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Hometown newspaper read by H.M & Carolyn Stewart

GLORY TO GOD in the highest

All across the land, the story is told...

King James Version
The Gospel According
to St. Luke, Chapter 2

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

3 And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David;

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall

be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the

angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad they saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were

told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



Have a Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



"SIR, THIS NEW WEAPONS INSPECTOR is NOT LIKE the OTHERS! HE SEES US WHEN WE'RE SLEEPING, HE KNOWS WHEN WE'RE AWAKE... HE KNOWS WHEN WE'VE BEEN BAD or GOOD, so BE GOOD for GOODNESS SAKE!...."

HIV vaccine that no one wants

World AIDS Day came and went this month with barely any notice of the fact that a kind of vaccine against HIV has been researched, tested and is available to save countless lives in Africa.

It was first developed during the late 1980s in Uganda, where it has created the biggest drop in HIV prevalence in the world. It hasn't yet been patented or advertised, but it has a name: abstinence and marital fidelity.

According to a U.S. Agency for International Development study, in Uganda "national HIV prevalence peaked at around 15 percent in 1991, and had fallen to 5 percent as of 2001. This dramatic decline in prevalence is unique worldwide."

In the mid-1980s, when it became clear that AIDS was on the rise in Uganda, President Yoweri Museveni adopted a program that, as Arthur Allen has written in *The New Republic*, "would become known as ABC, for Abstain, Be faithful or wear a Condom, very much in order of emphasis."

Museveni essentially led a crusade against having sex outside of marriage. You can almost hear the clucking of "progressives" in the West: How quaint. How prudish. How unrealistic.

Try, instead: How wondrously effective.

According to a study of one Ugandan district, almost 60 percent of youths age 13-16 reported engaging in sexual activity in 1994, but by 2001, the number had plummeted to less than 5 percent. The USAID study reports that compared with men in other sub-Saharan African countries, Uganda males are "less likely to have ever had sex (in the 15- to 19-year-old range), more likely to be married and keep sex within marriage, and less likely to have multiple partners."

The effect on HIV rates has been nearly miraculous. Researcher Rand Stoneburner estimates that Uganda's approach

The Rich Lowry column

has been almost as effective as an HIV vaccine.

So, where's the shouting from the rooftops?

The silence has to do with the fact that the condom, that sacred totem of the AIDS establishment, didn't initially play much of a role in ABC's success. As late as 1995, by which time HIV was already firmly on the decline, only 16 percent in Ugandan males reported ever using one.

In contrast, as Allen reports, Botswana and Zimbabwe, the two countries in the world with the highest rates of HIV prevalence, are both relatively condom-friendly. In a 1999 study, more than 70 percent of Zimbabwean males reported using a condom in their most recent high-risk sex act.

AIDS activists aren't picketing international organizations, demanding that they spread the Uganda model, because they have a blind spot. For them, urging people not to have sex almost constitutes a human-rights violation.

Now, Uganda shouldn't be mistaken for a chapter of the Christian Coalition. Condom use among high-risk groups has consolidated Uganda's gains, and social acceptance of HIV-positive people is quite high. But the AIDS establishment will never act on Uganda's central lesson until it gives up its total devotion to the idea of judgment-free sexual self-expression. In the meantime, Africa dies.



"Letters To Santa" highlight today's political commentary

Today's newspaper is datelined December 25, 2002, but through a combination of long hours, perspicacity and other drudge-like tensions common to members of the Fourth Estate, the Salado Village Voice is in your hands a day early.

On the basis of that happy fact, this column is pleased to begin this Christmas Eve, with the high hope that our loyal readers will receive some neat and deserved gifts tomorrow (assuming behavior has been nice rather than naughty).

SPECIAL GIFT

Our special gift to readers this year, is a plunge into unknown waters, with the resulting Christmastide political column, all packaged with ribbons of "fun, frolic and fantasy." What it amounts to is a "Letters to Santa" adventure in imagination, which we hope will bring a smile (or better yet, a loud guffaw) as we conjure up, and print, some gift requests that headliners, in and out of government, might be (or really should be) requesting from good old St. Nicholas as a result of making it safely through another hectic, and now fast fading year.

Rather than embarrass the writers over what they probably would have penned, we have cleaned up language, grammar and spelling. These letters are in no particular order. Just used the traditional "first picked-first printed," system, as we poked in and around Mr. Claus' mail bag.

LETTERS TO SANTA!!

Hon. Mr. Claus: Please send recipe for turning base metal into gold. We gave all our money away several years ago and are now in deep doo-doo. Folks won't understand (or forgive) if we raise taxes next year. Your obedient (some of the time) public servants: **Rick Perry, David Dewhurst, Tom Craddick and Carole Rylander.**

Dear Mr. Kringle: Please deliver a comfortable "hidey-hole" for Senator Don Nickles (R-Okla) in the event Majority Leader Trent Lott survives the current rumble in the upper chamber. P.S. There is an opening on the Senate Janitorial Oversight Committee. Helpfully, **Tom Daschle.**

Dear Father Christmas: Hope you didn't catch my turn on Saturday Night Live (hot tub scene) - that was naughty and really not very nice. Anyway - please bring me a new supply of "common sense" pills. The ones that arrived earlier did the job and I am now more popular than ever - especially among wannabee friends who plan to commit political harkari in '04. Your relieved friend, **Al Gore.**

Dear Kriss: Please encourage the Grand Old Party's fund raisers, to keep on removing from their membership rolls, such staunch conservatives as our old pal Lloyd Parks. We'll take him for free. Sincerely, **Salado Democrats (all ten of us).**

Dear Saint Nick: Please cancel my order for a pointy hat and Strom Thurmond's selected memoirs of 1948. I would NOW like to have a life membership in the NAACP; autographed picture of Jesse Jackson for my office (wherever that ends up), and please have President Bush invite me to his next birthday party. Your very humble representative from the sovereign and "affirmative action" State of Mississippi. Apologetically, **Trent Lott.**

MORE OF THE SAME

Dear Santa: Please bring us a new coach and owner for our beloved Dallas

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house; not a creature was stirring - not even a mouse; the stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there."

Clement Moore, 1823

Cowboys. Thanks, Friends of Tom Landry.

Hi Santa: How about sending us the names on Henry Kissinger's private clientele list so we can see who it is that would have created a conflict of interest for "Mr. Secrecy," had he remained head of the 9-11 terror attack inquiry. Most sincerely, **New York Times and Austin American.**

Honorable Sir: I would greatly appreciate full membership in the Salado Branch of the "Do-No-Gooders" Society. These are the worthies who meet with alarming regularity at the Stagecoach Coffee Shop. I have been a very good boy this year. Love, **Don Clayton, Probationary DNGer.**

Dear Santa: Please send me a fresh list of possible appointees for future jobs in my administration. Prefer to have folks who can withstand scrutiny by the liberal media, left-wing Democrats, SEC, FBI, CIA, ACLU, IRS, AFL-CIO, all minority caucuses, and even from some of my moderate conservative brethren - especially those still holding Confederate money. The last roster included Kissinger, (Dad warned me about Henry's penchant for "deep, dark derring-dos") who lasted all of a week as head investigator into 9-11. Will probably have some vacancies next year before I begin my reelection prowl. Your pal, **George W.**

Dear Santa: We still need a few more books for my library in Arkansas, but not any more copies of the forthcoming tome "What Is, Is and What Isn't Is." Last year's gift - David Brock's "The Seduction of Hillary Rodham," gave me a start. I immediately pleaded "Not Guilty!" However, I sure liked the first chapter's title: "Hillary for President." By the way, could you bring me some Hillary bumper stickers, yard signs and other political paraphernalia? Now's the time to maneuver - and I'm experienced in making the "just right moves."

Be nice - I'm talking campaigning here. Hopefully, **Bill C.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Once a year it's fun to inject a little humor (some would say - "mighty little") into this political commentary column, what with all the disappointments that arise when we observe and report on the great free-for-all called Democracy.

Next week's offering will recap 2002 from a Salado perspective, with a stab at predicting what might lay ahead in '03. Providing we can locate a sufficient supply of bat wings, chicken entrails and other disgusting necessities, to make a proper soothsaying brew.

A sincere Merry Christmas to each of our readers - who may or may not have agreed with what's been written during the past year but have, with a few notable exceptions, been courteous, kind and instructive in letter writing and phone calls.

That's -30-

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More to mistletoe than just kisses

By JACK FARIS

Stealing a kiss under the mistletoe is a tradition this time of year. But we might soon view that greenery in a totally different light, now that scientists think it may be used to treat cancer.

Sometimes, looking past old traditions and starting new ones can lead to discovery. The idea that something as familiar as mistletoe may hold promise for cancer patients is a testament to the creative powers of science.

Unfortunately for millions of Americans who need health care, such creative powers are rare among political leaders who refuse to break with tradition. Almost as soon as the holiday mistletoe withers, they'll launch their campaigns for the 2004 election with the same old promises and pork barrel programs.

One campaign pledge you won't have to wait to hear: "health care for everyone." One aspiring presidential candidate has already publicly embraced the idea of creating a "single-payer" health-insurance program run by the federal bureaucracy.

Not to be outdone, a many-termed U.S. senator for eyeing the nation's businesses as easy pockets for funding government programs trumpeted his plan that would force Main Street firms with more than five employees to provide the same level of health benefits that federal workers now enjoy.

Unlike the medical scientists who are exploring the chemistry of mistletoe as a drug treatment for cancer, these politicians haven't done their research. Had they contacted the Census Bureau, they would have learned that the number of people covered by employment-based health insurance dropped below 63 percent in 2001. The bureau could have told them that the decline was in the small-business sector,

largely among firms with fewer than 25 employees.

It doesn't take a scientist to figure out that the reason small firms are losing a grip on their employee health-insurance policies is the relentless, year-after-year double-digit price increases. Neither does it require great analytical energy and comprehensive testing to determine that neither universal medical coverage nor mandated individual health care (no favorite of labor unions) can solve the problem.

There is no single, magic solution to the nation's health care crisis. But lawmakers might take a cue from the mistletoe scientists and look beyond the traditional for ideas.

A multi-faceted approach, proposed by NFIB, holds promise for providing health care for countless Americans. First, this plan would permit Association Health Plans (AHPs), allowing small-business owners to combine their financial purchasing power to buy health coverage. According to Congressional Budget Office estimates, AHPs would reduce premiums for small firms by 13 percent on average. Secondly, the NFIB proposal would expand medical savings accounts and flexible spending accounts, which offer employees affordable access to health care.

The important American tradition of owning and building your own small business doesn't come and go with the seasons. To keep it vibrant and alive, political leaders must offer creative health care solutions. It's time to kiss old, broken-down health-care traditions goodbye and embrace new, creative-traditions that just might help couples keep their health-care and steal kisses under the mistletoe for years to come.

Jack Faris is president of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB).



Taking up mantle of freedom

"God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it." I was reminded of that famous Daniel Webster quote by an insightful Texan who responded to my annual survey.

As the United States takes up the mantle of freedom around the globe, those words ring as true today as when they were uttered nearly two centuries ago. With 1.37 million active duty military personnel serving around the world and 1.28 million more waiting in the wings on standby and ready reserve, it is clear that our nation is poised to defend the liberty we love.

National defense has always been one of my top priorities. Not only because I believe our democratic system is the best in the world, but also because I understand the need to bolster diplomacy with military might.

As we are engaged in a global war on terror and tensions spark around the world, it is important for the United States military to maintain a strong, capable force. Four times in the past 15 years we have attempted to streamline our military through the appointment of a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) commission, chartered to recommend the elimination or realignment of unneeded bases.

To gauge your opinion on base closures, I posed the following question in my survey: "The Pentagon has announced another round of military closures in 2005. Because a round of base closures riddled with mistakes could be more costly than no closures at all, I believe we need to have a good idea of force structure for the future before closing bases. What are your views?"

I received many pointed replies to that question from civilians and military personnel alike. A full 40 percent of the responses I received agreed that the Pentagon should be required to outline a 20-year military strategy before closure decisions are made.

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



Twenty-seven percent of respondents felt the decision must consider the impact of closures on homeland security and local economies. The remainder were split evenly between closing no bases at all and going forward with the process.

One Texan from Winnie said, "Too much politics has been involved in closures; bases that are set up to do a job should not be closed and money then used to get another base ready to do the same job." I couldn't agree more. It has been my experience that there can be unintended consequences when we miscalculate future needs for military bases. First, I have seen bases closed and dismantled, only to later realize their missions have again become relevant to U.S. military operations. Second, I have not seen estimates ever come close to the true cost of closing a base. How can we best avoid the missteps of the last round of base closures?

The fate of Reese Air Force Base in Texas is an excellent example of a base closure that the commission said looked good on paper, but it turned out to be a costly mistake. Reese was one of the Air Force's premier sites for entry-level pilot training, but an Air Force analyst decided there were adequate training facilities available elsewhere. Reese was closed. Today, the Air Force is experiencing a serious shortfall in training spaces for new pilots and is desperately trying to reestablish training sites on other bases. Everyone involved now agrees that Reese never should have been closed.

Another egregious example can be found in the 1995 BRAC decision to convey Fort Chaffee to the local community. The small, rural town of Barling, Arkansas was

charged with the impossible task of turning Fort Chaffee, pockmarked with more than 700 lead paint and asbestos-laden World War II-era buildings, into an economic asset for the community. It couldn't be done. The Pentagon may have saved money with the closure, but it saddled a small town with an expensive, environmentally hazardous burden. Similar closures have resulted in the same devastating impact all over the country. As incoming chair of the Senate Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee, I believe we must operate not only with our national security interests in mind but also with good business sense. Rather than waste millions of dollars on ill-fated closures, we should spend that money building better housing and more facilities for the men and women of the military, purchasing better technology and equipment, and paying our personnel for the difficult job we are asking them to do.

As we begin the 108th Congress, I will make it a top priority to ensure that we carefully and thoughtfully assess troop strength and future military needs before closing bases. When the time is right, we must have a well-defined, transparent process that is conducted fairly and in the open.

As we wage this war on terrorism we must heed the words of Daniel Webster because our liberty is at stake. We must support the President and give him the resources he needs to ensure victory in this great battle. And we must make sure that our men and women who proudly serve in the U.S. military have every tool and resource they need to win this war. Before we make any decisions to close another base, we must keep these objectives in mind.

Orange alert? What the heck do I do?



Jim Hightower

Is it possible that Tom Ridge doesn't actually exist, that he's really just an actor from "Saturday Night Live" doing a parody of himself, or that maybe he's even a computerized animatron created by Disney?

Real or not, Ridge is our current Homeland Security Czar, and it's a hoot to watch him furrow his brow, purse his lips and, in a deep and solemn voice, make absolutely silly pronouncements about how his agency is Johnnie-on-the-spot to alert us to any terrorist threat and to make us safe from al Qaida evil-doers.

Who does he think he's kidding?

Maybe Congress, which is putting up a \$37 billion-a-year facade called the Department of Homeland Security. The main security that it provides is for politicians so they can pretend that they've done something to protect us.

The core of DHS's terrorism warning system, however, is nothing more than a kindergarten-level, color-coded threat barometer. At present, says Ridge with a straight face, we're at yellow. But, he explains, still deadpan: There are yellows and there are yellows:

"We are at the upper end of that [yellow] range. Depending on the information we have available we could, down the road, raise it to orange."

There. Feel safe? What the hell is he talking about? Do we hide under the bed, get in the closet, flee to the woods ... what? We're the richest, most-powerful, most technologically-advanced nation on earth, and all we get is this dour-faced caricature of a Homeland Czar occasionally popping out like some bird from a cuckoo clock, saying: Warning citizens, it's a mauve Monday.

How about something a bit more descriptive? Willie Nelson says he once went to a doctor to get his thumb treated, and as the procedure began, the doc warned that there'd be some pain. Wait, said Willie, is this going to be "grit-your-teeth" pain, or "wet-your-pants" pain?

Let's boot Ridge and hire Willie! I believe he'd take the job for less than \$37 billion ... and he might even sing the warnings to us.



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S&W to provide ambulance here

By TIM FLEISCHER
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen, at their Dec. 19 meeting, authorized the mayor to execute a lease agreement and sign a contract with Scott & White Hospital to provide ambulance service to the area.

The city will house the ambulance in a structure it built on the grounds of the Municipal Building on Stagecoach Rd. The city will also house the two-man crews to operate the ambulance in the Municipal Building.

Currently, the city office and police department are housed in the Municipal Building. The board of aldermen, comprehensive Plan steering committee and municipal court all meet in the building, as well.

Rick Ashe told aldermen that he hopes that Scott & White will take over the ambulance service by Dec. 30.

The contracts and lease agreement are being reviewed by the city's attorney a final time before being signed and executed by Mayor Charlotte Douglass.

Ashe told the board that issues of "first responder authority" have been adequately addressed with the Salado Volunteer Fire Department, with which the city contracts to provide emergency response.

In other business, Mayor Douglass reported to the board that the Village must repay some \$11,312 in sales tax revenues that were wrongly collected.

The sales tax was collected, reported and paid by two businesses -- Country Boy's Food Mart and Cowboys Barbecue -- lying within the extra territorial jurisdiction of Salado. The two businesses were part of a list of businesses that the State Comptroller directed to collect the one percent local sales tax when voters approved the levy in a May 2001 election.

Businesses within the Village of Salado began collecting the sales tax in July 2001 and the state paid the first rebate to the city government in September 2001.

The two businesses have collected, reported and paid the sales tax ever since. Mayor Douglass told aldermen that when she reviewed a detailed report from the Comptroller, she discovered that the taxes were being paid by busi-

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nesses lying outside the city limits.

According to Douglass, the city must pay those funds back to the state.

"We can do it one lump sum, or spread it over a few months," she said.

"What really hurts is that it will be \$700 to \$800 a month in sales tax that we will no longer be getting," she said.

Aldermen discussed approaching the businesses to ask if they would request being annexed into the Village of Salado.

As a general law city, Salado cannot annex property without a request from the property owner. Home rule cities, such as Belton and Temple, can annex property at-will.

Aldermen will consider adopting a health and

sanitation ordinance in January. The ordinance deals with issues of rubbish, overgrown weeds and grasses and maintenance of property.

The board may consider the Health and Sanitation Ordinance, a 13-page document, as early as its Jan. 2 meeting. The ordinance provides for criminal and civil fines, as well as enforcement of the codes expressed in the document.

The sanitation requirements of the ordinance lay out the following responsibilities for tenants/property owners of property within the Village:

• "Fill, drain or regulate any hole or place which contains stagnant water, an unwholesome condition, or any other condition that

may produce disease, as provided by Texas Health and safety code section 342.001."

• "Keep any building, establishment, or ground free of filth, carion, refuse, rubbish or other impure or unwholesome matter, as provided by Texas Health and Safety Code section 342.002."

• "Build, make, fill, alter, repair, clean, disinfect, maintain and regulate on-site sewage facilities, sewers, private sewage systems, and privies in accordance with the laws, regulations and requirements of Bell County, Texas, and the State of Texas, as provided by Texas Health and Safety Code section 342.002."

In other business, Mayor Douglass reported that city

expenditures are about \$19,000 less than budgeted through November and revenues are slightly higher than budgeted for the first two months of the fiscal year.

Aldermen also approved the organizational chart for city employees and elected officials.

Aldermen will meet again Jan. 2.

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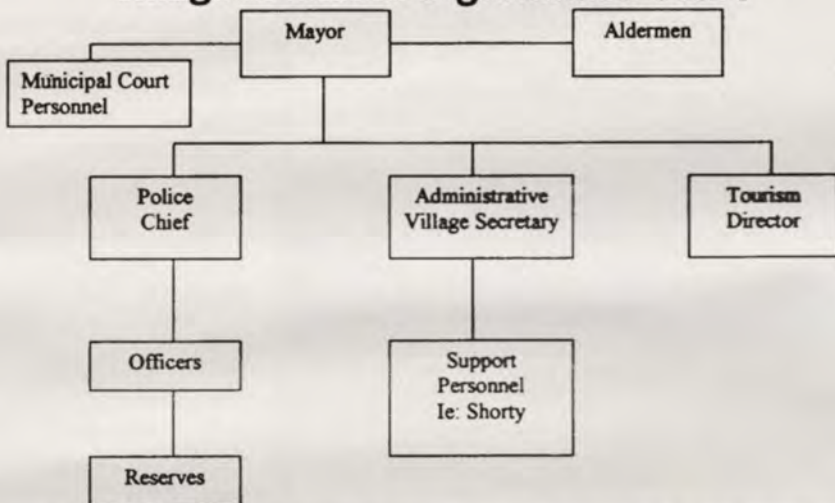
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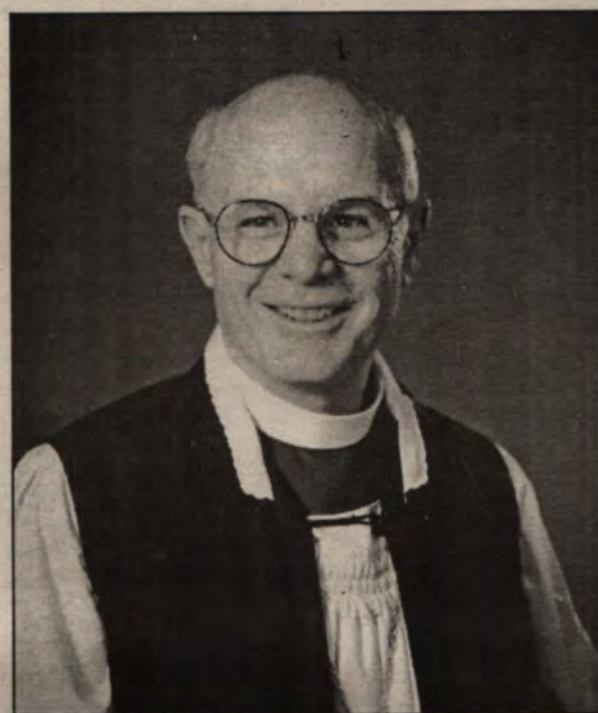


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The Right Reverend Claude E. Payne

Bishop of Texas is celebrant at Christmas Eve mass at St. Joseph's chapel

The Right Reverend Claude E. Payne will be the Celebrant at Christmas Eve Mass 8:30 p.m. Dec. 24 at Salado's St. Joseph's Chapel on N. Main St.

Dr. Payne is the Bishop of the Diocese of Texas. He holds B.A. and B.S. degrees from Rice University, a Master of Divinity from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and Doctorate of Divinity from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (1988) and D.D. from the University of the South (1995).

The Rt. Reverend Payne is Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. He was rector of St. Mark's in Beaumont and St. Martin's in Houston, totaling 25 years.

Dr. Payne has been on the Board of the Episcopal Presiding Bishop's Fund for World relief and is a trustee of the University of the South in Sewanee, TN.

He chairs the Boards of St. Luke's Episcopal Health System, which includes St. Luke's Hospital and Episcopal Health Charities; Episcopal High School in Houston, St. Stephens Episcopal School in Austin.

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He is the President of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and Co-chair of Houston's Promise.

A native of Abilene, Dr. Payne earned a chemical engineering degree from Rice University and was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus.

He served two years active duty in the U.S. Army.

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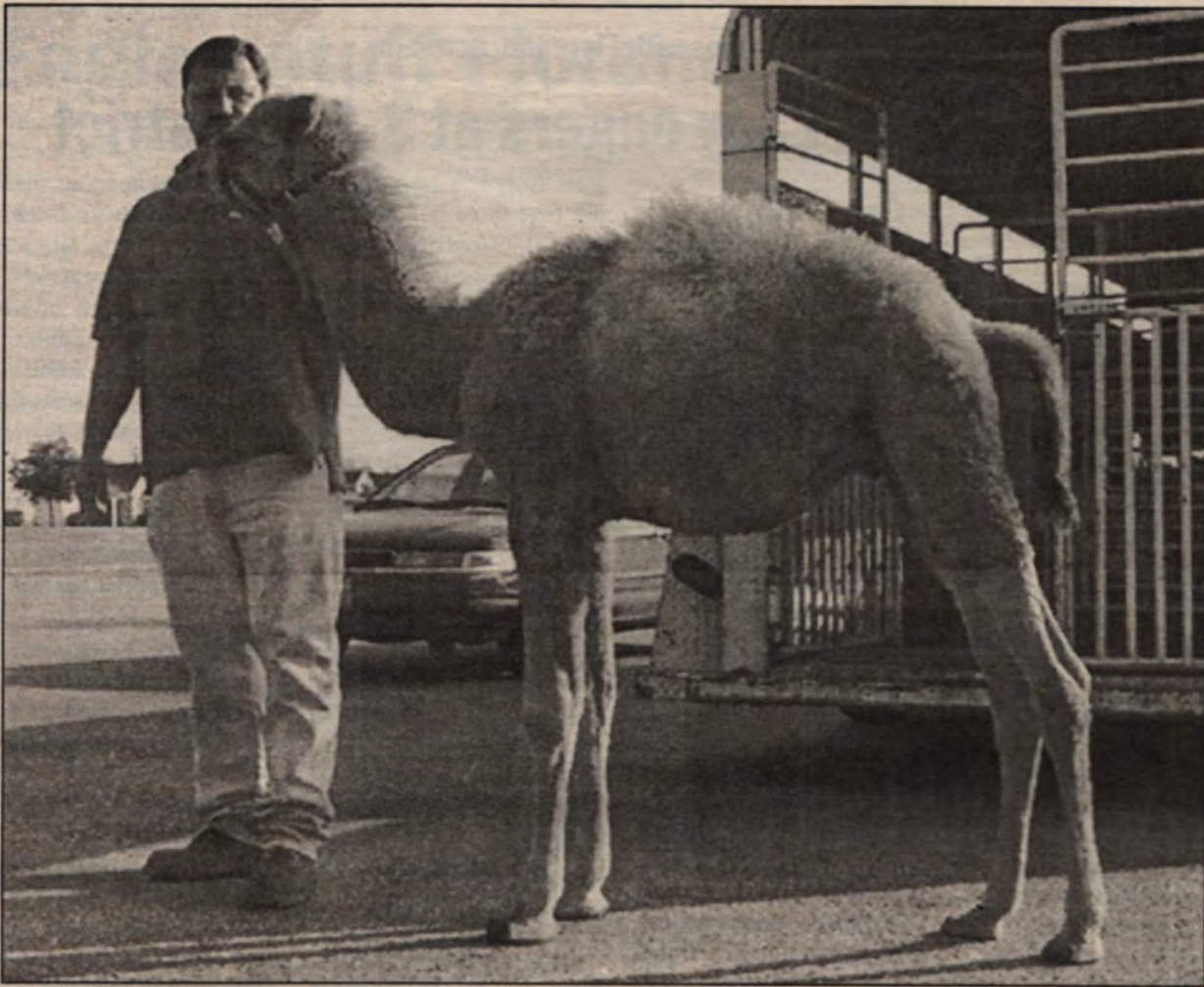
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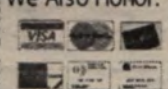
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Girls split games with Florence, Academy

Lady cagers at 3-1 in district

Salado Lady Eagles beat Florence Dec. 20 to stay in the heat of the District race, even though they lost to Academy Dec. 17.

Salado scored 25 points in the fourth quarter of their game with Academy, but fell short, trailing 17-26 at the half.

Salado trailed by as much as 18 points at the end of the third quarter, when Academy scored 15 points and held the lady Eagles to six points.

Jenny Goode and Meagan Joiner led the fourth quarter onslaught, scoring seven points each during the period.

Laramie Jackson led the girls with 13 points, eight in the second half.

Joiner followed with 12 points, including two three-pointers.

Goode also had double figures with 11 points, six coming from outside the arch.

Also scoring for Salado were Lauren Mewhinney and Lindsey Pruitt, six points each.

Salado scored more

than 20 points in each of the first three quarters in their 79-39 rout of the Florence Lady Buffs.

Five girls also scored double figures for the team, as the Lady Eagles improved to 3-1 in district and 11-7 on the year.

Goode led the squad with 19 points. She shot five three points on the night and was perfect at the charity stripe.

Joiner had four shots from outside the arch, scoring 14 points on the night.

Pruitt scored 11 of her 13 points in the first half of the game.

Jackson added 12 points and Brennan Joiner scored eight of her 10 points in the fourth quarter.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Brittany Boydston, seven points, and Mewhinney, four points.

Salado JV Lady Eagles improved to 14-5 on the year with wins over Florence and Academy last week.

The JV Lady Eagles stung Academy 33-14 Dec.

17 before stampeding the Florence Lady Buffs 37-22 Dec. 20.

The game against Academy was not much of a game as the Lady Eagles jumped out to a 13-5 half-time lead. The girls scored 12 points in the third quarter, while Academy added six.

Joshanna Washburn led the squad with 12 points, 10 of them in the second half.

Elizabeth Dunlap followed with eight points.

Kelcie Smith had seven points. Lacey Bartlett, Lauren Hogwood and Nicole Weatherly all had two points.

The girls beat Florence Dec. 20 37-22, allowing the Lady Buffs to score 10 points in the final quarter.

Dunlap had 12 points to lead the girls, 10 of them in the first half.

Washburn had 11 points to follow. Smith scored seven points, Kate Marshall had four points and Weatherly had three points for Salado.

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Eagles stuff Florence, Academy

Salado Eagles varsity basketball team opened district play with two big wins last week over Florence and Academy.

Salado beat Academy 58-46, after trailing by four at the end of the first. The Eagles overtook Academy in the second quarter 30-25 and led by six at the end of the third period 40-34.

Matt Caskey was six of eight from the charity stripe in the fourth period as Salado stretched its lead to the final 58-46. Caskey was the high-point man with 16 for the night, including two three pointers.

Blake Mascari and Josh Wright followed with 14 points each. Also scoring for Salado were Jerrod Whitfield, nine points, Matt Jennings, four points, and Cody Quirk, one point.

Salado thrashed the Florence Buffs 62-47 Dec. 20 to improve their record to 10-5 overall and 2-0 in district play.

Jumping out to a com-



Salado Eagle Devon Dunn stuffs a Florence Buffalo's shot during the Eagles 62-47 win Dec. 20. Salado is 2-0 in district and 10-5 on the year.

(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

manding lead of 20-6 in the first quarter, Salado never looked back. They led 37-20 at the half and

52-37 at the end of the third quarter.

Devon Dunn and Mascari had 19 points each in

the lopsided win. Caskey had nine points in the effort, Whitfield had eight and Wright had seven.

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FINANCIAL

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By: ALLEN MANTANONA

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Approach fitness as an evolution, or growth and

change, in your lifestyle and attitude toward exercise. Throughout each month take a step to incorporate fitness more and more into your life, and by year's end, exercise will be no sweat.

January: Don't allow TV, magazines or other people to pressure you into beginning any exercise program you're not comfortable with. Start off your year by consulting with your physician or fitness professional to set SAFE exercise goals and routines.

February-March: By now you may be getting too comfortable with the program that was designed for you. It's time to renew your vows to stay consistent and keep progressing! Try new classes and exercises, don't get bored.



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May your New Year be filled with every grace and blessing, and much prosperity. As always, it has been our pleasure to serve you this year. We look forward to helping you again in the future!

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Newspaper will be closed for Christmas, New Year's

Salado Village Voice newspaper office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The newspaper will also have special ad deadline for the Jan. 1 (New Year's) issues.

The office will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec.

31-Jan. 1. The deadline for the New Year's Issue will be 5 p.m. Thursday Dec. 26.

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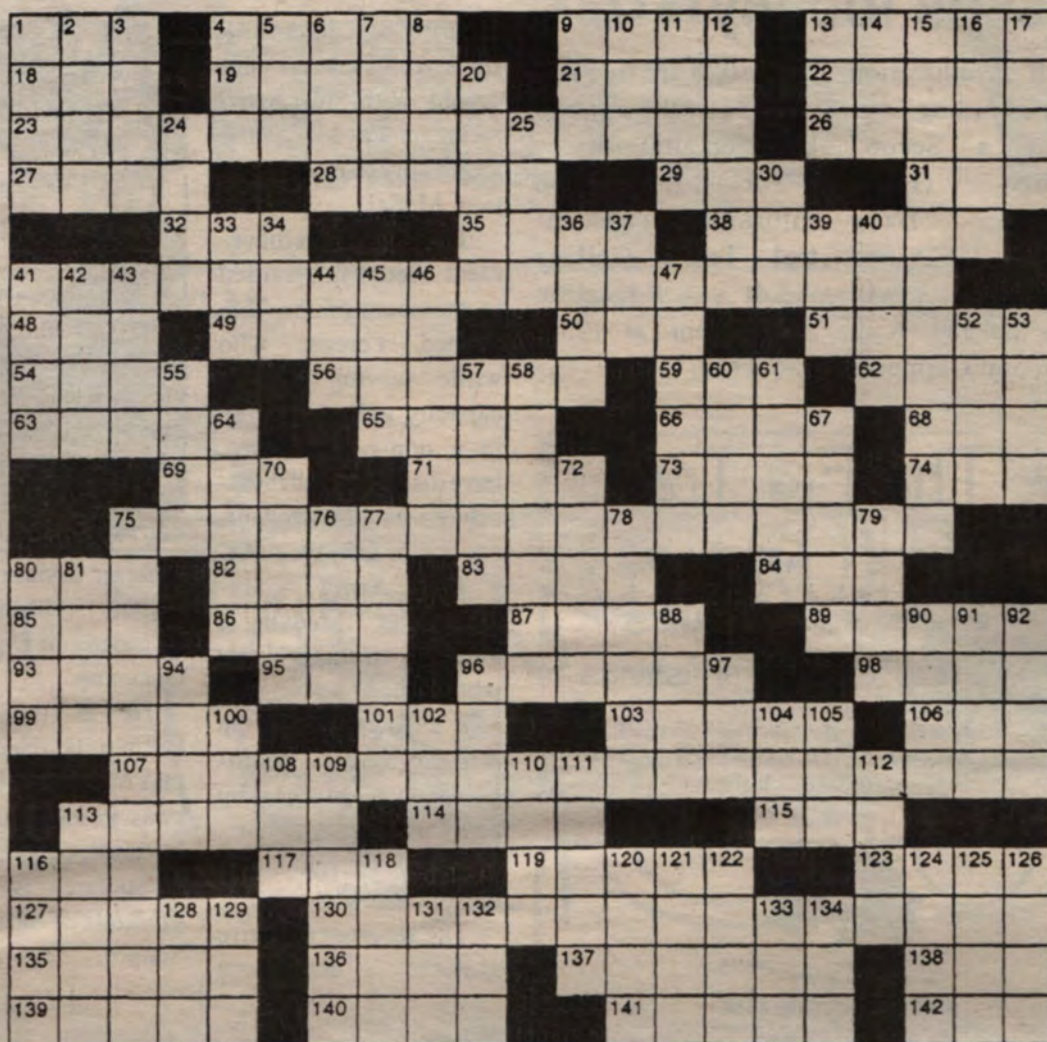
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13 Loudly, to Liszt
18 Spud bud
19 Propped (up)
21 Author Murdoch
22 Menotti title character
23 Over-laundered muumuu?
26 Aquarium fish
27 Viscount's better
28 Walked off with
29 Baby beagle
31 Noun suffix
32 Objective
35 Lose luster
38 One of the Sopranos
41 Embarrassed late-night host?
48 Humble abode
49 Hawke of "Training Day"
50 Start to cry?
51 Pageant prop
54 Jack of "Rio Lobo"

56 Dicta
59 Seek change?
62 Coasted
63 Cock and bull
65 Sup in style
66 "Rule Britannia" composer
68 Call — day
69 Fill in
71 — Scotia
73 Sculptor Bernini
74 Snead or Spiegel
75 Tarzan the Studious?
80 Ingot
82 Airhead
83 Fruit-tree spray
84 Biol. or chem.
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86 Art deco designer
87 Sicilian volcano
89 Humble abode
93 Gershwin heroine
95 Wordless greeting
96 "Every — You Take" ('83 hit)
98 Cheer competitor
99 Singer John
101 Organ of equilibrium

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106 Singer Barry
107 Undecided activists?
113 Roman writer
114 Hit hard
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116 It may be fake
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127 Come in
130 Good source of minerals?
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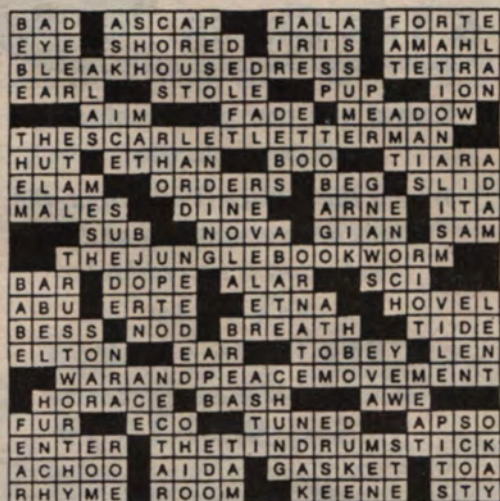
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6 Dove sounds
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12 Take for granted
13 Too big for one's breeches?
14 Doolittle's digs
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16 Hurl
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20 Dutch pottery
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33 Cover the cake
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42 A shake in the grass?
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64 Kid stuff?
67 Methuselah's dad
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72 Subside
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76 As many as
77 Essential
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90 Offensive
91 Churchill's successor
92 Time to give up
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Sgt. Buckner awarded with 2 Army medals

Army Sgt. Jeremy G. Buckner has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

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The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to individuals who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, have distinguished themselves by acts of heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service.

The sergeant is a wire systems equipment



Sgt. Jeremy Buckner

repairer assigned to the 596th Maintenance Company in Darmstadt, Germany.

He is the son of Bobbie L. Buckner of Oakmont Circle, Morgans Point, and Bonnie V. Smith of Salado.

Buckner is a 1996 graduate of Salado High School.

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Historical Society places time capsule

The Village of Salado Historical Society, in commemoration of Salado's sesquicentennial year, has sealed a time capsule. Scheduled for opening in the year 2052, the capsule has been placed for public viewing at the Civic Center in one of the Historical Room display cases.

Maurice Carson, a member of the Historical Society, was chairman of the time capsule committee. Carson designed and built the project and also took the lead in gathering up the hundreds of documents and other items that have been sealed in the capsule.

The time capsule consists of two units. Most of the documents and smaller articles were placed inside a section of 6" PVC water pipe. After sealing, the capsule was evacuated of air and refilled with dry nitrogen. The inert nitrogen will preserve the paper items and will prevent deterioration due to the passage of time. The second unit, an oak box, houses the sealed capsule and also has a separate compartment for nondegradable and larger items. Oak was chosen because it reminded Carson of strength, character, and integrity, all characteristics he associates with Salado.

Several hundred items, mostly articles and other



Maurice Carson

various documents, were collected and categorized according to the following subjects:

- Churches
- History
- Tablerock Amphitheater
- Service Organizations
- Salado Independent School District
- Guides and Maps
- Buildings and Landmarks
- People
- Civic Organizations
- Government
- Village Voice Front Pages
- Events
- Businesses
- Bed and Breakfasts

Carson said he and the

committee tried to include materials that would present a snapshot of Salado in the year 2002. Anything that would help future generations understand what life in Salado was like in the year 2002 was included. Some of the major items include: (a) membership lists, histories and statistical records of several of the churches, (b) a list of all historical markers in Salado, (c) Tablerock theater programs for 2002, (d) annual reports from the service organizations, school district, and civic organizations, (e) Salado ISD school annual on a CD, (f) business map and calendar of events, (g) digital pictures of all the business

buildings and Salado landmarks in both hard copy and on a CD, (h) membership lists of civic organizations, (i) portraits of all Salado employees, (j) 2002 Village Voice front pages, (k) Lion's club phone book, and (l) brochures from many of the businesses.

A complete inventory list was placed inside the capsule and another list was attached to the outside. Permanent copies of the inventory are available for public use in the Salado Public Library, the Bell County Museum and the Lena Armstrong Library in Belton.

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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.

Saturdays

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

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DEC. 27-29

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JANUARY 13

Young Authors Program Jackie Mills will spend time with Salado 4th graders helping them write a play.

FEBRUARY 8-9

Salado Legends Auditions 2:30 p.m. at Tablerock's backstage room.

MARCH 17

7th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament to benefit Tablerock. Mill Creek Golf Course, \$60 entry fee. Tee off at 1 p.m.

MARCH 22

Tablerock's 2nd Annual Invitational Music Festival. 4-10 p.m. \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.

APRIL 5-6

Wildflower Art Show

APRIL 12

Tablerock's 8th Annual Gospel Festival 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. \$5 adults and \$3 children under 12.

APRIL 18 - 20

Easter Pageant at Tablerock presented by First Baptist Church of

Salado. 8:15 p.m.

MAY 10

4th grade play TAE students. 7:30 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3 children.

JUNE 21-22

A Midsummer Night's Dream Auditions 2:30 p.m. at Tablerock's backstage room.

JULY 19, 26, AUG. 2

Salado Legends Dinner at 7:15 p.m., \$8 adult or child. Theater at 8:15 p.m., \$15 adult and \$5 child.

AUGUST 2-3

37th Annual Salado Art Fair

SEPTEMBER 11

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OCTOBER 10-11

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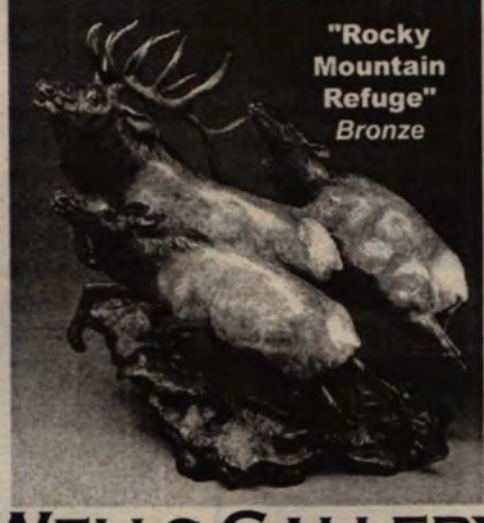
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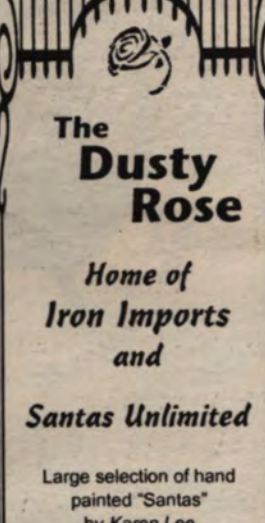


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Despite this season of joy and thanksgiving, this can be a very troubling and sad time for many young residents of Bell County. Bell County has a

tragic and immense problem with child abuse and neglect. Approximately 2% of the entire states confirmed cases of child abuse/neglect came from Bell County. There are more than 250 counties that contribute to this statistic including cities of great proportion such as Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. Of the counties that are comparable in child population, Bell County had the highest rate of child abuse. Approximately 10 out of 1,000 of our child will be neglected, brutalized or sexually molested. That is significantly higher than the state average of 7.2 per 1,000 children.

This is where The Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas Inc. (the Center) and the Junior League of Bell County (JLBC) step in. In 2001, the Junior League of Bell County (JLBC) voted to adopt the Center as their signature project. The JLBC and the Center are working hand in hand

for the benefit of children in Bell County. One of the ways that the JLBC works with the Center is providing proceeds for its New Year's Eve Charity Celebration.

This year's "A Nite at the Races" will be held at the Bell County Expo Center, Assembly Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 31. Advance tickets are \$40 and tickets at the door will be \$45. Other ticket information is available at www.JLBC.net or by calling 770-0610.

The event will feature live betting on pre-recorded horse races, and other games, such as Black Jack and Craps. Tickets at the door may be exchanged for \$25 play money, to be used with the games and for betting. Music for the party will be provided by Tommy D and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be catered

by Market Street Café. There will be exciting special events, including a drawing and silent auction. There will be complimentary champagne at midnight. A cash bar will be available. Free sodas and bottled water will be available for designated drivers.

All proceeds will go to the Center. The Center provides a collaborative investigative effort involving law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, and medical and mental health services to recognize the pain and reduce the trauma for victims of child abuse. They are a non-profit organization created to minimize the trauma of child abuse victims. Its purpose is to provide a multi-disciplinary agency to facilitate the prevention, detection, investigation and treatment of child abuse. The Center serves abused children and their families by professionals dedicated to helping people.

The JLBC is also working with the Center to develop a program for child abuse prevention and safety entitled "We Help Ourselves" (WHO). JLBC is assisting with the financial support and volunteers to get WHO established in Central Texas. The Mental Health Association of Greater Dallas developed the WHO program in 1981. Since its creation, over 2000 volunteers and professionals served over

119,000 children in the North Texas regions.

There are 182 WHO programs currently established, 133 programs in Texas.

The trained JLBC volunteers will present the WHO program in Central Texas schools. The curriculum will be age appropriate materials for grades K-12 focused on the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

The Junior League of Bell County has been a member of the Association of Junior Leagues, International for 15 years. The first Junior League was created in New York, NY over 100 years ago. Every Junior League in the Association shares the same mission statement: Is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Association reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

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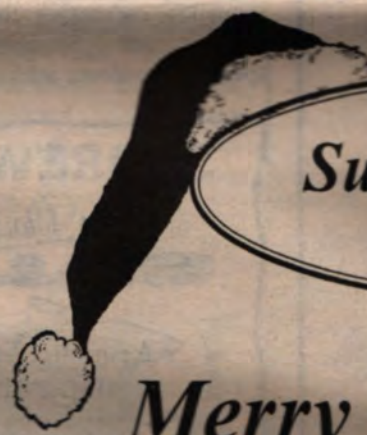
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Salado ISD is topic of discussion

By **ASHLEY SMITH**
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Robin Battershell, Superintendent of Salado Independent School District, addressed the Salado Rotary Club on Dec. 17 about issues facing Salado schools. With her, she brought brochures and paperwork from the district and the state of Texas to inform the Rotarians of changes, as well as improvements, taking place within the school district.

"We are up a lot," Battershell said about the district's population, "we've had a huge growth this year." Last year, the school district had a total of 952 students within the three schools, and this year the total is at about 1,052 students.

Currently, the school board is looking very closely at where and what its next building will be. The question is, "Will it be a high school, middle school, or elementary school?" The board is also checking very closely into pieces of property, approximately 30 to 50 acres, in which to purchase for the newest planned facility.

Dr. Battershell shared that the Hispanic population has grown 200 percent in Salado, consequently increasing the number of Spanish-speaking students within

the Salado Independent School District. "We also have three French students this year," she said, "so, the school district is changing."

Salado schools are financially very stable. They have purchased two new buses this year and are planning on purchasing two new ones next year. According to Battershell, the bus routes in Salado are "huge."

"We missed being an exemplary school district by four-tenths of a point in writing," Battershell explained. Although the district was a TEA Recognized District, Salado High School was an exemplary school in 2002. She also shared that the districts' goal is to move beyond simply being a recognized district into the exemplary category in years to come.

About two months ago, an article came out in Texas Monthly magazine that ranked Texas school districts, utilizing a star system. Salado ISD was given two stars out of five possible stars. "We were rated against schools that are considered wealthy," Battershell said. She explained that most of the school districts included in the survey were from the wealthy parts of Houston and Austin, "a whole different world." Battershell explained to the Rotarians that Salado is a



Dr. Robin Battershell, Superintendent of Salado ISD

PHOTO BY ASHLEY SMITH

different kind of community. "We are sort of rural and we are sort of urban."

The TAKS test is replacing the TAAS test this spring in the Salado school district. "TAKS is supposed to test on higher level thinking skills, and I expect our test scores to go down." Although that may be true, Battershell is confident that the students will adjust to the new test and scores will improve in future years. "I don't think there's anything wrong with raising the standards."

Within the last year religion in schools has come up as a common issue. The state of Texas

rule on religion in schools is to allow equal opportunity, meaning offering an open microphone at football games coupled with a moment of silence. There is to be no isolated prayer to one god, or entity. "Whether people like it or not, separation of church and state is the law - a constitutional right."

As far as the future of the school district is concerned, Battershell said, "You are going to see growth." With the addition of new subdivisions in Salado, there will be an increase in population, as well as a new facility within the next three to five years.

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Texas Commission on Volunteerism & Community Service seeks nominations for Governor's Volunteer awards

The Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service is seeking nominations of exceptional volunteers in Texas communities to be recognized at the 20th Annual Governor's Volunteer awards.

Individuals may nominate themselves in one of 11 award categories, including these: youth, adult, senior, family, group, small business, corporate,

volunteer manager/administrator, media, national services a category representing a lifetime of achievement, the Lonestar Achievement Award.

Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 donation to their charity of choice courtesy of HEB. recipients will be honored at a recognition ceremony in Austin on May 1 during

National Volunteer Week.

During the upcoming holiday season when community, family and giving are important, nominate a person or organization that you admire for their service to others. For more information or to download a nomination form, visit www.txserve.org or call the Governor's Volunteer Awards Hotline at 512-475-4432.

Forms must be received by 5 p.m. Dec. 31.

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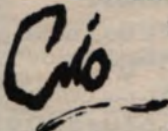
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During recent Court of Honor

Local Scouts promoted

Salado Boy Scout Troop 115 promoted several scouts during a Court of Honor Dec. 17 at the Salado United Methodist Church, where the troop meets on a regular basis.

During the ceremony, scouts were promoted to new ranks and presented with merit badges they have earned in recent months.

Jake Bradshaw was promoted to Second Class and presented with the Citizenship in the Nation and Computers merit badges.

Bryan Corbitt was awarded with Citizenship in the World, Climbing, Fingerprinting and Personal Management badges. He was also promoted to Star rank.

Gavin Radebaugh was presented the Electricity, Engineering, Fingerprinting, Personal Management and Reptile/Amphibian badges.

Gene Radebaugh was promoted to Second Class



Salado Boy Scouts receiving promotions and merit badges at the Dec. 17 Court of Honor are shown above. They are (from left) Royce Wiggan, Gavin Radebaugh, Bryan Corbitt, Michael Tracy, Gene Radebaugh, Jake Bradshaw and Jon Spinks. Not shown is Aaron Woodruff. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

rank and given the Citizenship in the Nation and Computers merit badges.

Jon Spinks earned the Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Computers, Reptile/Amphibian merit badges and was promoted

to Second Class rank.

Michael Tracy earned the Climbing and Personal Management badges.

Royce Wiggan was promoted to Star rank and earned the Citizenship in the World and Personal Management badges.

Aaron Woodruff earned the Art, Citizenship in the Nation and the Reptile/Amphibian badges. He was also promoted to Second Class. Woodruff was absent from the meeting.

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Some end of the year musings

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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I was in Europe during the era of The Ugly American. A book by that name told us how American we looked and acted overseas. We didn't bother to learn the language of the country we were visiting, we wore only American clothing and sought out the food and places that most resembled America.

I try to eat native food and learn languages and generally blend in when I visit a foreign country so

I can learn a little about it. I was taught to respect differences. Some of the places I've visited are very different.

I've not been to Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Iran or Iraq. Right now I think it would be hard for me to appreciate the differences in those countries. I don't understand Bin Laden. He is a capitalist, yet he says he hates capitalism. He thinks he's following God by killing innocent people and destroying our buildings, factories, schools, stores, and service industries. What do you want, Osama? Why do you feel such a strong urge to conquer? Would you really be happy if all the people in the US believed as you do? I don't think so. Why is your degree of hate beyond measure? What have we done to you?

Here, most Americans are involved with taking care of our families. We

generously reach out to feed the hungry, heal the sick, give comfort to the troubled and bring hope to the poor. We encourage education and teach our children to aspire to lives of accomplishment.

Why do you teach your children to hate us? Are you jealous of what we have? I can understand that. I don't understand why there is murder in your heart. Not since Hitler have we seen such hate. And your desire is to surpass what he did. Have you ever heard of live and let live?

You have not succeeded in making us afraid. You've just made us mad. Once we know who our enemy is, we can fight. You are our enemy, Osama.

And we are fighting you. There's no sense trying to reason with you. There's no reasoning with a crazy person. You won't

listen to anybody but your so-called voice of Allah that promises you a good time in heaven. You poor man. Killing people in the name of religion. Have you heard that murder is a sin?

Visit our schools and our nursing homes. There you will find young people filled with hope and old people who have had interesting lives of fulfillment. Instead of trying to see how many people you can kill, why don't you try to make your country come into the twenty-first century?

Have you ever lived as an American and experienced the life we have here? Have you felt our greatness? Seen our forests, our seashores, our sunsets? Have you ever had a Dr. Pepper and watched a rodeo? How many people are trying to get into your country?

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.

After-the-Holiday Dip

Michael Madison

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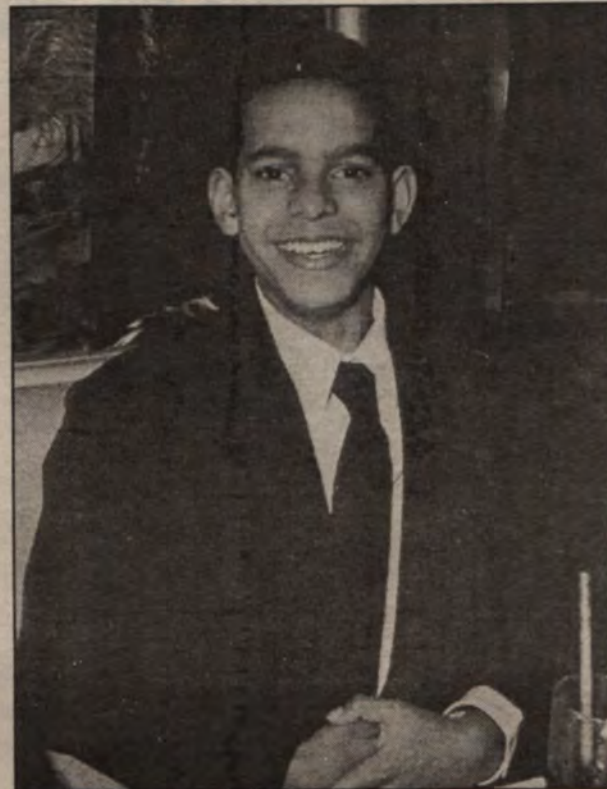
Woolard accepts job with USAA

John Ross Woolard III, son of John, Jr. and Susan Woolard, is a 1998 graduate of Salado High School. He graduated from Angelo State University Dec. 13, on the Dean's List, with a Bachelor of Science degree. He graduated with a 3.47 grade point average.

Woolard was a member of the Rams football team for five years. He played defensive tackle and red-shirted his freshman year. In 1999 and 2000, the team went to the Lone Star Conference. The Rams were

Champions in 1999 and co-Champions in 2000. He received athletic scholarships all five years of school and the Carr academic scholarship for two years.

Woolard was recruited by USAA in San Antonio and begins employment Jan. 20, 2003. USAA held interviews at Angelo State with selected graduates. Woolard was then invited to the USAA office in San Antonio for a second interview and orientation. He was offered a job and accepted it on Nov. 17.



Joshua Coleman, a 5th grader in Austin, wrote a poem about the events of September 11. He won first place at his school in a city-wide contest. The proud grandparents are Teresa and Al Toeber. The poem is entitled "Only One Man" and is as follows:

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Attorney General urges parents to pay child support

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott reminded parents that making regular child support payments is the most important thing they can do for their children during the holiday season and year-round.

"Children rely on child support to meet their basic needs. Many children who do not receive regular child support payments will go without during a holiday season that should be the most joyful time of year," said Attorney General Greg Abbott. "For those parents who are behind on their child support, perhaps the spirit of the season will soften their hearts to pay this month and throughout the new year."

One of the best gifts mothers and fathers can give their children is the knowledge that their parents care enough to pay child support. Children suffer the consequences of a parent's refusal to provide financial support by going without the basic necessities that each payment provides. Children also carry the emotional scars that result from a parent's indifference to their needs.

Parents have a moral and legal duty to make regular child support payments according to the requirements of the existing court order. The Attorney General's Child Support Division uses every available tool to

enforce a parent's legal obligation to pay child support. Parents who fall behind risk interception of income tax refunds, seizure of assets held in financial institutions and suspension of driver, professional and recreational licenses. The Attorney General's Office helps non-custodial parents who lack the ability to pay child support by referring them to job training and employment services.

The Attorney General's Child Support Division collected a record \$1.4 billion in child support during the state and fiscal year that ended Aug. 31. The Child Support Division handles more than 955,000 cases involving

one million children.

For more information about the Attorney General's Child 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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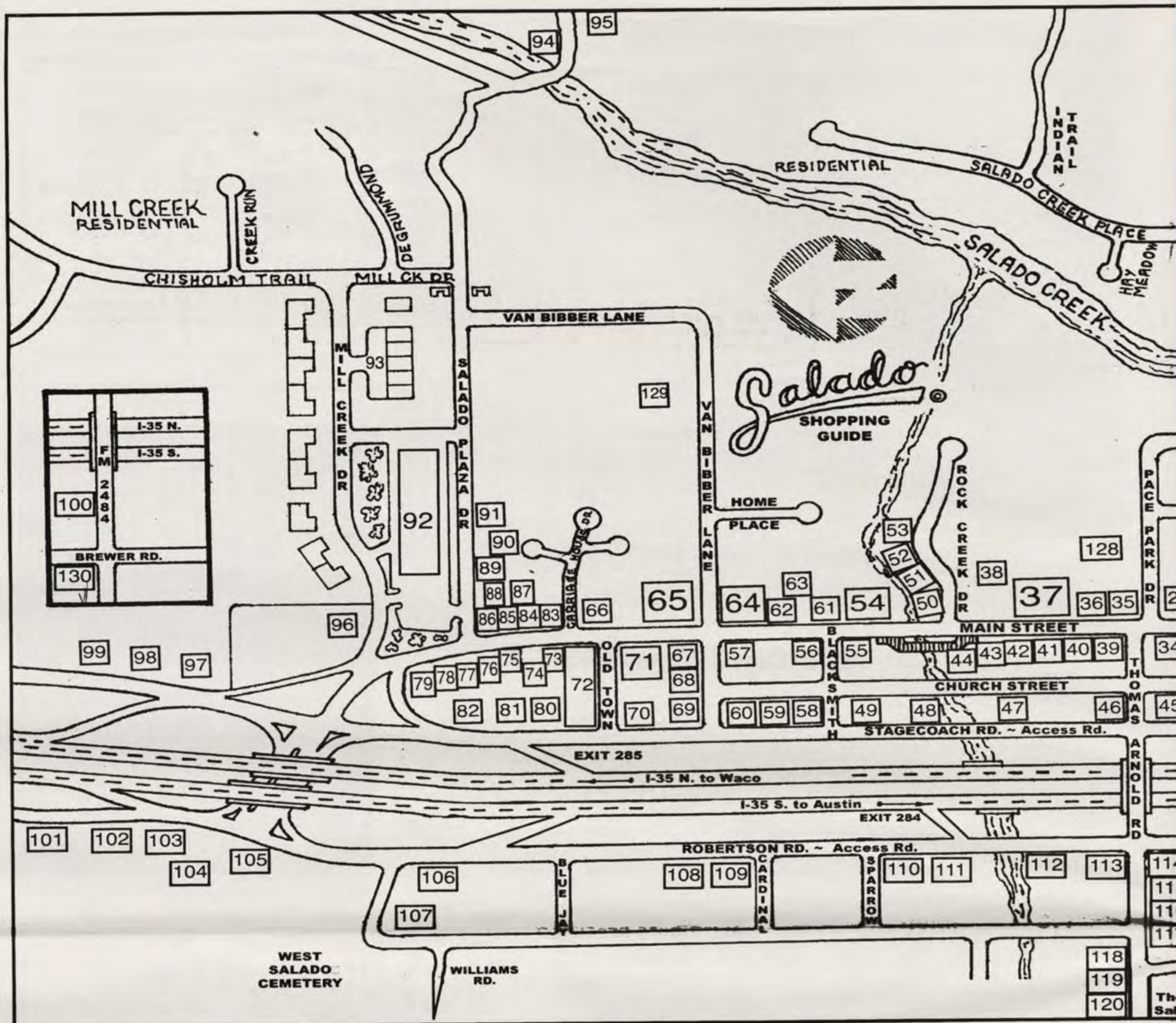
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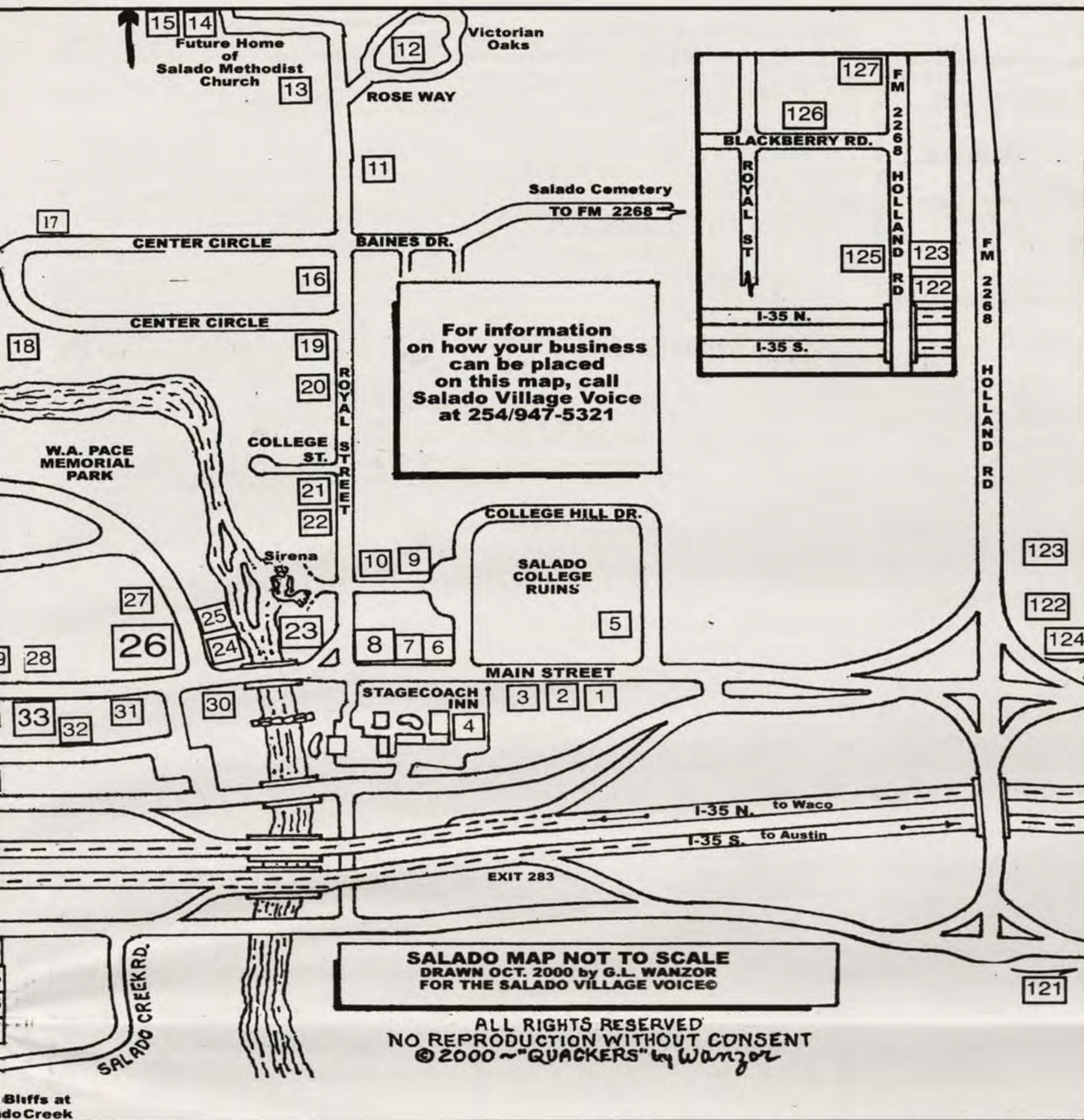
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By REBECCA KLEIN, CHAIRMAN,
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According to a recent statewide poll by the Center for Research and Public Policy, most Texans agree.

Nearly two out of three (64 percent) of the state's residential customers have a "very positive" or "somewhat positive" view of retail electric competition, up from 48.3 percent a year ago.

Other highlights of the poll include:

- Three out of four residents (75.3 percent) reported they were "very interested" (38.8 percent) or "somewhat interested" (36.5 percent) in choosing a retail electric provider.

- Among residential customers, 52 percent of those interviewed cited

"lower price" as the factor that might lead them to switch electric providers, while 29.5 percent cited "customer service." About 8 percent said "renewable energy" would be a factor that might lead them to change electric providers.

Texas lawmakers did a good job of building the competitive electric market. In areas open to competition, all customers have numerous offers available from competing electric providers, hundreds of millions of dollars have been saved on electric bills, and we've encouraged investment in new power plants and transmission lines.

Despite some bumps during the transition to competition, the Texas market is working.

You can choose among a variety of Retail Electric Providers, based on what is most important to you

- lower prices, enhanced customer service, even environmentally-friendly sources of power. Since the PUC continues to regulate the transmission and distribution of electricity, you can be assured the actual delivery of electricity will remain safe and reliable.

One measure of a successful market is the number of customers who shop. Latest numbers show that approximately 320,000 residential customers (roughly 6.5 percent) are now being served by a new electric provider.

Another way to measure success is by looking at the number of Retail Electric Providers that have entered the market. There are more than 25 active Retail Electric Providers operating in the Texas market, serving all classes of customers. Residential customers have between three and 11

offers from which to choose.

Perhaps the key measure of success is whether Texans are saving money. The answer is an unqualified yes - even without switching providers.

Residential customers in competitive areas of the state saved approximately \$900 million in the first year of competition compared to 2001.

Texans can save even more money by shopping for a new provider. A residential customer can expect to save an additional \$80 to \$165 dollars a year by switching to the lowest cost provider.

As we begin the second year of retail electric competition, I expect to see more customers enter the competitive market, more offers from Retail Electric Providers and even more enthusiasm for the good thing we have going in Texas.

First State Bank acquires five central Texas banks

First State Bank Central Texas announced on Dec. 13, that it completed the acquisition of five Central Texas banking offices from Coastal Banc, ssb, Houston, Texas. The newly acquired banking offices are located in

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Motorist need to move it

The Texas Department of Transportation's Waco District, in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement agencies, reminds motorists to "Move-It" for minor collisions on area highways. State law requires motorists to move their vehicles from freeway travel lanes to a safe location when there are no injuries requiring medical attention and when the vehicles can be safely moved.

Minor collisions when left in the travel lanes or ramps of freeways can

create dangerous situations. Motorists should check immediately after a minor collision to ensure that there are no serious injuries. If not, and vehicles can still be safely driven they should be moved out of the way to prevent blocking traffic. This can be done before exchanging information with other drivers involved in the crash.

"We are happy to be a partner with the DPS and local police departments in this effort to improve safety and traffic flow on the roadways. Safety of the motorist is always our primary

concern. Minor, non-injury traffic collisions when left on the highway can contribute to secondary collisions and significantly disrupt the flow of traffic. In addition, moving from the travel lane provides a far safer situation for motorists to exchange information," said Larry Colclasure, TxDOT's director of Traffic Operations in the Waco District.

"Motorists should always be concerned about their safety after a collision, especially one occurring on a busy roadway like I-35" said Trooper

Charlie Morgan with the Waco Regional Office of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "By moving their vehicles involved in minor collisions, motorists can help protect their own safety while helping to restore normal traffic flow to the highway faster."

TxDOT reminds motorists to buckle up, don't drink and drive and observe posted roadway warnings, as the holiday season will make for increased traffic on area roadways and ongoing construction improvements to I-35 will also make traffic more dense than usual.

Attorney General helps senior Texans

Attorney General Greg Abbott launched a new electronic "Senior Alert" bulletin and Web page as part of an initiative to provide senior Texans with fast, up-to-date warnings about the latest scams, schemes and other crimes against the elderly. The email Senior Alerts will be issued as soon as information is available.

"Timely access to information about consumer protection and crime prevention can be a useful tool in helping our seniors lead safe and satisfying lives," Abbott said. "I encourage children to send this information to their parents, and

I urge local governments and non-profit organizations to distribute this information through their senior citizen outreach activities."

Also, the Attorney General's web site at www.oag.state.tx.us adds a new "Senior Alert" interactive page where citizens can report scams that have happened to them or to others. This will enable the Attorney General's office, in turn, to issue Senior Alerts informing other senior Texans of such scams. It will also allow the Attorney General's office to take swifter action against the perpetrators

of scams.

"I want senior Texans to assist us by being the eyes and ears in their communities and letting my office know of scams as soon as they occur. Then, we can instantaneously share this information with other Texans," Abbott said.

The Attorney General's Office sends the alerts to assisted living facilities, Area Agencies on Aging, and other

advocates and interested parties. The Attorney General's website at www.oag.state.tx.us offers an automated secure subscription service to the free Alerts; subscriptions also are available by calling (800) 252-8011. Subscribers to the email alerts also will receive hard copies free of charge via U.S. Mail. Subscribers can choose to receive only the hard copies.

Crysallis Dance Company to open in Salado January 24

The Crysallis Dance Company is coming to Salado on January 24. They will conduct two day performances for students in grades 3-12 on Friday. On Friday evening, they will perform a

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Home for Todd and Sharon Schwenke

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mahogany stained cabinetry. A unique design element of the kitchen is the antique leaded glass door on the pantry which came from a home in England, complete with the original brass mail slot, house number and door bell.

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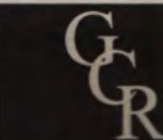
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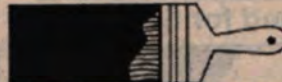


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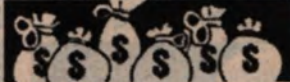
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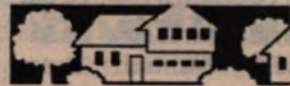
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Attention Golfers!! After a great day at Mill Creek, head home to this great location just across the street from the Pro-shop and pool. Roomy 2/2/2 car. See through wet bar dividing living and dining rooms. Patios and courtyards fenced east and west. Great price **\$135,000.**



Carriage House Estates - Architectural and interior design features! Stained glass windows, tumbled marble accent tile combined with beautiful wood & trims. Big master suite w/ study/sitting room, 9-12 pitch vaulted ceilings, offset lighting. **\$299,000.**

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Merry Christmas from Century 21 - Bill Bartlett



\$299,000 - A panoramic view of Stillhouse Hollow Lake is what you will enjoy if you choose this contemporary stucco with tin roof home on 6.5 acres. A separate BBQ/party house & a complete guest house.



\$159,800 - This home fronts #3 Fairway in Mill Creek. Patio home with an easy yard to maintain. 2 BR/2.5 bath. Oversized garage will accommodate a golf cart. Large open living, dining & kitchen. Light, open home.



\$236,500 - Looking for a home with a peaceful setting? This home with a wrap-around porch is situated on 11 acres completely fenced with a lit roping arena. Trees surround the home, leaving plenty of open pasture for horses. Wet weather creek on back of property gives the acreage character & beauty. 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA, 2 dining, and open kitchen make his home perfect for a couple or family. Two car carport & 4 car metal garage give plenty of room for hobbies, storage or equipment. Watch nature from the back deck overlooking an above ground pool. Large barn with stalls & hay storage.



\$129,000 - Lovely 3 BR, 2 BA custom home with tile countertops in Kitchen & Master Bath. Convenient to Killeen and Belton. Salado I.S.D.



Residential

- **\$59,999** - Well maintained and updated older home. Covered patio. Swimming pool.
- **\$75,500** - Brick home with fenced back yard and a covered back porch.
- **\$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 - **SOLD**.
- **\$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.
- **\$129,900** - 3 BR, 2 BA home at the entrance of Mill Creek. Master BR has sitting area.
- **\$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.
- **\$174,990** - 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.
- **\$197,800** - One story 3 Br, 2 BA ranch style on 1.6 acres, with dormers and long porches.
- **\$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.
- **\$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.
- **\$236,500** - 11 acres fenced with lit arena & barn. Two-story has wrap around porch.
- **\$237,890** - Split 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA, 2 DR, on shaded wooded lot. Possible bonus room upstairs.
- **\$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.
- **\$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.



\$259,000 - This home is a masterpiece in craftsmanship with an open family oriented plan. Granite kitchen countertops, internet wired HUB for networking. Custom cabinets, 1000' of ceramic tile. Extensive wood trim, designer lighting, plumbing fixtures & hardware. The professionally landscaped lot has a sprinkler system & backs up to a seasonal creek. 3 BR/2.5 BA, office.



\$162,500 - Heavily wooded lot in the middle of Mill Creek. View of Golf Course & creek from living room and deck. Large deck is surrounded by trees. 2 BR, 2 BA. Unique copper fireplace in living room adds flair to the home. Spiral staircase to upstairs BR is another interesting feature.



\$166,000 - This three year old custom home has a large open floor plan with lots of windows & light. Formal dining room with crown molding & corner fireplace. The Master BR is inviting with raised pan ceiling and a wall of windows. Generous Master BA with separate shower & tub. Landscaped yard is .68 acre. 3 BR/2 BA.



\$189,800 - Mill Creek home surrounded by large trees. Numerous updates in 1992. New hardwood floors. Very nice den with lots of built-ins. Family oriented floor plan. A spa-type bath, handicap accessible. Heated floors & towel bars. Luxury 2 person tub.

Commercial Property

- **\$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 Youngsfort. 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

- O.W. Lowrey - \$45,000
- 808 Mill Creek Dr. - \$30,000
- 700 Indian Trail - \$30,000
- 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
- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$65,000 to \$95,000

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Country Living at its best! This 3BR/2BA home on 6 acres with barn, storage shed and workshop features hardwood floors, 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, new roof. **\$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. ceilings **\$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.**



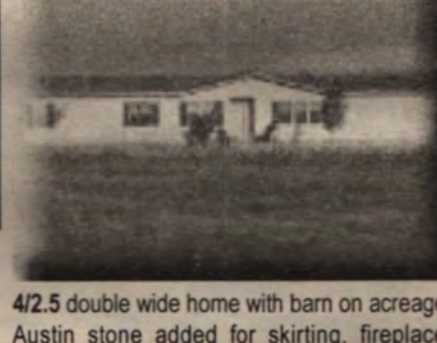
Approx. 25 partially wooded acres with a 4/3, red brick home featuring large living/den with fireplace opening to a large kitchen. Exhilarating in-ground pool and hot tub. **\$374,900.** Additional acreage can be purchased up to 63 acres.



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.**

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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.**



"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. **\$199,500**



"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. **\$439,900.**