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Parade Dec. 5 kicks off Stroll, slated for 2 weekends here

As the village celebrates its sesquicentennial (1852-2002), the theme for the 21st annual Christmas stroll is "Celebrate Salado's First Christmas"

The annual Christmas Stroll gets underway 5:30 p.m. Dec. 5 with the Christmas Stroll Parade.

Participants in the parade are asked to arrive by 5 p.m. at the parade entrance, which will be at east intersection of Royal and Center Circle. All participants will be assigned a number, which will denote their order in the parade.

The parade will wind its way down Royal, and then move north on Main until reaching the Civic Center, where Santa Claus will be available for photographs, for a fee of $5.

At the conclusion of the parade, judges will gather at the Salado Mansion, where winners in the various parade categories will announced.

Dawn Orange, of the Chamber of Commerce, will be telephoning participants with additional information about the parade.

The Village of Salado will be decorated with beautiful greenery swags and wreaths, all with bows that reflect the Christmas of 150 years ago.

White lights and luminarias will light up the village as strollers visit the shops and scenes decorated from Christmas. There will be music throughout town, featuring handbells, carolers and live musicians hearalding the echoes of Christmas.

First Baptist Church of Salado will have a Live Nativity scene on its grounds the first weekend of the Stroll.

The 12 Days of Christmas will be displayed along the streets of Salado. Oversized decorations depicting the images of Christmaes created by local artists will be displayed throughout the village to carry out the theme.

The shops and restaurants will be open late into the evening on Friday and Saturday both weekends for shoppers to browse at their leisure.

Santa Claus can be found in the Villgae for children of all ages (grown-ups as well).

The Historical Society Tour will be on the first weekend of the tour. The Homes Tour will feature the following stops: Thistledown Cottage (Indian Trail), Santa Fe Depot (Lonesome Dove Lane), the Crane and Dolphine Houes (Hester Way), the Carson House (Royal View Rd.), the Armstrong-Adams House (Main St.), the Boles-Aiken Cabin and Denman Cabin (Van Bibber Lane), the Gardner Home (Salado Commons) and the Salado United Methodist Church (Thomas Arnold Rd.).

Tickets are $10 after Nov. 30 or at the door, and they can be purchased at Royal Emporium, Charlotte's of Salado, Horsefeathers, Salado Galleries or the Salado Civic Center. No baby strollers are permitted on the Home Tour. Children 12 and under are $5, and babies carried in are free.

The Bed and Breakfast Tour will be on the second weekend of the Stroll, featuring stops at many of Salado's finest bed and breakfast inns.

Advance tickets for the Bed and breakfast tour are available at the Salado Civic Center.

For more information, call (254) 947-5040.

Or visit the Salado website at www.salado.com

Salado Chorus Rockettes perform Dec. 5 at Civic Center

The Salado Community Chorus Rockettes will be performing at the Chorus' annual Christmas Concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 5. The concert will be held at the Salado Civic Center.

The show will feature traditional Christmas favorites as well as a special Rockette performance to rival Broadway.

Al Sidaras, playing Santa, will be acting out a skit, written by Jean Teal, with the men's chorus.

The concert is free and will be directed by Dr. Betty Thorn.

Charlie Voelter reprises his role as Scrooge during Tablerock's presentation of the Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 6-7 and Dec. 13-14.

Bah, Humbug! Tablerock spreads Christmas cheer Dec. 6-7, 13-14

Tablerock Festival of Salado will present Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 6, 7, 13 and 14 at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal St. The stage adaptation was written by Harry Sweet. Sweet will also direct this classic story of Christmas eve in the life of Ebenezer Scrooge, epitome of greed and self-interest, in 1843 London. Through ghosts and supernatural intervention, Scrooge is given the opportunity to transform himself into a man of compassion.

Cast members include: Charlie Voelter-Scrooge; Donnie Williams-Bob Cratchit; Allen Sirois-Tiny Tim; Howard Horton-Marley; Jessica Keeney-Christmas Past; Keith McCormack-Christmas Present; Frank Benolken-Christmas Future; David Dunlap-Nephew Fred; Brandon Baca-Young Scrooge; Karen Turner-Mrs. Cratchit; Randy Lucas and Mary Beth Murchison-Charity Solicitors; Rose Lester-Caroline; Lindsey Kelley-Martha Cratchit; Megan Seaton-Fan; Charles Clark II-Jonathon; Paul Holloway-Dick Wilkens/Peter Cratchit; Bob Ritchie-Fezziwig; Stephanie Hood-Mrs. Fezziwig; Anna Uechi-Lucy Cratchit; Shaina Sirois-Millie; Candice Williams-Belle; Crystal Schoellmann-Mrs. Dibler; Katie Uechi-Mrs. Pratt and Older Belle; Chuck Clark-Old Joe and Merchant; Brenna Cate Sirois-Ignorance; Lainey Sirois-Want; Tina Holleman-Ginger; Josh Benolken-Child Scrooge and William; John McHaney-Belle's husband.

The concession opens at 6:30 p.m., bring a lawn chair and wraps. Tickets may be purchased at the gate, $5 for adults and $3 for students.

Call 947-9205 for more information about Tablerock.

Relief Fund provides gifts to over 100 children this year

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

More than 100 Salado children, who might otherwise go without a present, will have something underneath the Christmas tree this year because of the work of the Salado Family Relief Fund.

"This year, we call again on our friends in the community to help make sure that Christmas is a good memory for these children," said Marilyn Fleischer, president of the Family Relief Fund.

Fleischer is calling on area church, youth, school and civic groups to adopt families that have applied for the Christmas help.

"Every year, church, civic and youth groups agree to take on a family in need, purchasing the presents and delivering them to the newspaper office for distribution," Fleischer said. "With over 100 kids this year, we are again going to need the help."

The Relief Fund will need volunteers to go shopping for families. "We have a wish list for each child," Fleischer said, "and a budget amount for each kid. We need folks to do the buying, stretching the dollars as far as possible."

"Many times a family or couple will adopt a smaller family or a child as a Christmas present to themselves," Fleischer said. "They come into the office with bags full, smiling, knowing that they are touching someone else."

"Trying to meet the needs of more than 100 children and almost 40 families, we can use any kind of assistance, whether it is financial or the gift of time," Fleischer said.

With the onset of cold weather, she says that the Relief Fund has had several requests for blankets and quilts.

"Even space heaters will help, as many of the homes of the families we serve are without central heat or air," she said, "something most of us take for granted."

Supplies such as blankets and space heaters can be dropped off at the Salado Village Voice newspaper office.

Unwrapped Christmas gifts can be dropped off at the newspaper office as well. "We are serving children of all ages," Fleischer said. "Toys and games and stuffed animals will easily find homes this year."

The Christmas dinners will be distributed through the Salado Food Pantry during its regular hours on Dec. 21. Those families that are not able to pick up their gifts from the newspaper office will be able to get them at the Food Pantry on Dec. 21.

"Because the gifts are unwrapped when we distribute them, we would very much appreciate donations of wrapping paper and supplies to give to the families," Fleischer said.

For information about how you can help the Salado Family Relief Fund, call Marilyn Fleischer at 947-5321 or Leigh Drake at 947-3185.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Save the enemy submarines

The **Rich Lowry** column

The famous, old environmentalist bumper sticker needs an update: "Save the whales - and the North Korean submarines!"

The latest cause of the greens is attempting to deep-six a new Navy sonar system that, yes, might protect the nation's ships and shores, but at the unacceptably high price of potentially startling whales.

A federal judge in San Francisco has issued an injunction stopping the Navy from deploying its new high-volume, low-frequency active sonar around the world because the system would impermissibly "harass" marine mammals.

It's not just whales and seals that should rejoice at our tender regard for marine mammalian eardrums, but every tin-pot dictator and enemy of the United States.

Submarines offer to rogue states some of the same advantages as ballistic missiles - they are a cheap way to project power and to undermine a U.S. strength, in this case our Navy.

Subs are therefore of keen interest to all the usual bad global actors: the Chinese *(58* diesel subs), the North Koreans (86) and the Iranians (3). According to Adm. John B. Nathman, subs present "a clear and present danger in crucial parts of the world."

Then there's the nightmare scenario of a rogue-state sub sneaking close to U.S. shores and launching a cruise missile or disgorging an operative to carry a suitcase nuke into a city.

Preventing this from happening depends largely on one factor - noise. Once you know where it is - in other words, once you hear it - a sub isn't quite as threatening anymore.

Today's diesel subs, especially those manufactured by the Germans, are much quieter than the old Soviet nuclear subs. As Sean Spoonts, a former anti-submarine warfare operator, points out, German subs can dive below 400 meters, stay submerged for *45* days and can cruise submerged for 500 miles at 3 knots. This is crucial - below 400 meters, running at 3 knots, a sub is [illegible]

Passive detection, i.e., listening really hard, won't pick it up. Instead, it's necessary to have active sonar, which means sending out a sound wave - a "ping" - and listening for it to bounce back. The new Navy system is a powerful active sonar, capable of sending a sound wave for hundreds of miles.

The problem is that a whale might be irritated - and if close enough, even killed - by the sound. This runs afoul of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which prohibits "harassing" marine mammals, and the Natural Resources Defense Council is suing to scotch peacetime use of the system altogether.

The Navy has already agreed to use visual sighting and passive sonar to keep from using the system when whales are nearby - a reasonable precaution to protect the beasts (which, by the way, have no compunction about using sound waves themselves to stun their prey).

Any further restrictions, or trashing the system altogether, would be a morally confused act: Preserving the convenience of whales - or even the lives of whales - is not worth the risk of losing one ship full of American sailors, let alone an entire city.

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Ghost of Scrooge hovers over D.C. as Congress & Bush close'02 books

Off the Record
by Ken Clapp

Lawmakers home for holidays leaving thousands facing Dec. 28 unemployment insurance cutoff; fund has billions in reserve!

President Bush and the 107th Congress did an excellent job playing the role of Ebenezer Scrooge, just prior to winding down their post-election session on November 22. Not even a traditional "Bah Humbug", from these uncaring folks who took off for the holidays without extending unemployment insurance benefits for some 830,000 jobless workers whose checks will come to a screeching halt three days after Christmas.

What is distressing about all this is that many lawmakers had promised to add a second 13 week benefit extension for those unemployed through no fault of their own, and who have been seeking work to no avail thanks to a recession that deepened during the general election campaigns, due in part to the indifference paid to the nation's economic life, by politicians in general and the administration in particular.

Another unmentioned fact, in this tale that rivals the "Grinch Who Stole Christmas," is that the federal unemployment insurance trust fund has a balance of over $37 billion bucks, so the rumor about insufficient funds to pay the extension was, and is, an out-and-out lie!

The cost of adding 13 weeks of extended benefits would have been **$2.2 billion - hardly enough to unhinge the trust's balance.**

Something else our elected folks in Washington seem to have forgotten is that **each week, after the December 28 cutoff, an additional 95,000 unemployed workers will exhaust their insurance benefits.**

Non partisan professional economists tell us that these insurance checks, in the hands of unemployed workers, dramatically helps the economy edge forward, since these folks spend every penny just to get by.

So what's the deal and why all the obfuscation? Demos are blaming uncaring Republicans led by Bush (in particular) who they say could have made **two phone calls - one to Speaker Hastert and another to Senator Trent Lott and the deal would have been wrapped up in minutes.** The GOP rejoinder is that **the matter will be addressed at a later date. Meantime - Happy Holidays!**

There is no legitimate excuse for Congress not extending the benefits before adjournment. Lawmakers and the President should be ashamed for not attending to this important matter that is personally affecting so many financially hurting American families.

JAPS CALLING SHOTS OVER TOYOTA PLANT

Readers may get tired of this column's railings against corporate welfare, but just hold on a second and check out the "Corporate Aid Packages" being planned by both Texas and Arkansas officials, in order to lure the giant Toyota auto company to their States. Politicians and business interests in the two States are falling all over themselves **trying to out-do; out-give; out-spend; and in general sock it to taxpayers once again, in order to entice the Japanese to move to town.**

Here's the deal - Toyota has reportedly narrowed the potential home for its fourth U.S. auto plant to either Marion, Arkansas or San Antonio, Texas. Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee are in contention but not expected to land the $750 million plant.

Toyota's location demands are extensive and costly, including a large labor pool (preferably non union); free construction of new railroad tracks allowing at least two competing carriers to serve the plant; new "linking" highways around the factories; massive tax incentives; specialized training for workers - paid for by the State; and public transportation to and from the new assembly site.

OK - **so what will these State giveawayers get in return?** An estimated annual payroll of $275 million! Great - and how many new jobs? According to Jap officials there will be between two and four thousand workers needed. With automated-computerized assembly lines, whose daily production numbers depend on sales, these numbers may be overblown - but the impact will certainly boost the economy of the area selected.

Arkansas is planning to levy an addition to their sales tax to help finance this giveaway contest, including a $20 million dollar slush fund to cover early development costs - if they get the nod.

Texas is making an even greater effort including **"doing anything and everything necessary to get this plant located in San Antonio!"** Guess who said that? Governor Perry; Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Troy Frazier and House Speaker (apparent) Tom Craddick - that's who!

What else will we Texans be doing to tempt the folks from Nippon, **to please come and take our money and land?** Well, how about the creation of a Bell County rail-financing tax district to provide the dual railroad requirements? Or, spending millions of scarce highway dollars in and around the new San Antonio facility?

There's also the matter of property tax abatements and reductions that will be picked up by today's overloaded taxpayers in the Alamo City - we're talking millions (annually) for this freebie. And no one has mentioned land prices - yet!

So, what happens if the global economy sours and Toyota decides to consolidate or close plants? All the highways, railroad lines, training, construction help, tax abatements will have been wasted. The railroad taxing district and addition to the sales tax will remain year after year, as will the added taxes put in place to offset corporate tax losses.

This is a typical, albeit goofy, incentive plan (code for legal bribery) devised over the years by corporate leaders (aided and abetted by their paid politicians): Namely - exporting our best American jobs overseas to take advantage of cheap (slave-level) labor, while at the same time subsidizing the importation of foreign industries whose profits also leave the country. **Sort of a revised "trickle over-and-out" system from the fabled "voodoo economics," of yesteryear!**

CORRECTION

Last week's column reported that Rush Limbaugh had called the William Safire story, on the collection of citizen information by DOD, "a complete lie". Our information was garbled - what Limbaugh reportedly said was that the proposed plan **"would never happen. The public would not stand for such a program."** We wish he were correct, but fear it's a done-deal!

That's -30-

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Election a welcome respite

By Jack Faris

Things are a little quieter across America these days, now that the elections are over. It's a welcome respite for small-business owners, who, in addition to running their shops, stores and offices, worked hard to elect pro-free-enterprise candidates at all levels of government.

Their grassroots efforts paid off. Their support of the nation's largest small-business organization, NFIB, made possible one of the most aggressive outreach campaigns ever conducted. Launching nearly eight million voter contacts, the association energized Main Street as never before.

The get-out-the-vote messages that rippled ever outward from this sector left no doubt that these entrepreneurs were serious in their demands for political leadership on issues ranging from affordable health care to permanent tax relief, to lawsuit reform.

As the sun dawned on America the day after the election, it was painfully clear to the obstructionist, tax-and-spend crowd that it truly was a new day--not just in the sky, but all across the political horizon.

While small-business owners are due a well-deserved break, they cannot rest now. Their help will be needed to ensure passage of [illegible] nomic growth.

Although there will be more pro-small-business senators and representatives when the 108th Congress convenes in Jan., we can expect the opponents of small business to fight tooth-and-nail to earn some points for the 2004 election cycle.

Posturing will be rampant in state legislatures as well, where many are facing serious budget crunches, and spiraling health care and insurance costs have grown rampantly. In times like these, politicians turn a hungry eye towards little businesses, seeing them as easy targets for devious tax increases and additional regulatory burdens.

But before they begin drafting those back-room tax deals, state lawmakers might want to consider one fact: eight out of 10 NFIB-endorsed state legislature candidates were elected to office Nov. 5. Not only is this evidence of solid strength among small-business activists, it is an indication of a growing trend. These activists are rapidly learning that politics is as important to their businesses as any financial or management function.

Up to now, entrepreneurs have been known for their special talents: They know how to build businesses. They're experts at creating jobs. They contribute growth to the nation's economic underpinning. They support our nation's wealth and prosperity.

In a perfect world, small-business owners would be free to focus on what they do best: running their businesses. But faced with the reality that there are politicians who don't understand the basics of a free market economy and view small business as a source of tax money to cover their political mistakes and fund ill-conceived programs, the [illegible] tics to their [illegible] takes and fund ill-conceived programs, the mainstays of Main Street had no choice but to add politics to their special expertise.

For all their successful efforts in this unprecedented election, small-business owners deserve pats on the back and a little rest. But there is no time for congratulations or vacations. It's time for the real work to begin.

Jack Faris is president of the non-profit, non-partisan National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB).

Securing our transportation infrastructure, post 9-11

Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator

In this, the second in a series of columns dedicated to your survey responses, I'd like to focus on a relatively new issue of concern for many Americans - transportation security. In the post-September 11 atmosphere, the safety of our nation's transportation infrastructure has become a number one priority in Congress and I

Regarding aviation security I asked, "One of the first and most visible security overhauls our nation experienced after September 11 was in our nation's airports. We have implemented more intense screening processes for baggage and passengers and, by year's end, federal screeners will be in place at our nation's airports. What are your thoughts on aviation security at this time?" An overwhelming 67 percent felt the new security measures have made flying safer. I couldn't agree more. We are continually working to strengthen aviation security. The TSA has placed federal screeners in each of our nation's 439 airports, and most airports will meet the December 31 deadline for screening checked baggage. Undoubtedly there will be a few airports that cannot meet the deadlines because of the backlog in manufacturing screening equipment, but we are working to make sure those airports can continue serving their passengers while maintaining the highest levels of security while the transition occurs.

Air Cargo Security

Another transportation question dealt with air cargo security. I asked, "While 22 percent of air cargo travels on passenger flights, only a tiny percentage is inspected before the flight. How [illegible] passenger flights should be inspected. Ten percent felt cargo from established shippers should be exempt from inspection and 24 percent felt that cargo should be banned from passenger flights. One Texan thoughtfully suggested that "even established shippers could be victims of foul play without their knowledge." The Senate passed my air cargo security bill in November, but unfortunately the House of Representatives was unable to act before it adjourned. The bill establishes a more reliable and accountable known shipper program, with frequent inspections of shipping facilities, tamper-proof identification cards for employees, and an accessible shipper database. It also gives the TSA the power to revoke the license of a shipper or freight forwarder whose practices are unsound, or who has engaged in illegal activity, among other provisions. As I resume chairmanship of the Senate Aviation Subcommittee, one of my top priorities will be to finalize this bill and send it to President Bush for his signature.

Port Security

The final question on this issue concerned port security. I wrote, "Ninety-five percent of our nation's overseas trade is carried via ship. Yet only two percent of inbound containers are checked by U.S. Customs at our nation's ports. [illegible] in Texas where numerous ports line the Gulf of Mexico. The Port of Houston takes in more foreign tonnage than any other port in America and handles half of the petrochemical capacity in the country.

Your survey responses indicate that you too are concerned about the security of our ports. Fifty-two percent of respondents felt that ships entering U.S. ports should be subject to as much scrutiny as airplanes coming into U.S. airports, while 32 percent felt that cargo aboard ships should be inspected at random.

I'm pleased to report that Congress took important action on this issue since we issued the survey. The "Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002" passed in November. The legislation will require security plans for every port; background checks for employees with access to secure areas, and improved identification technology for both individuals and vessels traveling in U.S. waters. While it lays the foundation for a better port security system, I will continue to push for more resources and greater emphasis on port security.

Wal-Mart: Low prices come at a high cost

Jim Hightower

Is it possible for consumer prices to be too low? No way, you say!

But what looks like a good deal on a price tag often turns out to be a raw deal because of hidden costs - and nowhere is this truer than at Wal-Mart, the retail Goliath that puts big signs on its stores, declaring: "We Sell for Less." The world's largest corporation, Wal-Mart brags endlessly that it's got the cheapest prices anywhere.

Hmmm. How does it do that? Does it take less profit? Hardly - it sucks up more profits than any other retailer on the planet, taking twice as much profit as the next 15 retailers combined. Does it cut back on top executives? Uh-uh - Wal-Mart's CEO raked in a pay package of $11.5 million last year. Does the ruling Walton family forego riches? Get real - of the 10 richest people in the world, five are Waltons.

So ... Who pays for the low prices? Start with the [illegible] made to work several hours a month "off the clock," which means for no pay.

The community pays, too, because Wal-Mart's predatory pricing policies force local retailers out of business, eliminating jobs, tax revenues, consumer choices, charitable donations and the middle-class wages paid by the local firms. Also, unlike local business, Wal-Mart doesn't buy from local suppliers, and the money it makes in your town is not re-invested locally, instead being hauled off to corporate headquarters. Plus, this giant generates massive congestion, while also destroying a town's unique identity, turning every place into another Sprawl-Mart.

All across the country, folks are deciding that Wal-Mart's "low prices" are too high, and they organized a national "Day of Action" earlier this month, rallying communities to stand up to this bullying corporation. Events occurred at Wal-Mart in all 50 states. To get involved for the next one, go to the Website: www.walmartdayofaction.com <http://www.walmartdayofactioncom>.

Your Voice

Readers' Opinion

To the Editor:
Wake Up Call

This is the greatest invasion of privacy since the Gestapo of Germany! I shudder what WE THE PEOPLE are allowing to happen.

NO, I am not a political person - I am not a Republican or Democrat and belong to no political party. I am PROUD to be an American who is very upset to learn that my Government no longer believes in the premises of the Bill of Rights or the Constitution.

I have heard that this invasion of our privacy is to "protect us" from terrorists. To me, that is nothing more than a "Knee-jerk" reaction to one (ghastly) terrorist happening. We DO NEED to be protected as well as possible, but NOT to the extent of this violation of our privacy.

Thank you, Ken Clapp, for your article in Wednesday's Salado Village Voice (Nov. 27) re: Adm. (Ret) Poindexter and his department in the Pentagon in support of the New Department of Homeland security.

WHAT A WAKE UP CALL!

Robert B. McGhee
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Past President
Salado Lions Club

Experience
The Charm of Salado
and
The Music of the Season
as the
Salado Community Chorus
presents a Christmas concert
Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. at the
Civic Center and strolls the
Village and sings carols.
Sat. Dec. 7 • 2 - 4 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 13 • 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 14 • 2 - 4 p.m.

Committee to meet Dec. 4 & Dec. 11

Group works on zoning ordinance

Salado's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will continue work on the Zoning Ordinance 11 a.m. Dec. 4 at the Municipal Building on Stagecoach Rd. The committee will meet again to discuss the ordinance on Dec. 11 at 10 a.m.

Chairman Vic Means invites Saladoans to participate in the process by giving input on the draft Zoning Ordinance, which is over 100 pages long.

"We have been going through the ordinance by the line," Means told aldermen, giving the board an update on the progress.

The committee has reviewed the first 20 pages of the draft document, making recommendations for changes to Dan Sefko, of Dunkin-Sefko & Associates. Dunkin-Sefko presented the draft ordinance earlier as part of the Comprehensive Plan process.

Once the committee is satisfied with the Zoning Ordinance, it will propose that it be adopted by the Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen will conduct a public hearing on the Zoning Ordinance, informing property owners in the city limits via mail of the public hearing, before acting on the recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Once adopted, the Zoning Ordinance affects property within the city limits of the Village of Salado, as opposed to the Subdivision Ordinance, which regulated property in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction as well as the city limits.

A copy of the draft can be viewed at the Municipal Building.

MILL CREEK
Inn & Golf Club

Due to previously booked parties, Friday night dining will not be available at the club during the month of December.

We will continue to have Thursday lunches. Friday night dining will resume in January. Hope to see you then!

Happy Holidays

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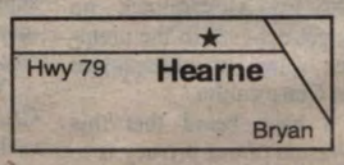

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Teacher says shortest distance to problem solving is through straight talk

By Chris McGregor
Staff Writer

Retired teacher Annette Fuson will be holding signings of her recently published first book, "Straight Talk for Teenage Girls", at two Salado locations in the month of December.

Fuson will discuss her book from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 7 at Fletcher's Books and Antiques, and 1-4 p.m. Dec. 21 at Magnolia's.

Fuson, a resident of Morgan's Point, taught junior high and high school life classes for a number of years, before there was such a thing as sex-ed or life skills curriculum. Her classes were open mostly to girls only, and from years of dealing with the personalities and problems of teenage girls, she gained an insight into what makes them tick, and how she could help them lead better lives.

"I wrote the book so kids can make the right choices," she said.

Fuson covers virtually every relevant topic for girls experiencing what is probably the most intense developmental period they will undergo: the teenage years. Chapters covered range from coping with problems, handling emotions, building friendships with girls, boys versus girls, sex, budgeting, and how to

span of the average teenager is not exactly prolific The book is short (136 pages), so that it can be digested quickly, but is broken up such that it can also be read piece-meal. She includes fictional situations that are common in life to help illustrate her points, as well as self-tests at the end of chapters.

One thing Fuson stresses throughout her book, she ends each chapter with it in big, bold letters, are the words "Is this best for me?"

"I believe in planting seeds in people's heads," she said. Fuson thinks the reiteration of this simple point will help young girls to realize the importance of self-examination. "When seeds are planted," she said, "they go into the head."

One thing, though, that above all else makes her book accessible for young girls is the absence of any lecturing or preaching. "It's very informative," said Fuson.

"I try to give information about self-esteem and values," she explained.

Fuson discovered through her years in the classroom that teenagers have a difficult time communicating, and that avenues for answers to their questions are few and far between, which led her to

if you like yourself you'll take care of yourself," she said.

"Kids need to know the good things about themselves," she went on to say. "I believe self-esteem is the single most important thing when growing up."

The girls pictured on the cover of the book, as well as all the models used, are Belton High students. Fuson, along with photographer and designer Susan Connolly, chose the four attractive girls to put on the front cover, but made a point to feature them in very human poses inside the book, in order to demonstrate the goofy side in everyone.

All in all, she says "the purpose of the book is to help girls make the right decisions," because, she concludes, "you are stuck with you forever."

"Straight Talk for Teenage Girls" will be available for purchase for $12.50 at the signings, and Magnolia's plans to carry the book. "Straight Talk..." can also be purchased at www.straighttalkforgirls.com, amazon.com, or www.1stbooks.com. Fuson is also available for speaking engagements, such as school or women's groups, and can be contacted at 254-780-1055.

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Heirs of Bowles family gathered at the Halley House

Descendents of Benjamin Bowles, whose heirs had a patent for 177 acres includes of the site of the Boles-Aiken Cabin during the decade it was built, continued their Thanksgiving Day reunion at a Nov. 28 gathering in Salado at the Halley House Carriage House.

Senior Hostess Julia Whatley Kemp, daughter of Benjamin Bowles and Johnnie Shepard Whatley and great-great granddaughter of Benjamin Bowles honored in the cabin's name, was also

Julia Whatley Kemp

celebrating her 93rd birthday.

The day's festivities were coordinated by the Kemp children and grandchildren including Salado's Roberts· and Cheatham families.

Future business of the group centers around increasing the number of participants interested in family research to support the efforts of the Salado Historical Society to acquire more information relative to both the Boles-Aiken cabin and the Denman cabin maintained by the organization as continuing community education projects.

Simultaneously, in the business of history vein, Bowles descendants encourage membership in Salado Chapters of Daughters, Sons and Children of the Republic of Texas, an interest gaining impetus with their leadership in the development of the Village of Salado Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in 2002.

Cousins attending the reunion from California and the Texas panhandle joining those from throughout central Texas may be expected to submit applications to these Texas family history organizations.

Thirty-four descendants of Benjamin Bowles attended the reunion.

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Salado FFA to recieve banners for leadership events

The Salado FFA participated in leadership events held in Academy Nov. 18.

The FFA took six teams and will be receiving four banners from the Cen-Tex district.

The teams placed as follows:

Senior Creed Speaking: Sheila Arnold, first; Junior Creed Speeking: Lindsey Wright, sixth; Senior Farm Skills: Sheila Arnold, Jessica Roberts, Keri Pruett, third; Junior Farm Skills: Lindsey Wright, Seth Hale, Nathan Houston, second; Job Interview: Cole Reeves, second; Radio: Cole Reeves, Keri Pruett and Leah Lankford.

Senior Creed Speaking, Junior Farm Skills and Job Interview all advanced to area, which was held in Hillsboro on Nov. 23.

They placed as follows:

Senior Creed Speaking: Sheila Arnold, third; Junior Farm Skills: Wright, Hale and Houston, seventh; Job Interview: Reeves, eighth.

The FFA would like to congratulate all the participants in the recent competitions.

Masat Family to perform at Cedar Valley Baptist Church

The Masat Family, a family band from Alba, in north-east Texas, will be performing a concert 7 p.m. Dec. 7 at Cedar Valley Baptist Church.

The Masat's consist of Mom and Dad, along with their four children who all play at least two different instruments. Their brand of bluegrass, gospel, western and oldies has been heard at such places as Six Flags, Silver Dollar City in Branson and national RV rallies.

The band has been playing for over 10 years, releasing their eighth album in Jan. 2001. Their focus is on enouraging families to do more together, and to stay together. Their performance combines not only music, but comedy as well.

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Varsity boys look for consistency

Hovering near an even win-loss record, the Varsity Eagles drubbed a potent Bartlett squad 57-42 in a Nov. 25 contest.

Blake Mascari proved formidable from three-point range, sinking five long-range bombs, including three in the third. Mascari finished the game with 21 points to lead all scorers.

Devon Dunn had eight points in the fourth, and 13 for the game. Also scoring were Matt Caskey, six; Travis Clark, six; Jarrod Whitfield, five; and Cale Cox, four. Evan Durham and Ben Marsh each scored a point.

On Nov. 26, the Eagles travelled to Waco to take on Waco Christian Academy. A strong second half was not enough to overcome a sloppy first half, as Salado went down by two points, 36-34.

Devon Dunn led the way with 10 points, the only Eagle to break into double digits.

Mascari was stymied, scoring only eight on the game. Also getting on the board were Matt Caskey, five; and Travis Clark, two. A trio of Eagles, Jennings, Jerod Wright and Jarrod Whitfield each had three points.

Along with the Lady Eagles, the boys will play host at the Salado Merchants Tourney, Dec. 5-7.

Freshman lose, JV wins

In freshman boys games last week, Salado was defeated in both their matchups, first to Bartlett, 33-17, then 36-35 to Waco Christian Academy.

Soto and Wes Ruth led Salado versus Bartlett, each scoring five points. Also scoring were Gobin, four; and Wilson, three.

After going scoreless against Bartlett, Peters pumped in 19 to lead Salado in the game versus Waco Christian. Wes Ruth had seven points, Ebling had four, and Gobin had four.

The junior varsity boys also squared off against Bartlett and Waco Christian in games last week, and were victorious in both efforts.

The JV defeated Bartlett handily, by a final score of 47-37. Askins and Shumate set the standard for the Eagles, scoring 13 and eight points respectively. Grigsby had nine, Everett had seven, Williams finished with four, and Pipes and Stineman each scored two.

The Eagles then proceeded to pound Waco Christian 45-33. Everett was the high scorer for the second straight game, finishing with 15.

J.H. boys basketball scores

All four Junior High boys squads saw action last week versus Rogers.

The seventh grade A lost, 35-30. Leading the Eagles was David Rosenau, who had eight points. Jonas Goode had seven points, Matt Fritsch had six, Blake Heller had five, and Seth Collins and Sam Van Hoozer each had two.

The B team played only one half, but they made it count, outscoring Rogers, 12-9. Ryan Smith had all but two of Salado's points, with J.D. Kinsey scoring the other basket.

The eighth grade A team won their game by ten, 36-26. Spreading the scoring around, Justin Konzen had eight; Ryan Clark, seven; and Blake Newman, six; all contributed to the Salado victory.

The B team also played only one half, but won their game as well, 8-5.

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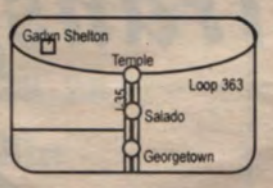

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JV lady eagles win two, Varsity continues streaky play for season

The Lady Eagles, off to a hobbled start, took a 3-4 record into their Nov. 25 matchup against the McGregor Bulldogs. Salado trailed by three going into the fourth, but rallied to take the game by a score of 43-34.

Offensive production came from all over for Salado. Meagan Joiner scored 13, Laramie Wilson had 10 points, going 6-7 from the charity stripe, Lindsey Pruitt had nine, Laramie Jackson was held to eight, and Brittany Boydstun scored three points.

The next night against Franklin, the Lady Eagles looked to go above .500 for the season. Franklin's trio of Terra Wagner (19 points), Bekka Russ (17 points) and Ashley Smitherman (13 points) proved, however, to be too much for Salado as they were defeated 75-61.

Laramie Jackson led all scorers on the night, exploding for 24 points.

Meagan Joiner continued her consistent play, hitting all four of her free-throws on the way to 13 points. Jenny Goode dropped in eight points, Brittany Boydstun had six, Amanda Tumey scored five, and Brennan Joiner had two.

The Lady Eagles will look to notch up more victories during the annual Salado Merchants Tourney, Dec. 5-7.

The JV girls accomplished something uncommon in their games last week. Winning both their contests against McGregor and Franklin was not so unusual. They did, however, cruise to victory in both games by identical finals of 49-21, an occurrence that is definitely out-of-the-ordinary.

Against McGregor, Elizabeth Dunlap scored 13 and Kate Marshall nine to lead Salado. Also scoring were Joshanna Washburn, seven; Brandi Warren, five; Elizabeth Wood, five; Kelcie Smith, three; Lacey Bartlett, two; Nicole Weatherly, two; and Brittani Goodnight, one.

Versus Franklin, Marshall had another big game, this time dropping in 16 for the game. Washburn had six, Warren had seven, and Smith had eight for the girls. Also scoring were Wood, three; Rachel Hargrove, two; and Weatherly, two.

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Seventh grade girls basketball

The seventh grade girls A team travelled to Rogers to take on the Eagles from across the county on Nov. 25.

The game was a nail-biter through the first quarter, as the teams entered the second period deadlocked at 0-0.

The action picked up in the before the half, with Rogers heading to the lockers with a 10-4 lead.

But fate was on the side of Salado that night, as a furious fourth period rally by the Eagles, which saw Salado drop in four points in the final quarter, allowed Salado to squeak by Rogers. The final score was Salado 16, Rogers 15.

Tourney teams descend on town

The Annual Salado Merchants Invitational basketball tournament is set to begin Dec. 5.

On the boy's side, the eight-teambracket will include Troy, Liberty Hill, St. Andrews, Clifton, Comanche, East Bernard and Rosebud-Lott.

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Ruth is the retired Principal Engineer of the International Boundary and Water Commission, where he worked for 25 years. In 1995, he received the Bronze Medal for Commendable Service from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Ruth was awarded his bachelor's degree from Texas Technological University in Lubbock.

Ruth and his wife Loretta are the parents of Kay and David Matthews of Salado, Susan and Bob Houze of Corpus Christi, and Christine and Daniel Ruth of Round Rock.

Bill is an active member of the Salado Lions Club, and Loretta is a member of the Salado Area Republican Women, and reside in Salado.

The Rio Grande Compact Commission is responsible for the distribution of Rio Grande River waters to the states of Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas in accordance with the 1938 compact that was agreed to by three states. In addtion, the agreement requires that there be 60,000 acre-feet of water delivered to Mexico each year. The commission is composed of one commissioner from each of the states and the U.S. Representative who chairs the commission.

The term of the appointment generally lasts the duration of the presidential administration, according to Ruth.

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Date	Time	Type	
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11-2	14:57	611	Dispatched & cancelled en route
11-2	12:51	322	Vehicle accident with injuries
11-3	3:02	311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11-3	15:14	322	Vehicle accident with injuries
11-4	5:50	322	Vehicle accident with injuries
11-5	9:17	311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11-5	16:00	700	False alarm or false call, other
11-9	13:44	311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11-9	14:50	700	False alarm or false call, other
11-9	23:36	111	Building fire
11-10	11:40	311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11-10	20:22	311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11-11	22:43	322	Vehicle accident with injuries
11-12	18:25	322	Vehicle accident with injuries
11-13	14:56	140	Natural vegetation fire, other
11-13	18:53	700	False alarm or false call, other
11-14	10:27	311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11-20	3:03	311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11-20	7:05	510	Person in distress, other'
11-20	8:26	311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11-20	15:16	311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11-20	15:42	322	Vehicle accident with injuries
11-23	10:12	651	Smoke scare, odor of smoke
11-26	3:16	322	Vehicle accident with injuries
11-26	4:22	322	Vehicle accident with in juries
11-27	14:52	311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11-27	16:28	322	Vehicle accident with injuries
11-28	11:31	322	Vehicle accident with injuries

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Santa Letters Brown third graders

Dear Santa: I want a twin doll, Kaya with her clothes. I'll give you cookies and milk too. I wish you a Merry Chistmas to all. But don't forget Mrs. Claus. I wish you a Merry Chistmas to Mrs. Claus. But Merry Chistmas to Santa Claus By: Valeria Licea

Dear Santa: I've tried my best to be on the good list. Thank you for my gifts last year. I love them a lot. Here is this year's list: a little cousins doll and that Magic Megan and I would like an angel or cheer sleeping bag you can find it at Beallss. that is all for this year p.s. I will have some treats for you and the reindeer and have a happy Christmas Your friend Stephanie Jean Lastovica

Dear Santa: I know you are besy so are your ranedear. by redy to have diblechaclet cookys and strabarry milk/ Can you give ma a pougo stick and a scatebored and spiderman for P.S.2. and supermasmbrathers meley. and rollerskates for crismis. your frind Mikey Joe Sellers

Dear Santa: Thank you for the things that you gave me last year. I really liked the pool table that turned in to a mini soccer table thats could be a foose ball table or a ping-pong table and cards, jacks, chess, and croquette table. This year I would like it if it wouldn't be any trouble a doll and a new net for the trampleen. I'm going to leav you cookies and milk. I hop that you like this treat love Kaycie Davidson.

Dear Santa: I hope you have a great Christmas. Thank you for all the things you gave me. This year I will leave you some cookies and some and some reindeer food. This year I want a longhorn cap and a longhorn bicycle and a gameboy advance and I want a longhorn football. Have a good fly. From: Koby Spears

Dear Santa: I have been a very good little child. I thank you for everything you got me last year. They were the best ever seen. This year I would like a seven things one, of them is lots and lots of makeup, second, one is lots and lots of jewlry, third, one is a brat doll, fourth, one is lots and lots of CD's, fith, one is a orange CD case, sixth, one is lot of popular clothes, seventh, one is ton's of hairthings. P. S. Merry Christmas Love Taylor

Dear Santa: thank you for all the grate gifts you got me last year. Will you pleas git me a better tier for my bike. And Backyard Baskitball. I will leave 6 cookies 3 for you and 3 for Mrs. Claws O ya and milk to drink I'll leav to glasses and some hay for rudof and the othe rander Mary Chrismos from Johnny Jordan

Dear Santa: I have tide my best on being good here is my list. Siberian Huskey, 21 Metle raider Yogioh cards, 15Magic Ruler Yugioh cards, 18 Pharons servent Yugioh cards, 95 dollers, Dog food for the dog, a virtual reality of yugioh 55 realy hard levels, A Blue silver gold Bey blade with a remote control, and also a holder for my deck of Yugioh cards gold on ever corne and the coler white blue red. love George

Dear Santa: I hop you have a saf rib to homs santa love brenna. I wob lik som more wit is her face thang. I wob like to how way my moma and stp for Nell is so men to my sister. Shaina. for kresmis I wob like a bey c,d plar for my sestr Lainey. Brenna Sirois

Dear Santa, thank you for the things you gave me last year. This year I want four decks of Yu-Gi-Oh cards, a playstation 2, a gamecube, a dvd player, an air rebound, cool games for the playstation 2 and the gamecube. I want 100 bucks (money) for Christmas, I want an Atlanta Braves hat signed by Chipper Jones, dvd movies, and lots and lots and lots of candy. And I want MIIB the movie. Your Friend Cameron Smith

Dear Santa: Thank you for giving me my present's last year. I'm working hard this year. I'm planning to get straight A's so I can get straight A's three in a row. I hope you come to my house first. can I have a four weeler, a motorcycle, a lot's and lot's of Baily school kids boods, a playstation 2, a collage football game, a robot that does what ever I say, Bop it extrem 2 a lot of yoigo cards, football card's, a lot of Berenstain Bears books, a Nintendo 64, a lot of games for my Nintendo 64, and for my playstation 2. oh and lot's and lot's of ethir stuff! Austin Silva

Dear Santa: I want a pogostick for cremse and a gocort and a haypradus and pirappdes and a jodyfish and a gells and a sense for my pet. and a game day vanse and a pergz sasck and a jed and a keses from my mom keses! dolls Maria Campbell

Dear Santa: this is what I want for Christmas. I want a gokart, spongebob game, baby hampsters a cage for my hampsters, a hot wheels track Yo-gi-oh cards, a water bottle, a trapleleen, a pool two eggrolls, a bouncy ball some snow boot's, a big basketball hoop, and I don't eney thing else. Matthew Grimmer

Dear Santa: I really like what you gave me last year what I want this year is maby a puppy, or a lot more jell pins, Lisa frank stuf, books, C. D.'s and even a kitten, win-dixie book, a lot of makup, lots of choclate candy. Hannah Seaton

Dear Santa: Thank you for the gifts you gave me and my family. I will leave you some milk and cookies for you this Christmas. I hope I have ben good enough so I can get some presents this year. I wish I had a baby donkey, a pygmy goat, western belt, watch, fur real cat, a horse, spirit movie, and my twin doll. I would also like to go with you one Christmas Eve and help deliver toys to all the children of the world. I love u Your friend, Kori Norman

Santa Letters
Mrs. Morgan's 3rd grade

Dear Santa: My name is Jada. If you would be so kind to get my friend some YO-GI-O cards. Also pretty please will you get me some too? Love, Jada Kornegay

Dear Santa: My name is Stephanie. I just want me and my family together on Christmas morning. All that I need is Faith. Oh well I'm still talking so I still might as well ask if you can get a lot of stff for Jimmy, please get my mom wants and my dad too pretty please? Oh can you get me a kitten and a Nintendo game please? Oh anouther thing is my cousin coming down Christmas eve? Merry Christmas! thank you Love Stephanie

Dear Santa: I hope I will get toys for Christmas. I have been a good child. I want a Hit clips for Christmas. My name is Cynthia Sauceda. Santa I also want something else. I want a big stuffed

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bear. But not real. Happy Christmas by Cynthia

Dear Santa: Hi my name is Rachael Danielle Piatt. I think I have been a good gal. Do you want cookies or cupcakes. Santa may I have a Harry Potter potion set please, and a alarm clock. May my sister have Shamu the whale (the real one.) Love Rachael

Dear Santa: My name is Rebecca Daine Moffatt. I was wondering if you like Mountain Dew? I was wanting to know if you could get my mom a gold necklace? I was wanting a clear blue alarm clock to wake up my big sister. I was wanting to know if you could get my friend a big tent. Can you give my dad a Motor Cycle. My sister really wants a charm bracelet. My step dad really, really wants some camouflage boots. My step sister wants a pair of brown shoes. My other step sister wants two pairs of pants. Love Rebecca

Dear Santa: My name is Grace Green. I've been a very very good girl. I want a very popular boombox, dress, fingernail polish, and very tall hight heels. Love, Grace

Dear Santa: My name is Cody Goodman. I've been a good boy this year. I would like to be to be a little elf. I have a best friend named Tyler Dale. He would like more skate ramps. I would like the same thing. I will try to leave you milk and cookies. Will you make me one of you head elfs? Your friend Cody

Dear Santa: How are you? My name is Payton Montgomery. I was very good this year. May I have some babydolls, babie talker, fashion puppy, fashion kitty, and star baby. I would also like some chill-pills for my brother. (If you have any.) Love, Payton Ray Montgomery. Thank YOU VERY MUCH.

Dear Santa: My name is Megan Walker. I have been realy good this year, and so have my brother and sister. We have shown respect toward our parents. We argue a lot but we work things out. I am realy in the Christmas spirit this year my family is too. My could use some jewelry, my sister would love some make up. My brother would probably want a play station two, and my dad would want some shoes, shirts and some tools. I want my dog named Sandy to have a little too. So would you her some little puppy shoes and a sweater? Oh my gerbil get hime a sweater too. Thank you for everything you have done I appreciate everything By Megan Walker

Dear Santa: My name is Tanny I have been a very good girl this year. can you give me a gift because my dad is only staying for 2 weeks and I want to give it to him early. My sister Kenny wants a lot of stuff for Christms but the most important thing is a Bratz head and I would like one too. My mom Jawanda like some jewelry. My sister Ja'leah would like some badydolls. Tanny, thats me, would like a camera. My friend Celsea would like a camera too. Love, your friend Tanny

Dear Santa: How are you? My name is Kelly Jimenez. I was very good this year. please bring me a game boy advance of Dragon ballz, yogio deck with the unstopable Exodio, a Kioba deck with the blue white Dragon, a playstation two and playstation King of harts, and a yogio Game of darkselus of game boy Advance and a Ninetendo 64 and a Dark hole card and a Dark Mugishon, a vieris card a eathquater card and all the pokemon card and all the hollow-graphic Pokemon and all the Yogio cards. Santa, how is your wife doing and how are doing? Santa? Have a very Merry Christmas. One more thing to ask, could you bring me a computer? from Kelly

Dear Santa: How are you? My name is Cade Benoit I was good this year. Please bring me transformers called Optomisprime and Red Alert and Hot shout and smoke-screen. Can i have a P.S.2 game called Star wars bounty Hunter. A Nintendo game called star fox. A Gundim3 called RX 79 GM for space and in model to and Delxue GM to also model and Grand to. Cade Benoit

Dear Santa: How are you? My name is Teresa. I was good this year. Please bring me 10 kitten's that are orange, 2 cats and allergy medicine for my mom and dad. I hope I can have makeup and a bag of jewelry. Merry Christmas. I appreciate what

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you have done for me. From Teresa to Santa

Dear Santa: Hi! My name is Chellicee. I have a Teacher Diane Morgan and I would like you to give her some Tickets to Egypt and Cairo and Sea-World and to The San Antonio Mission Park. I also have a brother Dakota. I hope he gets more bubbles this year. I have a frind Jada. I hope he gets all the YU-GI-ON cards. Thank you dearly, Chellicee!

Dear Santa: How are you doing? I was very good this year please Bring me A Playstaion 2, Yugioh cards, Nascar thunder 2003, NCAA gamebrecker 2003, Yu-gi-oh, forbidin memorys tonyhawk proskater 4, Yu-gi-oh videos. Merry Christmos Nicholas

Dear Santa: My name is Garrett. I have a friend named Whitney Cooper. Whitney has been good This year and . I Think she would like some Jewlry and some cloes. Garrett woulde like a Gocart.

Santa letters Mrs. Oborski third grade

Dear Santa: This year I want a Deva becuse I ben wanting a Deva for so long I whon'ta Brate I also wan't a CD player and C. D's and also a C.D holder I wan't a new competer I also wan't a Helo cite set Iwan't some books. I hope you come this year I will leve you some cookies and I will leve you mild I hope we leve are chimne opened. Chynna Barker

Dear Santa: I like the presents you got me last your. I would like a Laptop coumputer, an new Cd player that is green an Cd hloder, come scrunchies, that are red and blue and black and white, an Dallas Cowboys E. Smith jersey, an basketball goal and an TX Longhorns #4 jersey, sz. M in both jersey! Thank yoy! Love Leah Ray

Dear Santa: Thank you so much for my presents last year. I loved them. This year I would like a robotic claw hand, a computer, as fast as you can base ball, two baby kittens, a new blue felvet shirt that spreds out on the sleve, a bike and a kind of scooter tipe thing you hold on the handles and move it. One more thing a new cd case and a cd player that matches my head phones. I hope you fly safe love ya Whitney

Dear Santa: I loved the presents you gave me last year. I have been a good boy this year. I will leave some sugar cookies on the counter. I want a Recaria DBZ toy, a boyblade, a alian toy and a Action figure and a laptop. Merry Christmas Colton Meiman.

Dear Santa: I have been very good this year and because I've been so good I was hoping you would give me a scooter and some makeup. I hope you have a safe Chrismas. Love, Kaycee Patterson

Dear Santa: I have a bad tier so dont give me eny presns at Crismiss Santa my brother shood have them and make sher a good pesent. this is my Crismiss list I won't Haloa, trapleen, swimming pool, Remooktrol that can go on land and water, a knew bike, I won't it to snow. I want the bogs to come to and one of my friends to come to and one other I want to be family. Connor Mathu Patton

Dear Santa: My name is Triston Scott Morales. I have been a good boy this year. My brother has been a bad by This year because he always beats me up. Then my mom grounds him to his room. Can I have These three games; Yoshies Island Advance, Dragon ball Z and super mario Advance for my game boy advance. Love, Triston Scott Morales

Dear Santa: How are you I'm good. I have been very good this year. This year ! would like a new kitten toy for my kitten Darling. Then I would like to have a Mario brother game for my gameboy. This Christmas I will have a glass of milk and cookies for you. I hope you enjoy your milk and cookies. I will also make a special card for you. Love, Victoria

Dear Santa: How are you? My name is Eryn Clayton. I vary good this year. Pleae bring me books and a Stuffed animal that looks like a Kangaroo with a baby. I would also like a computer and antoher dog to play with my dog Carson. Marry christmas Santa. From Eryn Clayton to Santa

Dear Santa: My name is Elaina. I have been very good presom this year. I have a friend named Whitney and I think she would like a rag doll and she was very good this year. I was wandering if you could get me a cute little puppy that stays little all the time. I want my puppy to be a dalmaitian. that was my letter to you Santa. thank you for reading this letter. love Elaina

Dear Santa: My name is Lorna Nicole Payne. I won't say ive been a very good girl because i've done some wrong things. I am not going to say I want this and I want that. First I would like to ask you to make sure you get Mrs. Obarski's baby Rylee whatever she wants okay.. I should also like to say to not put any coal in anyones stockings and exspecialy not mine. I whould like to thank you for all the things you got me trew all these christmasis. I just want to ask you for one thing and thats a Password Journal. Love Lorna

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Hypothermia, the severe or prolonged loss of body heat, begins when a person's body temperature falls below 95 degrees. Because the temperature drop may be gradual, and an early symptom of hypothermia is mental confusion, the victim may not know there is a problem. And, Texas Department of Health (TDH) officials warn, vulnerable people can die from cold weather.

Last year, hypothermia was a contributing factor in 21 Texas deaths.

People most susceptible to hypothermia include those 60 and older, infants and small children, the sick, those taking certain prescription drugs or drinking alcohol, the homeless, auto or boating accident victims and those unable to find temporary shelter in cold weather.

Often an older person's metabolism is slower than that of a younger person, which means less body heat is generated. Or the older person may already be in poor health and taking medications that can alter awareness of dangerously low temperatures.

People 60 and older may not perceive or respond to cold as readily as younger people because the body's natural alarm signal - the reflex of shivering that increases blood flow lessens with age. Some hypothermia victims die because they simply are unaware of gradual temperature changes.

And some people, especially the elderly on fixed incomes, may set their thermostats dangerously low for fear of high heating bills.

To reduce potential dangers, do the following:

• Watch for hypothermia symptoms, including confusion, drowsiness, slurred speech, a drop in blood pressure, shallow breathing and a pinking tint to the skin. Anyone with these symptoms related to cold temperature is in immediate danger.

• Check on elderly or ill people, especially if they live alone or in isolated areas.

• Wear loose-fitting clothing in layers, gloves and a face cover to block the wind if you must be outside. Stay dry.

• Be extremely cautious in the wind. A strong wind, even in only moderately cool weather, can cause a wind chill far below freezing.

• Remember, too, that animals may die if left outside in extremely cold weather. Provide them a warm environment, out of the chilling wind. Be sure they have access to food and that their water has not frozen.

Winter storms also may cause power outages, and food safety becomes a problem along with heating. If you lose power for more than four hours, take the following pre-

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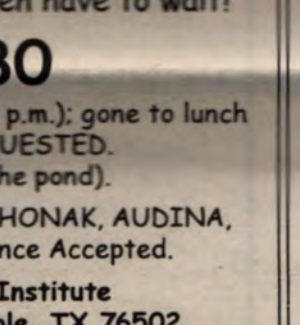

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• Discard any potentially hazardous food such as meats, eggs, dairy products and leftovers that may have exceeded 45 degrees. When in doubt, throw it out.

• Any frozen food that has thawed but not exceeded 45 degrees should be prepared as soon as possible. Do not refreeze.

Wind chill refers to the cooling effect wind has on the skin. Not only can wind chill cause rapid heat loss from the body, but it also can cause frostbite - actual freezing of tissues. Frostbite can occur in 15 minutes or less at wind chill values of 18 below zero or lower.

TDH officials warn that no one should underestimate weather changes and should dress appropriately. Anyone planning outdoor activities in cold weather should refer to local weather forecasts for information.

Local students included in Who's Who

A total of 34 students from Salado are included in the 36th Annual Edition of 'Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-02.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc. in Austin, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extra curricular activities. Traditionally, 99 percent of Who's Who students have a grade point average of B or better and 97 percent are college bound.

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Who's Who students also compete for $200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publications' annual survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitude.

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Local students selected to Who's Who include these:

Glynis L. Akins, Joyful Aldermen, Tiffany D. Blair, Whitney Brown, Paige Cameron, Natalie Clark, Mary Coachman, Shannon Gaus, Katherine Paige Herrick, Angela Hogwood, Megan Holt, Meagan Joiner.

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Parents can take some of the uncertainty out of saving for college by enrolling their children in the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan from the Texas Tomorrow Funds, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

Rylander said a new enrollment period has begun and will continue until May 23, 2003.

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Dec. 5: Biscuits and Gravy, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Dec. 6: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Dec. 9: Waffles, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Dec. 10: French Toast, Baked Ham, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

Dec. 4: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk
Dec. 5: Steak Fingers, Broccoli & Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Pears, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk
Dec. 6: Cheeseburger. French Fries, Pickle Spear, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk
Dec. 9: Chicken Filet on Bun, French Fries, Pears, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk.
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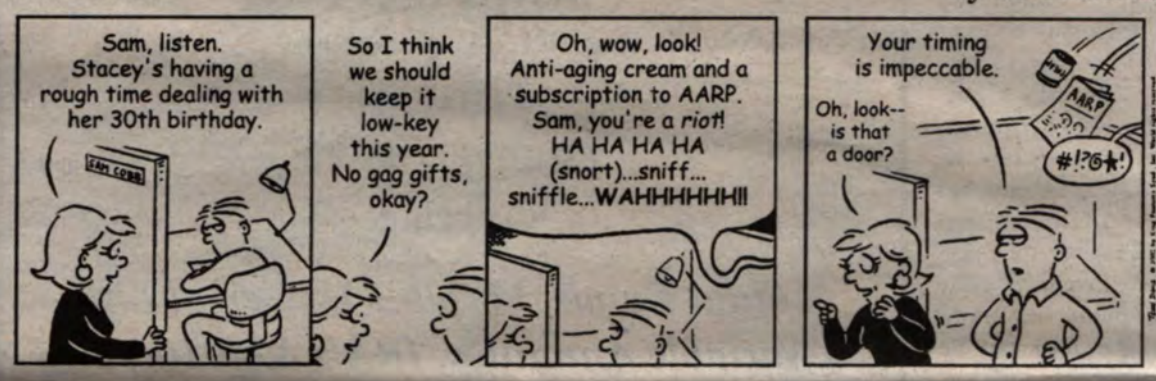

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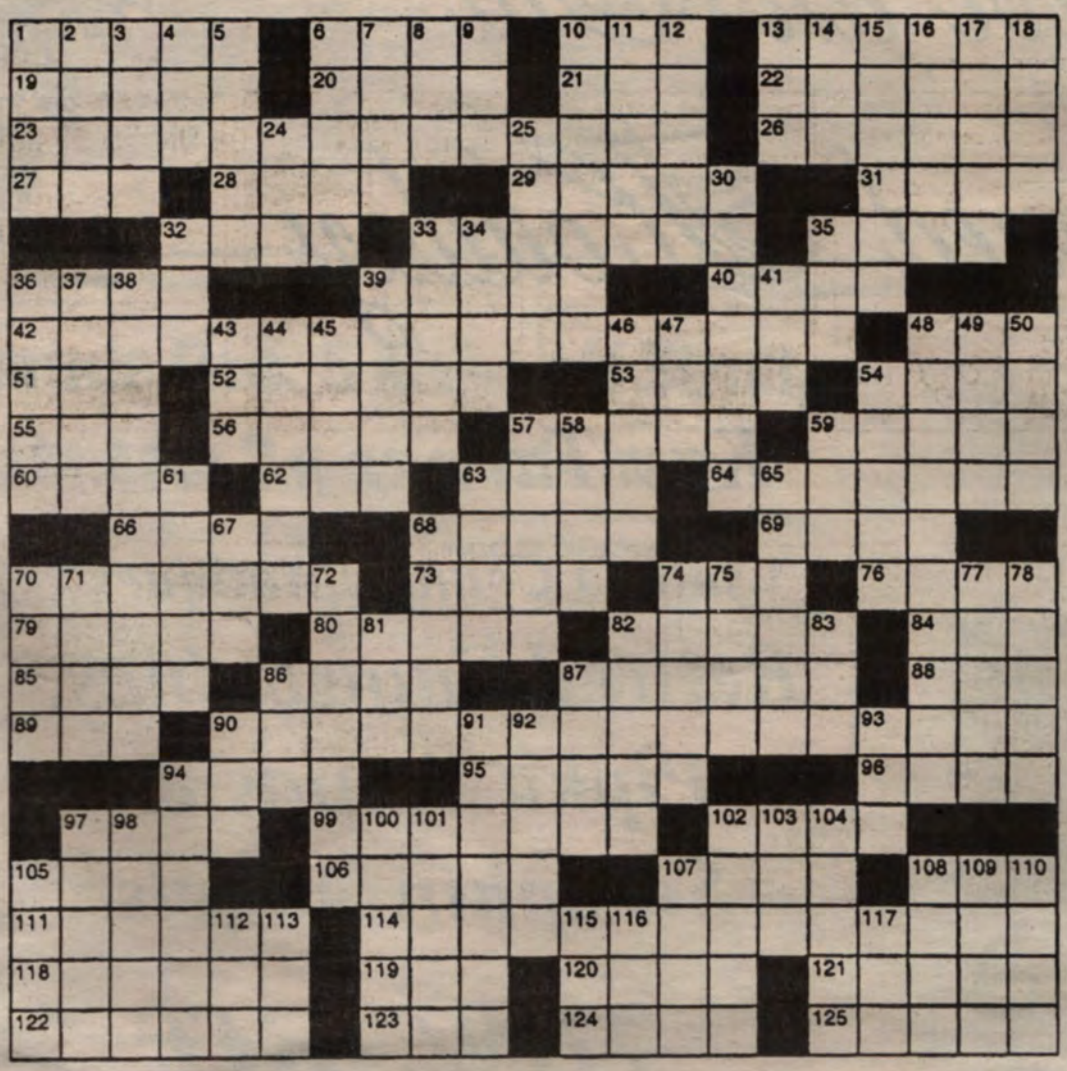

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The Gardner Home

New home, old construction part of 2002 Tour of Homes

The Gardner Home will be a part of the 2002 Tour of Homes, sponsored by the Salado Historical Society Dec. 6-8.

The home was designed by Darwin Britt and constructed by Steve Wesson. It was built in 2002.

The early Texas style home is located in the Salado Creek 100 year flood plain and is built on piers one foot above the plain. The inside of the home is constructed in Post and Beam style. All the beams have mortised and tendon joints that are wood pegged together.

The entire home, inside and out, is wood with a tin roof. The focal point of the home is the free standing fireplace containing an estimated four tons of rock.

The den has wainscoating that was recovered from a late 1800's home in the Salado area. With all the modern conveniences of today's technology, and the charm of years past, this home is what Salado is all about.

The Salado United Methodist Church is also on the 2002 Tour of Homes. This building is the only original church building still in use in Salado today.

Due to the need for additional space, in 1946, the sanctuary was remodeled to include a bakery and small Sunday School rooms in the back corners. In 1996, the sanctuary was returned to its original configuration.

The red pine floors are original, as are most of the stained glass windows, including the special one behind the altar dedicated to the memory of 16-year old Myrta Bailey. The window was given by her Sunday School class as she died during the church's construction. There are families in the church now that are descendants of members from many years ago, as well as members who have come to Salado recently.

In 1951, the Prairie Dell Methodist Church was closed, and the membership and building moved to Salado. The sanctuary of that church is the fellowship hall. The hall was moved

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Regular Meetings

Mondays

Democrats: NO MEETING IN NOV. 1st Mon. 6 p.m. at The Salado Mansion (2nd floor).

Boy Scouts: Each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

Monday Club: 1st Mon., 2 p.m., Salado United Methodist Church.

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.

Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.

Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5 p.m., at Salado Public Library.

Salado Masonic Lodge #296: 8 p.m. on the Mon. on or before the full moon.

Salado Village Artist Quilters: 1-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. in the Salado Village Artist Building.

Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library (ages 3-5).

Salado 4-H Club: 1st Mon. of every month, 7 p.m. at the Intermediate School.

Exercise Class: Last 8:30 a.m. class is Aug. 12. Starting Aug. 19, class will begin at 9:30 a.m., except first Mon. of the month which will be at 10:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.

Tuesdays

Salado Rotary Club: 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.

Salado Band Boosters: Second Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Salado FFA Meeting: First Tuesday at 7 p.m. at SHS ag shop.

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., at Celebration Center in Royal Street Courtyard.

Salado Village Artists: 10 a.m. at Salado Art Center.

Salado Family Relief Fund: 2nd Tues. 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn.

Salado High School Band Boosters: 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Salado Community Chorus: 5 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center

Wednesdays

Salado Business Association: 1st Wednesday, 8:45 a.m. Salado Civic Center

Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 6:30 p.m. at Civic Center.

Lions Club: 2nd & 4th Wed. at 11:30 a.m., Creekside. Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m.

Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 6 p.m., at Civic Center

Thursdays

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center unless otherwise posted.

Salado Ladies Auxiliary: 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center

Salado Water Corporation Board of Directors: 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m. Corporation office.

Salado Historical Society: board of directors, 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

PTC: (SIS Parent Teacher Co-op) meets the 2nd Thursday 3:45 p.m. in Room 101 at SIS.

Salado Education Foundation: Regular Board meetings, 9 a.m. 2nd Thurs. at Salado Civic Center.

Saturdays

Food Pantry: 2nd and 4th Sat. at First Baptist Church. 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

What's happening here?

To advertise your event on the Calendar of Events, please fax your event to 947-5321. Or drop it off at the Salado Village Voice newspaper at 213 Mill Creek Dr. #125.

November 29-30
Wildfire Ranch Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena For more info, call 947-0291.

December 1
Wildfire Ranch Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena For more info, call 947-0291.

December 5
Salado Community Chorus Christmas Concert 8 p.m. at the Civic Center. Free admission.

December 5
Salado Christmas Stroll Parade 5:30 p.m.

December 6-8
Annual Salado Christmas Stroll. 947-5040.

December 6-7
A Christmas Carol 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Adults $5. Children $3. 947-9205.

December 6-8
Quilt exhibit, Central Texas Area Museum 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Displaying quilts crafted in La Caldera, Mexico.

December 10
Salado High School Bands Booster meeting at 3:45 p.m. in the band hall.

Mill Creek Community Association Annual Meeting - Christmas Party at Creekside Restaurant.

December 13-14
A Christmas Carol 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Adults $5. Children $3. 947-9205.

December 13-15
Annual Salado Christmas Stroll. For more information call 947-5040.

December 19
Salado Area Republican Women 11:30 a.m. Installation of Officers and Christmas Party.

Thomas Arnold Christmas Concert at Salado Intermediate School.

December 27-29
Lariat Bowl at Wildfire Ranch Arena For more info, call 947-0291.

February 18
Thomas Arnold PTO Program with 4th graders at 6:30 p.m. Intermediate School.

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Enjoy Tchaikovsky's classic ballet with a Southern twist as local dancers perform The Texas Nutcracker at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple 7 p.m. Dec. 7. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3 for children and can be purchased at the CAC box office.

What makes the performance unique, other than its Texas flare, is that the area's only semi-professional ballet company produces the event. Renee (Sissie) Gillenwater, who is not only an accomplished dancer but a top instructor as well, directs Ballet Renee, an affiliate of the Newcomb School of Ballet.

"Ballet Renee is the training ground for young men and women to prepare themselves for a career in professional dance," says Gillenwater. "Performances such as the Texas Nutcracker give our students an opportunity to perform for a live audience, which in turn allows them to continue to enhance their abilities and grow in their careers. Not only do we put together a spectacular show, but we have some of the most talented dancers in Central Texas."

The Texas Nutcracker will transport audiences to the H2O ranch in Texas on Christmas Eve, where wealthy landowners are having a party for their two daughters, Clara and her young sister Francesca. During the party, Uncle Bob Wire brings gifts for all the children, plus a special gift for Clara -- a nutcracker. Her jealous sister Francesca breaks the toy, but Uncle Bob is able to fix it. After everyone leaves, Clara sneaks down to see her doll one more time and falls asleep under the Christmas tree.

As Clara is sleeping, she is visited by several mysterious visitors who include a band of robber jackrabbits, their Jackalope King and a handsome Texas Ranger.

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Home Tour From 1B

along US 81 before the building of I-35 in the late 1950's. One of the Prairie Dell members, Bunk Street, rode on top of the building as it moved along to lift the power lines with a wooden pole.

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The historic sanctuary, which has been honored with a Texas Historical marker, a listing in the National Register of Historic Places, will be honored with a United Methodist Church Historical marker.

For a complete tour of the Gardner home and the Salado United Methodist Church, along with the other magnificent homes on the tour, join the Christmas Tour Dec. 6-8. Tickets are $10 after Nov. 30 or at the door, and they can be purchased at Royal Emporium, Charlotte's of Salado, Horsefeathers, Salado Galleries or the Salado Civic Center. No baby strollers are permitted on the Home Tour. Children 12 and under are $5, and babies carried in are free. For more information, call (254) 947-5040.

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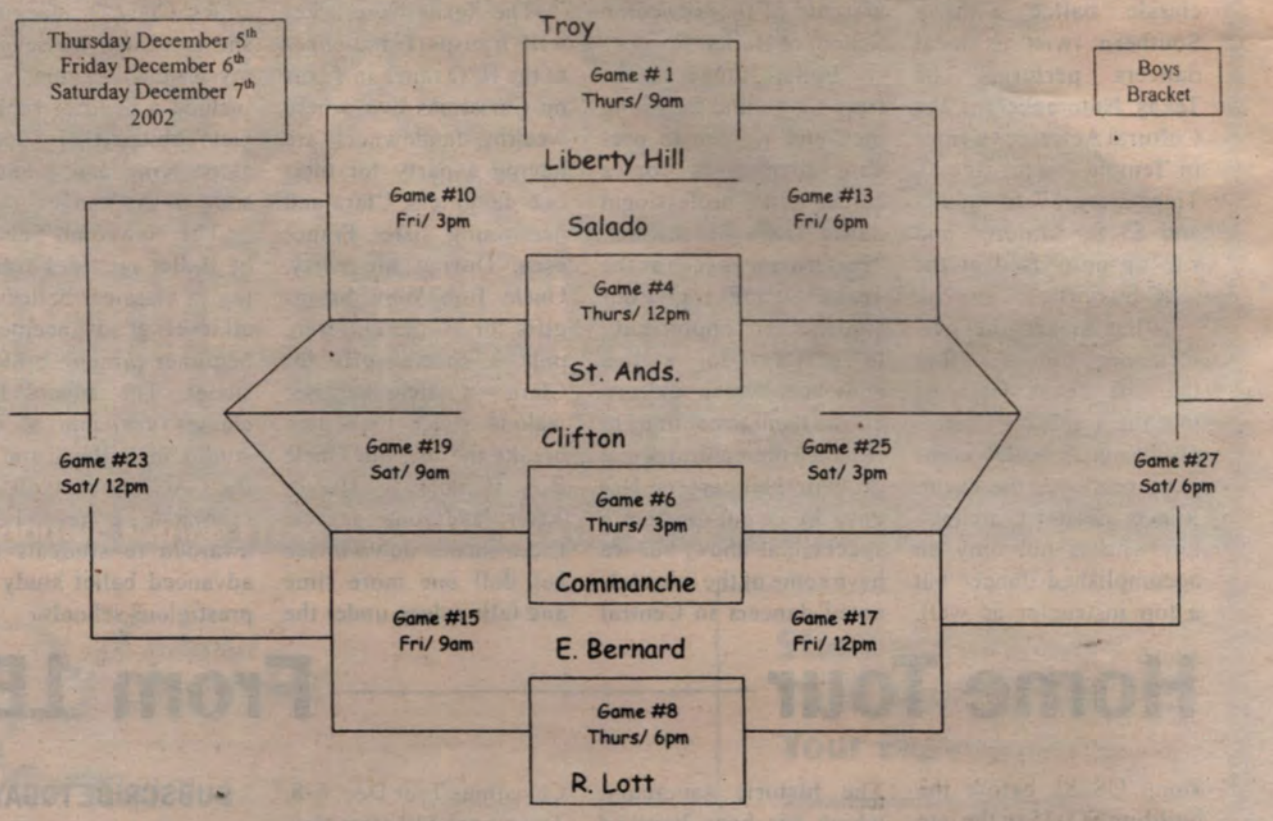

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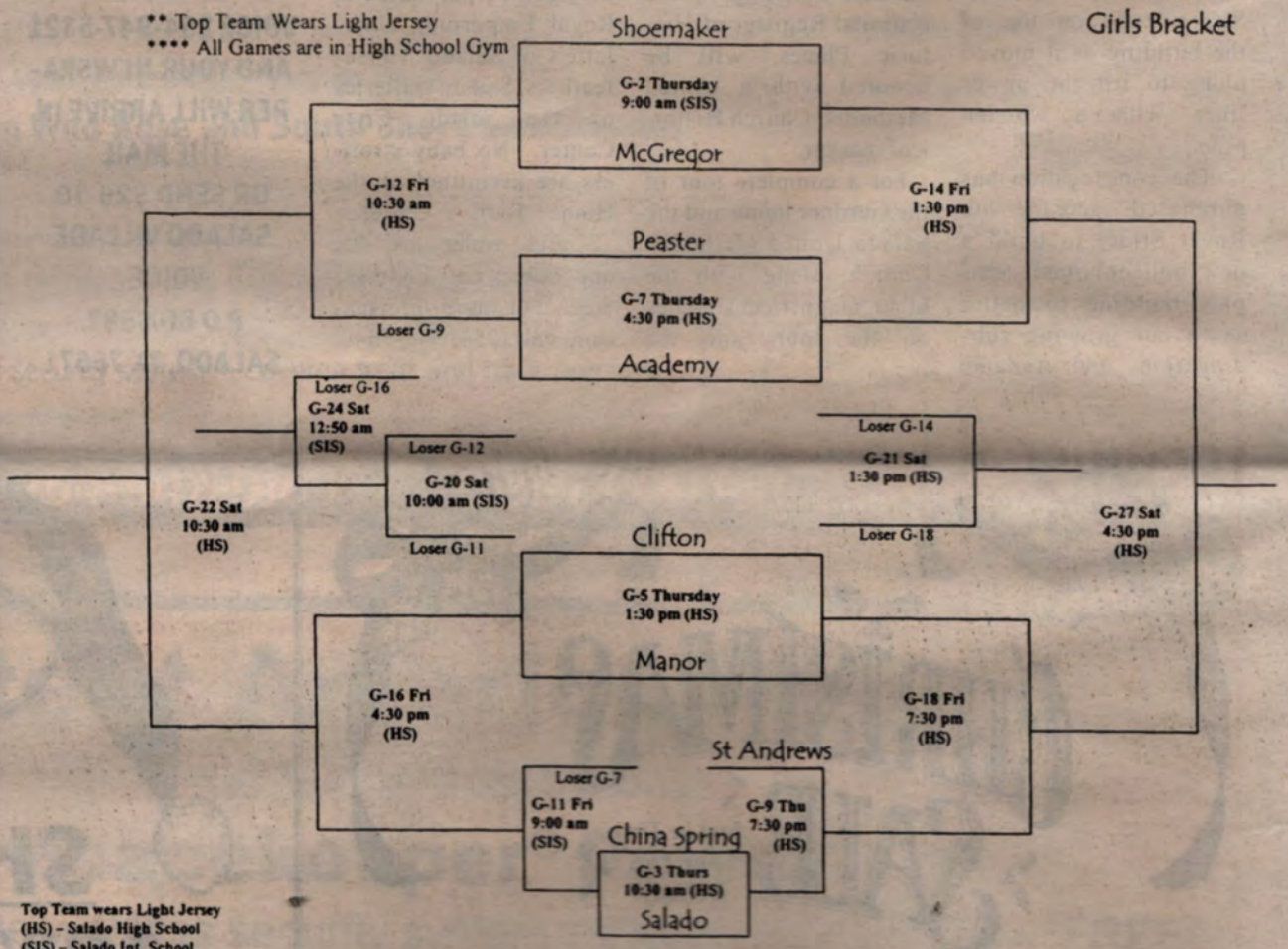

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Antique beds and modern accessories

By Chris McGregor
Staff Writer

Sherry Arnaud opened her shop July 1 of this year. She says she always wanted to have her own business, and when she discovered that of all the shops in Salado, not a single one was dedicated to bed and bath, Sweet Dreams was born.

Sweet Dreams is located at 402 South Main Street, in the new shops built adjacent to the Stagecoach. Her shop specializes in, as she says, "every luxury imaginable for the bed and bath."

Arnaud carries lines such as Traditions, Country House and American Canyon. "I try to feature products that come from smaller, start-up companies, rather than big corporations," she explained. She believes that shying away from mass-produced merchandise helps to add an aspect of personalization to the shop.

"I also like to travel to markets outside of Texas to find unique and affordable products to carry," she said.

Photo by: Chris McGregor

Even in her former life in the high-tech industry, Arnaud had an attraction to antiques, particularly old beds. A few years back, when uncertainty rattled the technology sector, Arnaud "believed it might be time to try something else," thought long and hard about her next move, and came to Salado.

Even though she carries accessories such as baby lines and sleepwear, Arnaud finds her antique beds to be her biggest draw. But they're not always what customers imagine. "People are always surprised at my prices," she says.

The majority of the antiques in Sweet Dreams ring-up at under $500, which is something of a bargain considering the beds are turn-of-the-century, or older. One bed in the shop is over 160 years old, and is in immaculate condition.

In addition, Arnaud offers custom bedding services out of the shop. Customers can pick the fabrics and the sizing, for accessories such as bed skirts, for example, and Sweet Dreams takes care of the rest. Arnaud sums up her philosophy, "we try to offer a unique design for our customer's home and style."

For more information about Sweet Dreams, call Sherry at 947-9200.

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Historic Halley House serving guest for 10 years

By Ashley Smith
Staff Writer

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A gourmet breakfast is served in the main dining room daily, with homemade pastries and fresh fruit on the menu. Along with sitting room in the kitchen, an additional eating area connected to the kitchen with large french-style doors and a wonderful view of the tree covered lawn is also available for guests to enjoy.

Being the patriotic Texans that they are, Larry and Cathy Sands, the innkeepers, have one room in their bed and breakfast dedicated to the Lone Star State. That room is called the Star of Texas Suite.

The suite is located downstairs in the Main House and it has a fireplace for cold weather cuddling. A king size bed and large handicap accessible bathroom makes the room perfect for any guest. A sofa bed adds more space

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Star of Texas Suite Photo by: Ashley Smith

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True Christmas story

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She walked with a limp. The tired old lady had three offspring, two daughters and a son. The son had not been home for twenty years. He was a cab driver in a large city.

Her three children had fought each other for most of their lives.

While they were growing up, the older daughter and the son ganged up on the younger girl. They locked her in closets, told her she was adopted and would seldom let her hang out with them.

One day the older daughter was talking to her mother and asked her what she wanted for Christmas.

"I'd just love to have my three children here in my house for Christmas dinner and not be fussing," the mother replied.

One day the son, while driving his cab, saw a woman walking with a limp, crossing the street in front of his cab. She had trouble getting up on the curb, so he got out and helped her.

He stood beside his cab and watched her walk slowly and surely painfully down the sidewalk. His eyes followed her for a long while, long enough for traffic to back up behind him. Some irate drivers let him know what they thought about him just standing there in the middle of the street. Several horns honked.

He watched her until she disappeared. He remembers seeing her, then not seeing her. She just vanished. Faded out of sight.

He got back in his cab and drove straight to his mother's house, 200 miles away.

It was Christmas Eve. He got home to find his two sisters there along with his mother, who was ailing. The meal was a success. The three children hugged each other, talked about the past, laughed with their mother and had a good time.

There was no fussing. The son gave his mother his telephone number.

After the dinner, the three returned to their homes. The next day the mother died. One of the sisters found the brother's telephone number and he was able to get home to help his sisters bury their mother.

The son said he thought the woman who limped across the street in front of his cab was an angel.

The three are no longer estranged. They call each other frequently and talk in loving terms about their mother and growing up together. They joke about some of the childhood pranks.

And the brother remembers that angel.

The following recipe was taken from the cookbook "Salado Country Cooking." It was sponsored by the members and friends of the Monday Club from the Salado United Methodist Church.

Christmas Congealed Salad

1/2 c. red hot candies
1 c. boiling water
1 (3 oz.) pkg. lemon gelatin
1 c. applesauce
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
1/2 c. mayonnaise
1/2 c. chopped pecans
1/4 c. chopped celery

In a bowl, dissolve candies in water. Add gelatin; stir to dissolve. Stir in applesauce. Pour half into an 8" square pan that has been lightly coated with nonstick cooking spray. Refrigerate until firm. Cover & set remaining mixture aside at room temp. Meanwhile, combine cream cheese, mayonnaise, pecans & celery. Spread over chilled gelatin mixture. Carefully pour remaining gelatin mixture over cream cheese layer. Chill overnight.

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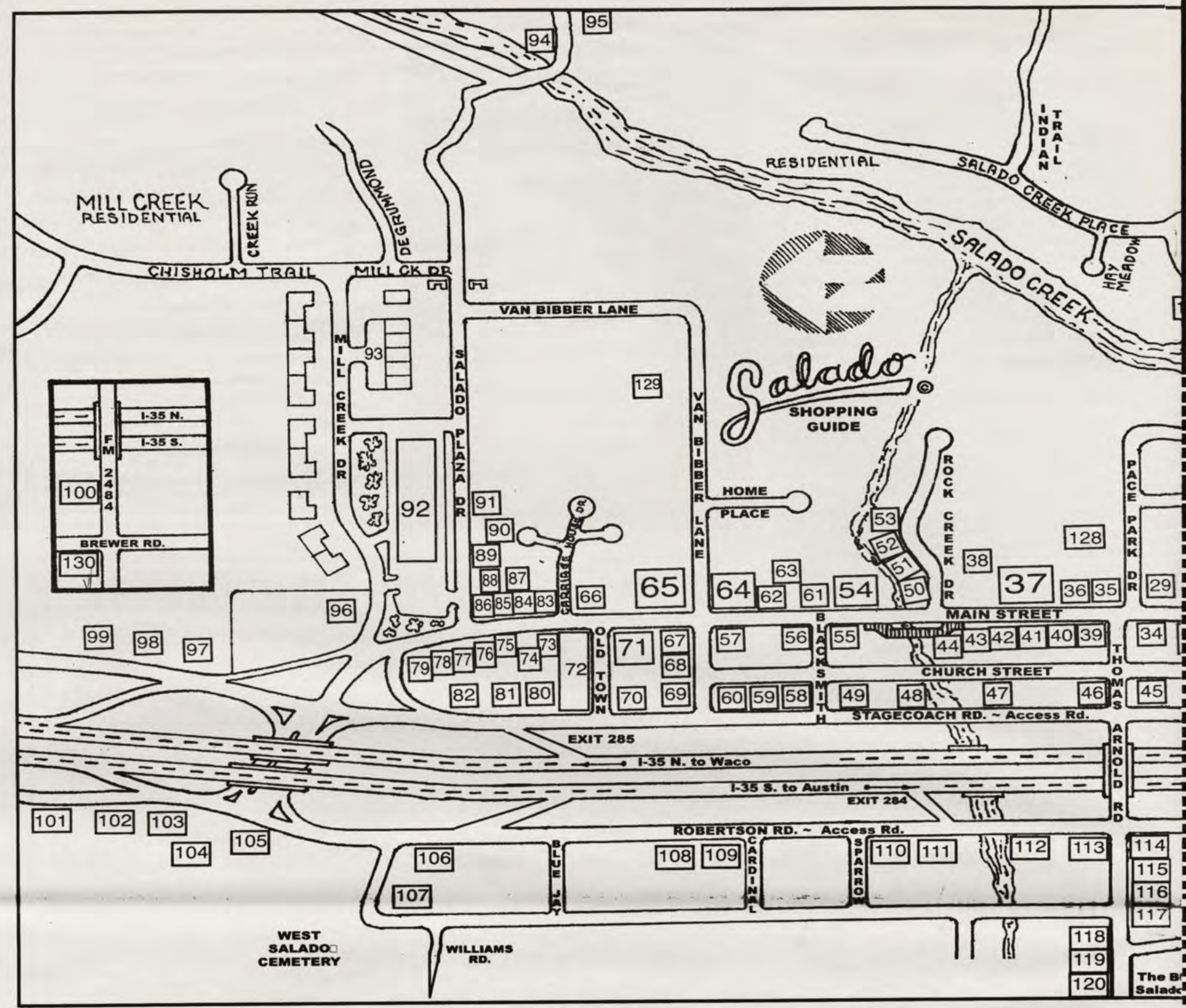

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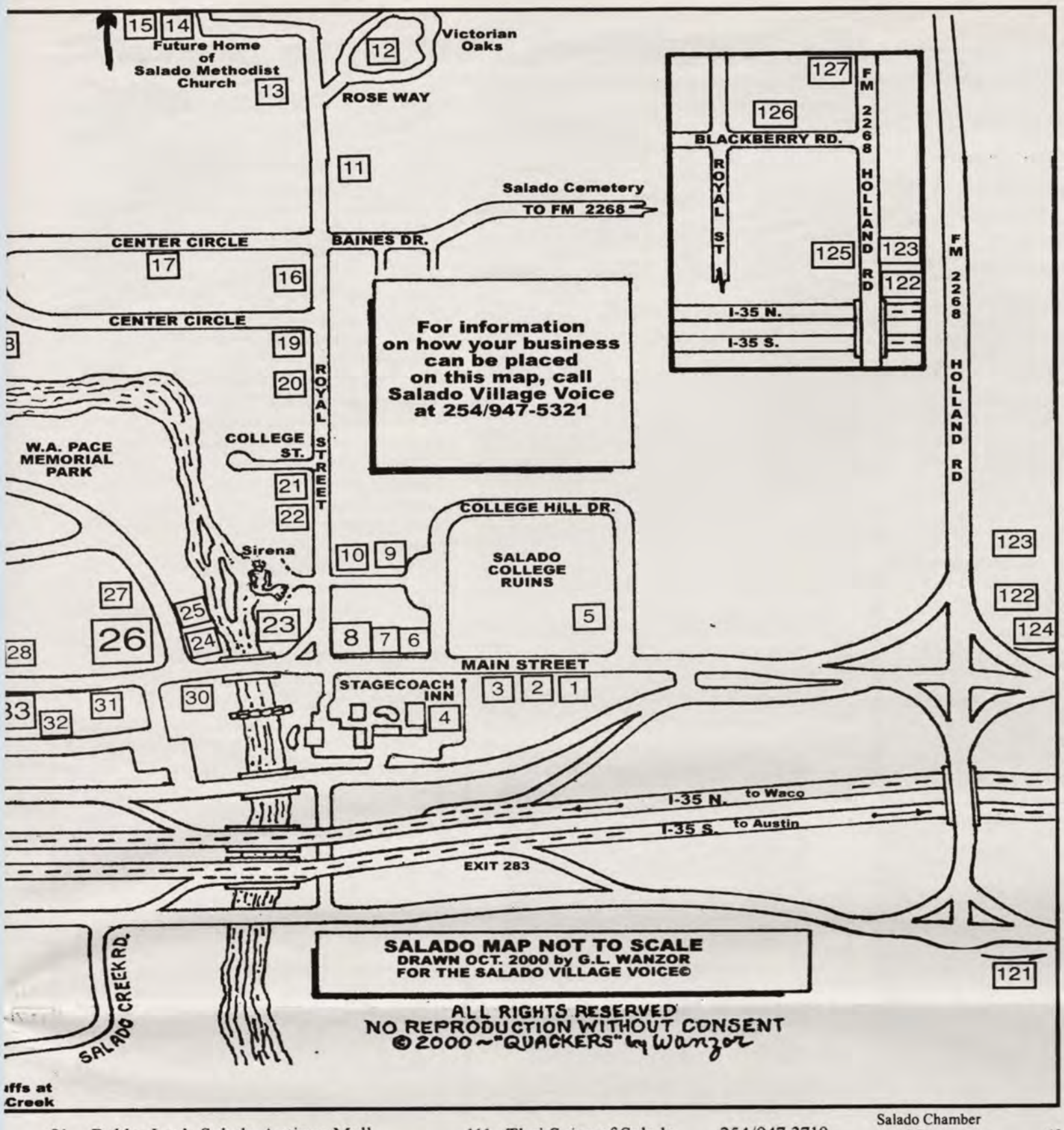

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Dec. 6
4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Historical Society Christmas Tour
5 p.m. - 6 p.m. "Scrooge Players" Stagecoach Inn
5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Salado High School Drama Dept.
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Live Nativity - First Baptist Church
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Santa - Salado United Methodist Church
6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Fred Fuller - Heirlooms
7 p.m. "A Christmas Carol" - Tablerock Amphitheater
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Denise Thomassen - Flutist- St. Joseph's
7:30 p.m. Texas A&M Century Singers First Baptist Church

Dec. 7
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Historical Society Christmas Tour
Noon - 1 p.m. Christmas Musical Trio - St. Joseph's
1 p.m. - 9 p.m. Salado High School Drama Dept.
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Salado Community Chorus
3 p.m - 5 p.m. "Scrooge Players" - Stagecoach Inn
5 p.m. UMHB "One Voice" - Charlotte's of Salado
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6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Santa - Salado United Methodist Church
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4 p.m. - 9 p.m. Santa Claus - Strolling
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1 p.m. - 9 p.m. Santa Claus - Strolling
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2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Bed and Breakfast Tour
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Additional holiday interests on the website include: an exclusive list of authentic "Texas Gifts" from retailers across the state, a "letter to Santa" option, a Christmas e-card option and a "wish list."

"Nice" children wanting to send their "wish list" to Santa may do so on the site. The letter will go straight to Santa on ShopAcrossTexas.com (cc: to parents required). In addition, those wishing to avoid the cost of mailing Christmas Cards may send holiday greeting cards from the site. A wish list can be added to your e-card.

The "Texas Gifts" section of the website features some of Texas' unique holiday gift ideas. Visitors to the site can send Pedro's Tamales from Lubbock, Jeannes' Pralines from Lamesa or Texas Wine from The Cellar in Austin. Other items in the "Texas Gifts" section include King Ranch Luggage from the Saddle Shop in Kingsville, Westward Ho China manufactured in Royce, and Rocketbuster Custom Boots in El Paso, a favorite of celebrities like Tom Cruise, Meg Ryan and Mel Gibson. A link to the Western White House gift shop in Crawford is also on line.

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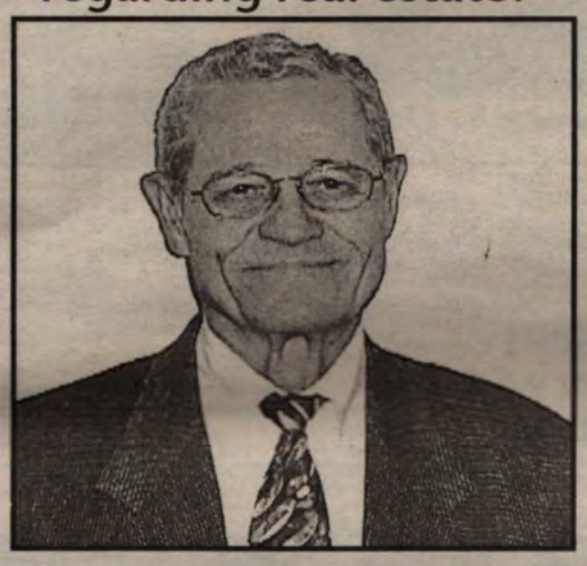

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Insurance consultant addresses Rotary

By Ashley Smith
Staff Writer

Independent insurance consultant Roberta Amos served as the guest speaker at the Salado Rotary club meeting on Nov. 26. Amos is a Certified Insurance Counselor and Certified Risk Manager for ABC Consulting in Temple.

The consultants of ABC Consulting do not represent insurance companies; instead, they work with clients, mostly companies, in finding all types of insurance or solutions to their insurance needs. With 75 combined years of insurance experience, the consultants of ABC decided that "it might be fun to work with companies and help them buy insurance," Amos said.

Amos discussed three very important topics of interest among today's Texas citizens with the Rotarians. The first topic she addressed was the different types of insurance cycles, hard market and soft market. Insurance cycles are much like any other business cycle in the sense that they last anywhere from three to five years. Amos explained that the hard market refers to an abundance of sellers and the soft market refers to a large number of buyers.

Texas came out of a soft market two and a half years ago. It stands as one of the longest periods in a soft insurance market in all of history. The state of the economy and the insurance and legislative reform that favored the insurance industry both played major roles in contributing to the life span of the recent soft market.

This issue then brought Amos to her second topic of discussion, the current insurance cycle. "We are now in a hard market cycle," she said, "and there are four main reasons why." Those reasons include: the investment return for insurance companies, the events of September 11, mold and insurance/company scandals, such as Enron. Within the last 12 months, these four factors have come together to create a seriously hard insurance market.

Amos then addressed the touchy topics of homeowners and health insurance. Recently, homeowners premiums went up drastically. She explained that many of her clients have had an increase in premiums of at least $400. Due to the many water damage and mold claims, insurance companies are revoking their mold coverage, some completely.

Roberta Amos talks about insurance issues

In addition to homeowners insurance going up, health insurance has had rate increases. Amos explained the reason for the increase is mostly because of the change in prescription coverage. Most insurance plans have different levels of coverage, but almost all of them are altering their prescription coverage on some level. Some suggestions were made for reducing the overall costs of health and homeowners insurance.

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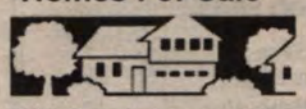

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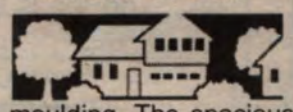

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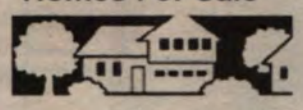

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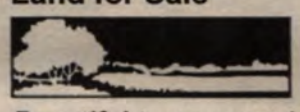

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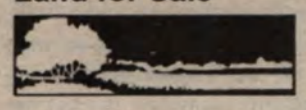

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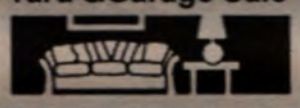

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$599,000 - Lovely Colonial style home surrounded by huge live oaks. Overlooking the countryside 2 miles from Salado. 3 BR, 2 full baths, 2 half baths. Separate 900 S.F. home - 1 BR, BA, living room. Barn, storage, game room building.

$114,800 - New Construction! 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 car garage on one acre in Salado Prairies off of FM 2268. A very nice split bedroom plan with huge walk-in closet in the master bedroom. Also nice walk-in 2nd bedroom. Efficient U-shaped kitchen and large utility room.

$162,900 - Great location...beautiful corner lot in Mill Creek. Large open kitchen, dining, living areas. Loft upstairs is perfect play room or T.V. room.

$199,500 - Incredible view of Stillhouse Lake and the valley! Wonderful deck with hot tub & gazebo overlooks wooded lots and the lake. Master bedroom has separate office. Both rooms have views for miles. Kitchen, dining and two living rooms downstairs open up to a large deck for easy entertaining. Landscaped yard creates an inviting entrance to the home.

Residential

- **$59,999** - Well maintained and updated older home. Covered patio. Swimming pool.
- **$65,000** - Weekend getaway or investment for golf-Mill Creek Rental - **Under Contract.**
- **$89,800** - 3 BR, 2 BA brick ranch style home plus pole barn, all on 2 acres.
- **$99,900** - 3BR, 2 BA modular on 30 acres, 6 miles E. of Holland on Fm 2268.
- **$114,800** - New Construction! Split BR, Tile floors, backsplash. 3BR/2 BA, 2 car garage.
- **$117,000** - Brick 3 BR/2 BA home on park-like lot. Wet weather creek in backyard.
- **$125,800** - Under construction on 1 acre. Master BA with garden tub.
- **$129,000** - Lovely 3 BR/2 BA custom home. Convenient to Killeen and Belton. Salado ISD.
- **$141,900** - Nature lovers will appreciate the wooded back yard - **Under Contract.**
- **$148,000** - 1.83 Live Oak Estates. 3 BR/2BA with open living/dining area.
- **$149,900** - Neat, clean 3 BR/2BA. Separate laundry room, formal dining. Storage shed.
- **$159,800** - Patio home fronts #3 Fairway. 2 BR/2.5 BA, oversized garage.
- **$159,900** - Investment property! Newly constructed duplex. 2 BR/2 BA.
- **$162,500** - Heavily wooded lot in Mill Creek. Copper fireplace, spiral staircase.
- **$162,900** - Corner lot in Mill Creek. Loft upstairs is perfect play room or T.V. room.
- **$164,900** - Within walking distance to Mill Creek Pro Shop. Large master bedroom, loft.
- **$166,000** - Floor plan with lots of windows. Raised ceiling in living room. Landscaped yard.
- **$172,900** - Beautiful lot. Fenced in-ground pool. Split bedroom floor plan.
- **$174,900** - Walking distance to Mill Creek Pro Shop. Open & bright, oversized kitchen - **UC.**
- **$174,990** - Nestled among the trees, new 3BR/2BA, skylight in kitchen - **Under Contract.**
- **$189,000** - On the golf course, overlooking Salado Creek. 2BR/2BA.
- **$189,800** - Mill Creek home surrounded by large trees. Spa-type bath, handicap accessible.
- **$198,500** - Austin stone home on 2 acres. 3 BR and study which can be 4th BR.
- **$199,500** - Wonderful deck w/ hot tub & gazebo overlooks wooded lots and the lake.
- **$199,500** - Located at the entrance to Mill Creek. Lovely setting, with many possibilities.
- **$209,000** - View the 17th tee box from the kitchen. Larry Lilly home - **Under Contract.**
- **$216,000** - Lake view from veranda. Home on 2.3 acres. Wrap around porch.
- **$222,800** - Professional landscaping & rose garden. 4 BR/ 3 BA in Mill Creek Springs.
- **$225,000** - Austin stone 2-story home with scenic porch. 10 acres w/bldgs - **Under Contract.**
- **$236,500** - 11 acres fenced with lit arena & barn. Two-story has wrap around porch.
- **$240,000** - Showcase home in Mill Creek Springs! 4 BR. Will be completed Dec. 2002.
- **$249,000** - Overlooking Green #3 on Mill Creek Golf Course #2, 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA, 2 dining.
- **$259,000** - Masterpiece home. Internet wired HUB. Landscaped lot, 3 BR/2.5 BA.
- **$269,000** - Custom home in River Place Estates, Belton. Beautifully Landscaped.
- **$295,000** - Mediterranean style home on 4 wooded acres. View of Stillhouse Hollow Lake.
- **$299,000** - View of Stillhouse Hollow Lake, contemporary stucco w/tin roof on 6.5 acres.
- **$355,000** - Texas ranchette on 7.7 acres. In ground pool, RV/boat parking, storage shed.
- **$364,900** - Step into comfort and elegance. 4 BR/2.5 BA, 2 car garage plus golf cart garage.
- **$375,000** - Ranch-style Austin stone home on 29 acres. Shop, 10 stall barn, 4 pastures.
- **$375,000** - Mediterranean style home on .72 acre. Backs up to golf course and creek.
- **$439,000** - Country Place B&B, 7 BR home features wrap around porch, large barn.
- **$469,500** - 4 BR/4-1/2 BA Volney Home. Game room, 3 car garage.
- **$550,000** - Located on #9 Fairway, this home overlooks the golf course & Salado Creek.
- **$699,900** - Country living, view of pool, valley, 7 acre lot, 3-stall barn, large workshop.
- **$995,000** - Home on 146 acres of wooded countryside, barns, sheds, water well.

$375,000 - Unique Mediterranean style home on .72 acre. Backs up to golf course and creek. Two master suites. Wet bar. Stainless steel kitchen appliances. Upgrades throughout entire elegant home.

$249,000 - Sip coffee or tea in the screened porch overlooking Green #3 on Mill Creek Golf Course #2. Heavily wooded lot provides shade for the afternoon barbecue. Split 3 BR home, 2-1/2 BA, 2 dining. Custom cabinets throughout home. Security system, fireplace, tile kitchen & breakfast. Possible bonus room upstairs.

$222,800 - Professional landscaping & rose garden. The 4th BR was built to make an office, bright with tall windows. Backs up to green practice golf area. In Salado's newest upscale neighborhood!

$172,900 - Comfortable, livable home. Dining room can easily be a second living area, study or fourth bedroom. Beautiful lot. Fenced in-ground pool. Split bedroom floor plan.

Commercial Property

- **$150,800** - Darling cottage makes a great office, studio or B&B.
- **$429,000** - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.
- **$650,000** - Over 9,000 SF of commercial space on Main St.

Acreage Available

- **210 acres** near Holland, Bell County. Good land, good road frontage, good price, $1,250/ac. - **U/C**
- **140 acres** located 4 miles Southwest of Jarrell. Part coastal, cultivation, well fenced, 2 stock ponds, lots of paved road frontage, pecan orchard. Huge metal implement bldg. with living quarters.
- **140 acres** on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- **75 acres** FM 2484 for $420,800
- **37.5 acres** - West side, with 3 seasonal creeks, cabin, barn, pool, 2 wells $234,000
- **37.5 acres** - East side, with entry gate, road, tank, creek, oaks, high elevation, well $186,800
- **12 acres** between Salado and Florence. All woods, spring, secluded, view. $49,000.
- **9.87 acres** near Youngsport. All woods, lovely view, lots of deer, community water, good road.
- **8.77 acres** on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- **8 wooded acres**, very scenic with creek. 12 miles west of I-35 off FM 2843.
- **5 wooded acres**, perfect for a homesite. $60,000.
- **5 acres** heavily wooded, wet weather creek, large live oak trees. Close to Salado. $70,000.
- **3 acres**, all woods, good frontage, water available. Near Stillhouse Lake. Owner Financing. $36,000.

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- **Winner's Circle** - $50-$58,000
- **Mill Creek Springs** - $30 - $75,000
- **1014 Arrowhead Dr.** - $39,900
- **Lot 1 Club Circle** - $49,800
- **O.W. Lowrey** - $45,000
- **808 Mill Creek Dr.** - $30,000
- **700 Indian Trail** - $35,000
- **Jack Nicklaus Circle** - $90,000
- **Fletcher Ct.** - $69,000

Other Lots

- **Royal Oaks** - $30,000
- **Royal Oaks** - $35,900
- **Rita Bend Drive** - $39,900
- **10 Royal View** - $45,000
- **Hidden Springs** - Lot 11 • $49,900, Lot 4 • $160,000, Lot 5 • $139,000

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Magnificent Estate! 5+ BR/3.5 BA featuring granite countertops, gas fireplace, wrought iron staircase, 3 car garage, security system, sprinkler system, etc... Featured in 1999 Parade of Homes in River Place Estates of Belton. **$425,000.**

Authentic Texas style home on approx. 11 acres on Hillside. 4/2/3, extra large living room with great fireplace, kitchen with stove top and woodburning stove, 7 stall barn. **$225,000.**

"2002 Parade of Homes winner" Spectacular home located on the 15th fairway in Mill Creek. Granite countertops, surround sound, stainless steel appliances, glass shower, 8ft. doors and 10 to 14 ft. cielings **$359,900.**

A beautiful hilltop 3/2 home, manicured lawn and large tank on 10 acres. Numerous windows and a huge covered deck, outstanding views. Foliage and trees enhance the beauty of the home supplying shade from the hot summer sun. **$495,000.**

Excellent commercial location on corner of West Village Road & IH 35 at Exit 285. **$239,900.**

Under Construction: Soon to be completed 3/2 with formal dining in a great location. **$149,900.**

Approx. 25 partially wooded acres with a 4/3, red brick home featuring large living/den with fireplace opening to a large kitchen. Exhilarating in-ground pool and hot tub. **$374,900.** Additional acreage can be purchased up to 63 acres.

First time on market! Custom built 3BR/2BA on .79 acres really nice kitchen& master suite with beautiful hilltop view **$139,000.**

Custom Built 3/3+ Austin Stone Home with loft featuring tin roof, lighted arena, 36' x 60' barn with 3 stalls in front with runs, a 20 gallon hot water heater, a cement alley way in the barn and an above ground pool. **$275,000.**

4/2.5 double wide home with barn on acreage. Austin stone added for skirting, fireplace, garden tub. 4th bedroom can be used as office. **$89,900.**

3/2/2 formal dining, fireplace, walk to Mill Creek. Great location! **$159,000.**

Tree covered corner lot, 4BR/3.25 BA, formal dining, study, security system and many extras. **$242,000.**

Property for Rent

3/2 Rock home on 3 acres on FM 2843. **$1,100/mth.**

Salado Lots

Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **$36,000.**
Indian Trail - 90x188 - **$34,000.**
Mill Creek Lot - $39,900

Commercial

3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **$89,900.**
Excellent Commercial: location on corner of West Village Rd. & IH-35 at exit 285. **- $239,900.**

Acreage Available

Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **$10,000/lot.**
Sand & Gravel Rd. - 2 one acre tracts. **$17,500.**
2 one acre lots on Sam Neil. **$15,000/acre.**
2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **$29,900** or 1.35 acres for **$20,000.**
3.018 acres on FM 2843 with large pecan trees and live water on Butter Milk Creek. **$39,900.**
3.52 acres, mostly wooded. **$49,900.**
928 acres Southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country with live creek and large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.
Three 250 acre tracts southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling hills with large trees, live creek and water tank. Excellent views & deer country. $2,500/acre.
Other lots available in Mill Creek, Salado Springs.
425 acres, 3 tanks almost 2+ miles of road frontage. Approximately. 40-50 acres of woods with balance of native pasture & fields. Roads on 3 sides. **$1,950/acre.**

Country Homes

Charming 2/2 country home only 20 minutes to Georgetown and 8 minutes to Salado. Hardwood floors, wood burning stove, workshop and large trees. **$58,900. - UC**
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