

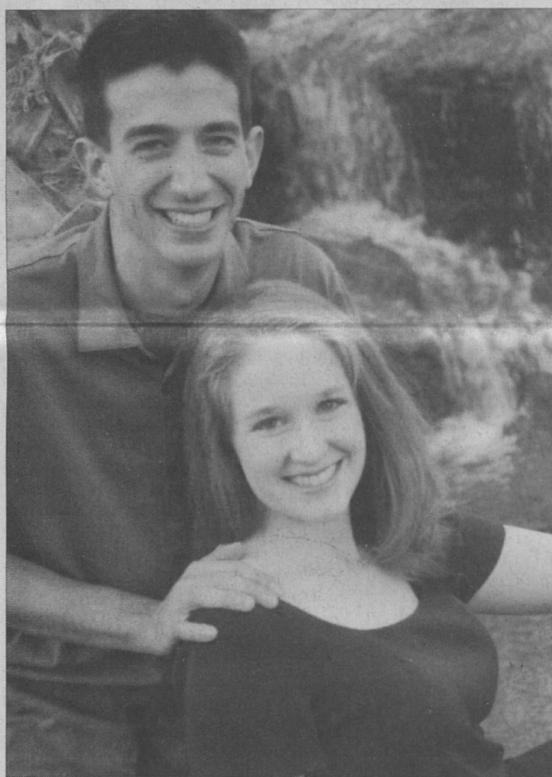
Albrecht, Sunderman To Marry

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin J. Albrecht of Hallettsville are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Shelley Rae, to Coy Thomas Sunderman, son of Glen and the late Stephanie Sunderman of Eagle Lake.

Shelley is a 1998 graduate of Hallettsville High School and a 2003 graduate of Southwest Texas State University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Health Information Management. She is the Health Information Manager for Sugar Land Surgical Hospital.

Coy is a 1999 graduate of Rice High School and a 2003 graduate from Southwest Texas State University with a Bachelors degree in Marketing and Business Administration. He is an agent for Nationwide Insurance.

The couple will be married Saturday, September 30, 2006 at Knolle Farm and Ranch in Sandia, Texas.



Mann, DeMartino To Wed

Rev. and Mrs. David Mann of Tucson, Arizona are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sara Elizabeth to Dr. Robert Vincent DeMartino of Henderson, Nevada.

Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. DeMartino of Henderson.

Sara is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mann of Bryan, Texas and Mrs. Jimmy Dixon formerly of Bryan, Texas now of Tucson, Arizona and the late Marvin Dixon of Bryan.

Rob is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Pizzo of Maspeh, New York and the late Mr. and Mrs. Vincent DeMartino of Brooklyn, New York.

The wedding will take place October 14, 2006 in Henderson, Nevada.

Sales Tax Payments Down 11.43 Percent

Sales Tax payments to the City of Eagle Lake in September were \$17,302, a decrease of 11.43 percent from last September, figures from the state comptroller show.

So far this year in Eagle Lake, sales tax payments have totaled \$165,275 a decrease of 7.58 percent from the same period last year.

Strayhorn Closes Strong Sales Tax Year, Distributes \$405 Million in September Sales Tax Payments to Local Governments

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced that the state collected \$1.64 billion in sales tax in August, up 10.9 percent compared to a year ago. And when the state's 2006 fiscal year ended August 31, sales tax collections totaled \$18.2 billion, 12 percent higher than in FY 05.

Strayhorn delivered \$405.4 million in September sales tax payments to local governments, a 13.2 percent increase compared to September 2005. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are up 14.7 percent compared to the same period in 2005.

September's sales tax allocations include local sales taxes collected in July and reported to the Comptroller in August.

The half-cent sales tax rebate for Colorado County was up 10.12 percent, with a payment of \$71,128.

For the year in Colorado County, the payments totaled \$674,651, an increase of 8.37 percent.

In Fayette County, the half-cent sales tax was up 0.78 percent, with a payment of \$107,148.

For the year in Fayette County, the payments totaled \$956,324, an increase of 9.33 percent.

Checks sent to area cities for September with changes from last year are as follows:

Columbus - \$77,507, up 4.56 percent; for the year, \$739,342, up 1.91 percent.

Weimar - \$23,640, up 21.54 percent; for the year, \$210,757, up

Gold Family Holds 32nd Reunion

The descendants of Rudolf and Amalia Gold gathered for the 32nd annual reunion on September 10 at the Nada Parish Hall. It was hosted by Edward and Bernita Korenek and family.

The day began with Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. The two grandsons of Rudolf and Amalia were the celebrants. They were Rev. Greg Korenek of Victoria and Rev. Paul Raaz of Gonzales.

During the Mass the following deceased members were remembered with a Memorial Service. Rudolf and Amalia Gold, Rudy and Ruby Gold, Jowayne and Ann Gold, Oscar Guenther, Edwin Gold, Albert Gold, Mary Ann Gold and Renee Okruhlik, infant daughter of Shannon and Kristy Okruhlik. A special blessing was then given to Edward and Bernita Korenek by Father Greg who will be married 50 years on October 29, 2006.

A catered meal consisting of roast beef and the trimmings was served for lunch. Family members brought a variety of desserts.

After lunch a very informal family meeting was held. It was conducted by Bernita Korenek. The oldest member present was Lillie Raaz age 89, Living older members are Lucille Gold, age 91, and Paul Raaz age 90. They were unable to be with us. The youngest member was Lauren Elizabeth Little, one week old great granddaughter of Rudy and Ruby Gold. Traveling the farthest were Linda Lara and family of Navasota.

Total living descendants is 155, of these 120 were present.

Bernita Korenek shared a few memories of their wedding 50 years ago, comparing life then and now. Many things have changed in these 50 years.

Several door prizes donated by the hosts were given away.

Family pictures were taken and the rest of the afternoon was spent visiting and enjoying each other's company.

The next reunion will be hosted by the Walter Gold family in September of 2007.

Football Registration Underway

Nick Shorter will be signing up Eagle Lake youth and those in the surrounding areas with the Central Texas Youth Football Association.

Shorter will be assisted by Jodie Row, and also the president of the Columbus Youth Football League, Mr. Lopez will be assisting Shorter in organizing various activities.

Nick extends his thanks to Head Coach Brad Dumont for his permission to use the Rice Raider name.

The support of Eagle Lake, Garwood, Sheridan, Rock Island and Nada will be greatly appreciated.

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Pictured above is Rice Hospital District's newly appointed Advisory Committee. Front row, left to right, Elaine Hickey, Ida Causey; middle row, left to right, Vivian Spanihel, JoNell Kazmir, Kathy Botard, Sandy Thomson, Sandy Schneider, Lydia Yanez. This committee was organized to access the needs of the communities in our District so that we could better serve their healthcare needs. The committee members welcome questions, concerns or any input from their community.

Local Physician Completes Recertification

The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) is pleased to announce the successful completion of its Recertification Examination by Dr. Leonard Bornstein. Board certification confers a standard of excellence in knowledge and practice to physicians who not only certify via the examination process, but who also work diligently on the maintenance of these skills during the seven-year cycle between examinations.

The ABFM, one of twenty-four Member Boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties, is the second largest medical specialty board in the United States. Founded in 1969, it is a voluntary, not-for-profit, private organization whose purposes include improving the quality of medical care available to the public, establishing and maintaining standards of excellence in the specialty of Family Medicine, improving the standards of medical education for training in Family Medicine, and determining by evaluation the fitness of specialists in Family Medicine who apply for and hold certificates.

To achieve recertification by the ABFM, a family physician must verify the completion of

300 hours of acceptable continuing medical education over the past six years; possess a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States; and successfully complete a one-day, written examination of cognitive knowledge and problem-solving abilities. This examination covers the disciplines of the specialty including, but not limited to: adult

medicine; care of newborns, infants, children, and adolescents; maternity and gynecological care; community medicine; care of the older patient; human behavior and mental health; and care of the surgical patient.

Additional information regarding the ABFM may be obtained from its website at www.theabfm.org.

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