

# Salado Village Voice

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Hometown newspaper read by Drs. John and Kim Van Cura

## Christmas Stroll events begin with Dec. 4 parade

The Village of Salado will again honor the Christmas season when the 22nd Annual Christmas Stroll kicks off with the Christmas Parade down Main St. 5 p.m. Dec. 4. The parade will conclude with the lighting of the community Christmas Tree at the Civic Center.

The Christmas Stroll will run the first two weekends of the Christmas month, Dec. 5-7 and 12-14. Salado will be filled with holiday lights, carolers and Christmas cheer, while local shops and restaurants will be open late Friday and Saturday, both weekends of the Stroll. Santa Claus will also be making an appearance each weekend of the stroll.

This year's theme is "I Simply Remember My Favorite Things," taken from the *Sound of Music*. Local businesses will incorporate aspects from the song, such as warm woolen mittens, snowflakes, icicles and bright copper kettles, into their shop decorations.

Each Christmas season the Village of Salado is embellished with holiday greenery, wreaths and bows that reflect the sights and sounds of Christmas. White lights and luminaries light up the streets, and the traditional Twelve Days of Christmas and the giant angels, crafted by Saladoan Johnny Shipman, will again be lining the streets.

The Salado Village Artists plan to create a mock-gingerbread house, and strollers will have the opportunity to hear musicians, from local talent like country artist Fred Fuller and violinist Dominique Deprez, among caroler and

hand bell choirs, all based on Salado's Main St.

The First Baptist Church will continue their tradition of a live nativity scene in the church parking lot Dec. 5-6.

For the 11th consecutive year, Tablerock Amphitheater will present Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," a live theatre production, featuring 53 cast members, of the classic Christmas tale of ghosts and Christmas cheer. Performance dates are Dec. 5-6 and 12-13. Before each show, characters from the play will make their way down Main St., rubbing elbows with Salado's strollers. Tickets for the show are available by calling Tablerock at 947-9205.

In conjunction with the Village's other activities, the Salado Historical Society will again sponsor the annual Homes Tour Dec. 5-7, in which Salado residents open their homes, decorated in holiday finery, to visitors. The tour, one of the Historical Society's primary fund raisers, also features the Boles-Aiken cabin and the Moses Denman cabin, historic structures from Salado's early days.

The second weekend of the stroll, Dec. 12-14, will include the Bed and Breakfast Tour, with is open for visitors to experience the holiday decorations of each Salado B&B.

Tickets for the Homes Tour and the B&B tour are available at the Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main. The Civic Center can be contacted by phone at 947-8300.

For more information about the Christmas Stroll call 947-5040 or visit [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com).



Charlie Voelter returns as Scrooge during *A Christmas Carol* at Tablerock Amphitheatre Dec. 5, 6, 12 and 13.

## Christmas Carol slated

Tablerock performances Dec. 5, 6, 12 & 13

Tablerock Festival of Salado has announced the cast and crew for the 2003 production of *A Christmas Carol*. This year marks the 160th anniversary of Charles Dickens classic story of redemption.

The cast is headed by Harry Sweet, who not only has written this classical adaptation but directs and serves as the evening's Interlocutor.

Charlie Voelter stars as Ebenezer Scrooge. Scrooge's nocturnal visitors include: Howard Horton as Jacob Marley; Jessica Lynch as Christmas Past and Tim Stewart as Christmas Present. Brenna Sirois and Amy Manna portray Ignorance and Want and Frank Benolken is Christmas Future.

David Dunlap appears as nephew Fred with Tina Holleman as his wife; Ginger and Shaina Sirois as Mille the downstairs maid. Jeremy Spencer and Danielle Danford play Bert and Caroline.

Zachary Calhoun will play Scrooge as a child with Elaine Davis playing

his sister Fan. Bob Ritchie and Reeva Robertson appear as Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig.

Douglas Mackie plays Scrooge as a young man and is joined by John Schuellman as Dick Wilkens and Sabine Schott as Belle. Lainey Sirois and Crystal Schuellman appear as Carolers and as the youngest Fezziwig Daughters.

The Cratchit Family includes: Donnie Williams as Bob Cratchit, Karen Turner as Mrs. Cratchit, Kacey Robertson as Belinda, Laura Davis as Lucy, Chrissie Brown as Martha, Zachary Calhoun as Peter, and Allen Sirois as Tiny Tim.

Ken Miller and Stephanie Hood are the Charity Solicitors. The Associates are played by Cindie Allen, Kathryn Davidson and Reeva Robertson. Keith McCormick, Stephanie Hood and Jeremy Spencer play the Merchants. Chuck Clark returns as Old Joe and is joined by John Schuellman as Jonathan, Rose Schoellman as Mrs. Dilber and

Jessica Keeney as Mrs. Pratt. Joshua Benolken will play William.

Other Townspeople are played by Katy Constanicio, Makenzey Cade, Jack Lucas, Bridget Williams, Christy Simmons, Jessie Holley, Samantha Emery, Paige Ward, Donna Burkett and Crystal Erickson.

"This is truly an ensemble cast with most members playing multiple roles," says Stephanie Hood. "Ryan McLaughlin serves as this years Production Manager and Tony Borosky will manage the Technical aspects of the production."

Performances are 7 p.m. Dec. 5, 6, 12 and 13. Tickets are available at the gate; priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Children under six are admitted free.

Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater is located just off Royal Street in Salado. Concessions will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m. Audiences are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for their comfort.



Dr. Betty Thorn and Kim Van Cura.

## Is there a Doctor in the House?

Yes! Chorus now has 2 doctors

"Is there a doctor in the house?"

Ask that question of a Salado Community Chorus member and you will get the answer, "Yes! There are two of them."

The first is Dr. Betty Thorn, who directs the community Chorus. The second is Dr. Kim Van Cura, who is accompanist to the chorus.

Dr. Van Cura, an accomplished musician, has a private teaching studio in Salado, and with her husband, Dr. John Van Cura, is co-founder of the Institute for Voice and Pedagogy also in Salado. She earned a Master of Music degree at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA, and a doctorate in education from Baylor University, where she taught in the School of Education.

As a performer, Van Cura has performed throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe. She continues to travel and accompany international opera star Michele Crider in concert in the U.S. and Europe. She recently returned from such a tour in Switzerland.

Dr. Van Cura made her debut as the Chorus accompanist at an "Evening of Music" with the "Friends of the Chorus," Nov. 3.

She will make her first public appearance as accompanist for the Chorus at their annual Christmas Concert 7 p.m. Dec 9 at the Civic Center. The concert is free to the public.

Contact Dr. Betty Thorn, 947-5394, for more information.

## "The Last Report..."

Living Room Theatre of Salado to present comedy

The Living Room Theatre of Salado follows up its recent production of "Our Town" featuring Richard Dillard's acting class with a Christmas Special: "The Last Report from the Co-Chair of the Committee in Charge of Christmas," a new comedy by Till Tatum.

Dates and hosts for performances at 7 p.m. each

night: are Dec. 14 at the living room of Martha and Charles McArter; Dec. 15 at Betsy and Knox Tyson's new home; and Dec. 17 in Sue Mayborn's living room.

Reservations may be made by calling 947-8300. Directions to homes may be requested when availability is confirmed.

Directed by Raymond

Carver, the play features Charles and Jeanne Barrier, Paul and Mary Jean Boston, Mary Hill, Rita Oden, Betsy Tyson, and Jane Wilmer

Till Tatum, a native of Brownfield, currently lives in Euless where she works as a studio producer for American Airlines and Pizza Hut.

She says she got the

idea for writing "The Last Report" after telling a bunch of anecdotes which actually happened to her when working as a volunteer for her neighborhood association's annual Christmas extravaganza.

If her neighbors see the show, she may have to leave. If it succeeds here, she and her husband may want to move to Salado.



Till Tatum, author of "The Last Report."

# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Bush-Hoover in '04?

**Rich Lowry**  
Column

Herbert Hoover never had it so good. Inattentive voters listening to the Democrats' anti-Bush rhetoric could be forgiven for thinking that the Depression-era Republican had returned from the grave to occupy the White House once again. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi says President Bush has "the worst record on jobs since Herbert Hoover," a charge repeated incessantly by Democratic presidential candidates. The more times they can say Hoover -- Hoover, Hoover, Hoover -- the better.

According to Dick Gephardt, "Bush has lost more jobs than Herbert Hoover -- almost." On that "almost" (Gephardt is only off by about 10 million jobs) hangs a prodigious amount of partisan spin and most of the Democratic economic case against George Bush. The heavy-breathing rhetoric -- have I mentioned Hoover lately? -- is meant to mask the weakness of that case. The fact is that if Hoover had Bush's economic record, he would have been delighted, and would be remembered today as a kind of economic genius.

It is understandable that in the years after 1932, Democrats would want to run against Hoover, but 70 years later it's getting, uh, a little tired. In the 1992 campaign, Bill Clinton portrayed a mild recession that had ended in March 1991 as the worst economy since the Great Depression. Now, hoping to repeat Clinton's magic against another Bush incumbent, Democrats are back to Depression-era comparisons again.

The purported return of Hooverville is based on the factoid that Bush is going to be the first president since -- drumroll, please -- Hoover to preside over an economy that has lost more jobs than it gained during his term in office. True. But this is

mostly a matter of timing. Bush inherited an economy from Clinton in 2001 that was sinking fast toward recession (Democrats attacked Bush at the time for pointing this out). Some 200,000 manufacturing jobs had been lost before he took the oath of office, and many more were lost before his economic program had any chance to take effect. If Democrats were being strictly accurate, they would say Clinton and Bush have jointly presided over the worst period of job loss since ... well, you know who.

One reason that job growth has been slow is that productivity increases have been astronomical -- 8.1 percent in the last quarter. That means the economy can produce more with less, a wondrous thing that benefits the economy and eventually the job market, too.

The odd thing about the Hoover-obsessed Democrats is that they are the ones advocating Hooverite economic policies. Under Hoover, the top income-tax rate went from 25 percent to 63 percent, and 40 percent tariffs were imposed on imports. Most Democratic presidential candidates, including front-runner Howard Dean, support tax increases and protectionism.

One of the few Democratic free-traders, Sen. Joe Lieberman, recently warned that if these policies were put into effect, "the Bush recession would be followed by the Dean depression." Which would be the first time the country suffered a depression since ...

## Medicare Reform's prescription drug section needs fast-fix or end up as just another political deception

**Off the Record**

by Ken Clapp



**MEDICARE REFORM, LIKE THE PENDING ENERGY BILL, "LEAVES NO LOBBYIST BEHIND" AND WILL RAISE HEALTH COSTS FOR SENIORS AFTER 2006. NEEDS TO BE REVISITED, FIXED OR SCUTTLED.**

The National Medicare Reform Act of 2003 is currently sitting on President Bush's desk awaiting his return from the holidays. Rest assured the signing will take place with appropriate "ruffles and flourishes" as Republicans, led by "Landslide George," take credit for a law they hope will endear them to senior citizens while boosting their reelection dreams as we head into 2004 and its accompanying campaign hoopla.

Biggest problem remaining for the rest of us will be to explore and objectively understand the full ramifications of the massive reform act. Sort of like carving a big fat turkey with a toothpick and tweezers.

A "turkey" incidentally is exactly what detractors of the new law call this first in a series of attacks on all entitlement programs.

The first wave of after-shocks, caused by the very close vote in both the House (220-215) and Senate (54-44), was the anger expressed by conservative lawmakers who opposed the reform package. These were mostly House members who were threatened, steamrollered, bribed or cajoled by the White House starting with Bush personally; followed by his uncompromising staff and on to the so called "House Leadership Team" led by the heavy-handed majority leader "Bugsy" Delay.

If you doubt this -- just take a gander at Bob Novak's syndicated column in the Thanksgiving Day issue of the Temple Telegram. Novak is a super-supporter of all things Republican, but this time around gave the President and his troops failing grades for their "no holds barred" demands on their own people -- who were not "toeing the line."

### DISGRACEFUL INFLUENCE

The first shocking detail leaked from the reform act came just before the final vote was recorded and showed exactly how much leverage the Pharmaceutical Houses have in Congress. Seems the new law forbids the federal government from negotiating lower drug prices for its 40 million medicare participants!

That's right -- the massive buying power of the Medicare program, that could easily reduce prices to a point that would have marked this bill as something of value for our older citizens, was prohibited thanks to "orders" from the drug lobby.

This disgraceful action was permitted by the Republican majority in both houses and more importantly in the conference committee (where Democrats were locked out of most meetings), showing how the long greedy-hands of the drug manufacturers once again scored big for the profit side of their businesses while sneering at those forced to pay criminally exorbitant prices for the same drugs that are sold in other countries for a fraction of what is charged in America.

### ONE REDEEMING FEATURE

There is one thing about the Medicare Reform Act that both sides agree will be beneficial for all concerned -- that being the date the law actually kicks into action -- 2006. This gives Bush and Company time to use the new measure to their advantage during next year's campaigns -- without having to defend the plan's weaknesses.

It will also allow plenty of time for lawmakers, who have major problems with most sections of the massive plan, to amend the multitude of bad parts before it hurts the 40 million Americans it is designed to help.

Or better still -- time to scuttle the entire matter and try again. Hopefully next time without the aid and abetment of those who are benefitting to the tune of billions of profit dollars from the present disaster. Talking here about the greedy Insurance and Pharmaceutical giants who somehow must be kept at bay when such important matters as Medicare Reform returns for debate and change!

### GREAT QUOTE

While thinking about the good fortune that the Insurance and Drug makers will enjoy if the Medicare Reform remains intact, we cast our thoughts to the National Energy proposal that is awaiting action in 2004.

It, like the Medicare program, is a special interest bonanza -- some say to an even greater extent. So bad is the Energy plan that even Republicans are hooting at its impact. Senator John McCain (R-Arizona) gave America a quote that's a beaut when he blasted the Energy bill with: "It leaves no lobbyist behind!"

This energy fiasco needs to be defeated or changed radically before we are required to send "welfare" checks to every major commercial entity in America -- the dream of all right thinking reactionary conservatives. That and some more tax breaks!

### JAIL-COURTHOUSE TASK FORCE

If the schedule held firm last night -- the Site Committee of the Bell County Jail and Courts Task Force will have voted to recommend that County Commissioners put a new jail and courthouse facility out on FM 121 near the Expo-Center.

The vote will be split, due to special interests within the Site Study Group, including at least one who wants the jail-courthouse to stay where it is and another who prefers building something near the courthouse annex. In both cases these committeemen own land near their site preferences.

The majority however appears to want the new facility built south of Belton near the Expo-Center and will have voted accordingly.

It would be a fair guess, judging from the side-bar comments by Task Force members over the past few weeks, that Commissioners are going to be faced with setting another vote on a jail-courthouse project -- probably this coming May.

### OR JUST GO FOR IT!

Or, they could do what perhaps should have been done in the first place -- just go ahead and approve enough Certificates of Obligation, to build the jail and courthouse on FM 121 and be done with it. Downside, of course, is the fear such a move would damage their future reelection chances. Assuming of course, that Bell Countians are as short-sighted as detractors of any expansion plan continue to noisily declare, whenever given the slightest of opportunities.

That's --30-

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Capitol Update

by State Representative Dianne WhiteDelisi



There is a saying in the Texas Legislature that "whiskey is for drinking and water is for fighting".

Those of us that live in Bell County in the 21st Century can give thanks for the vision of former leaders such as Sam Rayburn, Bob Pogue, Frank Mayborn and Lyndon Johnson. These leaders and others secured the funding and implementation for our Lake Belton and Lake Stillhouse Hollow. Other counties in Texas might look to Bell County and think we are floating on an oasis of water. It is true that our Central Texas cities and Fort Hood have ample water contracts out to the year 2050.

Yet those of us who are current leaders must remain vigilant when it comes to Texas' water needs. Numerous proposals and recent rulings that we in Bell County should watch are:

- The recent signing of a contract between the Brazos River Authority and Mesa Water, a private, North Texas groundwater provider. This historical alliance allows Mesa to deliver its water into the Brazos River basin via a pipeline that would be constructed from the Texas Panhandle. In turn, the River Authority will be able to improve system water management for the basin. Results include needed projects, additional access and competitive pricing of water.

- The proposed Rio Nuevo project through the General Land Office which moves underground water to more populated areas in the state. Rio Nuevo, a private company based in West Texas and Austin, wants exclusive rights to water under the General Land Office controlled lands in Far West Texas. Water would be pumped and sent to areas of the state with water needs. Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson would argue that the agreement, if implemented, could bring more money to our schools through the Permanent School Fund. However, Agricultural Commissioner Susan Combs has expressed grave concerns for the implications of removing this water for farmers, wildlife and the agricultural industry.

- The latest movements in brush control and hydrilla. Brush control is being used extensively and successfully on the Fort Hood instillation and other areas across the state. Hydrilla is an invasive weed that chokes waterways and threatens wildlife. As it slows water movements, it limits how much water can be removed and how much water can flow down our

river. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is trying to control this non-native plant by removing the hydrilla mechanically and by releasing grass-eating carp into certain lakes and rivers.

- Legislative interim committees studying junior water rights, inter-basin water transfers, ways to balance Texas' growing water needs with environmental concerns and right of recapture issues.

- The Agricultural Commissioner's efforts for irrigation. A lack of water from the Rio Grande (see following note) keeps farmers struggling to irrigate their crops. The commissioner has joined efforts with the federal government to get funding to these farmers until the Rio Grande issue has been resolved.

(Note: True students of water issues should also watch the contentious water treaty agreement between the United States and Mexico regarding the Rio Grande. Mexico owes the United States about 450 billion gallons of water under a 1944 treaty to share the waters of the Rio Grande. Since 1992, Mexico has fallen behind on its required deliveries. Texas farmers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, who depend on water from the river to irrigate their crops, have been hit hard by the accumulation of Mexico's water debt.)

Additionally, there are concerns of water quality for Bell County. Lake Stillhouse Hollow is designated as some of the most pristine waters in the state. We must work to keep that designation. Towards that effort, I have passed legislation concerning testing for perchlorate parts per billion and excessive deposits from agricultural run-off into our tributaries, rivers and lakes.

Even though Bell County has water, we all must be conservationists. As Texas grows, water needs increase. Many homeowners must be mindful to limit the use of strong yard chemicals which wash into our creeks and tributaries. Wise homeowners are now constructing small cisterns to catch rainwater for irrigation.

The population of the State of Texas is expected to double by 2050. We must work toward identifying new sources of water while striving to protect our current sources.

Thankfully, for us, the leaders of the past recognized this vision and planned wisely. As the charge has now been passed to present day leaders and Texans, we too must plan and manage the future of our water wisely.

FORUM  
108th Congress brings challenges

On March 4, 1789 the first session of Congress convened. More than two centuries later, Jan. 7, 2003 marked the beginning of the 108th U.S. Congress.

As always, this one brought new and unexpected challenges, but overall we were able to accomplish some good things for the American people. This column is a look back over the year and looks forward to what the second half of the 108th Congress in 2004 will achieve.

Economic Security

In May, President Bush signed into law the 2003 Jobs and Growth package to return \$350 billion in tax cuts to the American people, building on the 2001 tax relief. The legislation accelerated many of the reductions that were being phased in over several years including my marriage penalty relief bill, an increase in the child tax credit and lower marginal rates.

It also provided important relief for businesses and \$20 billion to states where many are facing difficult budgetary shortfalls. I fought to adjust the allocation formula so that Texas ultimately received \$1.3 billion to help balance the state budget, a full \$100 million more than they were on track to get.

The good news is that our policies to boost the economy are working. In October, employment rose by 126,000 for a total of 286,000 new jobs over a three-month period. Additionally, the real gross domestic product, or output of goods and services produced in the U.S., increased at an annual rate of 8.2 percent in the third quarter of 2003, building on a 3.3 percent increase in the second quarter. We experienced the fastest growth in nearly two decades.

Your Voice

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

We wish to thank everyone in this wonderful community of Salado who shared in our sorrow of the loss of our daughter, Pamela Marie Heth Adamson on Nov. 19.

The outpouring of love, concern, cards and prayers was truly heart warming.

God bless you all.  
Bill and Marney Heth

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison  
U.S. Senator



Other important indicators, such as new housing starts, which hit a 17-year high in 2003, and increased productivity, greater disposable income and a stock market that experienced gains of more than \$2 trillion, all point toward a recovering economy.

Putting people back to work is our highest priority.

Domestic Security

We kicked off the year by confirming our nation's first Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge, passing national AMBER Alert legislation to more quickly recover kidnapped children and enacting a budget to provide a spending blueprint for Congress.

Our "Healthy Forests" bill was adopted to help protect America's public forests from catastrophic fires, diseases and infestations. We approved a record \$2.4 billion in funding to combat the global HIV/AIDS epidemic devastating Africa and the Caribbean, and passed the "do-not-call" registry bill to protect consumers from unwanted phone solicitations (which is now held up in Federal Court).

We also enacted free and fair trade bills with Chile and Singapore to open new markets to U.S. exports.

In the final days of the session we were finally able to fulfill a promise made to America's seniors by bringing Medicare up-to-date and offering a prescription drug benefit for the first time. We passed sweeping reforms that will provide choice, offer greater assistance for low-income Americans and create Health Savings Accounts that will benefit millions of Americans.

National Security

Perhaps the issue that most dominated 2003 was Operation Iraqi Freedom. In March we descended on Baghdad to remove the threat of Saddam Hussein. A democratic Iraq will stand as an example to all the Middle East and help

ensure a safer world for future generations.

We have stood firm in support of our troops, providing the necessary funds to fight the war and help the Iraqi people more quickly gain control of their own destiny. We also passed the Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act and the Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act to help military families.

Our efforts to eliminate terrorism continue in Afghanistan and points around the globe, and the passage of the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Act will help further our national security.

Moving Forward

As with every year there are some important issues that were not resolved. We were unable to pass a comprehensive energy bill, something I have advocated during my decade of service in the Senate. Though we didn't get a bill this year, it is a top priority heading into 2004.

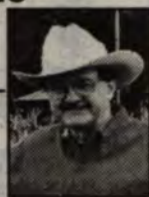
The bill is long overdue and we will not give up the fight. It means increased energy independence, conservation and new jobs in our country when we need it most, and we won't rest until we have an energy bill for the president to sign.

We'll also act to reauthorize highway legislation to create better highways and transportation systems, and hope to make progress on legislation I introduced to make Amtrak a viable, national alternative.

In 2004 we'll continue to fight for the fair treatment of judicial nominees and encourage up-or-down votes in the Senate to fill critical vacancies in our nation's courts. We'll also work to pass class action and asbestos litigation reform and continue working to create jobs.

As we move forward, we'll undoubtedly face new challenges and we'll tackle them for the good of the American people.

Jim Hightower



Wal-Mart, the recidivist criminal, is back in trouble with the law.

Jesse James, Bonnie and Clyde, and Al Capone had nothing on this notorious violator of our nation's laws and moral code of behavior. It routinely robs its nearly one million workers, depriving them of a fair wage and a fair chance. For example:

Wal-Mart illegally compels employees to work an extra hour or so without pay after their shift is over - more than 30 states have filed class-action suits against the company for requiring this "off the clock" work.

The largest sex discrimination suit ever filed in U.S. history is under way against Wal-Mart on behalf of nearly a million women who've worked there.

Wal-Mart has been sued more times by federal authorities for discrimination against the disabled than any other corporation.

Wal-Mart has been formally cited more than 40 times in the past five years for using illegal tactics to deny its workers the right to join a union.

Its latest legal comeuppance came recently when the Feds raided 60 Wal-Mart stores in 21 states and arrested illegal immigrants working as janitors. The workers in these cleaning crews were being paid below the minimum wage, getting as little as \$2 a day working for the richest retailer in the world.

Oh, no, cried Wal-Mart executives, they don't work for us, but for cleaning contractors we hire, and - trust us - we had no idea that they were hiring illegal workers and paying illegal wages!

What a crock. Wal-Mart is renowned for its elaborate computer network that tracks every cost it incurs, down to the penny - and for demanding that its suppliers and contractors pay the least wage possible. Plus, this is the third time in the past five years that Wal-Mart has been caught pulling this same crime of using illegal cleaning crews.

Not only does Wal-Mart know what's going on, but such exploitation of workers is integral to this corporate criminal's ongoing profit plan.





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# School district eyeing property purchase for possible expansion

I hear that the District is actively seeking land for future buildings. Can you tell me a little more?

Last year, the community task force charged the School Board with

a. conducting a needs assessment of existing facilities/property and

b. purchasing land. Some have asked if additional land is needed. The current Community-

## Supt's Corner

by Dr. Robin Battershell

Wide Future Facilities Committee will provide the Board and Administration with input on future expansion either on- or off-site. Regardless of whether the Board ultimately

determines on- or off-site expansion, additional land is required based upon the completed needs assessment.

Current expansion on-site would require moving

- The football, baseball, softball or softball fields OR

- The maintenance shop, bus barn, or agriculture barn OR

- Expansion of the current septic fields.

Expansion off-site would require:

•Space for current and future growth needs

• Consideration of buildings, septic field requirements, and ancillary building space.

Thus, we are asking anyone who is interested in either donating 35-50 acres or in negotiating for fair market value with the School Board to please call me at (254) 947-5479, Ext. 7000.

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# Reeves spotlighted for ag enterprise

Cole Reeves, 18, of Salado, is one of 10 students from across the country who received a National Agri-Entrepreneur Award and \$1,000 during a ceremony at the 76th National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky. Oct. 31. The award program recognizes young people who start or are planning to start businesses.

Reeves, son of Gary and Ann Reeves, owns and operates Noah's Way

Exotic Petting Zoo. He started the business after receiving several requests to provide his exotic animals, goats and sheep for various functions.

"I decided to develop a mobile petting zoo business providing animals to fairs, festivals, school and churches for specific events," Reeves said.

"I was motivated by the idea of working with animals, traveling to various parts of Texas and the pos-

sibility of financial gains," he continued. "I developed a business plan outlining all aspects of the operation. Then, I put together a brochure for customers. I market my zoo to fairs and festivals and also contact local chambers of commerce, churches and schools regarding the possibilities of providing my zoo for their events."

Said Robert Daniell, Salado FFA advisor and Reeves' ag teacher: "Cole

has done an excellent job of developing and marketing his business. He has developed a keen sense of business and is able to seize on any available opportunities. Cole has contributed to the success of our FFA chapter's petting zoo at the Central Texas State Fair each fall by providing use of his animals."

A member of the Salado FFA Chapter, Reeves is a 2003 graduate of Salado High School. Reeves has been active in FFA, serving in various offices and participating in proficiency and career development events. Reeves was a member of varsity football, baseball and powerlifting teams, and the student council.

At the local level, Wayne Reeves sponsored the agri-entrepreneurship award. At the national level, the Agri-Entrepreneurship Program is sponsored by and in partnership with the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, an organization established in the 1960s by late entrepreneur and philanthropist Ewing Marion Kauffman.

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11/01	11:53 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/02	6:03 p.m.	Unauthorized burning
11/02	8:49 p.m.	Other outside trash receptacle fire
11/03	5:25 p.m.	False alarm, false call, other
11/03	1:25 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/06	4:50 a.m.	False alarm, false call, other
11/08	7:30 a.m.	Smoke scare, odor of smoke
11/08	8:26 a.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
11/08	10:39 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/08	11:51 a.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
11/08	11:51 a.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
11/08	8:25 a.m.	False alarm, false call, other
11/08	9:47 a.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
11/10	8:54 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/11	2:42 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/11	11:23 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/12	12:20 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/13	6:02 p.m.	False alarm, false call, other
11/14	10:24 a.m.	Grass fire
11/14	6:03 p.m.	False alarm, false call, other
11/15	8:31 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/18	9:29 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/20	10:05 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/21	1:03 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/22	4:42 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/23	12:29 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/25	4:32 p.m.	Brush, grass mixture fire
11/25	9:36 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
11/26	5:37 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
11/30	9:39 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
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<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:00</b>
<b>Sunday Night Youth Group</b>	<b>6:00</b>

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Traditional Worship/Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Jr. High Halftime	5:15 p.m.
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
		Bible Drill (4th - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
		High School Halftime	7:00 p.m.



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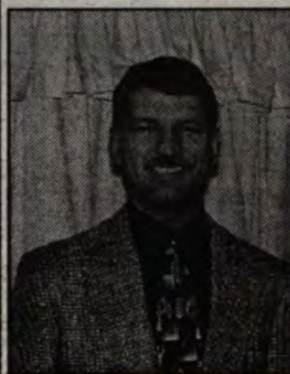
Worship Schedule

Sunday School • 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship • 11 a.m.  
 Bible Study • 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday Praise & Prayer • 7:00 p.m.



**The Salado Church of Christ**  
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**Sunday Morning Service • Dec. 7, 2003**



**Joe Keyes**  
 Minister

As always when we look toward the new year that is to come, we start to think about positive changes we can make, "resolutions" to grow and be better people in the future than we have in the past. God loves it when we truly desire to draw closer in our relationship with him as well. Join us Sunday as we talk about "Growing in Personal Holiness" in 2004.

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Olivia Claire Cowan was born Sept. 20, 2003 to Jaime and David Cowan of Nashville, Tennessee. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Bill and Janice Cowan of Little River, and great-grandparents are the late M.H. and Laura Cowan of Belton. Maternal grandparents are Jack and Lenice Smithwick of Florence, and great-grandparents are Paul and Barbara Boggs, of Salado, and Nancy Smithwick of Silvercliff, Colorado, and the late Jack W. Smithwick.

**Bell County Texas Democratic Women to hold Christmas Luncheon Dec. 6**

Bell County Texas Democratic Women will hold their annual Christmas Luncheon, Dec. 6 in the Special Events room on the second floor of the Bell County Expo Center.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. After a brief business session, the luncheon will be served. Cost is \$15 per person.

The menu will consist of the traditional Christmas dinner items.

Speakers for the event will be representatives of several National Democratic candidates. The 2004 officers will be installed at the meeting.

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### Book-Friends announces 12th annual "A book for Christmas" project

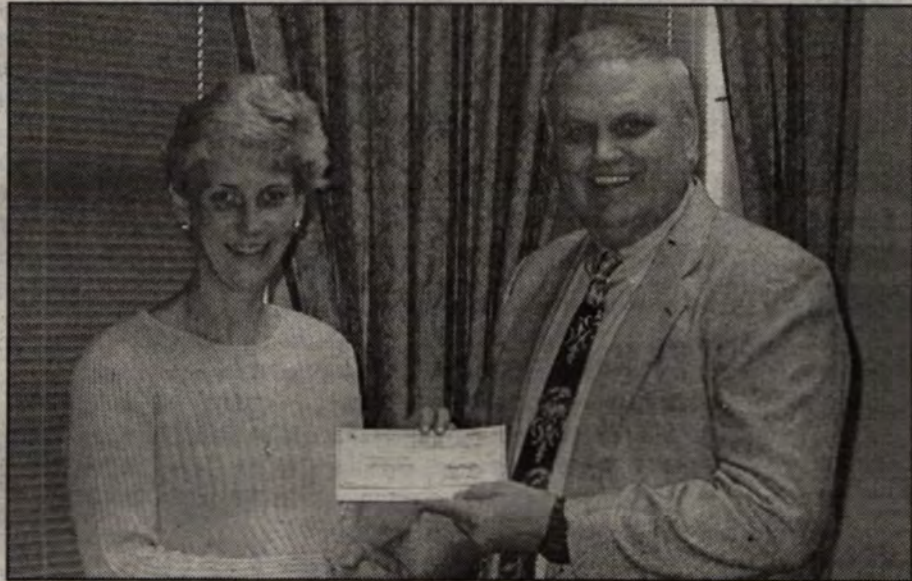
Book-Friends, Inc., a local nonprofit corporation, is announcing its Twelfth Annual "A book for Christmas" Project. Since 1992 Book-Friends has provided new books to over 3500 deserving children at Christmas time.

Alice Wells, director of Book-Friends, Inc., says that new books or money to purchase new books may be mailed to Book-Friends, PO Box 913, Salado, TX 76571. One hundred per cent of all money donated will be used to purchase books. Area programs that are aided by this project include Families in Crisis, The Faithful Home, are Head Start Schools and Child Protective Services. Children on the Christmas list are between the ages of six months and 17 years. If you have books that you wish to have picked up locally, call Alice at Royal Street Provision, 947-3350.

Gently used books may also be donated to Book-Friends to help establish and maintain libraries at family shelters in the area.



The Salado Presbyterian Church donated \$350 to the Salado Education Foundation. Pastor Greg Davidson of the Presbyterian Church presented the check with Grace Lavadia, SEF Chairperson, Ann Faber and Robin Battershell, SEF Members, accepting.



State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company gave a \$500 contribution to the Salado Education Foundation to benefit the student scholarships. Jerry O'Rear, SEF Board Member, requested the donation and Barry Harper with State Farm said that State Farm prioritized helping students. Dr. Battershell, Salado ISD Superintendent, accepted the donation.

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The Ducks Unlimited plate features a graphic design of a duck head overlaid on an outline of the state of Texas. Below are the words "Texas Ducks Unlimited" below the graphic. The legend

"Wetlands Conservation" appears at the bottom of the plate in red lettering.

The Ducks Unlimited license plates are available to motorists for a \$30 annual fee, plus \$40 if personalized, in addition to regular vehicle registration fees. Of the \$30 fee, \$22 is deposited into a special fund for waterfowl and wetland conservation programs. The plates have been offered since 2000.

Applications for Ducks Unlimited plates are available at county tax offices, on TxDOT's web site ([www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us)), by calling the TxDOT Help Desk at (512) 465-7611.

### Let Freedom Ring theme of National Day of Prayer

More than 100 pastors and church leaders gathered at KPLE-TV in Killeen recently for a fellowship meal and to be informed of the plans for a Central Texas Regional event for National Day of Prayer 2004.

A Central Texas Task Force has been formed to call the people of God in unity for prayer on May 6, 2004, for repentance, for revival in the church and spiritual awakening in the land. This regional event will be held in the evening on May 6 at the Bell County Expo Center with

the theme, "Let Freedom Ring".

Freedom Five, an initiative for uniting God's people to pray for the nation, is available and encourages five minutes a day for the the five centers of power, including the government, the media, education, church and families.

Those attending the luncheon were challenged to implement the plan in their churches and communities.

All Central Texas churches are invited to seek a prayer coordinator for the church and the community; begin using the Freedom Five prayer guide; publicize and promote the May 6 event; provide singers for a large Central Texas choir; and assist with ushering and hospitality at the May 6 event.

For more information contact Pat Dalrymple at (254) 742-1029 or email [psalm146two@aol.com](mailto:psalm146two@aol.com).

### Ft. Hood planning Jan. 21 job fair

It's not too early for prospective job hunters to start preparing for the next job fair scheduled for Jan. 21 at Fort Hood.

The Fort Hood ACAP (Army Career and Alumni Program) Center will sponsor the job fair 10 a.m.-3

p.m. Jan. 21 at the Officers Club on the installation.

Approximately 90 employers are expected to participate in job fair, and prospective job hunters can begin preparing for the event by updating resumes and collecting information

for interviews.

The job fair will be open to the public, and there is no fee for participation.

Additional information is available by calling the ACAP Center at 254-288-ACAP or 254-288-JOBS.

### Crossroads Quilt Guild to meet Dec. 8

The Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild of Killeen and West Bell County will have only one meeting during the month Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Gray and Avenue A in downtown Killeen. The Christmas

party/meeting combination will begin with a pot luck supper and include the installation of the 2004 officers elected during November.

Members are encouraged to bring food for the table and a yard of all cotton fabric for a

Chinese Christmas present trade. The Quilt Guild will supply the meat and the drinks.

Anyone with an interest in the art and skill of quilting is invited to attend the meetings and become a part of the Guild. For additional information, call 547-7963.

### Baptist Church plans trip to Christmas Fest

The First Baptist Church of Salado is sponsoring a trip to see the Dallas Christmas Festival at Prestonwood Baptist Church Dec.13.

The cost of the trip is \$55 per person and includes round trip luxury motor coach fare and the ticket to the festival. Meals are on your own. The motor coach will leave Salado at 9 a.m. and return at 9 p.m. There are only 25 tickets available for this trip.

Information on the Dallas Christmas Festival can be seen at [www.dallaschristmasfestival.org](http://www.dallaschristmasfestival.org). For more information, call the church office at 947-5465.

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# Changing Patterns

## Partnership brings quilts to Salado

By MICKEY BURLESON

The varied and colorful La Caldera Quilts will make their annual appearance in Salado at the Central Texas Area Museum Dec. 5-7. This free exhibit opens to the public each day from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. "Changing Patterns" is the theme of this year's showing and speaks to the evolving nature of the quilts themselves as well as recent dramatic changes in the lives of the quilt-makers and their families.

The quilts are products of a unique partnership between Central Texans and the Mexican citizens they have worked with for 20 years in a Christian ministry to a remote, rural area in the challenging Chihuahuan Desert. The small quilting industry was encouraged and fostered by the Texans as a means for impoverished families of La Caldera to earn much needed income, and the success of the effort has not only enabled families to pay for the basic essentials of their lives but has also produced some striking and fascinating quilts.

Although this dusty little desert village was always poor and offered little or no opportunities for advancement, it was in a beautiful setting, and it provided a safe, stable environment for children to grow up in, surrounded by large, caring families. Money was not easy to come by, but little was needed and demands for goods were minimal. Most of the time quilt income enabled families to purchase enough food to see them through the hardest times. And most of the time there were one or

two teachers in the small schoolhouse to give their children the essentials of an elementary education.

However, over the years, things began to change. The men's opportunities for earning income began to dwindle. First, they lost their cattle, then their goats. Next they lost their market for the vegetable wax they extracted with great effort from desert plants. Jobs they tried in nearby mining operations were dangerous, and many were separated from their families during the week or injured while working. So they began to look toward town (Ciudad Acuna or Muzquiz) where new American factories were setting up shop and employing workers at low-paying but steady jobs. Peasants from all over northern Mexico began to trickle into these cities attracted by the promise of work. Soon hundreds of thousands were squatting in hovels, creating slum-like *colonias* on the edge of town.

Some of the families from La Caldera joined them. As a result, the village population began to drop, and as it did there were less and less school-age children. Finally, it fell low enough that the government refused to send a teacher; that meant parents who wanted their children in school needed to pull up stakes and go elsewhere, and they did.

Then, after 9/11, their Texas supporters ran into interference from US border officials who refused to let them continue crossing by boat to the village as they had in the past and threatened them with arrest. Now the



LA CALDERA QUILTMAKER Sandra Mota holds up her quilt for friends from Texas to photograph. She is sitting on the bed in her modest home. The poster behind her has been used to block cold air which whistles through the holes and radiates off the bare tin walls above her bed. The income from her quilts helps to feed her family of six.

Texans would have to cross a hundred miles down river at an official entry point and drive another full day or more over extremely rough roads through rugged backcountry in order to reach La Caldera.

While the Texas group debated how they would carry on their mission, news came to them that the land which the village occupied had been sold by the Mexican government to a private company who had ordered the villagers to leave. With good intentions, a former government had, years before, moved these poor people to the desert, provided them with land and instructed them to stay, hoping they would

figure out a way to make a living from the desert. They had given it their best, but it had been only their grace and tenacity that had enabled them to endure.

Now the loss of this land was the cause of their needing to move again and to leave what little they did own, much of which had been constructed in partnership with their Texas friends -- things like houses built for the homeless, school buildings for the children, a church, water tower, medical clinic, teachers' house, and a quilt workshop. All had to be abandoned immediately. The

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## Varsity girls rebound after shaky start

Looking to improve on an 0-2 start, the Lady Eagles won back-to-back games versus McGregor Nov. 24, and Franklin Nov. 25 to even their record going into tournament season.

The game was tight the entire way, as Salado led 12-9 after one, 25-21 at the half and 37-32 after three periods. Salado held off a McGregor rally in the fourth, winning the game 46-42.

Seven Lady Eagles got into the scoring column. Jo Washburn led the way with 10 points, and Brittany Boydston had nine points.

Elizabeth Dunlap, Amanda Tumey, Laramie Jackson, Ashley Peschel and Hilary Haynes all contributed to the win.

It was all Jackson, Boydston and Dunlap Nov. 25 at Franklin as the Lady Eagles took an early lead and cruised to a 51-36 win. Jackson scored 11 of her game high 17 points in the first half, while Boydston's 14 points and Dunlap's 12 were too much for Franklin to overcome, even with their star player, Bekka Russ, dropping in 18 points.

Also scoring for the

Lady Eagles were Haynes and Tumey, who finished with four points each.

Salado will make the trip to Academy this week for a Dec. 4-6 tournament.

### Junior Varsity

The Junior Varsity A team traveled to Franklin Nov. 25, thumping the home team by a score of 48-22. Every Lady Eagle on the roster broke into the scoring column, led by Nicole Weatherly's 10 point effort. Chelsea Ervi and Kate Marshall each had seven, while Brandy Boydston scored six.

Also contributing were

Jessica Shumate (four points), Rachel Hargrove (four points) and Denise Jasso (three points).

It was more of the same against McGregor Nov. 24, a game which saw Salado win by 16 points, 41-25.

Marshall had a game high 11 points for the Lady Eagles. Lacey Bartlett had seven, as did Boydston. Weatherly chipped in five points.

The JV B team was defeated in a game versus Waco University, by a final of 51-33. Denise Jasso had nine points to lead the Lady Eagles.

## Junior high teams win some, lose some

**Salado Eighth "A" 38 Jarrell 14**

Salado led 20-14 at half-time and shut out Jarrell in the second half. Blake Heller had seven points, Tyler Burden, David Rosenau and Jonathan Nix all had six. Jonas Goode scored five and Matt Fritsch had five points.

**Salado Eighth "B" 18 Academy 6**

Salado and Academy squared off for one half only, with Salado dominating the shortened contest. Daniel Champion led Salado with six points. J.D.

Kinsey and Trevor Radcliffe has four points each.

**Salado Seventh "A" 31 Academy "A" 34**

Seven different players scored for Salado, led by C.J. Little and Garrett Ward, who each had seven. Matthew Ming scored six and Bryce Dunks had four.

**Salado Seventh "B" 0 Academy "B" 6**

**Eighth girls "A" 44 Jarrell 22**

Salado blew the game open in the fourth, outscoring Jarrell 19-4. Lauren Haire topped all scorers

with her 17 point effort. Brandi Lott scored eight points, Kristen Smith had nine, Tamra Stanish finished with six and Lauren Culver had four.

**Eighth girls "B" 2 Jarrell 16**

Kourtney Singleton scored Salado's only points.

**Eighth girls "A" 31 Academy 13**

With three hurt ankles and illnesses throughout the roster, the eighth grade girl still managed a convincing 18 point win Nov. 20. Leading scorers were

Smith (eight), Culver (six), Goodnight (five), Kamyille Palomino (four) and Stanish (two).

**Eighth girls "B" 12 Academy 10**

Salado led by four at the end of one, and survived a late surge by Academy to hold on for the win. Amanda Hoffman carried Salado with six points. Julie Hadja, Amanda Willey and Kourtney Singleton each had two points.

Seventh grade girls basketball results were unavailable as of press time.

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# Varsity Eagles perfect at 4-0

Riding the momentum from their 2-0 start, the Varsity Eagles upset Class AAA Luling Nov. 24, 50-22, and followed that win with a 56-46 victory over Waco Christian, to bring their record to 4-0.

With the score tied at nine points apiece after one quarter in Luling, the Eagles opened up the offense a bit in the second, taking a 23-18 lead into the half. Salado went up without question in the third, with the consistent offensive production of Matt Caskey, Travis Clark and Devon Dunn.

A trio of three point baskets in the fourth, coupled with stingy defense, sealed the deal for Salado's win on the road. Dunn was the high man offensively, finishing the game with 12 points. Matt Jennings had 10, while Josh Wright, Clark and Caskey each had six points.

Following their win at Luling, Salado hosted

Waco Christian Academy Nov. 25.

Coach Tom Long's team trailed by three points at the half, 26-23, despite a 12-point first quarter from Clark. Catching fire, Salado dropped 23 on Waco Christian in the third, turning a three-point deficit into a nine-point lead entering the fourth. Dunn's 11 third-period points paced Salado's offense.

After opening up a 16-point lead with time expiring, Salado slowed the game down, bringing the score to its eventual 56-46 final.

The Varsity and JV will travel to the Hutto tournament Dec. 4. The Varsity will play Manor at 5 p.m., followed by an 8 p.m. game versus Rockdale Dec. 5 and a 9 a.m. showdown with the host team Dec. 6.

### Junior Varsity

Entering their game versus Waco Christian with a 3-1 record, the JV Eagles put up big offensive num-

bers to win convincingly, 59-35.

Garrett Askins scored all 15 of Salado's points in the second, and was the game's top scorer, finishing with 19. James Gregurek totalled 11 points in the blow-out victory.

In previous action in Luling, the JV used a 16-point first quarter and a 15-point fourth to come away with a 39-29 win. Ryan Clark (eight points), Askins (six points), Lucas Martin (six points) and Gregurek (seven points) were the offensive leaders for Salado.

In the season's first two games, Salado defeated Moody 35-32, and were handed their only loss versus Jarrell, 31-19. Against Moody, Clark had 12 points and Gregurek had eight. Gregurek and Martin

paced the JV against Jarrell.

### Freshmen

The Salado freshmen dropped a one point contest to Waco Christian, 31-30, Nov. 25. Won Im's 12 points and Chad Tumeys 11 led the Eagles.

Doing their part in the sweep over Luling, the freshmen saw offensive contributions from nine different players, a balanced attack that led to a 48-31 win.

Justin Pruitt dropped in 16 points for Salado to lead both teams in scoring. Also contributing were Blake Newman, Tumeys, Josh Caldwell, Im, Tanner Johnson and Stephen Quick.

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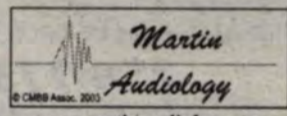
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## Could your child be at risk for heart disease?

When you think of heart disease, you probably don't think of your kids. But maybe you should.

Almost 40 percent of children in Texas are considered overweight or obese, significantly increasing their risk for type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke - even cardiovascular disease. The number of overweight adolescents has tripled over the past two decades, up to 15 percent. And an overweight child has a 75 percent chance of growing up to be an overweight adult.

Type 2 diabetes, once considered an adult disease linked to obesity, is being diagnosed in our children in unprecedented numbers - most likely a direct result of eating too much and not exercising enough. In fact, type 2 diabetes can promote the development of heart disease at younger ages.

Although smoking is still the leading prevent-

able cause of cardiovascular disease, obesity is quickly gaining on it. An estimated 300,000 deaths nationwide each year can be attributed to obesity. Child obesity has become an epidemic that is threatening the future of an entire generation of Texans. There are close to six million children living in Texas, and the prevalence of overweight and obese children in Texas is higher than the national average. If we don't take action now, this generation of children may not outlive their parents.

For the vast majority of our children, there is a sensible solution - eat better and exercise more. As with many, if not most, of our lifetime habits, nutrition and exercise habits are developed in childhood. It sounds simple enough, but changing the nutrition and exercise habits of a generation is a unique and

profound challenge - one that requires coordinated efforts from parents, schools, elected officials and health care organizations.

Our school system can be an ideal environment for children to learn about the importance of nutritious eating. Children consume roughly 30 percent of their daily calories at school. But only two percent of children receive the daily recommended number of servings of fruits and vegetables, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Fortunately, this school year, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) was named the administering state agency for the Child Nutrition Programs in public schools, and, under the leadership of Commissioner Susan Combs, has implemented bold changes regarding

foods of minimal nutritional value. The sale of certain junk foods and sodas in elementary school vending machines and cafeterias is now prohibited, and access to junk foods in middle schools has been restricted.

Good nutrition, combined with regular physical activity, can combat the incidence of obesity. A recent study from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, however, found that almost 62 percent of children do not participate in any organized physical activity during after-school hours. The American Council on Exercise has reported that 63 percent of children are no longer active by the time they reach high school.

The most effective weapon in the fight against obesity is preventing poor health choices now instead of treating chronic illnesses later.

## Don't invite heart attacks home for the holidays

Every day, more than 150 Texans will die from heart disease. And unfortunately, cardiovascular disease - our number one killer - doesn't take time off for the holidays.

Some risk factors - such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, weight gain and smoking - can be controlled through behavior modifications and healthy lifestyle choices. But certain acute events such as heart attacks are not so easily prevented - or predicted.

This holiday season, ask yourself an important question: if a family member or friend collapsed from cardiac arrest, would you know what to do? Each year, more than 250,000 adults suffer cardiac arrest, usually away from a hospital and often

in their own homes. There are steps that you can take to increase their chances of recovery and survival.

The most common cause of cardiac arrest is an abnormal heart rhythm known as ventricular fibrillation, which prevents the heart from pumping blood. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, can keep oxygenated blood flowing to the brain and heart until defibrillation or other advanced care can restore a normal heart rhythm.

Performing CPR is critical during the first few minutes following sudden cardiac arrest. With each passing minute, the chance of successful resuscitation is reduced by seven to 10 percent, particularly if CPR is not provided. Through CPR training and the Chain of Survival, you can transform yourself from a bystander to a lifesaver.

The Chain of Survival is a four-step process that outlines how to provide treatment to victims of cardiac arrest. The steps include:

- Early access to care: Early access means rec-

ognizing the symptoms of cardiac arrest and immediately engaging the emergency system. Call 9-1-1 to dispatch emergency medical services.

- Early CPR: This involves prompt and correct mouth-to-mouth breathing and chest compressions to enable oxygen-rich blood to be circulated to the victim's heart and brain. CPR can extend the time available for successful defibrillation.

- Early defibrillation: A trained rescuer can deliver a shock with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to help restore the heart's normal contraction rhythm. The availability of an AED is critical to correcting ventricular fibrillation.

- Early advanced care: Medical personnel can administer timely treatment through medications and advanced therapies, which are vital to survival.

More than 95 percent of cardiac arrest victims will die - usually because defibrillation occurs too late to reverse the effects.

Every minute that passes

before returning the heart to a normal rhythm after a cardiac arrest causes the chance of survival to fall by 10 percent. Keep in mind that the average response time for paramedics or emergency medical technicians to arrive on the scene is six to 10 minutes. Most victims can't afford to wait that long.

In 2000, almost 60,000 Texans died from cardiovascular disease - and roughly half of these deaths resulted from sudden cardiac arrest. There are an estimated 17,249 sudden cardiac arrests each year in the state of Texas, and only five percent of victims will survive. CPR can help make every minute count. In 2002, more than 420,000 Texans were trained in CPR and AED use.

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One corporation explained that its fund contributions fell short because it didn't expect everyone eligible to retire would do so, but instead stay on the job, which would have kept the fund levels constant. "A lot of people do love their work," a representative said.

Some companies used inflated interest rates to calculate fund levels, enabling them to cut their contributions but still claim sufficient reserves to meet pension payments.

And what has Congress done? Has it rushed to pass legislation to protect employees against such practices? Not that you would notice. In fact, a Senate committee has already suspended a measure designed to punish companies that allow their pension

## Dollars & Sense

by David Uffington

reserves to slip below a certain level. Congress is also said to favor companies' requests to permanently relax some provisions of the pension funding law.

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corporate line that the old laws intended to safeguard pension reserves are not relevant to today's financial environment; this, in spite of the fact that inadequate funding was a major cause of the collapse of some 150 pen-

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villagers knew only Acuna or Musquiz; so they went to one town or the other, wherever they had family or friends and hopefully could find work.

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This past March the Central Texas Christians crossed into Acuna and spent a week working for the first time with their old friends and other *pobres* in the heart of the *colonias* of Acuna. Some of the La Caldera families had helped start a church in their *colonia*, a church with significant construction needs. Church members and their pastor welcomed the Texans with open arms and worked hand in hand with them to finish their sanctuary

and kitchen and to build restrooms and classrooms. Youth in the Texas group held a Bible School for area children, and Mexicans and Texans joined together in nightly worship services.

During the day, some of the Texas women led a Bible study at the church while others held a crafts school for quilters at a nearby home. Most of the quilters, who are now widely scattered throughout the city's *colonias* or who live hours away in Muzquiz or on remote ranches, miraculously appeared. They had gotten word the Texans were coming through what locals call "the desert telegraph" (old-fashioned word-of-mouth communication).

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## Log cabins part of 2003 Tour of Homes

Two log cabins will be part of the 2003 Tour of Homes, sponsored by the Salado Historical Society Dec. 5-7. Both log cabins are located on Van Bibber Lane, behind the Salado Civic Center.

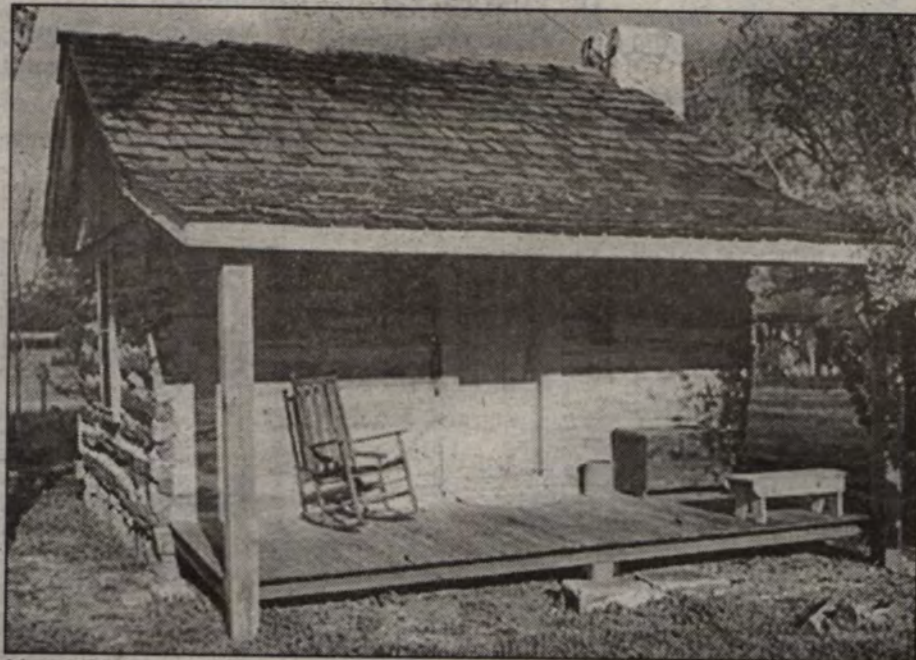
Salado Historical Society rescued the Boles-Aiken Cabin and restored it at its new location next to the Hamblen Family Cemetery on Van Bibber Lane.

In March 1986, local real estate developer Bill Bartlett was having a medium-sized frame house demolished to clear a tract of land on the east side of Center Circle.

According to Charles Abbitt, who wrote a history of the Boles-Aiken cabin, "As the house was being destroyed, the definite form of a large and aged log cabin was discovered. The cabin, consisting of two adjacent rooms and a lean-to shed running the length of the two rooms, had been entirely enclosed by outside siding and indoor plaster. Its existence was not known to Bartlett nor the current generation in Salado."

After Robert Denman alerted the Historical Society, Historical Society President Lynn Calvert put in motion a plan to save the cabin and have archeological excavation accomplished.

With help of volunteers, the Historical Society was able to dismantle



Moses Denman Cabin

and number the logs of the cabin and store them on the grounds of Twelve Oaks, owned by Bob and Sue Whistler.

"The completeness of items preserved approached 100 percent," Abbitt wrote in his report, "and included the rock wall on which the cabin rested, sills, flooring, ceiling, floor, joists, roof trusses and lathes, the east chimney and fireplace."

Charles Abbitt oversaw the reconstruction of the cabin at its new home on Van Bibber Lane, almost five years after it was rescued by the Historical Society. Abbitt and his team of Lonnie Joe Edwards, James Poppel and Bob Stewart restored the cabin to its original form.

An archeological ser-

vice retained by the Historical Society performed an excavation of the original cabin area to determine the original function and use of the cabin as a stagestop and early day post office.

The Moses Denman Cabin will also be open for the Historic Homes Tour Dec 5-7.

The Moses Denman Cabin was built in the mid-1800s, some say 1845, others say 1867.

The one room cabin was made of logs and chinking of mortar, rags and whatever was handy to keep out the cold. The fireplace was made of rock picked up nearby.

Moses Denman built the cabin. He had 25 children over his lifetime. He lost two wives and two babies early in his adult life. Later

in life, he married Laura McMinn (who was just 19 at the time). He and Laura had happy times with five children in the cabin.

The cabin was almost covered when Lake Belton was built on Cowhouse Creek in Sparta where it was built. Madie Smith, a writer with the Temple Daily Telegram, saved the cabin and moved it to Pearl Street in Belton.

When Madie died, the cabin was moved to Troy for a few years.

Robert Denman's father O.H. Denman visited the cabin in Troy after learning that it had survived two moves. "Mr. Denman remembered Sparta well and three of his brothers and sisters had been born in the

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**Mondays**  
**Salado Community Chorus:** 5:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.  
**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 FFA Meeting:** First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.  
**Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees:** 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.  
**Salado Library District Board:** 4th Mon. at 5:30 p.m., at Salado Public Library Building.  
**Salado Masonic Lodge #296:** 8 p.m. on the Mon. on or before the full moon.  
**Salado Village Artist Guild:**

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:** Aug. 18-end of school year, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. except first Monday of the month, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. Class includes stretching, strengthening and Pilates. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.  
**Salado Democrats:** 6:45 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Village Steakhouse.  
**Salado Youth Fair Boosters:** Third Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the elementary school library.  
**Tuesdays**  
**Salado Rotary Club:** 11:30

a.m., Stagecoach Inn.  
**Salado Band Boosters:** Second Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in the Band Hall.  
**Yoga Classes:** 6:45 p.m., at the Halley House.  
**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 Area Republican Women:** 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.  
**Wednesdays**  
**Yoga classes:** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Salado Chiropractic and Massage. 947-2225.  
**Salado Creekside Cloggers:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Salado Youth Baseball Association:** meetings 7 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., 5 p.m., at Civic Center.  
**Scottish Country Dance Lessons:** 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325 for info.  
**Thursdays**  
**Salado Area Republican Women:** 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.  
**Village of Salado Board of Aldermen:** Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Municipal Building 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.  
**Salado Business Association:** General meetings, 3rd Thursday 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center.  
**Salado Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild:** 3rd Thurs. of each month 5:30 p.m. at The Sewing Basket.  
**Salado Moms,** playgroup, contact Amanda at 947-5507.  
**Saturdays**  
**Food Pantry:** 2nd and 4th Sat. at First Baptist Church. 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

## 2003 Salado Christmas Stroll Schedule of Activities

**DECEMBER 4**  
 5 p.m.: Salado Christmas Parade and tree lighting Celebration. Begins on Center Circle and travels up Main St. to Salado Civic Center for tree lighting.

**DECEMBER 5**  
 5 p.m. UMHB University singers at Charlotte's of Salado on Rock Creek Drive.  
 6 p.m.: German music performed at Uniquely Europe on Rock Creek Drive.  
 6 p.m. Dominique DePrez, violinist at Alice's in Old Town Salado on Main St.  
 6-9 p.m.: Live Nativity Scene, in front of First Baptist Church on Main St.  
 6-10 p.m.: Freddie Fuller, the singing cowboy, at Heirloom's on Main St.  
 6:30 p.m.: Clefhangers, a Barbershop Quartet.  
 7 p.m.: Dickens' A Christmas Carol performed at Tablerock Amphitheatre off Royal St.  
 7 p.m. Birdville First Baptist Church Handbell Choir at St. Luke's Chapel behind Fletcher's on N. Main St.  
 Throughout the day: Old World Santa at Garden Spirits and massages at Sweet Dreams.

**DECEMBER 6**  
 1-6 p.m.: Ellison Chamber Singers, Killeen ISD, strolling and caroling along Main St.  
 5 p.m.: UMHB One Voice Choir at Charlotte's of Salado on Rock Creek Dr.  
 6 p.m. Dominique DePrez, violinist at Alice's in Old Town Salado on Main St.  
 6 p.m. Birdville First Baptist Church handbell Choir at the First Baptist Church of Salado sanctuary.  
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**DECEMBER 5-7**  
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Salado Food Pantry.  
**DECEMBER 11-13**  
 Coach U.G. Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament (formerly Salado Merchants Tourney). Salado High School.  
**DECEMBER 18**  
 Salado Area Republican Women Annual Meeting, installation of officers at Mill Creek. Info: 947-8422.

**JANUARY 2-4**  
 Lariat Bowl at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-9988.


**JANUARY 15**  
 Community Meeting about School facilities needs 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center

**JANUARY 22**  
 Candidates Forum sponsored by Salado Area Republican Women, 6 p.m. buffet dinner at the Civic Center. Info: 947-3617 or bam002@earthlink.net.

**DECEMBER 5, 6, 12, 13**  
 Tablerock's A Christmas Carol 7 p.m., \$5 adults and \$3 children.

**DECEMBER 9**  
 Salado Community Chorus Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Admission is free.

**DECEMBER 11**  
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**Dillion Passage**  
**Dear Santa:**  
How are you doing? How are the reinderr? Is it cold? this year I want CD's cloth's, shoes, boots and a teddy bear for chrīsmas. Please get my brother a basketball and a skateboard. My mom wants a breakable dophin and dolphin sheets and blankets. my sister want mak-up I forgot one more thing I want. Please get me a four-wheeler because they are fun.

**Michelle**  
**Dear Santa:**  
Jacob is my baby Brother. I really think he might like a silver Buss light year. Dillan is my Brother and he likes to break things. I think he would like some legos. And Ryan I would like a gameboy Advance with a bionicle game. And my dad Paul would like some tools. And my mom Jennifer would like a teacup Chihuahua. I also want a XBox with a game called

JakII, and a transfermer. And Jacob Also want a cool Robot. And Dillan wants some Bionicles.

**Ryan Lynn Kelley**  
**Dear Santa:**  
Before I tell you certain information I'd like to tell you, do not hurt yourself! Now would you help get rid of my dogs allergies? The one toy I'd like to have best is a unicon from Transformers Armada. These are my two biggest wishes so please do the first because my dog Skooter is in alot pain. I don't care if you don't do number two! Just help Skooter.

**Michael Brookbank**  
**Dear Santa:**  
how are you doing? At the North Pole is it cold at the North Pole? I'm going to ask if I can have some stuff. My freand will like a new spangbod gam he will like it very much. I will like a P.S.2 with a game with it I dont care. pleas can you git this for me if you gon't it I do not care.

**Your frend Jaron**

**Dear Santa:**  
I was wanting to see how you are doing this winter konw if you can give some presents for Christmas, if you have time? I was wanting to get for Christmas is a mermaid pillow and i would like to have is a mermaid bed and mermaid sheets for my bed. I am also want'ing a kariokee machine that says the words on the scren. I wold like rockstar clothes also.

I hope you have a great Christ mas.

Love  
**Taylor Rosenau**

**Dear Santa:**  
how are you? May I have some shoes that turn into skates? please may I have a baby chihuahua? please can I have a rill guitar please? My baby brother is not old enough to talk so I think he will surely enjoy winnie the poo doll. My sister will like makeup. My mom will like a new purse. please make sure that the pain is gone from Buck please.

**Kourtney**  
**Dear Santa:**  
Can I have a basketball, longhorn t-shirt's and a rollblades with a helmet and pads and a Harry Potter book?

Can I have a basketball goal, puppy skateboard, and a cd? And a gift for Jacey like a nacklies? Can I have a watch? Can I have a ps2 and a t.v? Can my mom have a nackles?

Love  
**Cody**

**Dear Santa:**  
Is it getting cold yet? These are some of the things that I would like to have.A 12 string guitar with a case to hold it in and a real working cell phone.May I please have some new clothes, fake hair that is blond, new socks and shoes, an office chair, a new cd player and the cd written by Alan Jackson called 5'oclock somewhere.I also want the cd's by Toby Keith called I love this bar and Chris Cagle called The Chicks Dig It. Please get a candle for my mom. A

trampoline would be nice and a real cocker spaniel.

Sincerely,  
**Jacey Roberts**

**Dear Santa:**  
Hi Santa! How are ou doing? My list to you very long. But you only have to get me half the stuff I want. I would like a head phone cd player and cd with it. I would like a laser pionter. It would be nice if I got a T.V. Is my list getting good yet? I would appreciate it if you got me a mirror. I would love it if you gave me a kite! Now I have two best friends. One is Megan. I think she'd a new pig. My other one is Haley, I think she'd like a ramp. My mom, Paula would like some shoes I want every happy! I want that most!

Love,  
**Madison DePriest**

**Dear Santa:**  
May I have some of these gifts, an army tent that is lenger than my other one, Play Station 2 and games that I like that Michael and Nick have, toy bazooka, play pistol, new Spider-Man game, my own tv, play whip with whip sounds (that doesn't hurt anyone), toon town, grey and blue army men, Indiana Jones costume, hulk hands and costume, tan, grey, blue army men balbons you can punch, and last but not least a four player plug in play station set. So that's pretty much it santa. I like you for your kindness. Oh! One more thing may I have more hockey things? Thank you.

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**Johnathan**

**Dear Santa:**

How is it. The thing I so dearly want is a 1st edition holographic Barrel Dragon please? And one for my freind camoran. Can you do that for me? Can you pleas get Godzilla Melee. Can I have a red eyes black medal dragon. Can I have Jurassic park for computer for Jaron. And a deck of yu-gi-oh card for Kourtney.

**Luke**

**Dear Santa:**

How are you doing? How are your elves doing? If your elves have time, do you think they can make some of these things? If they can't I understand. May I have a two sided ramp for Christmas please? Can I have a scooter with an engine and a seat? I think my friend Madi DePriest would like a go cart. I think my friend Megan Mattson would like a scooter with a seat on it.

**Halley Williams**

**Dear Santa:**

How are you doing? I'm fine. What I want games for my PS2, go cart, remote control car, video now. This is all I want for Christmas. I hope your doing good. I will bake chocolate cookies for you. I hope you like them. My mom is going to help me make them.

Your friend  
**Sean**

**Dear Santa:**

How have you been this year? Is it cold in the north pole? Are you making toys and watching those cute little elves? Don't forget about those very poor people. May I have please a gameboy. and some gameboy games. May I please have a scooter. Can I please have a chalkboard and some chalk. and some realy cool sandals. And may I have the movie Freaky Friday. May my mom please have a new stove.

**Amber Monk**

**Dear Santa:**

Are you having fun? I know I am. I would like a Game cube. Oh my friend woud like to have a PS2 and a Gloalps. Could I hav a spy Gear? Jack 2 and a land sea

rc, beyblade rc. I would really appreciate to have a game called matrix, a movie called Pirates of the caribbean and Xmen 2. I would really really like to have games called bionickle and fox. It might not be on PS2 game but I would like it.

**Cameron Kirchmeier**

**Dear Santa:**

How are you doing? Are you getting ready for Christmas? If I could please have these things for Christmas than that would be great! I would like a game boy SP, the Exodia card, and one of those marble Express things. Also I would like a spy eye, spy ear, and spy tracker. Oh, and just one more thing, a remote control car! Well enough about me? I was thinking of all of the poor people that did not have a lot of stuff so do not forget about them, too! Oh, I almost forgot about my mom and dad! Well I know what my dad wants, a box of chocolates! Oh, and my mom, I think she a trash expencer or something like that! And my sister of course wants some kind of doll. Of course for my best freind Jonathan, I think he wants one of those remote control cars that can twist their whells? They are cool! You don't

have to worry about Paige. I got it all under control! I am going to give her a big present. I am going to give her a big hug! You don't have to worry about my favorite teacher in the world, Mrs. Van Winkle. But I can't tell you what she is going to get. I is a secret. The same with Mrs. English, too! Oh, I almost forgot about my dog Bobbie. I think she wants a tasty bone. One more thing, i wish everyone a happy christmas!

Love,  
**Kylie**

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**Dear Santa:**

How are you doing in the work shop are you making lots of toys. How are the Elfs. Can I please have one of you elfs. Can I have lots more games for my game boy advance. Can I have some Dragon Ball Gt movies. Can I have a skateboard. Can I have a computer and a computer game. Can I have a game boy color game. can I have a potato gun.

**Eric McGregor**

**Dear Santa:**

How is Mrs. Clause and the Elves? I hope the elves are making a lot of toys. Well i want a big bume  
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I hope you have a safe landing I'll have brownies and milk waiting.

**Taylor Cromwell**

**Dear Santa:**

I hope the evls are behaving this year. I want a go cart and a basketball and a dome stadiume and a sleid and a new bike with pegs and a trampaline.

Your Friend,  
**Sam Barrett**

**Dear Santa:**

I want a baseball cars. I want a basketbal gole. I want a bike. I want a swimming pool. I want a gote cart. I want a basket-ball.

Your Friend,  
**Coby**

**Dear Santa:**

Hello Santa how are you doing in the north pole. I bet it is realy cold. Well hears want I want. The newest backyard football game for computer. Madden 2004 for play station two. Gameboy S.P. with backyard football. Finding nemo. And most of all A. I mean please, please, please really want a drum set.

**Cooper Cox**

**Dear Santa:**

How are you I'm doing good I hope you are read for December 25, 2003. I want a game for my play satain 2. The game I want is LIFE. Also I want a

telasope and a glob. and some chak and white bord markers. Also I want a new backpack. Also paper with and with out lines and a new radio and a timer. Can I also have a new coat and some new books. Can I pleas have one of you elves. I will leave you a snack

**Hannah Kelarek**

**Dear Santa:**

How are you doing? Did you make a lot of toys this yer? How are the elfs doing? This yer I want a game boy advance, go cart, a cuple bags of candy, toothpaste, poke-mon cards, and more candy. watch out I have a chawawa!

**Tom Kyle**

**Dear Santa:**

How are yor doing this year are you making a lot of toys how are your elves doing. I will have some cookies and milk on the table. Oh you can sneke into the frigh if you want to but make sure you replace it. And I want a bunch of presants. I hope you give a bunch of kids present.

**Lisa Spurlock**

**Dear Santa:**

Hi, Santa are the elfs behaving this year? I have a mug of milk and some cookies waiting for you. **May I please have a Play Staition 2 and 1 game for the P.S.2. Please give me a cool game for the Play Staition 2.**

Thank you,  
**Mattie Price**

**Dear Santa:**

What about me? What do you mean I mean pres-

ents four me he is my list now nothing but a little something like a, well I do not now how much it is but I bet your Elfs can fix it up but I still don't know. All I ever realy whanted my mom and Dad wouldn't geted for me. So I disided that I should ask you for what I realy what. and right your Santa right. So I'll tell I'll confess what I realy want and I whant a chawawa.

And watch out beware of dog's. I told you it was little.

**Cheyenne Pyle**

**Dear Santa:**

How are you doeing? I hope good. How is Rudeoff? How are the others too? Guse what I want for Christmas A new light for my lava lamp. new American flag earrings to go with my bracelet, and a box of 100 dollars for my mom. Please give me thease things listed. Oh and I will have cookies and Coca Cola for yo. Mary Christmas to you, elfs, and raindeer.

Love  
**Brie Taylor**

**Dear Santa:**

Are you reddy for Crist-mas. I hop you come to my house this year. Here are some of the thing I would like. **A game boy, Xu-Gi-Oh cards, and a hand held flight sinulator. Have a good Cristmas.**

Your friend,  
**Dale**

**Dear Santa:**

I hop you had a good flite. But I just a few things. List pogo stick, termnater 3 and finding nemo.

Your friend,  
**Patrick**

**Dear Santa:**

I hop your done good in the workshop. Santa are your elf's done a great job Santa can I have a go cart for Chistmis Please Snta your a dritbike your a skourter with a ingin with

it it's the new one I will let you pick

**Brandon**

**Dear Santa:**

How are you? are the elv's doing good? any new toys? If there is there probably good like your other ones. I am really excited about Christmas. I have been a good boy so far. Oh yeah I forgot that there are spickses in my fireplace so watch out. There will be ores waiting for you

**Johnny**

**Dear Santa:**

How are you doing How are the Elfs doing. can i have a camafloged go cart, but with a mader and can I have a pair of hunting gloves a gun case and MADDEN 2003 and can I have a big field goal for my yard to look like a football field pleas can you get me a Dome staidium with a bunch of lights. and a huge press box, a lucky charm. a radio pleas have a good chrismas.

**Barton**

**Dear Santa:**

hey how have you been doing can you bring me an Xbox and a hunting jacket and a toy truck like my daddy Dodge Ram V10 and a go cart. Can you paint my yard a football feild but a Dallas Cow-boys and a football P.S. I have Gurmen Shupord by by O I forgot I will be over at robert and rainys by by.

Your frined,  
**Jody**  
 Good luck.

**Dear Santa:**

Plese give me a plas-tane game fro chrismas and a orge tirese I want a new pair fo shoose and new pair fo sockese. I want a xbox game

Your friend  
**Trey**

**Dear Santa:**

What I want for Chis-mas is a play station 2. or a game cude and a x box.

**Aron**

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Taxpayers also need to keep in mind some simple steps to make sure they get appropriate benefit for their generous donations. In particular, there are some important guidelines for donating used cars and other property, such as stocks and bonds.

The tax benefit for charitable contributions is only available for taxpayers who itemize deductions - about one-third of all filers. Those who take a standard deduction receive no additional tax benefit for their contributions.

In 2000, the last year for which complete data is available, about 37.5 million taxpayers made deductible charitable contributions totaling nearly \$140.7 billion. Of these gifts, nearly \$98.2 billion were cash donations.

Only contributions actually made during the tax year are deductible. For example, if you pledged \$500 in September but paid the charity only \$200 by Dec. 31, your 2003 deduction would be \$200. You include credit card charges and payments by check in the year they are given to the charity, even though you may not pay the credit card bill or have your bank account debited until the next year.

Those itemizing deductions reduce their taxable income by the total

contributed to qualified tax-exempt organizations, with some limits. The tax saving usually equals the deduction times the marginal tax rate - the top rate for the person's income level.

For example, an individual with a taxable income of \$50,000 donates \$2,000 to his or her church. The tax savings from this generosity will be \$500 - \$2,000 times the taxpayer's marginal tax rate of 25 percent.

Donations of stock or other property are usually valued at the fair market value of the property. For stocks and bonds with an active market, the fair market value is the average price between highest and lowest selling price on the valuation date. Figuring the value of other personal property can be more complicated.

For example, determining the value of a donated used car requires weighing several factors. Some car donation program operators have mistakenly suggested that donors can take as a deduction the full value listed in an established used car pricing guide. For additional information, see IRS News release 2001-112, "IRS and State Charity Officials Urge Care When Making a Car Donation."

The tax law, however, allows a deduction for only the fair market value of the car. Fair market value takes into account not only the year, the model and the mileage of the car, but also the local market and the vehicle's condition. As a

result, the fair market value of the taxpayer's car may be substantially different than the average price listed in an established used car guide.

The IRS also reminds taxpayers to keep appropriate records to substantiate the value of their gifts. For example, for any single gift of \$250 or more, a taxpayer must have a written acknowledgement from the charity by the earlier of the date the person files the tax return or the filing deadline, including extensions. A person donating property valued at more than \$5,000

must obtain a qualified written appraisal.

Taxpayers can find help regarding the donations they make in IRS Publication 526, "Charitable Contributions." A second reference, IRS Publication 561, "Determining the Value of Donated Property," answers many of the questions that donors have when they make non-cash contributions. Both publications are available at the IRS Web site, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

## Auxiliary coffee honors past presidents Dec. 11

The Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary will host a President's Coffee honoring past presidents, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 11 at the Halley House Bed and Breakfast.

Christmas ornaments will be available. A short

business meeting introducing the 2004 board members will be held. The dues for 2004 are being taken.

For more information contact Miriam Jordan at (254) 947-5254

## Concert for canned goods

The Salado High School and Intermediate School bands will perform a Winter Concert 6:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at Salado Intermediate School cafeteria.

In conjunction with Salado's Communities in Schools program, a designated area for canned good and non-perishable items

designated for the Salado Food Pantry, based at the First Baptist Church of Salado.

"This is our way of helping a community that has been wonderful to us," says band director Tom Bremer. "If you would like, please bring...items to the concert."

## Blood mobile at High School Dec. 4

Salado High School's National Honor Society will host the Scott and White Blood Mobile 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 4 at the High School.

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# Temple Symphony tunes up for December 13 holiday show

The holiday concert for the Temple Symphony Orchestra will be performed 8 p.m. Dec. 13 in the Mary Alice Marshall Fine Arts Auditorium at Temple College. This year's concert will feature soloists Cordelia Hagmann, violin; Sherry Millican, soprano; Jennifer Galysh, mezzo-soprano, and the combined voices of the Temple Symphony Chorale and the Williamson County Chorus.

The program will open with two works by Vivaldi: *The Winter* (1725), from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, followed by *Gloria* (1708). The leading Italian composer of the late Baroque, Antonio Vivaldi was above all a master of the concerto.

Generically, *The Four Seasons* is the title attached to the first four of the twelve violin concerti of Vivaldi's *Opus 8*, published in Amsterdam around 1755. *Winter*, the fourth and concluding concerto, begins with an *Allegro non molto* that conveys the icy chill of winter. Violinist Cordelia Hagmann will be featured with this work.

Among Vivaldi's most popular choral works, the *Gloria* (RV589) derives its text is from the traditional *Gloria* section from the Latin Mass of the Roman Catholic liturgy. Vivaldi wrote two *D major Glorias*. The second *Gloria* will be performed at the concert with soloists Millican and Galysh. The first modern performance of this *Gloria* took place in Siena, Italy, in 1939.

The second half of the holiday concert will feature director Tom Fairlie conducting the orchestra and choruses as they perform the more traditional and familiar holiday favorites. The audience will participate in the lively and eagerly anticipated Christ-

mas Sing-a-long, which concludes each holiday concert. Holiday favorites selected for the second part of the program include *A Christmas Festival*, *Greensleeves*, *A Christmas Hymn*, *Carol of the Bells*, *Canadian Brass Christmas*, *Cantique de Noel*, *I'll Be Home For Christmas*, and *Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas*.

This holiday concert brings guest performers from near and far to make this a very special concert for Central Texans. Guest violinist Cordelia Hagmann was born in Switzerland, but comes to Temple from Indiana University in Bloomington.

Hagmann, who began playing the violin at the age of five, has studied at the conservatory in Winterthur and at the *Musikhochschule Winterthur Zuerich*.

She has performed as concerto soloist works of Bach, Beethoven, Dvorak, Mozart, Saint-Saens, Sarasate and Vivaldi with orchestras in Switzerland, Germany and Spain. Hagmann was recipient of the most important Swiss scholarships and has made broadcasts for the Swiss Radio Station.

Soprano Sherry Millican has been a featured soloist several times with the Temple Symphony Orchestra over the last seven years. She is currently in her eighth year as Director of Choral Activities at Temple College where she directs the Temple Symphony Chorus, Show Choir, Opera Workshop, and Musical Theatre, and teaches voice. Millican received her BM in vocal performance from Southwest Texas State University and a MM in Musical Theatre and Opera from Arizona State University.

Last year she was a featured soloist with the Texas



Jennifer Galysh

Two-Year All State Choir at the Texas Music Educators Association convention. Previously she has sung with the Richardson Symphony as well as the Altenburg Symphony in Altenburg, Germany.

Mezzo soprano Jennifer Galysh's repertoire displays her versatility in both staged and concert appearances. This past year she captivated audiences as Alto Soloist in both Mozart's *Requiem* with the Temple Civic Chorale, and Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*, with the combined choirs of the University of Mary Hardin Baylor and McLennan Community College.

Most recently, she performed as the Alto soloist in Bach's *Magnificat* with the Temple Civic Chorale. Galysh has also performed in Waco productions of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado*, Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*, and Poulenc's *Dialogues of the Carmelites*.

As a featured performer with the Lyric Opera of Waco's Educational Outreach Program, Galysh has been able to share her love of opera with children of all ages by performing in schools and on the main stage. The Belton native received her Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music degrees from Baylor University where she was awarded the Glenis McCreary Goodrich Scholarship and chosen for membership in the select music honor society, Pi Kappa Lambda. Galysh



Cordelia Hagmann

is a private voice instructor at Temple College and Midway High School.

The concert is sponsored by the City of Temple. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the CAC, Holze Music, Von Music and Temple College Fine Arts Department, and will also be available at the door. Adult tickets are \$20 and student tickets are \$5. The TSO 10th Anniversary Season is dedicated to the active duty military and their families serving at Ft. Hood. All active duty military personnel from Ft. Hood and their dependents will receive complementary tickets with a valid military ID. For more information, contact Sandi Wicker, Executive Director, at 778-NOTE.

The symphony will also perform 4 p.m. Dec. 14 at Georgetown High School's Center for Performing Arts.

Since this is the second concert of the Georgetown Symphony Society's 2003-2004 series, season tickets for the remaining five concerts have been pro-rated to \$60 for adults and \$20 for students.

Individual tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. They are available at the Williamson County Sun, the Hill Country Bookstore, both Georgetown H-E-Bs and at the Sun City Community Activities office.

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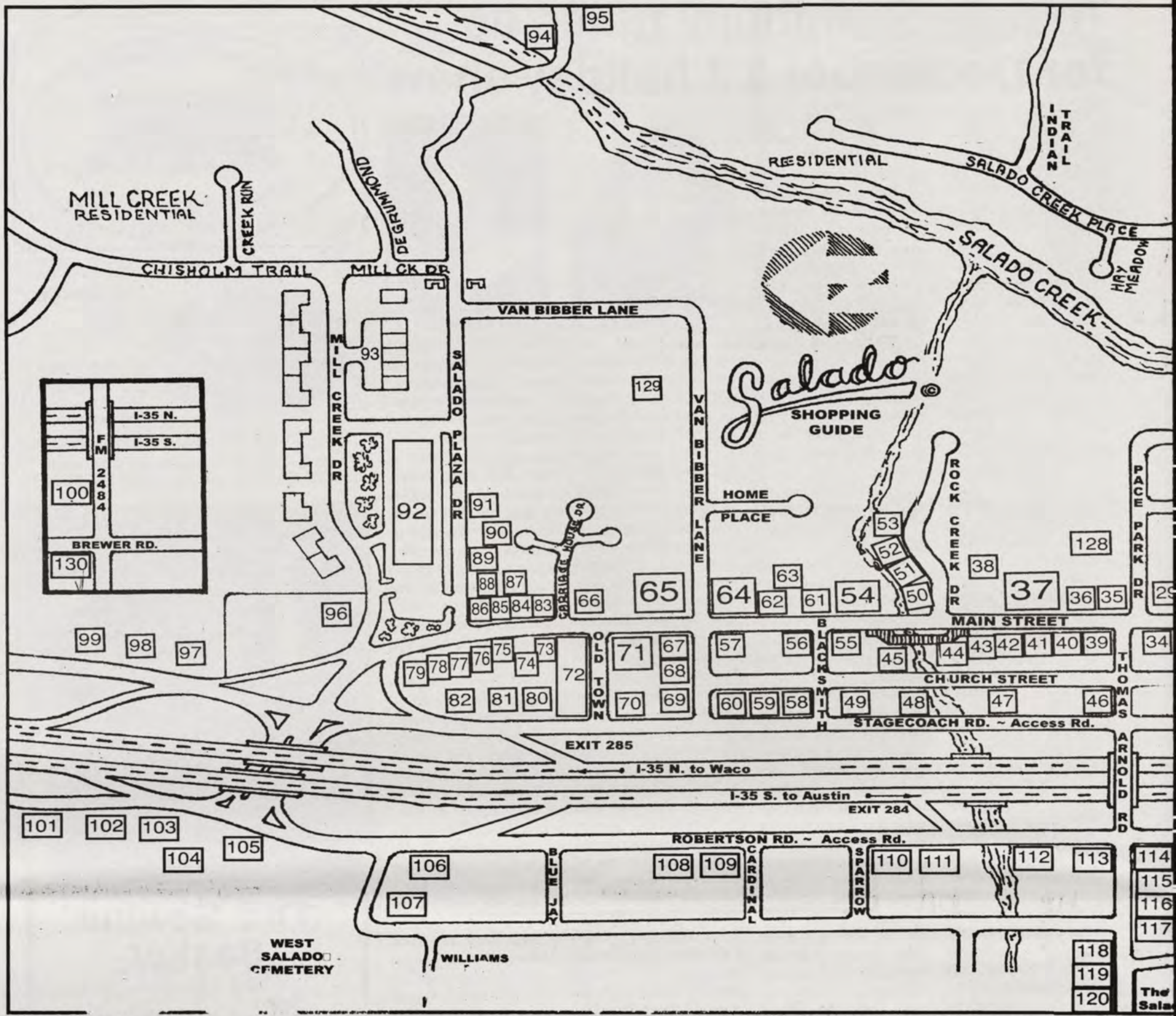
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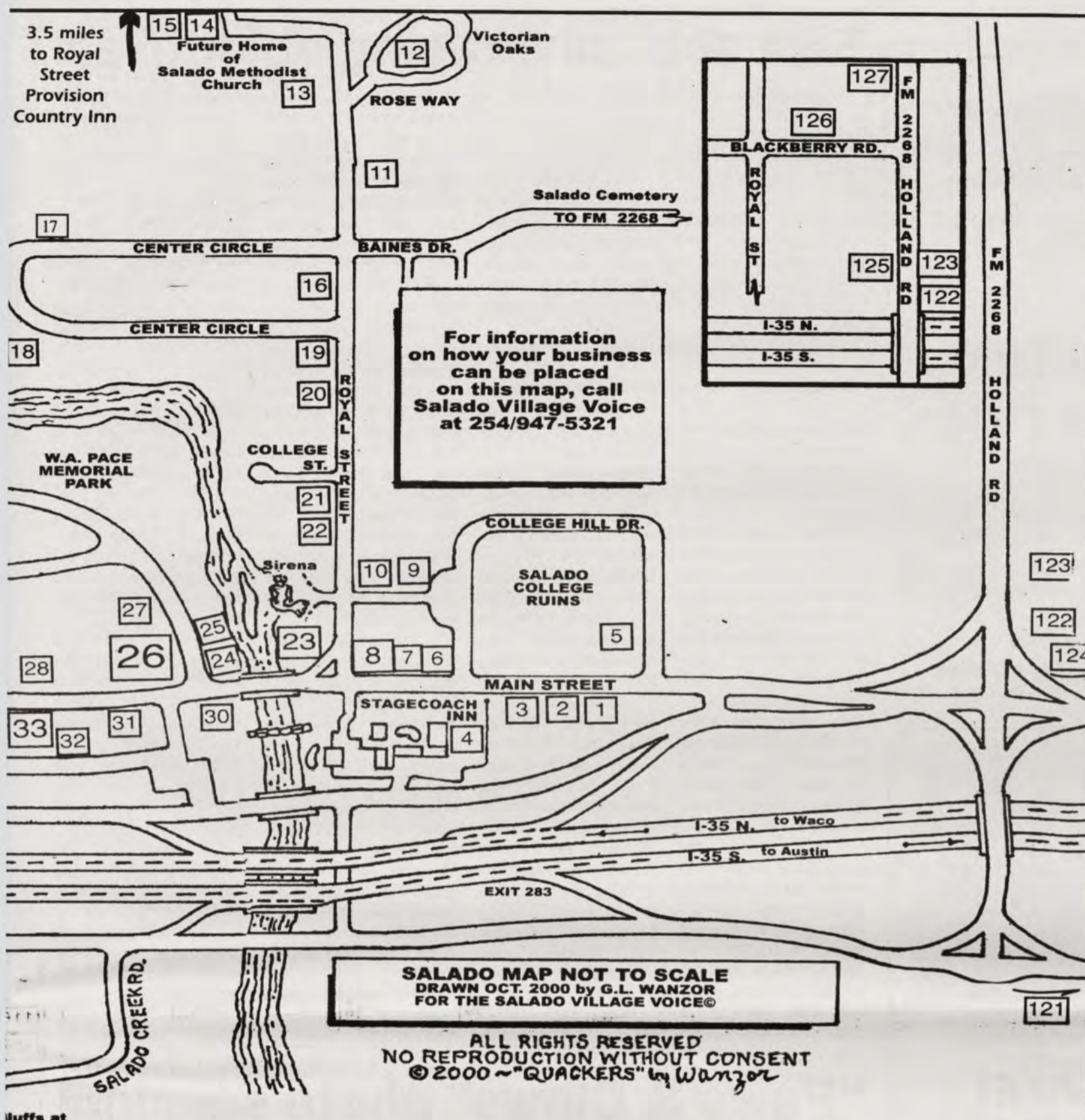
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# SBA sets advertising objectives

By **CHRIS MCGREGOR**  
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With about 15 of its 95 members present Nov. 20, the Salado Business Association discussed the upcoming Christmas Stroll and the planned improvements to the Salado.com website, among normal business.

At the Oct. 16 meeting, it was decided that the advertising and website committees of the SBA would be joined together, with the purpose of synchronizing their efforts, allowing for a greater effectiveness.

Anthony Land, of Mill Creek, stated that an initial goal of the joint committee would be the continuing pursuit of co-op advertisements in publications such as *AAA Journeys*. After lackluster response from previous co-op ads, however, Land reported that the SBA would not benefit from placing any more in the future. "They weren't all that successful for us," he said.

Land recommended more clearly defined goals for the SBA's advertising dollars, which, according to the proposed 2004 budget, amount to \$10,500. "We need to try to become very focused with what we do with those dollars," he said.

Cindy Watson, of Accents of Salado, who recently joined the website/advertising committee, informed those present of her efforts with the planned quarterly SBA newsletter and the changes taking place with the Salado.com website. Watson is the coordinator of the Salado website.

She explained that in a site traffic analysis, over the month of October the Village of Salado website generated over 6,000 visitors, or hits. It was unclear, Watson continued, how many of the 6,000 hits were from repeat visitors or first time visitors.

"That's why we moved from VVM to Willingham Technologies," Watson explained of the SBA's recent move to the Salado based business owned by Ben Willingham for the site's hosting and technical needs. "I can get a more detailed traffic report...and see what direction we need to go in," she said.

Watson also said that the SBA was interested in doing as much business as possible locally, a stance which Land agreed with. "Moving it closer to home just made sense," he stated.

Watson went on to say that any member wishing

to have a posting on the website's calendar of events or to be included in the newsletter should contact her with information. "I'll do everything I can to help you get your business listed," she said. "The people that send in the information are the ones that will be included."

Christmas Stroll chair Shannon Ashe, of Salado Wedding Wishes, reported that she is trying to finalize arrangements with the many musicians and carolers who will be featured during the stroll, and that no major expenditures have been made so far this year. "We spent about \$2,000 last year on decorations, so we could reuse them again and again. That has saved us money," she explained.

At the meeting, the SBA announced its officer recommendations for 2004. Ronnie Tynes, of Tynes Realty, was recommended for another term as SBA president, while current treasurer Joe Czaus, general manager of the Salado Mansion, was nominated as vice president. Jean Hall, of The Amish Store, was nominated for secretary, and Charlie Lowe, of Splendors of Salado was recommended to fill Czaus' spot as treasurer.

Other committee recommendations include: Advertising/Website,

Anthony Land and Cindy Watson, co-chairs; Membership, Titia Arledge; Tourism, April Allen; and City Liason, Charlotte Douglas and Suzi Epps.

There is as yet no recommendation for Christmas Stroll chair. Current chair Shannon Ashe will move on to head the Christmas Parade committee in 2004, currently chaired by Czaus.

In other business, when presenting the proposed budget for 2004, president Ronnie Tynes noted that the SBA plans to collect \$32,000 in the next year, from membership dues and an \$8,000 Tourism Council grant, and pointed out that they plan to begin next year with a \$2,000 cash balance.

The SBA has budgeted an equal amount for expenses as income, both totaling \$34,000. Major expenditures include \$10,500 for advertising and \$8,000 for brochures, with a \$1,500 set aside for a miscellaneous and contingency fund.

The SBA holds its monthly general meeting the third Thursday of each month, 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

## "Paws & Claws" photo session

The Association for a Pet Adoption Center (APAC) will host a "Paws & Claws" photo session 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 6 at Animal Medical Care, 1604 W. Ave. H in Temple. Photographs of your pet with Santa Claus will cost \$6 each.

"Dogs, cats and kids are the usual participants in this day of fun with Santa," said Lou Ann Anderson, vice president of APAC. "However, in past year, Santa has also enjoyed ferrets, lambs and even a pet squirrel brought to have their

photos made."

The 2004 APAC calendar will also be available at the event. The \$10 calendar features photos of local pets and proceeds benefit APAC. Funds generated from the calendar sales will help purchase surgical and educational equipment for

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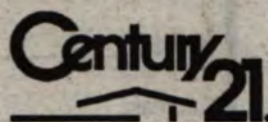
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# Reihsen enjoys all forms of art

The Salado Village Artists have named Bobbie Reihsen as the latest "Artist of the Month." She was born in Connecticut and grew up in Minnesota where in 1958 she graduated from Winona State University in Winona, Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, followed by some graduate work at the University of Wisconsin and Purdue University.

Reihsen went on to teach grades second through eighth for a total of 25 years, in the states of Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri.

In 1958, she married Gerald J. Reihsen an engineer. Both are presently

retired. His career in the highway industry involved more than 23 locations, from the west to east coasts and north and south across the country. During their 45 year marriage, they have raised four children, a son and three daughters, all grown and on their own. They consider their pride and joy to be their six grandsons. With one grandson in Austin and three in Dallas, a last move to Texas seemed the right thing to do. Salado is perfect for her interests in art, music and grandsons, she says.

Bobbie has always loved art and painted as a hobby. She enjoyed incorporating art into her curriculum through the years, and finally is planning to take time for her own art work.

Since arriving in Salado,



Artist of the Month Bobbie Reihsen

she has appreciated the thoughtfulness, encouragement and inspiration of the members of the Salado Village Artists. She enjoys both watercolors and acrylic painting, but is interested in all forms of art, including the quilt making by the members of SVA.

Several workshops she has attended are by artists such as Joan Hoffman, Sharon McGlasson, Buster Garnet, Mary Barton and Margaret Hoyback.

"We are a very fortunate community to have such talented and professional artists here," says Reihsen.

## "Rejoice with Us" concert set for Dec. 8 at First Baptist in Belton

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Department of Music will present a Gala Christmas Concert 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Belton. The gala event is free and open to the public.

Every UMHB Music Department ensemble will perform at the event including University Singers, Concert Choir, One Voice, UMHB String Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, University Handbells, Opera/Musical Theatre and all UMHB Conservatory Choirs.

The theme of the concert is "Rejoice With Us." The featured selection is "Rejoice! Rejoice!" and utilizes all of the music groups simultaneously as a mass group of over 200 singers and instrumentalists. The combined musical selection was composed by Dr. Lon Chaffin, Associate Professor of Music at the university. Mr. Chaffin will conduct the ensembles in the "premiere" performance of "Rejoice!"

Each ensemble will also perform separate seasonal music selections. Prior to the concert the UMHB Brass Quintet and University Handbells will perform as the audience arrives. The Concert will begin with a combined ensemble premiere presentation of "Rejoice!"

The UMHB String Ensemble, Dr. Guy Wilson, director, will play "Autumn" by Antonio Vivaldi and "String Quartet in F Major" Movement I-Allegro Assai by Carl Stamitz.

Deborah Jones, director of the UMHB Conservatory, will conduct four

children's choirs in Gregg Sewell's "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" and Ruth Schram's arrangement of "Peaceful, Silent Night." University Handbells, led by Glenda Bundick, will perform "Carol of the Bells" and "We Three Kings", arranged by Averre and Dobrinski respectively.

Opera/Music Theatre singers, under the direction of George Hogan, will present "Tomorrow is Christmas" from O'Henry's Gift of The Magi by Peter Ekstrom, featuring Rachel Gibson, soprano and Cody Fosdick, baritone.

University Singers, Matthew Crosby, director, will sing John Rutter's setting of "What Sweeter Music" and then combine with Concert Choir to perform "Deck the Halls" by McKelvey.

The UMHB Jazz Ensemble, led by Colin Mason, will play Stan Kenton's famous "Christmas Medley." UMHB's One Voice will sing "O Come All Ye Faithful" arr. by Jackson Berkey and "Silent Night" arranged by Matthew Crosby, followed by the Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Stephen Crawford. The Wind Ensemble will play arrangements of "The Christmas Song" and "Greensleeves." Arrangers are John Higgins and Alfred Reed.

Concert Choir will perform "Carol of the Bells" arr. by Peter J. Wilhousky and "Gloria" by Randol Alan Bass and is directed by David Guess, conductor for both Concert Choir and One Voice.

The finale of the program will be a reprise of "Rejoice!" performed by the combined ensembles. All ensemble directors are

music faculty members in the UMHB Department of Music.

Accompanying the singing groups will be pianists Jessye Whitis, Dr. Michelle Schumann, Emily Gary and Mat-

thew Crosby. Master of ceremonies will be Dr. George Stansbury, Dean of the UMHB School of Fine Arts and Chairperson of the Department of Music.

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# Unfunded mandates cost county

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A \$5.5 million statewide cut in funding for the Visiting Judge program is just one of many trickledown effects felt by Texas. 254 counties forced to adjust their local programs, increase local taxes or adopt new fees to fund the programs mandated by the state.

Bell County commissioners voted unanimously Dec. 1 in support of a statewide referendum that would allow voters to decide if unfunded mandates from the state to counties should be reined in.

The Texas Association of Counties (TAC) is seeking a referendum in both the Republican and Democrat Party primary elections next spring. The referendum was proposed by Bee County Tax Assessor-Collector Andrea Gibbud and was approved by members of the Subcommittee on Unfunded Mandates of the Policy Analysis Group (PAG) when it met in Austin recently.

The proposed referendum states: "For or against a constitutional amendment protecting taxpayers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases." It will be presented to the state Legislature at its next session.

"If the Legislature mandates us to do something," Judge Burrows said, "then it should provide the funds for us to do it."

Another unfunded mandate Burrows said that he can easily point to include Indigent Defense. The state cut the funding for indigent criminal defense services -- which Burrows

said is "a good program with laudable goals" -- during the recent legislative session in such a way that Bell County had to absorb \$200,000 in expenses. The budget for indigent defense increased from \$700,000 to \$1 million, according to Judge Burrows, who said "we got \$100,000 of that (increase in expenses) from the state, but according to my Arkansas math, it's still \$200,000 short."

Other cuts in state funding to counties stemming from the 78th Legislative Session include health care programs, mental health and the Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Underfunded mandates include the 1985 Indigent Health Care Act and the 2001 law mandating indigent criminal defense services.

But it's not just the direct expenses that counties are picking up from unfunded mandates, it's the hidden expenses absorbed by counties when they implement state mandates or increases in fees.

"It's difficult to quantify some of the unfunded mandates from the state, because some of it is indirect," Burrows said.

"When the state increases its fees," Judge Burrows said, "the county often has to reduce its local fees. There is an invisible ceiling that you hit. Once you hit that ceiling, the person is not going to pay the fees, so you end up taking them into the jail system."

Judge Burrows pointed to recent legislation for Driving While Intoxicated which requires a person convicted of DWI to pay a \$3,000 civil fee to the state in order to keep his driver's license.

"If he can't pay that

\$3,000, then he ends up driving with a suspended license. If he is pulled over for running a stop sign or speeding, then he also has the suspended license hanging over his head and ends up in our jails," Burrows explained.

Also ending up in county jails are those who should be served by Mental Health/Mental Retardation (MHMR) services, but are not being served because of state cuts in the program. Instead of being treated by MHMR, they are "out on the street" where they are picked up by local police for trespassing or other petty charges. "They end up in our jails, where they get their medications and are then sent back out," Burrows said, only to end up back in jail.

Burrows said that the invisible expenses to counties such as these that are leaving counties holding the tab. "Which is fine," Burrows said, as long as the local taxpayer who is paying the bill for the unfunded mandate knows that it is being required of counties by the state.

"If the state is going to require counties to do something," Judge Burrows said, "then it should provide the funds to do it." Or, at the very least, it should "make the public aware of the impact upon them," he added.

Whether the Legislature permits the referendums in the spring primaries, TAC and counties such as Bell will continue to try to make their case to state lawmakers who are approving the unfunded mandates. "Sometimes they are doing it without knowing that it is not funded," Burrows said.

In other business, commissioners approved a contract with Right Turn Management to manage the Bell County Juvenile Detention Center. Under the contract, Right Turn Management will assume responsibilities for the detention center on Jan. 2 and for the residential center on Feb. 1. The total capacity for juveniles at the Center is 96 with 32 in the short-term detention center and 64 in the long-term residential center. Bell County guarantees Right Turn Management 45 juveniles per day at \$84 per person per day.

Right Turn Management can lease additional space to other counties to house juveniles and will reimburse Bell County \$8 per day per juvenile. Judge Burrows said that the contract with Right Turn Management is anticipated to cost the County \$285,000 for the year. He said that if the County were to assume all responsibility for the Center, it would be a local cost of \$2 million per year. The County has operated the Center since July 1 for a cost of \$260,000.

Commissioners also appointed two new members of the Board of Central Counties MHMR Center: Neil White, of Salado, and Nancy Holle, of Belton.

The court awarded a bid to Centex Vending to have vending machines in Bell County buildings for the next three years for an 18.3 percent commission.

The court decided to go through the buy-back program to dispose of four motorgraders.

The court also extended a Memorandum of Agreement with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for two more years regarding BellNET.

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# West Texas Cruisers build bicycles at Christmas

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West Texas Cruisers is the name of a classic car club in Midland. When the club was formed in 1991, members felt some portion of any profits the club made should go to charity.

At the end of their first year, the club had \$100 extra.

Jeff Brookings, one of the founding members, went to a mall and asked the manager for suggestions as to what could be done with it. The manager suggested dressing a doll and giving it to a needy child.

As the years progressed, the club bought turkeys for veterans, gave \$500 to a cancer victim, donated funds for a family whose home had burned and paid expenses for a girl to compete in the Tae Kwon-do world championships.

The club raises money by an annual car show, sponsors and donations. A few years ago the club had \$2,500 to donate at the end of the year.

Members decided to spend it all on toys for underprivileged kids.

"No toy could cost more than ten dollars," says Jeff. "It's hard to spend twenty-five hundred dollars ten dollars at a time."

A few years ago the club started buying bicycles and giving them to the Salvation Army to distribute to children in low income families.

The club has more than one hundred members now and has its own building in Midland's industrial district. Members are always shopping for bicycles. This year they bought 100 from a firm in Fort Worth.

They bought 150 more bikes from Wal-Mart. The Wal-Mart bikes were already assembled. The others were not. Club members grabbed their tools and went to their building weekends in November to assemble the rest of the bikes. Members put on the handle bars, training wheels, pedals, and front forks.

"The good guys can do 5 in an hour and we have guys who can do one an hour. We've done a thousand bicycles in the last five years, so some of us have put together a hundred bicycles or more."

A Midland Television station, KWES, collects toys each Christmas time and displays them in front of the news set. Cruisers take about half the bikes to the station in a convoy of



classic cars. Law enforcement officers stop traffic to let the West Texas Cruisers pass. Those bikes go to the Salvation Army in Odessa.

"The other half we carry in our Christmas Parade in Midland and deliver them to the Salvation Army distribution Center here in Midland."

Last year the club put together 220 bikes in two weekends. It has 250 this year, ranging in size from sidewalk bikes for little kids to 20 inch bikes for the bigger ones.

The club bought wagons one year and will never do that again. It took an average of an hour and a half to put together a wagon.

"At the Salvation Army, kids can choose 5 toys. The bikes are the favorites. We could give away 1600 bikes a year if we could get them."

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# Garden To-Do List for December

There are a lot of things to do in the garden this month. Think about what absolutely has to be done and try to get it done before the holidays! Since our weather can be horrible or beautiful keeping up on chores is important.

Make sure that your beds of annuals are properly mulched. Weeds continue to grow in the winter. Mulch will discourage their germination and will make it easier to pull them up as they grow.

As your perennials die back be sure to remove the dead vegetation to discourage any infestation of pests when the weather warms.

When a severe freeze threatens be sure to get out there and water your beds thoroughly. Well hydrated plants will be better able to deal with a cold snap. Cover especially tender plants with plastic and bring tender potted plants inside until the temperature warms. If you have a special favorite you can set a frame covered with plastic over it and during especially cold

## Master Gardening

by Debbie Lauer

weather can slip a light bulb under the plastic to keep the temperature high enough for its survival.

Don't forget those tulip and hyacinth bulbs you have in the refrigerator! Now is the time to take them out and get them into the ground. You can plant them anytime this month.

Holiday plants require care to stay good looking as long as possible. When purchasing poinsettias don't stop and shop at on the way home. If it is cold outside they could be damaged before you arrive home. Carefully consider the placement of any holiday plants in your home. Plants should be away from heat registers or doors that open to the outside. Place plants in groups or near a tray of gravel filled with water for humidity. Make sure pot wrap has not plugged up pot drainage holes. Don't over water plants, be sure that their

roots are not sitting in water.

If you want to start cuttings from your Christmas cactus do so after it has finished blooming. Take a cutting with four or five joints and put it into moist soil and place it a brightly lit window. It should root within three or four weeks.

Repair, clean and oil garden tools and equipment. Don't forget wooden handles, a light coat of linseed or similar oil will help preserve and prolong their useful life. Drain gasoline from power tools.

Shrubs should be dormant by mid-December. Trim shrubs if needed unless they are spring bloomers. Be sure to keep newly planted shrubs and trees well watered if the weather is dry. Keep the soil moist.

Trees and shrubs can still be planted this month.

Trees should be pruned while they are dormant.

Deciduous trees are best pruned while the leaves are down as it is easier to see the structure of the tree. Evergreens can also be pruned now.

If you are really feeling energetic, and already have your Christmas shopping done, apply a light (1/4 inch) topdressing of compost to your lawn AFTER it has turned brown and gone dormant. Rake it in and then water. The microbes will slowly work on any thatch build up over the winter. Don't forget that your lawn needs approximately one inch of water per month during the winter. If it does not rain, water. Keeping the roots hydrated especially during a dry wind will increase its survival and its ability to break dormancy in the spring.

Finally get out all those gardening catalogues and start dreaming and planning for your garden next year. Place orders for seeds you want early so that they will be on hand when you are ready for them!

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# Fireplace safety in your home

## This is a Hammer

by Samantha Mazzotta

**Question:** Our new home has a fireplace, which we haven't used yet, in fact, we've never used a fireplace in our lives. We'd like to have a nice fire crackling in the hearth when guests visit during the holidays. How do we safely start one?

**Answer:** Once you've got the basics down, building a fire is relatively fast and safe. I'd recommend lighting a fire in the hearth on a couple of consecutive nights before your visitors arrive, to make sure you have the process down.

First things first, though. Even if the house is brand-new, have a chimney cleaner check the flue and chimney, inside and out, for obstructions and unseen damage. If you own an older house, the chimney should be checked for creosote buildup. In both cases, make sure that the damper opens and closes smoothly.

Now, if you're completely in the dark about fireplaces and the above terminology was unfamiliar, here are a few definitions. The chimney, of course, carries smoke up and out of the house. The flue is the area just above the fireplace, where smoke and ash rise (and cool slightly) before entering the chimney. The firebox is the area in which the

fire itself burns. Between the firebox and the flue is the damper, a vent that can be opened to let smoke out or closed to prevent cold air from flowing into the house.

The damper must be opened before a fire is started, or smoke and ash will fill the room rapidly, not a pleasant situation.

To start a fire, bring firewood, kindling (often newspaper) and matches within arm's reach as you work. Follow these steps:

- Open the damper.
- Stack your firewood in the grate, allowing plenty of space between each piece so that air flows through evenly. Use only four or five pieces of wood, one larger and the rest smaller, in the stack. (For the best fire, use well-seasoned hardwood, like oak, rather than pine or pressed fire logs.)
- Place kindling or tightly rolled newspaper under, over and amid the stack.
- Encourage proper airflow through the damper by lighting one rolled-up page and holding it up to the flue just prior to lighting the fire. The warm air will rise, starting the flow

of air upward.

• Carefully light the kindling on as many sides of the stack as possible. The newspaper will burn quickly, creating plenty of flames, which will die down once the primary source of fuel is exhausted.

• Watch the fire carefully for five to 10 minutes after starting to ensure the wood catches and that smoke doesn't blow back into the room.

**Question:** Last fall, I put away my outdoor furniture and lawn-care equipment in the garage, which I know is sealed from leaks. But when I took them out this spring, many of the metal tools and blades were rusted, and some of the wooden handles had cracked. How did this happen if the tools were protected from wet weather?

**Answer:** Two things occurred last winter that accelerated rust and warping of your gardening tools: high humidity, and unprotected metal and wood. Even a dry storage area can be affected by outside dampness and excessive cold (or heat), especially if air circulation

is poor. And not cleaning or protecting tools properly before storage can help excess humidity do its work.

Before putting away lawn-care equipment, clean it thoroughly and make any needed repairs. This includes larger stuff like the lawn mower, tiller and anything else that digs dirt or trims vegetation.

Make quick work of really dirty items (like shovels, spades and hoes) by lining them up in the driveway and hosing away loose dirt and grass. Scrub off stubborn dirt with mild soap and water, and tackle existing rust with steel wool. Rinse and dry completely. To go one step further, disinfect blades by wiping them down with denatured alcohol (according to Ace Hardware, this protects against contamination of plants in their early stages from material still sticking to the blades).

Drain the lawn mower's gas tank (dispose of the old gas properly), remove the spark plug, and remove the cutting blades. Clean the body of the mower, scraping away matted grass from the undercarriage. Clean and sharpen the blades. Purchase a new spark plug and store it near the mower. Next spring, install the blades and new plug and refill the gas tank a couple weeks prior to the first cutting session.

Sharpen the edges of all cutting and digging tools. Most can be taken care of by drawing a flat rasp (or metal file) over the edges. However, saws and mower blades (and any precision cutting tools) should be taken to a home-improvement center to be sharpened. Apply a thin layer of oil to all metal surfaces to create a barrier between them and the air and dampness that can cause problems.

Sand out rough spots and splinters in wooden handles; cracked handles (whether wood, metal or plastic) should be replaced. Put a thin coating of linseed oil on the wood, wait 48 hours for it to soak in, and then put on a second coat.

Check and tighten all screws, nuts and bolts; replace any that are damaged or rusted.

Once everything is cleaned and protected, store them off the floor. Don't stack metal tools atop each other. The best storage for hand tools is to hang them, handles up, from hooks along the wall or a pegboard. This not only permits good airflow around the tools and keeps moisture from pooling on them, it also keeps them readily available.

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**Coastal Hay & Baling** 939-7844 760-3286 tfnb

**Johnnie's Cleaners & Tailors** pickup and delivery at Village Pharmacy M-W-F. tfnb

**Alterations: Buttons and Bows.** Call Wanda Scaff at 254-493-9112. tfnb

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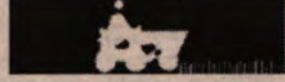
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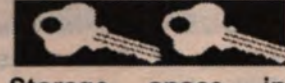


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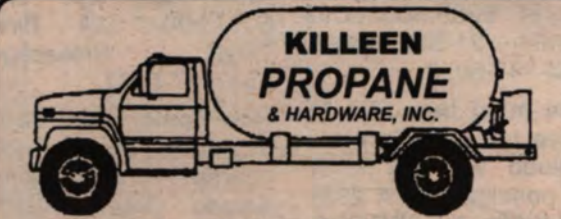
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**For Sale in Salado:** double wide manufactured home approx. 1,800 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 living room areas on 1/2 acre. Payments on home and land approx. \$600 per month for buyer with good credit. Will require

## Homes For Sale



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## Homes For Sale



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## Homes For Sale



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## Land for Sale



**Beautiful tree covered 12-44 acre tracts** in the gated, restricted Spear's Ranch Development between Salado and Georgetown. Contact Ronnie Tynes, Broker, (512) 461-3370.

**For Sale By Owner.** Many WOODED LOTS, Woods of Salado on FM 2484 near Lake Stillhouse. Rita Seghers 254-760-9663. tfnb

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**PRESTIGIOUS NORTHCLIFFE New Listing!** Three bedroom, 2.5 bath home with split bedroom arrangement. Over 2300 square feet in this Belton beauty. Three living areas, spacious kitchen with lots of cabinets, ceramic tile, island, and built-in desk area. Beautifully landscaped, lots of trees and covered patio rounds out this beautiful home. 401 Northcliffe, \$225,000.

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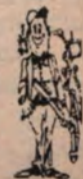
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**\$131,800** - Jimmy Wilson Homes presents this new home in Salado Prairies with split BR's, breakfast room & breakfast bar, formal dining room & large family room.



**\$194,500** - Work out of your home or need additional space for a relative? This home may be for you. Only a few minutes from downtown Salado. Three or four BR home with two living areas & two dining rooms. A separate building close to the main home could be used as an apartment, office or mother-in-law suite. Four car carport, two storage buildings make this home versatile for many uses. Master BR downstairs with two bedrooms, one bath and game room upstairs.



**\$106,800** - Clean, light & bright! Very well maintained home only 6 years old. The owners upgraded the home thinking they would be there forever. Security system, sprinkler system, water softener, fenced back yard, gutters all around, shed and more.



**\$349,800** - The most beautiful 15 acre tract available in Salado with all kinds of possibilities! A 2,336 SF home with 3 BR, 2 BA, gameroom and loft room. Exposed beams and Franklin stove give this home a lodge feel. Also, 960 SF barn with an additional 320 SF heated & cooled guest area, a 1950 SF RV garage, a tractor barn, sheds and more. City water plus a well. Private location.



**\$241,800** - Synergy Builders has done a magnificent job with the landscaping of this new home. They added brightness to the spacious kitchen with a skylight. Room for your golf cart, granite counter tops, tons of crown molding, full sprinkler system.



**\$189,000** - Wonderful oak trees shade a fully landscaped yard in the heart of Mill Creek. This home has a magnificent sun room that overlooks a lush yard. Welcoming courtyard enhances the front walkway. Large living room accommodates two sitting areas for easy entertaining. Master BR has a view of a wooded back yard with access to a covered porch.



**\$259,500** - This beautiful home sits on Salado Creek and Mill Creek Golf Course #13 Green. Features include wood floor entry, built-in entertainment center, study with built-in cabinets, bright kitchen with see-through white cabinets, oversized garage, speaker system wired, including deck area.



**\$259,900** - A beautifully landscaped backyard creates an inviting atmosphere to welcome you into a pool with a waterfall. View the pool from the family room, breakfast/kitchen area, and formal livingroom. The kitchen and family room are all open for easy entertaining. Master bedroom/bath is down the hall from a 4th BR/study while the other two bedrooms are located across the living areas. Built in bookshelves and fireplace are located in the formal living. Located on 1/2 acre lot.

## Residential

- \$83,500 - Nice manufactured home on 5 acres - UC.
- \$106,800 - Clean, light & bright! Well maintained 6 yrs old.
- \$117,900 - Large deck on 2 BR home in country.
- \$124,900 - New construction on W. Amity. 3 BR/2 BA.
- \$128,800 - Jimmy Wilson home on 1 acre, covered patio.
- \$131,800 - New mid-size home, great finishing touches.
- \$139,900 - Mobile home & barn on 10 acres.
- \$182,800 - 3 BR, 2 BA home on 2 acres in Hidden Springs.
- \$189,000 - Courtyard enhances the front walkway, lush yard.
- \$191,000 - Custom home has 2 master suites w/ large baths.
- \$194,500 - 3 or 4 BR, apartment/office. 4 car carport.
- \$205,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA open living area with vaulted ceiling.
- \$209,800 - 2 story country style home & shop. 3.5 acres.
- \$214,800 - 4 BR/2-1/2 BA on 1 wooded acre in Mill Creek.
- \$224,900 - Home overlooking Mill Creek Golf Course.
- \$241,800 - Synergy Builders 3BR home has kitchen skylight.
- \$256,800 - New home in Mill Creek. Granite table.
- \$259,500 - 3 BR overlooking Salado Creek & #13 Green.
- \$259,900 - 4 BR home w/ pool & waterfall, landscaped.
- \$267,900 - New 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA overlooking golf course.
- \$269,000 - 4 BR home w/open floor plan. 1.93 acres - UC.
- \$297,000 - 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA on Salado Creek Place cul-de-sac.

- \$309,900 - 1 year old home on #3 Fairway. Landscaped.
- \$324,900 - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- \$324,900 - New 4 BR home with hillside lake view.
- \$299,900 - New home with view of Salado Creek & golf course.
- \$349,800 - 15 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA, gameroom and loft room.
- \$389,000 - Wrap around porch, oak trees, 17 acres & pond.
- \$459,000 - Elegant home on 20.22 acres near Temple - UC.
- \$1,249,000 - Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

## Acreage Available

- 140 acres 7 miles SE of Belton. Secluded, mostly wooded, great view, river frontage, owner finance. \$2,500 per acre.
- 140 acres on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport, all or part (50 acres - UC).
- 38.78 acres FM 2843, 8 mile west, beautiful trees. \$174,500.
- 20 - 363 acres 6 mile S. Salado, Lovely view, owner finance.
- 15.796 acres fronting FM 2268 with young trees. \$99,500.
- 7 acres Elm Grove Road - \$59,000.

## Lots

- **Mill Creek Lots**
- 700 Indian Trail - \$30,000

- Mill Creek Springs - \$30 - \$75,000
- Fletcher Ct. - \$68,000
- O.W. Lowrey - \$70,000

### Woods of Salado Lots

- Mountain Dr. - Lot 6A - \$52,000
- Mountain Dr. - Lots 5A & 5B - \$98,000
- Hodge Canyon Dr. - \$52,000

### Other Lots

- Salado Heights - 2 acre tracts - \$29,000 each.
- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000
- Jeremiah's Well - 10 acre tracts \$60,000 to \$95,000
- Heritage - 1 - 3 acre wooded homesites, near Salado. Well restricted.
- The Overlook - 1+ acre prime lots \$125,000 - \$165,000.

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- \$224,500 - Retail space on Main St. 2090 SF.
- \$249,500 - 3 BR with showroom & workshop, on 1.23 acres.
- \$429,000 - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.
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On golf course. This like new 3/2/2 hosts a beautiful stone patio facing Hole 5 Creek 2. Features include hardwood flooring and formal dining. **\$214,000.**



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Picture perfect traditional-style near schools in quiet neighborhood. Great floorplan for entertaining. Built-ins in home office. High ceilings with crown molding, huge master suite and covered patio. 2+ acres. **\$279,000.**



New Listing: 3/2/2 on more than one acre in beautiful Salado Oaks. Nice open floorplan, split bedrooms. Pretty trees. **\$164,900.**



Pamper your self in this custom brick Contemporary. Built in china cabinet, high ceilings, hardwood flooring, designer upgrades. Fine master suite with jacuzzi and separate shower. Near golf course. **\$177,000.**



Excellent commercial location on corner of West Village Road & IH 35 at Exit 285.



Great tree covered lot with house in Belton for only **\$77,000.**



Beautiful Texas Ranch Home on appx. 5 acres. The huge covered front porch is a great place to rest and relax. Features include master suite, alarm system, stained concrete floors (echoed with one Texas Star), custom kitchen & intercom system. **\$350,000.**



Many upgrades enhance this 3/2/2 with golf cart storage. Plantation shutters, butlers pantry, tile flooring, decorator colors, large master suite. **\$259,900.**

## Acreage

Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**  
 Approx. 2 acres near golf course in Mill Creek. Beautiful trees. **\$38,995.**  
 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$28,900.**  
 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$27,900.**  
 2 acre wooded lot with a great view. Within walking distance to both the tennis court and the park on Salado Creek. Excellent Homesite. **\$32,900.**  
 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900** or 1.35 acres for **\$20,000.**  
 3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large Pecan trees & live water. **\$39,900.**  
 3 BR/2 BA mobile home on 3.5 acres w/view overlooking lake. **\$50,000.**  
 3.5 acres with septic & water. **\$38,000.**  
 4 acres SW of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$56,800.**  
 5.13 acres sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. **Reduced to \$44,900.** - U/C

20 acres sw of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded. **\$125,000.**  
 51 acres Buttermilk Creek, spectacular views, excellent tree coverage, sw of Salado.  
 51 acres with hill country view \$3,500 per acre.  
 130 acres Rolling hills with great views. **\$4,500/acre.**  
 245 acres Beautiful rolling hills with large live oak trees and a 3 acre lake. Outstanding development opportunity.

## Commercial

3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$89,900.**  
 Excellent Commercial: location on corner of West Village Rd. & IH-35 at exit 285.  
 A charming B&B Inn. It is perhaps one of the oldest bldgs in the Village of Salado and is listed in the Nat'l Register of Historic Places. It is a

## Salado Lots

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

## Belton

Nice 2 BR/2BA doublewide with large living and formal dining. Fenced yard - **\$39,000.**  
 Large lot in Belton near Lake. Gated community, many trees. **\$65,000.**