

# Salado Village Voice

## Chief says, Salado PD does not racially profile

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

“Salado Police Department does not practice racial profiling,” Police Chief Alan Rogers told aldermen at their Feb. 1 meeting, “and continues to strive towards the goal of maintaining strong relations with the community it serves.”

Chief Rogers presented his annual report to aldermen, stating that the police department had a total of 89 contacts during 2006. Of those contacts, 71 were with Caucasian, one was with an African-American, 16 were with Hispanics and one with an Other race.

Of the 89 contacts, 17 resulted in searches. Of those 17 searches, 13 were of Caucasians (76 percent) and four were of Hispanics (23 percent). Of the 17 searches conducted in 2006, 47 percent were consensual searches: seven of Caucasians and one Hispanic. Another nine searches, or 53 percent of the total searches were conducted for probable cause: six of Caucasians and three of Hispanics.

Additionally 13 custody arrests were made: nine of Caucasians and four of Hispanics.

The Salado Police Department maintains a policy against racial profiling and provides for a complaint process. According to the stated policy, “Any person who believes that he or she has been stopped, arrested, searched or otherwise detained by an officer based solely on his or her race, ethnic background, gender, sexual orientation or religion may file a complaint against that officer by making a complaint to the employ-

ees’ supervisor, or filling out a complaint/commendation form which can be obtained from the City Secretary. Further, complaints shall be investigated by the Chief of Police or an independent investigation by the Mayor or designee if the complaint is against the Chief of Police.

In all cases, video and audio recordings are maintained by the Police Department for a period of not less than 180 days.

In other business, aldermen approved conducting a joint election on May 12 with the Salado Independent School District and the Salado Public Library District. The three entities will share the costs, as necessary, for the elections if they are necessary. If no more candidates file for election than open positions are available and if no write-in candidates file before the deadline for write-ins, then a governing body can cancel an election and declare the filing candidates as being elected into office.

Last year, the Village of Salado canceled its election when Mayor Rick Ashe and aldermen Michael Cooper and Suzi Epps ran unopposed.

Three two-year positions on the board of aldermen will be elected in May. Those seats are currently filled by Jackie Mills, Merle Stalcup and Curt Strong.

In other discussions, aldermen discussed pending legislature that would allow cities to extend building ordinances to their Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

HB 609, sponsored by Todd Smith would allow a city to extend, by ordinance, the application of

its building code to its ETJ and repeal current law prohibiting a city from enforcing building codes or issuing building permits in its ETJ. After being read for the first time, HB 609 was referred to the committee on State Affairs. Alderman Strong briefed fellow board members about HB 617 that would require a county to adopt a building code governing single-family dwellings in the unincorporated area of the county and provide that a city ordinance prevails within the city’s jurisdiction.

The bill was referred to the State Affairs committee on Feb. 6 after its first reading on that date.

Aldermen also discussed but took no action on the relocation of two pole signs within the ETJ and the application of the sign ordinance to those signs. The signs, which are located south of Salado, must be moved because Texas Department of Transportation is acquiring right-of-way for the expansion of I-35. The owners of the signs have contacted the Village to inquire about the application of the sign ordinance and the process for having the signs relocated.

After further research, the Village will make a determination on the signs.

The key question is the size of the signs. Currently both signs are larger than the total square footage allowed for a pole sign under the sign ordinance.

The board also heard a presentation by Hamer Enterprises for the Village to begin accepting credit card payments of fines, fees and other payments. No decision was made by aldermen concerning credit cards.



(PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HOOD)  
Salado I.S.D. Superintendent Robin Battershell points out some of the renovations completed as part of the bond approved last year by voters during a tour of all Salado school campuses on Feb. 6. Currently, plans for the new Salado High School are being drawn and refined by architects Fields and Associates and construction managers Baird-Williams before being sent out for bid this month. Construction is expected to begin April 1 following ground breaking.

## Filing period to begin Feb. 10 for aldermen, school, library boards

Residents interested in running for the Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees, the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen or the Salado Public Library District Board may begin filing on Feb. 10.

The last day to file as a candidate in those three races will be March 12.

Applications for school board are available at the Superintendent’s Office in the Salado Civic Center. Applications for the board of aldermen will be available at the Municipal

Building on Stagecoach Rd. Applications for the Library District Board will be available at the Salado Public Library on N. Main St.


Two three-year terms on the Salado school board will come open. Those seats are currently filled by Lynn Renfro and Chris Seaton

Three two-year terms on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen will come up for election this year. Those seats are currently filled by Jackie Mills, Merle Stalcup and Curt Strong.

Two two-year terms

on the Salado Public Library District Board will be decided this year. They are currently filled by Pattie Campbell and Susan Kralls.

The elections for all three boards will be conducted 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 12 at the Salado Civic Center. Early voting in the spring elections will be weekdays April 30-May 8 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Extended early voting hours will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 1 and May 8 at the Salado Civic Center.



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# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



## The big drug scam

Democrats hate that Republicans are willing, on the issue of embryonic stem-cell research, to let their straitened moral views supposedly stand in the way of medical progress. But Democrats have their own ethical problem with medical progress -- based on their moral qualms about the profit motive.

During the 2006 campaign, Democrats argued that President Bush's prescription-drug program -- Medicare Part D -- could never be cost-effective unless the government was allowed to negotiate directly with drug companies. According to the Democrats, the "D" in Medicare "Part D" stood for "dystopia," forcing dazed and confused seniors to be ripped off by ravenous drug companies.

In reality, the absence of government negotiations has been key to the program's success. Private health plans negotiate drug prices with the drug companies and then offer a menu -- a formulary -- of covered drugs through Medicare. Seniors choose among the various plans, picking the one with the drugs they want at the best price.

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the robust competition has meant that premiums for the basic drug benefit average \$22 per month, 40 percent less than had been projected. Seniors are estimated to be saving, on average, \$1,200 a year on drugs, and 80 percent of seniors enrolled in the program are satisfied with it.

As it happens, government negotiations of prices won't do any good unless the government is empowered not to offer certain drugs, thus achieving real bargaining power. This would require creating a national formulary -- in other words limiting the drugs available to seniors in the Medicare program.

The Department of Veterans Affairs -- touted by Democrats as an ideal example

### Rich Lowry



of government negotiations -- has just such a formulary. If the latest drug isn't on the VA list -- well, there are always old drugs. Columbia University professor Frank Lichtenberg reports that "only 38 percent of drugs approved in the 1990s and 19 percent of the drugs approved by the FDA since 2000 are on the VA National Formulary."

Democrats don't want to impose a formulary on Medicare Part D because they know that it will cause a revolt. So their negotiation scheme, passed by the House last month, has no chance of lowering prices. At least Democrats will have struck a symbolic blow against profits.

They used to complain that drug companies made too many "me-too drugs," but the variety of drugs available to treat the same conditions has created healthy competition regarding price. Now Democrats complain about one-of-a-kind breakthrough drugs, where there isn't (yet) such competition.

But drug research is risky and hideously expensive. No one will do it without the benefit of profits. When Pfizer's new cholesterol-lowering drug proved a failure late last year, it lost 15 years and \$1 billion in research and development costs.

If Democrats continue crusading against drug-industry profits, they will succeed only in obstructing medical progress, to the detriment of seniors and all of us.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2007 by King Features Synd., Inc.*

## Comptroller tells Sprint to drop "fee" charge; State Demos want to restore 200,000 children to CHIP

Were you surprised to learn that the "new" Sprint-Nextel wireless phone company is "currently" billing customers a one percent "add-on" called the "Texas margin fee reimbursement?" It'll be listed along with the plethora of other fees, taxes, surcharges, service funds, and was slipped in place (January) to offset the revitalized State business tax, which replaced the franchise tax that corporate Texas mostly ignored.

The new tax was created to help fund the State school property tax reduction, given to landowners (like Sprint-Nextel) during last year's special legislative session.

Now, here's the "real" kicker in this deal (and guess who's the "kicker" and who's the "kickee"). First, we note that Sprint-Nextel received (last year) a sizeable drop in their school property taxes. Caution: customers are advised to not "hold their breath" until the wireless company passes along any part of that windfall, as a "credit" on their monthly bills.

Then, after adding the "saved" property taxes to the profit side of their company's ledger, they quickly passed the "pending" State corporate tax (that produced the property tax break) along to customers a year early, knowing full well the new business tax doesn't go into effect until 2008!

And, as a final "grabber" we note the new business tax will (in reality) only be .7 of a percent (not one percent), so Sprint will grab some extra millions by upping a State tax. Something they have no authority to do - by the way.

These are "onerous" business practices. Collecting what amounts to a "prospective" tax, and then increasing that tax without permission from the State. All that plus receiving reduced property taxes. Result? A "bottom line" bonanza for Sprint-Nextel - all at the expense of customers.

Shades of Jesse James and his "pocket-picking" muggings!

### COMPTROLLER SAYS "DESIST"

Comptroller Susan Combs sent word to Sprint-Nextel to stop collecting the one percent "fee" until the current legislature addresses the matter. This is a legitimate request since the new business tax (as noted above) isn't even due until next year!

Combs also threatened to sic the State Attorney General on Sprint-Nextel with a cease and desist order.

Regardless - the wireless behemoth said they intended to go right on collecting the tax - thus effectively thumbing their nose at the State.

### LATE BULLETIN:

AG Greg Abbott has filed suit against Virginia based Sprint-Nextel, on Feb. 5 as requested by the comptroller.

### EMBARQ SAYS "NO" TO FEE

We are happy to report that our new phone company here in Salado - Embarq (formerly Sprint), will not charge customers the new "Texas Margin fee reimbursement."

That's correct. Embarq's External Affairs Manager Steve Hanik, who handles the phone company's PR duties, confirmed to this column that Embarq will not pass along the 2008 "tax-fee!"

Our thanks to Embarq. They deserve a "high-fiver" for unexpected bravery in today's market-place that generally puts profitability ahead of customers (way ahead).

### Off the Record by Ken Clapp



As for our former phone company Sprint, that's socking it to customers with future "tax fees," we suggest a different sort of hand salute. We'll let readers create the form that gesture should take!

### HB 729 TO RESTORE CHIP

Warm-hearted Saladoans should be proud of Wacoan Jim Dunnam. He's a member of the Legislature who, along with other House Demos, have introduced HB 729 that, if passed, restores funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

In 2003 the Republican controlled legislature, under the direction of Governor Perry and Speaker Craddick, cut and slashed state CHIP funding. As a result some two hundred thousand kids lost their health coverage.

Today, we have the surplus money to return these children to the CHIP program. Legislators should (for once) do the right thing and help low income children who need medical attention.

Some day even hard-line Texas Republicans may tire of relentless GOP lawmakers who slash government; privatize services (which hasn't worked yet); and hold the inane belief that the "fortunate few" (those without financial worries) should get the tax breaks, at the expense of others who lack the money to buy a "seat" at the lawmaking table.

### "WILBERFORCE REPUBLICANS"

The Salado Chapter of the International Society of "Do-No-Gooders" were recently involved in "cussing and discussing" the growing number of presidential wannabees. In case you were worried - these malcontents are still meeting with alarming regularity at the Stagecoach Coffee Shop.

Not surprisingly, one of the more "obstreperous" members of the cabal allowed as how he had decided to support Kansas Senator Sam Brownback for President. This "red-dot" DNGer did not mean "money support," you understand - but with the full-blown power of a typical GOPer's fractiousness.

Brownback is all that a good Republican should be: Social conservative; Pro-lifer; Anti-gay everything; and strongly in favor of closing the church-state gap. Brownback lists former Jesse Helms as his model and opposes the Bush "surge" plan as well as the Democrat's "cut and run" strategy (figure that out if you can).

The Kansas lawmaker is also termed a "Wilberforce Republican" which is a label that threw DNGers into a panic. Although mostly hard-line conservatives, our gang had never heard the "Wilberforce" tag tied to a GOPer.

### WHAT IS A "WILBERFORCE?"

We discovered that "Wilberforce" is just another political "ID-brand" (like right-wing, fringe, reactionary, radical or royalist) that describes Grand Old Party members who would chain-wrap religion and politics into an untouchable icon.

Wilberforce, incidentally, was an 18th century member of England's Parliament who spent his time trying (apparently in vain) to restore Christian values to the British government and Empire.

So, if you find a local "Wilberforce Republican" in your midst, you'll know how to behave. Carefully and circumspectly would probably be best.

That's -30--

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# The Face of a Dropout

## Superintendent's Corner

By Robin Battershell

The Texas Education Agency defines a dropout. This last year Salado I.S.D. had 11 dropouts. Without using any names or easily identifiable characteristics, I want you to meet these dropouts.

Three of the 11 students turned 18 and withdrew and as far as we can tell, did not reenroll at another school.

Of the eight other students:

Student A withdrew at age 18 after being in Salado ISD for a few days, following a succession of schools. Over those few days he attended every Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tutoring session offered. He tried hard. His mother was supportive. The teachers felt he probably had a learning disability but he could not qualify for special education because he was in the English as a Second Language ESL program and generally a student cannot qualify for special education if language is a barrier. He could not pass the TAKS test.

Student B was accepted into a prestigious Math and Science Academy. The student tracking system in Texas, known as PEIMS, does not have a code for this, so he is coded a dropout.

Student C's parents completed all of the exit paperwork but we could never get paperwork from the new school where she reenrolled, so she is a dropout.

Student D came to us three weeks before the TAKS test, expecting a baby. She worked hard and passed all sections of the TAKS except for science, so she is a dropout.

Student E was 19 years old when he enrolled during the last two weeks of

school. He had had difficulty in school before. He quit after two weeks.

Student F passed all of the TAKS and needed one class to graduate. Because of attendance issues, he is taking this last class at a local university and will probably pass and thus graduate. He did not take this last class at a Texas public high school, thus he is a dropout.

Student G has been in the ESL program, is a diligent worker and successfully completed all sections of the TAKS test, except science. Four times, he has unsuccessfully taken the science test.

Student H completed all of his credits last year but couldn't pass the TAKS science test even after attending tutoring. We are proud to say that he just now passed the TAKS but since he was not enrolled in high school at the time he passed, he is a dropout.

I find it frustrating that there is no accounting for anomalies. I believe science has proven that we are not all the same.

I find it interesting that students can pass all of the other sections of the TAKS test, but cannot pass the science test. I wonder how many of these dropouts will need the material covered on the science test to succeed in life?

I find it disheartening that students, just because they speak another language, cannot qualify for special education services even though they may have a learning disability. I never knew that learning disabilities were only endemic to children speaking English.

I find it shocking that we allow the term dropout to summarize the life of a child.

# FORUM



## A lesson in Texas history

By JERRY PATTERSON

Any attempt to judge our history by today's standards — out of the context from which it occurred — is at best problematic and at worst dishonest.

For example, consider the following quotes:

"So far from engaging in a war to perpetuate slavery, I am rejoiced that slavery is abolished."

"...there is a physical difference between the white and black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality."

By today's standards, the person who made the first statement, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, would be considered enlightened. The person who made the second, President Abraham Lincoln, would be considered a white supremacist.

Many believe the War Between the States was solely about slavery and the Confederacy is synonymous with racism. That conclusion is faulty, because the premise is inaccurate.

If slavery were the sole or even the predominant issue in sparking the Civil War, the following statement by Lincoln is puzzling: "My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union and it is not either to save or destroy slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing any slaves I would do it."

If preserving slavery was the South's sole motive for waging war, why did Lee free his slaves before the war began? In 1856, he said slavery was "...a moral and political evil in any country ..."

Why was Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation effective in 1863, rather than when the war

started in 1861? And why did it free only the slaves in the Confederacy and not in Northern or border states?

If slavery was the only reason for the Civil War, how do you explain Texas Gov. Sam Houston's support for the Union and support for the institution of slavery? In light of the fact that 90 percent of Confederate soldiers owned no slaves, is it logical to assume they would have put their own lives at risk so that slave-owning Southern aristocrats could continue their privileged status?

There are few simple and concise answers to these questions. One answer, however, is that most Southerners' allegiance was to their sovereign states first and the Union second. They believed states freely joined the Union without coercion and were free to leave the Union at will. You could say they really believed in the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the "powers not delegated" clause. They believed the federal government should be responsible for the common defense, a postal service and little else. They viewed the Union Army as an invader, not an emancipator.

I am not attempting to trivialize slavery. It is a dark chapter in our history, North and South alike.

However, I am a proud Southerner and a proud descendant of Confederate soldiers. I honor their service because, to me, it represents the sacrifice of life and livelihood that Southerners made for a cause more important to them than their personal security and self-interest.

While I'm aware of the genocidal war conducted by my country against the American Indian, I'm still a proud American. And

while I'm also aware of the atrocities that occurred at My Lai, I am proud of my service as a U.S. Marine in Vietnam.

If the Confederate flag represented slavery, then the U.S. flag must represent slavery even more so. Slavery existed for four years under the Stars and Bars and for almost 100 years under the Stars and Stripes. If the few hundred members of racist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan want to adopt the Confederate flag as their symbol, over the objections of millions of Southerners, should we believe it has been corrupted for all time? Since the KKK has adopted the cross for its burnings, should churches across the country remove this symbol of Christian faith from all places of worship? Should we diminish the service of the Buffalo Soldiers (Black U.S. cavalry troopers of the late 1800s), since those soldiers were an integral part of a war that subjugated and enslaved a whole race of people, the American Plains Indians?

No. We should not surrender the Confederate flag or the cross to the racists, and we should not tear down the monuments. Retroactive cleansing of history is doomed to failure because it is, at heart, a lie. We should memorialize and commemorate all of our soldiers who served honorably — those who wore blue or gray or served as Buffalo Soldiers — whether or not we completely support their actions in today's enlightened world.

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# Cheating on oil royalties



**Jim Hightower**

What's that roaring sound I hear? Why it's a gusher - a multi-billion dollar blow-out in our public treasury caused by the oil industry cheating on the royalty payments they owe on crude that they pump from our public lands and waters.

It's a little-known fact that the U.S. remains the world's third largest oil producer - and one-third of this petroleum is pumped from federal property. By law, the oil giants must pay royalties on the nationally-owned crude they take, just as they must pay private landowners for oil they take from their property.

But, thanks largely to the industry's coziness with the oil-soaked Bush regime, the corporations are cheating on paying billions in royalties, even as they are reaping record levels of windfall profits.

A report by Mr. Bush's own Interior Department finds that since he has been in office, they have cut the number of auditors in charge of monitoring these payments by nearly 16 percent. In fact, only 20 percent of oil companies' royalty reports are even being examined - so, basically, the administration is relying on the corporations to tell the government what they owe.

Even though this damning report was finished in 2005, Bush appointees kept it from being released until last November - after the elections. But, not to worry they say, for they've appointed an "independent" advisory panel to review complaints about the missing royalty payments. Who heads this "watchdog" panel? Mr. Bush appointed David Deal, who for nearly 30 years was the top lawyer for the American Petroleum Institute, which is the industry's chief lobbying group in Washington.

Meanwhile, recognizing Big Oil's bad image, the lobbying group says it "will spend what's necessary" to spiff up the image. To do the job, they've hired the same PR firm that developed the "Got Milk?" campaign. Maybe the theme could be, "Got Royalties?"

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# Should you choose Roth or Traditional IRA?

An IRA is certainly a great way to save money for retirement. But which IRA is right for you - "traditional" or Roth? As is

often the case in the investment world, there's no one "right answer" for everyone - but the more you know before making a

choice, the better off you'll be.

To begin with, you'll find two important differences between the IRAs. First, a traditional IRA has the potential to grow tax deferred, while a Roth IRA's earnings have the potential to grow completely tax free, provided you've had your account for at least five years and you don't begin taking withdrawals until you're 59-1/2. And second, contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax deductible (depending on your income and whether you or your spouse have access to an employer-sponsored retirement plan), while Roth IRA contributions are never deductible.

On the other hand, the traditional and Roth IRAs share some things in common. Both have the same contribution limits (\$4,000 in 2007, or \$5,000 in 2007 if you're 50 or older) and both can be funded annually with virtually any type of investment -

## Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



stocks, bonds, Certificates of Deposit, etc.

So, given both the differences and the similarities, which IRA should you choose? Actually, you might not even have a choice. If you're single, and your adjusted gross income is more than \$110,000, you cannot contribute to a Roth IRA; if you're married and filing jointly, the limit is \$160,000.

However, assuming your income level does permits you to choose between the two IRAs, you'll need to ask a key question: Does the potential tax deduction offered by a traditional IRA outweigh the advantage of the Roth IRA's tax-free

earnings? As a (very) general rule, you might say that if you can make deductible contributions and you are going to be in a lower tax bracket upon retirement - and that's far from a certainty- then you might come out ahead by selecting the traditional IRA. However, even this assumption requires some complex number-crunching, so, before you made any decisions, consult with your tax professional.

Apart from this comparison, what other factors could help you choose between a Roth or traditional IRA? Consider the following:

Your estimated retirement age - If you have a traditional IRA, you must start taking withdrawals when you reach 70 - 1/2. But if you own a Roth IRA, you are never required to

take withdrawals. So, if you are still working at 70 - 1/2, and you own a traditional IRA, you'll have to take withdrawals, and pay taxes on them, while simultaneously paying income taxes on the compensation from your job.

Your need for retirement income - If you think you will be able to preserve a good chunk of your IRA, then you might find it advantageous to own a Roth IRA, which can continue potentially growing, tax-free, until your death, when it will pass on to your heirs. Of course, you can also leave a traditional IRA in your estate, but, since you'll be forced to start taking withdrawals at 70-1/2, you might have significantly less to pass on than you would with a Roth IRA.

Clearly, there's a lot to consider when choosing between a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA. See your tax advisor for help in making the right choice - but don't wait too long to put an IRA to work for you.

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## Back to the Nest?

### Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Are you among the college graduates who have moved back home this year? Don't sweat it, because you're not alone. About 48% of the class of 2006 is estimated to have returned home, and with good reasons.

It's safe, it's secure, and it's convenient, especially when there are car pay-

ments and job searching to worry about. Quite frankly, all those years living in a dorm room may not have prepared you for the big step of setting up house on your own.

Fortunately, many parents are embracing their "boomerang" children, so graduates can work and save money towards a down payment on a home. If you are among these parents or graduates, you'll find it useful to establish ground rules while working toward the goal of home ownership.

First, set a deadline for moving out, and work hard towards achieving it. It may mean taking a "survival job" until the career of your dreams comes along. Strongly consider developing good payment habits by paying rent to your parents. Parents, if you're not comfortable keeping your kid's cash, put it away for them to use for a down payment later.

Rents around the country are rising, and moving home can provide an opportunity to save money and work towards the American Dream of home ownership. Now more than ever, it's becoming an accepted right of passage.

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## An Open Exchange of Ideas

### Pipeline leads from cradle to prison

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

Suppose that over the next decade, a quarter of all the children born in New York, North Carolina, Texas, Colorado, Ohio and Pennsylvania were infected by a virulent new strain of polio or tuberculosis sometime during their youth. Clearly, our response to a health crisis affecting a combined population of 80 million people would be to mobilize the nation's vast public health resources. Medical labs would operate around the clock to develop new vaccines.

Unfortunately, an infection akin to this hypothetical tragedy is actually coursing through Black and Latino communities across the nation. I'm not referring to a virus such as HIV-AIDS or a hazardous bacterium. I'm talking about the criminalization of poor and minority children who enter America's "Cradle to Prison Pipeline." Together, African Americans and Latinos comprise a segment of the U.S. population equal to the six above states. Like the victims of a crippling or wasting disease, once drawn into the prison pipeline, tens of thousands of young people have the opportunity to live happy, productive lives stolen from them, not by festering microbes, but by years spent behind bars.

The Children's Defense Fund has studied the grim pathology of the "Cradle to Prison Pipeline" and its devastating impact on our nation's poor children and teens. The pipeline is made up of a complex array of social and economic factors as well as political choices that converge to reduce the odds that poor children, especially poor minority children, will grow up to become productive adults. These factors include disparities in access to health and mental health care, underperforming schools, broken child welfare and juvenile justice systems, and a toxic youth culture that praises pimps and glorifies violence.

Hardened by long terms of incarceration, criminalized youngsters return to communities that are ill equipped to positively reintegrate them. Outcast and unemployed, they become the teachers and role models for a new

crop of youngsters pushed onto the street corners of America's socially and economically depressed neighborhoods. This cycle of re-infection makes the "Cradle to Prison Pipeline" one of the most damaging health problems in America today.

A major factor in determining whether a child enters the prison pipeline is access to health and mental health care. Currently, more than nine million children in America are without health insurance. Unlike children in more affluent communities, few institutions are available to intervene and address the health problems of children from low-income families. Few public schools have the resources to recognize health issues such as attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder or dyslexia and to provide children with counseling and therapy, for example. The behavior of children with these problems is more often perceived as insubordinate or disruptive. In these cases, "zero tolerance" disciplinary standards are frequently applied. Thousands of students with behavior problems are suspended or expelled with minority students bearing the greatest burden of policies to remove students

from schools.

Furthermore, schools increasingly are becoming the point of entry into the juvenile justice system as more and more children are arrested on school grounds for subjectively defined behaviors such as "disorderly conduct" and "malicious mischief." Disparate treatment based on income and race plays a role at virtually every decision point in the clogged American system of justice, from arrest through incarceration. Too few judges offer poor and minority youthful defendants alternatives to incarceration—restitution, community service, electronic monitoring or drug treatment.

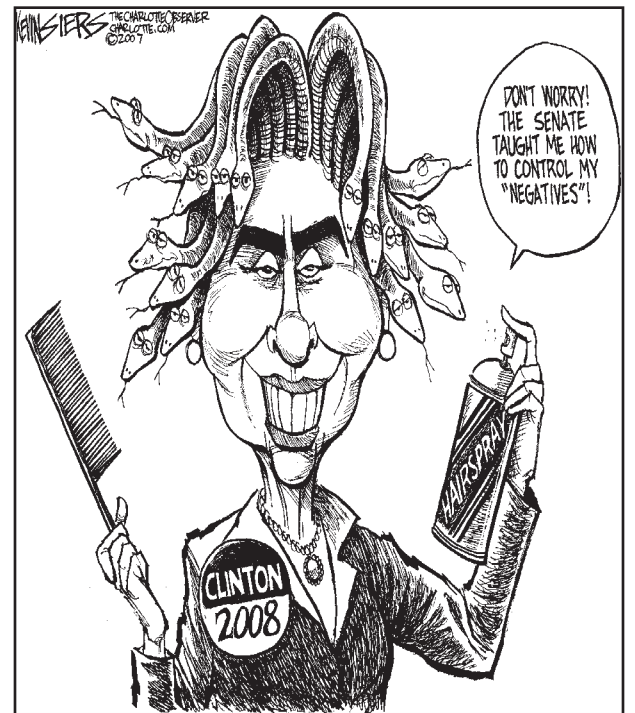
We must dismantle the "Cradle to Prison Pipeline" now because all children are sacred. We should start by guaranteeing health and mental health care to every kid in America, investing in Head Start and public education, checking the explosion of school suspensions and expulsions, and supporting community programs that mentor and empower children like the Harlem Children's Zone, the Boston Ten Point Coalition and 'CDF Freedom Schools' program.

The effects of the "Cradle to Prison Pipeline" constitute a scourge of

epidemic proportions. We must act to dismantle the pipeline now. We fail at our peril.

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Over the next few short months the Texas Legislature will consider more than 5,000 bills and resolutions, pass more than 1,300 of them, and approve a budget that will fund the State of Texas over the next two years.

I am often asked for advice on how constituents may effectively advocate for change while the legislature is in session. Let me share a few lessons I've learned over the years as a participant in the legislative process. Many of these things will seem like applied common-sense when you hear them, but they work.

First, given that so much has to happen in such a short legislative time-frame, one of the first keys to effectively

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communicating a message is doing it succinctly. A well-honed idea can be discussed in three minutes. If there is clear legislative interest, you can always flesh the idea out more.

So what should you do in three minutes? Here is what I recommend.

1. Define the problem. What is broken that needs fixing? What in state government could work bet-

ter? Where is tax money not being used effectively? In short, what does your idea address.

2. Define a solution. If there is agreement that something needs fixing, then the next step has to be workable options for doing something about it.

3. Two main tools in our toolbox. Offer solutions that work within the two primary tools available to the Texas legisla-

ture, which are the ability to pass laws and adopt a state budget.

4. Make it specific. All legislative action focuses down to either a proposed bill or an item in the state budget. These are what come to the floor for a vote. If you have a good idea, thinking about how it can be turned into a bill or a budget item is critical.

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# Last chance to switch Medicare plans is here

It's that time of year again – no, not the time for college basketball's March Madness, but the Open Enrollment Period (OEP) for people on Medicare.

Even though someone may have just enrolled in a Medicare plan, those who are eligible can still make one change to their medical benefits for 2007. A "change" can mean they can add, drop or switch certain types of Medicare health plan coverage. Whatever change a beneficiary wants to make though, it must be consistent with whether they have Prescription Drug coverage as of January 1. Medicare beneficiaries are not permitted to change from one PDP to another PDP plan during this time.

Confused? Here are some examples that help illustrate the rules.

The OEP, which began January 1, allows just one of the following types of plan changes through March 31:

- Enrollees in a Medicare Advantage plan with prescription drug coverage (MAPD). These beneficiaries may change to a different MAPD plan, or may go back to Original Medicare plus a stand-alone prescription drug plan (PDP).
- Enrollees in a stand-alone PDP may choose to enroll in an MAPD plan but they cannot change from one PDP plan to another.
- Medicare Advantage (MA) members enrolled in a plan that does not cover prescription drugs may switch to another plan that does not include drug coverage, or may go back to Original Medicare.
- Beneficiaries who are not enrolled in an MA plan or a PDP plan can elect to enroll in an MA plan without drug coverage.

After March 31, Medicare beneficiaries are "locked in" through the end of the year to whichever type of PDP or MAPD plan is selected. So, it's important to be comfortable with the plan you choose.

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 910,200 beneficiaries in Texas are participating in the Medicare Part D program.

"People who are happy with the choice they made for 2007 benefits do not need to take any action," said George Smith, M.D., regional president of Senior Products for Humana, a nationwide health benefits company with offerings in Texas. "However, beneficiaries may be continuing to take stock of how their plan has worked for them so far, or they may have received additional information that leads them to want to make a change. The OEP is designed to allow for one change."

He added that a popular OEP choice is a move to an MAPD plan, explaining, "A health benefits provider may offer combined healthcare (Medicare Part C) and prescription drug (Part D) coverage with low – and in some cases, no monthly premium.

"We are often asked how this is possible," he continued. "It is because the federal government pays health benefits companies offering Medicare coverage to provide these benefits. This government partnership allows insurers to offer extra benefits such as free physical fitness memberships, mental fitness 'exercisers,' and special programs such as those designed to promote healthy weight.

"As people become aware of what is provided by an MAPD for little or no additional plan premium, many choose to make a change," he added.

To learn more, visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or [www.humana-medicare.com](http://www.humana-medicare.com).

Dates to Remember:  
Jan. 1, 2007 – March 31, 2007: Beneficiaries are allowed to make one change to Medicare health plan coverage.

After March 31, 2007: Except in limited circumstances, the beneficiary is "locked in" for the rest of the year to whichever type of prescription drug or Medicare Advantage plan they selected.

November 15 – December 31, 2007: Annual Election Period for 2008 benefits. This is the next opportunity to select a new Medicare health plan.

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# SPORTS

## Eagles hitting stride; in line for playoff spot

The Varsity Eagle cagers might not earn the District 25AA championship, but nonetheless, they have placed themselves in a strong position to earn a postseason berth.

At 9-2 in district play as of press time, Salado sits in second place, two games behind front-runner Jarrell, and one game ahead of 8-3 Rogers, with three games remaining on the schedule. The Eagles will tip off against Rosebud-Lott and Academy, before closing out the season at home versus undefeated Jarrell.

The Eagles reached 9-2 by stitching together a pair of convincing victories last week, first by downing Troy 47-34 at home Jan. 29, then following that up with a 53-19 thrashing of Florence Feb. 2 at Coach Smith Gym.

The outcome of the

Florence was never much in doubt. Salado opened the first by gaining a 10-4 lead. In the second, Chad Tumey and Noah Harbison combined to bucket 13 points as the Eagles expanded their advantage to 25-11 at the break.

The third period saw Salado increase its lead on the strength of a 16-6 run, which had the Eagles taking a 41-17 lead into the fourth.

Every player on the Eagle roster broke into the scoring column - 11 in total - led by Tumey and Harbison, who finished with 12 points apiece. Blake Newman netted eight points, while Justin Pruitt had seven and David Rosenau six. Stephen Quick accounted for five points in the win.

Facing Troy Jan. 29, the Eagles used an 18-point second quarter to pull

ahead of the Trojans, then employed suffocating defense in the second half to limit Troy to just 14 points in the third and fourth.

Justin Pruitt dropped in six points in the opening frame, part of a 15-point team effort which gave Salado an early 15-11 lead. With 18 points in the second, Salado carried a double-digit, 33-20 lead to the break.

Though the squads equalled one another in terms of offensive output in the second half, Salado maintained control of the game throughout, culminating in the 47-34 final.

Tumey topped all scorers on the night with 13 points. Harbison was close behind, finishing with 11, and Pruitt closed out the game with 10. Rosenau finished with six, Tanner Myers had four and Newman contributed three points.



Blake Newman scans for an outlet in the face of Troy pressure in Salado's 47-34 victory over the Trojans. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

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## 8th graders finish district runners-up

Salado 8th A 26  
Academy 8th A 41

The eighth grade Eagles came within one victory of being district champions, but were up-ended by the Bees in the title game of the district tournament. Hunter Ward had 11 in the game, Taylor Ruddick added eighth. Clint Scarborough had four, and Braxton Tucker contributed two points.

Salado 8th A 46  
Rosebud-Lott 38

Jacob Heiner scored 10 of his game-high 12 points in the second half - seven of those points coming

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The Eighth Grade A Team Eagles are, front row, l-r: Jacob Heiner, Paul Warren, Coach Lyndon Clevenger, Cole Calder and Taylor Rudduck. Back row, l-r: Hunter Ward, Shannon Ponder, Cole Brentham, Clint Scarborough and Braxton Tucker. Not pictured: William Cleveland.



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Salado's Cole Brentham attempts a shot over a Rogers player in the eighth grader's tournament run. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



# Girls reel off 7 straight

Winners now of seven consecutive games, the Lady Eagles are continuing their torrid late-season run with hopes still of a district title. The team has come a long way since the beginning of the season, when the girls entered district play having earned only two wins.

Since then, their play has gotten better game-to-game, and thanks to a 48-25 thumping of Florence Feb. 2, the Lady Eagles have pushed their season tally to .500, at 14-14. They are 10-3 in district play.

Salado opened up a 12-3 after the first period, and increased that advantage to 28-7 at halftime. With the lead safely in hand, the Lady Eagles slowed the pace in the second half, and cruised to a comfortable 23-point victory.

Brittani Gilchrest led all scorers on the game, finishing with 15 points. Tamra Stanish closed out the night with 12 points, while Cortney Dunnahoo accounted for six, and Danielle Hazzard had five.

Kaylan Hearne had three, and Kristen Smith and Abby Frazier had two apiece.

Prior to the Florence victory, Salado played host to Troy to close out the month of January and emerged with a 60-39 victory.

Following a close first half, which had Salado nursing a 28-22 lead, the Eagles opened the second half by outscoring Troy 15-11 in the third period. That effort gave the girls a more comfortable 10-point lead entering the fourth, which they took advantage, increasing the lead even further until the final buzzer sounded with Salado on top by 21 points.

While only Troy player reached double figures in points, four Lady Eagles scored 10 or more. Smith led them all with a 17 point effort, while Gilchrest was close behind with 16. Stanish finished with 11, Hazzard had 10, and Dunnahoo, Hearne and Frazier all scored two.

Facing Lago Vista on the road Jan. 26, Salado got another 17-point game from Kristen Smith en route to a 44-37 victory.

The game remained close for much of the first half, with the Lady Eagles earning 14-12 and 26-18 after the first and second periods, respectively. The third period played out in the much same way as the



Above, Cortney Dunnahoo threads the lane in Salado's 60-39 win over Troy, a game which took place Jan. 30 in Salado. At right, Brittani Gilchrest works through a Troy screen in the same game. After starting the season 2-11, the Lady Eagles have since won 12 of their last 15, and boast a 10-3 record in district play.

(PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



game's first two frames, with Salado entering the fourth leading 33-26. Lago Vista attempted a late rally in the fourth, but Kristen Smith converted on four of her six free throw opportunities in the period, helping Salado

to hang on for the win. Behind Smith's 17 was Hazzard, who closed out the game with 12 points. Stanish and Frazier recorded six points each, and Gilchrest and Hearne both had one.

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The Salado Eighth Grade Girls A Team took home the district championship at the District 25 AA Tournament, held in Salado last week. The girls are, front row, l-r: Katy Clark, Billi Pipes, Kalyn Dunks and Connor Smith. Back row, l-r: Tyndal Schreiner, Taylor O'Rear, Camryn Bintz, Jenna Sebek, Brennan Boydston and Hadley Joiner. Third row: Coach Ashley McKeever. The girls earned the title by opening with a 66-12 demolition of Troy, which saw the Lady Eagles jump out to a 23-1 lead to start the game. In the second round, Salado dispatched Academy in another blowout, this time by a final of 42-12. In the championship game, the Lady Eagles thrashed Rogers 37-15.



The Salado Slam fifth grade basketball team recently competed in the Winter Shootout at Reagan High School in Austin. The team went undefeated and won the tournament by defeating the Lake Travis Gackles 35-32, the San Antonio Roadrunners 41-4, and the Austin Warriors 31-26. They faced Lake Travis again in the finals and won the rematch 26-23. Team members are, front row, l-r: Davis Little, Casey Frazier, Kase Spears and Kyle Heiner. Middle: Dane Hankamer, Zach Behr, Drew Van Winkle and Kole Hearne. Coaches: Ty Hankamer and Keith Spears.

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# BASKETBALL

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from the free throw line - in helping the Eagles to stave off Rosebud-Lott. Tucker also had 12 points, and Ward recorded 11. Ruddick netted five points, and Cole Brentham and Shannon Ponder both had three in the win.

**Salado 8th A 47**  
**Rogers 8th A 35**

Ward accounted for 12 points in the first half, including 11 in the second period, as Salado blew open a close game and cruised to an easy win. Scarborough tallied 10 points, Heiner had nine and Tucker added eight.

**Salado 8th A 39**  
**Jarrell 8th A 30**

The Eagles earned a strong victory over Jarrell, where seven different Salado players contributed points. Ruddick led them all with his 10-point effort, including six in the fourth period. Ward scored nine, Tucker had six and Scarborough had six. Ponder registered four, and Jacob Heiner and Brentham both added two points.

**Salado 7th A 25**  
**Jarrell 7th A 16**

The seventh graders used strong defense and opportunistic scoring to down Jarrell in the district tournament championship game, sealing the title for the A team Eagles. Koby Spears led all scorers with 10 points. Sean McBryde accounted for five, while Colton Meiman and Johnny Jordan both scored four. Austin Silva tallied two points.

**Salado 7th A 48**  
**Rogers 7th A 12**

This one was never close. Salado led 10-2 after one and 38-7 entering the fourth, completely dismantling Rogers. Meiman and Kornegay led the way for Salado, each posting 14 points. Spears added 10, Kyle Bradley scored six and McBryde had two.

**Salado 7th A 49**  
**Rosebud Lott A 5**

Salado blanked Rosebud in the first half, while scoring 27, on the way to a thrashing of the Cougars. Every Eagle on the roster contributed points, led by McBryde's nine-point effort. Kornegay had eight, Bradley, Jordan and Silva had six, Meiman, Peyton Best and Smith added four, and Spears had two.

**Salado 7th A 23**  
**Jarrell 7th A 21**

It took overtime and a bucket from Colton Meiman for the Eagles to emerge victorious over the Cougars. With the two clubs knotted at 21-21 entering the extra time, Meiman's basket accounted for the only scoring. Meiman had seven points on the game, as did Kornegay, to pace the Eagles. Spears, Silva, Bradley and Jordan all had two points, and McBryde had one.

**Salado 8th B 18**  
**Jarrell 8th B 4**

The eighth grade B team secured a district title for themselves with a strong defensive performance. Cameron Cooke led all scorers with eight points. Carlos Ortiz added four, while Jacob Brank, Jansen Oyler and Ryan Suresh all had two points.

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The Central Texas College (CTC) Foundation is offering numerous scholarship opportunities to students based on financial need as well as academic achievement. More than \$100,000 in scholarships will be available for up to 130 students this year. Deadline for applying for any of the scholarships for the 2007 academic year is March 31, 2007.

"There are at least 115 named endowments and scholarships totaling more than \$2.6 million available through the CTC Foundation," said Judy Heartfield, CTC Foundation director. "Scholarships are available for students from all walks of life and many of them do not have a grade point average requirement. We encourage anyone with interest and a need to apply."

The CTC Foundation has revised its scholarship application process with a new online application. Students may fill out the application one time and apply it to numerous

scholarships. "In the past, students had to fill out a separate application for each scholarship to which they applied," explained Heartfield. "Now they simply fill out a single application which will be used toward each scholarship indicated by the student." The scholarship application is available at [ctcd.scholarships.nelnet.net](http://ctcd.scholarships.nelnet.net).

"The scholarships are out there ready and waiting," exclaimed Heartfield. "We just need the students to apply and take advantage of the opportunities these scholarships provide."

Some of the scholarships available through the CTC Foundation include:

The Horace Grace African-American Studies and Research Endowed Scholarship – two scholarships valued at \$500 each will be presented. Preference will be given to African-American students or those students enrolled in programs of the Center for African-American Studies and Research.

The Killeen Evening Lions Club Scholarship – this scholarship is based on financial need and is for physically handicapped students. First priority will be given to visually-impaired students.

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The Central Texas College (CTC) Community Job Fair will be held April 18 at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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The Dennis Erwin Family is coming to Mountain View Baptist Church. The public is invited enjoy a time of Bible preaching and music for the heart. The Dennis Erwin family will lead in ‘Days of Renewal’ services Feb. 11 - 14 at Mountain View Baptist Church.

Services will begin at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. on weeknights.

Mountain View Baptist Church is located on FM 2410 at Cedar Knob Road in Harker Heights. For additional information call 254-947-8263.

**“Resolve Through Sharing” to help those grieving**

The Department Of Ministry and Pastoral Care/Caring Hearts at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center will conduct “Resolve Through Sharing” classes to train individuals that would like to volunteer their time in a very special way by helping family members through the grieving process.

Certified professionals trained in the areas of grief and loss issues will teach for two days. However, the class beginning April 29 which will be divided into three-day sessions. After the training, attendees will receive national certification and continuing education units.

Dates for RTS training:

Two-day class:

Feb. 20-21, Tuesday-Wednesday, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in building 36001 (next to CRDAMC), room 158

Three-day class:

April 29, Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m., May 6, Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m., May 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., all in building 36001, room 158

Two-day class:

Aug. 27-28, Monday-Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., building 36001, room 158

For more information call (254) 288-8849. To pick up an application, stop by the Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care office located in the CRDAMC basement around the corner from the pharmacy.

Dates for the Support group are every second Tuesday of the month, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in building 36001, room 158: Feb. 6, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11.



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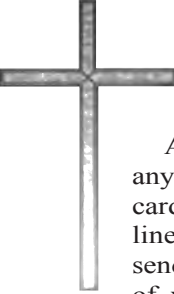
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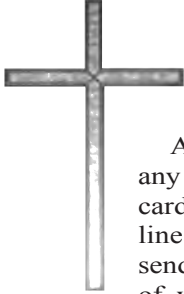
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The Felts moved to Texas in 2003. Shortly thereafter decided that the Central Texas area was the location where they wanted to live on a permanent basis, after Don retires from the U.S. Army.

The couple's knowledge of cigars comes from the experience they acquired while in Savannah, GA, where they also owned a cigar shop.

The Felts jumped in right where they left off in Savannah, with a small family owned and operated business with a commitment to customer service.

After living in Texas for two years, they decided to establish another cigar shop to prepare for Don's eventual retirement. Don is currently deployed to Iraq with Fort Hood's 1st Cavalry Division's 3rd Brigade. This is his second tour of duty with "The First Team."

## School Board candidate workshop

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, 7-9 p.m. Feb. 13, at the Region 12 Education Service Center (2101 W. Loop 340, Service Center/Independence Room).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.



CSM Donald R. Felt, Command Sergeant Major of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division sits amongst rubble of a former Iraqi Police Station in Baqubha, Iraq smoking a Salado Cigar.

sure when he will retire, but having a business in Salado helps in the decision making process.

With her husband deployed, Angie now runs the business alone, upholding the commitment

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information.

Participants will also view A Call to Service, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Tanya Barnett at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6248, or check the TASB Web Site at [www.lts.tasb.org/candidates](http://www.lts.tasb.org/candidates) for other dates and locations.

to customer service. She says if Salado Cigars doesn't have a particular brand in stock, then she

will find it.

"One nice thing about the cigar business is that you meet a special type of clientele," Don says. "When a guy finds a cigar shop, he's automatically in a good mood; he's like a kid in a candy store."

Meeting and talking to people comes naturally to the Felts. When Don is not deployed, he usually spends his Saturdays at the shop, where it is more of a social atmosphere for him. He likes to meet new people, chat and smoke cigars.

The business has steadily grown over the past year and the Felts hope it will continue to grow. They add new products every month, trying to stock the highest rated cigars of the year. "We can't stock every cigar, pipe and smoking accessory, but we try to stock the best quality items," says Angie.

Salado Cigars is located at 400 South Main. Anniversary specials will be available Feb. 10-11.

## A Study of World Religions with Tom Allen

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Mr. Allen is a Professor in the 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.

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Tuesday 13	French Toast	Fish Shapes, Hushpuppies, Broccoli w/Cheese, Fresh Fruit, Sugar Cookie	Chef Salad Hoagie	Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Corn, Pineapple, Broccoli, Texas Toast	Hamburger Frito Lay
Wednesday 14	Biscuit and Sausage Patty	Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches	Yogurt & Fruit Plate Hoagie	Pepperoni Pizza, Roasted Red Potato, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches	Chicken Fried Steak Sndw Baked Potato
Thursday 15	Breakfast Bagel w/Sausage	Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potato w/Gravy, Peas, Fresh Fruit, Roll	Chef Salad Hoagie	Chicken Spaghetti, Fries, Peas & Carrots, Corn, Mixed Fruit	Nachos Baked Potato
Friday 16	Breakfast on a Stick	Cheeseburger, Fries, Fruity Freeze	Chef Salad PB&J Lunch	Hamburger, Fries, Ranch Style Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Applesauce, Fruity Freeze	Meatball Sub Frito Lay
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Bell County Texas Democratic Women review the scholarship application package they are distributing to area school counselors this month. From left to right they are Frances Birtchet (Membership Co-Chair), Joan Hinshaw (Treasurer and Scholarship Committee Chair), Aliceanne Wallace (Legislative Issues Committee Chair), Dr. Yvonne Morgan (President), and Miriam Oliver (Second Vice-President).

## Bell Democrat women offer scholarships

The Bell County Texas Democratic Women is again offering two college scholarships to area women for the 2007-2008 academic year. The purpose of their Women Helping Women BCTDW Scholarship Program is to empower young women by providing educational scholarships to enable them to become economically independent and to have choices regarding their futures. The Vada Sutton Scholarship and the Lydia Vasquez Alaniz Scholarship, each in the amount of \$500.00, have been made possible through the endowment of their namesakes.

Applicants must be females residing in Bell County and graduating from high school this year, or currently attending college, or re-entering college. An application package may be requested from area school counselors or by calling Joan Hinshaw, Scholarship Committee Chair, at (254) 698-6944.

To be considered, applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2007. The two recipients will be presented with

their scholarships at the Bell County Texas Democratic Women's monthly meeting May 19th.

Last year's recipients of the Scholarship Program are: Chloe Tutor, Texas A&M University, for the Vada Sutton Scholarship; and Sofia Zanabria, University of Texas, for the Lydia Vasquez Alaniz Scholarship.

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## Training set Feb. 15, Feb. 21 SISD implements GradeSpeed program

Salado ISD has announced that it is implementing a pilot of the GradeSpeed program, called Parent Connect which will allow parents of children in grades first through eighth, to view, at-will, their child's grades on-line via the web. This pilot applies

to parents of children in either the Salado Intermediate School or Thomas Arnold Elementary. Parents of Salado High School students will have the opportunity to access GradeSpeed in the 2007-08 year.

Earl Bragg, Salado ISD technical director, will

lead a training session 6:30 p.m. Feb. 15 and Feb. 21 at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Both sessions will last no longer than one hour. The previously announced date of Feb 14 has been cancelled.

In order for parents to access GradeSpeed online,

or be eligible, they must attend one of the mandatory training sessions.

No further training will be scheduled for the remainder of this school year, but will be offered again for the 2007-08 school year. For that reason, high school parents should also attend.

## Student art due Feb. 19, to be shown March 3

The deadline for entries is approaching fast for the 4th annual Village of Salado Student Art Competition. The competition takes place Mar. 3 but all entries must be turned in at Salado Intermediate

School by Feb. 19. Volunteers will be on hand 3-5 p.m. to accept entries.

Any Student living within the Salado ISD boundaries is eligible to compete. Students will compete in several categories on an age/grade level.

Entry forms are available in the office of each campus. Students can choose to enter their 2D & 3D artwork (paintings, drawings, prints and ceramics), Textiles and Jewelry.

The purpose is to encourage and challenge student artists in the Village of Salado. The public is invited to view the work of these talented students at the Civic Center March 3.

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## Silver Spur plays host to 'The King'

February 14, St. Valentine's Day, is the quintessential 'Date Night' for sweethearts of all ages. The Salado Silver Spur Theater is paying homage to the night by taking a musical stroll down Memory Lane, with the King of Rock and Roll, Elvis Presley.

At 8 p.m. the theater, located at 108 Royal Street, will present the "Love Me Tender" Valentine's Day Show, starring acclaimed Elvis tribute artist, Johnny Memphis. Memphis has developed quite a follow-

ing throughout central Texas, with his faithful renditions of the King's greatest hits, authentic costumes, and dynamic stage presence.

He was raised in Killeen, the town which Elvis lived in while receiving his basic training at Fort Hood. This was also the army base in which Elvis was first stationed after is basic training. Johnny's father pastored a little church in Killeen where Vernon, Elvis' dad, attended during Elvis' tour of duty at Fort Hood.

Being only a toddler at the time, Johnny never met Elvis. After Elvis passed away, Rick Stanley, Elvis' step-brother, became a traveling evangelist, who shared his ministry with the church.

Hearing of Elvis' generosity, respectful manner and charm from one of Elvis' family members only reinforced Johnny's love for Elvis. Although shy, Johnny joined the church choir at an early age, and went on to sing in various vocal groups and Southern Gospel quartets over the years.

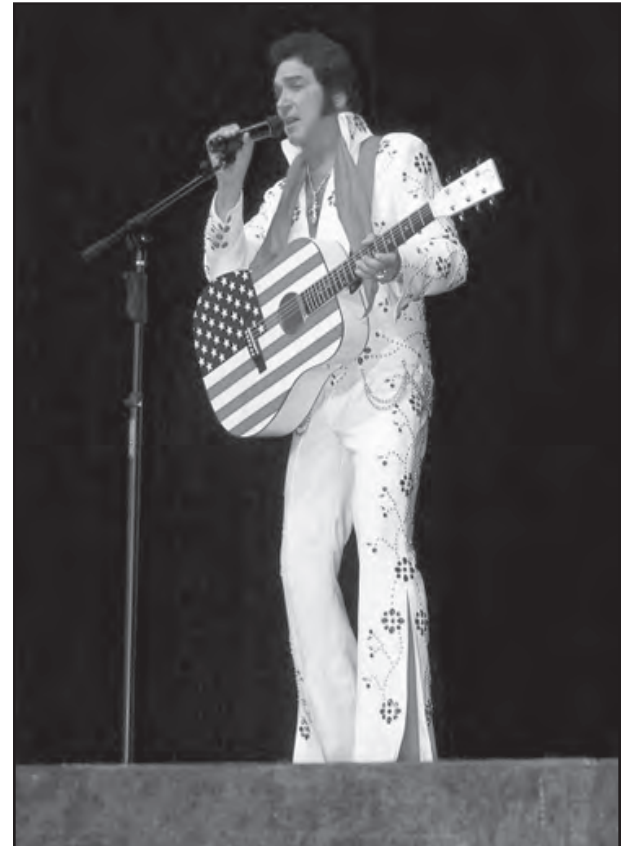
He says he became an Elvis tribute artist reluctantly, but after receiving positive feedback from a few performances at small venues, decided to shake off his shyness and become an Elvis imperson-

ator. He now performs all across the Central Texas area.

Johnny Memphis will be joined on the Silver Spur stage by two special guests. Candy Shannon will be paying tribute to Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, Tammy Wynette and other Country-and-Western sirens; and teen-age singing sensation Kaley Caperton will salute the female superstars of the '40s, '50s and '60s.

Admission to this event is \$14.50 per person. Seating is limited; therefore, reservations are encouraged. Reservations can be made by calling the Silver Spur box office at 254-947-3456.

For more information on Johnny Memphis, visit [www.johnnymemphis.net](http://www.johnnymemphis.net).



Johnny Memphis on stage

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## Open to the World brings top ropers to battle for \$200K in cash and prizes

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Professional cowboys including Rich Skelton, Joe Beaver Trevor Brazile, as well as Jake Barnes



Prizes up for grabs at the Open to the World

and Clay O'Brien Cooper will be converging on the Salado arena. All of them will be vying for the

purse, featuring one of the biggest payouts in all of rodeo.

At the ninth annual Open to the World, lo-

cal and World Champion cowboys and cowgirls from all over the country will be team roping for a prize line totaling over \$200,000. Topping the prize list is a pair of custom inlaid brief cases stuffed with cash totaling \$75,000, which is awarded to the winning team.

The roping begins at 9 a.m. and admission is free. The public is invited to attend. Wildfire Ranch is located at Exit 283 on I-35 just South of Salado.

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

Schools will be in session.  
**FEBRUARY 10**  
**Wildfire Ranch Open to the World Roping competition**, with \$75,000 cash awarded to the winning team. This is one of the biggest roping events in the entire country. Public is welcome. Info: 947-0291.

**FEBRUARY 12**  
**Salado Democrats meeting**, 6 p.m. at the Salado Mansion. Meeting is open to all. Info: call Ben at 947-0243.  
**FEBRUARY 13**  
**Salado Garden Club meeting**, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. Topic will focus

on rainwater harvesting. All gardeners invited to attend.  
**FEBRUARY 14**  
**Salado Silver Spur Theater presents Valentine's Day with Elvis**, featuring live music from renowned Elvis tribute artist, Johnny Memphis. Time: 8 p.m. Cost is \$14.50 per person. Reserve a spot by calling 947-3456.

**FEBRUARY 15**  
**Informal meeting to discuss the possibility of organizing a Salado Alumni Association**, 5 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

**FEBRUARY 15**  
**GradeSpeed orientation and training session for SISD parents**, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria. GradeSpeed will allow parents to check student grades and progress online. Orientation is mandatory for accessing the service.

**FEBRUARY 17**  
**Salado Silver Spur Theater open auditions for their upcoming production of the play "Luv."** One actress needed, to play a character in her 30s. For info and time slots call 947-3456.

**FEBRUARY 20**  
**Teacup Tuesday meeting**, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: "Let's Learn About Antiques," presented by Jimmy Murchison. Public is welcome.

**FEBRUARY 20**  
**Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting**, 11 a.m. at the Halley House. Program will be given by Shannon Ashe.

**FEBRUARY 21-23**  
**Salado Village Artists watercolor workshop**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day in the Village Artists Building. Workshop will focus on Still Life. Lunch is included. Cost: \$165 with discounts for club members. Info: Kathleen Letourneau, 947-0348 or Joan Hoffman, 947-0073.  
**FEBRUARY 24**

**Institute for the Humanities Spring Lecture Series - "Privacy Lost: At What Cost?"**, with Alex Cavalli, Ph.D. Cavalli will present "Living in a More Transparent World," 5-7 p.m. at Mill Creek Dining Room, and "The Digital Revolution," 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Reservation info: 947-5729 or visit www.salado-institute.org.

**FEBRUARY 26**  
**Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting**, 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.

**FEBRUARY 27**  
**TxDOT public meeting to discuss improvements on I-35 in Bell County**, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Public invited to attend.

**MARCH 13**  
**Salado Garden Club meeting** - field trip to Oma's Garten Pflanzen in Killeen; a nursery that specializes in Texas natives and low maintenance plants. Meet at Salado Presbyterian Church at 9:30 am to car pool.

**MARCH 16**  
**12th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament**, benefitting Tablerock Festival, Inc. Tourney will be held on Mill Creek Golf Course, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. \$60 entry fee. Info: 254-534-3324 or tablerock1@aol.com.

**MARCH 18**  
**Institute for the**

**Humanities Spring Lecture Series - "Privacy Lost: At What Cost?"**, with Tom Mayo, J.D. Mayo, an attorney specializing in humanities issues, will speak about the crisis in medical privacy, 4-6 p.m. at the Celebration Center. An optional dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. Reservation info: 947-5729 or visit www.salado-institute.org.

**MARCH 19**  
**Taste of Salado**, 6-8 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado. More information TBA.

**MARCH 20**  
**Teacup Tuesday meeting**, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: A dramatic presentation of "Esther," written and performed by Judy Greene. Public is welcome.

**MARCH 22-24**  
**Happy Trails Shop Hop in Salado**, additional information TBA. Info: A Sewing Basket, 947-5423.

**MARCH 24**  
**Central Texas Area Museum hosts the 47th Annual Readers and Writers Roundtable**, 1:30 p.m. at the museum's auditorium. Event will feature presentations by seven Texas authors. Admission: \$5. For reservations call 254-947-5232.

**MARCH 24 AND 25**  
**Annual Wildflower Art Show**, featuring artists and artisans from throughout Texas, at the Salado Civic Center. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040. More details TBA.

**MARCH 24 AND 25**  
**12th Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater**; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. March 24 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 25. Food booth, drinks, gift booths and dessert booths will be open both days. Admission: \$5 for adults,

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**MARCH 31**

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**APRIL 2**

**Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting,** 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.  
**APRIL 6**

**Salado ISD bad weather make up day.** Schools will be in session.  
**APRIL 6-8**

**Annual Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphitheater,** presented by the First Baptist Church of Salado. 8:15 p.m. nightly, free admission. Guests encouraged to bring a lawn chair. Church groups welcome. Info: Randy Carder, event director, 254-947-5465 or [www.fbcsalado.org](http://www.fbcsalado.org).  
**APRIL 10**

**Salado Garden Club meeting,** 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. Group will discuss final planning for Garden Tour. All gardeners welcome.  
**APRIL 14**

**Institute for the Humanities Spring Lecture Series - "Privacy Lost: At What Cost?"**, with Beth Givens. Givens will present "Identity Theft: The Ultimate Privacy Loss," 5-7 p.m. at Mill Creek Dining Room.

A lunch with the speaker will be held 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Inn on the Creek. Reservation info: 947-5729 or visit [www.salado-institute.org](http://www.salado-institute.org).  
**APRIL 17**

**Teacup Tuesday meeting,** 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: Decorating with Jill Shipman, interior designer and owner of Stonecreek Settlement bed and breakfast. Public is welcome.  
**APRIL 21**

**ABWA Benefit and Style Show,** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Longhorn Room of Stagecoach Inn. Info: 254-947-3617.  
**APRIL 30**

**Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting,** 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.  
**MAY 5**

**Salado United Methodist Church Women's Ministry Second Annual Fundraiser, "Celebration 2007: Texas not Tuscany,"** 7-10 p.m. at Jack's Barn.

**MAY 6**  
**Institute for the Humanities Spring Lecture Series - "Privacy Lost: At What Cost?"**, with Admiral Bobby Inman. Inman will present "Privacy vs. Security in the Age of Terrorism, 4-6 p.m. at the Celebration Center, with an optional dinner to follow. Reservation info: 947-5729 or visit [www.salado-institute.org](http://www.salado-institute.org).

**MAY 12-13**  
**Annual Salado Yard and Garden Tour,** sponsored by the Salado Garden Club. More info TBA.  
**MAY 24**

**Salado High School Class of 2006-07 commencement ceremony,** at the Mayborn Center on the campus of the University of Mary Hardin Baylor.  
**MAY 26 AND 27**

**Wildfire Ranch hosts the Wildfire Truck Explosion Team Roping event.** Info: 947-0291.  
**MAY 28**

**Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting,** 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge

Building on Church Street.  
**JUNE 9**  
**Annual Salado Reunion,** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School Commons area. Reunion is open to Salado alumni, as well as the general public. A lunch will be served. Info: 254-939-3187 or 254-947-5783.  
**JUNE 12**

**Salado Garden Club meeting,** 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. All gardeners invited.  
**JUNE 23 AND 24**

**Auditions for Tablerock's production of "Taming of the**  
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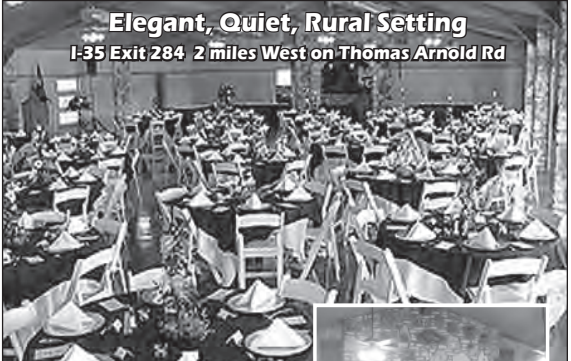
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**JUNE 25**

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

**JULY 21, 28 AND AUG. 4**

**15th Annual production of "Salado Legends" outdoor musical drama at Tablerock Amphitheater.** Show times: 8:15 p.m. for each show. Dinner at 7:15 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$8 for adult or child, and reservations are required. Cost for the performance is \$17 for adults and \$5 for children. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.

**AUGUST 4-5**

**41st Annual Salado Art Fair, on the grounds of Pace Memorial Park.**

Featuring over 100 artists and artisans from Texas and throughout the Southwest. Hours: 8 a.m.-5p.m. Aug. 4 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 5. Free parking throughout the village.

Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

**SEPTEMBER 11**

**Salado Garden Club meeting,** 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. Program will focus on herbs. All gardeners invited to attend.

**SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16**

**Fantasy Faire at Tablerock,** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Characters from history, literature, mythology and imagination invite you to a world of Medieval magic. Music, storytelling, archery

tournament, vendors and more. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors, and military with ID. Info: Stephanie Hood, shood@tablerock.org or www.tablerock.org.

**OCTOBER 6-7**

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

**OCTOBER 7**

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

**OCTOBER 6, 13 AND 20**

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

email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

**OCTOBER 9**

**Salado Garden Club meeting,** 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. All gardeners invited.

**OCTOBER 27 AND 28**

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

**NOVEMBER 13**

**Salado Garden Club meeting,** 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Program will be given by Norm Arnold of Houston, designer of gardens, discussing his new garden book on Glorious Texas Gardens. All gardeners invited to attend.



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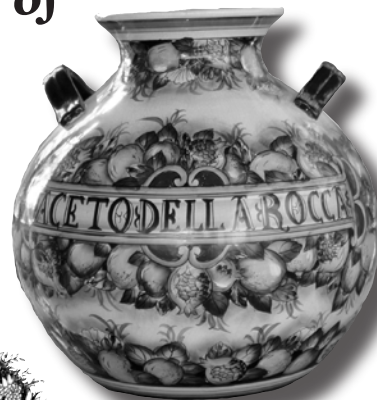
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# ‘White’ foods do more harm than good

There have been a number of sayings that may have caught your attention in the past concerning white bread, like: “The whiter the bread, the sooner you’re dead” or even “quick death,”

But interestingly, and more importantly, white bread isn’t the only problem. There are a number of white foods that reek havoc with your health. Foods like refined flour, pasteurized and homogenized milk, processed salt, vegetable oils, and of course, sugar are equally as detrimental. Let’s take a look at each and see where the problems lie, and discuss what might be better choices.

1. Problem: Refined flour can be found in the majority of convenience foods in America; including breads, pastries, and cereals. Once the bran is

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By Kevin McCauley



removed from the grain the food has lost all of its nutritional value, making it an empty calorie, if not a “naked” calorie. Manufacturers commonly refer to refined flours as “bleached and enriched” and you will find this terminology listed in the ingredients of cheaper breads and baked goods.

Answer: If you want to consume bread, look for breads that are made from organic and “sprouted” grains. These breads will be much safer and actually have some nutritional value.

2. Problem: Pasteurized and Homogenized milk is far from the wholesome and natural state

that comes from the cow or goat. Commercialized milk should be considered a “convenience” food as it is so altered as to be without nutritional value. Pasteurization kills beneficial enzymes, bacteria, vitamins and minerals in the milk. Homogenization so drastically changes the make-up of the milk that it can cause digestive issues. In addition, unless the milk says “organic” on the container, you are consuming hormones and antibiotics that are passed on by the cow or goat.

Answer: If you drink milk because you want to increase the calcium in your diet, increase the amount of green leafy

vegetables instead. These vegetables will increase your nutrient intake for the day with very few added calories and with no added sugar. If you love dairy

products, find a farmer who produces milk from free range grass fed cows or goats. Make sure that there are no hormones, antibiotics or any type of

pesticides being used as well.

3. Problem: Processed salt has very little nutritional value. Sodium

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# Avoiding 'white' foods

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problems. Table salt may also contain aluminum-based anti-caking agents, dextrose, silico-aluminate and sodium acetate that may cause a plethora of

health issues. Answer: Buy an unprocessed Sea Salt. It contains numerous trace minerals that are beneficial to your body.

4. Problem: Vegetable Oil is an oil that we consume way too much of in America. Polyunsaturated fats, including vegetable oils, are very unstable and cannot be heated, so you should not cook with them. Research today links heated vegetable oils with rancidity which increases the free radical make-up in the body. Margarine is a vegetable oil based product that is loaded with trans-fatty acids, making it closer to a plastic than a fat, and should be avoided completely.

Answer: A best way to increase your quality fat intake to is to consume organic green vegetables and non-roasted walnuts and almonds. Eggs and meat from free range chickens and animals produce an excellent source of Omega-3 Essential Fatty Acids. If cooking, use coconut oil, ghee or lard.

The top mono-unsaturated oil is Extra Virgin Olive Oil, which is much better choice than Canola.

5. Problem: Only 100 years ago we consumed just four pounds of sugar a year. Today, the average American consumes 150-170 pounds of sugar per year! Looking at this statistic alone, it is easy to see why Americans, both adults and children alike, are struggling with obesity and adult-onset diabetes.

Sugar causes numerous issues, too great to speak of today, but know this; sugar is a drug and a poison. Nothing good comes from it, nothing. Our ability to resist disease decreases as we continue to displace real nutrient dense foods with sugar, leaving us with a damaged metabolism.

Answer: The answer is not Artificial Sweeteners,

as they could easily have been listed as a "quick death" white food product. For sugar alternatives, I suggest, Stevia, which is a beneficial sweet herb. Also, try consuming organic fruits and root vegetables, like sweet potatoes, carrots, or even beets.

Proper nutrition is the primary factor when making lifestyle changes to improve your health. Reduce, if not remove, the preceding "white" foods from your diet and replace them with the "colorful" options and you will see and feel the improvement.

Kevin McCauley, MA, is a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach serving the Greater Salado Area. Kevin has over fifteen years of professional experience as a clinical nutritionist and personal trainer. He can be contacted at [youbewell@earthlink.net](mailto:youbewell@earthlink.net) or 254-947-8304.

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Rainbow Trout will be released into the pond prior to the event. A limited number of fishing poles will be provided, as well as bait. Certified staff

will be on hand to assist any first time anglers, and staff will also prepare hotdogs, and serve snacks and drinks.

Admission is free, and participation times will be 8-10 a.m. for children up to age 16, while those 17 and up will fish 10 a.m.-noon.

All state and local fishing laws will apply.

For more information call the Wilson Park Recreation Center at 254-298-5740.

## Ballroom Dance set for Feb. 10

The Central Texas Stardust Ballroom Dance Club will hold its monthly dance gala 8-11 p.m. Feb. 10 in Strasburger Hall at Temple's Cultural Activities Center. The Dick Thomas Orchestra will be on the bandstand.

Open to the public at \$10 per person, the tradition attracts dancers at every age and skill level, representing a broad section of Central Texas. Singles are welcomed in the no-smoking venue.

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# Hoffman to lead watercolor course

Joan Hoffman will lead a three-day watercolor class at the Salado Village Artists Building Feb. 21-23.

Hoffman has a great deal of expertise in color mixing and glazing, and has been a popular instructor for the Salado Village Artists for several years.

Her them for this series of classes will be "Still Lives from Life." Working at their own pace, students will receive a lesson on drawing techniques and composition. Hoffman will also instruct the class in ways to paint glass and paint white in watercolor using washes.

A resident of Salado

since 1981, Hoffman is a charter member of the Salado Village Artists. She has taken years of instruction from well-known watercolor teachers from throughout the United States, and knows how to make the beginner and intermediate student understand the intricacies of painting in watercolor.

Limited to 15 people, the class will run 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Call Hoffman at 947-0073 for a list of supplies, or come by the Village Artists Building on Feb. 6 or 13. The Village Artists Building is located on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center.

Lunch will be served all three days and paper



Joan Hoffman

will be available for purchase.

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istering call Kathleen Le-tourneau at 947-0348, or Hoffman at 947-0073, after 3 p.m. The course will cost \$165 with a discount for members.

## CTAM plays host to 47th writers roundtable March 24

The Central Texas Area Museum will hold its 47th Readers and Writers Roundtable on March 24, spotlighting not only the famed coed of **Texas Women of the Cattle Trails**, edited by Sara R. Massey, but also six other Texas authors.

Massey, retiring from the Institute of Texas Cultures, where she developed and published a series of books about Texas history, 'sured the net' to find an art school in France. Off she went, leaving Austwell - near Corpus Christi - and she has not stopped painting or traveling ever since.

Massey includes Williamson County pioneer Harriett L. "Hattie" Cluck, a member of the first class of 1860 at Salado College, as one of 16, 19th century trail driving women in her book. Cluck's biographer, Bill Stein, writes, "Hattie

Cluck actually went up the Chisholm Trail."

Much to her husband's chagrin, Hattie and her three children made the trip on the 1871 cattle drive to Abilene, KS, while expecting the couple's fourth child. She is known as the first woman to ride the Chisholm Trail.

Next, Jim Jennings, a Texas A&M graduate with a lifelong love of ranching and horses, will present his **Best Remudas**, the story of ranches and the quality of their remudas. Remudas are the horses which the wagon boss chooses to work with on the ranch each day.

Jennings will feature the Cogdell Ranch in Snyder, and the Tule Ranch in Tulia, both owned by the Cogdell family, well known for their cutting horses and ranch horses. Tule Ranch was honored in 2006, winning the

American Quarter Horse Association's Best Remuda Award.

Also, team calf roper Phil Livingston will talk about his book, **War Horse, Mounting the Cavalry with America's Finest Horses**. It studies the preservation of impressive equestrian bloodlines, which makes American and Texas horses so prized internationally.

Liz Carpenter, national celebrity and Texas favorite, will lead the Roundtable and speak about her book, **Presidential Humor**. Glenn Dromgoole, Tim McKenzie and S.E. Wolf, MD, may be among the other authors. The annual Readers and Writers Roundtable will convene 1:30 p.m. at the Central Texas Area Museum Auditorium at 423 S. Main Street. Reservations are \$5. Call 947-5232 to reserve a place.

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1 TV's "The — of Life"  
6 See 23 Down  
11 Brit. fliers  
14 Canine grp.  
17 Shining  
18 "Black Magic Woman" rockers  
20 Vagoda of "Fish"  
21 Mauna —  
22 Start of a remark  
24 Samara citizen  
26 Director Wanamaker  
27 Desire deified  
28 Cyclone center  
30 Word with talk or tennis  
31 "— Crazy" ('80 film)  
32 Dancer Juliet  
36 Ancient epic  
37 He had a gift complex  
40 New Orleans campus  
42 Emulate Arachne  
45 Be adjacent to  
46 Excellent grade

48 Andes animals  
51 Part 2 of remark  
55 Art supporter?  
57 Create a reservoir  
59 Poetic monogram  
60 "Jaws" setting  
61 Origami supply  
62 Saucony competitor  
63 Phantom instrument  
65 Cosmetic purchase  
67 Aptitude  
69 Crusoe's creator  
71 Part 3 of remark  
73 Country star Brooks  
74 New York native  
76 Soporific substance  
77 Canvas cover?  
79 Perfume bottle  
80 Stuck in the mud  
82 Relish a rose  
84 — Jima  
87 Corn portion  
88 Doha's country

89 Part 4 of remark  
92 It may be subordinate  
94 Showy shrub  
96 Architect Saarinen  
97 Mr. Topper  
99 Termination  
101 Beneath  
102 In progress  
105 Ravine  
107 Spellbound  
109 Rousseau  
110 Missouri airport abbr.  
111 Universal tradesman?  
112 Herd word  
115 Distin- guished  
117 End of remark  
123 I love, to Livy  
124 Dundee denial  
125 Unfavorable  
126 "— Gay"  
127 Snug spot  
128 Cable channel  
129 Coup —  
130 Heathen

**DOWN**

1 Some are saturated  
2 Turkish title  
3 Mr. Kaddis- hopper

4 Craggy hill  
5 Cake and candy  
6 Neighbor of Thailand  
7 Pantry pest  
8 Utmost  
9 Musician Winding  
10 Richards or Reinking  
11 Valuable  
12 — Simbel  
13 Celebration  
14 Excuse  
15 Adorable Australian  
16 Worked on a chair  
18 Stallion sound  
19 "It's been —"  
23 With 6 Across, Ceylon, today  
25 Hawthorne milieu  
29 Evergreen tree  
31 Fill to the gills  
32 Roman writer  
33 Told  
34 Draft status  
35 Moist  
37 Beer ingredient  
38 Wading bird  
39 '62 Gene Chandler smash  
41 Component

43 Or — (threat words)  
44 On one's toes  
47 It makes rye high  
49 Called attention to  
50 Susan — James  
52 Hit the ceiling  
53 "— Man" ('67 hit)  
54 Hullabaloo  
56 Lhasa —  
58 Engineering course  
61 Limerick or haiku  
62 Young of "Mr. Ed"  
64 Make murky  
65 Crossword puzzle part  
66 Baton Rouge coll.  
68 Lithe  
69 Pigeon kin  
70 Early computer  
71 Israeli dance  
72 "Tommy" or "Tosca"  
75 Pile up  
77 Snow —  
78 Monte Rosa, for one  
81 News bit  
82 Group of geese  
83 Signify

85 Had on  
86 — about (approx- imately)  
88 Division result  
89 Lots  
90 Ray or Moro  
91 Flat rate?  
93 — squash  
95 Road to enlighten- ment  
98 Cal. page  
100 Prepare the Parmesan  
101 Scheduled mainte- nance  
102 Winning  
103 — fatale  
104 Soubise ingredient  
106 — Romeo  
108 Pretense  
110 Manuscript imperative  
111 Kid  
112 — synthe- sizer  
113 "Man — Mancha"  
114 In the twinkling — eye  
116 Palindromic name  
118 "Kookie" Byrnes  
119 First lady?  
120 Allow  
121 Under- garment  
122 Genetic info

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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## THE OBSERVATION DECK

President must call on many persons — some to man the ramparts and to watch the far away, distant posts; others to lead us in science, medicine, education and social progress here at home.

LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

### SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K Q 8 7 2  
♥ Q 10 9  
♦ 5  
♣ A 10 8 3

**WEST**  
♠ A 5  
♥ K 7 2  
♦ A K Q J 9 4 3  
♣ 2

**EAST**  
♠ 10 9 6 3  
♥ 6 4  
♦ 10 8 7 6 2  
♣ 7 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 4  
♥ A J 8 5 3  
♦ —  
♣ K Q J 9 5 4

The bidding:  
West 1♦ North 1♠ East Pass South 3♦  
3♦ 4♣ 4♦ 6♣

Opening lead — two of hearts.

## Hoist by his own petard

### Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It is said that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, and this deal, where South reached six clubs on the sequence shown, would certainly seem to provide support for that argument. Most players with the West hand would choose the king of diamonds as their opening lead. It simply wouldn't occur to them to make any other lead, and in the end, they would wind up defeating the slam.

In the actual case, however, West, a well-known player, led a heart. He realized from the bidding that South almost certainly had no diamonds, and thought it might be essential to establish a heart trick for the defense before declarer could establish dummy's spades and dispose of his heart losers.

But, alas, West's opening heart lead proved fatal. Declarer won with dummy's queen, ruffed a diamond, played the K-Q of trumps and then led the four of spades.

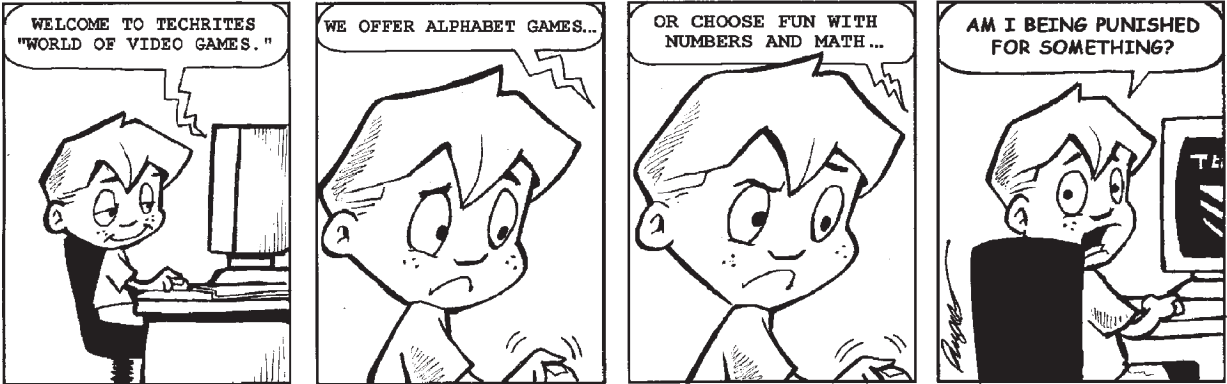
This presented West with an insoluble problem. If he went up with the ace, South would later discard his J-8-5 of hearts on dummy's spades. And if West followed low instead, declarer would win the spade with dummy's queen and return a low spade to the jack and ace, forcing West to concede the slam whatever he did next.

If West had led a diamond originally -- the so-called automatic lead -- declarer would have gone down regardless of how he proceeded. There would have been no way for him to avoid losing a spade and a heart, assuming best defense.

Was West simply unlucky because he was smart enough to figure out that South was void of diamonds, or should he have led a diamond anyway? It's hard to say, but of one thing we're sure: A little knowledge can be a dangerous thing!

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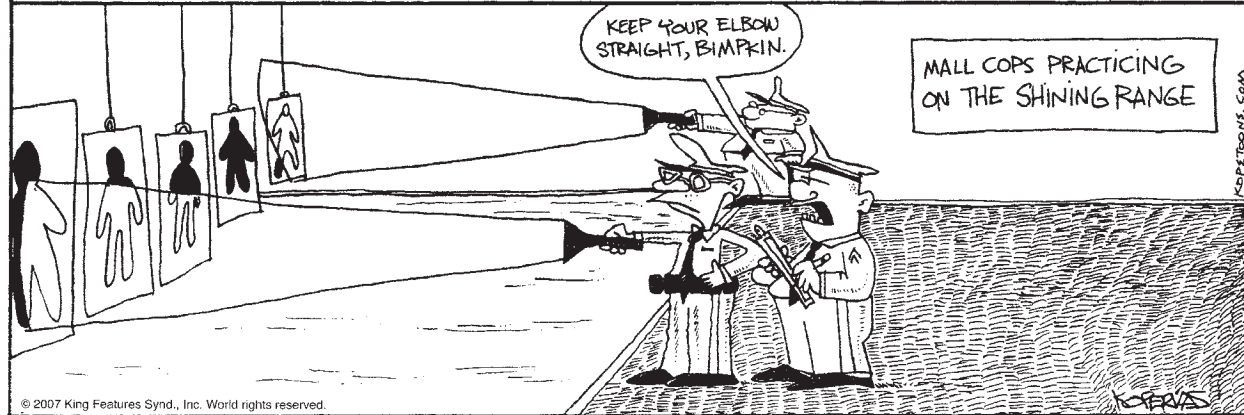
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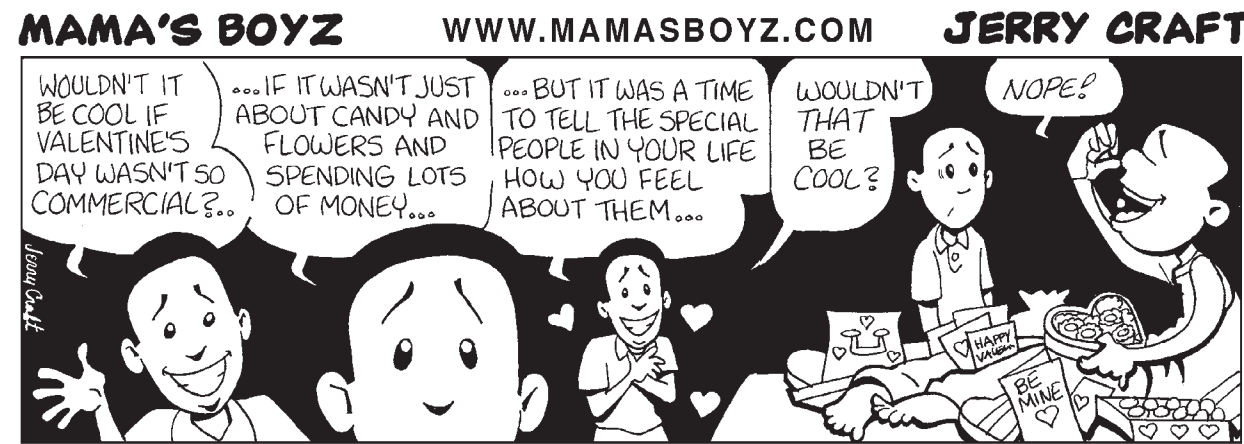
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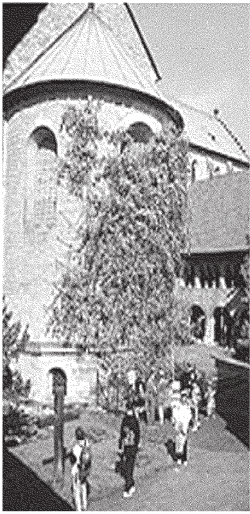
by Jeff Pickering



# The Garden Bug

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# What's all this fascination with ice?

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A 14,000 square foot freezer was created to keep temperature around 19 degrees so the bigger than life-size sculptures wouldn't melt. Forty ice

artisans from Harbin, China were called in to spend 34 days creating the wagons, horses and manger scenes from two million pounds of ice.

We were given parkas to wear during the time we were viewing the unique exhibit.

There was even an ice slide that most of the guests

by  
Tumbleweed  
Smith



experienced. Five thousand ice blocks were hand carved and transformed into a winter wonderland.

Three different types of ice were used: clear, glass-like crystal ice, white ice that looked like compacted snow and colored ice which was dyed brilliant colors. One thousand four hundred lead lights frozen within the ice created a dazzling display. We were all amazed. The hot chocolate and cookies we had after turning in our parkas were warm and welcome.

It just occurred to me that there's a lot of ice stuff going on. When we were in Queenstown, New Zealand one evening in December (summer over there), I noticed a room full of people wearing fur-lined parkas, boots and gloves.

They were preparing to go into a nightclub named

Minus Five Degrees. For \$30, you can head inside the bar, which is made of ice and drink vodka from glasses also made of ice and sit on ice chairs and place your glass on ice tables and admire the ice sculptures.

Patrons are only allowed to stay for 30 minutes. They wear timers to let them know when their half-hour is up. Even the bar staff only works in rotating one-hour shifts. One person who emerged from the bar said you wouldn't go to Minus Five for a night out. You should treat it like a ride on a roller coaster, something that only lasts a short time but is very memorable. What's cooler than being cool?

I thought this might be a one-of-a-kind thing, but I found out there are several ice bars around the world. Sydney and Auckland both have Minus Fives, so do Paris, London and

Tokyo. Beverly Hills and Las Vegas both have what they call Vodka Freezers and Manhattan has a long bar made of ice.

Quebec City has an ice hotel (or Hotel de Glace, as it's called in French). Everything is made of snow or ice, including the walls and roof. Transparent crystal columns and soaring archways don't take away the fact that a night there is an experiment in sub-freezing survival. If you feel chilled, you can soak in the hot tub before climbing into your sleeping bag. There is a permanent structure with central heat, bathrooms and a fireplace.

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Drayton McLane, Jr., and hosted by the College of Business.

"It is a tremendous honor and privilege for our College of Business to be able to host such a distinguished guest as Mrs. Barbara Bush especially after just having her husband, Former President George Bush, speak last year," said University President Jerry G. Bawcom. "We are grateful to

Mr. McLane for providing this opportunity for our students, faculty, staff and administration to hear from Mrs. Bush."

Throughout her years in public life, Mrs. Bush volunteered in and supported hundreds of charity and humanitarian causes. Today, she continues her support of the Mayo Clinic Foundation and Ronald McDonald Houses. In addition, she and President Bush serve as co-chairs of a group called C-Change, an organization that represents more than 150 individuals and groups whose common goal is to fight cancer.

The event will be held in the Mayborn Campus Center arena. Attendance of the event will be by invitation only.

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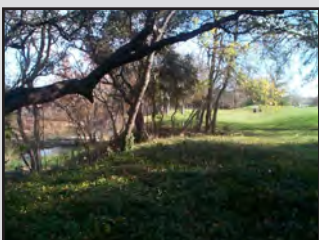
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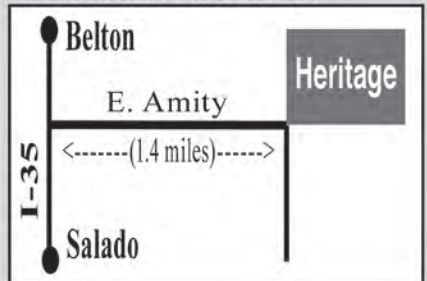


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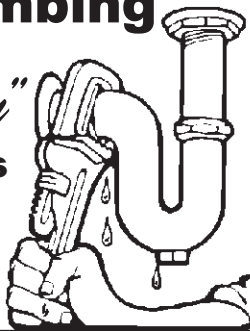
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**Old Country home 2 BR 2 BA large kitchen, living and dining area plus bonus room.** Window a/c, Water paid. 1900 sq ft plus. \$900 mo plus deposit. 947-5661 or 254-421-3452 2/8p

**For rent - clean, 2 BR, 2 BA duplex** \$600 760-4440 2/1 tfnb

**Unique home on Church Street, Lots of trees!** The front of the home faces Main Street and the footbridge. 3 BR 2 BA with large living and loft. The

master bedroom is very large with lots of storage. Washer/dryer is furnished. \$1,000 mo. SD. required. Call Village Realty 947-0342 2/1/07 tfnb

**No Yard Maintenance on this 1 bd, 1ba, furnished Mill Creek townhouse! Water paid , \$700 mo. and \$700 SD.** Call Village Realty 254-947-0342. 1/25/07tfn

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**Charming country stone home on 5 acres, 3-2 with garage, super clean,**

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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit with Food and Beverage Certificate, by Culinary Investment Associates, llc; DBA The Range at the Barton House, to be located at 101 North Main Street, Salado, Bell County, Texas. Officers of said Limited Liability Corporation are Bobby Lewis Shull, President; Kathryn Shull Hermann, Secretary and Jennie Milroy Shull, Treasurer.

**INVITATION FOR BID PROPOSALS  
SALADO HIGH SCHOOL**

Baird/Williams Construction, LTD has been hired by Salado ISD as the Construction Manager for construction of a New High School in Salado, Texas.

We will be accepting bid proposals for all phases of the work.

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**Beautiful David Foust Custom Home** under construction in Hidden Springs. Lots of extras included in this home. 4 BR/3.5 BA/2 liv/2 din. Home includes \$18,000 landscaping allowance. **\$485,000.**



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



**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.



**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.**



**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**



**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.**



**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.**



**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.**



**Outstanding view** from this one of a kind Texas Design Estate. Stainless Steel Kitchen Aid Appliances, Granite Counters Throughout, & Much More!!! 5BR/3.5BA **\$399,900.**



**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.**



**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**

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.  
6.11 acres in Bartlett, Pecan Valley Mobil Home Addition. \$89,000.

**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. \$316,000  
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  
50 acre tracts. Beautiful Hill Country ranch land. The perfect weekend retreat or horse operation. \$233,820 and \$275,000.  
55.38 acres, productive Blackland adjoining residential area on NW side of Bartlett. \$193,830.  
44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees. Will Divide. \$5,000/acre.

**Over 100 Acres**

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 live creek, Artesian spring, two stock tanks, elevation with beautiful views and building sites. Caves, rock quarry, 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.  
Granger Hair Salon (3 chairs with equipment), includes adjoining 2/1 apartment, \$109,500.

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