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School, infrastructure top stories of 2006 in Salado

By CHRIS MCGREGOR AND TIM FLEISCHER

Like many other small communities, concerns of Saladoans tend to center around the schools. A sampling of issues from the rapidly fading year shows 2006 to be little different in that regard.

If judged by headlines and column inches, a pair of stories ignited the most interest and debate. Back in February, local voters approved two bond propositions - totaling over \$16 million combined - to fund the construction of a new high school campus as well as renovations on current campuses and expansion of athletic facilities. A year earlier, in April 2005, voters rejected a \$17 million proposal. Many attributed the suc-

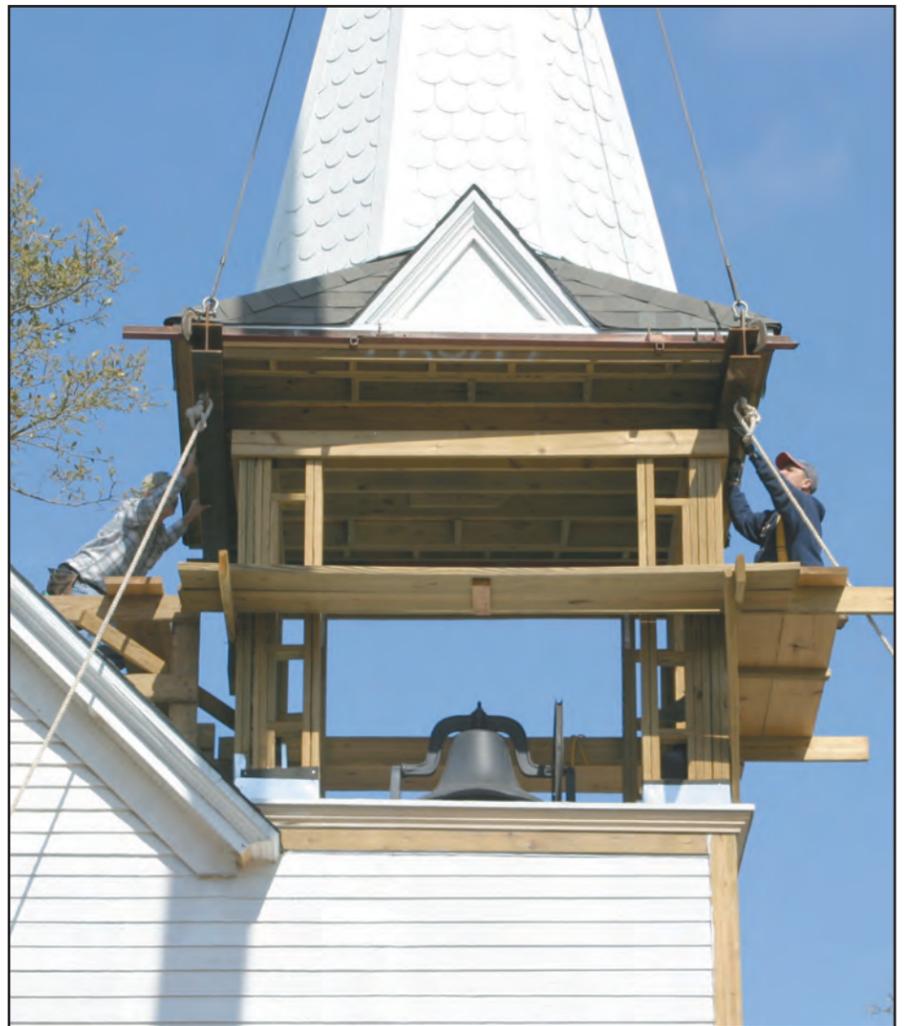
cess of the 2006 package to the trustees' decision to exclude the building of new athletic facilities within the package. Both proposals passed by comfortable margins.

With voter approval secured, the school board moved ahead, and at present is working to finalize design plans, which will then be sent out for bid early next year. The new campus will sit on 50 acres of land on Williams Road and FM 2484. Tentatively, the new campus may be ready for students in the Fall of 2008.

Another point was made clear by Saladoans in 2006: Don't mess with tradition. For over eight decades Salado had been known as the Eagles, though nothing existed on the books to make the

long-standing affiliation official. Upset by what they viewed as a promotion of the term 'Warbird' as a theme in Salado's sports programs, a group of local residents organized a petition to formally adopt the Eagle as the mascot and discontinue use of the term 'Warbird.' Approximately 200 residents, most of them life-long Saladoans, signed the petition, and trustees responded by unanimously voting to make the Eagle the official school mascot. The board also adopted red and white as the official school colors, and "Red and White Forever" as the official school song.

Throughout the year, the impending possibility of the Trans-Texas Corridor carving aggressively



Scenes of 2006

Clockwise, from top right: The steeple of the Salado United Methodist Church chapel was placed early in the year; the conceptual plans for the new Salado High School campus at the corner of FM 2484 and Williams Rd. were completed; Justine Ferrell-Raborn was crowned Salado High School Homecoming Queen while Robert Cloud was named Homecoming King; Salado Volunteer Fire Department put this new emergency response vehicle into action this year; a statue of Jesus as the Shepherd was placed at the Methodist Church, sculpted by local artist Troy Kelley.



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Fireworks banned

If you are planning to shoot off fireworks in the Salado area to celebrate New Year's, you better give it a second thought as Bell County Commissioners approved a ban on fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the County. In addition, the Village of Salado has a permanent ban on the use of fireworks in the Village.

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The Obama Opening

There are four words that even the most devoted Clinton haters probably never want to have to utter again -- the Rose Law Firm. And there is one word that, after eight years, even the most committed Bush haters will grow tired of -- Halliburton.

The Rose Law Firm was Hillary Clinton's firm back in Arkansas that was the focus of a little criminal activity and a lot of obsessive right-wing conspiracy-mongering. Halliburton is the former Dick Cheney energy firm that Democrats in Congress will spend the next two years investigating. Both entities represent, more than anything else, the putrid partisanship and malicious monomania that have characterized the 14, going on 16, years of the Clinton-Bush era.

After all this, who doesn't hunger for a clean break? Thus the energy behind the possible presidential bid of Illinois Sen. Barack Obama. He is the only presidential candidate from either party about whom there is a palpable excitement. And that is because everything about him says, "I'm not a Bush, I'm not a Clinton, and can we please talk about something else?"

It will be manifestly good for the country if it elects a president in 2008 who doesn't elicit yowling hatred from the other side. Hillary Clinton probably will, and that's a mark against her. But even on the left there's a certain weariness with Clinton.

On the Republican side, the most talented and accomplished Republican officeholder in the country, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, is sitting '08 out precisely because of the baggage that currently attaches to his last name.

At the moment, nothing but sweetness and light attach to the last name Obama. Skeptics note that he is a creation of the media, as if this speaks badly of him. The more serious, related objection is that Obama has no record of accom-

Rich Lowry



plishment during his two-year stint in the Senate. There's a political trade-off here, though. By the time he does anything in the Senate, he will probably be thoroughly acclimated to the institution, making him just as unappealing as the dozen other senators who consider running for president every four years.

The genius of Obama is that he has a pure liberal voting record -- a 100 percent rating from the liberal Americans for Democratic Action in 2005 -- at the same time he appeals to independents and avoids seeming noxiously partisan. No doubt, some of this sheen will be lost the day he were to announce for president. But it also reflects something real.

Obama is willing to say that Republicans are wrong, not evil -- a very basic concession that nonetheless takes some bravery in the blog-besotted fever swamp that is much of the left right now. He has shown that he can speak the language of religious believers in a non-focus-group-tested, genuine way. And he has charisma, an invaluable asset that can't be bought or faked.

In the 1990s, the phrase "move on" became a way to try to keep President Clinton from suffering any consequences from the Lewinsky affair. Then, it became the name for the Bush-loathing outfit MoveOn.org, which carried the partisan warfare of the 1990s into this decade. Among the public, there is much sentiment in favor of actually moving on, creating Barack Obama's opening on the national stage.

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Two years ago we decided that our end-of-year column would henceforth be limited to just one New Year's prediction, thanks to a prognosticating record, that over the past decade was wrong more than half the time.

So, for 2005 we studied the President's primary domestic goal - privatizing Social Security. At year's end we predicted it would fail big-time, and also "deep-six" a lot of the Bush popularity as well.

The following year, we fired another solitary prognostication and presaged: "2006 is threatening to become the most turbulent political year in decades. Expect the winds of change to intensify."

A "Bull's Eye" two years running in the crystal-gazing department! It reinvigorated our confidence and with a winning average (**two for two**), and a hearty chunk of chutzpah, we're returning to our traditional wide-ranging political haruspications.

PREPARING FOR PREDICTIONS

With the '06 sands running out, we've fired up the old wizard's cauldron. Stirred up a fresh batch of newt eyes, bat wings, chicken bones and other disgusting items - all absolutely necessary to produce what any soothsayer, worth a Druid's incantation, must have in order to come up with semi-cogent predictions, divinations and forebodings.

As always - we remain loyal to the stabilizing rule of all political futurologists: "**When in trouble or in doubt - run in circles, scream and shout.**"

NATIONAL POLITICS - 2007

Congress: The national political level will be filled with swirling emotions as Democrats take over, and both sides try to **play nice in the "center" of the congressional sandbox.**

Look for an increase in the minimum wage; Introduction of an "historical" work week expansion (**from two to five days**) in the House of Representatives (maybe the Senate as well); Hearings galore on the Iraq and Afghanistan war-occupation-cost; And expect global warming to become more than just a Bush "Duh!"

Congressional immigration plans will include variations of the old (workable) green-card, guest worker program. And don't look for the half-witted "Mexican Border Wall" boondoggle to become a reality. It's dead.

Presidential run begins: Voters on November 7 were not fooling, and they won't forgive Bush or the Grand Old Party if (rightly or wrongly) we've not begun (or planned) some sort of withdrawal from Iraq starting in early 2008. Failure will be assigned to the Republicans, despite the congressional power shift, and Demos (in '08) will win more seats in both Houses.

Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama will continue flirting with voters, but when the primaries are over, it'll be "adios" Hillary. Obama might stay the VP course, but the top contender will be someone else. Otherwise Republicans will hold the White House; Demos the Congress; and "do nothingism" will prevail for "another" four years.

CHRISTIAN COALITION FADES

The Republican evangelical alliance will continue to disintegrate thanks to failed GOP congressional leadership in handling past legal and moral scan-

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



dals; the President's disappointing domestic record; and of course the war deficit.

There's also an "in-house" reason behind the coalition's decline, and it drove the organization's President-elect to resign less than a month before he took office. Early in December Rev. Joel Hunter tried to get the organization's leadership to broaden their agenda beyond opposing abortion and gay marriages. He hoped to include easing poverty and saving the environment. "**Issues Jesus would want us to care about**" Hunter declared.

Coalition leaders said: "Jesus issues are fine, but they're not our issues." They refused and Hunter quit!

Predict the GOP-religious coalition will stay with anti-gay and pro-life squabbles; forget "Jesus issues"; and fade.

TEXAS '07 POLITICS

Not much change is expected in Austin when the 80th Legislative Session opens January 9. The huge treasury surplus will be squandered. Agency budgets will be cut. And, more state employee and public service "guttings" will take place through privatization.

We also predict there will be a "feeble" attempt to correct the recent emergency session's bungled "reform" of the State franchise tax. The "new" tax retained nearly all the old loopholes, and companies continue to happily (and legally) dodge payment of business taxes.

Not really so strange - since the Guv's pals at TAB, helped write the new "fouled up" franchise law.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DISASTER PENDING

Not enough space to reveal the complete financial crisis created by the GOP's "abrogation" of their own "No Child Left Behind" law. **Short version:** Fed-funding to be drastically cut next year through the pitiless "main-streaming" of most special education students.

We predict the Democratic controlled Congress - with Republican assistance, will move quickly to kill this draconian fiscal maneuver and avoid hurting children who have special needs.

Question: Why are Republican leaders (and their high-dollar supporters) seemingly opposed to the public schools? They seem to take delight in slashing school funds on the one hand, while spending public tax dollars to finance private schools (through tuition vouchers), on the other.

TXU, COAL AND OUR SENATOR

We predict TXU - in their usual greedy rush to build coal fueled power plants, will call on "Their Man in Austin" Senator Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay) to ease permits through the PUC; calm the environmentalists; and secure final legislative approval.

Incidentally - Fraser's also supposed to be "our guy" since he represents Salado - **but don't hold your breath on that hope (unless you're passing one of TXU's dirty-air coal plants).**

TRADITIONAL WARNING

With lawmakers loose and headed for Washington and Austin in just a matter of days - it's once again time to lock up the wife and kids, hide your money and protect private property.

Happy New Year to you and yours
That's -30-

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Who's more dangerous, state Legislature or village Aldermen?

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

It has often been said, the most dangerous thing in Texas is the Legislature in session. I have come to believe that this is possibly true. However, I now believe the most dangerous thing in Salado is the meeting of the Aldermen.

I read with great disdain, the next step for the Village of Salado. A "Strategic Plan" to perform yet another study on our Village government, including maintenance and operation, tourism, transportation, the comprehensive plan, fiscal practices, utilities and public safety.

According to Alderman Curt Strong, Central Texas Council of Governments will develop this plan for approximately \$10,000.

Excuse me! The village contracted Dunkin, Sefko and Associates in 2002 for a Comprehensive Plan to the tune of \$112,247.39 paid out since the date of its inception and now the council wants to pay for another study on the same identical subjects.

I feel sure that some

of you reading this article think I am being critical toward a group of people who have been elected to govern our Village. Well, maybe I am, but everyone needs to pay more attention to the way our tax dollars are being spent. We are a community of less than 3,000 people. Are all of these studies really necessary? I truly believe that Aldermen and Alderwomen are trying to do what they believe is right for this community, but we are not Dallas, Houston or Austin and I fail to see the necessity of bringing in out-of-town people to tell us how to run our Village.

The other headline in the Dec. 14 edition of the *Salado Village Voice* was "Sales Taxes Dip for Village." More businesses would bring more taxes to our city coffers. The Village needs to put the emphasis on getting more businesses in this town and less on the stringent obstacles exercised against those who wish to open a business.

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Time for New Year's resolutions

Once again, it's time to make New Year's resolutions. If you can succeed in your efforts to exercise more, travel, learn a new language or any of the other worthy goals you might have, you can expand your horizons and enjoy a better quality of life. But if you want to make an even bigger impact on your future, you may want to make - and keep - financial resolutions for the coming year.

As with all resolutions, the financial ones are easier to keep if they don't force you to drastically change your lifestyle. So, with that in mind, here are a few attainable financial resolutions to consider for 2007:

Increase your retirement plan contributions. If your salary goes up this year, increase the percentage of your earnings that you defer into your 401(k) plan (or your 403(b), if you work for a non-profit agency, or 457(b) if you work for a state, county, city or other governmental agency). With tax-deferred growth, pre-tax contributions and a variety of investment choices, these plans are great retirement savings vehicles. Plus, since the money is taken out before it even reaches your check,

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



you won't really "miss" your increased payments. And in 2007, the contribution limit for these plans has increased to \$15,500. (If you're 50 or older, you can contribute an additional \$5,000.)

"Max out" on your IRA. In 2007, you can put up to \$4,000 into a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$5,000 if you are 50 or older. If you cannot come up with the maximum amount at once, try dividing your IRA contributions into 12 equal monthly payments and have the money taken automatically from a checking or savings account.

Build adequate cash reserves. Try to build a sufficient cash cushion - about six to 12 months' worth of living expenses - to handle any unexpected financial needs, such as a major car repair or an expensive new appliance. By building an emergency fund, you won't need to tap into your investments. And by giving your investments the potential to grow as long as possible, you'll accelerate your chances for progress toward your long-term financial goals.

Review your investment portfolio. It's a good idea to review your investment portfolio at least once

a year. Over the course of 12 months, your life can change in many ways; e.g., new spouse, new house, new child, new job, etc. And if your life changes significantly, your investment goals may also change. But even if your circumstances haven't changed much in a year, you should review your holdings to make sure your investment mix reflects your individual risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term objectives. A financial professional can help you review your investments to make sure you are still on track.

Don't take a "time out" from investing. In every year, you can find any number of events - war, political turmoil, natural disasters, market volatility, etc. - that might motivate you to "take a break" from investing. But the most successful investors keep on investing, no matter how gloomy the news may be. So, in 2007, look beyond the headlines. Instead, focus on quality investments and your long-term investment strategies.

If you can achieve these New Year's resolutions, you'll go a long way toward potentially improving your financial situation in 2007 - and beyond.

Keep your good credit

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

You might assume that the fewer credit cards you have, the higher your credit score could be. Because of that assumption, some buyers preparing to apply for a home loan mistakenly cancel one or more credit cards. Why would this be a bad idea?

It has to do with the ratio of your debt to your

available credit. Here's a simple example: Let's say that you have four credit cards, each with a \$10,000 limit, giving you \$40,000 available credit. If you have a total of \$20,000 charged to those accounts, you are using 50 percent of your limit.

By canceling one of those cards, you now have \$30,000 available credit. That \$20,000 in charges now equates to over 66% of your total credit, which represents an adverse effect on the debt-to-credit ratio. You have essentially reduced your credit without reducing your debt, possibly raising a red flag on your mortgage application.

By canceling the credit account, you reduce your "wiggle room" and cut your credit score, which could result in the lender demanding a higher interest percentage or offering a smaller loan amount.

Real estate agents are not all necessarily loan specialists, but most do work very closely with such individuals. Ask the agent you work with for a recommendation, and get in touch with a lender well in advance of your first showing.



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through Salado's backyard sparked a great deal of controversy. If constructed, the TTC portion near Salado would be a 1,200 foot-wide gash of highways, utilities and railways, running parallel to I-35 through what is primarily rural farm and ranch land. Opponents of the plan cite its cost, efficacy and the involvement of a foreign corporation, but have been most vocal about its impact on local property owners. At a July public hearing in Temple's Mayborn Center, over 1,500 people packed to the rafters to voice their strident opposition to the TTC, among them State Rep. Dianne White Delisi. But with Rick Perry being re-elected to the governor's office in November, those cries might fall on deaf ears, as planning for the TTC continues unabated.

In a less controversial move, TxDOT also began work on two new Safety Rest Areas just south of Salado proper. The \$16 million project will replace the existing rest areas, and is scheduled for completion in Spring of 2007.

TXU Electric Company also announced construction plans which could conceivably impact Saladoans. In April TXU presented a set of route proposals to expand the Salado station from a substation to a full switching station, which would help provide a bulk power transfer path from the San Antonio area to the Temple area. A few of the route proposals would effect areas of outer-Salado, though at present nothing has been officially decided. If erected, the 110-to-170-foot tall electric towers would certainly impact the country landscape - in ways not likely to be appreciated by those living nearby. As a utility company, TXU does have the right of eminent domain to secure easements.

While local citizens worried about what the state government might do to them with TTC-35 or the power company with the expansion of power lines in the area, they also fretted about the impact of local government in their lives.

During the spring, Salado aldermen discussed the potential change from a Type B Municipality to a Type A Municipality, which would allow the Village to levy a property tax of up to \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

Later in the year, Aldermen riled locals by contracting with Bureau Veritas to conduct commercial and residential construction inspections

and commercial plan review for the Village, raising the cost for inspections and building permits by several hundred dollars.

Currently, aldermen are examining possible alter-

natives to the inspection process and fee structure after citizens complained about the cost and process.

Aldermen also stirred SEE THE YEAR THAT WAS, PAGE 9A

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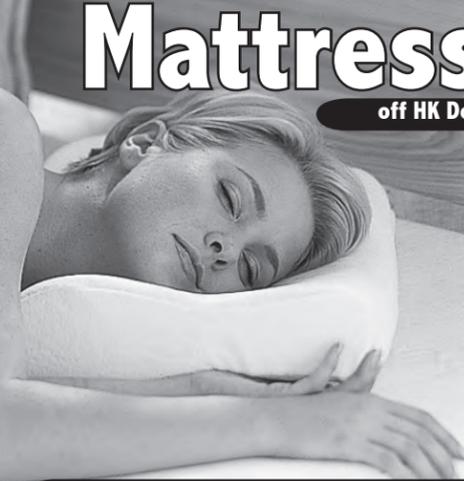
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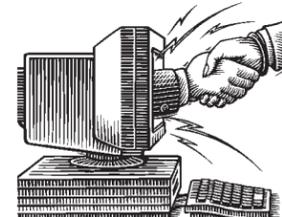
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Eagles fall to Rogers

The Varsity Eagle basketballers did not play poorly in their District 25AA opener against Rogers. They just ran into a force in the form of 6'5" junior Taylor Jungmann, who dropped 30 points on Salado in paving the way for a 71-58 Rogers victory.

First year Salado coach Kenny Mann would have met with trouble in scripting a worse start to the game for his club. The Eagles, bringing a 9-5 record into the contest, scored just six points in the first while surrendering 24 to the visiting Eagles.

Salado did its best to claw back into contention in the second, with Justin Pruitt scoring six of Salado's 13 points in the frame.

By halftime, though, the Eagles still trailed Rogers by a hefty margin, 36-19.

Whatever Coach Mann told his players at the break worked, as the Eagles came out hitting on all cylinders. Salado drained four three pointers in the third on the way to 24 points, shaving a full nine points off the Rogers lead.

They found themselves within striking distance at 51-43, after trailing by double-digits for much of the game.

However, a barrage of Rogers free throws in the fourth made a Salado comeback impossible. The visitors knocked down 17 shots from the charity stripe in the fourth, including 9-10 from Jung-

mann, who had 14 of his 30 points come from the line.

The Salado offense was paced by Chad Tumey, who scored 13 of his 16 points in the second half. Blake Newman scored all 10 of his points in the second half, while Pruitt finished with eight. David Rosenau recorded 10 points, and Nick Seawood and Clay Sharum each contributed four points. Tanner Myers had three points and Noah Harbison was held to just two points.

At 9-6 on the year and 0-1 in district, the Eagles travel to a tournament in Sinton Dec. 28-30 before resuming district play against Lago Vista Jan. 2.

Girls suffer 1st district loss

After posting back-to-back wins to begin district play, the Lady Eagle basketballers suffered their first setback in district with a 44-35 loss to Rogers on the road Dec. 19. The defeat dropped Salado to 2-1 in district and 4-12 overall.

In the first, the two teams came out playing strong defense, as evidenced by the low 7-5 score after one, with Salado on top. In the second Rogers found some openings in the Lady Eagle defense, dropping in 14 points to Salado's three. The discrepancy in scoring allowed Rogers to gain a 19-

10 lead at the half.

Forced to play from behind, the Lady Eagles made a run at getting back into the game. Rogers, however, continued to apply the pressure, extending its lead to 30-18 with only the fourth period remaining.

Though Salado would find something of an offensive rhythm in the fourth - scoring 17 points in that period alone - it was not nearly enough to eclipse the Rogers advantage. Fourteen points from the host Eagles kept Salado at bay as Rogers sealed the nine-point vic-

tory.

Senior Kelsey Gobin had a strong game wasted in the loss, as she poured in 15 points. Danielle Hazzard scored eight in the game, while Kaylan Hearne had six.

Kristen Smith scored four points and Tamra Stanish rounded out the scorers with her two point contribution.

Before resuming district play after the New Year, the Lady Eagles will participate in a tournament in Thorndale Dec. 28-30. District competition resumes when the girls play host to Lago Vista Jan. 2.

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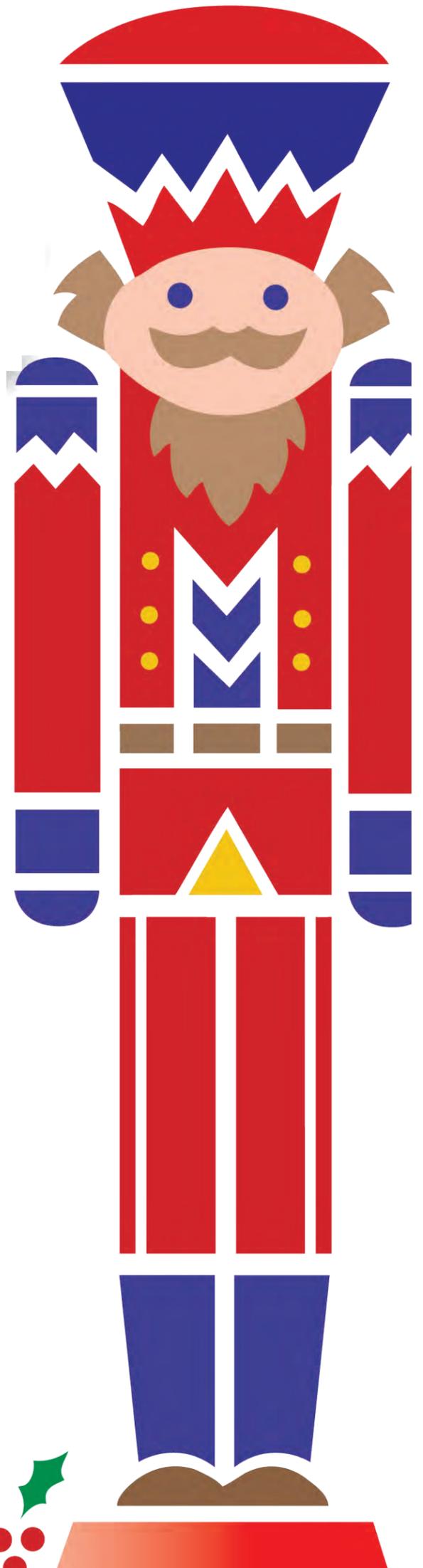
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Kate Garrett, Salado

To the Editor:
While attending the December Salado I.S.D. Board of trustees meeting, I was somewhat alarmed by the amount of time allotted for "Public Forum" input.
The public forum time limit was reduced to three minutes from the five minutes allotted at the previous meeting. The board allotment has been most inconsistent for the past seven months, as it

has fluctuated between five minutes and three minutes.
Further, citizens are unaware of the time allotment until their arrival at each meeting.
This leadership inconsistency (i.e. the current \$90,000 bond liability that is still unaddressed) creates a less than positive citizen friendly atmosphere for the remainder of the agenda.
One would think that any school district in Texas would encourage and even welcome public input in order to enhance the district's educational opportunities.
Recommended solution: Establish and publish a board procedure determining public forum time allotment.
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The Year that Was

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up a hornet's nest when they held public meetings on the topic of property taxes. The board is considering a future property tax to fund its annual budget which now tops more than \$500,000. A property tax of 25¢ per \$100 evaluation would generate well over \$500,000 in additional revenues for the Village. The cost to a home of \$200,000 would be \$500 per year at a tax rate of 25¢ per \$100 valuation. Aldermen have taken no action to enact a property tax.

The Village also took over maintenance of Pace Park from the Salado Chamber of Commerce, hiring a full-time maintenance worker this fall. The Village paid more than \$40,000 for an addition of two bathrooms to Pace Park this summer, after moving in to the new Municipal Building this spring.

Aldermen discussed briefly in December the possibility of implementing a Strategic Plan for the Village to accompany the Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance already in place.

Salado schools enjoyed another standout year, both academically and athletically. The SHS UIL squad made a return to the state meet, coming away with a team bronze, while the One Act Play team finished in fourth. Kirsten Singleton and Tyler Cook both won gold medals in individual competition. Singleton was also the Valedictorian of the graduating class of 2006 - which included 99 students - while Kathryn Holdampf was named Salutatorian. Both attend Texas Tech University.

The Lady Eagles golf team topped the sports year, as the girls secured Salado's third state golf title in five years on Austin's Jimmy Clay Course in May. The Salado boys also qualified for state, and finished a scant five shots out of the medal race. At the Class AA State Track and Field Meet, then-senior Molly Rooney won gold in the 300-meter hurdles and narrowly missed out on another gold in the 100-meter dash, instead taking the silver. Teammate Chelsea Ervi finished fourth in the 1600 meters.

The Salado Eagle baseball team, under Coach Melvin Bates, reached the third round of the state playoffs before being ousted by East Bernard. At the

tail end of the regular season Bates won his 300th game as a coach, with all but one season of his long career coming at Salado. Brian Bates, Wes Ruth, Kevin Jackson and Josh Shaw were all named to the All-State Team. Shae Janda was voted to the Class AA All-State First Team in softball.

One year removed from a first-ever trip to the State Basketball Tournament, a young Eagle basketball team returned to the post-season but made a quick exit, losing in the first round to Wallis-Brazos.

In the fall sports, the Eagle footballers finished in second place in District 25AA, but were bounced in the first round of the post-season by Hearne, finishing the year with a 7-4 mark.

The Lady Eagles cross country team also qualified for State, coming away with an eighth place finish.

Salado had three little league teams go to their respective state tournaments in baseball and softball and a little league football team won its division this fall. Winning state championships in little league baseball were the Salado Dragons and the Salado Red Hawks.

This past year was also one for local elections, though the two contestable positions on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen and that of the mayor resulted in non-races, as Suzi Epps and Michael Cooper were returned to their aldermen positions unopposed, and Rick Ashe was not opposed in his mayoral bid.

In a low voter turnout in the SISD school board race, Saladoans returned Jeff Kelley and Miriam Ervi to their positions on the board. Less than 15 percent of registered voters in the district cast votes in the race.

In the November elections, Saladoan Tim Brown was re-elected as Bell County Commissioner for Precinct 2, and incumbent U.S. Congressman John Carter defeated Democrat challenger Mary Beth Harrell.

Among the civic honors awarded in 2006, at the annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet Jackie Mills was named Citizen of the Year, and the Business of the Year award went to Gregory's. The late Susan Stockton and the late Don Mackie were inducted into the Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame.

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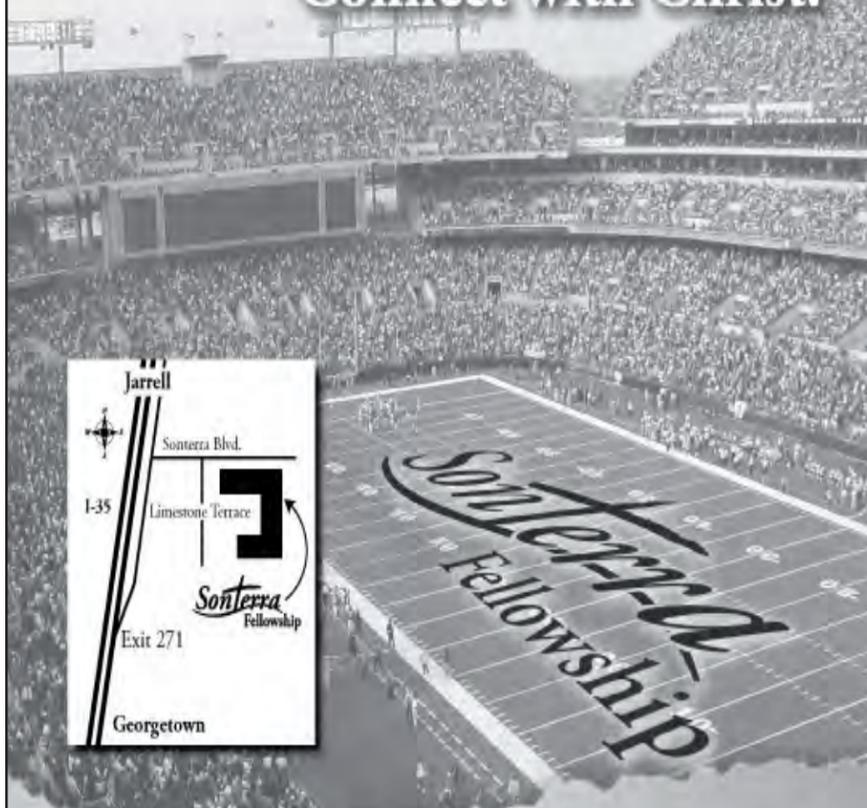


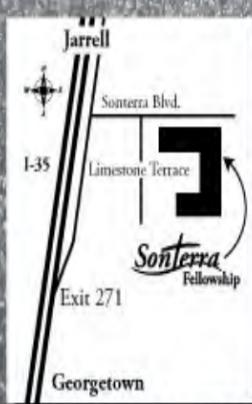
Mariel Street, the daughter of Gene Street and Edie Street, of Dallas, and grand-daughter of Billye Fuller, of Salado, was named to the National Dean's List as a senior at the University of Texas in Austin, where she is studying business. Street was nominated to participate in the 2007 International Scholar Laureate Program Delegation on Anthropology and Archaeology in China. She will travel to China for 13 days, where she will assist in a dig at the Han Tomb, burial ground of Han Jing Da, China's fourth emperor of the Han Dynasty. She will also visit the sites of the Peking Man and the Terra Cotta Warriors, as well as the city of Beijing and the Forbidden City.


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Myra McLarey will present the fiction reading 7 p.m. Jan. 3. McLarey was raised in the bottomlands of southwest Arkansas. Her books include *Moncrief, My Journey to the NBA* (co-authored with Sidney Moncrief) and *When You Take a Pig to a Party*, co-authored with her daughter, Kristina). Her novel, *The Road to Eden's Ridge* (co-authored with Linda Weeks under the pen name of M.L. Rose) was optioned by MGM, and her critically acclaimed novel, *Water from the Well*, was a finalist for the Lillian Smith Award. She won the James Conway teaching and other awards during her years at Harvard, where she taught writing from 1991-2000. She is an associate faculty member of Bard College's Institute for Writing and Thinking and is the chair of the English Department at En-

sworth High School, a new school in Nashville, TN. She is now working on a novel that returns to Sugars Spring, Arkansas.

Michael Lythgoe will present the Nixon Memorial Lecture on Jan. 4. Lythgoe serves as President of the Academy For Lifelong Learning at the University of South Carolina campus in Aiken, S. C. He has a Master of Fine Arts in Writing and Literature from Bennington College. His collection of poems, *BRASS*, won the Kinloch Rivers Chapbook contest from the Poetry Society of South Carolina in 2006. Lythgoe's symposium of interviews with contemporary poets on faith appeared in *The Writer's Chronicle* in 1998. He has regularly reviewed books of poetry for *Windhover* and *Christianity and Literature*. His reading of "Facing It" by Yusef Komunyakaa aired on the Newshour and NPR and is on the DVD with *In-vitation to Poetry*, edited by

Robert Pinsky and Maggie Dietz (the anthology is part of The Favorite Poems Project). Lythgoe is a retired Air Force officer with service in Vietnam, Spain, Turkey, and the UK. He has taught at Syracuse University and coordinated cultural programs for The Smithsonian Associates in Washington, DC. He also worked as VP for Development at Christendom College.

Scott Cairns will present the poetry reading 7 p.m. Jan. 5. Cairns is the author of six collections of poetry, most recently, *Compass of Affection: Poems New & Selected*. With W. Scott Olsen, he co-edited *The Sacred Place*, a collection of prose and verse. He wrote the libretto for "The Martyrdom of Saint Polycarp," an oratorio composed by JAC Redford. His works have been included in *Best Spiritual Writing*, *Best American Spiritual Writing*, and *Upholding Mystery*, among other anthologies. His poetry has appeared in *The*

Atlantic Monthly, *The Paris Review*, *The New Republic*, *Poetry*, *Image*, *Spiritus*, *Tiferet*, and elsewhere. He teaches American literature, poetry writing, and poetic courses at the University of Missouri, where he is currently Professor of English and Director of Creative Writing. He founded the Vassar Miller Prize in Poetry, and served as its series editor from 1993 until 2006. His spiritual memoir, *Short Trip to the Edge*, will be published in 2007 by HarperSanFrancisco. He received a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2006.

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

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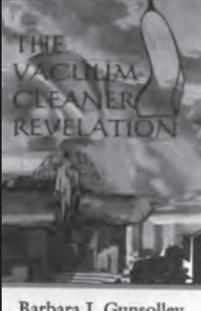
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Josh Brown graduates from Culinary Institute of Las Vegas

Josh Brown, a 1998 graduate of Salado High School, graduated Dec. 13 from the Culinary Institute of Las Vegas, receiving his diploma along with "Best in Show" in Baking and Pastry.

He is currently pursuing a job as a pastry chef at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

"I had wonderful mentors and school teachers at Salado High School. My Advanced Foods teacher, Marilyn Salisbury, was incredible and an inspiration; and my band director, John Stafford, gave me great instruction," said Brown.

Josh and his wife, Alison Brown, are also Contemporary Christian

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A popular and well-received event in its first two years, this year's evening will offer guests a package including dinner, live entertainment and live music, as well as a complimentary champagne toast as the clock approaches midnight.

The dinner portion of the package will be held 7-8:30 p.m. at the Stagecoach Inn. Diners will have the option of choosing between prime rib, chicken or salmon entrees.

At the conclusion of



The Third Annual New Year's Eve at the Spur on Dec. 31 will feature the Texas Swing stylings of Back at the Ranch.

dinner, guests will make their way the short distance up Royal Street to the Silver Spur Theater, where they will be entertained from 9-9:45 p.m. by the Silver Spur Follies, featuring Grainger and Penny Esch and crew.

After the Follies, guests can then kick up their heels

to the Texas Swing stylings of Back at the Ranch, who will take the stage at 10 p.m. and continue until 1 a.m.

Having gained a reputation for helping to revitalize the Texas Swing sound, Back at the Ranch features Clover Carroll on guitar and resophonic

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Anyone interested in attending New Year's at the Silver Spur is encouraged to reserve a spot.

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For more information or to reserve a place call the Silver Spur at 947-3456 or visit www.saladosilver-spur.com.

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What's happening

DECEMBER 31

Third Annual New Year's Eve at the Salado Silver Spur. Package includes dinner at Stagecoach Inn, the "Silver Spur Follies," with live music and entertainment followed by live music until 1 a.m. by Back at the Ranch. Complimentary champagne toast

included. Cost: \$90 per person, reservations required. Call 947-3456 to reserve a spot.

DECEMBER 31

Elvis is Coming to Salado! He will be at Stonecreek Settlement on New Year's Eve. Call 254-718-2030 for details.

2007 JANUARY 3-5

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JANUARY 4

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the

Municipal Building, 313 Stagecoach Rd.. Meeting is open to the public. If you would like to make comments to the board, please sign up before the meeting. Agenda posted 72 hours before the meeting at the Municipal Building. For information, call 947-5060.

JANUARY 10

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

JANUARY 16

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

JANUARY 15

Salado Independent School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, open meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Meeting is open to public. Citizens wishing to speak to the board must sign up prior

to the start of the meeting. Agenda is posted at the Salado Civic Center 72 hours prior to the meeting. For information, call SISD Superintendent's office at 254-947-5479.

JANUARY 16

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

JANUARY 18

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

JANUARY 18

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

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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.
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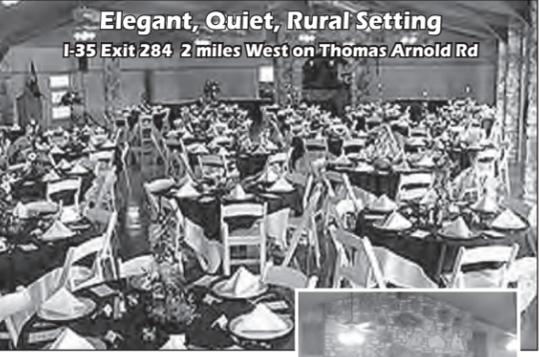
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Over the past year I have brought up numerous concepts concerning improving your well-being by simply improving your lifestyle. Today, we will review a number of these daily changes that can slow the aging process and move you toward optimal health!

1. Proper Nutrition: When taking on the challenge of improving your health and fitness levels, there are three major components that must be monitored: Nutrition, Resistance Training, and Cardio Respiratory Training.

Now this may surprise you, but the most important component is simple and clear, you must begin with nutrition. Here is the reason why. If you eat properly for your genetic and environmental make-up, you not only can keep disease at bay but you can also begin the process of disease reversal.

Before I work with anyone on any Lifestyle and Wellness Program, I require an initial session that goes over proper nutrition. Following a proper nutritional program is by far the most difficult of the three components to follow because it is 24-7-365, but the benefits can be remarkable.

To follow the basics of a properly created nutritional program you must focus on these three variables first: 1) Quality, 2) Frequency, and 3) Fat, Protein, and Carbohydrate Combinations. Then and only then, when you have mastered these three variables do you begin to really focus on portion size. If you begin to eat foods with an increased nutritional value (quality), more often (frequency), and combine them properly (macronutrient combinations), not only will your health improve, but a bi-product of proper nutrition will be an improved physique or fitness level.

2. Proper Sleep: A good night of quality sleep of seven to nine hours will help the body rest, but also, recover, repair, and recuperate. There are many systems in the body and they are all interconnected, so if one system does not recover from the stresses of the day, all of the others will be affected. If you are having physical, emotional or hormonal

issues, it could be related in some way to your lack of proper sleep. The immune system can be compromised up to 60 percent with just one poor night of sleep.

We need to make a conscious effort to improve our sleep patterns or our organs and glands will feel the effects and will succumb to accelerated aging and disease. It is no wonder that sleep deprivation has been linked to vitamin deficiencies, diabetes and hypoglycemia, among other health challenges. Here are some things to remember when prioritizing sleep in your life. Just as we have moved away from real food, we have moved away from getting up at the crack of dawn and going to bed as the sun sets. Synthetic light, just like modern convenience foods, is a new phenomenon and it clearly has an adverse effect on our health. The body has a circadian rhythm that normally follows the cycle of the sun. But man-made light, made to imitate the sun, can throw the body's nat-

ural rhythm off. If you followed a healthy circadian rhythm you would see hormonal patterns develop. This is important, as the balance of hormones in your body is a major indicator of your health.

3. Proper Resistance Training: Proper nutrition should be, and is, the most integral component when creating a lifestyle of improved health and well-being. Though proper nutrition is considered first in my mind, I consider a proper resistance training program to be a close second; here is why? The benefits of a proper resistance training program are numerous:

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fit, and you have time restraints, you should be spending your precious time on a resistance training program, not an aerobic program.

Aerobic exercise not only does not add muscle, but can actually slow one's metabolism by catabolizing muscle mass and by causing chronic stress issues for your muscles and joints. Aerobic activity should only be added to a proper nutritional and resistance training program, not replace them. The results from a properly executed resistance training regimen far outweigh that of an aerobic program.

It is important to understand that after the age of 30, because of hormonal changes, a sedentary person begins to lose five pounds of muscle mass a decade. This lost muscle mass decreases our metabolism noticeably, and causes a decline in our physical shape and contour. Resistance training can be a safe and quick answer to a slowing metabolism

and bone density issues.

4. Proper View of Our Responsibility to Our Being Well: "Let food be your medicine and medicine be your food"-Hippocrates (377-460 BC), the "Father of Medicine" was on to something, unfortunately 2400 years later, we in America have not followed through.

We view drugs as our medicine and that pre-

ise has left our country the richest, but the sickest in the world. Much of Hippocrates' wisdom transcends all time as even now the Hippocratic Oath governs the ethical conduct of physicians today. How much better would our health be today if we just followed that one simple quote, "Let food be your medicine and medicine

be your food"? Hippocrates also said, "If we could give every individual the right amount of nourishment and exercise, not too little and not too much, we would have found the safest way to health." Optimal health is obtainable; it just takes a little effort and a real understanding of the importance of our everyday lifestyle choices.

Kevin is a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach/Certified Clinical Nutritionist in Salado. He is the owner/operator of Progressive Wellness Services, a Total Wellness Company. If you have any questions e-mail Kevin at youbetter@earthlink.net.



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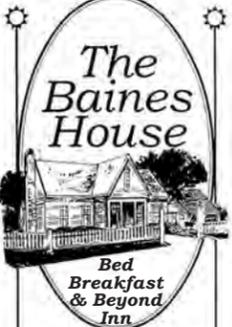
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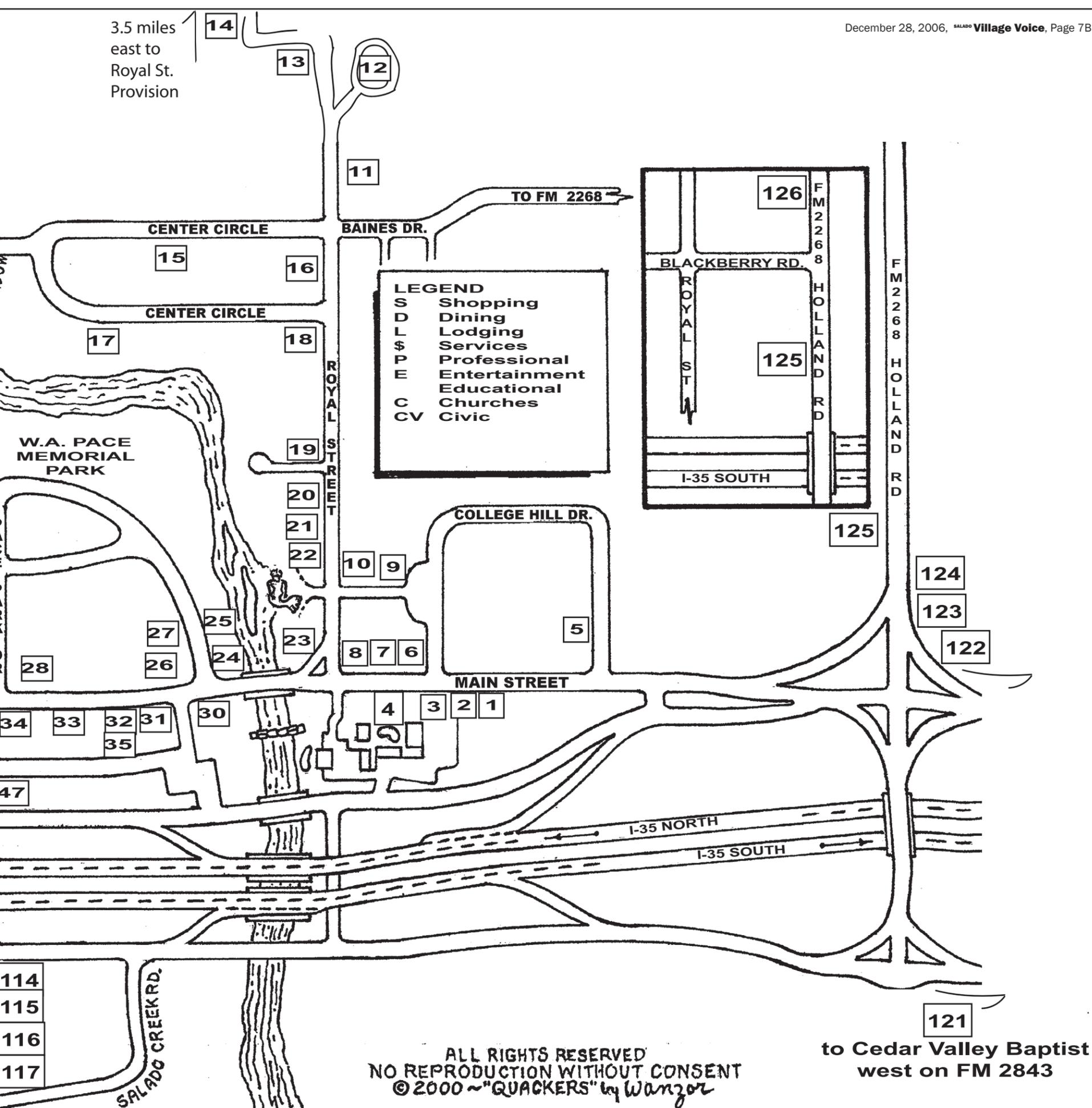
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Salado Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors cut the ribbon Jan. 3 on the Blue Heron Event Hall, which is part of the Tenroc Event Center on the Cornett ranch, two miles west of I-35 on Thomas Arnold Road. The Blue Heron Hall is even bigger than the original Sirena Hall. Shown above are Mike Cornett and Cindi Roessler surrounded by the Ambassadors. Visitors can enjoy the rippling sounds from the private creek-side area that is adjacent to the center. This setting is ideal for that special wedding, family reunion, company conference or religious retreat. Separate parking can easily accommodate all attendees. For more information about the Tenroc Event Center, visit www.tenroc.com. The inside meeting area, with 50 tables and 400 chairs, can accommodate 400. The adjoining patio area will accommodate an additional 240! The wedding site has 200 chairs.

Salado Ambassadors welcome local businesses during 2006



The Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony March 11 to mark the grand opening of the new location for Alice's of Salado, at 40 South Main Street, next to the First State Bank. Alice's is owned and operated by partners Alice Winders and Susan Kelder, pictured third from right holding scissors. Alice's recently relocated to 110 N. Main.

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New businesses open their doors in Salado in 2006



Salado Chamber of Commerce welcomed Thomas Arnold Activity Center as a new member with a ribbon cutting ceremony June 23. Owner Lee Cornett is pictured holding scissors, while Director Andrea Corkran is at his left. Thomas Arnold Activity Center is located just across the street from Thomas Arnold Elementary School. They are now currently enrolling for the fall semester. Call 947-5484 or visit www.thomasarnoldactivitycenter.com for more information.



The Salado Chamber of Commerce welcomed Roy T's Old Salado Bakery to Salado with a ribbon cutting July 31. Owner Knox Tyson, "Roy T." is shown above cutting the ribbon. Roy T's is now open, serving coffee, Southern Maid donuts, Beignets, cakes, pies, kolaches, muffins, cupcakes, biscotti, homemade breads, iced sodas, and soft drinks.

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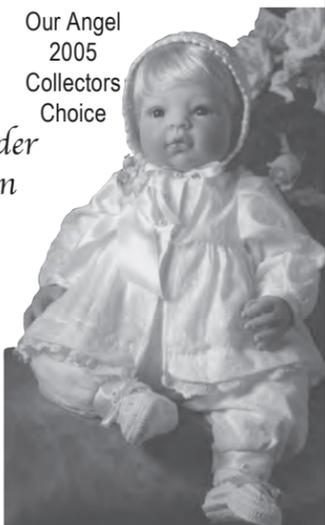
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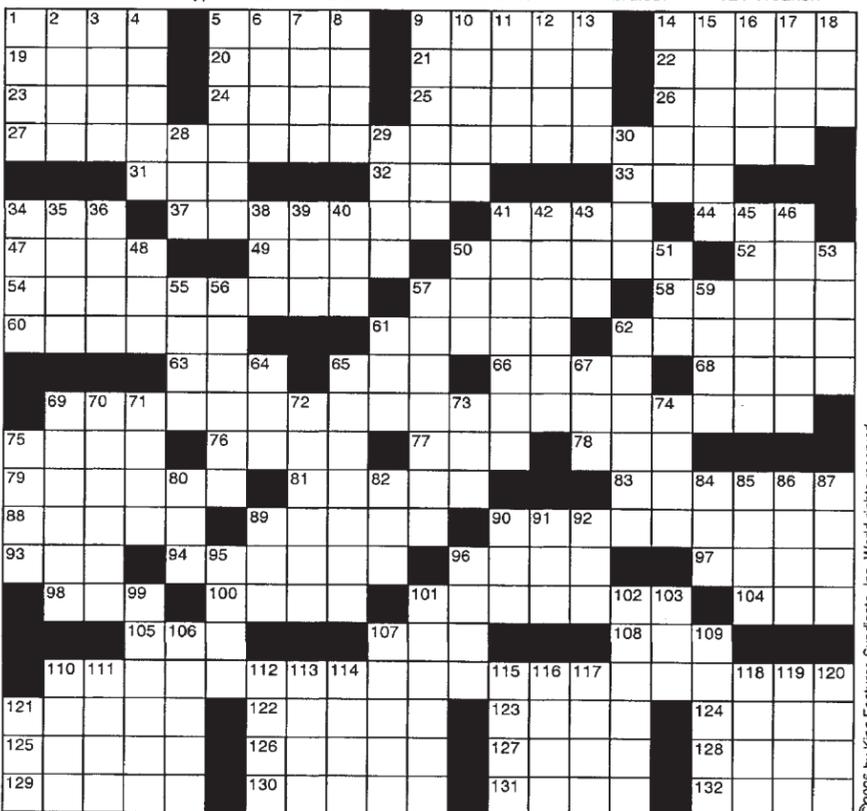
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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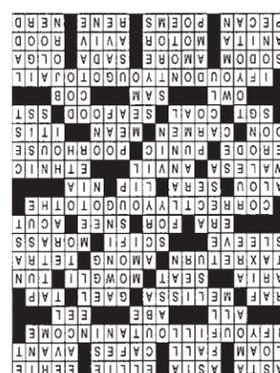


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Answer
Weekly SUDOKU

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East dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♦ 10 7
- ♥ K 7 2
- ♦ Q 5 4 2
- ♦ K 8
- ♠ A 10 9 3

WEST

- ♦ Q 8 6 4 2
- ♥ J 4
- ♦ K 8
- ♠ A 10 9 3

EAST

- ♥ J 9 5 3
- ♥ Q 10 9 6 3
- ♦ J 10 9 7
- ♠ —

SOUTH

- ♦ A K
- ♥ A 8 5
- ♦ A 6 3
- ♠ J 7 6 5 2

The bidding:
East 1 NT South 1 NT West 3 NT North 3 NT
Opening lead — four of spades.

The worst-case scenario

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Establishing a long suit at either notrump or suit contracts is one of the most common of all procedures. Before attempting to set up a suit, however, declarer should consider whether one approach to the suit's establishment offers an advantage over another.

For example, take this deal where West led a spade against three notrump. South took East's nine with the king and, needing four club tricks to make the contract, led the deuce to dummy's queen as West followed suit with the three.

When East showed out, there was no longer any way to produce four tricks from the club suit. West's remaining holding of the A-10-9 made that task impossible. Furthermore, regardless of how declarer chose to continue, he could not score nine tricks before the opponents took five, and he finished down one. Before attacking clubs, South should first examine the combined club holding to see whether it matters how he initiates the suit.

Obviously, if the missing clubs are divided 2-2 or 3-1, it makes no difference how he begins. But if one opponent holds all the missing clubs, the contract is in danger, so he should address himself to that possibility.

If East has four clubs, South cannot score more than three club tricks no matter how he plays. But if West has A-10-9-3, declarer can make four tricks in the suit if he starts by leading the jack from his hand.

Let's say West takes the jack with the ace and returns a spade. South wins and leads a club toward the K-Q-8. When West plays the nine -- if he does not, dummy's eight wins the trick -- declarer takes the queen, returns to his hand with a heart and traps West's 10-3 of clubs by leading toward dummy's K-8. A diamond to the ace then allows South to score his fifth club, and the contract is home.

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The Salado Chamber of Commerce and Salado Ambassadors welcomed CentraLand and Title Company to the village with a ribbon cutting on Oct. 20. CentraLand is located at 227 N. Main St. in The Colony. Ambassadors above are identified by their vests. Shown in the center of the photo are representatives of CentraLand: (front row) Carrol Cross, Patti Oldham, Linda Chaison, Mary James, and (second row) Suzannah Baird, Thomas Baird, Jamey Secrest, Connie Simank and Cindi Plasek.



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Trimmings Factory Store ribbon cutting was held Nov. 29. Jackie Wright is greeted by Ambassadors and Salado Chamber of Commerce president George Dentry. Trimmings is located at 1301 N. Stagecoach Road northbound I35 access road, one block north of Main St. in the historic Fowler House. The store features seasonal home decor, candles and gift items. For more information call Jackie at 254-947-9475. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Observations at post office, store and airport

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



While standing in line at the post office, I wonder about things. Once I went to buy some stamps and there was just one person in line ahead of me. I was feeling lucky until I realized she had 45 eleven by fourteen business envelopes, each one requiring a different amount of

postage. I watched the mail clerk carefully pick up each one, place it on the scale and apply the postage. I had plenty of time to think about things.

During the holidays postal clerks remind me of soldiers in combat or a quarterback in a close championship game. They are cool under pressure. No matter how many people are standing in line they are able to give their undivided attention to the person at their counter. And some postal customers choose the strangest times to get into a conversation with the clerk about church, a vacation, kids or a bargain they found somewhere, totally oblivious to the people waiting in line behind them.

Speaking of the holidays, I went with my son to Circuit City in Dallas the day after Thanksgiving. He bought a new HDTV with surround sound. After he selected one, he asked a store employee where he could

pay for it. The employee replied, "That's the line to pay for HDTV's over there." Twenty people were in line. We stood in line two and a half hours before he got to the cashier. Every check stand in the store had a line in front of it. When we arrived at the store we noticed some trash on the sidewalk outside. People had been camped there all night. One customer said he got there at 2:30 AM because the store was handing out specials a dozen or so at a time. I was amazed at the patience of the customers standing in line. I didn't see any of them giving dirty looks to the cashier or anything negative. I guess they figured this is normal if you're going to shop for specials the day after Thanksgiving in a big city.

Have you noticed at airports the amazing number of people using cell phones? Some people have two cell phones, one for business, one for fami-

ly. Some plane passengers have it all together. Some don't. I saw a woman sitting on the floor waiting to board the plane. She had her computer open, was drinking from a quart-size container, eating a sandwich and talking on her cell phone. When boarding started, she somehow managed to carry all her stuff and hand her boarding pass to the attendant. Multi-tasking at its best.

I'll be glad when Southwest starts assigning seats. Passengers first in line always choose to sit in the front of the plane, getting settled while other passengers are forced to wait. I think it's fun to watch the rhythm of exiting the plane after it arrives at its destination. Some people jump up, get their items from the overhead bin and are ready to go when it's time for their row to get off the plane. Some people prefer to remain seated until their row's turn to leave. Then they reach up, get five or six sacks, a piece of luggage and a backpack while other passengers behind them wait. I'm not hurling complaints here...I'm just observing how people do things. It's fun.

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1209 Old Mill Road
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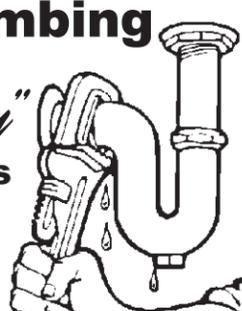
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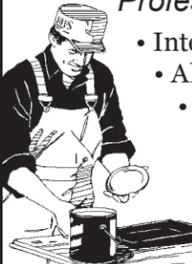
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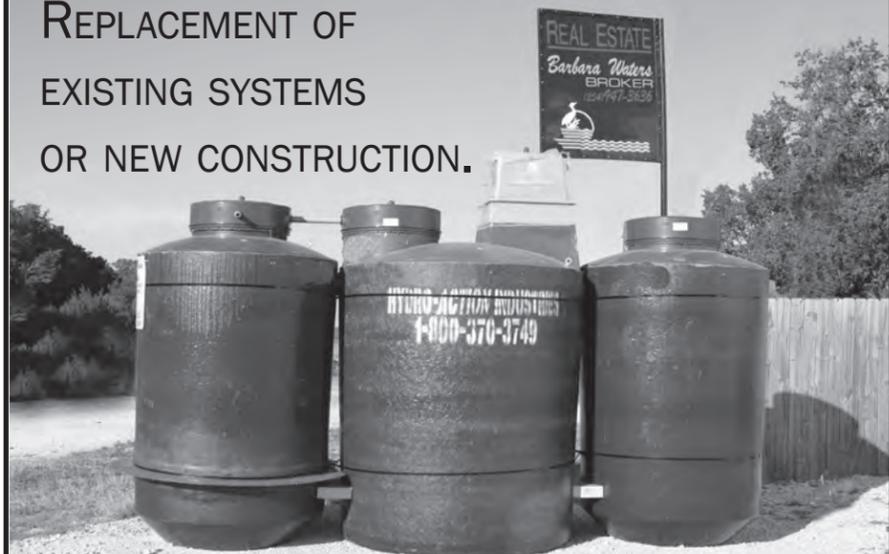
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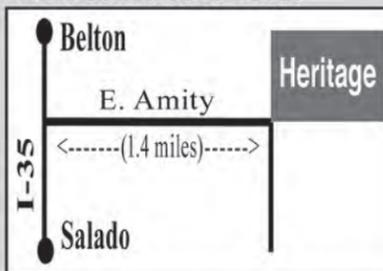


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Large 3/2/2 townhome in Mill Creek with large beautifully landscaped back yard. Great location.



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Austin stone ranch style home. 10 acres, huge barn, riding arena, coastal. Good area. Spanish tile and gorgeous plank flooring. Immaculate in and out. \$340,000.

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New Austin Stone Home located just west of Salado in Salado school district. This 3 BR/2BA/2GA is convenient to Harker Heights and Stillhouse Hollow Lake. Energy Star rating! Priced at **\$199,900.**



62 Acres: Beautiful homesite with outstanding view. Large live oaks on part of property. Perfect for a horse farm. Just west of Salado off of FM 2843. Property joins Eagle Rock Ranch. **\$500,000.**

Lots

Beautiful treed lot in Mill Creek on South Ridge Road. \$49,900
Beautiful mobile home in the country, excellent location, lived in one week, brand new condition, on .709 acre. Double carport with attached storage shed, 15 X 30 enclosed shop. Convenient to Taylor, Georgetown, Austin, minutes from Granger Lake. \$87,500
Lot overlooking Salado Creek. Behind Club House in Mill Creek \$50,000 reduced to \$29,000
Indian Trail at Blaylock, large corner lot. 90x188 \$40,000
Lot 231 and 232 Hidden Springs. Over 8 gorgeous tree covered acres with Willingham creek frontage. \$200,000.

Under 10 Acres

4.35 acre lot. Easy access to IH 35. On Smith Dairy Road. \$45,000.
5 lots on Sam Neil Lane, three 5-acre lots, two 1.2 acre lots. Priced from \$26,500 to \$59,900.
River track south side of Lampasas River between Belton and Salado. 1.9 acre \$53,900
10 acre lot on 2484. **SOLD** trees. Septic and well on site. \$130,000.

10 to 100 Acres

Over 30 acres in Bartlett. Good development property, well located with frontage on Bell Street and Harold Clark road. \$106,170
Nearly 50 acres on Hwy 95 and CR 355. Excellent location for development. Level to rolling highly productive Black land. \$174,300
33.2 acres Great Home site. Southeast of Salado on FM 2115. \$182,600
Beautiful 40 acre Hill Country Ranch with road frontage, live oak, cedar, artesian spring, barn, cabin, elevation, building sites, and wildlife. On FM 2843. \$328,000
62 rolling acres. Beautiful home site with outstanding view. Large oaks on property. Perfect for a horse farm. Just west of Salado off of 2843. Entrance to property is through Eagle Rock. \$500,000
44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees. Will Divide. \$5,000/acre.

Over 100 Acres

100+ acre ranch. The perfect weekend retreat or horse operation. Rolling ranch land includes stock tank, creek and hay barn. \$499,000
147 acres east of Academy on Reeds Lake Road. Beautiful rolling hill country with outstanding coastal. Property has draw running through middle with 3 small tanks with excellent opportunity to enlarge. Possible gravel reserve as well. \$3,450 per acre.
Beautiful Hill Country land with mix of Live Oak, Pecan, Elm, and some cedar. Live creek, Artesian spring, two stock tanks, elevation with beautiful views and building sites. Caves, rock quarry, good grass for horses or livestock, wildlife, might divide, possible owner financing, on paved road with easy access to surrounding cities. 102 acres on FM 2843. \$765,000.

Commercial

30 acres fronting IH 35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn.
Jackson's Smokehouse Restaurant, building land and equipment, excellent location. Great business opportunity. Holland. \$58,000.



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.**



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.**



Beautiful home on over 40 acres with horse barn. Gorgeous in ground swimming pool with rock waterfall. Covered patio with outdoor rock fireplace. **\$649,900.**



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



Family sized 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home. Home includes 3 living areas with both formal and informal dining. Nearly 4000 sq ft. Priced at **\$299,900**



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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