

A Strategic Plan would examine several aspects of the Village government, including maintenance and operation, tourism, transportation, the comprehensive plan, fiscal practices, utilities and public safety.

The Strategic Plan would delve into each of these areas in-depth and have recommendations for the Village to pursue on a five-year or 10-year basis.

Strong told aldermen that CTCOG could work with the Village of Salado to develop a Strategic Plan for about \$10,000.

The Village contracted with Dunkin, Sefko and Associates in 2002 to prepare a Comprehensive Plan that included a Trans-

portation Plan, a Parks and Recreation Plan, a Public Facility Plan, a Future Land Use Plan, a Historic Preservation Plan, a Corridor Design Plan, a Community Livability Plan and an Economic Development Plan. Since 2002, the Village has paid Dunkin, Sefko \$112,247.39.

The Village contracted with Destination Development this year to conduct a thorough study into Salado's tourism industry. To-date, the Village has paid \$15,633.11 to Destination Development for the work.

The board may meet with CTCOG at a later date to further discuss a Strategic Plan for the Village of Salado.

Aldermen also discussed briefly the possibility of TxU Electric burying its power lines in the downtown area. According to alderman Jackie Mills, municipalities and utility companies can levy an "Underground Tariff" beginning in Jan. 2007 collected by the utility company to "allow a city to put TXU wires underground, with the cost of the conversion being paid by TXU wire users living in the incorporated area over a two or four year period."

The estimate to put the power lines on Main Street underground would be \$1 million, paid for over a two-year period. According to Mills, the estimate

of cost for each TXU wire user would be \$15 monthly.

Aldermen Merle Stalcup asked Mills if all TXU users in Salado would be taxed for the aesthetic benefit of "just Main Street."

The board took no action on the item.

In other business, aldermen approved a request from Billy Pipes to grant a street-width variance in the proposed Windmill Estates subdivision to allow for the construction of a 31 foot wide street and the dedication of 60 feet right-of-way. The subdivision ordinance currently calls for a 60 foot wide street in the subdivision, although no street in Salado is of that width.

The board also approved an amendment to the Zoning Use Chart to allow for an Auction Business in the Local Retail zones. The Amendment stipulates that the auctions can only be held indoors. Aldermen rejected part of the amendment which would have stipulated that auctions may be held only once a month, following a Public Hearing on the matter.

The board also adopted a fee for requests to amend the Zoning Ordinance.

Aldermen also discussed the annual audit report, accepting credit cards, and purchasing tables and chairs for Pace Park.



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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Myths of '06

Elections produce two things -- new elected officials and bogus conventional wisdom. Once they gain widespread circulation, erroneous beliefs about elections are difficult to reverse and can be nearly as important as who won or lost.

Here are six myths rapidly gaining acceptance among conservatives, liberals or both:

- Republican losses were in keeping with typical setbacks for a party holding the White House in the sixth year of a presidency. Conservatives reassure themselves that the "six-year itch" has cost the party in power roughly 30 seats on average since World War II, so this year's losses aren't remarkable. But as liberal blogger Kevin Drum points out, most of the big "itches" came prior to the past 20 years when gerrymandering got more sophisticated. Reagan lost only five seats in his sixth year, and Clinton gained five (although he had already suffered a wipe-out in 1994). For Democrats to win 29 seats despite all the advantages of incumbency enjoyed by the GOP is a big deal.

- The conservative base, discouraged by the GOP's doctrinal impurity, didn't show up at the polls. This is the bedtime story conservatives are telling themselves to show that whatever ails the party will be cured simply by becoming more conservative. The GOP didn't lose the election with its base, but with independents, who broke against them 57 percent to 39 percent.

- The GOP was too socially conservative for voters. This chestnut is trotted out every time Republicans lose an election. This time it is even less plausible than usual. Seven out of eight constitutional amendments banning gay marriage passed this year, often outperforming Republican candidates. That Democrats went out of their way not to antagonize social-conservative voters this year was one of the keys to their success.

- The election was a great victory for

Rich Lowry



conservative and moderate Democrats. This year's crop of Democrats still isn't a departure from the party's overwhelming liberalism. A few attention-grabbing, successful Democratic House candidates, Health Shuler of North Carolina and Brad Ellsworth of Indiana, are truly conservative. But only about five of the 29 Democratic winners in the House can be considered social conservatives. They will be lonely.

- The election was a decisive ideological rejection of conservatism. Liberal opinion writers love this one. But various scandals, Hurricane Katrina and the Iraq War all played major roles in degrading the GOP brand. Liberals cannot count on conservatives being associated with corruption, incompetence or an unpopular war forever.

- President Bush now must give up on the Iraq War. The rebuke to Bush was unquestionably an expression of voters' frustration with the progress of the war, but they are not ready to give up yet. According to pollster Whit Ayers, less than one-third of voters favor withdrawal. A late-October New York Times poll found that 55 percent of the public favors sending more troops to Iraq, a position now endorsed by the paper's liberal editorial board. Bush still has a window to take decisive action to reverse the downward slide in Iraq.

Elections are wonderful things. It's the election myths we can do without.

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"Will President change course?" is political question created by ISG; Hidden 2003 medicare tax revealed

The bipartisan Iraq Study Group released their 79 recommendations to President Bush last Wednesday, concerning how best to extricate the United States from the 45 month Iraqi War/occupation, that appears to be deteriorating rapidly.

The question now becomes (a) how valid are the ISG's proposals and (b) what (if any) directional shifts will the report create within the administration? Answers will have an impact (one way or the other) on the war and eventually determine much of Iraq's future, as well as America's leadership role in the middle east, and perhaps the world.

Before finger-pointing or making snap judgements, a careful reading of the ISG recommendations would be appropriate. Carefully balancing the Study Group's report with the newest military assessments is next, followed by a methodical sifting through both open and close-minded blatherings from Congress and elsewhere.

And then - perhaps we can make our own judgements on these important matters.

SS UNWRAPS "SECRET" TAX

Towards the end of November each year, the Social Security Administration notifies recipients of their next year's monthly pension amount - minus the medicare insurance premium.

The current SS notice (for 2007) included a brand-new "wrinkle." **It added a second hit to the medicare insurance premium, for annuitants with incomes over \$80,000 per year. Called "MAGI" for Modified Adjusted Gross Income.**

This stunned the affected seniors, since there had been no advance notice of this "wealth-tax" that reduces SS pensions.

It's also noteworthy that "MAGI" was approved three years ago (December 8, 2003), as part of the Prescription Drug Act.

That law - PL 108-173 was lengthy, and buried neatly in the hodgepodge of bureaucratized was a section entitled: **"Higher Premiums for Wealthy Seniors" that noted a "secondary" increase in the Medicare Insurance premium."**

INCOME-ADJUSTED PREMIUMS

Monthly pension amounts will be adjusted downward according to the new Medicare insurance premium "add-on" ranging from a low of \$12.30 per individual with incomes from \$80,000 to \$100,000, up to \$67.90 for incomes over \$400,000. **Premiums for married couples are doubled.**

The 2008 premium-adjustments will be twice the current amounts and by 2009 they'll triple.

NEW DEDUCTIONS NOT PUBLICIZED

The biggest complaint by SS beneficiaries was not just over the new "wealth penalty" pension reduction - but the fact there had been no warning by Congress three full years ago, when they passed the Prescription Drug Act.

A call to the Social Security national office (D.C.) produced some surprisingly straightforward background notes from a high level official, who admitted that nearly all the new law's public information centered around the confusing prescription drug features.

He bluntly reiterated that nothing was released media-wise on the "means-test" tax, when the law was being cobbled together, nor after it was signed in 2003.

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



CONGRESSMAN CARTER

At our request, Salado's Congressman John Carter (R-Round Rock), FAXED this column a statement concerning the new tax on "wealthy" seniors: "I will continue to promote policies that provide seniors with affordable, accessible healthcare and prescription drugs. To control cost, seniors making more than \$80,000 a year will have to pay higher Medicare premiums."

Carter voted for the plan in late 2003, and there is no evidence he informed constituents of his actions at that time (or since).

UNHAPPY SS RECIPIENTS

Saladoans, who fall into this new category of "wealthy" SS annuitants, are angry at not being informed about this secretive "means-test" tax three years ago.

These villagers received nothing when the Prescription Drug Act was passed by Congress; nothing from SS when the agency was tapping IRS for income data; and nothing from our senior citizen organizations who are "supposed" to study (and report) on new laws affecting older Americans.

It also appears that these same annuitants will not only receive lower monthly pension checks, but will be paying the required income tax on their total pension amount, despite having some of it reduced through the "means-test" penalty.

TAX FREE BONDS NOW TAXED

Tax free municipal bond interest is, by law, not subject to Federal Income Tax. However, this income must be noted on Form 1040. Under the new Medicare Prescription Drug Act - SSA is now tied into the Internal Revenue Service and receives each senior's annual gross income, plus the amount received from tax free securities.

Each person's annuity is compared to the above income factors, and if amounts are within the new "wealth-penalty" schedule, the monthly check is reduced accordingly.

"HE SAID WHAT?"

Most of the time, public officials who say something stupid, and hear about it later - wish they'd kept their yaps shut. That's "most of the time" - but in the case of Justice Antonin Scalia, we doubt he's the "recanting" sort of guy, even when his personal opinions can affect the lives of every American.

Scalia's most recent drivel came to light last week, when arguments were being presented to the "Supremes" concerning the Clean Air Act and government's role in regulating vehicle emissions of greenhouse gases.

Scalia, a certified right-wing zealotite, had been politely corrected (in court by some daft soul) about which layer of the atmosphere is involved in the case.

His sullen reply: **"Atmosphere, Troposphere, whatever. I told you before I am not a scientist."** Had he stopped there, everything would have been fine. But then he concluded with an arrogant: **"That's why I don't want to have to deal with global warming, to tell you the truth."**

Great - now we have one of the final arbitrators of the matter - telling the nation, even before hearing all the facts, that he's not interested in global warming! A realistic danger now scientifically accepted by everyone with a trace of reason (except perhaps the President) that unless controlled, will eventually pose horrific worldwide health consequences for all living creatures.

And folks, that includes you and me, and we presume Scalia as well!

That's another -30-

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Coal Power in the Black

Boon for human health, economy

By H. STERLING BURNETT, Ph.D.

Texas will need more electric power in the coming years—lots more—and coal will be critical to meeting those power needs.

Coal is a secure energy source, since the United States contains more than a quarter of the world's recoverable reserves, equaling a 250-year supply at current rates of consumption. As a result, coal-fired power plants generate 52 percent of the electricity in the United States.

And while coal, like every other energy source, has negative environmental impacts, it is the lowest-cost source of reliable power. In addition, today's coal-fired power plants emit 90 percent less air pollution than previous generations and emit less carbon dioxide (CO₂) into the atmosphere per kilowatt produced.

Despite these improvements, proposed air quality standards and proposals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions would force utilities to shift electricity production from coal to other sources of generation. Two recent studies estimated the consequences of such a shift.

Researchers at Pennsylvania State University estimated the economic benefits of coal. They estimated that by 2015 coal-fired electric power generation would produce more than \$1 trillion annually in gross domestic product (GDP), \$360 billion in additional household income and nearly 7 million jobs. By comparison, replacing 33 percent of coal capacity with natural gas and renewables would reduce GDP by \$166 billion and household income by \$64 billion, while cutting em-

ployment by 1.2 million jobs.

Surprisingly, eliminating coal would also indirectly harm peoples' health. Research for Congress' Joint Economic Committee in 1979 and 1984 by Dr. Harvey Brenner of Johns Hopkins University showed the impacts of unemployment on public health. In his 1984 study, Brenner found that a one percent increase in the unemployment rate was associated with a two percent increase in premature deaths.

In 2004, Brenner used his models to estimate the public health results from reducing coal-generated electricity. The U.S. Energy Information Agency has estimated that proposed climate change policies could potentially displace 78 percent of U.S. coal generation. Applying his model to the EIA estimates, Brenner found reducing coal power would lead to a decline in income and increased unemployment. The results for public health would be devastating—more than 150,000 premature deaths annually.

If true, this means the human cost to reducing coal generation would be far greater than the number of lives the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has estimated will be saved by new air quality standards. For example, the EPA has estimated its new 8-hour ozone standard would reduce premature mortality by 1,000 to 3,000 lives annually, while the new PM_{2.5} standard for fine particulates would result in 15,000 fewer premature deaths annually.

It is commonplace for regulations to fail to provide the benefits that its

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The Christmas Stroll great event for Salado

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Karen and I would like to thank the many volunteers that helped with the Christmas Stroll. I visited with a number of tourists and to a person they were excited and pleased with the stores products and the helpfulness of the store personnel. The decorations were beautiful, that made the complete

Village gorgeous. I am sure that the tourist really enjoyed them.

Merle and Karen Stalcup
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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Lone Star Project behind Democratic wins in Texas

By MARTIN FROST

There are dozens of interesting stories about the recently concluded 2006 elections. These include the Democratic takeover in New Hampshire and dramatic Democratic victories in states like Iowa and Kansas.

However, nothing is more startling that what happened in the reddest of all red states: Texas.

Against all odds, Texas Democrats picked up five seats in the Texas House of Representatives (closing the Republican edge to only six seats), swept every contested county-wide race in George Bush's real home county (Dallas), the second largest county in the state, won Tom DeLay's Congressional seat and forced another Republican Congressman, Henry Bonilla, into a Dec. 12 run-off that he could lose.

This all happened in a state where everyone had declared the Democrats dead and buried, and it happened because of the dogged determination of the state Democratic Party, local Democrats in North Texas and the behind-the-scenes work of a little-known entity, the Lone Star Project.

I am particularly proud of the strategic advice offered by the Lone Star Project and the Texas Democratic Trust, which are directed by my former Chief of Staff Matt Angle.

The Lone Star Project conducts detailed policy and political analysis and targeting. The Texas Democratic Trust is an ambitious long-term project to help rebuild the Texas Democratic structure statewide. I am no longer actively involved in Texas politics but have followed Matt's work with great ad-

miration.

Let's start with the State House of Representatives. Going into the election, Republicans had an 86-64 margin, largely as a result of the 2002 redistricting implemented by a Republican controlled redistricting board. Democrats very carefully recruited and funded candidates in a selective number of Republican seats where demographic changes in the past four years gave the party a chance.

Much to everyone's surprise, five seats fell to Democrats. The Lone Star Project provided sophisticated targeting, key research and strategic advice to many of the Democratic legislative candidates.

Then there was Dallas County, the place where both George W. Bush and Dick Cheney lived in 2000 when they were nominated (Cheney quickly changed his voter registration to Wyoming to satisfy the legal requirement that the president and vice president be from different states).

Dallas, a long-time bastion of Republican power in Texas, has gradually been becoming more Democratic in recent years as a result of Republican white flight to the neighboring counties to the north, east and south.

In 2004, Bush-Cheney only won Dallas County 51 percent to 49 percent. Democrats that year won the sheriff's office and several countywide judgeships. This year, the Democratic Party swept all 42 contested judicial positions (elected county-wide) and all five contested county offices including county judge (the presiding officer of the county commissioner's court), district attorney, county clerk and county

treasurer.

These victories were put together by a carefully coordinated and targeted get-out-the-vote effort which was run professionally and funded by money from the state party, a local Democratic North Texas PAC (TXVAC), the county party and local candidates. The Lone Star Project helped recruit experienced political operatives to augment the new strong party leadership in Dallas County and help construct a winning campaign plan and insure that the coordinated campaign was professionally managed.

The two Congressional races – the 22nd District (former DeLay district) won by former Democratic Rep. Nick Lampson and the 23rd District being contested by former Democratic Rep. Ciro Rodriguez in this week's runoff – are both extraordinary stories of perseverance.

Lampson had been running against DeLay for a year when DeLay withdrew from the race weeks after he had won the Republican primary. The Republican Party attempted to replace DeLay on the ballot; however, Texas Democrats went into federal court to block the Republicans from putting anyone else on the ballot.

Matt Angle and others pushed hard for a legal challenge to the DeLay ballot scheme. After a decision by state party chairman, Boyd Richie, to pursue the case, Angle worked closely with talented attorneys and party leaders to coordinate the suit and to develop an effective message that convinced voters that Democrats were right on the law and on principle.

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Let them eat nanoparticles



Jim
Hightower

Well, that was Thanksgiving -- a day to gather with our families, rejoice in the bounty of God's green earth, and sit down for a generous serving of home-cooked, old-fashioned, mouth-watering... nanoparticles?

Yep, we hoped you loved them. You see, those white-smocked corporate food engineers have been at it again, messing with Momma Nature. The same companies that brought us artificial flavoring, chemical preservatives, trans fat, GMOs, synthetic hormones, and so many other industrial marvels to our dinner tables now hope we'll let them add a nice big bunch of nanoparticles to the food mix.

Say what? Corporations are using nanotechnology to manipulate the very matter of things -- including food additives and ingredients -- creating new forms of matter that are unimaginably tiny.

Uh, OK. Why? Because they can, silly! Also, because they say nanotechnology can create novel food additives that, for example, can coat M & Ms to inhibit melting.

Uh, aren't M & Ms supposed to melt? Well, yes, but... Never mind, you wouldn't understand.

Are there any, uh, you know, "problems" with this nano stuff? Well, there've been no thorough studies of how these newly engineered nanomaterials

actually behave in the environment or in humans, especially when nanoparticles are eaten. But, hey, trust us!

Uh, no. First, the nanotechers do admit that there are some "novel" health risks involved - for example, lab tests show that some of these man-made particles are so tiny that they can easily slip through the barriers that prevent normal particles from entering our brains. Second, this is food they're messing with, and there's just no crying need to tamper with it so M & Ms don't melt.

Instead of nanoparticles for dinner, let's push to keep American food natural.

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The holidays are upon us, which means that it's time, once again, to search for those "perfect" gifts. This year, why not add financial gifts to your shopping list? They can make a big difference in the lives of the people you care about.

What types of financial gifts should you consider giving? Let's look at a few possibilities:

Contributions to Section 529 plans - If you have a child (or grandchild) that will be headed off to college in a few years, you may want to contribute to a Section 529 college savings plan. Your contributions may be tax deductible if you are participating in your own state's plan. Plus, your earnings and withdrawals will be exempt from federal taxes as long as the money goes toward paying college costs. (However, withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes.)

Contributions to an IRA - If you know a loved one has an IRA, consider making a contribution. Many people

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



don't fully fund their IRA each year - so any help you can give toward that goal will be important.

Stocks - Consider giving shares of a company that produces products or services that are used by your intended recipient. If you're going to give away some of your own shares, you'll need to know what you originally paid for the stock, how long you've held it and its fair market value at the date of the gift. Recipients of your gift will need this information to determine gains or losses if they decide to sell the stock. You'll also need to determine if you have to pay gift taxes. You can give up to \$12,000 per year, free of gift taxes, to as many people as you want; over your lifetime, you can give up to \$1,000,000 without incurring gift taxes.

Zero-coupon bonds - These types of bonds can make nice gifts if you know that your intended recipient would like to achieve a specific financial goal - such as a new car, a dream vacation, etc. - in a given number of years. You buy a zero-coupon bond - usually issued by the Treasury under the name of STRIPS - at a deep discount; when

the bond matures, you - or in this case, the recipient of your gift - collects the full face value. In other words, the accrued interest is paid at maturity, so you - or the recipient - won't receive periodic interest payments. Keep in mind, however, that these "phantom" interest payments will still be taxed as ordinary income each year until the bond matures. Also, market prices of zero coupon bonds tend to be more volatile than bonds that pay interest regularly.

Charitable gifts - You may want to make a financial gift to an organization in the name of a loved one - especially if this person is an enthusiastic supporter of the charity. Your generosity will be appreciated, and you'll get some significant tax benefits. First, you may get an immediate tax deduction for your gift. Second, you'll avoid paying capital gains taxes by donating appreciated assets, such as stock or real estate. And third, you'll be removing an asset from your taxable estate.

A financial gift can brighten a loved one's holiday season - and your thoughtfulness will be felt long after the holidays are over.

A double investment

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

If you've got kids and are planning to move, you've got your hands full! Before you start looking at homes and packing up boxes of toys, you want to be sure that your new home offers the amenities you are seeking for your school-aged children. Sounds simple enough, but there's really a

lot to consider. You might start your research on the Internet, but you'll also want to speak directly with a real estate agent, school systems, and maybe even the local law enforcement agencies. Like the purchase of your home, your child's education and recreation are investments for the future, and should be based on careful investigation of the facts.

You want a quality school system with low student-teacher ratios and high test scores. You might also want close proximity between your home and the school(s). It's highly recommended to take a "test drive" to determine your commute times between work, school and home - and be sure to do it during rush hour! Commute length can be extremely important when you place a high value on your family time together!

School is obviously paramount, but don't forget places like playgrounds, community recreation centers, libraries, houses of worship, and public transportation to all these destinations. Once you've found a neighborhood that suits you, talk to some of the residents, if possible. Neighbors know best!

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Coal

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sponsors promise, while having harmful unintended consequences. This is particularly true for regulations forcing a shift from coal-fired electric power generation to other forms of energy. It would have almost no impact on future climate change, but it would impose costs on the economy and harm the health of Americans.

I don't know the details of TXU's plans to

build 11 new coal-fired power plants (six of which received preliminary approval in mid-October), and have no idea whether TXU can reduce overall air pollution from their plants statewide, while increasing the amount of electricity they produce. But whether some of all of their proposed coal-fired power plants are eventually built should be made on the basis of a sound

analysis of the present and future need for additional energy when weighed against the pros and cons presented by other possible energy sources.

Together, the Penn State and Brenner studies show that this decision should take into account both the substantial economic impacts and consider the potential indirect public health consequences from reducing coal use.

When the incremental benefits from reduced air pollution and CO2 emissions are weighed against the considerable benefits of low-cost coal generated electricity and the substantial costs from eliminating coal as a power source, coal remains in the black.

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Democrats

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The federal courts agreed that once the primary had been conducted DeLay could not have his name replaced on the ballot simply by moving out of state (he claimed he was now a resident of Virginia but the courts said it was impossible to determine where he would live on election day). This court decision forced the Republicans to field a write-in candidate who then lost to Lampson on election day.

It is yet to be determined whether or not Democrats can pick up an additional seat in the runoff in the 23rd District. However, if Rodriguez does win, it also will be result of a successful legal strategy pushed by Texas Democrats and the Lone Star Project.

The Texas Democratic Party and key Hispanic advocacy groups insisted on taking a challenge to DeLay's congressional redistricting map all the

way to the U.S. Supreme Court even though many people in Texas doubted that the challenge could be successful. The Lone Star Project conducted critical research and provided coordination and encouragement for the legal challenge.

The U.S. Supreme Court rejected most of the challenges to DeLay's redistricting map but ruled that the Texas Legislature had violated the federal Voting Rights Act in the way it redrew the 23rd District in South Texas. The lower court then redrew the 23rd District, adding additional Hispanic voters and, as a result, making the district more competitive for a Democrat.

Since the district was redrawn after the party primaries, the lower court reopened candidate filing and required the winner to have a majority of the votes cast (normally a candidate can win with a plurality in the general

election but not in the case when a district is redrawn late in the cycle).

Bonilla, the Republican incumbent, finished first but did not get a majority. Rodriguez, the Democrat, ran second. Rodriguez now has the full financial backing of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) and it is not inconceivable that he would have a chance to serve in the new Democratic majority in the U.S. House and Bonilla, if re-elected, would be part of the minority.

The dramatic victories in Texas have inspired other Texas Democrats to start thinking about 2008 and the chance to pick up additional State House seats and the opportunity to sweep other urban counties such as Harris (Houston) and Bexar (San Antonio).

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Spanish titles at Library

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We who live in and around Salado enjoy a very diverse culture. We have many Hispanic friends who use our library and in an effort to better serve them, our library received, thru the Central Texas Library Association, a Texas State Library grant in 2006 and again in 2007 to provide for underserved citizens of the community.

As a result, we are building a Spanish language collection in the library and it is coming along nicely. We have a nice variety of items in

Spanish that includes fiction, non-fiction, biography, self-help, magazines, audio and DVD's. Most of the DVD's have English sub-titles or an English language track for those who like international cinema but don't speak Spanish.

Some of the books are by Spanish authors and some are translations into

Spanish of very popular best selling English language books like **The Da Vinci Code**.

Here is a sampling of our current titles:

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There are also non-fiction books such as: the new baby guide **Todobebe: Todo lo que Necesitas Saber para el Primer Ano de Tu Bebe**, books on finance and parenting too, and a handbook on the GED and personal

computers. We also have several books and audios for learning basic English.

We also have a wonderful selection of Spanish language movies in DVD including two that are well known in the English speaking world also: *The Motorcycle Diaries* and *The Sea Inside* as well as many others in romance, comedy and drama.

In the children's department, Miss Emmy has a large selection of bilingual materials for children, some with audio tapes and Spanish language "Easy" books also.

And lastly, we subscribe to a popular Spanish magazine called "Vanidades".

Another form of friendly assistance for our Hispanic neighbors in Salado is the regular ESL-- English As a Second Language--classes that are being held at the First Baptist Church each Tuesday night. Right now there are about 40 students attending and there is free childcare.

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According to No Child Left Behind (NCLB), one- to two-percent of our student population should be served in special education. According to a business model, this one- to two-percent is based upon the number of minimal brain injuries occurring annually in the United States. Thus according to NCLB, 98 percent of students should be successful in the general education classroom with minimal supportive interventions.

If you look at the multitude of recall notices, the business model has failed to fully standardize production or to predict profit margins. I question whether a business model can standardize curriculum, students, academic needs and outcome (profit margin). Do you look at your child and say, "Johnnie is just like everyone else?" Do you want a standardized child?

Eight percent of Salado students receive some type of special education. The State average is 12 percent. One percent of our students receive instruction in some type of full day program such as Early Childhood, Life Skills, or Behavior Management because of physical, academic or emotional reasons

Superintendent's Corner

by Robin Wuebker-Battershell, Ph.D

making it impossible to function in a regular classroom setting. The remaining seven percent receive small group instruction on the home campus. A total of \$635,906 was received for the 2006-07 for special education. Funding is dependent upon the number of students qualifying for services and the severity of their learning challenges and thus programmatic needs.


States vary on the criteria to qualify for special education services. Texas has used a discrepancy model where qualification is contingent upon a standard deviation difference between potential, as measured through an IQ test, and achievement, measured by a criterion referenced test. This model no longer meets the tenets of NCLB and thus Texas is moving to a Response to Intervention (RTI) model where 98% of all students will be served in the general education classroom

with possibly some minimal intervention not to include special education. When these services are provided in the general education setting, school districts receive NO additional special education, state, or federal funding.

The goal of No Child Left Behind becomes unclear at this point. Is the goal to truly ensure that all children are provided curriculum and opportunities for success or is the goal to reduce federal funding for

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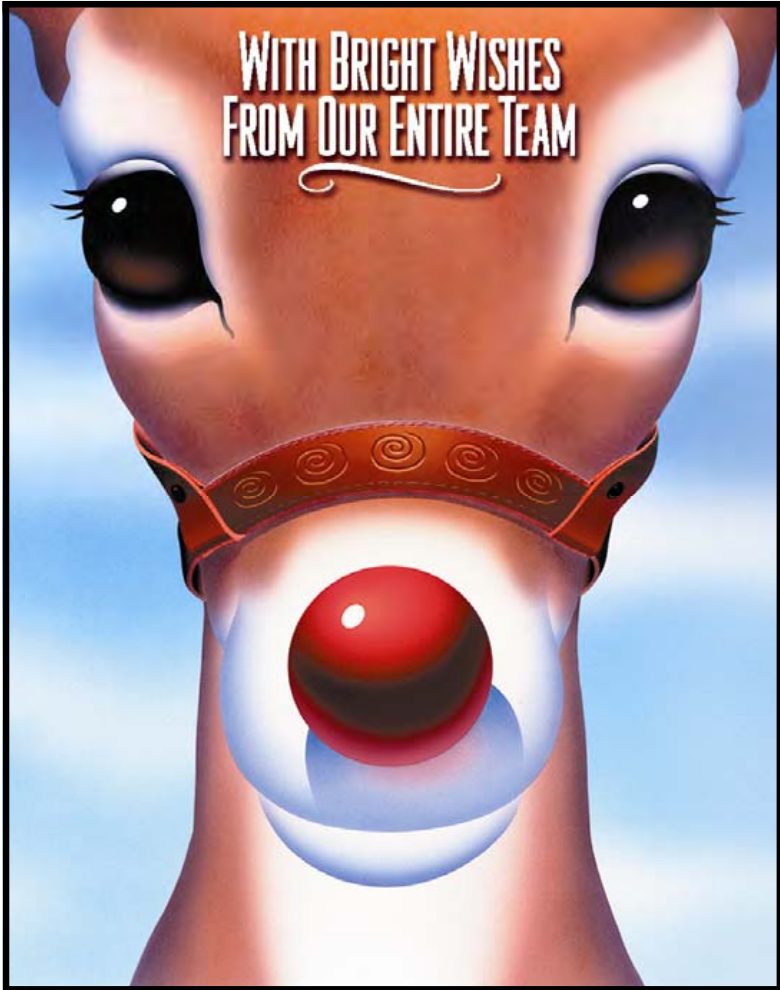
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Eagles win three of four in their own tournament

For the second consecutive tournament, the Eagle cagers advanced to the title game and came away with a second place finish. As the host team at the annual Coach Smith Tournament, Salado dispatched the Belton JV, then Gunter and Brock to earn a spot in the finals against Class 3A Liberty Hill where Salado was defeated 43-29.

In opening the tour-

namment against Belton, Salado rode the hot hand of Clay Sharum - who had a game high 19 points - en route to a 56-43 victory.

The Eagles put together a 19-point opening quarter, and led by eight entering the second. Salado's dominant play continued until the break, with the Eagles opening up a 33-19 half-time advantage. Though Salado's offense cooled to the tune of just six points in the third quarter, Belton was unable to shave much off the Eagle lead. Salado continued to lead by double-digits entering the fourth, and coasted down the home stretch to seal the win.

Behind Sharum's 19 was Noah Harbison, who came through with 13. David Rosenau had 11, and Chad Tumey scored six.

In Salado's second game, the Eagles didn't allow Gunter to score more than nine points in any quarter, paving the way for a 42-29 Salado win.

The Eagles scored 12 points in each of the first two periods, while surrendering just 12 in the half,

giving them a comfortable lead going into the third. The second half did not feature much offense, but Salado scored enough to cruise to a 15-point victory.

Harbison had his second straight 13 point game, while Tumey poured in 16 to lead all scorers. Blake Newman scored six, Rosenau had three and Tanner Myers and Justin Pruitt both had two points.

The Eagles then tipped off against perennial power Brock and put together their best game of the tournament, scoring 33 first half points on the way to a convincing 61-45 win.

Salado came out firing, dropping in 17 first quarter points and 16 in the second to stake themselves to a 33-19 lead at halftime. That margin proved more than enough for the Eagles, as Salado eventually ran away with a 16-point win. The victory was a complete team effort, with nine of 11 players in uniform contributing points. The Eagles were paced by Sharum, who had 13, and New-

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Lady Eagles struggle in Salado tourney

Since starting the season with back-to-back victories, the Lady Eagle basketballers have encountered their share of troubles - having lost eight consecutive games prior to last week's Coach Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament.

Unfortunately for Salado, the team's situation was not much improved by the tournament, as the girls dropped their contests against McGregor, Nazareth and Brock, all by double-digits.

The losses dropped Salado's season record to 2-11, but if there is a silver lining for the team, it's that none of those losses matter when determining which teams qualify for the playoffs. District play began across District 25AA on Dec. 12, in games which took place

after press time, and with district play begins what is often termed as the "second season," and the Lady Eagles still have plenty of time to get headed in the right direction and compete for a berth in the post-season.

The Lady Eagles opened the tournament against McGregor - a team which Salado has struggled against in recent years. Those difficulties continued for Salado, as McGregor outscored Salado 20-2 in the game's opening period and never looked back. McGregor slowed the game down a bit in the second half, resulting in a 47-30 defeat over the Lady Eagles.

Kelsey Gobin's seven points were tops for Salado, while Tamra Stanish and Danielle Hazzard each contributed six points.

Also scoring for Salado were Kristen Smith, five, Kaylan Hearne, four, and Cortney Dunnahoo, two.

Salado's fortunes did not get much better in the tournament's second game, with Salado falling to perennial power Nazareth by a final of 43-22. It was same song, different verse for the Lady Eagles in the this one, as the girls struggled to mount any sort offense in the first, with Nazareth bolting out to a 13-2 lead to open things up. The girls fought to get back in the game in the second and third periods, but could manage a scant four points in the fourth, leading to the lopsided loss.

Dunnahoo and Kristen Smith each recorded seven points on the game, while Hazzard had four. Gobin and Hearne each scored two points.

In the final game of the tournament, the Lady Eagles tipped off again with another traditional state powerhouse, Brock, and fell by a final of 50-26.


Salado began the game playing strong defense, but once again had difficulty scoring points. The defensive effort paid off in the early-going though, as the two clubs battled to a 6-6 tie after one.

In the second, Brock began to heat up from the outside, draining a trio of three pointers and opening a 25-15 halftime lead over the Lady Eagles.

The second half saw Salado continuing its struggles on the offensive end as Brock expanded its advantage to its eventual 24-point final margin.

Gobin led all Salado scorers in this one with her two points.

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Eagles

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man and Harbison, who each registered 10 points. Rosenau had nine, Tumey had seven and Pruitt chipped in six points.

The win over Brock set the stage for Salado's title game match versus Liberty Hill. The Eagles got off to a promising start, with Rosenau draining a pair of three pointers in the first to help Salado gain a 10-7 lead after one. In the second, however, the Eagle offense slowed to a crawl, with Salado's lone point of the frame coming on a free throw by Blake Newman. Liberty Hill took advantage of Salado's offensive struggles by pouring in 17 second period points to take a 24-11 lead to the half.

Salado was able to reverse its fortunes in the third by scoring 15 points to Liberty Hill's five, so that entering the fourth Salado trailed by just three points, 29-26. But in the fourth the Eagle offense again disappeared, as Pruitt's three points accounted for all of Salado's scoring. Liberty Hill, meanwhile, moved ahead for good by scoring 14 to move to the game's 43-29 final.

The Eagles had no players reach double figures,

though Tumey came close, with nine points. Pruitt scored seven, and Sharum and Rosenau each scored six.

On the strength of the second place finish, the Eagles moved their overall mark to 7-3.

Junior High Results Salado 8th A - 39 Trinity Christian - 26

Clint Scarbrough scored 10 points and teammate Braxton Tucker added eight as the eighth grade Eagles coasted to a win over Trinity Christian. Salado scored 16 points in the third to pull away.

Shannon Ponder scored six points, and Cole Brentham, Cole Calder and Hunter Ward each had four. Taylor Ruddick scored three points.

Salado 7th A - 43 Trinity Christian - 19

The seventh graders jumped out a 12-2 lead over Trinity Christian and led by 13 at the half in notching a 24 point victory. Jada Kornegay and Colton Meiman each scored 10 on the game, and Koby Spears and Austin Silva both added six apiece. Cameron Smith had five, Kyle Bradley scored four and Cason Kleypas scored two.

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Cards are welcome: Mrs. Sutton, Rm 49A in care of Hearthstone at Cottonwood, 3002 Jack Rabbit Rd., Temple, TX 76502.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Lesta Sutton's 98th birthday Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. at Hearthstone at Cottonwood in Temple.

Mrs. Sutton was born in the Sparta area Dec. 14, 1908 to Gaston Armstrong and Mary Frances (Ingram) Cockrell.

She moved to Salado in

LADY EAGLES

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nine point effort. Tamra Stanish had six points, Hearne had four and Smith had three. Hazzard and Brittany Gilchrest both scored two points, and Dunnahoo had one.

Junior High Results Salado 7th A - 19 Troy 7th A - 21

The seventh grade Lady Eagles failed to hold on to a fourth quarter lead versus Troy, suffering their first loss of the season. Lorna Payne had six points,

Kirstie McGillic had four, and Abby Rangel, Chelsea Boaz and Chelsea Rank all had two points.

Salado 7th B - 2 Troy 7th B - 0

In a game whose score more closely resembles a baseball or hockey final, Katie Flippo provided the contest's lone basket, coming in the third period, to lead Salado to victory. The B team is undefeated on the season.

Winter Baseball/Softball

Camp slated in Salado Jan. 3-5

CTW Sports announces a Winter Baseball and Softball Camp in Salado Jan. 3-5 at the Salado High School Baseball Field.

The three-day camp will be given noon-3 p.m. for a cost of \$40 for pre-registered students, or \$45 the day of the camp. The cost for two or more siblings is \$35 each. The camp is open to students age six through 18. Each student will be given a t-shirt at the completion of the camp.

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According to Ty Warrick, "Our instructors include college and high school coaches, as well as college and high school baseball players."

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Thomas Arnold Elementary

students compete in UIL District

Thomas Arnold Elementary students competed in the District UIL Meet last week in Florence.

Second Grade:
Courtney Evans-Second Place/ Creative Writing
Parker Seaton-Fourth Place/ Creative Writing

Third Grade:
Malachi Ward-Fifth Place/Ready Writing
Kathryn Steck-Fifth Place/Music Memory
Megan Holdamph-Sixth Place/ Music Memory
Ty Sebesta-Fourth Place/Spelling

Fourth Grade:
Landry Smith-Third Place/Oral Reading and

Third Place/Ready Writing

Katy Croftcheck-First Place/Music Memory
Roddy Noonan-Second Place/Music Memory

Ellis VanSickle-Fifth Place/Number Sense and Fifth Place/Spelling

Rachel Evans-Sixth Place/Number Sense (tie)
Dalton Hankamer-Sixth Place/Number Sense (tie)

Fifth Grade:
Rachel Ray-Fifth Place/Music Memory

Kindell Hill-Sixth Place/Music Memory
Robert Cortes-Sixth Place/Number Sense
Kyle Heiner-Third Place/Spelling

Dane Hankamer-Fourth Place/Spelling
Jordan Drake-Fifth Place/Spelling

Centex Republican Women's Club, PAC to hold Dec. 20 party

The Central Texas Republican Women's Club/Political Action Committee will have a Christmas party and new officer installation on Dec. 20 at the Wildflower Country Club, according to Jean Gosney, CTRW President.

A social will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and an address by justice Dale Wainwright of the Texas Supreme Court. Justice Wainwright will speak on

eminent domain and property rights in Texas.

Following Justice Wainwright's remarks, United States Congressman John Carter will install CTRW officers for 2007.

Deadline for reservations is noon, Dec. 15. Reservations are \$25 per person and may be made by contacting Wanda Slye at 939-7935 or by mailing checks to CTRW, PO Box 4970, Temple, TX 76505.



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Native Texan recalls history of Rangers

Randy Billingsley of the Sons of the Republic of Texas spoke to the Salado Rotary Club at its Dec. 2 meeting

Billingsley is from Maysfield, Texas and was formerly a Longshoreman in Pasadena, Texas. He is Past President of the local for the Longshoremen of the Pasadena area. His program was on some of the background of the Texas Rangers, an interest he developed by searching his genealogy and discovering the Texas background of his ancestors.

Along with his studies of the Rangers he found that the Bureau of Vital Statistics issues a "native Texas" birth certificate which he proudly displayed.

He opened the discussion of the Rangers noting

that they were started in 1823 by Stephen F. Austin to protect settlers from Indian attack. The average age of the early Rangers was only 25 and they averaged 5'6" and 125 pounds. His main theme was the outfits required for the gorilla type fighting they did.

These original Rangers wore buckskin outfits similar to those we now see in Davey Crockett reenactments. He noted the buckskin was necessary to protect from mesquite barbs, while the tassels on the sleeves were necessary to shed water so the buckskin would not absorb the water and swell.

He also had a replica flintlock rifle and demonstrated how it was loaded and fired. Contrary to popular belief the rifles

were not loaded by dumping the powder from the Powder Horn in to the barrel; the correct amounts of powder were carefully measured in advance to prevent premature firing and explosion of the rifle.

The rifle he had is an exact replica of Davey Crockett's "Old Betsy". Rangers carried a rifle, shotgun and two pistols, in addition to a Bowie knife, and hatchet.

One of the interesting stories on the history

of the Rangers was when legendary Ranger Hayes and his deputies first got revolvers that could fire five consecutive shots. Their first encounter with the Indians after acquiring the pistols he had his troops fire the flintlock rifles; the Indians, thinking the Rangers would need time to reload attacked, whereupon the Rangers drew their pistols and dispatched eight attackers.

REPORTED BY GERRY REIHSEN.

In the rush of events, we tend to overlook the important friendships that are the true basis of business relationships. One of the great pleasures of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to exchange greetings with those whose friendship and goodwill are valued so highly.

In this spirit it is a pleasure to say "Thank You" and extend sincere appreciation for the very pleasant association enjoyed with you.

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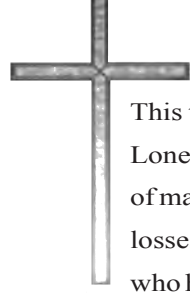
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Hills celebrate 60th
 Louis and Fannie Hill, of Salado, are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with a party held in their honor 3-5 p.m. Dec. 16 the home of Marvin and Glenda Hill, 4320 FM 2484. The party, hosted by their children Russ and Lynda Harris and Marvin and Glenda Hill, is a come-and-go reception all are invited to attend. Call Marvin Hill for directions 947-2542. The Hills were married Dec. 24, 1946.



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Matthews memorial held Dec. 8 in Salado

A service of celebration was held Dec. 8 for Reverend George McAfee Matthews and Phoebe Francis Matthews at Salado United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Virginia Kinnison of Salado; sons Neil Matthews of Ingram, TX, Cort Matthews of Bayside, CA and Bruce Matthews of Sheboygan, WI; step-children Paul Kinnison, William Kinnison and Karen Virginia Kinnison of Salado; a brother Jewel Matthews of Michigan; a sister Charlotte Dison of Houston; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his first wife Elmora Francis Messer.

Matthews was born Aug 26, 1922 in Weatherford, Texas to Jewel Matthews and Phoebe Francis Dabney Matthews.

He served his country during World War II as an apprentice seaman in the U.S.N.R. from Oct. 1942 to Oct. 1946.

He attended North Texas State, Perkins Seminary at S.M.U. and Vanderbilt University. He served as a United Methodist Minister in Texas and Tennessee from 1945 until 2005 with his most recent charge being in Star, Texas. He was the pastor of Salado United Methodist Church from 1964 to 1966.

Memorials may be made to Salado United Methodist Church.

Norma Lee Gwin passes away Dec. 10

Norma Lee Gwin, 79, of Belton died Dec. 10, 2006 in a Belton Health Care Center.

Services for Norma L. Gwin were held Dec. 12 at the Scanio-Harper Funeral Home in Temple with Minister Gene Greer officiating.

Gwin was born in Arkansas the daughter of Howard and Jewel Robinson Gwin. She worked in Industry as a parts specialist before retiring and moving to the Temple Belton area. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Gwin is survived by one son David Land of Temple, one brother Harold Jean Gwin of Mishawaka, Indiana, one niece Sharon Young of Florence and a sister-in-law Lou Gwin of Osceola, Indiana.



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Green Berets present Christmas toys; Toys go to Bell County human services

Special Forces Association Chapter officers and members presented the group's annual load of Christmas toys to Bell County Human Services at 201 E. Avenue D, Killeen on Dec. 11.

President-elect Wes Morganfield congratulated outgoing President Earl Trabue, Project Director Carl and Lois Vertrees, for another successful endeavor that will bring Christmas cheer to many of our communities' neediest children. Morganfield

said the Christmas Toys project is just another way the Special Forces veterans quiet professionals continue to service the community.

SFA members served in units officially listed on the 1st SF lineage certificate as well as Office of Strategic Services, Ranger units, Partisan Forces Korea, 110th Recon, and school assignments requiring a PCS from any SF unit in conjunction with Special Forces Duty.

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Families in Crisis shelter Christmas list includes daily needs

Share the holiday spirit with children and adults spending the season in the Families in Crisis shelters.

These are some of the items needed:

Infants and toddlers need developmental toys, crib gyms, play-doh, paints, stuffed animals, push and pull toys, balls and blocks.

Pre-school and up need coloring books, dolls, craft kits, craft supplies, science kits and sports equipment.

Teen boys and girls need photo albums, CD players, radios, art supplies, watches, jewelry, cosmetics, backpacks and journals. Other items could be personal care such as cologne, scented bath sets, hair accessories, and manicure kits.

Adult gifts for men and women include robes, watches, jewelry, purses, wallets, gloves, stationery, phone cards.

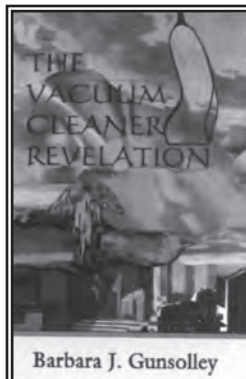
All ages can use pajamas, board games, hand-held games and puzzles.

Gift cards from local stores WalMart, Target, Hastings, Killeen Mall, salons, spas, restaurants, movie, bowling, skating

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Mr. Allen is a Professor in the Central Texas College Department of Social Sciences, where he has been teaching Philosophy, Comparative and World Religions full time for 19 years.

Tom Allen holds a B.S. in Education from the University of North Texas and a Masters in Theology from Harding University.

TBC International earns top accounting honors

The December issue of Accounting Technology magazine includes a special insert recognizing the "The Select 100 -- 2006 Pacesetters". These 100 companies were chosen because of their aggressiveness in developing new markets, adding additional software products along with innovative service offerings for small and medium sized enterprises. This is the second honor TBC International, Inc. has received from Accounting Technology during this past year. Just recently, TBC was chosen as one of the 2006 Killer Vars in the accounting software industry.

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Auxiliary honors presidents

The Board of Directors of the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary will host the group's Presidents' Coffee 10 a.m. Dec. 14 at the Salado Civic Center.

Those being honored at the coffee are original members of the auxiliary since 1978. The ladies are being honored for what they started and still continue to work with today; an example, Christmas in

October.

The newly elected officers will be recognized and include Jo Glass, president; SaraBeth Caruth, secretary; LaNora Miller, treasurer; and Trish Stebbins, Chamber of Commerce Liaison. Newly appointed committee chairs will be introduced at the coffee.

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Salado students make TFA history by qualifying for state in single tourney



Lauren Culver and Dixie Darling.

While other teenagers might spend their weekends catching a movie or hanging out with friends, Salado High School's Lauren Culver and Dixie Darling are busy making history. Competing at Westlake-Austin at one

of the largest qualifying tournaments in the state, Culver and Darling were the first duo interpretation team ever in Texas to receive enough points for a Texas Forensic Association (TFA) state qualification in a single tournament.

"This isn't just a win; it's going down in the TFA archives. We are thrilled beyond belief, but not surprised. The girls made up their minds, set the goal, and went for it," said J. J. Jonas, SHS interp coach.

The Texas Forensic Association voted to make duo interpretation

a state-qualifying event in October of this year at the annual Texas Speech Communication Association convention in Amarillo. Since becoming an official qualifying event, no duo team had earned enough points in a single tournament to qualify for the state meet.

After qualifying in Duet Acting earlier this year with their portrayal of two female soldiers in Iraq, Culver and Darling debuted a duo performance at Westlake Austin this past weekend involving a girl who accidentally set her family home on fire as a child and has kept the secret for 26 years.

"We decided that we wanted to compete in this new event, so a couple of weeks ago, we found a script and started working on it. We worked about four to five hours a day since then and it really paid off," said Culver.

Duo interpretation differs from duet acting as duet partners can interact directly; duo partners cannot look at each other or touch their partner during a performance.

"The degree of difficulty is really challenging because of the abstract choreography and blocking," said Darling. "In order to shake hands, for example, two actors use a technique called "split focus" in which they both

face the audience and time their actions perfectly to create the illusion of the action simultaneously."

Salado students who have qualified for the TFA state meet in other events this year include: Dixie Darling in Dramatic Interpretation; Tyler Cook in LD Debate and Domestic Extemp; Magan Bradshaw in LD Debate; Dixie Darling and Lauren Culver in Duet Acting. Culver needs only one point to qualify for the state meet in Oratory and two points to qualify in Humorous Interpretation; Darling needs four points in Humorous Interpretation.

Other Salado students are inching their way up the ladder: each have earned one of the eight qualifying points: Josh Benolken and Nathan Peters in Duet Acting; Josh Benolken, Danielle Danford, and Crystal Schoellmann in Humorous Interpretation; Crystal Schoellmann in Dramatic Interpretation; and Magan Bradshaw in Domestic Extemp.

Salado High School is the only 2A school in Texas with students qualified for the TFA state meet. They will be presenting a showcase performance at the annual STARS conference in Salado on Jan. 25.

Tim Cook, J. J. Jonas, and Terri Robinson coach the SHS speech, debate, and drama teams.

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- Tues: Fried Chicken (Hoagie, Chef Salad), Peas, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Fresh Fruit, Rolls, Milk
- Wed: Pepperoni Pizza (Yogurt & Fruit Plate, Hoagie), Corn, Breadstick, Peaches, Milk

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- Tues: Chicken Nuggets, Hamburger, Frito Lay, Corn, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Pineapple
- Wed: Chicken Sandwich, Pepperoni Pizza, Red Potatoes, Baked Potatoe, Salad, Corn, Breadstick

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Salado has been a long time gathering place for groups of Red Hat Ladies, but this past weekend was a very special gathering of the ladies. For the first time, a group of Red Hat Ladies from around the state gathered for lunch and the Christmas Stroll. All of the ladies are deaf and came to Salado from Austin, San Marcos and Dallas Fort Worth. Santa Claus, who is also deaf, paid a surprise visit to the ladies as they gathered at the Stagecoach Inn for lunch. The ladies reported having a great time in Salado and look forward to other gatherings.

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What's happening

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 of Central Texas," 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 Doochickey'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 16-17

Salado Humane Society, in conjunction with PetSmart in Georgetown, will be taking holiday photos with Santa at the Georgetown PetSmart, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. PetSmart will donate \$5 to the Salado Humane Society for every photo package purchased on the Dec. 16-17. Package cost is \$9.95 or just \$8.95 with a

PetSmart PetPerks card. Package includes two photos and two holiday frames. For those looking for the perfect Christmas present, please view Salado Humane Society's adoptable pets on their website: www.saladohumanesociety.org.

DECEMBER 18

Salado Public Library hosts Santa Claus during Ms. Emmy's Storytime, 11:15 a.m. Children and parents encouraged to attend.

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

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DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 5

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

DECEMBER 31

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

2007 JANUARY 16

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

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JANUARY 16

41st Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Time, location and other information to be announced. For information, call Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

JANUARY 25

Meet Your County Officials forum sponsored by Salado Area Republican Women, 6 p.m. at the Halley House. Buffet dinner: \$20. Info: 947-3617.

JANUARY 29

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

FEBRUARY 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 Interna-

tional 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

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Over the past few weeks we have discussed some of the basic principles of our health, specifically our gut health.

Though the majority of health and fitness professionals may still continue to focus the majority of their energy on helping their clients become fit by eating less and exercising more, the truth is that we need to be well before fit and we need to focus on our gut health just as much

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN MCCAULEY



as our mental health.

That is why we have spent the last month focusing on food allergies, food intolerances and now, Leaky Gut Syndrome. A proper nutritional program is the most important component of creating optimal health.

For the majority of Americans struggling with their well-being, consuming the proper diet is a 24 hour, 7 days a week and 365 days a year challenge. I believe that if we focused our energy on not how much we consume but the quality of what we consume and how it affects our bodies we would find our country in a much healthier state. That brings us to the topic of today, Leaky Gut Syndrome. Do you suffer from Leaky Gut

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Lighthouse Family Network, a Christian child-placing agency, desires to serve abused, neglected, and delinquent youth at their point of need. Currently, Lighthouse houses approximately 80 children in foster homes.

The Bright Light Tree Project gives local businesses the opportunity to sponsor a Bright Light Tree. Among the local Bright Light Tree locations in Bell County are the Lighthouse Family Network office, located in Salado Plaza, and the 3C Cowboy Fellowship. All trees all adorned with ornaments bearing the name of a child. Sponsors can then select a child's ornament, purchase a gift and return it unwrapped or in a gift bag to the Salado Lighthouse office, where the Lighthouse staff will distribute the gifts to the appropriate foster families before Christmas.

In addition, a gift donor form will also be available at each Bright Light tree location.. Lighthouse Fam-

ily Network is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

Lighthouse Family Network traces its origins to 1969, when Leona Lambert opened her home to young boy whose mother was unable to care for him. Lambert worked, along with her husband, until her death in 1991.

For more information about the Bright Light Tree Project call 947-3152.

Calendar

Antiques," presented by Jimmy Murchison. Public is welcome.

FEBRUARY 26

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

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 2

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

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.

lagevoice.com for information as the days draw closer.

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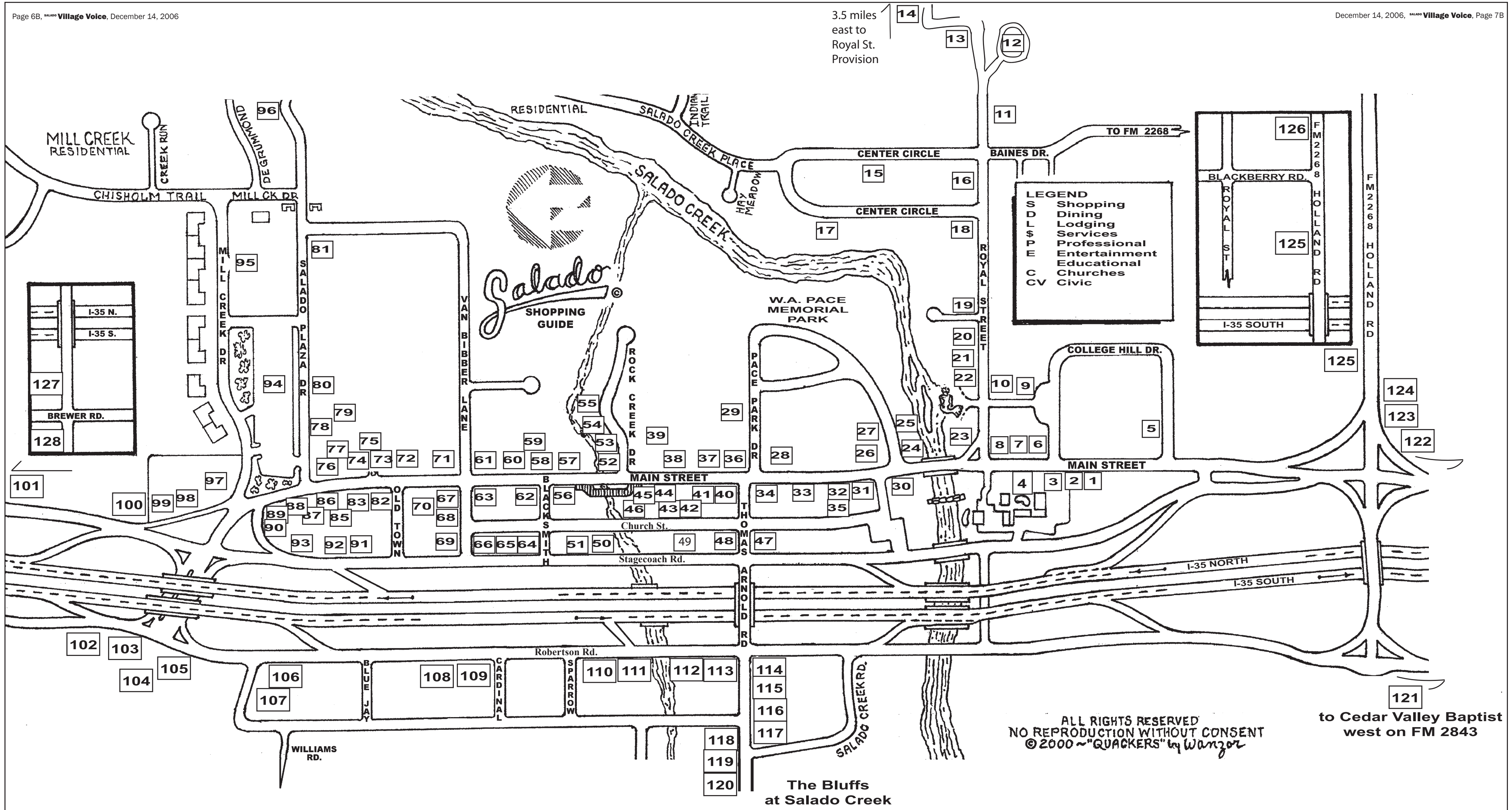
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Mrs. Walters Class

Ryan Dunnahoo

Dear Santa: Hi this is Ryan Dunnahoo. How are you? How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? How is Blitzen and Dasher? This year I would like a NBA game and a new basketball and a cat and a dog and money. And can you get Andy a dirtbike and I would like

you to get Preston a X-box 360 and that is all I want. Merry Christmas!

Brianna Garner

Dear Santa: How is Rudolph? How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? Santa can I please have a purple phone and a video camera. Can my mom please have a new car. Have a merry christmas.

Zackery Hoover

Dear Santa: How has Blitzen been? And all the hardworking elvs? Well I have gotten in trouble some. It is ok if I can tell you what I want for Christmas. Can I please have an Xbox? And please get me a guitar. Thank you.

Alex Carmona

Dear Santa: How are you? How is in the North Pole? I want for Christmas is Wii, Spy Gear, phone, hot wheel cars, a capuder. My friend is sick can you get hem something good for hem.

Anne Burton

Dear Santa: Hows Miss Clas? Is she doing good? Duse she feed the rain deer and elves? I relly like roodoff, comit, cupid, donr, blitsun, dashr, dansr. Santa can I please have a bunny, pupy, kitten and video camra and can my frend have plane tickets for this summer. I relly want my frend Amber to visit. Good luke.

Tyler Polston

Dear Santa: What I want for Cristmas is a Taco N Sect. For my aunt, I want you to get her some earrings. And for my uncle, I want you too get him a new phone.

Ellie Bragg

Dear Santa: Hi I'm Ellie S. Bragg. I can't wate till Christmas! How are you, Mrs. Cluas, raindeer and the elves? Can I please have the six oldest off of Barbie and the twelve dancing Prensesis, spy ger, a trampulene, and a Genive doll ware you and her can dance? Can you please get this for some-one eles? Three cheeta shirts.

Payton Dreitz

Dear Santa: This is Payton Dreitz. I've been good this year (I think.) I have all A's thats good. My family is doing fine. This year I want a i-Dog, i-Pod and stuffed animal. Thanks for the gifts last year. My brother wants a psp for Chistmas. How are the raindeer and Mrs. Clause? Are you still full from the cookies last year? How are the eleves? Your Friend Payton.

Malachi Ward

Dear Santa: Thank you for the motor scooter last year. I love it. How is Mrs. Clause? Tell her I said hi. I have been good this year. I want Yu-Gi-Oh cards and a dog this year. My sister wants a barbie for her collection. I hope you hav a merry

Christmas.

Malory Schattle

Dear Santa: This year I have been very good. How have you been? Are your rein-deer doing ok? This year I would like an MP3 player. I also want an art set. Last but not least I would want an Texas Longhorn jersey. I am giving you a stuffed animal to a needy child. Thank you. You are the Best!

Ryan Flanagan

Dear Santa: How has your year been? I have not been bad this month. I wish you a Merry Christmas! I would like a Lego Star Wars 2 for PS2. If you don't think I've been good enough for that I would like Star Wars Battleship. I would like my brother to have a new Cars Video game. Well I guess that raps up my letter. Good bye!

Madison Smith

Dear Santa: This is Madison Smith. How have you been doing. I've mostly been good. This year I need a pink and blue cell phone or a green pink or blue i-pod or dream life. I think unlike the movie Santa Clause 3 - The escape clause you will be on time. For Christmas this year Peyton Best wants a longhorn t-shirt, could you arrange that for him. By the way are you still full from the cookies last year.

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Maria Zabaleta

Dear Santa: Como esta el benado? Puedo saber como estas? Yo quiero una casa para mi gato. Yo quiero una cama para mi gato.

Gema Vitolas

Dear Santa: How is Mrs. Claus? And the elves, I hop they are ok. How are you? I bete it's cold in the North Pole. Santa I want a durt bike and a basketball hoop for Christmas. Santa in Mexico people are poor. Can you please give them presints. Thanks Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Mrs. Van Winkle's Class

Megan Daniell

Dear Santa: How are the reindeer? How is Rudolph? I hop Mrs. Claus is O.K. too. If you have some time, I would like these for Christmas: Casey and I would like to have ballet owfits with shoes. May you make them pink and blue. And we would like to have Barbe in 12 Dancing Princesses. And my mom would like some fuzzy p.j.'s. Dad would like poker chips. Merry Christmas.

Kira Stevens

Dear Santa: How is Rudolph? He is my favorit you know. Please can I have a scatboard, books, joolry? Somone needs help with things arand the houes. Merry Christmas.

Madeline Moore

Dear Santa: How's Rudolph and Mrs. Claus? How are you? How are

the other reindeer? Me and my brother need a go cart chain. May I have a kareokee and a cheetha girls poster and a music CD Now 20, Now 21, and Now 22? May I have all the cheetha girls atergraphs? May I have the cheetha girls 1 the movie and the cheetha girls 2 the movie?

Miriam Marin

Dear Santa: How is Rudolph, and Miss Claus? I want to ask you for what kind of present I want. I want a soft cat, doll and a real puppy dog. I want to go at least two days to go visit my Dad that is working in Mississippi.

Josh Peschel

Dear Santa: How are you doing? How are the raindeer? This is what i would like. Yu-gi-oh! cards fast action football a dog. Let Jonathan Pipher my best freind have the best Chrithsmas.

Raul Armenta

Dear Santa: How is Rudulph? I good, and you? How is Mrs. Claus. Santa I want a ps2 and a football and a TX Longhorn shirt Santa a friend is having a hard time paying attetion may you give her a bratz.

Matthew Lastovica

Dear Santa: How are you and Mrs. Claus and the reendeer? I have a long list of thangs. Please don't make it hard on your self. Please send an Xbox 360, roubix cube, Halo 2, Destroy All Humans 2, an ipod, and Call of Duty 3. There is a boy at school how might like a old antick modil car. Marry Christmas!

Abigail Grace Quick

Dear Santa: How are you? In music we are working on Christmas songs for a concert. WE've been working in them since November at least before Thanksgiving. Anyway, for Christmas I'd like some iceskates and a littlest-pet-shop, maybe roller blades I'm not sure...

really I'm happy cause my dads home. The friend I'd like to give a present to is Mariam and I'd like you to give her a box of chocolates. Yum!

Mikaela Rountree

Dear Santa: How have the reindeer been? How is Mrs. Claus? Are you tired from last year at all? Thank you for presents last year. Santa may I have a puppy? May I have a cat or a computer or maybe something you would lik;e to bring me? Any thing you would like. Can you please get something for other kids. Kids that don't have any thing. Please give them something to play with like a dog or a cat. Thank you Santa Claus thank you.

Kathryn Kay Champion

Dear Santa: How is dancer? Is he being good this year? How is Mrs. Claus? Is she going ice skating on Christmas Eve? Hear are some presents that I wish for. A Doll house, go cart, new alarm clock, new horse stick, and a eye dog. And can you please get my brother Daneil a vidogame. Please! Love you Santa hope you have a white Christmas!

Addie Ashe

Dear Santa: How are you? How is Mrs. Clause? How are your reindeer? I would like Ashlyri off the Twelve dancing princesses. I know a girl named Marian who just moved to Salado. It would just be great if she got lots of friends and presents. It would make me and her feel very, very, happy.

Peyton Kyburz

Dear Santa: How are

you? How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? How cold is it up there? I want a PSP for Cristmas and please leave a Gameboy somewhere. If that is too much to ask you then I guess I better be going. My friend Alex would like a new basketball.

Jonathan Mark Phifer

Dear Santa: For Christmas can you only make me 2 gifts if you can? If you can not make thes gifts you do no haf to. For Christmas can you pleas git me a PSP and a iPod? Pleas. Win 2th grade was over we hade a sumer vacktion. I sal a girl on the strate. She was a por girl and for Christmas pleas give hear a new house.

Alexander Soto

Dear Santa: How are the reindeer and Mrs. Claus and you? Have you had a graet year? I would like a PSP, game boy, and a pac man game? Some one in my family needs a shirt and pants. Have a great Christmas.

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E. Having problems with your liver? If the gut can't do its job it will overburden the liver.

F. Struggling with bacteria or yeast infections? A leaky gut leads to a free pass for these infections into the bloodstream.

Yes, a healthy gut is very important. Once the health of the gut is compromised it is evident that a plethora of symptoms may occur. At this point, we in America may spend the rest of our life dealing with symptoms, not the initial problem; a leaky gut!

Before I explain exactly what Leaky Gut Syndrome is, let's discuss some basics of the gut, or gastrointestinal tract: the gut digests food, absorbs small food to be converted into energy, helps transport vi-

tamins and minerals into the bloodstream, aids in chemical detoxification, and is the first line of defense against infection.

Without a healthy gut, we cannot be healthy.

What is Leaky Gut Syndrome? Simply, Leaky Gut Syndrome is the condition where large spaces develop between the cells of the gut wall allowing bacteria, toxins and food to leak into the bloodstream.

What can cause Leaky Gut Syndrome (LGS)? Here is a short list: chronic poor diet, stress, alcohol, food intolerances and allergies, and pharmaceutical drugs.

The symptoms of LGS can be as small as bloating and heartburn to as great as depression and chronic fatigue, plus everything

in between. It makes sense; take a look at this cycle:

Highly stressed adult chronically consumes foods that they are intolerant to or are of no nutritional value; they then develop Leaky Gut Syndrome, which leads to more allergies which leads to a challenged immune system, which leads to more symptoms.

Your gut health is of utmost importance, so focus on the "what" you put in your body, not just the "how

much."

Kevin McCauley M.A., a certified personal trainer and clinical nutritionist, is owner/operator of Progressive Wellness Services in Salado. He is a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach that is helping families attain wellness through improved lifestyle choices, including nutrition and exercise. Kevin can be contacted at youbewell@earthlink.net.



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How to predict rainfall with only the use of an onion

On the last day of every year, Butch Sohm of Hamilton prepares a rain forecast for the coming year.

"My grandpa and uncle used to do it and I just picked up the tradition," says Butch. "I've been

keeping it going for a long time now. It's pretty accurate." He uses a white onion to

do the forecast. He showed me how he does it.

"You've got to cut the onion in half, trying to get as close to the middle as you can, so that each half of the onion will be equal in size. You've got to wait until December 31st to do it. That's the way my uncle and grandpa did it. I always start about fifteen or twenty minutes before midnight on December 31st."

He peels off the layers of onions and creates 12 little onion bowls. Each one represents a month. He arranges these in two rows of six. The top row represents January to June; the bottom row represents July to December. The biggest bowls are on the left, then they gradually get smaller, with the smallest ones on the right.

"There's a fine piece of skin inside the onion that you have to peel out. My wife helps me with that. She's really good at it. It's pretty hard, but once you get the hang of it, it's pretty easy. Then you get a teaspoon and some salt. Put a teaspoon of salt in each one of these, and never touch them after you put the salt in. Then let them

by
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sit for forty-five minutes to an hour. Then you take a look. Some of those little onions will be full of water and running over and some onions will be dry and cracked. Those are the months that'll be real dry. The ones with water in them will be the wet months. Some of them will have just teardrops in them. That means a little bit of rain for that month. But you can look at each one and you'll have the rain forecast for the whole year, whether it'll be wet or dry. I've seen some of those onions just pour out the water. I remember one year all the onions had water in them and it turned out to be a very wet year. People were wishing it would stop raining."

Butch has some land and depends on his onion to tell him when to plant and fertilize. He says it's real important to make

sure that that fine piece of skin is removed from each little bowl. They won't draw the moisture if that's still there.

Butch does his forecasting in an unheated room inside his house. He usually lays out his onion pieces on a board. As the new year approaches, he carefully looks at each one, writes a forecast for each month, then throws away the onions.

Butch and his wife own a barbecue place in Hamilton called the Smoke Shack. Customers, especially around the first of the year, are anxious to get Butch's rain forecast.

"I show them the piece of paper I wrote the forecast on. Sometimes they get out a pencil and make their own copy. If the onion indicates it's gonna be dry, they want me to make it rain. But I can't."

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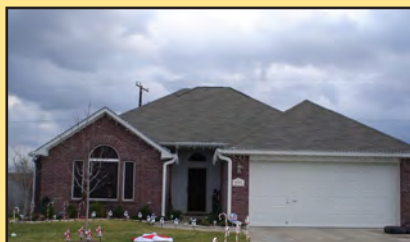
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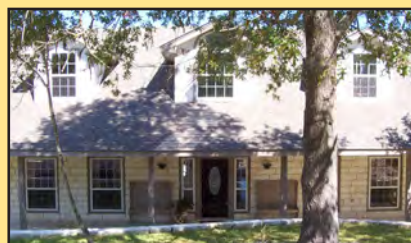
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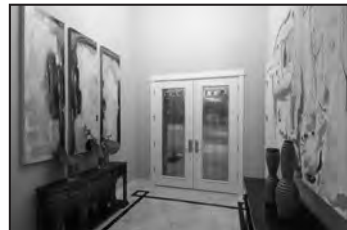
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The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholarships can provide funding for tuition, room and board, required fees and textbooks for the length of the undergraduate degree which is generally two years. Each award can total up to \$30,000 annually, though the amounts will vary based on such factors as the cost of the institution each recipient attends.


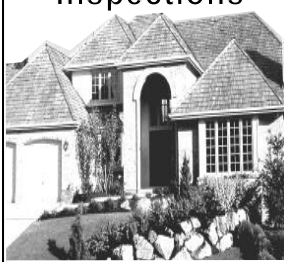
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to award approximately 50 scholarships through the program in spring 2007. It will renew awards each year based upon student performance. Current students are eligible for the scholarships as are alumni who earned a community college degree since May 2002 and have not since transferred to a four-year college. All scholarship candidates must be nominated by the faculty representative at their community college or two-year institution. The CTC representative is Tasha Gardner. She can be reached at 254-526-1409 or via e-mail at tasha.gardner@ctcd.edu.

The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2007. The list of faculty representatives and application materials are available on the Foundation's website, www.jackkent-cookefoundation.org, or by calling toll-free 1-800-498-6478.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE OF SALADO BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

1. AMENDMENTS

A. Add "Auction Business" to the Zoning Ordinance Use Chart as Permitted within Local Retail districts with one stipulation; 1) auctions to be held indoors only, no outside auction items.

B. Add "Auction Business" to the Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance to be described as: The business of auctioning items within an auction building. Any auction business must use an auctioneer licensed by the State of Texas and report all sales tax to the State.

C. Add a fee of \$75.00 for requesting Zoning Ordinance amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Fee Schedule.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this, the 7th day of December, 2006, by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions of the Board of Aldermen.

A complete copy of this ordinance may be obtained at the Village office at .10 cents a page.



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36 acres, west **SOLD**. \$6,000 per acre. 33.20 acres southeast of Salado. Great for Horses! **\$182,600.**

Lot in Mill Creek. Perfect for a Patio Home!

Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. 10 acres oak trees, electricity & well, **\$130,000.**

2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.**

3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecans & live water. **\$35,000.**

44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees Will divide.

Lot overlooking Salado Creek, ~~\$50,000~~ reduced to **\$29,900!**

Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188.

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Lot 231 & 232 Hidden Springs: Over 8 gorgeous tree-covered acres with Willingham Creek frontage. **\$200,000.**

Commercial

1.32 acre fronting I-35 with home, **\$350,000**

30 acres fronting I-35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn.

.87 acres off N. Stagecoach Rd. **\$147,408.**

Approx 2.5 acres off College Hill with small home for ~~\$300,000~~. **UNDER CONTRACT**

Bell County

5+ acres fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. Belton city water available. ~~\$200,000~~. **SOLD**

Exit 305 North of Temple. .54 acres with existing station. Excellent business opportunity.

We have buyers interested in your Salado area residential, acreage and commercial real estate. Call 947-5577 to connect with these buyers.



Virtual Tour!

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



Virtual Tour

Outstanding view from this one of a kind Texas Design Estate. Stainless Steel Kitchen Aid Appliances, Granite Counters Throughout, & Much More!!! 5BR/3.5BA **\$424,900.**



Open and spacious! Great location in Mill Creek. Features marble and pergo flooring, nice master suite, fenced backyard with covered patio. 3 BR/2BA/2GA Priced at **\$174,900.**



Great Price with Excellent Location! Open Floorplan, sprinkler system, alarm system, storage shed and much more to this 3BR/2BA/2GA. Priced at **\$149,900.**



Virtual Tour!

Unbelievable Kitchen! Stainless steel propane cooktop, custom cabinets and granite countertops. All on over 2 tree-covered acres. **\$269,900.**



UNDER CONTRACT

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



Updated Spanish Hacienda. Features include central vac and intercom systems, hardwood floors, spacious master suite, wood beams, stone pillars, granite counters, indoor, outdoor fireplaces. **\$539,900.**



Spectacular Texas ranch-style home highlighted by its extravagant wood craftsmanship. Granite counters and exposed beams make this 4 BR/3.5BA/2GA a must-see! **\$489,900.**



Absolutely beautiful traditional home in Mill Creek. Extra large bedrooms, 2 fireplaces, sun room, game room, large covered porches and patios, etc. Priced at **\$297,500.** Call for more info.

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