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Salado United Methodist Church float was part of the annual Christmas Parade Dec. 5 that kicked off the Christmas Stroll. The Stroll continues this weekend (Dec. 13-15).

(Photo by Marilyn Fleischer)
Stephanie Benoit delivers gifts that the Salado 4-H club purchased for a family that the group adopted.

Stroll continues this weekend

Shops & restaurants open late, bed & breakfast tour open

As the village celebrates its sesquicentennial (1852-2002), the theme for the 21st annual Christmas stroll is "Celebrate Salado's First Christmas." The Stroll continues this weekend Dec. 13-15 with shops open late and many activities through the village.

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.

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 Villagee for children of all ages (grown-ups as well).

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.

You can also visit the Salado website at www.salado.com

A schedule of events for the weekend can be found on Page 14A of this edition of *Salado Village Voice*.

Angels needed to adopt families for Christmas

Salado Family Relief Fund is in dire need of angels to help the group provide Christmas to over 50 families in the Salado area.

According to project chairman Leigh Drake, 35 families still need to be adopted out to groups or individuals in the community. "We need people to outright adopt families as well as agreeing to do the purchasing for families who have applied for the Christmas help," Drake said.

Many organizations in Salado make an annual tradition of adopting some of the larger families that have applied for the Christmas relief. "When they do that, they divide the list and do the shopping for each of the children in the family," said Marilyn Fleischer, president of the Salado Family Relief Fund.

Since last week, an additional 15 families have applied for the Christmas help.

The Family Relief Fund provides Christmas gifts and dinner to poor families in the Salado area.

"We work with the school personnel and Cathy Coe at the Salado Food Pantry to screen applicants," Fleischer said, "so people who volunteer to help with their time or money know that it is going to help local families in need."

With 50 families apply-

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Tablerock Festival of Salado to portray Dickens' classic

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

Donnie Williams is Bob Cratchit and Allen Sirois is Tiny Tim in the Tablerock Festival production of "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 13-14.

The cast and crew is comprised of 62 Central Texans dedicated to bringing a Merry Christmas, on Tablerock's 11th year to produce the world's most famous Yuletide play.

The concession opens at 6:30 p.m., bring a lawn chair and blanket. Tickets may be purchased at the gate, $5 for adults and $3 for students. For information call 947-9205.

Zoning Ordinance to be topic of Dec. 11 meeting

Salado's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will continue work on the Zoning Ordinance 10 a.m. Dec. 11 at the Municipal Building on Stagecoach Rd.

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.

Means said that the committee is seeking input from the community on the Zoning Ordinance

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Democrats put tax bite on seniors

The Rich Lowry column

We all know that Democrats oppose shoving the elderly into the snow, since they decry Republicans' alleged intention to do that just about election year. There is one offense against seniors, however, that Democrats not only are willing to countenance but actively defend: picking their pockets.

Every year, roughly 3 million senior households are forced to make withdrawals from their IRA's because they've hit the age of 70 1/2, the magical year at which the federal government has determined that they no longer should have the same right to tax-free savings as every other American.

Call it the "retirement tax."

Forget all the pious liberal rhetoric about what we owe our elders. When the House Ways and Means Committee passed a bill this fall to alleviate this burden on the 70 1/2-and-older set, every Democrat present voted "nay."

One of the most important socio-financial trends in contemporary America is that people are saving for their own golden years with "individual retirement plans," traditional IRAs and 401(k)s that are funded with pretax dollars and that grow tax-free. In other words, these are nest eggs that Uncle Sam must leave unmolested as they accumulate interest and capital gains.

These savings can supplement Social Security, fund a grandchild's education, be stashed away against medical or other emergencies during retirement or serve any number of other purposes. But the federal government has a different priority, that this money be taxed.

IRA or 401(k) savings are only taxed when they are withdrawn, so if someone is especially frugal, or feels they need the extra financial security for the future, they aren't paying taxes on them. For that, the government has an easy one-step solution, forcing people to withdraw the money.

The withdrawals are taxed at the standard income-tax rate. If you don't pull out the money, a punitive 50 percent federal excise tax is levied on the amount you were required to have withdrawn, happy 70 1/2 birthday!

There are a number of problems with this granny-hostile wrinkle in the tax code.

First, it can force people to make withdrawals from their accounts in the teeth of a down market, as millions had to do this year. Second, it fails to recognize that more and more people work past age 70, so their retirements are being taxed even before they retire. Finally, it is especially hard on women, who tend to live longer and don't need the taxman biting into their savings at the still relatively tender age of 70 1/2. Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, proposed the bill passed by the Ways and Means Committee that would at least raise the 70 1/2 trigger age to 75 by 2007. Rep. Jim Saxton, R-N.J., a relentless scourge of the mandatory withdrawals, has a better idea, which is to eliminate them altogether.

At least now we know one reason that Democrats oppose pushing the elderly into the snow: They prefer seniors to be warm and toasty when they force them to pay more taxes.

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NRA Using fear tactics to attract new members

Off the Record
by Ken Clapp

RELATED AP NEWS!!
Dateline: Dec 6...San Francisco.. "The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled today that the Second Amendment does not give Americans a personal right to own firearms. Decision headed for Supreme Court!"

The National Rifle Association is on the prowl for new members these days and accompanying their membership application is an eerie four page letter from the group's executive vice president Wayne LaPierre - outlining the "urgent need" to sign up and help "protect our Constitutional right to keep and bear arms," as found in the Second Amendment (Bill of Rights).

****Note "related AP news" report****

LaPierre targeted a number of "liberal Democrats" in his cross-haired gun sights, including both New York Senators, Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton; California's Dianne Feinstein and Congressman Pat Kennedy of Rhode Island - all of whom (according to the NRA Exec) are "leaders in the anti-gun caucus."

The NRA is one of the most potent lobby organizations on capital hill and probably feared out in the hustings, more than any other special interest group (thanks to massive amounts of money and "strong-arm" tactics), as they seek out and fund candidates to run against unfriendly or neutral incumbents.

This is a "take no prisoner" association that brooks no compromise or argument.

Here's what they claim is planned by the **"anti-gun elitists"** during the 108th Congressional session: Laws and regulations that will ban handguns; limit the number of guns a person can own; tax ammunition; license, register and fingerprint gun owners."

Also, "Outlaw the sale of hunting ammunition; padlock public firing ranges; and declare off limits all hunting lands."

"All of these dangers," says the NRA, "are being promoted under the guise of the current war on terrorism."

FEAR BEGETS MEMBERS (AND MONEY)

The chances of any of these "gun control" measures passing the Republican controlled House or Senate are nil, so why the heated rhetoric? Answer is simple. **"Fear," used as a basic motivator,** easily energizes folks to join whatever is being promoted. Besides, you get a neat black and gold NRA "shooter's cap," - included in the price of admission to the **fight against "wrongheaded anti-gunners"** in that bastion of liberalism - the U.S. Congress.

All for just $25 bucks, with a "gimme cap" tossed in for good measure!

WISH I'D SAID THAT

Speaking of the Democratic Party's "left wing", (NRA report above), there was a great quote in one of my favorite comic strips - ***"The Wizard of Id."***

Two peasants are shown watching a robbery in progress. **"That's Robbing Hood,"** one guy notes, **"He robs from the rich and gives to the poor."**

"Well, I'll be darned." says his friend, **"A liberal with a mask!"**

POOR TIMING HURTS MORALE

Timing is key to victory in politics, as in war! A truism that remains as inviolate today as it has been for ages.

Unfortunately this important operational rule is being overlooked by top (and seemingly arrogant) Bush advisors, who have created massive federal workforce morale problems, that are now trickling down over the rest of us, about issues that could have easily been avoided using common sense, seasoned with a touch of panache.

As to the government worker foul-up, the public record shows extremely poor timing by President Bush when on November 22, he **refused to extend unemployment insurance benefits to 830,000 out-of-work Americans.** Despite availability of funds, these folks will find themselves later this month **"on their own, with no money and no jobs."**

A scant seven days later, Bush froze employee "locality pay" which is paid to at least 90 percent of all federal workers living in high cost-of-living urban areas.

Just as these disappointed career professionals were adjusting to their lowered personal budgets - word went out from the White House that **thousands of "politically appointed" sycophants** (most of whom work side-by-side with employees whose pay was reduced) **would be getting special bonuses based on what is viewed as a "reward" for who-they-know, rather than productivity or excellence.**

The Bushies continued their awkward mistiming of personnel actions as they proudly resurrected a foolish plan to replace 900,000 career workers by contracting their jobs to the private sector.

And, finally the "kicker" in the new Homeland Security Act that allows the President to hire, fire, transfer, promote, demote (without recourse) any or all of the 170,000 current civil-service-protected workers in the 22 agencies that were consolidated by Congress.

MISERY RECAPPED

Recapping this badly timed tale of misery, during this "happy" holiday season, we have today 1.8 million federal workers who have seen part of their salaries frozen (while some of their politically connected peers get bonuses); 900,000 facing the ax thanks to privatization; loss of bargaining rights through consolidation of agencies; and topped off by 830,000 non-federal workers, trying to find work in an ever tightening recessional job market, who have been told - **"sorry, no extension of unemployment insurance benefits - check with us later!"**

This growing pool of jobless workers without insurance benefits, or much of an immediate future, will increase at the rate of 95,000 per week starting New Year's Day and will grow geometrically as the feds start privatizing.

Is there any wonder that morale among the nation's workforce - at both federal and non-governmental levels is down to that rivaling the Democratic Party's current debilitated status, following their November 5, day of anguish?

ON THE ROAD TO WAR

The administrations's "road-to-war" movement is also keeping the nation on edge as Americans "teeter" emotionally between hoping to avoid war through U.N. inspections, while reading daily about thousands of reservists being activated, and as military equipment piles up around Iraq.

Fact is, we are going to war, come "hell or high water," regardless of U.N. work in Iraq and probably before any physical evidence has been produced.

Like the trial in Lewis Carroll's **"Adventures in Wonderland,"** when the Queen of Hearts (acting as judge) solemnly told the jury **"Sentence first, verdict afterwards!"**

That's -30-

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

A no-account debate

By Edwin J. Feulner

"Grandma Doesn't Scare Anymore," reads the headline of a post-election *Wall Street Journal* editorial noting the success of candidates who back Social Security reform. Seniors are "willing to listen to politicians who tell them the truth about the system's long-term problems and how to fix them."

Good news, indeed. But opponents of reform still can feed Grandma a steady diet of misinformation. And if the winning candidates hope to create a system of personal retirement accounts, they must refute these falsehoods.

Truth-telling is important, because the long-term economic health of Social Security is far worse than many are willing to admit. "There isn't any crisis," writes *New York Times* columnist Paul Krugman. "The system looks good for 40 years, and with a bit of extra resources can survive indefinitely."

What happens at the end of those 40 years? That's when Social Security runs out of money. It's now running a surplus, but as the number of young workers drops and the numbers of retirees rises, that will change. By 2017, the program will begin paying out more in benefits than it collects in taxes.

"Eventually only two options will be left to those who reject, personal accounts," my Heritage Foundation colleague David John says. "They can raise taxes, or they can cut benefits." Some choice.

Will "a bit of extra resources" do the trick? Sure, if your goal is to buy time. Take the proposal to raise Social Security taxes by an additional two percent of income. We'd still go from running surpluses to running deficits-only the shortfall would begin in 2023 instead of 2017. And after that? Another two percent hike? Maybe five percent?

When they're not mischaracterizing the problems Social Security will face, anti-reformers are spreading misinformation about personal accounts. One common charge is that switching things around to let people invest some of their Social Security taxes in personal accounts would be too expensive. "Transition costs" would range from $1 trillion to $1.3 trillion in the first 10 years alone. But fixing the system is going to take additional money, no matter what. The only question is how much.

If we make no changes, we'll need $6 trillion just to make sure the Social Security trust fund can pay benefits through 2041, and an extra $19 trillion to get us through to 2077-a total of $25 trillion. But Social Security's own actuaries have shown that, if personal accounts were allowed, it would take only $7 trillion to assure retirement security-to fix today's broken system for good.

Should we pay a smaller amount now, before the system begins failing? Or do we wait and pay far more down the road, when the crisis hits? Sorry, foes of reform: If we reject personal accounts, no third choice exists.

Others say recent stock-market losses prove the folly of personal accounts. But only funds invested in short-term or high-risk funds would be endangered-and that's not where you put your retirement money. Retirement investing takes place over a period of decades, and stocks always perform well over the long haul-about seven percent compounding annually since 1802, and that counts every recession and the Great Depression.

Clearly, Election Day set the stage for a worthwhile debate. Let's hope reformers take advantage of it.

A strong family

Sup'ts Corner

by Dr. Robin Battershell

By Robin Battershell, Ed.D.
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Dr. Joyce Brothers wrote about the characteristics of strong families in the Sunday, December 1, 2002 *Parade Magazine.* She noted: family comes first, recognize the individuality of each member of the family, maintain a democracy in the home, have respect, demonstrate adaptability, be a strong listener, understand the importance of grandparents, have faith, and be involved with the community. Dr. Brothers said to strengthen a family hold weekly family meetings, show appreciation, criticize kindly, enjoy each other, respect your roots, reach out, and give something up.

I would like to expound upon the concept of "healthy" families. Healthy families can be strong and they can be weak. When the family is strong, members' individuality is paramount. When the family is weak, the unit pulls together. Individual differences are put aside and the family unit protects itself. Healthy families understand the ebb and flow of relationships. They are able to withstand the highs and lows. Healthy families have systems in place that allow for life crisis and yet survive these. In fact, these families take crisis and turn them into something positive.

Family must come first. As the adage goes, tombstones never say "he or she was a good worker", they do chisel for immortality that "he or she was a good mother or father". When I find that I am preoccupied with my job, then I have lost perspective. I have lost my top priority, my family. Jobs are fleeting. Families are not.

I would hate to classify any home as democratic or autocratic, etc. Healthy families vacillate between democracies and autocracies, but they always have "respectocracies". The parents demonstrate respect for each other and for the children. This does not mean that the family members share the same views, but they respect the views of the others. In time, they may learn to appreciate those views.

Healthy homes have discipline. Punishment is only a small part of discipline. There is a difference between punishment and discipline. Punishment is easy to administer, has short-term effects, and rarely brings about permanent change. Discipline takes time to administer and to learn, and it affects a life-time. Punishment is defined as procedures such as time out, spanking, yelling, and grounding. Discipline is defined as a process or system that teaches rules and that when rules are violated there are consequences. Discipline provides structure in the home. Patterns are established for meal and bed times, for going to school, for weekends and holidays. Routines and thus traditions arise from discipline. In healthy homes, children know their boundaries and they know full well the consequences of crossing those boundaries.

I was blessed to grow up in a healthy home. My Mother was very strict. She did not spare the rod, but she did not spare the love either. I loved her unconditionally, but I also feared her just a bit if I misbehaved." I still do! I always knew exactly where I stood and that in a crisis, I would, could, and can always go to my mother.

Thus I would like to add to Dr. Brother's article with this additional advice.

Respect your spouse. This is the model for dealing with interpersonal relationships that your children will use throughout their lives.

Do not require that your spouse or children agree with your opinions. Respect and embrace differences.

Don't worry about always having a democracy. Do worry about having consistent and accepted rules and consequences.

Respect your children and expect them to respect you.

Provide a stable, consistent atmosphere for your family.

Don't fight all of your children's battles. The world has changed. A child's best armament for facing the world is the ability to make decisions and to take responsibility for those decisions.

Faith is personal, but have it. Faith is an intrinsic connection to the universe. It gives perspective, it instills courage, and it promotes understanding and tolerance of others.

Questions may be addressed to Dr. Battershell at P.O. Box 98, Salado, TX 76571.

Buffing the Saudi Image

Jim Hightower

Common street thugs just don't get it, do they? They don't know how to play the game. When they get caught doing something horrendously thuggish, they go to jail. What fools! Instead, why don't they do what your higher class of thug does - go to a PR firm.

This is what the thugs who rule Saudi Arabia have done. And they do need help.

After the terrorist attacks of September 11, Americans have discovered that these oil-rich monarchs are not exactly benign allies committed to spreading democracy.

Indeed, 15 of the 19 crash bombers were Saudis, Osama bin Laden is Saudi, and much of his terrorist money comes from the Saudi oil fortunes. Also, far from being freedom-lovers, the ruling Saudi family runs a repressive dictatorship that impoverishes the mass of the Saudi people and brutally imprisons democracy activists.

Bad image. So these thugs have hired several American PR firms and lobbyists to run hundreds of soothing television and radio commercials, place slick image ads in everything from the New York Times to People magazine, woo policy makers, and generally try to gloss over their thuggery. In a magnanimous gesture, they were going to make a show of giving a prized, multimillion-dollar race horse to the families of the victims of the September 11th attacks. Owned by a Saudi prince, this was the horse that won this year's Kentucky Derby and the Preakness race. Apparently, though, one of the pricey PR firms figured out that this gift would be in awfully bad taste, since the horse is named War Emblem.

Even though they couldn't do the horse stunt, the monarchy did score a PR coup in August by getting another of their prince's invited to Texas to do lunch with George W himself.

But all of this is like putting lipstick on a pig - they can't hide the ugliness.

Despite spending millions of dollars on their image campaign, the Saudi rulers' negative rating with the American public has risen from 50 percent to 63 percent.

Your Voice

Readers' Opinion

Thank you to volunteers

Dear Editor:

I want to thank everyone who had a part in the stroll and home tour. This has been an outstanding year in may ways. The people who came forward in leadership worked way overtime to make it such a success, Miriam Jordan for heading up the Home Tour Shannon Ashe for leading in the Stroll and Joe Czaus for the great parade.

The homeowners are to be applauded for opening their homes, for having done this several times at the Barton House and our home now, I can appreciate the preparation it takes to do this. The volunteers who worked in every part of it deserve a "big Thank You".

I am always so proud of our Village and all can take bows. The coming week end holds more fun times for those visiting in Salado.

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Perry, Salado author, writes on hot topic for first book release

By Chris McGregor
Staff Writer

John C. Perry, of Salado, alludes in the prologue to his new book, "Myths and Realities of American Slavery", that tackling a subject as heated as slavery, even 147 years after its abolition, is an invitation to criticism.

Perry is a middle-aged southern white man, so he's probably right.

Though it is true that few things stir the American blood and divide the nation along geographical, historical and racial lines like the dismal legacy of our once treating our fellow man as property, and also how we are to handle that legacy.

Nevermind the fact that the practice of slave holding has developed on the same course as that of civilization, as far back as our history books go, and that the two are problematically but factually intertwined.

America was different than other slaveholding countries. We claimed to be the refuge of liberty, the measure of nations, yet our forefathers said things like "all men are created equal" and "black slaves have no rights" in the same breath. This contradiction has been a difficult one to come to terms with, as it is still being debated in the form of government reparations owed to slave descendants.

Consider then, says Perry, the real facts, the meat-and-bones of the matter. Stripped of political correctness and exhaustively researched, Perry has attempted to distill a subject mired in the tar of fiction. What was slave life really like? What percentage of southerners actually owned slaves? Did free blacks ever own slaves?

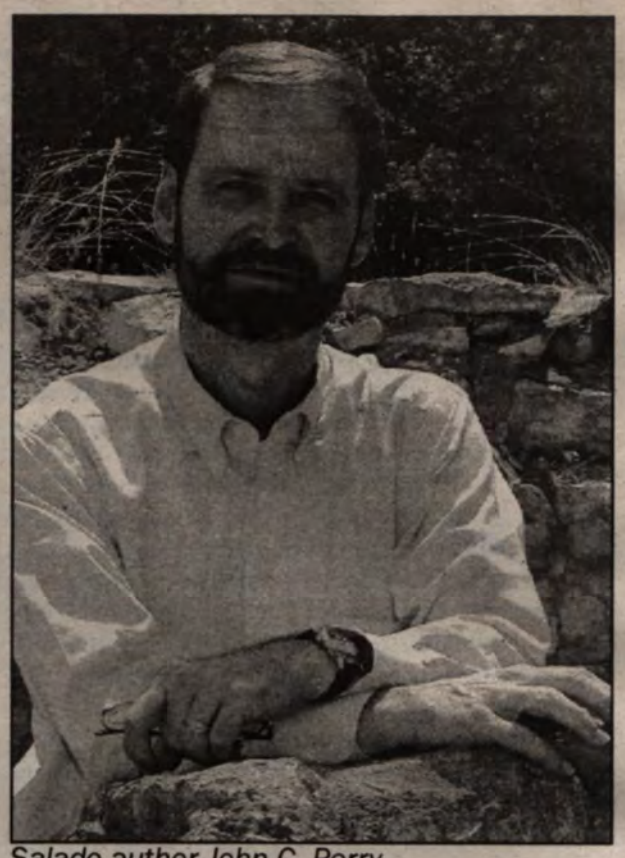
These questions, and others, are ones that Perry seeks to illuminate in the light of fact, not myth.

"I wanted the book to be based on fact, completely on facts," said Perry, whose personal library includes over 1,000 works relating to the Civil War and the years leading up to it. Perry's book is the end result of over three years of topical research.

He wrote the book, he says, for "self-fulfillment." A lifelong history buff, Perry edits two newsletters relating to the Civil War and has authored numerous other articles on the subject, but says he was "woefully ignorant" in regards to slavery.

"I figured if I was interested, then others might be interested as well," Perry explained, "so I decided to take a stab at it."

"Myths and Realities" is a work heavily laden with statistical references, particularly that of the 1860 census and interviews conducted by the Federal Writers Program (FWP) in the 1930s, which recorded remembrances of former slaves. Being fact-driven, the impression that the book can also be used as reference material is immediate. Perry's sources are well-documented, as the book includes fifteen pages of footnotes and a ten page bibliography, yet the entire work is under 300 pages in length.


Salado author John C. Perry.

Armed with the 1860 census, Perry is able to debunk the "Gone With the Wind" mythos that shrouds our conceptions of slavery with some surprising facts.

Gone With the Wind the South was not. For example, according to the census only one-fourth of white Southerners owned slaves, and of that one-fourth, a very small minority owned more than a handful of slaves. There were only in the neighborhood of a dozen or so sweeping plantations, and the facts suggest most white Southerners lived at a poverty level not much exceeded by that of the slaves. Simply put, the average Southerner was too poor to cover his dirt floor with wooden planks, much less own a slave.

Through the obscure FWP interviews, which exceed over 3.5 million words, Perry was able to gain a credible insight into how the former slaves regarded their masters, and the institution itself. Overwhelmingly, says Perry, the interviewees expressed their love of freedom, but, shockingly, over 80 percent remembered their slave days with some degree of fondness.

How can this be? It seems absurd that anyone would recall with affection a slave master, but Perry doesn't interject his own opinions here, he lets the facts speak for themselves.

Draw what conclusions you may, and say what you will about the fallacies of statistics, Perry leaves the final diagnosis in the hands of the reader.

Overall, the book is thorough and succinct, well-written and accessible to the layperson, considering Perry is not a professional historian, but makes his living in the business world. Especially compelling, though, are the segments where Perry addresses the Civil War. He points out that he did not intend his book for academia.

Currently, the book can be purchased on-line at amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, mythsandrealities.com, or Fletcher's Books and Antiques. Perry hopes "Myths and Realities" will be carried in book stores across the nation after the New Year. Currently, Perry is considering a series of "Myths and Realities" books concerning different aspects of American history.

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Offense Reports, November 2002

Salado Police Department

Date	Offense	Location
11/3	Attempted Theft	South Main St.
11/11	Runaway	Vanessa St.
11/17	Burglary of a Vehicle	Smith Branch Rd.
11/18	Burglary of a Vehicle	Hill Crest Dr.
11/18	Burglary of a Vehicle	Blaylock Dr.

Bell County Sheriff's Office

Date	Offense	Location
11/01	Terroristic Threat	Thomas Arnold Rd.
11/03	Death Investigation	Amity Rd.
11/04	Burglary of a Building	Thomas Arnold Rd.
11/04	Criminal Mischief	Salado Springs
11/04	Criminal Mischief	Salado Springs
11/09	Assault by Contact	Andre Loop
11/11	Theft (Felony)	South IH 35
11/12	Criminal Mischief	FM 2484
11/17	Criminal Mischief	Mountain Dr.
11/18	Abandoned Vehicle	IH 35 at 280 Mile Marker
11/23	Public Intoxication	IH 35 South
11/23	Burglary of Habitation	Kuykendall Rd.
11/26	Violation of Magistrate's Order	FM 2484
11/27	Criminal Mischief	Hackberry Rd.
11/29	Theft (Felony)	Hidden Springs Dr.

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Presbyterian Church to hold Christmas Eve candlelight service

The public is invited to participate in a special candlelight service at 6 p.m.. Christmas Eve at the Presbyterian Church of Salado.

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UMHB offers Master of Arts in Religion

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Officers for 2002-2003 ABWA Council elected Nov. 14

At the Nov. 14 Central Texas Area ABWA Council meeting in Copperas Cove, sponsored by Five Hills Charter Chapter, officers for the 2002-2003 term were elected and installed.

They are: President, Donna Pollan, Double R Charter Chapter in Round Rock; Vice President, Wanona Stallings, Globe Chapter in Killeen; Secretary, Karen Dunn, Heart of Texas Chapter in Killeen; and Treasurer, Bobbie Lesikar, Bell Chapter in Temple.

The installation was conducted by Karola Anthony, past president of the council.

Special guests in attendance were Glenn and Jeanie Beauchamp from Waco, and Dyane Magliolo from League City. Jeanie is the general chair for the District II American Business Women's Association Spring Conference in Waco. The event is to be held March 21-23, 2003. Magliolo is a candidate for the office of Vice President for District II. Elections took place at the National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, Dec. 4-7, 2002. Results were not reported.

Stay at home moms have own club

A local chapter of the MOMS Club, an international non-profit group with over 1,500 chapters in seven countries, is being formed in Salado.

The MOMS Club is geared toward stay-at-home mothers who are interested in a variety of activities for themselves and their children. The Club is a way for these mothers to meet others like themselves, and for their children to meet one another, as well.

The Club holds monthly meetings, featuring a variety of speakers, as well as get-togethers, family parties, playgroups, babysitting co-ops, MOMS night out, and service projects to assist needy children in the community.

The Salado chapter is in its infancy, and needs help getting off the ground. A January open house is being planned for this purpose. Anyone interested in joining should call Amanda at 947-5507.

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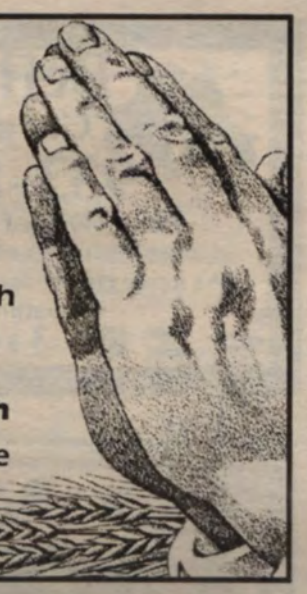

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Ballroom dancing offers varied rythmns of Christmas

Christmas music gives more than a cheerful holiday feeling. It also provides excellent rhythms for dancing, according to the Stardust Ballroom Dance Club.

The Christmas edition of "Twinkles," the newsletter of the Club, matches songs of the season with traditional dance steps. Some will be performed by the Moonlight Express orchestra at the club's Dec. 14 dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall, in Temple.

The Club says "White Christmas," one of the most popular Yule songs, has a beat just right for the foxtrot. Here are some other selections and there ballroom possibilities:

Rumba: "The Christmas Song."

English waltz: "Silver Bells."

Tango: "I'll Be Home for Christmas."

East and West Coast swing: "Jingle Bell Rock."

Viennese waltz: "The Christmas Waltz."

Quickstep: "Sleighride."

Mambo, salsa: "Frosty the Snowman."

Merengue: "Winter Wonderland."

Disco: "Let it Snow."

Polka: "Jingle Bells."

Cha-cha: "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

Samba: "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

Two-step: "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

The selections were based on arrangements by Helmut Licht.

The Stardust Ballroom is a non-profit group which collects dues for funds to hire a hall and contract for an orchestra. Dances have been held on the second Saturday of each month since 1984. Live ballroom music is from 8-11 p.m., and visitors are admitted at $10 a person. Men wear coat and tie, women wear after-five attire.

Mike and Nancy Hanrahan of Georgetown serve as president of Stardust, which is governed by a member-elected board.

Holiday Deadlines

The newspaper will have special ad deadlines for the Dec. 25 (Christmas) and Jan. 1 (New Year's) issues.

The deadline for the Christmas issue will be 5 p.m. Thursday Dec. 19. The paper will be printed Dec. 23 and distributed Dec. 24.

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Varsity boys hoopsters take gold in hometown tourney

Prior to the Salado Merchant's Tourney last week, the Eagles tuned-up against the Troy Trojans in a Dec. 3 contest.

Salado led the entire game, winning by a final of 53-42.

Matt Caskey was the leading scorer, finishing with 16 for the game. Travis Clark and Devon Dunn each had 10. Blake Mascari scored eight, Jared Wright had five, and Jerrod Whitfield tallied four.

The Eagles took the momentum from the Troy victory on into the tournament, as they dispatched St. Andrews in the first round by a score of 49-41.

The scoring was distributed evenly amongst the team, as Dunn and Mascari led the Eagles, each scoring 10. Caskey played well, hitting five of seven free-throws, finishing with nine on the game. Also scoring were Travis Clark, seven; Jerrod Whitfield, nine; Ben Marsh, two; and Jared Wright, two.

In the second round, Salado hit the hardwood against Troy, for the second time in three days. The second verse looked much like the first, as Salado cruised 61-48. Matt Caskey was lethal from the free-throw line, converting 15 of 16 attempts, including 11 of 12 in the fourth, to finish with 23 on the game.

Travis Clark hit four from down-town to finish with 17, and Blake Mascari was solid, scoring six of his 10 points in the fourth. Also scoring were Wright, four; Dunn and

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(Photo by Tim Fleischer)
Blake Mascari defends the top of the key during Salado's 61-48 win over the Troy Trojans. Salado went on to win the tournament.

(Photo by Tim Fleischer)
Devon Dunn defends against a layup in a fast break during the Eagles win over Troy in the second round of the Salado Merchants Tournament.

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Lady Eagles improve with each game, district just on horizon as team heals

Taking a 6-5 record into their tournament game versus St. Andrews, the Varsity girls teed-off, trouncing their opponent 63-26.

Lindsey Pruitt had a dominating game, leading all scorers with 24 points. Meagan Joiner continued her consistent effort, scoring 10. Also scoring were Jenny Goode, seven; Laramie Jackson, seven; Brittany Boydstun, five; Laramie Wilson, four; Lauren Mewhinney, four; and Brennan Joiner, two.

Advancing in the winner's bracket, the Lady Eagles then faced-off against Manor, winning again, this time by 10, 49-39.

The Mustangs had trouble with Laramie Jackson all game, as she led Salado with 16 points. Jenny Goode helped to ice the victory, hitting all six of her free-throws in the fourth. Goode finished 8 for 8 from the line, on her way to 13 points. Meagan Joiner scored 10 for the second straight game, while Lindsey Pruitt had eight, and Amanda Tumey scored two.

Scoring just five points in the fourth period against Peaster, the Lady Eagles fell a little short in their bid to secure the tournament championship. The final score was 52-39.

Laramie Jackson proved that she can be just as formidable on the basketball court as she can on the volleyball court, leading Salado with 19 points, including a perfect five for five from the charity stripe.

Meagan Joiner contributed 14 for the game. The only other Lady Eagle to get on the scoreboard was Lindsey Pruitt, who was held to six points.

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JV Lady Eagles win silver medal in Salado Merchant's Tourney

The JV girls almost ran the table last week in the Salado Merchant's Tournament, but were done in by the JV from Killeen Ellison, a 5A school.

In the first round, the girls faced the Bumblebees from Academy, and were able to cruise to victory, 34-24.

In the fourth period, Kelcie Smith carried the Eagles offense on her shoulders, scoring all nine of the team's points. Smith had 12 for the game.

Also scoring were Joshanna Washburn, nine; Elizabeth Dunlap, five; Brittani Goodnight, four; Kate Marshall, three; and Lacey Bartlett, one.

Taking on Cameron in round two, the Lady Eagles saw eight different players score points en route to a 37-20 victory.

With everyone pitching in for the win, Smith and Dunlap led Salado with eight points apiece. Elizabeth Wood, Nicole Weatherly and Kate Marshall each had five points. Hargrove, Washburn and Brandi Warren all collected two points.

The Lady Eagles again held their opponent to only 20 points, while scoring 29 themselves. The third round victim was Florence.

Kelcie Smith scored eight, Elizabeth Dunlap had six and Brittani Goodnight contributed five points. Also scoring for Salado were Lauren Hogwood, who had three, and Joshanna Washburn, one. Wood, Marshall and Hargrove each had two.

Salado's run came to an end against Killeen Ellison, as the Eagles in green handed Salado a 45-26 loss. Dunlap had nine, Smith had five and Hogwood, four.

Coach Kurt Salisbury says he was very proud of his team's play in the tourney. With the start of district play just around the corner, the JV Lady Eagles are in good shape. Salisbury believes his team has a good shot of winning district this season.

School of hard knocks in session for JV boys, team loses all 3 tourney games

Before their tournament play began last week, the JV boys defeated Troy 45-24.

Pipes had 11 and Everett had 10 to top the Salado point scorers.

Also scoring were Blake Stineman, seven; Joseph Shumate, four; Butts, three, Brashier three; Grigsby, four; Williams, two; and Askins, two.

During the tournament, Salado faced East Bernard, Liberty Hill and Clifton. Not as successful as their counterparts on the Varsity, the JV fought tough but was unable to come away with any victories, as they dropped all three games.

Versus East Bernard, Salado lost 56-46.

The only freshman on the JV squad, Garrett Askins led Eagles scorers with 11. Stineman had 10, and Everett and Grigsby each pumped in eight.

Salado had a tough time against Clifton, losing 65-29. No Eagle hit double-digits in scoring, with Gregurek's seven topping all Salado players.

Pipes and Grigsby each contributed six, and Butts had four. Shumate, Everett and Askins each had two points for the Eagles.

The Liberty Hill Panthers proved too strong for the JV, defeating Salado by a final of 51-31.

The Eagles didn't have much offense, with Everett leading Salado with 10 points.

Also scoring were Stineman, four; Shumate, two; Pipes, three; Butts, seven; and Grigsby, five.

Coach Jarod Womack hopes to right the ship before district play begins in a couple of weeks. Coach Womack says he's looking for more consistency from the team.

Varsity boys

From 10A

Whitfield, three apiece; and Evan Durham, one.

In the championship game against Comanche, the host team would not be outdone, as the Eagles pulled away in the fourth, winning 51-46 to take home the hardware.

Devon Dunn had a breakout game, scoring 10 in the first half on his way to 14. Equalling Dunn's output, Matt Caskey continued his impressive tourney with 14 points. Jerrod Whitfield scored all of his nine points in the second; Travis Clark had eight and Mascari was held to two three-pointers.

Head Coach Tom Long said he was pleased with his team's performance.

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7th girls keep on truckin'

In a game versus Somerville last week, the seventh grade Lady Eagles A team was able to dismantle the Yeguas, as Salado took the contest 37-10.

Individually, Tamra Stanish and Kamylle Palomino had eight points apiece. Karleight Goodnight had seven, including five of six free throws. Lauren Haire also had eight points, Lauren Culver had four and Brittany Kincheloe had two points to round out the scoring.

Said Coach Erica Meyer of her team's effort, "The girls looked back to their old selves against Somerville. They pressed pretty well and made some things happen offensively by playing aggressive on the defensive end. The individual scoring does not do justice the job Kristen Smith did on assists. Many of the points scored by other girls were due to great passes from Kristen."

Coach Meyer also said that the team will not play again until after the Christmas break. "It's a long tim-off, but hopefully we can work on some things to fine tune offenses, defenses, presses, and press offenses. Hopefully we will be ready to go hard when January rolls around."

JH boys split games against Somerville last week

The Salado Junior High boys basketball A teams travelled to Somerville on Dec. 2 to take on the Yeguas. The B teams did not make the trip.

The seventh graders demolished Somverville. The Yeguas did not score a single point in the first half. Salado won the game by the convincing score of 32-7.

Jonas Goode had six; Matt Fritsch, five; Kevin Jackson, seven; Greg Faber and Tyler Burden each had four; and David Rosenau, Justin Schiller and Sam Van Hoozer all had two.

The eighth grade lost their game in a close contest, 45-39.

Ryan Clark scored 16 to lead Salado. Also showing a strong effort was Chad Tumey, who had 14.

Other Eagles scoring were Blake Newman, seven, Justin Konzen, one and Stephen Quick, one.

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Relief — FROM Page 1A

ing for the help, the Family Relief Fund expects the number of children served to grow to more than 130 children.

"We still have about 35 families that need to be adopted," Drake said. "If you cannot adopt a family with multiple children, please consider adopting a child. We can have children of both sexes and all ages who don't want to be disappointed Christmas morning."

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."

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

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.

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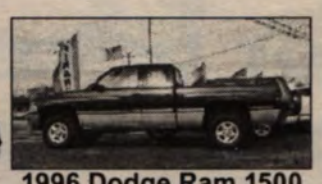
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Stagecoach Inn and Green Bridge
5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Salado High School Drama Dept.
Strolling about town
6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Santa Claus
Civic Center Gazebo
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Salado Community Chorus
Strolling
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Belton Madrigal Choir
Strolling through the Village
6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Fred Fuller, the Singing Cowboy
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Saturday, December 14

1 p.m. - 9 p.m. Santa Claus
Strolling through Village
1 p.m. - 9 p.m. Salado High School Drama Dept.
Strolling about town
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. The Swinging Brass Hand Bell Choir Concert
Civic Center
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Bed and Breakfast Tour
Various locations - Tickets at Willowby's
3 p.m. - 5 p.m. "Scrooge Players"
Stagecoach Inn and Green Bridge
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Salado Community Chorus
Strolling throughout Village
5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Christmas Stories and Carols
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Sunday, December 15

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Bed and Breakfast Tour
Various locations - Tickets at Willowby's

MEDICAL

New team looks outside norm to improve health

A new team of specialists is assembled, charged with improving the health of all Texans. They'll likely start with the usual suspects-- improving immunization rates and promoting physical activity and good nutrition. But from there these collaborators are likely to expand their scope to broader, less conventional corners, such as increasing graduation rates.

Seeing more diplomas dispensed is not a typical target of public health professionals, but one of a series of important goals if the aim is to improve the root causes of health problems as well as treat the symptoms themselves, according to the December issue of *Texas Medicine* magazine. The Texas State Strategic Health Partnership is a collaboration of people from the medical profession; state and local governments; and social, advocacy, philanthropic, environmental, and education groups. They will work under the guidance of the Texas Department of Health to name and pursue 12 health goals for Texas. "The goals are bold," said Hardy D. Loe, Jr., MD, MPH, director of the Texas Public Health Training Center at the University of Houston. "They begin to recognize the relationship of lack of education and lack of income to health problems," he continued. He also noted that goals to improve those conditions, which are not particularly thought of as public health areas, might warrant primary attention. Dr. Loe was part of the Strategic Health Partnership steering committee that began mapping the group's direction in October.

"It goes past the usual 'let's raise the immunization rate or let's reduce the heart disease or sexually transmitted disease rates' and it begins to get at what are the fundamental causes of those problems," he added

Not only will the group identify its goals in early December, it will list commitments by each member organization to uphold their end of the bargain to accomplish the goal, reports *Texas Medicine*, the official monthly magazine of the Texas Medical Association.

"Improving the health of a population is a shared responsibility. Deciding what needs to be done to get there should be a shared responsibility as well," said Texas Commissioner of Health Eduardo Sanchez, MD, who chaired the October steering committee.

The magazine reports the goals will be part of a *Texas Declaration for Health*, the need for which was identified in the summertime release of two TDH reports that assessed Texans' health status and created a plan of action.

Beyond the collaborative component, the novelty of this approach may be in public health officials squaring off against elements they've not addressed before, though they are not new. Health care professionals have recognized a correlation between public health and education levels, income levels, and even mental health, but have generally regarded those external factors as out of bounds or unreachable, according to the magazine.

"Public health and mental health have been artificially separated forever," Patti Patterson, MD, chair of TMA's Council on Public Health and a steering committee member, noted as one example. "Anyone in practice knows that they're not separate, they're very integrated." She identifies research pointing to depression as a risk factor for heart attacks as evidence.

The stakeholder commitments called for by the plan would ensure methods for the Texas public health goals to be carried out. The idea is to foster cooperation among the various groups within and outside the health arena.

For its share, TMA vows to educate physicians on the issues and goals, as well as to continue existing TMA missions to improve Texas child immunization rates, nutrition, and physical activity, among other commitments.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing 38,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 119 component county medical societies around the state. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

Decorating homes requires caution

Holiday home accidents injuries are one of the most common seen by Texas orthopaedists. Here are a few simple rules to avoid the most common othopaedic injury --- a fall from a ladder or other elevated perch.

OUTSIDE: First, if you are going to be off the ground while installing exterior decorations have someone with you to steady a ladder, hand up decorations or get aid.

Second, use a stepladder that is clear of debris and without problems such as loose screws, hinges or legs when you are working at lower levels. Use an extension ladder for higher work and ensure that any ladder is well placed for the work and optimum stability.

Third, watch out for trees, power or telephone lines that may obstruct the ladder or you while working. Never use any part of a ladder as a seat. Get down to take a break.

Fourth, do not wear leather-soled shoes on a ladder and ensure that the rubber soles of shoes are free of debris, oil or grease. Ensure that all electric decorations are unplugged during installation.

Finally, always have someone hold a ladder while you are up on it. Never jump down from a ladder. This is a leading cause of foot, ankle and knee injuries.

INSIDE: First see all the cautions about for outside decorating and apply them indoors. Additionally, remember these points:

Keep the area around your work clear of unnecessary equipment, furniture and decorations.

Do not let small children or elderly adults climb a ladder to decorate.

A stepladder should be used to decorate a Christmas tree rather than a chair.

Do not lean far off a ladder to decorate or try to stop a tree from falling over from the height of a ladder.

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THC awards deadline is Dec. 13 for historic preservation

The nomination deadline for many of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) awards to be presented at the Annual Historic Preservation Conference to be held May 15-17, 2003 in Austin is Dec. 13.

The THC offers a variety of awards recognizing accomplishments and leadership in historic preservation.

New awards this year include the John L. Nau, III Award of Excellence in Museums, which recognizes significant individual contributions in the museum field, which includes a $1,000 stipend for the honoree's museum; the Curtis D. Tunnell Lifetime Achievement Award in Archeology, which recognizes outstanding accomplishments in archeological research or preservation; the Anice B. Read Award of Excellence in Community Heritage Development for outstanding work in downtown revitalization, preservation planning or heritage tourism; and the Award of Excellence in Media Achievement for excellence in reporting on preservation issues.

The T. R. Fehrenbach Book Award, named in honor of the Texas history author and former THC chair, recognizes books based on original research that preserve, record and recount the prehistory or history of Texas. Nominations for the T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Other awards include the George Christian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award, the John Ben Shepperd County Historical Commission Leadership Award and the Ruth Lester Lifetime Achievement Award for long-term contributions to historic preservation in Texas. The THC also recognizes significant contributions in historic architecture and preserving history with their Awards of Excellence.

The THC's most prestigious award - the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation - recognizes an individual or organization's highest achievement in Texas heritage preservation and is presented at a special ceremony arranged with the governor's office.

For more information, or to receive a nomination form, visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us or contact the THC History Programs Division at 512/463-5853

School trustees to meet Dec. 16

Salado ISD Board of Trustees will meet 6 p.m. Dec. 16 to discuss the needs of the band program and the career and technology education (CATE) program.

Other items on the tentative agenda include several policy items and discussion of the irrigation system.

The board will discuss hiring a firm to lead a needs assessment for the school district and purchasing land for future expansion.

Public Arts League forms recently here

A new non-profit organization, the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), has been formally established to serve as a local arts advocate. The League's mission is to promote public arts in Salado and elsewhere.

Newly elected officers are Raymond Carver, president; Paige Britt, vice-president; Connie Tatum, secretary; and Jeanne Barrier, treasurer. Other members of the Board of Directors are Charles Allen, Mike Cornett, Marilyn Fleischer, Ruth Howe, Troy Kelley, Don Legge, Leanna Skarnulis, and Gil Wanzor.

An advisory board consists of Darwin Britt, Carolyn Dachs, Jim Dale, Sandra Edwards, Joe Pehoski, Larry Prellop, and Ronnie Wells.

The first action of PALS was to urge the Salado Library Board of Directors to subscribe to an on-line grants database provided by the Foundation Center of New York. This database allows grantseekers to research various foundations for funding prospects. Head Librarian Patty Campbell says, "This remarkable research tool will serve the library, PALS, and every other such agency desiring to utilize the service."

PALS is currently compiling a list of definitive public art objects and activities that already exist in Salado. An Arts Registry which will identify Salado artists, professional and amateur, is on the PALS agenda.

In addition, PALS has also requested Village Tourism funds for a project in support of public arts.

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Zoning
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. According to Means, the committee would like to know if the zoning ordinance is satisfactory to the community before it is formally presented to the public.

The committee has reviewed much of the first half 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.

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

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If you decide to go ahead and replace your windows, there are a number of options available, ranging from windows with double panes or insulated glass, as well as gas-filled windows. The Alliance to Save Energy has a Web site that can help you decide which ones to install. You can find it at www.efficientwindows.org.

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Dec. 13: Glazed Doughnuts, Baked Ham, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Dec. 16: Waffles, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Dec. 17: Biscuits And Gravy, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

Dec. 11: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk

Dec. 12: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Pears, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk

Dec. 13: Cheeseburger. French Fries, Pickle Spear, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk

Dec. 16: Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Peaches, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk.

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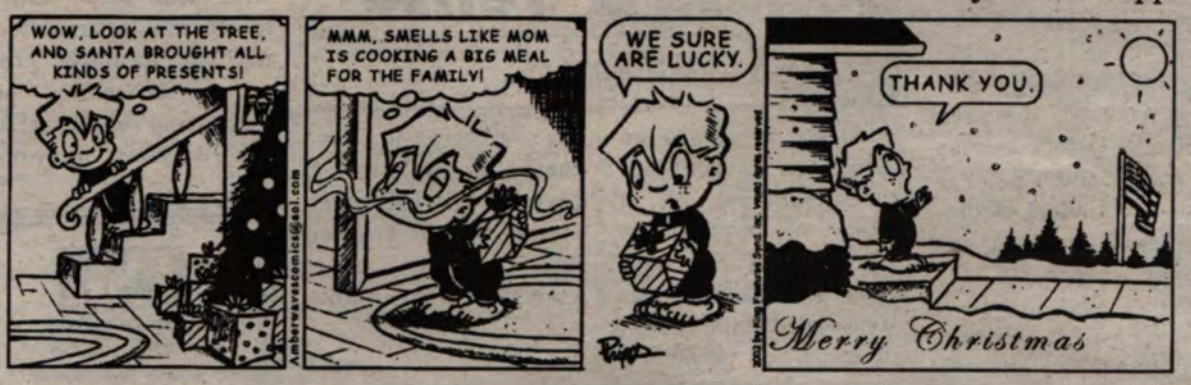

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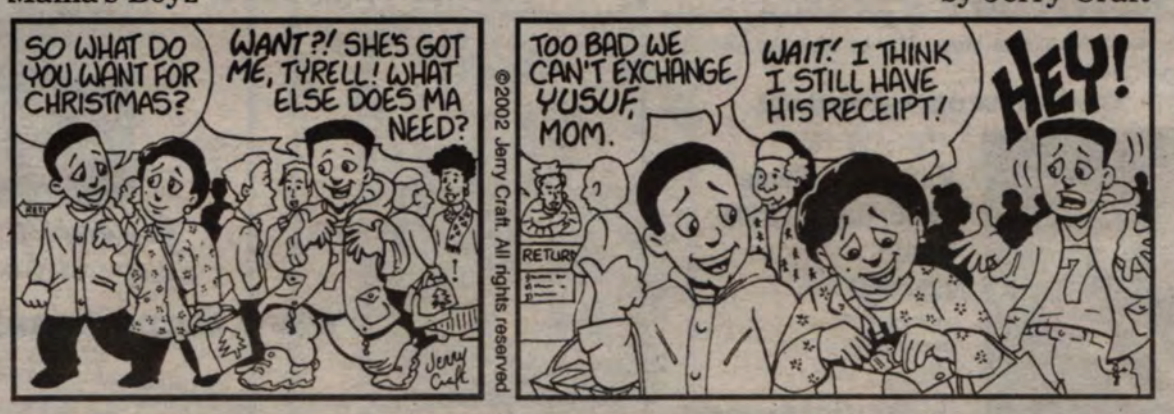

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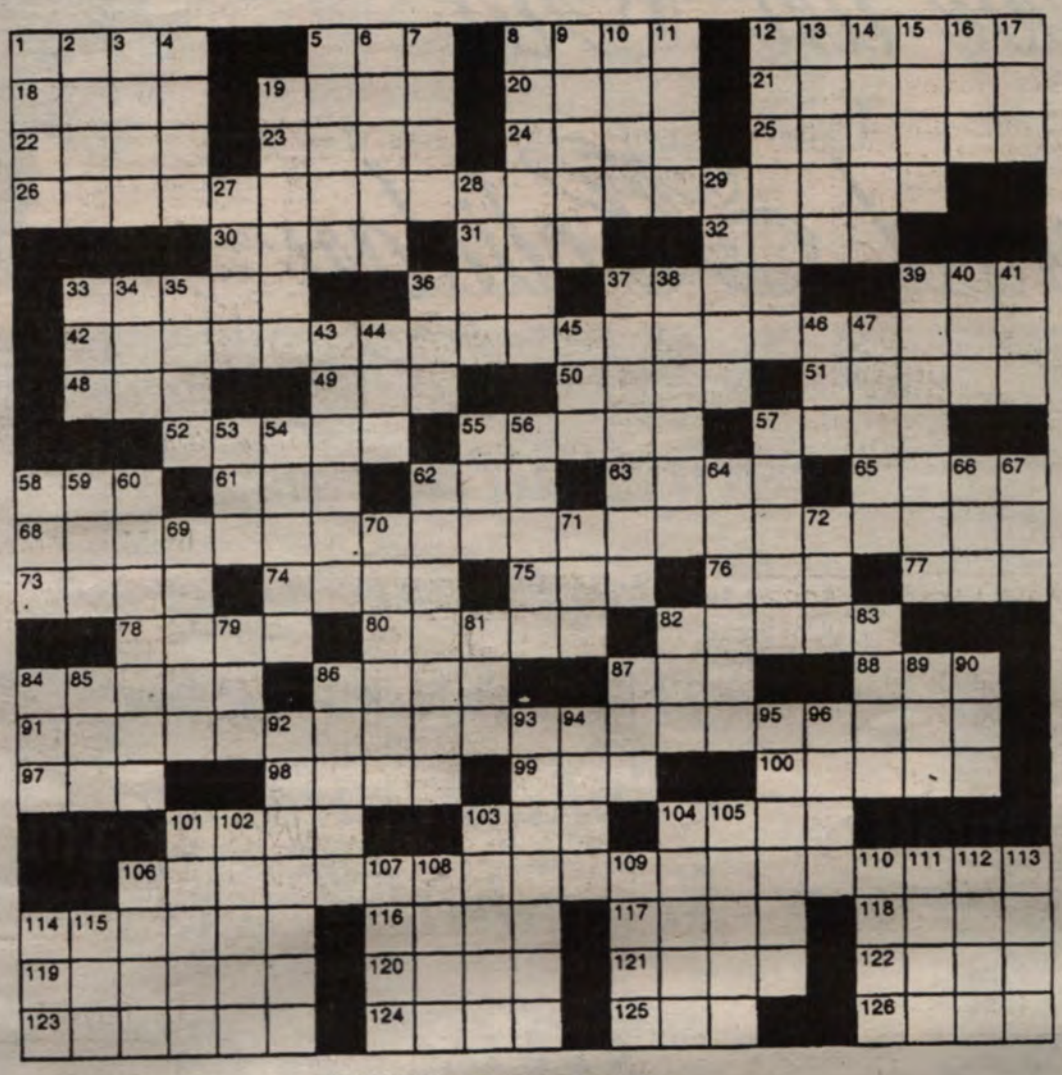

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Bell Country Jamboree features area talent Dec. 21

Freddie Fuller's Slough Creek Productions of Salado presents a traditional country and gospel music show in a smoke-free, alcohol-free, family environment 7 p.m., Dec. 21

The Jamboree is located in Salado at the Intermediate School Auditorium on Thomas Arnold Road. Take exit 284 of IH 35, go west of the Dairy Queen about three blocks and follow the signs. Plenty of chairs are available, but people are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for personalized comfort. Concessions will be offered and door prizes will be raffled at intermission.

"Our Christmas present this year has been our continued support for our traditional country musical show for the past year...Thank you audiences and sponsors and happy holidays to all those that attend, perform at and sponsor the Jamboree," says producer, Freddie Fuller.

Sponsors for the event are Ancira Motorhomes, Garlyn Shelton Autos, US 105 Radio, Opperman's Gifts, Killeen's Plaza Hotel, Schrimsher Sound Studio, Charlotte's of Salado, Bubble and Flicker of Temple, Default Computing in Temple, Carson's City Trailers in Jarrell, Salado ISD and CAE & Associates.

The December Bell County Jamboree will showcase the following performers:

US 105 Radio personality, Melissa McGee of the "Mel and Fred Morning Show"; Madlyon Opperman, of Temple; Maria Bunley, of Buna; John Wayne, of Karnes City; John Bailey, of Temple; and Jarra Crotty, of Temple.

"These fine performers will be backed by one of the best bands around," says Fuller. "The Bell County Jamboree Band includes TerryLynn Schrimsher on guitar and vocals, Roy Robbins on lead guitar, Sharon Murrah on keyboards, Don George on fiddle, Richard Schrimsher on drums, Don Sowersby on steel guitar, Shorty Grisham on bass and myself on guitar, harmonicas and vocals."

"This is an event for the whole family to spend a wonderful evening listening to music that you just do not hear much anymore, and certainly will always remember," Fuller said.

Temple Symphony holds annual concert in Georgetown

The holidays will be ushered in when the Georgetown Symphony Society presents the Temple Symphony Orchestra's Annual Holiday Concert 4 p.m., Dec. 15, at Georgetown High School's Center for the Performing Arts.

The major work will be Handel's Messiah, which will combine the orchestra, four outstanding soloists, the Williamson County Chorus and the Temple Symphony Chorus.

Georgetown concertgoers will remember two of the soloists from one of last season's programs - Sherry Millican, Alto, and Anthony Pulgram, Tenor. Soprano Sarah Nell Summers and Baritone David Small will add their voices to the afternoon.

Millican is quite well known to Central Texas audiences, as this is her sixth year as Director of Choral Activities at Temple College, where she directs several groups, among them the Temple Symphony Chorus. She has sung several times with the Temple orchestra and is an accomplished performer, having had lead roles in several operas as well as musical theatre shows.

Dr. Summers, a lyric soprano, has soloed with the Temple orchestra and has sung oratorios and solo recitals throughout Texas, Florida and internationally. She has been on the faculty of Temple College since 1983, where she teaches private voice lessons and Introduction to Humanities.

Pulgram returns to Georgetown after having performed in Europe and throughout the United States. In reviews, he has been described as "a commanding and charismatic singer with rich, lyric tone."

Small, a versatile baritone, has established himself as a gifted singing actor. He has sung with the Lyric Opera of Kansas City as well as the Austin Lyric Opera. He recently joined the voice faculty and opera department at the University of Texas at Austin School of Music as an assistant professor of music.

Quinton Everest organized and directs the Williamson County Chorus, a group of singers which recently presented their Fall Concert.

The second half of the program will consist of traditional holiday favorites performed by the orchestra and soloists and will conclude with an audience-participation Christmas sing-along.

Individual tickets are $15 for adults and $5 for students. They are available at the Williamson County Sun, both H-E-Bs, the Hill Country Bookstore and the Sun City CA office. You may also stop by the Symphony Society office at 117 West 7th Street, on the Square.

Since this is the second of the Symphony Society's six-concert season, season tickets are being pro-rated at $60 for adults and $20 for students. For information or for season tickets, please call (512) 864-9591.

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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.

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What's happening here?

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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.

December 19
Thomas Arnold Christmas Concert at Salado Intermediate School.

December 24
Salado Post Office to close early Dec. 24 and 31. Stamp lobby will close at noon. Complimentary refreshments served at Post Office Dec. 18.

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

February 18
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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa: thank's for the bike last year I use it a lot. I have been good this year so I think I should gate a littel bit of stuff. But can you get Josh a modere scooter please? Can I have a modere scooter also? I want the legacy of Goh Ceh Game Boy Advance game, a Tv for my room, a game cube, and super smash bruthers meele 2. Thanks for takeing the time to read my note one of your admirer's Austin.

Dear Santa: You are nice Santa. Thanks you because last Christmas you gave my sister's and me some purses. I liked my purse but you gave us the same purse but it doesn't matter we all love are purses but we lost are purses. I hope you will give us the same purse because we love are purses and we mise are purses and i hope you will have good luck to come to Texas and give all the chidren all they rote to you and make shure all the children are being good. From Abigail

Dear Santa: Thank you for the pixter last Christmas and the football goal too this Christmas I want a scooter for my brother. Dear Santa this christmas I want a whopee cotion. dear Santa the thing I want most of all is a computer and mario sunshine. Beau Briggs

Dear Santa: boy have you lost some weight! Never mind that. thank you for all of the unbeleveable toys you have given me! but this year I have some different things in common. After a while I've decided what I want for Christmas, and its come down to: Rocket Power Beach Bandits video for my PS2 you gave me last year. Thank you for that to. Also I would enjoy it if you purchased the following: Air Hog with remote control, Car to Boat, RC Rebound. Thank you for your convenience from the last 8 1/2 years. Your friend Jace.

Dear Santa: I'm trying my hardest to be nice this christmas. I don't want much things for Chistmas this year. My grandpa is making me a 3 wood so I was wondering if I can have an 4 wood. can you make a stop at Matthew's house. Because I wan't him to have The power ranger wild force set for christmas. And one more thing can I have the Harry potter game for ps2 thank you from Joe

Dear Santa: Santa thank you for the stuff that you gave me last year. I wish that you will really give me a bike. Can you put pugs on it. I want it white with flims. then I want a dog for me. I want a puppy golden retiever. Maxwell Hazzard

Dear Santa: I love you very, very much. I like the suit you have. First, I would like a chair flair barbie. Next, I want a Raponsal doll. Then, I want a twist-a-brade. After that, I want a kareokee barbie with the head set with it. Then, I want a baribe house and it has a shower with it. Love Christine to, Santa

Dear Santa: It was really nice of you last year for that dog toy. But you wonte minde if you got me something eals wold you? It wold Be nice to have a little bit of Big Kid stuff. I'm not triying to Be Pikye But it wold Be nice to git a little Bit Moer stuff for my Brother and can you get something for mommy and clint and my Dad and my Grandperents, oh and Rocky to? Love you Santa, from Jessica

Dear Santa: I liked the toys you got me last year this year I would like some wood so I can make a new ramp because my other ramp has a lot of ants all over it do you

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Letters to Santa

From 3B

think I should have one of those things that gose on a skatebourd mabe a basketball because I can't find one that bounces good. Tyler Dale

Dear Santa: I want to say Merry Christmas frist. Now there are some things I want for Christmas. lots of joy, notes from you, and you will have a present for me. If you aren't happy with my letter this Christmas I'll make you a letter next Christmas. There are a little more present I want: A jumprope, new games. New close, and to see my dad again. Love your frined, Kenny

Dear Santa: one day I cealn the hole house my mom and dad was so glad they said ask Santa for wat you want so I said "ok" I really want to give something to my friend. I don't think shes going to have Christmas. She would like a t.v. but one thing I do watn is for are house to sale. Because I want to movie so bad, but what really means to me is that my friend gets to have Christmas. Chelsea Rank.

Dear Santa: I had a good Chistmas last year. Would you please get me a bubble gum macker and a four weller? I will be good. We have a chimy. Come see us please. How a bought a dirt bike, get ski? We'll ride it together and can you tacke me to Mexico or the north pole. I will get you something when I get some money. Will ya pleeease giv eme a 100 dollar bill? thank you Taylor Coleman

Dear Santa: thanks for the stuff last year but this year for a Christmas present a thing full of yogioh cards so I can be better at it. I would like clothes becuase I'm running out of clothes and they're ripping. The last thing I want is games for my nintindo. love Anthony

Dear Santa: I like the thing you gave me last year. this year it would be nice if I had some of these things. I would like a super chick cd. Maybe even some clothes, pants and long-sleeve shirts would be fine. A new scooter for myself. I would like my own yoyo. To Santa From: Cara Langford

Dear Santa: For this Chistmas I would like a new bike. But I don't know what else I would like. But thank you for the stuff you gave my family they want me to say that they want Chistmas to come up. And it is coming I wish I could come to your house that would be cool. We could be able to play! Sonia Lara

Dear Santa: I have been so good this year because today, November 19, 2002 during reading time I was helping my teacher fileing papers into mailboxs, And when I went over to get the second stack she as in my teacher said, this would be alot of help. So would you please get some of these things for me? Like a Go-kart,

and a Motor Scooter. I want those most of all because they are cool. And what I also want is a Sprarkel-N-Glitter Nail Designer. Signed, Kelsey

Dear Santa: I liked all of the presents you brout to me last year! But this year I would like a big bear, fashion kitten, clothes, cinderela house with cinderela and the prince and a big tiger. Only if you can handle all of that. One last thing could you please give me a swimming pool? Helena Carroll

Cerido Santa Claus: ?Como esta Santa Claus? Mellamo Juan Para la novidades espesiol Quiero una computadora. Una bisi: 3 librifo: Ropa: 5 Libros: una caja de juguetes. Muchas gracias, Santa Claus. Y yo estoy bien pero me enfermado. Sinceremeute, Juan

Dear Santa: How are you, Santa Claus? My name is Juan for Chrismas I would like: a computer, a bicycle, eight books, clothes and a box of toys. I am good but I was sick. Sinecerely Juan

Querido Santa Claus ?como esta santa claus? Mellamo Nancy. Para la navidad Quiero: Computadora, ropa, dinero y Juegetes. Muchas Gracias estoy bien. sinceramente, Nancy

Dear Santa: How are you, Santa Claus? My name is Nancy. For Christmas I would like a computer, clothes, money and toys. thank you very much. I am a good girl. sincerely, Nancy

Dear Santa: "Thank you for my stuff last year. I need to thank you for bringing toys to other people too. I realy think you are a very very good person for doing this Santa. You are my friend. How do you get into peoples houses when the fire place is on fire? Alright what I want for Christmas is... A neclace, football swetbands, Green By Packers hat. And more stuff and more stuff. Justin Renick

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Lifeline Representative spoke to Rotary Club

By Ashley Smith
Staff Writer

"We can help you avoid a stroke in just 10 minutes." That's what LifeLine Screening, the nation's leading mobile vascular screening service, does for over 30,000 Americans each month. LifeLine provides reliable, low-cost preventive health screenings to people who do not have symptoms, but would like to prevent themselves from getting the following diseases: stroke/carotid arteries; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA); Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD); and Osteoporosis.

Louis Madrigal, a Central Texas Health Service Coordinator for LifeLine Screening, spoke to the Salado Rotarians on Dec. 3. He explained all that LifeLine Screening does, as well as how to detect warning signs for the four diseases LifeLine's screenings address.

"The difference between a screening test and a diagnostic test is that screening is primarily for wellness," Madrigal explained, "A diagnostic test is administered after symptoms are identified."

The first health risk LifeLine Screening works to identify is strokes, otherwise known as a brain attack. The common warning signs for a stroke are: a sudden headache; slurred speech; numbness; blurred vision.

According to the National Stroke Association, strokes are the third leading killer in the United States. LifeLine Screening administers a test that "scans the carotid arteries in the neck for plaque buildup which leads to stroke."

The second disease LifeLine screens for is Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA). The two main warning signs to detect AAA are: severe back pain and sensitivity in the abdomen. AAA is a weak area in the walls of the abdominal aorta. An "80 to 94 percent mortality occurs when the aneurysm ruptures," according to the *British Journal of Surgery, 1995.* Madrigal said that the "average size of an aneurysm is two centimeters."

The screening test for the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm tests for the existence of an aneurysm in the aorta, the artery that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body. The majority of people who have an aneurysm do not have any symptoms.

Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), a health issue where the blood vessels in the legs can narrow with plaque buildup, is the third type of screening test LifeLine administers. Madrigal explained that PAD is a frequent complication that goes hand-in-hand with Diabetes. Some of the warning signs include: shiny skin; wounds that won't heal; cold feet; loss of hair; loss of feeling in legs.

LifeLine's screening for PAD uses the Ankle Brachial Index (ABI) which was developed by the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Osteoporosis is the fourth and final screening test LifeLine offers. "People stop building bone at age 35," Madrigal said, stressing the need for men and women in their 40's to have a screening. Osteoporosis is painless and hard to detect in its early stages, but can be treated when discovered. According to *GlaxoSmithKline, 1996*, "50 percent of 55 year olds who fracture hips are unable to walk again without assistance."

Louis Madrigal — Photo by: Ashley Smith

Madrigal shared LifeLine's mission with the Rotarians: "To help people detect an undetected health problem and then seek help with their own personal physician." All screening results are sent directly back to the customer within 12 to 15 business days, and if negative results are returned, they are encouraged to see their doctor. "The goal is to have the physician take control," Madrigal said.

LifeLine Screening exists to provide the highest quality imaging technology at an affordable rate. The screenings only take approximately 10 minutes and are safe, simple, affordable and accurate. For more information on LifeLine Screening, call (800) 643-6075 or visit their web site at www.lifelinescreening.com.

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Le Beffroy...Salado's newest Bed & Breakfast

By Ashley Smith
Staff Writer

Why go to Europe when visitors and Saladoans alike can experience the beauty and grace of Belgium right here in one of Salado's very own bed and breakfasts! Eric and Dominique Deprez, originally from Belgium, recently moved to Salado and turned their house into a bed and breakfast haven that represents their home village, Mons, Belgium. The inn is called Le Beffroy and is located on Center Circle.

Le Beffroy has six bedrooms for guests to enjoy, each decorated with original antique furniture, paintings, grandiose mirrors, elaborate lamps and artwork straight from Belgium. All the bedrooms have a private bathroom and closet. The rooms are also made complete with oriental carpets.

Each room has a French name, keeping with the European elegance. Le Car d' or Room is located upstairs in the house. It has a queen size bed, adorned with a quilt made of soft colors. Many original pieces of artwork hang on the walls, along with a pen and ink drawing of a castle that serves as a bed and breakfast in Belgium.

Le Car d' or Room — Photo by: Ashley Smith

A typical European style breakfast is served 8-10 a.m. in the restaurant portion of the house. The meals are prepared by Le Beffroy's personal chef. Some of the items on the breakfast menu include Viennese breads, jams, honey, spread chocolate with milk, hot chocolate, juice, flavored coffee or tea. A plate of assorted cooked meats, eggs, omelets and bacon are some things that are available upon request. A Belgian banner and flag from Mons, the small village, hang in the restaurant.

Rubbing the head of a monkey with your left hand is a good luck

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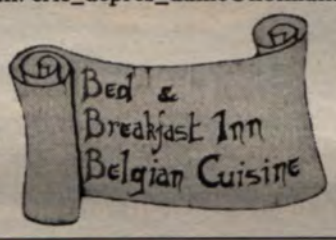

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One of the most enjoyable and fascinating times I've had recently was in Mercedes watching JR Segrist, a retired postman, do his sand art. He has perhaps a dozen containers filled with different colors of sand in front of him. He layers the sand in a bottle then maneuvers it around with pieces of wire coat hanger. The end product is a small bottle, perhaps three inches tall, filled with colored sands that seem to have pictures painted on them.

"I do camels, longhorns, a sow with 3 little piglets, rabbits and a zoo bottle with 4 kinds of animals on it," says JR. "I use only natural colored sand that I've collected from 37 different states and 3 foreign countries. I have about 60 different colors of sand that I've picked up out of a road ditch or grader cut. We do not like to use beach sand because it's been rolled by the wind and the waves and it's like little marbles. The grains just roll easily. We don't like purchased sand because it's been washed and dyed and it does not have any fine material in it. It needs fine material to make it stick together."

The sand he uses starts out as a rock. "I just get a sledge hammer and pulverize it and sift out all the large materials and throw that away."

It's an old art dating back two thousand years. He's been doing it since 1975 when a friend showed him how to do it. "I told him I didn't like his square animals because they looked like Egyptian or Indian pictographs. He told me to go get a coat hanger, some sand and bottles and start doing it myself."

He has made nearly 25,000 bottles and sells them for $5 each, giving the proceeds to a children's home, a school and food pantry. "Some people have wanted me to make them 5,000 at a time. But I can't do that. I refuse to sell to stores. The maximum number anybody can buy is 25."

He can create a sand bottle in fifteen minutes. He has made as many as fifty in a day.

"What you're doing is pushing the wire against the glass and the sand will follow you. You go down along the glass then you back off and come up through the center. That way you don't tear up your design. If you came right back up along the glass you would tear it up. You can push the sand but you cannot pull it. So you have to push it to where you want it to go."

Each layer of sand is so tightly packed that the end product is hard as a rock. The picture will remain intact even when he bangs a completed bottle on the table.

He asked me what type of animal I would like, giving me a choice of mule, longhorn steer or camel. I told him a longhorn steer. He started with the steer's nose, then the legs, He got some dark sand from the top layer and pushed the sand down into the white sand.

My little bottle of sand has layers of white, tan, brown, orange and gray sand with images of four longhorn steers circling the outside of the hard-packed sand. The sand inside the bottle forms designs, too: arches, star bursts, hills and valleys of overlapping colors of sand. I keep it in a special place on a library shelf.

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.

My Best Gingerbread

Thelma Griffith

1 c. sugar	1/2 tsp. salt
2 eggs	2 tsp. cinnamon
1 c. molasses	1 c. milk
2 c. flour	2 tsp. ginger
1/2 c. Crisco	2 tsp. allspice
2 tsp. baking powder	

Put all ingredients into a large mixing bowl. Beat until smooth. Grease a 9x12 inch pan well; pour in mixture. Bake 30 minutes in a 350 degree oven.

Note: A little more spice can be used for a spicer gingerbread.

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Democratic women luncheon celebrates Christmas Dec. 14

The Bell County Texas Democratic Women will hold their annual Christmas Luncheon Dec. 14. at the Inn at Scott and White in Temple. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. A short business session will begin at 11 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon.

The meal will be a holiday food buffet with dessert, coffee and tea. Cost will be $15 per person, including tax and gratuity. Reservations must be made by Dec. 12. For any further information call the Second Vice President at 913-0169.

The Guest speaker will be Dr. Mae Jackson of Waco. Dr. Jackson in a Past President of Texas Democratic Women. This year she is serving on the Executive Board as Vice President. She also serves as Mayor Pro Tem of the Waco City Council. After speaking, the following Executive Board Members for 2003 will be sworn in by Dr. Jackson: President, Amanda Allen; First Vice President, Jacqueline Brook; Second Vice President, Maria Hernandez; Secretary, Marianne Voss; Treasurer, Patricia Perkison; Corresponding Secretary, Julian Grant.

Le Beffroy B&B From 6B

custom in Belgium. In keeping with tradition and authenticity, Eric and Dominique Deprez have placed a guard monkey at the front door for guests to partake in the good fortune.

Rates for Le Car d' or Room are $135 on weekends and holidays and $115 on weeknights. Additional guests, beyond the room's capacity, are charged an extra $20. For more information on Le Beffroy, call 254-947-7177.

Salado DAR announce plans for new year

The Village of Salado Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas held their final meeting of the year Dec. 7 at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple.

The Chapter is now up to 32 regular charter members, but will continue to accept applications. All who are approved prior to Aug. 18, 2003 will be designated as charter members.

The Chapter will meet again in February, March and April at the Central Texas Area Museum, on the third Sat. of each month. There will be no meeting for the month of May, which is the month for the State Convention.

The Executive Board will have a January meeting to finalize plans for their first newsletter, and to prepare them for mailing prior to the February meeting.

At the February meeting, a nominating committee will be appointed, to select officers for 2003-05. Officers will be installed at the April meeting and will begin their terms on June 1.

Officers serving through June 1 are: President, Mary Belle Brown; First Vice President: Doris Kemp; Second Vice President: Billie Agee; Third Vice President: La Nelle French; Recording Secretary: Gil Roberts; Corresponding Secretary: Lavinia Haltom; Historian: Polly Edwards; and Chaplain: Robbie Bennett.

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UMHB chemistry department receives grant

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor chemistry department has been awarded a $75,000 Chemistry grant from the Robert A. Welch Foundation.

The purpose of the grant is to support chemical research by members of the chemistry department faculty, Drs. Darrell Watson, Ruth Ann Murphy, and Dennis Dillon, and to also provide an opportunity for students to study chemistry in a less structured way.

The directors and the scientific advisory board of The Robert A. Welch Foundation chose to award this grant, which will be in increments of $25,000 per year for three years, because the UMHB chemistry department exemplifies opportunities for students to study chemistry in a less structured yet highly instructive way.

Child Support Division awarded federal payments

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced Dec. 4 that the Attorney General's Child Support Division has been awarded $27.6 million in federal incentive payments based on the Division's exceptional performance during federal fiscal year 2001. Texas can use its incentive payment to obtain an additional $53 million in federal funding to cover child support operating expenses, subject to appropriation limits established by the Texas Legislature. Federal incentive payments are authorized to Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act to help states finance their child support enforcement programs.

The award was the second highest among the 50 states. The Texas program received the award for its efforts in establishing paternity and child support orders, collecting current and past-due child support from non-custodial parents, and cost-effectiveness.

The $27.6 million payment to Texas for work performed in FY 2001 represents a 49 percent increase over the $18.5 million payment received last year. An increase in child support collections and an increased number of child support orders requiring the payment of support both account for this year's larger incentive payment. Child support collections increased 21 percent from $1 billion collected in FY 2000 to $1.2 billion collected in FY 2001, compared to an increase of five percent in all other states. Texas collections rose to $1.4 billion in FY 2002.

"I am pleased to receive the incentive payment as recognition for the successes of the Attorney General's Child Support Division. I commend the Deputy Attorney General for Child Support Cynthia Bryant and the entire child support team for their tireless and dedicated work to collect child support. The award money and incentives will be used to collect even more child support in the coming years," said Attorney General Greg Abbott.

The Attorney General's Child Support Division is directed by state and federal law to provide child support services to families who receive public assistance, families who previously received public assistance, and families who have never received public assistance but request child support services. Services include locating absent parents; establishing paternity for children born to unmarried parents; establishing, enforcing, and modifying child and medical support orders; and collecting and distributing child support payments. The Child Support Division handles more than 955,000 cases involving approximately one million children.

For more information about the Attorney General's Ghild Support Division, visit the agency's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us. Customers may also call 1-800-252-8014 to receive automated information about child support services and to apply for services.

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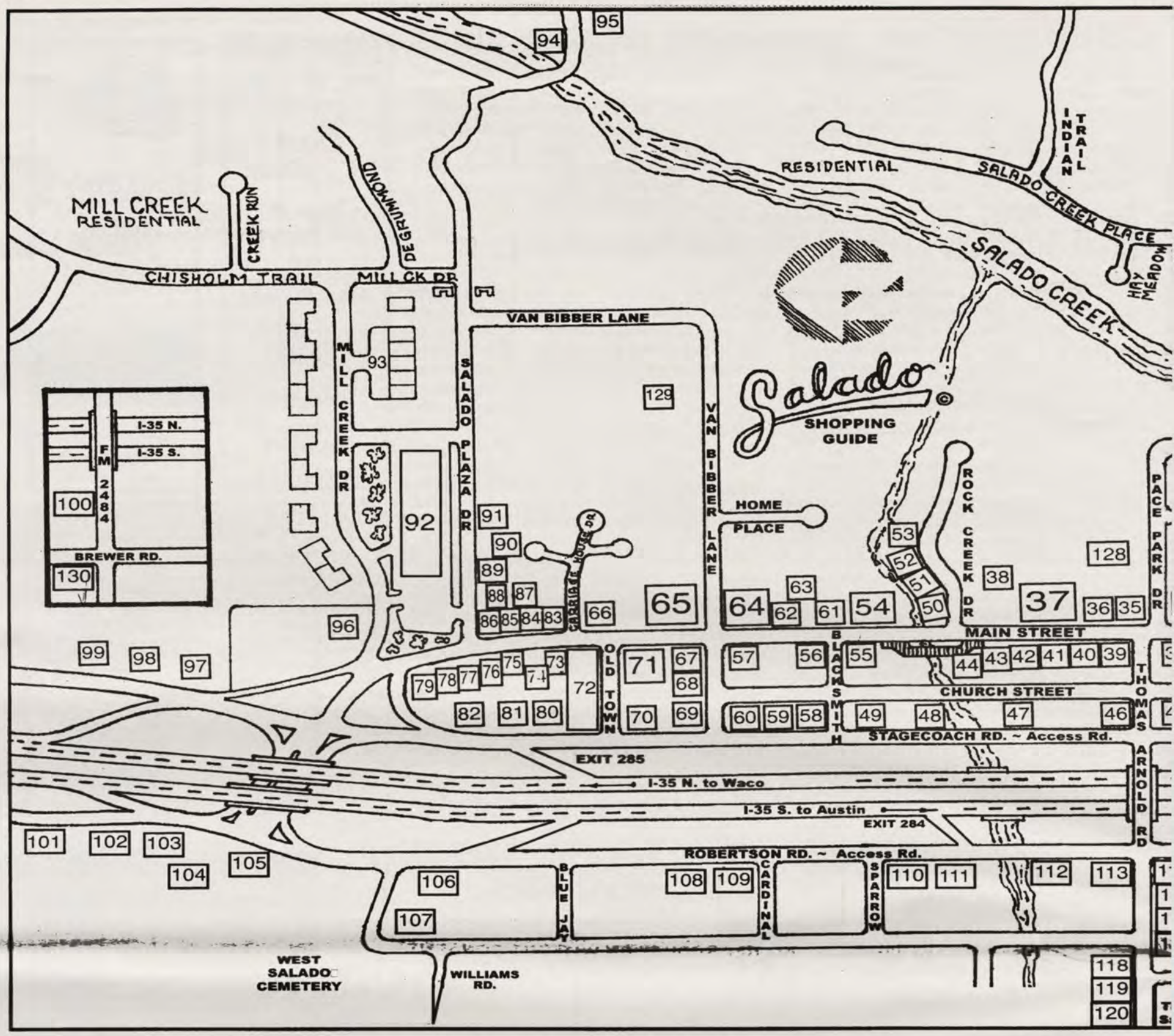

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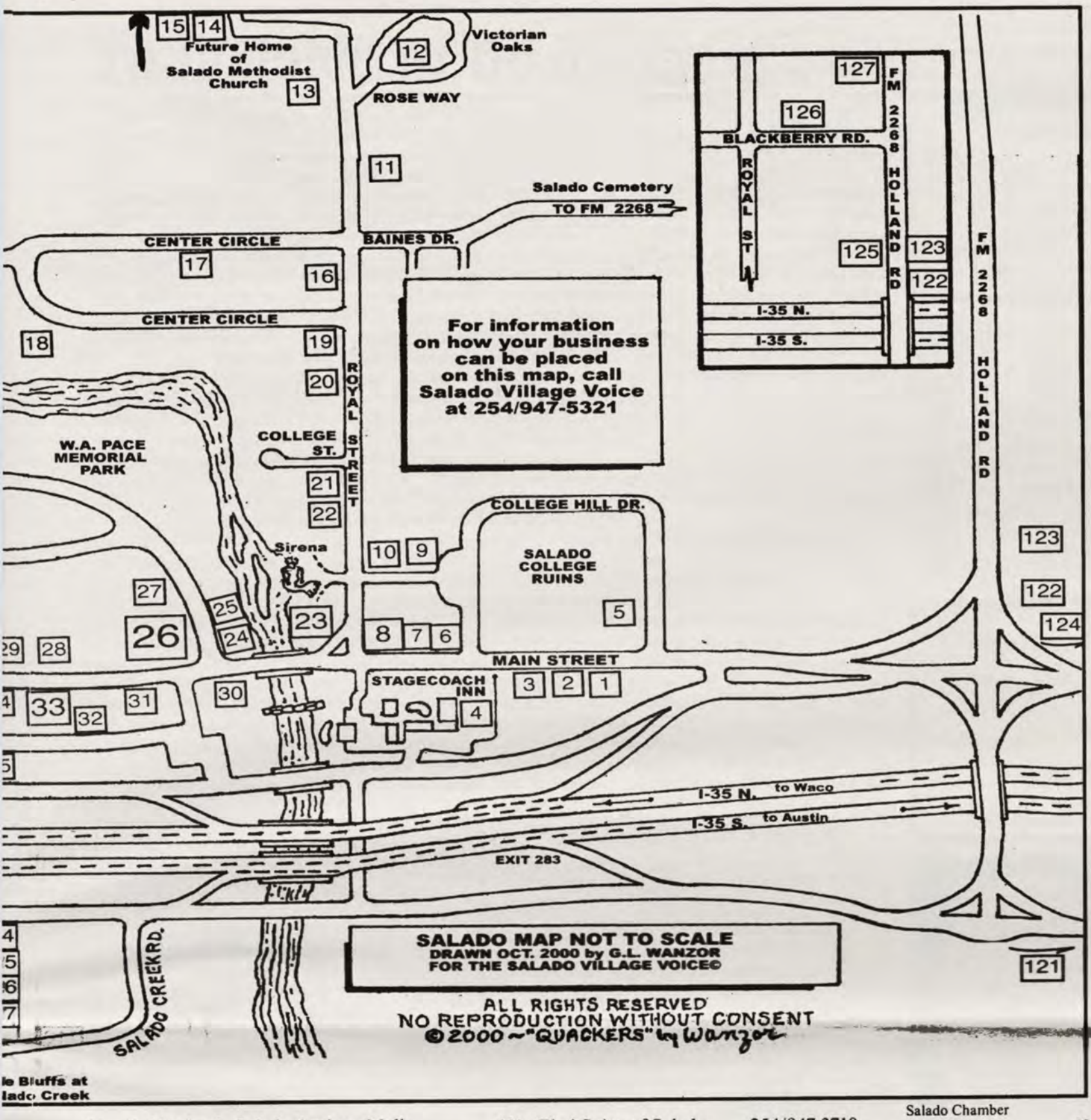

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Fire program off to quick start

House Bill 2604 enacted by the 77th Texas Legislature established the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance program, a $15 million annual cost-sharing program funded by contributions from the insurance industry and administered by the Texas Forest Service. During the first two months, the TFS reports that over half of the $15 million appropriated annual funding for the program has already been committed to volunteer fire departments across the state for equipment and training.

During September and October funding meetings, program decision-makers approved 431 grants totaling nearly $8 million for equipment and training. The largest portion of the funding ($5.8 million) went toward the purchase of fire trucks, with an additional $775,000 committed toward the purchase of truck chassis and slip-on pumping modules. Other program funds allocated at the grant meetings include: fire equipment, $445,000; rescue equipment, $316,000; firefighter protective clothing, $445,000; firefighter training tuition, $87,500; and dry hydrants, $33,600.

"The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program is destined to become one of the most significant legislative initiatives of Texas government in the 21st Century," declared James Hull, director of the Texas Forest Service. "The receipt of over 800 requests for over $35 million in assistance during the first 60 days after the applications were published is a clear indication that the program addresses an unmet need of the state's volunteer fire departments."

Responses from grant recipients reflect on the somewhat tenuous and limited nature of funding for many volunteer departments, said Joe Fox, program manager with the TFS in Bryan. He noted that one department declared that its grant would fund "the first new piece of equipment for the department in 35 years." Another department that received approval for a new brush truck stated that the truck was truly "an answer to prayers."

Responses like these are typical for the departments, many of whom must count on fund-raising activities to fund their operations, said Fox.

"The needs of the volunteer fire community are tremendous," said Fox, "We wish that we could immediately fund each and every assistance request that we have received. Because the requests far exceeded appropriation of funds, though, we've had to implement a rating system to guide program decision-makers in allocating the existing funds."

The program manager added that his agency is very concerned with how the program will impact participants, partner agencies and the 1,800 communities served by volunteer fire departments.

"Our agency is prepared to make mid-course changes in program design that on-going evaluation shows will improve the grant approval process," Fox stated.

For additional information about the program, contact: Emergency Services Grants Division, Texas Forest Service, 3833 S. Texas Avenue Suite 130, Bryan, Texas 77802, phone 979-458-6505. Fire departments can also obtain information via the Internet at: www.tamu.edu/ticc.

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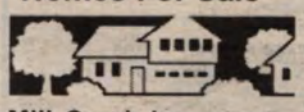

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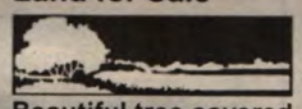

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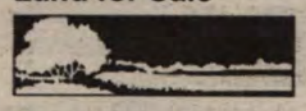

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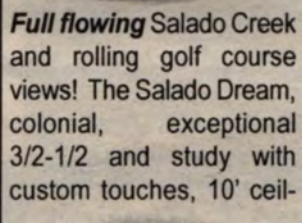

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$75,500 - this cute little brick home has a fenced back yard and a covered back porch. Great for a first time home buyer or an empty nester. This home would make a great investment. History of rental of $750/mth.

$295,000 - Already appraised! The view of Stillhouse Lake will take your breath away! Enjoy living in this home, inside and out. Views from Master BR, LR, den, kitchen and breakfast room. Elegant, yet comfortable. Thoughtfully planned, well built. 4 wooded acres.

$164,900 - Relax on your front porch after a day on the golf course. This home is within walking distance to Mill Creek Pro Shop and Swimming Pool. Hardwood floors throughout the living room. Tile floors & granite countertops in the kitchen. Large Master BR with granite countertops in Master Bath. A loft, BR & BA are upstairs.

$216,000 - Beautiful lake view from veranda. Secluded home on 2.3 acres. Wrap-around porch provides shade and privacy.

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 - **Under Contract.**
- **$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 - **SOLD.**
- **$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 - **SOLD.**
- **$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.
- **$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.
- **$599,000** - Colonial style home on 57 acres, with guest house and barn.
- **$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.

$995,000 - Lovely home on 146.77 acres of beautiful wooded countryside. Barns, equipment sheds, and good water wells. Well fenced, located 2 miles North of Salado, 1 mile East of 1-35.

$148,000 - This home sits on 1.83 beautifully wooded acres in Live Oak Estates. 3 BR, 2 BA with open living/dining area. Two car garage. Peaceful, quiet setting only a few miles from Salado.

$269,000 - Gorgeous Larry Lilly custom home in River Place Estates, Belton. Lots of crown molding, 14 ft. ceilings, pewter light fixtures, red oak kitchen cabinets with natural stone backsplash. Tile floors in kitchen and breakfast area. Lot has lots of trees, beautifully landscaped. Large workshop.

$189,000 - On the golf course, overlooking Salado Creek. Beautiful setting and perfect location. 2 BR, 2 BA.

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 • $159,900, Lot 5 • $139,000

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Country Living at its best! This 3BR/2BA home on 6 acres with barn, storage shed and workshop features hardwood dloors, game room, hot tub covered patio and, to complete this beautiful package, century-old live oak trees. **$229,900**

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.**

"Charming Country Home" Private home located on 5 acres. This 3 bedroom/2 bath has a beautiful vaulted living room with fireplace. Walk around this house on its custom rock trails and enjoy the country living. Features included: Workshop, formal dining, fireplace, security system and water softener.

"Beautiful cabin in the woods" Home with approx. 7 acres with over 4,000 square feet. 5 BR/4 BA. The woodwork in this home is a must see. Extras included: Workshop, gameroom, garden room, office, gazebo, paved roads, 3 air conditioned units, 3 hot water units, make-up counter, etc....

3BR/2BA Brick home with metal roof. 60'x38' metal barn & 2 stalls on 2 acres. **$119,900.**

Property for Rent

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

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Salado Lots

Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - $36,000.

Indian Trail - 90x188 - $34,000.

Mill Creek Lot - $39,900

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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