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2002 A look back at the year



Dwayne Dean points to a section of Stinnett Mill Rd. that was proposed to be an arterial roadway in the Comprehensive Plan. The road was downgraded to a collector street in the plan.

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Comedian Groucho Marx once said, "I've had a wonderful time, but this wasn't it." The half-empty crowd might view 2002 in a similar light. But, although it was a year of recovery, the sun did seem to peak through the clouds a little more than folks might remember, both globally and here in Salado. For example, the Village turned 150 years young, no mean feat, and the Sesquicentennial was acknowledged throughout the year.

Nationally, the shadowy war on terror escalated as more American troops were sent abroad, but still no Bin Laden. Locally, the fledgling city government and its elected leaders mulled and debated policies whose impact will ring far into Salado's future.

2002 was an election year, both for the city and the school board. Mayor Charlotte Douglass ran unopposed, and Suzi Epps was elected to fill the alderman position vacated by Dr. Raymond Carver. The incumbent aldermen, Rick Ashe, Vic Means, Michael Cooper and Jackie Mills were all re-elected to round out the board.

Two big stories seemed to loom like giants above the crowd in 2002, and not surprisingly, they involve city policy. First, the dis-

ussion and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, which, among other things, includes the Subdivision Ordinance, an act of legislation that will regulate all future development within the Village and the ETJ. The Subdivision Ordinance, as explained by Editor-in-Chief Tim Fleischer in his November article, "provides for a process to approve new subdivisions, as well as penalties for violations. The...Ordinance, combined with the Zoning Ordinance, the Future Use Plan and the Transportation Plan, make up the core of the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Salado."

Earlier in the year, prior to the adoption of the Transportation Plan, many residents of the ETJ along Rose Lane and Stinnett Mill Road, sparked by what they viewed as a concession to Mill Creek residents, made their voices heard at a city meeting. The city had initially proposed converting the aforementioned two-lane roads into four-lane arterial roads, but had asked for community feedback. The residents of these sparsely populated areas, who live outside city limits, protested that the policy was proposed to ease the traffic burden on the Mill Creek Subdivision. The city heard them out, and later downgraded the roads from arterial to the designation of collector streets.

The Sub-division Ordinance itself was also met with a healthy amount of debate. Melanie Kirchmeier, of Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate said at an Aug. 15 public hearing on the matter, that she doesn't believe the ordinance "has a quaint underlying meaning in it." Alderman Cooper countered by saying that the intent of the ordinance is to prevent "sub-standard developments" in Salado. Others in the community who were opposed to the plan and obliged the city in their request for suggestions said the plan conforms too much to Belton's, and that its implementation would spell the end of Salado's uniqueness.

The Salado Library Board, seldom thought of in most instances, gained a measure of fame, or infamy, through its purchase of the Denman building to house the town library. On Aug. 30, after a few months of discourse, the Library District agreed to pay the Denman's, whose shop The Royal Emporium currently occupies the building, \$525,000 for the property. The Denman building is substantially larger than the library's Civic Center location. The Board argued that they had simply outgrown the Civic Center, and the purchase of the building was the natural progression



May was a banner month for Salado students, as shown by Page 1 of the May 23 issue. The SHS UIL Academic team won the team sweepstakes at the State Meet. The girls golf team also won the State Meet. Lauren Mewhinney won Gold in both the 1600 Meter Run and 3200 Meter Run at the State Track Meet.



Lady Eagles surround a Blanco player as she shoots. The Lady Eagles qualified for the regional tournament in 2002, where they lost to San Antonio Cole.

of their efforts to make the library a top-notch facility. Some in the community guffawed at the price-tag the building carried, but papers were signed, and the library looks to move into their new, more commodious home in March.

On the civic level, Salado's many organizations, such as the Rotary Club and Lions Club, continued their work. The Salado Family Relief Fund held success-

ful fundraisers throughout 2002, punctuated by the late-year Empty Bowl Project, and the annual Christmas Drive. The Empty Bowl, engineered by local potter Jim Dale, raised in excess of \$7,000, and the Christmas Drive provided gifts for over 150 Salado children this holiday. The Salado Education Foundation, whose goal is to provide scholarships for all graduating Salado seniors,

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Smell the coffee

There is an emergency at the grocery store: A jar of Folgers coffee is cheap. This has sent anti-globalization activists into a tizzy of protest, and has prompted Congress to pass a resolution calling for action to end "the current coffee crisis." Lower prices mean less income for Third World coffee farmers, hence "the crisis" and the rush toward wrong headed solutions.

Anti-globalization activists love the idea of poor farmers being victimized by the forces of corporate capitalism. But it's just not so. Destitute Latin American farmers are mostly being "victimized" by destitute Vietnamese farmers.

A decade ago, Vietnam was a coffee-bean-free zone. Since then, it has grabbed 12 percent of the coffee market and helped create a world glut.

So why isn't your tall cup of skim cappuccino any cheaper?

Activists suggest that corporate interests are beggaring Third World farmers while pocketing massive profits. But what you pay for at Star-bucks and other fancy outlets is mostly things other than coffee, milk, sugar, flavorings, the cup, the wages of the guy with spiked hair behind the counter, downtown rent and so on.

Coffee prices have indeed fallen. According to a study by the Boston Federal Reserve, "The average store price for a pound of roast and ground coffee peaked at \$4.67 in August of 1997 and then steadily declined to \$2.86 in March of 2002."

What you get might not taste so good, since companies are mixing lower-grade Vietnamese beans with the higher-end stuff from Latin America. Presumably, this is why coffee activist Bianca Jagger suggests "destroying lower-quality coffee stocks."

Why not take the fight straight to Vietnamese coffee farms? Agent Orange, anyone?

The Rich Lowry column



Activists really want a return to the days of the International Coffee Agreement. The United States ended its support for this cartel, which it had propped up as a Cold War initiative to stabilize Latin America, in 1989.

A new cartel would, naturally, create artificially high prices for coffee. But as the Cato Institute's Brink Lindsey points out, an artificially high price would also be self-defeating since it would encourage more production. The Vietnamese would be tempted, horrors! — to plant even more coffee. It is fine for activists to pressure Starbucks to pay more for so-called fair trade coffee as an act of international charity. But this is a Band-Aid, and the most desperate farmers are exactly those most ill-equipped to engage in the hassle of getting certified as "fair trade" growers.

The only long-term solution is for Third World economies to wean themselves of dependence on commodities, which have been declining in price since the 1970s. That means fostering the rule of law and property rights to encourage growth in those countries. It means lifting U.S. tariffs that punish Third World industry. It means ending U.S. farm subsidies that give U.S. growers an unfair advantage in world markets.

The operative slogan should be: "Free markets for the world's poor!" Somehow I don't think Bianca will like it.

2003 crystal gazing continues despite '02 "Slam-Dunk" by GOP

Tradition is a hard habit to kick, as is this political column's New Year's jump into the icy waters of prognostication. We took a quick look at the damage done in last year's spate of soothsayings and nearly decided to take a long sabbatical — since our record approached the won-loss disaster of today's hapless Dallas Cowboys. All thanks to some dopey predictions we conjured up about Texas politics during 2002.

We not only made erratic-prophetic calls early on, but kept up the nutty guesswork throughout the entire general election year, with results that brought the old average far below the half way mark, which up to now has been our pride and joy. And everyone knows what pride goes before!

Our '02 presaging started with several easy divinations about how the mid-east would keep simmering thanks to the murderous Jewish-Palestinian "tit-for-tatting," as well as the ever-shortening fuse attached to the Islamic world's powder keg threatening all it touches. Got 100 percent on those easy musings, but when we turned to Texas politics, the bottom fell out of our bucket of guesses.

BUSH whacked

Last year at this time we predicted that Henry Cisneros would come out of retirement and win Phil Gramm's seat in the Senate. Henry declined so we jumped on the Ron Kirk bandwagon that eventually got **BUSHwhacked** by John Cornyn.

Marching bravely onward, we first touted Governor Perry for reelection but after watching Tony Sanchez' money machine in action, we unwisely predicted an upset victory by the Laredoan. Also touted John Sharp over David Dewhurst and Kirk Watson over Greg Abbott.

Five strikeouts in a row!

What we missed in all this tea-leafing was the GOP juggernaut quietly lurking in the background for a last minute charge by President Bush and his minions, who arrived like the proverbial cavalry.

"Vote early and straight" was the message. Republicans listened and followed orders, while Demos wandered "leaderless-in-their-wilderness" and took the hit.

LOTT KEEPS FEET IN MOUTH

Despite the lumps gained from such inept musings over the old crystal ball — we did manage to rack up a few wins. Picked Chet Edwards over Ramsey Farley; Commissioner Tim Brown over Nolan Kinsey; Judge Burrows over Lloyd Charming.

We called the Trent Lott resignation correctly after his goofy reminiscing about Strom Thurmond and segregation, followed by a series of apologies that hurt more than helped. Lott quit on December 20, but continued to keep both feet in his mouth by reporting two days later that "his enemies had trapped him!"

Actually he was right since he has been "his own worst enemy" since the episode began, and can't seem to end.

MISSED BOAT ON LANEY

We speculated that Republicans would take over both houses of the Texas Legislature. So far, so good. However we then proposed that Democratic House Speaker Pete Laney would retain his job since it seemed almost certain that Democrats would win at least 68 seats in the 150 member lower chamber. That plus ten GOP pledges Laney had in reserve would get him past the required 76 votes. A prophecy arrived at through a maze of dizzy mental gymnastics — all of which landed us flat on our backside!

The conservatives won majorities in

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



"Politics is still the greatest and most honorable adventure of all."

Sir John Buchan, 1940
Governor General of Canada

both House and Senate. However Democrats ended up with only 62 House seats, forcing Laney to begin moving his stuff to another office, as Tom Craddick (R-Midland) quickly lined up enough pledges to be "numero uno" on January 14.

BIG THINGS BREWING IN '03

Texas Democrats are in disarray these days, but historically their future may have a glimmer of hope not yet fathomed. Think about it for a second — the GOP controls the legislature; the Governor's office; and all statewide elective offices. They are in charge, with **no place to hide when things go wrong** and unless someone comes up with about \$10 billion extra budget-bucks, **things will go wrong in '03.**

There is no way to merge the wailings of "no new taxes" with a huge state budget deficit. The current biennial budget is lean and mean regardless of GOP views to the contrary. State agencies have been told to cut personnel and services — deeper and without mercy.

Pundits expect one or perhaps two special budget sessions with a resultant tax hike. To which Republicans say will "never happen!"

This head-on collision, between reality and uncompromising conservative political hardlinning, will occur sometime in late summer. The GOP casualty count will be high and Democrats, if they have any sense at all, can profit by staying calm, cool, collected (and perhaps statesmanlike), as the majority party fights a losing battle between the general public's demand for services and a constituency that elected them on a tax reduction pledge.

BLOODY BUT UNBOWED

Being wrong in the political guessing game never phases those who love the wonderful world of government — sometimes called the "art of the possible." So, despite the fact that the term "politics" has fallen on hard times thanks to some of its practitioners, this column is going to concentrate its 2003 forecasting in that one area — politics and the next legislative session, **with only a single prediction!**

Starting in January, voters will be fascinated by dramatic battles between squabbling lawmakers as they teeter between the politically charged matter of taxes versus service cuts.

And at the end of their sessions, we predict legislators will enact a huge mix of new and increased taxes in order to balance an unparalleled spending plan for our rapidly growing State.

Republicans will be blamed and Democrats (if they are not asleep at the switch) will benefit in 2004.

HAVE A GREAT NEW YEAR

To each of you on this first day of 2003 — a sincere hope for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. Thanks for your loyal readership — whether you agree or not with our comments. **Besides — you could be right and often are.**

That's -30-

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The Facts on TAKS Plagiarism

Sup'ts Corner

by Dr. Robin Battershell

As you probably know, Salado was listed as one of 20 districts receiving a letter from the Texas Education Agency stating that there appeared to be plagiarism on the TAKS writing field test administered in April 2002.

TAKS is the new Texas assessment which has been field tested in many Texas schools over the past year. A field test is a means for a testing company to determine which test items need to remain and which ones need to be deleted.

The test was administered to juniors, most of who had passed the TAAS test as sophomores to satisfy their graduation requirements. Needless to say, students understood that this field test had very little individual significance and some students wrote sarcastic and profane comments on the test. Other students reported this to the campus administration, who notified the Texas Education Agency both by phone and in writing. The campus administration requested the student names or a copy of their writing samples so that disciplinary action could be taken. This request was denied.

On September 12, TEA sent a letter to the District stating that there were some test improprieties and that the District needed to be cautious of the testing situation in the future when the real exam was taken.

This past week, someone published a list of Texas school districts receiving this letter. Out of a total of 2 million students field tested, there were 42 students identified from 20 Texas school districts. Salado ISD had 2 students involved. We, nor TEA, knows the reasons that this list was published several months later.

Mrs. Matthews went to the TEA this past week, and they were very apologetic that this list had gotten into the wrong hands and was being used in a manner for which it was never intended. However, the TEA was more forthcoming in who the stu-

dents were and in what the improprieties were. Upon further local investigation, Mrs. Matthews found that students had predetermined that they would write songs on the field test as a means of rebelling against being tested for the 19th time in their school career and with a test that had no bearing upon graduation or grades. Two students chose the same song. This led to TEA's caution of plagiarism. The campus administration is dealing with these individually.

I sympathize with students for being tested so much. Unfortunately, in the name of improving education, much instructional time is lost due to testing.

The field test does not effect campus or district accountability and is a "practice" test used for statistical norming. Campus personnel were not involved in the improprieties.

Many students were not involved and probably those students who were, thought they were being funny. Unfortunately, this behavior reflected poorly upon the entire student body, the District, and the community.

Students need to be aware that their actions do not only affect them, but those around them.

Students in grades nine-11 will be involved in further field and benchmark testing this spring. The results of these field and benchmark assessments will affect students and graduation requirements for the next five years. TEA informed Mrs. Matthews that the District will be allowed to copy the spring writing samples to use for documentation if disciplinary action is necessary. We ask parents to encourage their students to take the test seriously, regardless of the impact on them individually.

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

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Congress Needs Some New Year's Resolution

A lot of us find it helpful to make New Year's resolutions; sort of a goal setting process for the coming year. They're usually things we should have done in the previous year, but didn't get around to. I think it would be a very good idea for Congress to make several New Year's resolutions.

Resolution #1: Take Care of Unfinished Business. Priority number one for our government must be Homeland Defense. That means the continued destruction of al Qaeda, which remains wounded but very much alive; fully funding national defense; ensuring that Iraq has no weapons of mass destruction and coordinating the prevention of terrorism here at home. Priority number two should be strengthening the American economy through focused tax cuts and creating and saving jobs with a new Highway Construction bill. There are numerous other important matters pending, such as Prescription Drug Prices, College Loan Programs and a National Energy Policy. However, homeland defense and the economy must get our first attention.

Resolution #2: Finish Work on Time. Congress has one job it's supposed to get done each year: formulate and adopt the 13 separate appropriations bills that make up the federal budget. Unfortunately, only two appropriations bills for 2003 have been approved. At least the defense and military construction bills were given high enough priority to pass in a timely fashion. The other 11 appropriation bills await Congress when

Keeping in Touch

by U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards



it returns, and given the fact that the 2004 budget proposal comes over from the White House in February, Congress needs to get moving. Speaking of the budget...

Resolution #3: Balance Your Checkbook. In 2001, we were projecting a ten-year budget surplus of \$5.7 trillion (\$5,700,000,000,000!). Less than two years later, we're staring at a 2002 deficit of \$159 billion, with increasing budget deficits for the foreseeable future. I know there are reasons: the economy is struggling; the War on Terrorism, and the president's tax cut has begun to phase in. We have a moral obligation to remember that the debt we pile on today will be a burden our children and grandchildren will have to contend with. This country needs to balance its budget just like your family has to balance its checkbook. Most economists agree that short-term deficits may be necessary during war, but any stimulus package should be designed to provide an immediate jump-start to the economy and not cause long-term deficits.

Resolution #4: Keep Your Promises. The U.S. Government has always promised America's veterans lifetime health care. That promise has not been kept. Even our military retirees do not receive their full due. They are the only federal employees who have their retirement pay

reduced dollar for dollar for any disability benefits they may be entitled to. This past year, we tried to do away with this "concurrent receipt" policy, but the President threatened to veto the change. He finally agreed to the payment of full benefits to those who received injuries in combat. This year, the U.S. Government needs to have the courage to stand up for those who have stood up for America.

Resolution #5: Work well with others. Most good things in Congress happen when Republicans and Democrats work together for important goals. That's how the authorization to fight the War on Terrorism was approved, and most of the Homeland Security measures, Corporate Accountability legislation, and President Bush's No Child Left Behind Education bill. Everybody isn't ever going to agree on everything. There's nothing wrong with healthy debate. It's the sound of democracy in action. But, at some point, we have to put aside partisan agendas and acknowledge that the nation's interests are a lot more important than partisan interests. I've learned that neither political party has a monopoly on wisdom.

These are New Year's resolutions worth making. Ultimately, it's up to all of us to make sure that Congress keeps them.

ANOTHER WAR IS LAUNCHED...



Jim Hightower

It was a top secret gathering of the generals. Limousine after limousine quietly pulled up to a secluded conference center near Dulles airport in Northern Virginia, discharging some of the most powerful men in the world. They had come from their various far-flung command posts, grim-faced but determined to defeat the enemy at all costs. They came for a "strategic planning retreat" that would frame the battle for the next two years.

These generals weren't gathering to go after Osama or Saddam; they were planning an attack on Congress ... and on us! They are the head honchos of Merck, Eli Lilly, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and other drug makers. Their chief lobbying organization had convened this cabal because these giants are concerned that public outrage over their price gouging could prompt Congress to do something to stop it. Their strategic objective: Stop Congress from stopping them from gouging us.

They've got a lot of firepower, too. In the congressional elections, held just a week prior to this secret meeting, they had spent some \$35 million to elect lawmakers beholden to them, most of it going to Republicans who'll control both houses of Congress next year. They also spend nearly \$100 million a year on lobbying and deploy a ground force of 600 lobbyists in Washington - more lobbyists than there are members of Congress!

This prescription drug army is out to kill legislation that would help us consumers. For example, targeted for death are bills that would allow cheaper generic drugs to come to market quicker; that would let our pharmacists import medicines from Canada, where prices are much lower; and that would let our government bargain with the companies for cheaper drug prices for all of us, as it now does for veterans. They also want to soften the punishment they get when their products injure or kill us.

The Republicans say the recent election results gave them a mandate ... but I wonder how many Republican voters thought they were voting for more drug company gouging?

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Dr. Clyde D. Goodnight passes away

Services for Dr. Clyde D. Goodnight, 78, of Little River-Academy was Dec. 30 at the Little River United Methodist Church with Rev. Ron Bellomy officiating. Graveside service was in Holland Cemetery. He passed away Dec. 28 at his home.

Dr. Goodnight was born March 3, 1924 in Holland to Owen and Lillian Duck Goodnight. He graduated from Holland High School in 1941. He attended the University of Tulsa on a football scholarship, graduating in 1946. He then graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis in 1956, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He was a family practice physician in Holland and Little River-Academy for 30 years.

He played professional football for six years; drafted by the Green Bay Packers and later played for the Washington Red-

skins, attending medical school in the off-season.

He interned at Kings Daughters Hospital in Temple, was a member of the Little River United Methodist Church, a member of the Lions Club, served on the board of the Bell County M.H.M.R., was on the board of directors of the Temple Symphony Orchestra, was a member of the Americus Medicus, member of the Texas Medical Association

and the American Medical Association.

He was one of the founders of the Tablerock Festival of Salado, which holds performances at the Goodnight Amphitheater.

Survivors includes his wife, Virginia Fulcher Goodnight of Little River-Academy; one daughter, Eva Sheryl Goodnight of Little River-Academy; two sisters, Virginia Ragsdale, Belton; and Mrs. Hubert (Betty) Nutt, Valley Mills;

two brothers, Edward Goodnight, Bartlett, and Wayne Goodnight, Holland.

He was preceded in death by his parents and other brothers and sisters.

In lieu of flowers it is suggested that memorials be made to the Temple Symphony Orchestra, Tablerock Festival of Salado, VistaCare, or any charity of your choice.

Services held for Sadie Hamrick Northam

Mrs. Sadie Hamrick Northam, 92, of Belton, died in a Belton nursing center Dec. 25.

Funeral services were held 10 a.m. Dec. 28 at Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton with Minister Joe Baisden and Minister James Haney officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery south of Belton.

Mrs. Northam was born to Frank and Mabry Kirby Hamrick in Keys Valley

on March 25, 1910. She was a lifelong resident of Bell County. She married Charles Clifton Northam in Belton on Nov. 20, 1929. She was a member of Belton Church of Christ.

Survivors include three sons, Bill Northam, Jack Northam and Joe Northam, all of Belton; one sister, Jessie Foster of Salado; seven grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and

two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 8, 1982.

Memorials are requested to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 4829, Austin, TX 78765 or VistaCare Family Hospice, 819 South 5th, Temple, TX 76504.

Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton was in charge of arrangements.

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Jasper becomes bride of Sands

Caroline Hays Jasper and Monty Alan Sands were united in marriage October 19, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the Marty Leonard Chapel in Ft. Worth. The Rev. Brian Dunks and Dr. Billie Hanks, Jr., both of Salado, officiated.

Music was presented by Karin Essen, organist, and Morgan McLallen, violinist. A solo was sung by Patty Lewellen, and a duet by Ashley and Philip Williams, all cousins of the bride. Mary and Hannah Willman, cousins of the groom, performed a vocal duet, as well. A personalized scripture reading was given by Christie Justice, aunt of the groom.

Following the wedding, guests attended a buffet dinner and dance in the ballroom of the City Club of Ft. Worth. A bridesmaids luncheon was given at the Lady Primrose Tea-room at The Crescent in Dallas, and the rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Colonial Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Jasper of Bedford. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Phil Edwards of Ft. Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Jasper of Port St. Lucie,



Mr. & Mrs. Monty Alan Sands

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The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sands of Salado. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denman, of Salado, and Mrs. Mable Sands of Wimberly and the late Raymond Sands, of Austin.

Maid of honor was Jessica Baugess, and matron of honor was Megan Seidel. Bridesmaids were Stacy Hagans, Meredith Jamail, Jennifer McDonald, and Fransesca Noel. The flower girl was Dakota Beach, cousin of the bride, and passed the small roses to guests as

she proceeded down the aisle.

Best man was Zach Sands, of Dallas, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Chris Hagans, Richard Jackson, Danny Light, Mike Noel, and Cal Nunnally. Ring bearer was Logan Beach, cousin of the bride. Ushers included Kinsey Edge, Billy Kent, Karl and Kurt Heim, and George Huntoon, III. The house party included Amy Boulton, Melissa Bowland, Aaron and Adam Lewellen.

The bride graduated from Texas Tech University in 2000, with a degree

in Public Relations and Spanish. She was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She is a corporate recruiter for Option One in Dallas.

The groom graduated from Texas Tech University in 1999 with a degree in Finance and Real Estate. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is an account manager for InteliStaf Health Care in Dallas.

The couple honeymooned in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, and are residing in Irving.

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Mill Creek has plans for Jan.

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Whitney is the daughter of Don and Paula Scott of Robinson, and the granddaughter of Ernest and Mona Zahirniak of West, and Donald and Clara Scott of Robinson.

Brandon McGregor, brother of the groom, served as the best man. Groomsmen were Ryan Morris, Matthew Scott, Jamie McGregor, Eric Lopez, Tim Powers and Neal Holtzclaw. Eric

McGregor, nephew of the groom, served as ring bearer. Alexia Geary and Heather Jones were maids of honor.

Bridesmaids were Jessica Scott, Kristal Zahirniak, Joanna Gaitros, Amanda Huntsman and Mindy Richardson. Junior bridesmaids were Arin Boyett and Jordan Kirkpatrick.

Jonathon Scott, D.J. Scott, Eric Scott, Mark Sinkule, Wesley Zahirniak and Ryne Zahirniak were ushers, and Holly Sinkule, Kristy Bush, Randi Vrba and Callie Vrba served in the house party.

Witnesses were Cathy Anderson, Karen Kirkpatrick and Laurie Boyett. Providing Scripture readings were Jackie Jones and Joanna Gaitros.

Dorothy Kucera provided organ music with Barbara Kostecka as the soloist. Programs were



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Ladies compete in Cameron



Laramie Jackson is mauled by a Rogers player during Salado's loss in the second round of the Cameron Tournament. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Taking an 11-7 record down highway 190 into the Cameron tournament Dec. 26, the Varsity Lady Eagles struggled, dropping two and winning one.

In the first round, Salado faced 3A Gatesville. The Lady Eagles charged out of the blocks, taking a 23-15 lead into halftime.

The Hornets came out determined in the second, holding Salado to just seven points in the third, and cutting the deficit to 30-27. The fourth and final period did Salado in. The Lady Eagles could muster only three points, while Gatesville scored 14, pulling away for a 41-33 win.

Meagan Joiner was the high-scorer with 11 points. Lindsey Pruitt scored nine.

In round two, Salado went to head-to-head with Rogers. A 20 point effort by Jenny Goode was not enough to propel the Lady Eagles to victory, as Rogers took the game by 10, 57-47.

Things looked promising for Salado initially. Jenny Goode sank a trio of three-pointers in the first, and Salado led at the half, 27-24. But for the second time in two days, the latter half of the game was unkind to the Lady Eagles. Rogers outscored Salado 17-5 in the third, and a 15-point



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Ladies

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fourth by Salado was too-little, too-late for the Lady Eagles.

Meagan Joiner was again a consistent point-scorer. She finished with 12 on the game. Also scoring were Laramie Jackson, who had nine points, all on free throws. Lindsey Pruitt finished with six.

Looking to salvage a little momentum to take home, the girls played Somerville in the third round.

After two uninspired performances in the tournament's first games, Salado looked strong against the Yeguas, winning 70-42. The outcome of the contest was never really in doubt.

The Lady Eagles surged to a 12 point halftime lead and poured it on in the second half to top off the dominating effort.

A key component to winning basketball games is getting to the free throw line, and Salado did just that versus Somerville, converting 17 of their 30 opportunities.

Lauren Mewhinney topped all scorers with 16 points. Laramie Jackson and Lindsey Pruitt each had 14, and Meagan Joiner had 11. Also scoring were Jenny Goode, nine; and Brittany Boydston, six.

The Lady Eagles now boast a 12-9 season record.



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Meagan Joiner shoots from beyond the arch during the lady Eagles 57-47 loss to Rogers in the second round of the Cameron Tournament Dec. 27.

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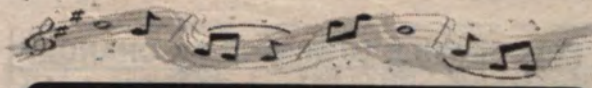
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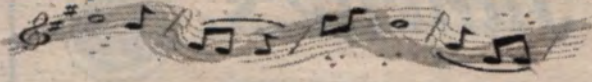


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Omar Torres rushed for 232 yards against the Academy Bumblebees Oct. 11. He led the Eagles offense to a 37-19 route of the Bees for their homecoming game. Salado finished the season 7-4, second in district and qualifying for the playoffs.

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capsule will be exhumed in 50 years. The colossal Wildfire Ranch, and accompanying Saddlery and Western Store, opened its doors in 2002. This year, the Saddlery furnished custom saddles for the National Finals Rodeo, and the Arena hosted the Team Roping Association Finals.

The Salado UIL Academic Team, under Dennis Cabaniss, won the state meet for the third consecutive year in 2002. The Lady Eagles golf team took home state gold, as did long-distance savant Lauren Mewhinney in both the 3200 and 1600 meter runs.

The Lady Eagles hoopsters advanced to the regional semifinals before falling to San Antonio Cole, and the baseball team plunged two-rounds deep before bowing out to Wallis-Brazos. Robyn Womac was named to the Texas All-State team and now suits up for the Aggies in College Station. Jeremy Grimm, Miles Wallace and Scott Bates all respresented Salado on the All-State baseball teams. Even the football team, luckless for the past few seasons, put things together and made

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FINANCIAL

What's the big idea?

"It's the most wonderful time of the year," the song goes, extolling the endless variety of holiday traditions that Americans celebrate as the calendar winds down. For the nation's small-business sector, especially retail outlets, this season helps make up for slower revenue periods. For others, it means time to relax, enjoy our friends and families and, rededicate ourselves to those values that undergird our democracy.

This time of year, it's virtually impossible to avoid feelings of hope and optimism for what the future may bring. New Year's resolutions are more than traditions they are the challenges we extend to ourselves to improve something important in our lives.

It's rare that small-business owners turn to the nation's capital for hope and optimism, but just a few days ago one government agency offered up an idea that it fulfilled could not only boost the morale of business people everywhere but encourage those who have never taken the entrepreneurial leap to do so.

What's the big idea? Legislation.

Normally just the mention of that very word strikes fear in the hearts of business owners. After all, their experience in the legislative arena is one of defense, of constant struggles to roll back some ill conceived law that threatened to swipe additional dollars from their cash registers in the form of new taxes or reduce their bottom lines by adding costly regulations.

But, the Office of Advo-

cacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) isn't your typical government agency. After all, they know a small business when they see one.

And the idea that has been offered by Thomas M. Sullivan, chief counsel for advocacy at SBA, is one that bears close attention. He claims that this proposal could save billions in foregone regulatory costs.

Sullivan recently proposed that state lawmakers enact model legislation patterned after the federal Regulatory Flexibility Act. That law requires federal agencies to consider the impact on small business before issuing final regulations.

Just in the past year, Sullivan said, the Office of Advocacy saved small

business owners more than \$4 billion in potential regulatory compliance costs. How? By making sure that the voice of small business was heard early in the regulatory process. He believes the same thing can happen in all 50 states if lawmakers adopt the model bill.

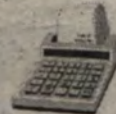
It makes sense. By paying heed to those who own and operate the nation's Main Street firms, federal agencies can ensure that dollars that would have been wasted on burdensome new rules are available to be used in hiring new employees, buying new equipment and funding other business, growth investments. And this still allows government agencies to meet regulatory requirements that range from improved

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To Your Good Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.



do not disturb kidney function as upper infections often do.

Women are susceptible to lower urinary tract infections because their urethra is shorter than men's, and bacteria can easily traverse it to enter the bladder. Furthermore, sexual relations frequently massage the many bacteria that surround its opening in the region of the

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If repeat infections coincide with intercourse, women can take an antibiotic immediately before or immediately after having relations. They should also

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High blood pressure is frequent in Binswangers. Control of blood pressure slows progression of the illness. It does not, however, reverse changes that have already occurred. There is no medicine specific for treatment of Binswanger's.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475

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the post-season, losing a hard-fought game to Blanco in bi-district. Not to be outdone, the Salado Indians, coached by Randy Jackson, went undefeated on the way to a state Little League title.

Also on the school front, the district learned that the TEA had designated the High School as exemplary, a high honor, and the Intermediate and Elementary School's as recognized. Whitney Brown and Kelli Cook ranked as

2002's valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

Sadly, though, with renewal also comes loss. This past year, Salado lost two of its more recognizable and well-liked figures in U.G. "Coach" Smith and A.C. Greene. Coach moved his family to Salado in the 70s, and owned the Dairy Queen for over 20 years, and always employed local kids to fill his ranks. He loved Salado and its youngsters, and before his passing

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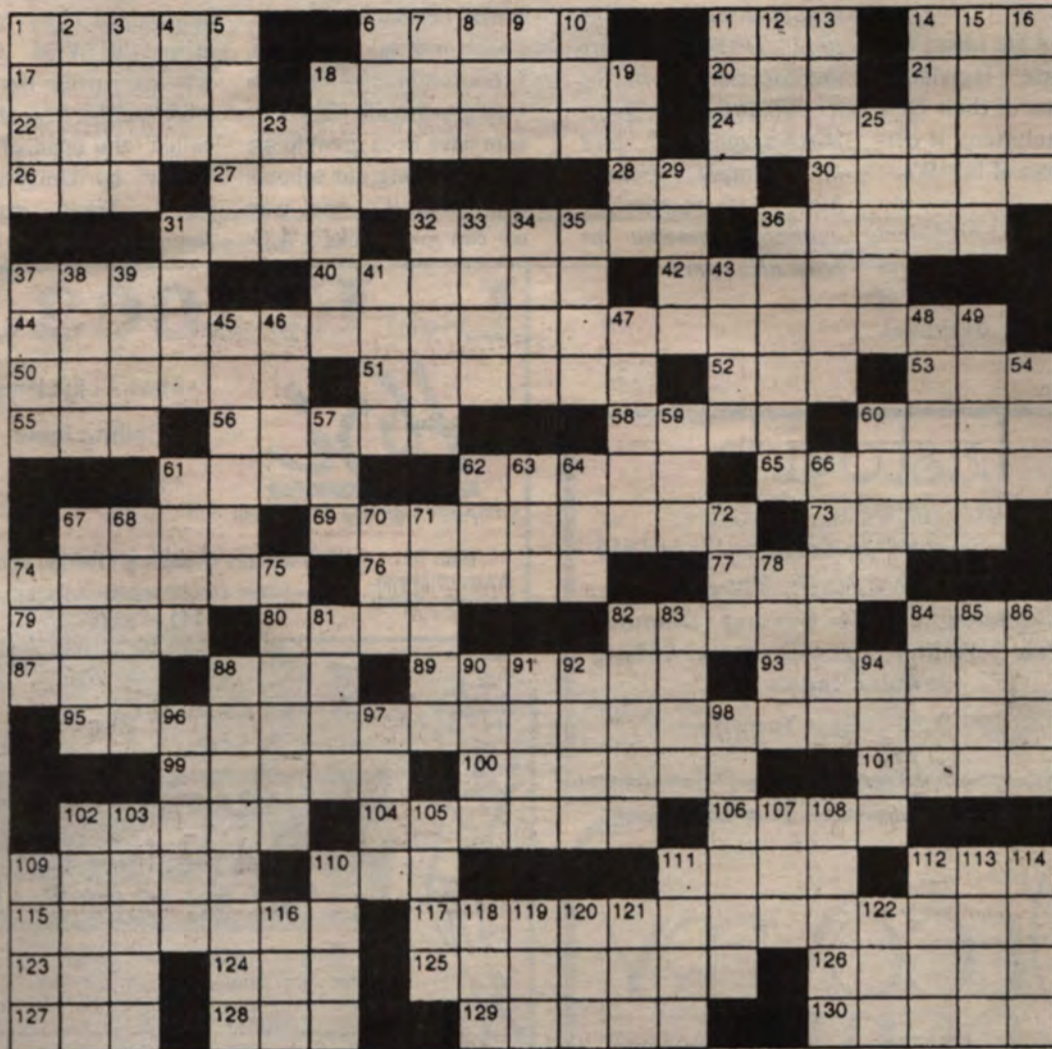
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Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business),

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he was honored by having his name emblazoned on a plaque outside the High School Gym, which now carries his name as its title. Coach once said of Salado, "This community has been very good to me. The kids here have been great to us. By supporting our schools and kids, it's one way we can give back." A.C.

Greene, longtime author and columnist for the *Dallas Morning News* came to Salado in the early 90s and passed away in 2002 at the age of 78. Greene was known for his inimitable personality, and was called "the dean of Texas letters" by University of North Texas professor James Ward Lee.

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New businesses in 2002



Lynda and husband Paul (not shown) Griffin, owners-operators of Subway/Old Fashioned Ice Cream, cuts the official ribbon presented by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. L-Chine Ray president of the Chamber of Commerce and Dawn Orange, Chamber secretary, with entourage welcomed the Griffins on Feb. 22.

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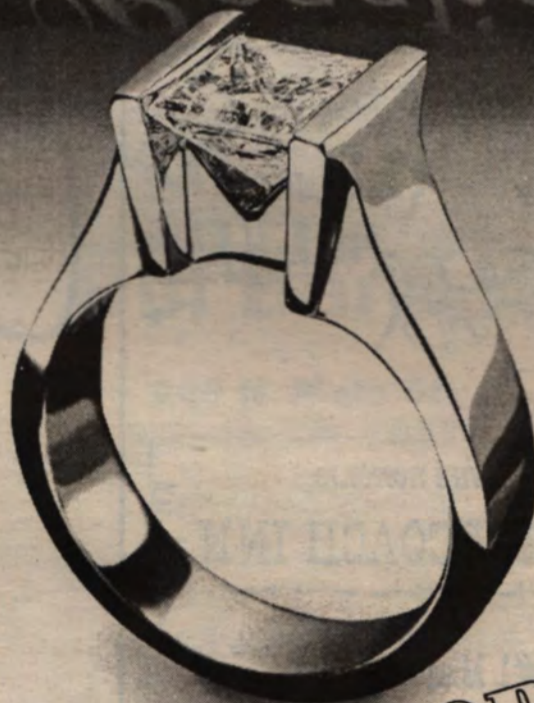
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Monday Club: 1st Mon., 2 p.m., Salado United Methodist Church.

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.

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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.

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

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Salado Youth Baseball Association:

meetings 6:30 p.m. at Civic Center.

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturdays

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

What's happening here?

JANUARY 13

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

JANUARY 14

Bunko - Ladies Night Out Mill Creek. 6-9 p.m. (Every 2nd Tues. of each month following) \$6. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 10.

JANUARY 30

Meet the County Officials Dinner Meeting at the Civic Center. 6 p.m. Salado Area Republican Women.

Social Committee Lunch and Meeting Noon - 1 p.m. Last Thurs. of each month.

FEBRUARY 8-9

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

FEBRUARY 20

Salado Area Republican Women 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek Country Club.

FEBRUARY 22-23

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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

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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Gypsy Trading Company opened officially with the owner Sheri Arnaud cutting the ribbon while her mother Helen Crossover, her aunt Jean Lembrick and friend Dan Hill look on. Salado Chamber of Commerce officials Pres. Chine Ray and Sec. Dawn Orange accompanied by many Salado merchants were the welcoming committee.



Limestone and Landscapes officially opened with one of the owners Staci Simpson (husband Bobby not shown) cutting the ribbon March 21. Yard Manager Russell Lambert and Assistant Yard Manager Ralph Shaw were also present. Salado Chamber of Commerce officials President Chine Ray and Secretary Dawn Orange accompanied by many Salado merchants were also present to welcome the Simpsons.

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Johnny's Steaks & Bar-B-Que, Johnny (Dad) and (Son) Josh Bratton are greeted by Salado Chamber of Commerce representatives at their April 5 ribbon cutting. Everyone had a serving of Johnny's peach cobbler. In addition to mesquite grilled steaks, hamburgers and barbeque, all you can eat fried catfish will be served on Friday night.

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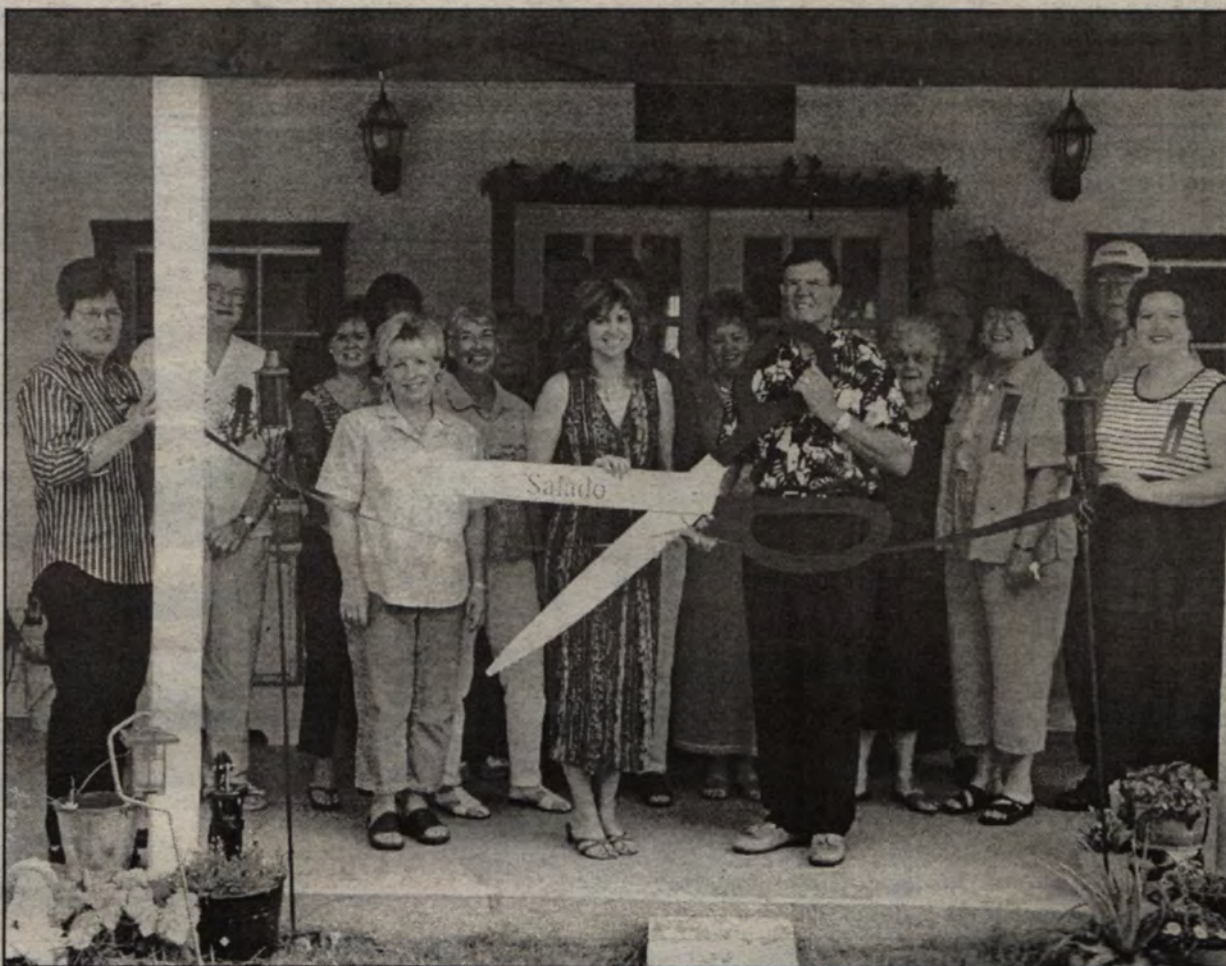
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The Salado Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new member to the bed and breakfast community Sept. 13. Chamber President Chine Ray poses with Bit O' Kountry owner and innkeeper Rhonda Kirschner, along with other Chamber members and well-wishers for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Bit O' Kountry is located at 488 Rose Lane near the Hodge Field sports complex. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)



In the second ribbon-cutting of the week, the Chamber of Commerce welcomed Happy Cow Ice Cream and its owner, Jerry Stephens, to its ranks. Here Chamber President Chine Ray and Stephens (center) pose with other Chamber members. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

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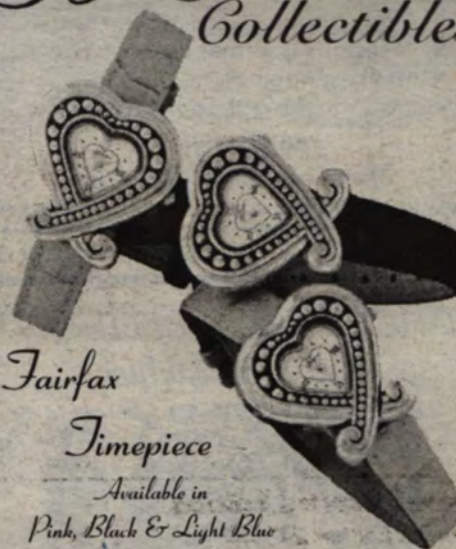
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By ASHLEY SMITH
STAFF WRITER

In 1963, when long time Saladoan Joyce Goza, R.N. was hired as a staff nurse

at the Olin E. Teague Veteran's Center in Temple she "desired to only stay for a short time." On Jan. 3, 2003, Goza will be retiring

after 41 years of service. Currently, as the Associate Director for Patient/Nursing Services for the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System, she is responsible for all nursing, nutrition and food, patient education, social work, quality management and chaplain services.

Goza attained her pre-nursing education from both Texas A&M University and Blinn College in Brenham before receiving her nursing diploma in 1962 from Scott & White Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She also received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and a Masters of Science in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing from Texas Women's University. "I had some of the best mentors in the whole world," Goza said of the nurses and professionals she learned from.

Goza sums up her varied professional experiences by stating, "I love to



Joyce Goza

work!" In 1962, she began her career in the orthopedic unit at Scott & White. Upon moving to the Olin E. Teague Veteran's Center, Goza worked as a staff nurse in psychiatry until 1975. From 1975 to 1985, as a clinical nurse specialist, she was

the nursing supervisor for the psychiatric department. For four years, from 1985 to 1989, Goza was the assistant chief of nursing services, and then from 1989 to 1995, she served as the associate chief of nursing services. Goza's career continued to grow, and the

next year she served as the Acting Nurse Executive for the Waco VA. Six months later, she was selected as Nurse Executive. She fulfilled this position until being selected for her current position. "Every day was a learning experience,"

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Goza Retirement

Goza said as she reflected on her career.

Throughout her 41 years of service, Goza has seen many changes in the nursing profession. "We have become more like a corporate world," she said. Nursing began as a generalized profession. In hospital settings, nurses served as staff professionals, working in varied departments. Today, the industry has evolved to become specialized, training nurses to be experts in specific fields.

Goza also has experienced the advancements made in technology over the past four decades. Accurate and efficient medical recordkeeping is vital. "When I began, the whole record was not computerized and it is today." The ability to retrieve records has improved greatly, as well as the legibility of the documents. Additionally, systems such as the Barcode Medication Adminis-

tration (BCMA) enhances patient care by ensuring that the proper medication is prescribed and administered.

The Salado resident has proven that her passion to serve veterans extends beyond the hospital. Goza spent 20 years in the Army Reserve before retiring as a Colonel in 1998. From Jan. to May 1991, she served on active duty during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in Germany. Goza shared, "It was an honor to serve in Desert Storm," adding, "Serving the country makes you stop and reflect on the freedoms we have."

Goza has attained numerous awards throughout her illustrious career. They include the Bluebonnet Girl Scout Council Women of Distinction Award, the Outstanding Nurse Award from the Texas Nurse's Association, and the induction into the Central Texas Wom-

en's Hall of Fame. She has also served her community by being a six-year member of the Salado Independent School Board and a member of the Chisholm Trail American Business Women's Association Salado chapter since 1980.

"The national nursing shortage concerns me greatly," Goza said. The shortage is most evident in hospitals because patients are in a hospital specifically for nursing care. Changes have been implemented such as streamlining patient's needs and hiring supplemental staff, allowing nurses to fulfill strictly patient care duties. Recruiting incentives are also offered in the forms of rewards and recognition. Goza shared that the qualities a potential nurse needs to possess are dedication, loyalty, commitment, strong interpersonal skills, service, knowledge and education. She believes a person considering the

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nursing profession must "have to have a basic caring for people and a sensitivity to the needs of people."

Looking toward her retirement, Goza's immediate plans are to "clean out her closets and cupboards." Eventually, she hopes to do consultative and individual care work. Although no successor has been named, Goza states, "It's time to pass the baton."

Reflecting on her career, one experience stands out. Three years ago, a recovering alcoholic and former patient paid a visit to Goza. As a retired Navy Captain, he brought a copy of his autobiography to her as a gesture of gratitude for the role she played in his recovery. The impact she had on his life inspired him to make a life change. For over 40 years, Goza has exemplified the Veterans Administration's mission statement - to serve those who served. She has served both her country and her community well.

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.

Texas Caviar Dip

Dale Springer

- 1 (15 oz) can black eyed peas, with jalapeno, drained & mashed
- 1 (4 oz) can chopped green chilies
- 2 T. butter
- 2 T. finely chopped green onions
- 1/8 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 (5 oz) jar Old English sharp cheese spread

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David and Aloma Braswell, owners of Willowby's, a home accessories shop located on Main Street, joined the Chamber Nov. 1. Here, they are pictured with Chamber President Chine Ray and other Chamber members as they cut the ribbon that made their membership official.

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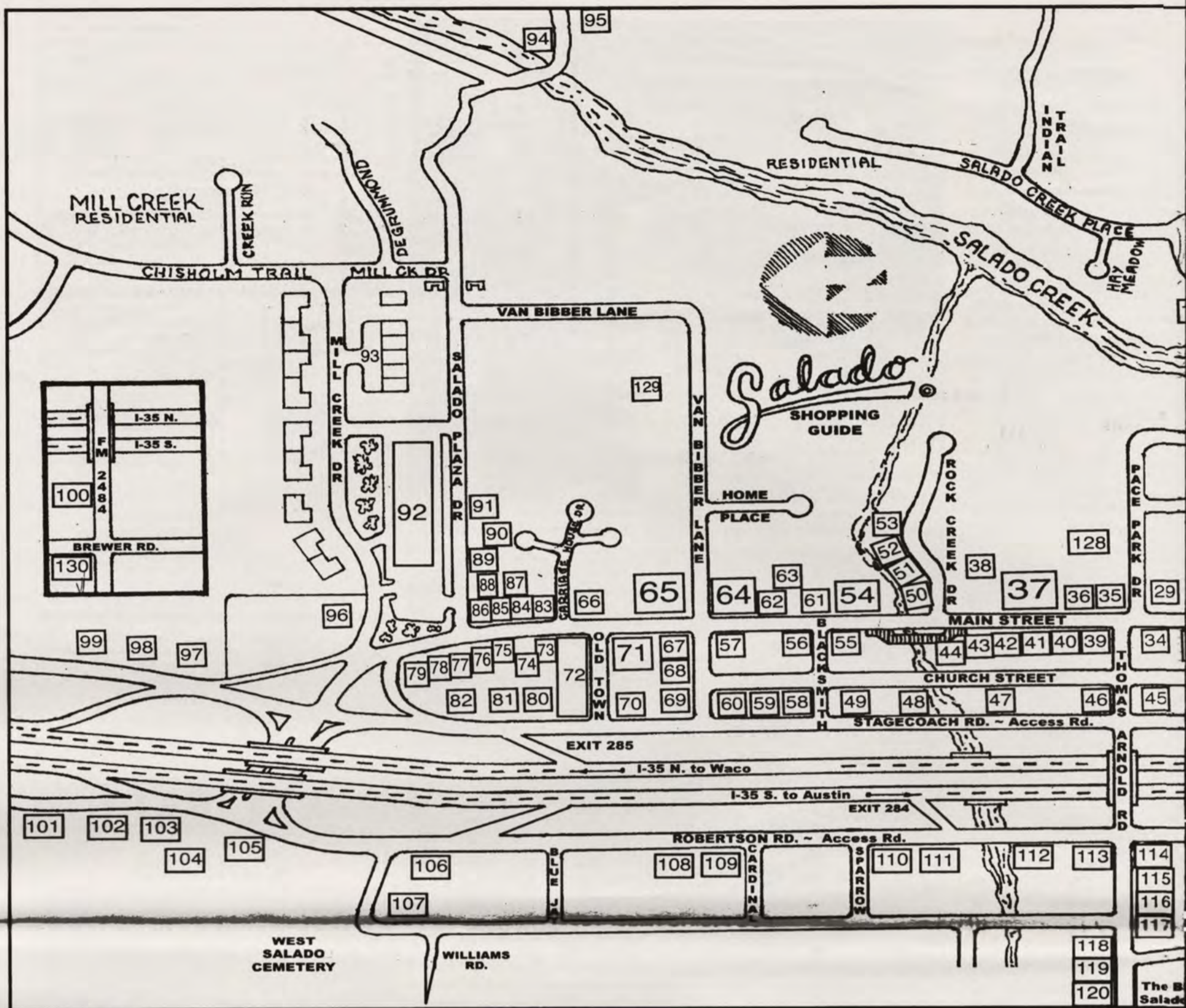
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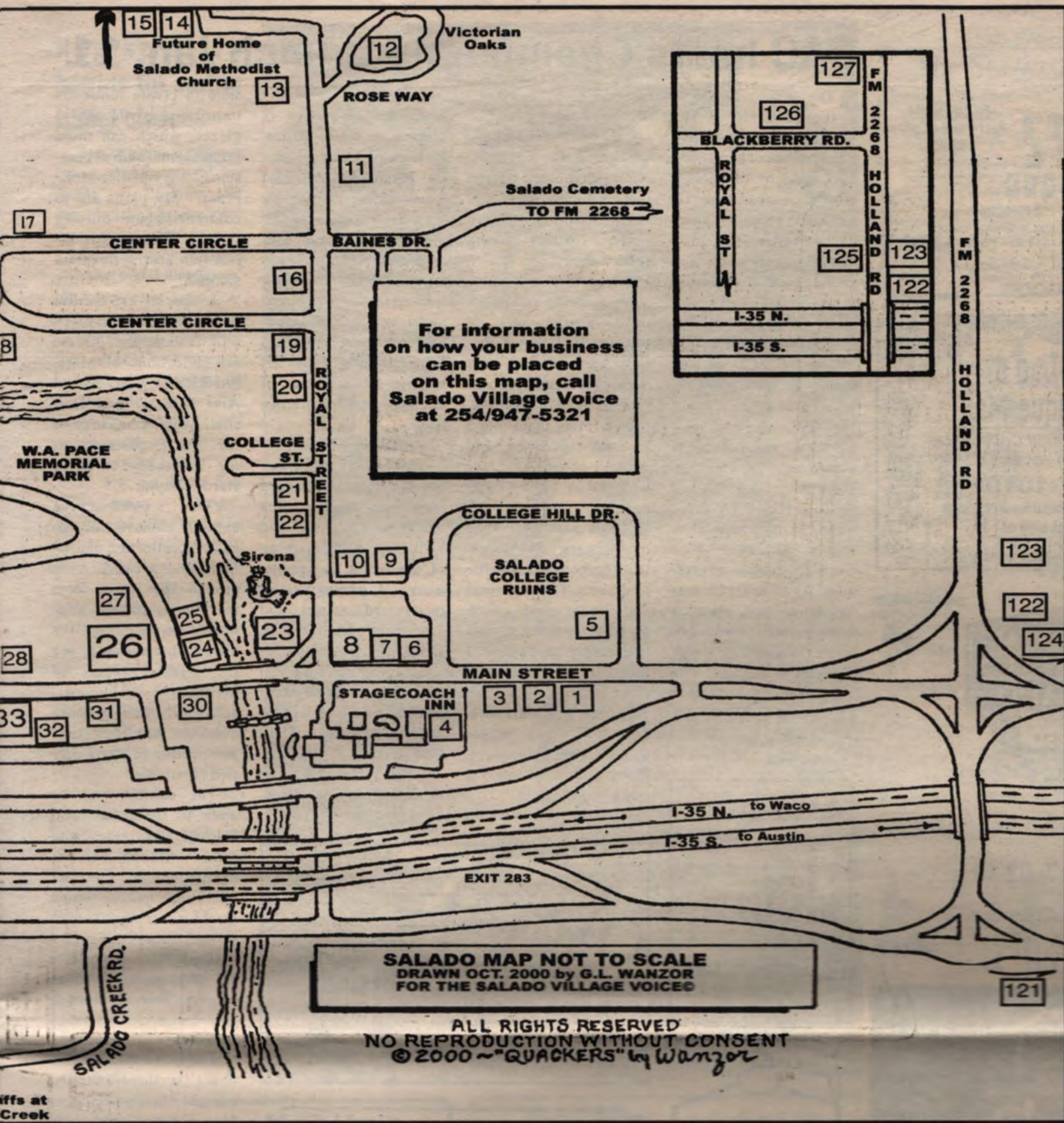
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CAC hosts Champagne Brunch Jan. 11

The Cultural Activities Center (CAC) will host a Champagne Brunch, free of admission and open to the public 10 a.m. - noon Jan. 11, to launch the opening of an innovative art exhibit featuring the works and private collections of several Central Texas artists.

Guests will enjoy light appetizers and refreshments as they leisurely browse the art galleries of the CAC, allowing their minds to escape reality and to enter the minds of these talented artists.

Chad Hines is a gifted young artist whose work shows that there is no limit to artistic expression. As an artist he uses his mind as a place to collect images for his artwork. Imagery is a way for him to connect with the unconscious mind to capture its magic.

"Studies have shown

imagery to be enhanced in the hypnotic state," says Hines. "I find it easy to escape for a while, in order to look at the images in my mind and to drift away as if I were slowly floating across calm waters."

Hines feels that automatic drawing and painting are the acts of creating while in a dissociated or altered state of consciousness. He captures images in his mind, transforming them into a form of expression, and realizes at certain times what he is telling himself.

"This particular style of painting helps me record moments of life as dreams. The conscious and unconscious work together to help persons understand themselves. I want to make the mind of an admirer drift when they look at my artwork. I want to flash images to the viewer to acquaint them with the world I know," says Hines.

Featured in the McCreary Gallery is Martha Miller-McKinney, a native Central Texan who graduated from Baylor University with degrees in art, geology and history. Her career has taken her down many paths having worked for the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, American General and as an art teacher for students of all ages and experience levels.

Currently, she is continuing her art education, but not in the standard classroom setting. She has chosen to travel and visit the major museums of the world to see the works of internationally recognized artists and architects. In addition, she is attending lectures and symposiums as well as seeing the beauty created by man and women and the beauty of all God's creations.

"Oil is my favorite medium because it is pos-

sible to create luminous transitions with veiled glazes, which can mold impressions and expressions," says Miller-McKinney. "My plans are to continue to paint moving from realistic impressionism into abstract expressionism.

A special art exhibit in the Carabasi Gallery will feature the private art collections of Marilyn Ritchie, CAC Visual Arts Director and Her-shall Seals, Chairman of the Art Department at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor.

"Our collaborative exhibit consists of an eclectic collection of artifacts and artwork from around the world from the famous and the infamous," says Ritchie. "It's always interesting to see the amazing pieces of art that are held in personal collections because everyone has their own perspective on art, beauty and creativity."

The exhibit will be open to the public and free of admission from Jan. 11 through Feb. 8, during the CAC's regular operating hours, which are Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Fri., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Group tours for any of the gallery exhibits may be arranged through the Cultural Activities Center.

For more information about the three exhibits, contact Marilyn Ritchie, Visual Arts Coordinator at the CAC (773-9926), see selected pieces of artwork by visiting www.cacArts.org.

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Registration for classes will be held now through February 1, by contacting Gillenwater at (254) 634-6368. Students are encouraged to register early since the first official class will begin on Saturday, January 4. Registration includes Pre-Ballet for ages 4-6 from 9:15-10 a.m. @ \$40/mo.; Ballet I, a beginning ballet class for ages 7-9, from 10-11 a.m. @ \$50/mo. and Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30; Intermediate ballet from 11-12:30 for children ages 9+ @ \$60/mo. for a weekly class, \$70/mo. for two classes/week. Additional classes are offered Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. for intermediate students. Classes are held at the Killeen Newcomb School of Ballet and at the Cultural Activities Center.

A \$20 registration fee for new students is required. A 10% discount applies for additional children in the same family. For more information call Renee Gillenwater at (254) 634-6368.



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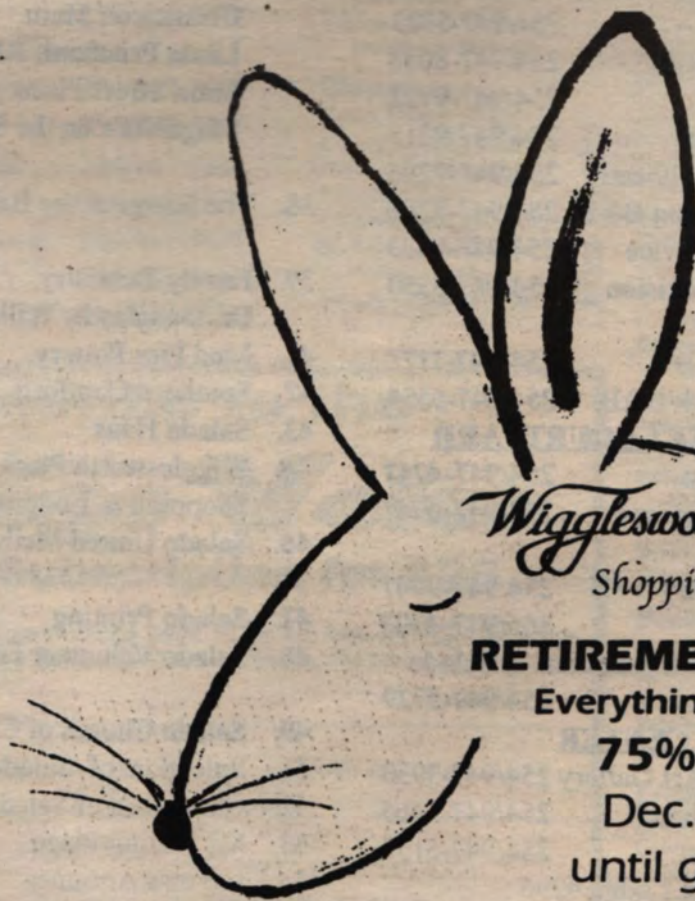
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American Business Women's Association to meet Jan. 9

The Central Texas Area American Business Women's Association Council will meet Jan. 9 at the Howard Johnson Hotel, 803 Central Texas Expressway, Killeen, hosted by

Monday Club to meet Jan. 6

The Monday Club will meet 2 p.m. Jan. 6 at the Salado United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The guest speaker is to be G.G. Stendebach, a consultant for Steinmart. Her program will include fashions for spring. The hostesses are Miriam Oliver and Vicky Sartor. The public is invited.

Globe Chapter.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner, program and business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Cost per person is \$15. Program will feature Jeannie Isdale, renowned for her hand-

Mayor Charlotte Douglass to speak at Ladies Auxiliary Jan. 9

The Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary will have their January monthly meeting Jan. 9 at the Salado Civic Center. Visiting and fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program following at 10 a.m.

Mayor of Salado, Char-

lotte Douglass, and Tourism Director, April Allen, will be conducting the program on "What's Happening in Salado." Membership dues of \$10 may be paid at the meeting. For more information, contact Miriam Jordan at 947-5254.

For more information, contact Terri Jackson at

254-698-1619 or Leslie Seidenberg at 254-634-5372.

Alzheimer Support Group to meet at Heartland

The Alzheimer Support Group has a meeting 5:30 p.m. Jan. 7 that is open to the public. The meeting will be held at Heartland.

The speaker for the meeting is Rhonda Webb who works for the Texas Department of Human Services. She will be speaking on the basics of medicaid. Refreshments and cookies will be served.

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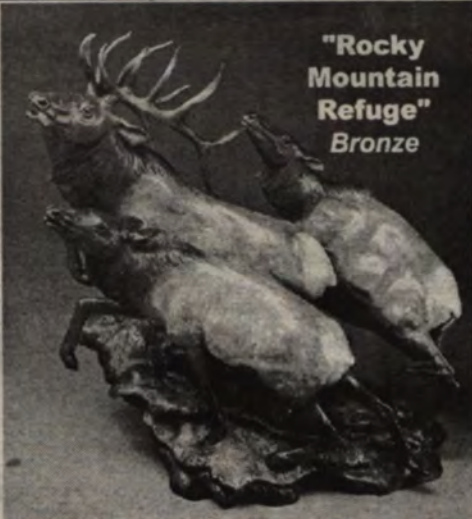
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are put away, and the nativity scene is placed back in its box until next year.

My unadorned living room appears simply ordinary.

But then my eyes adjust. Without the glitter and pizzazz of a

ornament laden tree in front of the window, fills with natural light, and I now have a clear view of the snow that covers the yard like a down comforter.

After weeks of decorating, celebrating and congregating, I say goodbye to another memorable holiday season and welcome in the opportunity to unwrap my house, to sit alone in the hushed bareness the post-Christmas months bring.

The Christmas season takes me away from the ordinary. It requires some effort at first to wean myself from the dazzle and hoopla, the parties, the shopping, the gifts, the eating until you just can't eat another bite of chocolate, the go, go, going. Part of

me wants to keep it alive because my body and mind crave the extraordinary.

From here on out, family schedules actually resemble schedules. Kids go back to school. Parents carpool, grocery shop, check homework, pay bills, work Monday through Friday.

It's a return to the ordinary. But then through my living-room window, I watch my kids and the neighbor kids playing together in the snow. Kids can take an ordinary day and make it into something extraordinary.

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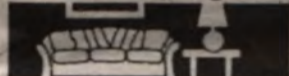
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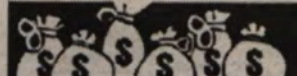
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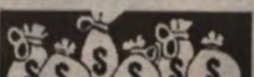


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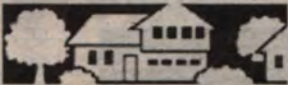
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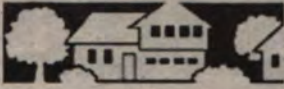


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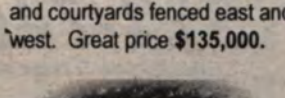
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\$89,800 - Larry Lilly built this 3 BR, 2 BA traditional ranch style brick home with long front & back porches. Located on 2.025 acres with rolling hills, large trees & abundant wildlife. A tin pole barn is also on the land. Convenient location off of FM 1670 near Stillhouse Hollow Dam.



\$439,000 - Find a little bit of heaven at "Country Place". Currently operating as a Bed & Breakfast, this 7 BR home is perfect for a family or to continue as a B&B. Front features wrap-around porch, with picket fence around front yard. 2 BR upstairs, 5 BRs downstairs. 2 living, 2 dining. Large barn has many uses.



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



\$237,890 - Screened porch overlooks Green #3 on Mill Creek Golf Course #2. Heavily wooded lot provides shade for the afternoon barbecue. Split 3 BR home, 2-1/2 BA, 2 dining. Custom cabinets throughout home. Security system, fireplace, tile kitchen & breakfast. Possible bonus room upstairs.



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.
- **\$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.
- **\$339,000** - Gorgeous home on Mill Creek cul-de-sac. Bonus room above garage. 2 acre lot.
- **\$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.

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. - UIC
- **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

- 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

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

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



\$699,900 - Country living with city conveniences. Plate glass windows across the back of this home allow the view of the pool, valley & rolling countryside. Sit under the oak trees & enjoy the solar heated negative edge pool. Watch your horses graze on this 7 acre lot. Property is entirely fenced so horses have room to roam. Three stall barn is ideal for inclement weather. Your guests can stay in the separate apartment & enjoy their privacy. Large workshop for the handy man/woman. Propane fireplace in Master Bedroom.



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



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



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

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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.**



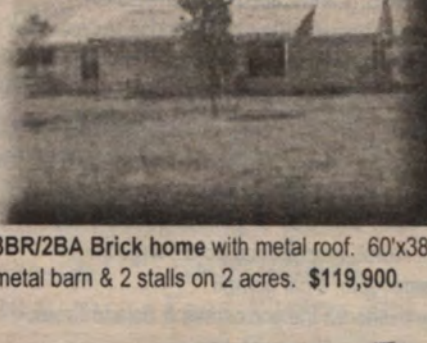
Under Construction: Soon to be completed 3/2 with formal dining in a great location. **\$149,900.**



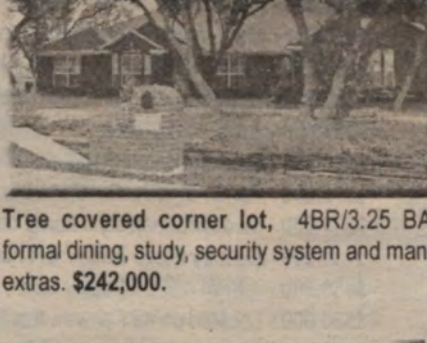
Approx. 25 partially wooded acres with a 4/3, red brick home featuring large living/den with fireplace opening to a large kitchen. Exhilarating in-ground pool and hot tub. **\$374,900.** Additional acreage can be purchased up to 63 acres.



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



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



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



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



"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. **\$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.**



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.**

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.

Happy Holidays

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First Texas Brokerage

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.**