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Comptroller issues first sales tax check to Salado Library District

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered his final sales tax rebates for 1998, for a total of \$176,396,918 in monthly sales tax payments to 1,095 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 17 percent increase over the \$164.7 million allocated to cities and counties in December 1997.

The Salado Public Library District was among the local governmental entities to receive a check, its first since being formed by general referendum earlier this year.

The Library District received a \$7,903.04 for the 0.5 percent sales tax levy collected in October and reported in November 1998.

Cities within Bell County received a total of \$1.6 million in sales tax receipts, a decrease of 16.33 percent from last year's \$1.92 million total. Payments to-date of \$22.6 million are 3.13 percent higher than last year's to-date payments to cities of \$21.9 million.

Payment to Bell County for October collections was \$544,096.58. Bell County collects a 0.5 percent sales tax. This reflects a 17 percent increase over last year's November payment of \$465,314.87.

Bell County has collected \$7.3 million in payments to-date, up 4.6 percent from last year's \$7 million in payments to-date.



James Blair unveils poster Dec. 19 for first 'Texas 100'

Contemporary western artist James R. Blair will unveil the poster for the inaugural **Texas 100 Invitational Art Show** during a poster signing at Prelop Fine Art Gallery on Main St. Dec. 19. Blair will be a Prelop Fine Art Gallery 1-5 p.m. to sign posters.

Blair said the artwork for the poster is of a cowboy herding longhorns, illustrative of the Chisholm Trail, part of which ran through Salado in the 19th Century.

The poster will feature the rich colors for which Blair has become well-known with hues of deep blue-silver to rouge.

Blair is one of the best Texas artists to be invited to show in Salado on May 8-9, 1999. "We think the **Texas 100** will quickly become a favorite show for artists and art collectors," chair Tim Fleischer said.

The **Texas 100** is set under the shady oaks of Pace Park 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 8 and 9 a.m.-

3 p.m. May 9. Admission, which will be good both days, is \$5.

Invitations were mailed out in late October to artists who display their work in galleries and shows in the state. "Some of the artists will be familiar to Salado, while others have never shown their work here," Fleischer said. "Response to our invitations has been very positive and I think the artists are very receptive to a spring show."

The **Texas 100** will feature live music and a children's art area during the weekend. A 5K Run will kick-off the show on May 8. A Preview Party May 7 will have a catered meal and music in the Park, as well as an auction of artwork donated by **Texas 100** artists.

The poster will be sold in galleries before the show, as well as during the show. **Texas 100** T-shirts will also be sold.



Chamber elects president

by Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

The 1999 Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors unanimously elected Dr. Luther Brewer as President during an organizational meeting Dec. 14 following the final meeting of the 1998 board.

Before adjourning, the 1998 board earmarked \$2,600 to be

used for the 1999 COPS program. The money is a surplus above the \$12,500 budgeted for 1998 raised through donations from individuals and organizations in the village.

George McAulay, chair of the Salado Business Association, reported on upcoming actions by the group. The SBA

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One Crazy Night Before Christmas

Thomas Arnold Elementary Fourth and Fifth graders presented their Christmas Play before a packed house in the cafetorium Dec. 10. At top, Grant Boston is shown de-bearding Santa imposters (from left) Daryl Luman, Randy Hayes and Tyler Correa. Waiting up late for Santa and singing about Martha Stewart are (from left) Ashley Milam, Elizabeth Dunlap, Cortney Dunnahoo, Dakota Buckley, Sunni Wells, Kylie Wright, Karla Griffin. Gregory Dachs was the narrator of 'Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas. The real Santa Claus (or is it Principal Rod Stockstill?) delivers presents to sleeping children. Tiffani Wishart directed the play while John Stafford manned the sound.

(photos by Marilyn Fleischer)

Tragedy indicative of times?

by Tim Fleischer Editor-in-Chief

Lost among the scandalous headlines of impeachment, perjury and adultery is a story that more frighteningly reflects the depravity to which we have sunk as a society of individuals.

The radio news was the only source I have seen or heard of a Missouri man convicted of assault and sentenced to life for injecting his 11-month-old son with the AIDS virus. The Missouri man did this in order to escape paying child support. His son, now seven years old, has HIV.

The prosecutor called the man a "monster" and stated that he had given his son a "death sentence." If and when the boy dies of AIDS, charges will likely be upgraded to murder.

Add this story to Susan Smith, who locked her children up in their car seats and watched as the car rolled into a lake, and the teenage mother, who gave birth during prom and abandoned her child, and we have a poisonous concoction.

When parents view their children as a liability to be gotten rid of rather than a gift from God, we live in dangerous times. When parents abandon their children physically or emotionally, we live in dangerous times.

These heart-wrenching stories are symptoms of a deep-rooted problem in our culture. They are indicative of a large part of our society in which children are commodities to be fought over or liabilities to be abandoned without a thought.

In this age when everything is meant to be thrown away — from razors to relationships — we are losing the ability to distinguish between what is to be cherished and what is to be trashed.

I am fortunate to have grown up in a home in which I was cherished. Watching my son Royce's Christmas Play last week, I recalled my own Christmas Play. I was Santa Claus. My beard would not stay put. My mom and dad were in the audience and took photos of the whole thing. My folks were just as busy then trying to earn a living as I am now; yet, they made time for me. Not because they had to, but because they wanted to. I grew up without the clichés of "quality time." What I had was plain old ordinary time with my folks. Tons of it. A lot of it would have been deemed useless by today's standards because we didn't try to fit so much into it, but it was as important as any little league game, band concert, or family night at the movies.

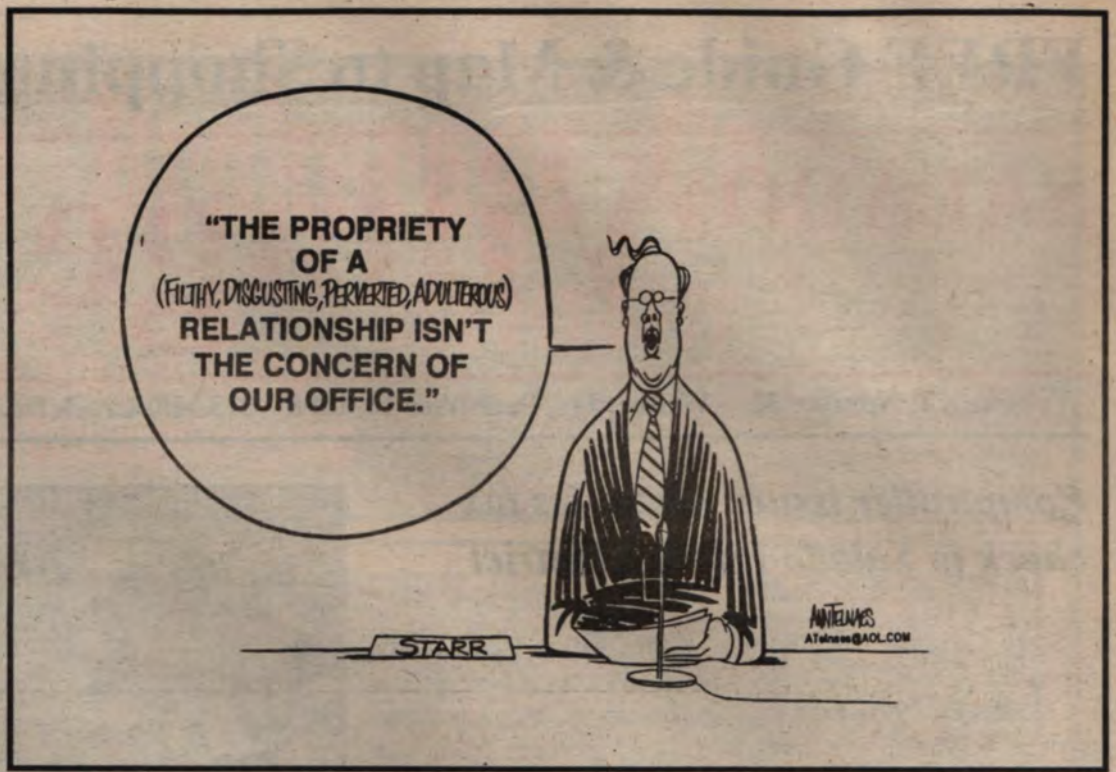
I digress.

Each of us has some child in our extended family that has been abandoned by a parent, usually through divorce and custody battles. I do not have to look too far to see a young man who has not seen his father since he was five. His natural father lives in the same county, but has fought paying child support and doesn't even bother to call on holidays. Thank goodness for a stepdad, who is far from perfect but is there every single day of the year. Many of us are stepparents who are called upon to help raise a child. Whether that child is ours by birth or by marriage, he or she becomes our gift and our responsibility.

Our hope as a nation and culture does not rest in any election or in any politic. It rests in the hearts of our families, in the hearts of Moms and Dads.

During this season of gift-giving, when all the presents are unwrapped and its time to throw away the trash, let's not be confused and forget the most important gift of all.

Our children and the hope they represent.



Wacky ideas abound as 1998 ends, including vouchers and surpluses

Two weeks from tomorrow will be the final day of 1998. That leaves us only one more year before the end of this century and the start of a new millennium. Many of us who are lurking around both sides of the three score mark, probably never thought much about the year 2000. Sort of a Buck Rogers space dream, way out there that we probably wouldn't reach but, by golly, with any luck at all we'll make it - even if the computers drop dead and we have to go back to pen and ink reckoning.

Closer to home, there's a couple of issues that need some last minute political image polishing before we end this wild and wooly year's ride including what Texas is going to do with a major education problem and how much the federal Pooh-Bahs will mess up the Social Security system.

Both groups of lawmakers think they have a surplus to play with but as usual one is right and the other always wrong.

In Texas, there is a huge surplus which will shrink faster than a snowball in the bad place, what with ideas springing up all over as to the best way to spend the dough. Returning it to perplexed taxpayers is not high among the notions under consideration.

In Washington there is no surplus at all.

SCHOOL VOUCHERS

A lot of daffy folks in Austin think that the way to solve some of the problems in the Texas public schools is to issue vouchers to families so their kids can attend any school that suits them including private and parochial.

Great idea - not! Draw off more funds from an already impoverished system and then complain when the remaining product can't read or write!

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



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We interrupt this soliloquy to interject something Will Rogers said back in 1934 that may or may not bear on this subject.

Rogers was speaking to a group of educators and lawmakers in Washington, D. C. and opined:

"Instead of giving money to found colleges to promote learning, why don't they pass a constitutional amendment, prohibiting anybody from learning anything!"

"And if it works as good as the prohibition did, why in five years we would have the smartest race of people on earth!"

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Anyway, back to the school voucher matter. Fact is, that if we were to allow the public schools to use the same admission rules as the private schools do and further, if their rules of discipline could be matched in the public schools - we would have far fewer problems with achievement or test scores.

However, this simplistic approach begs the question - what to do with the slow learners or the kids with mental, emotional or physical handicaps who you don't see at most regular private schools?

Entire matter is one of money and philosophy. Lawmakers have for years been stingy with the money but always demanding high results. This combination won't result in success, especially if you try to educate everyone regardless of background, ability, health or language difficulties - all part of what we call the "free and universal public school experiment" in the United

States.

The key to solving the public education problems is to stop tinkering with the schools. Make them work by pumping in the money and getting top folks into the classrooms through high salaries and tough standards. And then let these teachers teach!

And if you want the parents to be a working partner with the schools, then tell mom and dad they either participate or they can have their kids back on a full time basis. That should get their attention!

Actually, schools some years ago did a fairly good job with our young people. Of course, that was before we got so wrapped up in the business of letting children do their "thing" and warning parents to be sweet instead of firm or risk injuring the psyche of the little rugrats. You know the routine!

SOCIAL SECURITY

Our national congress is hard at work, with the aid and abetment of the President, trying to convince the rest of us that there is a desperate problem with the Social Security Trust Fund. **Going broke! Needs to be fixed! Put money in the stock market to increase the pot!** All ideas being kicked around in conference-crazy Washington.

Some of our elected officials want to take part of the illusionary "surplus" to help mend the problem. **What surplus?** Lawmakers claim \$100 billion extra bucks thanks to their stewardship. All nonsense. Smoke and mirrors and they should be ashamed of themselves for supposing we are buying this "pig in a poke"!

The "surplus" they so proudly proclaim actually came from the Social Secu-

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Record

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ity Trust Fund in the first place! Money sent in by workers and matched by employers and for the moment not immediately needed to pay pensions or medicare bills. Each month the social security folks put the excess dollars into the trust fund and **each month Congress allows it to be siphoned off - leaving an IOU in its place.**

Why not just do something right for a change. Repay all the money "borrowed" from the Social Security Trust Fund over the years, with interest.

At that point there would be no need for higher payroll taxes for pensions or medicare for 40 or more years and certainly no need to invest it in the stock market.

MACHIAVELLIAN MOVE BY

BABY BELL PHONE?

Did you, by chance, notice the report that Austin's phone company - Southwestern Bell, had reduced the size of print in next year's phone book so that more names and numbers could be squeezed into a less weighty tome?

All this may sound like the phone company is becoming "user friendly" but this ob-

server of telephone shenanigans, over the years, suspects something else!

Could it be that Baby Bell is in cahoots with the eyeglass industry? Do they own stock in magnifying glasses? Or, are they planning to raise the fee for telephone information services? All of this may come into play when folks find they just can't make out the numbers - even by squinting. Especially the growing number of old folks (this writer

has given up with the "senior" or "veteran" citizen sobriquets) who wear glasses the size of coke bottle bottoms.

All this would have pleased the late, unlamented Niccolo Machiavelli, who could have really honed his skills at ruthless power politics, from observing many of today's entrepreneurial schemers - who stay awake nights plotting ways to rip that last penny away from the rest of us!

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Christmas holiday hours, deadlines

The Salado Village Voice announces the following deadlines and holiday hours:

Display advertising deadline for Christmas issue of Dec. 23 is 5 p.m. Dec. 18. Advertising deadline for Dec. 30 issue is 3 p.m. Dec. 23. Deadline for Jan. 6 issue is 3 p.m. Dec. 30. Classifieds are due by noon Monday for Wednesday issue.

The newspaper office will close at noon on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. It will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.



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Investors Corner

Construct an Investment Plan Before Building Your Portfolio



Van Smith
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Before building a custom home, you probably would consult an architect first, who would develop a blueprint based on your family's needs, budget and an architectural style. That same analogy can be used to illustrate the importance of constructing an investment plan before actually beginning to build an investment portfolio.

The need for a blueprint is essential: randomly investing in different investment products without direction could keep you from realizing your financial goals. Following the three-step plan outlined below will not guarantee that your investments will be immune to market fluctuations, but it will give you a foundation upon which to build your portfolio.

1. Determine your needs. To get started, determine why you need to invest, including both short- and long-term investment goals. For example, you may want to eliminate debt and simultaneously plan for your children's college educations. You may wish to supplement your current income with additional income, find ways to lessen the impact of taxes on your investment, save for a dream vacation, invest for your retirement years or build an estate for heirs. Next, estimate the amount of money it will take to attain each of these goals. An investment professional can help you factor in the effect of inflation on the amount you need to save.

2. Assess your risk tolerance. What kind of risk are you willing to take to make money on your investments? Knowing your risk tolerance will help you and your investment professional determine what type of investments should make up your investment portfolio. To help you get a better handle on the amount of investment risk you are willing to take, consider these questions:

- Which is more important to you: doubling your money in an up market or not losing money in a down market?
- Can you accept the possibility of temporary loss in the value of your portfolio?
- Do you feel comfortable taking some risk, knowing that the return on aggressive investments can be higher? (And are you comfortable knowing that you could lose more on aggressive investments?)
- Are you content with lower returns from your investments, knowing that the principal value of your investment is more stable than other alternatives?

Your answers to these questions will help you better understand the degree of risk you are willing to take when investing and giving your investment professional the guidance to tailor a portfolio to your personality.

3. Consider your time horizon. When will you need the money? This is a simple question but has far-reaching implications. Your time horizon could determine the level of risk needed to reach your goals. For example, if you're a conservative investor but conservative investments are not likely to provide the amount of money needed in the time frame you specified, you may want to consider a more aggressive investing strategy or adjust your time frame.

Establishing an investment plan is an essential building block to constructing your portfolio. Once this plan is in place, you and your investment professional can better select investments designed to meet your needs.

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Members of the Temple High Polyfoniks choir group, under the direction of Ken Stanton, perform for the Salado Lions Club during its annual Christmas luncheon Dec. 9 at Creekside Restaurant. (photo by John Eubanks)

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Chamber

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membership committee will conduct a survey of nonmember businesses. The membership committee will also conduct training for businesses in dealing with customers and other issues.

The SBA's advertising subcommittee recently completed work on a media kit, which will be mailed to media outlets, as well as travel writers, travel groups and travel agents throughout the state. McAulay reported that 1,000 of the four-color media kits had been printed and were ready for distribution.

Bea Stewart reported that tickets to the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet were at the printer and will be ready for

sale before year's end. The Jan. 30 Banquet will be held at Creekside Restaurant. Bill Bunting will be the speaker.

Before adjourning, the board thanked directors who completed their terms: Sue Carter, Tim Fleischer, Vernon Holt and Darrell Street.

The 1999 board elected Brewer as President as its first order of business. Other officers elected were Vice President Melanie Kirchmeier, Treasurer Eldon Miller and Secretary Susan Richmond. The officers will compose the Executive Committee with the addition of Hulda Horton.

Dr. Brewer also appointed or reaffirmed the following committee chairs: Finance,

Miller; Membership, Kirchmeier; Ambassadors, Christy Arner; Marketing, Richmond; Eviron, Jim Dale and Marilyn Brewer.

Other appointments approved include these: Military Liaison, Bill Neinast; Pace Park, Bobby Pechal and Clyde Bisnett; Craft Show, Becky McAulay; COPS coordinator, Tom Brown; Texas 100, Tim Fleischer; Salado Art Fair, Marilyn Fleischer and Volunteer Fair, Dr. Brewer.

The board discussed but took no action on policies to handle complaints against members and nonmember businesses.

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SISD long range planning committee formed

Salado ISD board of trustees and administration hosted an information session last week for citizens and parents who are interested in participating in the long-range planning process for the school district.

Citizens received information on busing, the AEIS report card, teacher and student demographics, curriculum, technology, trends, mobility, fi-

nances and specific needs of campuses. They also received a tour of the campuses.

Mike Wiley, school board president, said one of the board's goals was community involvement. He encouraged the community to get involved in the schools and for those present to invite friends and relatives to future sessions. Wiley stressed that he wants the community to understand

and have a say in the future of the school district.

The first meeting of the long-range planning committee will convene at 7 p.m. Jan. 14 in the Meadows Auditorium at the Civic Center. Anyone who is interested in participating in the school district's future, is encouraged to attend.

Information packets are available at the SISD administration office, 947-5479.

Full house for festive Mill Creek Christmas dinner

The Mill Creek Community Association Christmas Dinner was a festive and full house at Creekside Restaurant last week. Veronica Donner sang Christmas Carols to entertain after the dinner.

Veronica is a 15-year-old who attends Holy Trinity Catholic School in Temple. She lives in Mill Creek with her family. This was her first public performance in Salado.

Social chair Teresa Tolbert introduced Veronica, who is her neighbor.

MCCA President Hulda Horton thanked all committee chairs for their work during the year. Special thanks goes to Bill Sherk who is retiring from his duties on the Mill Creek phone directory after 14 years.

New directors were announced. They are Bobby Carroll, Chine Ray, Mary Ann Pechal, Merle Talcup, Linda Pruitt and Sandra Gromacki.

MCCA dues for 1999 can now be paid.



Veronica Donner sings Christmas carols during the Mill Creek Christmas Dinner. (photo by Marilyn Fleischer)



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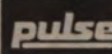
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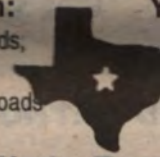


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Susan Krueger presents a donation from Compass Bank-Salado for the Salado Family Relief Fund. Wayne Rutherford, Salado Fire Chief, accepts the check. SVFD has been involved in delivering Christmas to families in need for several years. (photo by Tim Fleischer)

Salado fund provides Christmas for 28 families

Salado Family Relief Fund has received Christmas application request forms from 28 families, to include 79 children. "Through the help of our generous community and the

coordination between the Salado churches 79 children will receive Christmas packages and the families will be provided with food baskets," said spokesperson Marilyn Fleischer. "With the churches and schools participating in conjunction with the Salado Family Relief Fund, we are better able to serve those in need this holiday season."

Food baskets provided by the First Baptist Church will be distributed at the Salado Volunteer Fire Department 2-5

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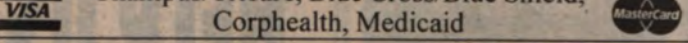
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Baptist choir performs Dec. 20

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The Salado United Methodist Church will hold Christmas Eve worship services on Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. and midnight. The midnight service will be a Candlelight Service. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.



(photo by John Eubanks)

Tessa Schreiner (left) and Meredith Akins are semifinalists in Austin American Statesman essay contest.

Students are semifinalists in newspaper essay contest

Salado students Tessa Schreiner and Meredith Akins were semifinalists in the Young Columbus history competition sponsored by the Austin American-Statesman and Parade magazine.

Schreiner was among 18 semifinalists in grades 10-12. Akins was among 17 semifinalists in grades 7-9.

The winners, two Austin-

area students who won trips this spring to England and Wales, were announced during a trip Dec. 5 to College Station and Bryan.

The semifinalists were given a tour of the Bush Presidential Library on the Texas A&M campus, then following a pizza buffet lunch, visited the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History.

Letter to the editors

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Sports

Eagles win own tourney for first time in awhile, thanks to OT win in semis

by John Eubanks



Tourney MVP Mike Gamble (right) dribbles past a Temple JV player in Salado's big win. (photo by John Eubanks)

The Salado boys basketball team captured the Salado Merchants Tournament -- apparently the first time in quite awhile -- with a 51-30 win over Class 3A Barbers Hill Dec. 12.

The Eagles advanced to the title game, with the aid of a minor miracle in a semifinal game that went to overtime.

Coach Alan Haire, who graduated from SHS in the late 1980s, doesn't think the boys have won the tournament since before then, but could not confirm that. A handful of others at SHS didn't know, either.

The Eagles won all three tournament games on consecutive days Dec. 10-12, and took a 7-4 record into a Dec. 14 game with Thrall (results were unavailable at press time). They host Jarrell Dec. 18 before taking 10 days off.

Salado turned a close Merchants title game against the bigger and taller Barbers Hill Eagles from Mont Belvieu (east of Houston) into a second-half blowout.

The SHS Eagles led 20-17 at halftime before outscoring the opposition 31-13 in the second half. "We came out (after

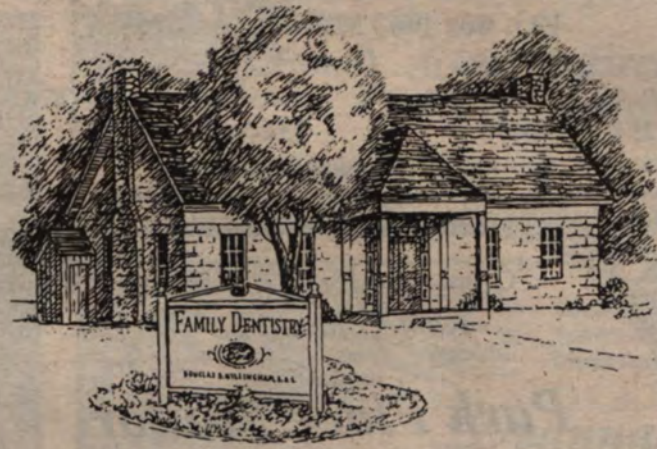
halftime) ready to play," Haire said. "We knew they had better athletes than us, by far. But we executed team basketball. We actually rebounded tonight."

Mike Gamble, who was named tournament MVP, opened the second half with a three-point shot. He and Troy Smith, who led all scorers with 16 points, scored 12 of Salado's 14 third-quarter points. Gamble finished with nine points. Erik Mentzel had 11.

Smith and Mentzel were named to the all-tournament team, along with teammates Taylor Hutton and Ryan Buckley.

It was Buckley who helped the Eagles advance to the finals, with a big play in a 44-34 overtime win Dec. 11 over Moody (3-6). His free throw with one-tenth of a second left in regulation play -- 00.10 showing on the clock -- tied the score at 34-34.

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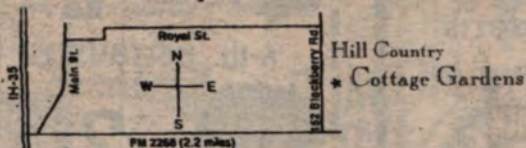
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Eagles

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Buckley missed the first of two free throws and his second one bounced on the back of the rim at least twice before going in. Steven Spielberg couldn't have gotten the ball to do what it did, had he been filming a movie.

The last minute of regulation play was a scriptwriter's delight. After Moody had taken a 34-33 lead on a three-point shot with 41 seconds left, Salado lost the ball with 29 seconds to play.

The Eagles got the ball back on a missed Moody shot with 16 seconds left, only to lose the ball again with five seconds remaining.

But Gamble stole the inbounds pass and flipped the ball behind his back toward the basket, sight unseen, where Buckley grabbed the ball and was fouled putting up a shot.

Wringing his hands following the first missed free throw, Buckley willed the second shot in, to the delight of Eagle fans.

The inspired Eagles went on to outscore Moody 10-0 in overtime. Gamble, Buckley and Smith each scored 11 points. Salado shot 19 of 42 free throws. Moody hit two of nine.

The Eagles' first-round game Dec. 10 was a 55-28 win over Temple's outmanned JV,

which dropped to 2-4. Salado trailed only once, 2-0, and led 24-9 at halftime.

Salado's pressure defense, plus a combination of solid teamwork and standout individual plays, led to its biggest lead, 40-10, with 3:15 left in the third quarter.

Two Eagles scored as many points as Temple did, Smith (17) and Mentzel (11).

Salado 51, Rogers 20

The Eagles evened their record at 4-4 Dec. 8 with a 51-20 home win over Rogers.

Salado outscored Rogers 13-2 in the third quarter to extend a 25-12 halftime lead to 38-14 after three quarters.

Ten Salado players scored at least two points. Hutton was the game's top scorer, with 14 points on seven baskets. Gamble and Buckley each had eight.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The JV/A team defeated Rogers 44-35 Dec. 8. Jeremy Grimm had 14 points. John Kirk added nine.

In the Troy Tournament, the team lost 38-34 to Troy and 42-40 to Academy. Matt Stowell had 15 points against Troy, while Grimm and Kirk had nine apiece against Academy.

The JV/B team defeated Rogers 46-35 Dec. 8. Matt Ward had 16. David Matthews had 10.

The team lost two games in the Troy tourney, 42-36 to an unknown opponent and to Clifton by an unknown score. Ward had 14 points in the six-point loss, including 12 on four three-pointers.

EIGHTH GRADE

Salado White defeated Florence 24-21, despite being outscored 6-2 in the last quarter and hitting just five of 16 free throws. Stephen Fewell led the team with seven points.

Salado Red beat Florence 8-3.

SEVENTH GRADE

The 7A team beat Florence 29-20. Scott Bates scored 11 points. Ben Bates had eight.

The 7B team defeated Florence, but the score was unknown.

Salado Merchants

Tournament scores other than Salado's Boys

Dec. 10
Chilton 88, Academy 72
Moody 62, Thorndale JV 40
Dec. 11
Barbers Hill 81, Chilton 55
Academy 50, Rogers 43
Dec. 12
Academy 94, Thorndale JV 32
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Lady Eagles win Merchants Tourney with 1-point win over team it lost to last month

by John Eubanks

The Salado girls basketball team won the Salado Merchants Tournament -- regaining the trophy it last captured in 1996 -- by defeating McGregor 48-47 Dec. 12.

The Lady Eagles (8-5) opened District 26-2A play Dec. 14 hosting Troy (results were unavailable at press time) and played at Holland Dec. 18.

Salado won the Merchants title by defeating a McGregor team it had lost to, 54-48, Nov. 23. The Lady Bulldogs (7-7), who returned four starters from last year's team that placed third in a tough District 17-3A, played the Salado rematch without their starting point guard.

They took their biggest lead, 36-33, with 1:35 left in the third quarter, before Chrystal Whiteley tied the score at 36-all with her third three-pointer of the game. Salado would never trail for the rest of the game. McGregor hit a three-pointer with 10 seconds left to cap the scoring.

Whiteley finished with 11 points. Kathy Matthews had 10. Melissa Matthews added nine.

"We played some of our best basketball (this season) at the tourney," coach Larry Salisbury said.

Kathy Matthews was named tourney MVP. Adrienne Akins and Lauren Quirk were named to the all-tourney team.

The Lady Eagles advanced to the finals with a 57-24 win Dec. 11 over Class 4A Denison (4-6). Whiteley scored 15 points on five three-pointers.

The Lady Eagles' first-round game Dec. 11 was a 70-42 win over Class A Chilton (6-2), whose lone loss entering the tourney was to 2A Kerens.

Salado trailed only once, 2-0, and led 21-4 after the first quarter, 43-21 at halftime and 60-30 after three quarters.

Akins scored 13 of Salado's 17 third-quarter points and finished with a team-high 19. Nikki Jackson and Kathy Matthews each added 12. SHS



Sommer Wilson keeps the ball from a Chilton player as Lady Eagles Mandy Tsosie (30), Nikki Jackson (20) and Tessa Schreiner look on. (photo by John Eubanks)

hit nine of 11 free throws.

Chilton junior Leigh Ann Collins led all scorers with 25. Coach Charles Donohoe said his squad was ranked 14th in the preseason but dropped out of the latest top 25 Class A poll.

Thorndale 58, Salado 47
The Lady Eagles tuned up for the tournament Dec. 8 with a 58-47 loss at Thorndale.

They trailed 28-20 at halftime after being outscored 17-9 in the second quarter.

Thorndale shot a whopping 37 free throws, making 18. More than half of the total (19) were shot in the fourth period, when eight were made.

Salado shot an outstanding

77 percent from the free-throw line (17-22), including eight-for-eight in the final quarter.

Kathy Matthew hit all eight of her free throws and led Salado with 12 points. Akins added 10.

JUNIOR VARSITY
The Lady Eagles (6-2) defeated Thorndale 35-22. Julie Couchman scored 12 points. Robyn Womac added nine. Five other girls scored two apiece.

EIGHTH GRADE
The Lady Eagles (4-0) beat Florence 36-16. Megan Joiner and Lindsey Pruitt each scored 10.

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NORTH POLE -- Officials with Santa's workshop in this gray barren company town said they would no longer accept hypothetical Christmas gift lists involving public figures.

A. Hidden Claus, head of the company's legal department, said the new policy stems from tongue-in-cheek wish lists in newspapers.

In a statement titled, *Smart (aleck) XMAS Lists Asked To Not Be Sent Where the Sun Doesn't Shine*, Claus said, "We simply received too many lists written by smart (aleck) newspaper columnists. The elves were shipping too many muzzles to one Mike Tyson and too many dictionaries to one Bill Clinton."

Claus said any remaining

Lady Eagles

FROM Page 11A

SEVENTH GRADE

The 7A team (4-0) beat Florence 50-28. Staci York scored 21 points. Heather McLaughlin had 10, and Kim Dillon and Amanda Tumey each added nine.

The 7B team (3-1) defeated Florence 24-7. Reba Donaldson had scored 12 points.

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muzzles and dictionaries at Santa's factory would be forwarded to the columnists whose articles continue to be mailed to Santa.

Claus said Santa was busy with legitimate Christmas lists and would have no comment on the new policy.

He said Santa would not be available for comment until after a charity basketball game Christmas Eve in Salado, Texas, on the last stop before returning home.

Having read the previous statement (at least in my mind), I must ask anyone who makes it through this column to please not forward it to the North Pole.

That being said, I see nothing wrong with sending the gifts themselves to those on the following gift list.

1998 XMAS List

- Camcorders to the guys who officiate NFL games. Hearing aids to those who oversee -- make that *overhear* -- coin flips.

- Peach baskets filled with "old school" high-top sneakers to the striking NBA players. (A videotape of "Hoosiers" would make a nice stocking stuffer.)

- A recording of the country

song, "She Got The Gold Mine, I Got The Shaft" to the Kansas State football team that lost millions of dollars by failing to earn a slot in one of the major bowl games, despite going 11-1.

- A name change -- to Siesta Bowl I, Siesta Bowl II and so forth -- for any of the 80,000 bowl games that lull more than half of their TV viewers to sleep on the couch.

- A batch of "Dat Dare Gumbo" to Ohio State fans attending the Sugar Bowl game in New Orleans with Texas A&M. (A photo of Aggie linebacker Dat Nguyen on the side of the soup cup would add a nice touch.)

- A UT football helmet with dreadlocks hanging from the ear holes for Longhorns fans who never want to forget what 1998 Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams did for that program by staying his senior year.

- A clone of former Baylor football coach Grant Teaff for BU fans hungry for another "Miracle on the Brazos." (A Mike Singletary action figure would be great for younger Bears fans to be reminded of the former great BU linebacker.)

- A dictionary/thesaurus book set, with matching Bahum-Bug muzzle, to newspaper columnists who make a mockery of Christmas lists. (Skip the pretty bow.)

Rotary Club volunteers to ring bell for Salvation Army again this year

Salado Rotary Club has volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army again this year. Last year Salado Rotary Club was the number one fund-raiser for The Salvation Army among Rotary Clubs in this area.

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by: Ilene C. Miller
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Dec. 17: Jr High Basketball against Troy 5 p.m. Salado Gym
Dec. 18: Salado ISD Early Out Noon
 Girls Basketball at Holland 5p.m.
 Boys Basketball 5 p.m. against Jarrell, Salado Gym
Dec. 20: Salado Family Christmas Relief Gifts pick up at Fire Station 2-5 p.m.
Dec. 21-Jan. 5: Christmas Break
Dec. 24: Midnight Christmas Eve Service at Salado United Methodist Church
Dec. 25: Christmas
Dec. 28-30: Boys Basketball Cameron Tournament
Dec. 29: Coleman Tournament TBA
Jan. 1, 1999: New Year's Day

Jan. 2: Boys/Girls Basketball against Academy 1 p.m., Salado Gym
Jan. 5: Boys/Girls Basketball at Johnson City 5 p.m.
Jan. 7: Jr. High Basketball against Academy 5 p.m.
Jan. 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday NO SCHOOL
Jan. 19: SPAT meeting 6:30 elementary cafeteria
Jan. 23: Henry the VIII by Harry Sweet, Tablerock Desert Series, 7:30 p.m. Goodnight Amphitheater
Jan. 28: Salado Water Corp. Meeting 7:30 p.m. Salado Civic Center

8:45 at the Civic Center
***Salado Ladies Auxiliary** meets every second Thurs. at 10 a.m. at the Civic Center
***The Water Board** meets every third Thurs. at 4 p.m. at the Water Company
***Lions Club** meets every second and fourth Wed. at 11:30 a.m. at Creekside Restaurant
***Salado Chamber of Commerce** meets every second Mon. at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center
***Salado Library District Board** meets every third Mon. at 5 p.m. at the Salado Public Library

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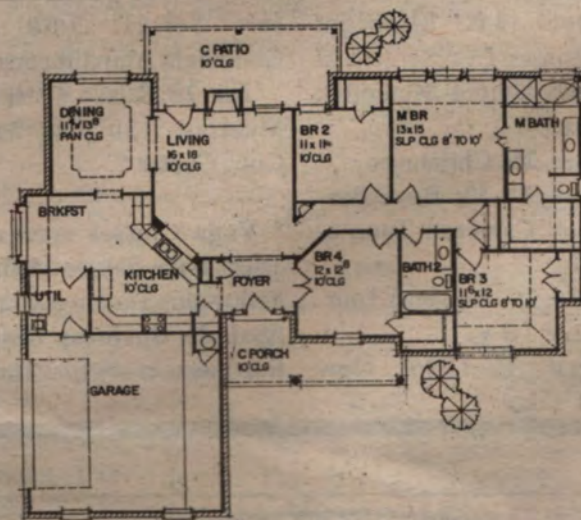


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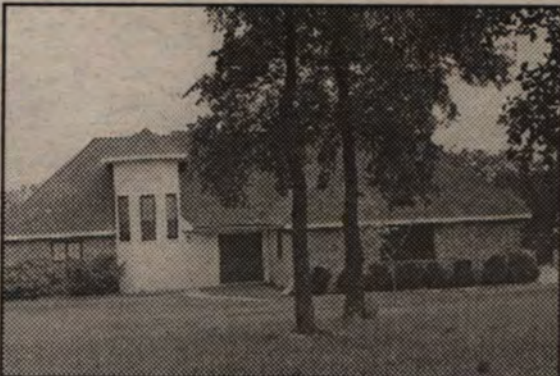
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Home of the Week

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\$99,900: Peaceful country setting 15 minutes from Temple or Killeen area. 3-2-2, all brick on one plus acres. Formal living and den with hot tub.

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Rose Lane: 5 acres, heavily wooded, beautiful home site, \$39,900.

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Hwy 317: 26 acres of woods. Could divide, owner finance. \$129,900

The Bluffs of Salado Creek: View of Salado Creek canyons. Owner finance.

Belton: 20 acres fronting Nolan Creek. Large live oak trees. \$119,000.

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River Place: 1.9 acres with river frontage. \$25,000.

Smith Dairy Road. 81 acres, some heavily wooded, wonderful building sites. \$159,900. UNDER CONTRACT

Mill Creek: Tree covered lot. \$32,500.

Salado Springs: 2 tracts facing FM 2484, \$15,000 each.

Salado Springs: 2 acres, \$17,500. Owner finance.

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IH-35 & Rose Lane: 38 acres with frontage on I-35 & Rose Lane. Many trees and creek. \$250,000.

FM 2115: 10 acres at \$3,500/acre. Owner Finance.

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Shady Lane: Belton, lots with sewerage and water. \$7,995.

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Rose Lane: 8 acres with old barn and silo.

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Main St. in Belton. 6 lots that include 3 houses, \$210,000.

3 acres fronting I-35, 1 mile S. of Salado, \$45,000.

Thinking of selling your property? Call First Texas Brokerage for a listing appointment.

“For unto you is born, this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11
May you experience the love of the Savior this holiday season.

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Ron and Emily Banks cut the ribbon on their new business, A Company of Muses on Pace Park Drive. (photo by Marilyn Fleischer)

Couple banks on their diversity in opening A Company of Muses

by John Eubanks

Ron and Emily Banks were driving through Salado the day after Thanksgiving 1996, on a cold gray day, when ... lo and behold, the sun broke through and the angels began to sing ...

Okay, it wasn't that dramatic, but it was close.

As Emily was driving the car on Pace Park Drive, Ron was reading an article on the historic Levi Tenney House in the pages of *Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas*.

Little did she know he was reading about a house that had

suddenly captured her attention.

About the time she was saying, "Look at this, Ron," he was saying, "Listen to this, Emily."

"We were blown away when we saw it," Ron said.

"We fell in love with this place," Emily added.

What makes the story more compelling is that they were contemplating a career change and a move from Dallas -- to where, they were not sure.

When they saw the "For Sale" sign on the house, it was then that the proverbial angels began to sing.

"We went like, 'Oh, too weird,'" Emily recalled.

"It was like in the movies," Ron said, as they both laughed.

Two years later, their dream has become reality with the opening of their new business, A Company of Muses.

The "period handcrafts" shop held its ribbon-cutting Dec. 5 at The Tenney House, 100 Pace Park, one block off Main Street on the north side of Park.

A Company of Muses offers custom scented perfumes and toiletries, handmade soaps, herbal crafts, period musical instruments, hand weaving, painted floor cloths, bulk make-your-own potpourris and bath bags, custom gift baskets and

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And the inspiration for opening such a business?

Ron says, "Since I was 16 years old, it has been my dream to research, design, build and play early instruments. After 20 years of being a part-time luthier (a maker of stringed instruments), while working in academe as a music librarian and directing several early instrument ensembles, the opening of A Company of Muses marks my entry into full-time instrument making. It is the culmination of my dream to study and perform on early instruments, while embracing my grandfather's trade of luthiery."

Emily says, "I can't stand the bubble-gum scents one finds at stores in the malls, but I always like their vast array of products. I wanted to combine a full-service toiletries shop with the custom work of the old style apothecaries, and the packaging and presentation of revered perfume shops in Europe. So I've combined the highest quality toiletry bases, many handmade, with a full line of sophisticated scents, perfect for everything from a special engagement to gardening.

"I believe even those who abhor frilly perfume counters with kamikaze scent sprayers

will find something they like at our store. And if they don't, I'll make it."

They have blended two very different backgrounds into one.

Ron has degrees in music history and literature from Loyola University, New Orleans, has done graduate work at SMU and has a master's from the University of North Texas.

Emily has worked as a professional actress in Dallas for many years, and taught herself to make handmade soaps and toiletries after being a life-long perfume addict.

"Trying to combine these very bipolar crafts was interesting," Emily explained. "We knew that we had a similar aesthetic, as we both liked old-fashioned packaging with classical lines, and both our crafts are based on historical trades. So we search for other crafts people with the same dedication to their trade, such as handweavers floorcloth painters, seamstresses and creators of functional arts to bridge the gap."

"The result," she added, "is a store with a very apt name. A Company of Muses is the work of a group of artisans daily working with, and inspired by their own personal muse of creation. We guarantee that

everything you find here is either a fine example of this or is designed to help inspire you to find your own muse."

By next year, the couple hopes to have a working herb garden for the toiletries, an operating pit-saw for hand-milling lumber. They will also be teaching an array of workshops on all of the crafts represented in the store.

"We feel that closer examination of the trades increases appreciation for their handmade beauty and creates a well-informed consumer," Emily said. "And if we can inspire someone to be a full-time artisan, then we know just the store that can carry their work!"

A Company of Muses is located at 100 Pace Park Road (one block off Main Street on the north side of Park Road behind Christy's of Salado boutique) in the Levi Tenney House, which faces west. Parking's available next to the house.

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Safe food handling for holiday feasts

The holiday feasting season is launched. And along with the excitement, the travels, all the parties and the family gatherings come the increased possibilities of foodborne illness from bacteria and other organisms.

"Around the holidays, people often prepare new recipes or food they don't fix frequently such as turkey," said Lone Wenzel of the Retail Foods Division of Texas Department of Health.

"People also serve large meals, plan buffets where food is left out for long periods of time, take dishes to parties and pack their refrigerators with leftovers." All of which, according to Wenzel, are possibilities for contamination.

Temperature and sanitation are critical. Hot foods need to be kept at 140 degrees F or higher and cold foods should stay at 41 degrees F or below. Wash hands with soap and water before and after handling food. "Be sure all work surfaces, cutting boards and utensils are clean when preparing food," Wenzel said. "And don't use the same cutting boards, platters and utensils for raw meat as for fresh or cooked foods."

The following are questions and answers from the Texas Department of Health about preparing and serving food safely during the holiday season.

How do I safely thaw a frozen turkey?

• Preferably, thaw a turkey in the refrigerator approximately 24 hours for each five pounds of whole bird. Turkey should never be thawed out on the counter. A defrosted turkey may remain in the refrigerator up to two days.

• Thaw in the microwave according to manufacturer's instructions for the size bird that will fit into your oven, the minutes per pound and the power level to use. Cook the turkey immediately after thawing in a microwave; do not return to the refrigerator.

What is the safest way to stuff a turkey?

The most critical factor, according to Wenzel, is to be sure the dressing is thoroughly cooked. The safest way to cook dressing is on the stove or in the oven in a separate dish so that it has even heating. If the dressing is cooked inside the fowl, loosely stuff the turkey just before cooking. When

you remove the dressing from the bird, use a meat thermometer to be sure the center of the dressing has reached 165 degrees F. If not, cook the dressing in a separate dish until it does reach the proper temperature.

What's the best way to cook a turkey?

• Set the oven temperature no lower than 325 degrees F.

• Place the turkey breast-side up on a rack in a shallow roasting pan.

• For safety and doneness, use a meat thermometer to check for an internal temperature of at least 180 degrees F in the thigh of the turkey before removing from the oven. Don't touch the bone with the thermometer. Check any "pop-up" temperature indicator device in the bird to see if it has reached the final temperature. However, also check the turkey in several places with a conventional meat ther-

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Girl Scouts, 4-H place collected food in pantry

Dear Editor,

Some members of the Salado Girls Scouts and the Salado 4-H joined together recently to place the food from Friends Feeding Friends on the shelves at the Salado Food Pantry.

The pantry recently had some improvements made on the inside. We now have a counter, new floor and more shelves. We also moved the building across the street, next to the Youth House.

The pantry is serving more families than ever. Please help support it by leaving donations in the designated spot at First Baptist Church, Salado.

Thank you,
Cathy Coe
Food pantry director



(photo by Cathy Coe)
(Back row) Clorissa Coe, Lauren Hobbs, Brittany Tucker, (front row) Chrystin Coe, Mary Amber Runyon, Braxton Tucker, Stephen Reagan, Chance Coe. Not shown are Leigh and Jackie Drake, Ashley Milam, Cathy Coe, Hillary Goodrum.

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Alligators big business in Texas

by Tumbleweed Smith

In Anahuac, Texas, alligators outnumber people three to one. During springtime you see the big gators out on the slopes of bayous. At night you can hear them bellowing.

Alligators used to be an endangered species. No more. They came off the endangered list in 1984. It's quite all right to buy those alligator shoes, briefcases and billfolds.

Texas has more alligators than any other state except Louisiana.

September is alligator hunting season in Texas. And it is a much bigger business than you might realize.

I attended my first Gatorfest this fall in Anahuac, a city on the gulf coast between Beaumont and Houston. It is an event that draws about 20,000 people. Not bad for a city with 2,000 residents. The number was down a little this year because Anahuac had twelve inches of rain the day before the festival started.

Anahuac calls itself the alligator capital of Texas. The premier event at Gatorfest is the Great Texas Alligator Roundups. Hunters bring in the alligator they have caught and compete for cash prizes. The hunter with the longest al-

ligator wins \$500. This year the prize money went to Kevin Henke of Calhoun County. His gator was 12 feet, 9 inches long.

At Gatorfest you can buy alligator feet, eat some alligator and take an airboat ride through marshes where alligators live. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department provides live alligator displays. Two stages offer every type of music from Cajun to Peruvian. When I arrived in Anahuac, I heard the song, "See ya later, alligator!" playing over a public address system downtown.

At Anahuac, I met the main alligator man in Texas. He's Amos Cooper of the JD Murphree Wildlife Management Area near Port Arthur. He let me tag along on an alligator hunt.

Although you can hunt alligators with bow and arrow, most people prefer to do a little fishing and hunting to get their gators. They start off by driving a steel rod into the ground about four feet. They secure a long bamboo pole to the rod, then string the pole with about

80 feet of strong cord. On the end of the cord is a two inch hook with some rotten chicken meat on it. The meat is suspended over the water about 18 inches. The alligator smells the chicken, jumps out of the water to get it, then swims off with it.

The hunters then bring in the gator by pulling that strong cord by hand. While one hunter brings the alligator close enough to shore that it raises its head out of the water, the other hunter then shoots the gator in the head. Sometimes the gator thrashes and splashes, spins and turns, trying to get away, making for a difficult target. Sometimes they have to be shot more than once. An alligator is not safe to handle until its eyes are closed. Once the gator is dead, duck tape is wrapped around its mouth. Then the gator is loaded onto the boat and sold for \$16 a foot. Most of the meat goes to Asia.

At JD Murphree, the poles must be baited by 6 p.m. Hunters can't retrieve them until after sunrise the following morning.

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"Sirena"

In the cool clear spring water of Salado Creek rests a bronze statue of a mermaid named Sirena. She is a life-size creation by Salado sculptor Troy Kelley. The legend of Sirena was a story told to him by his grandmother.

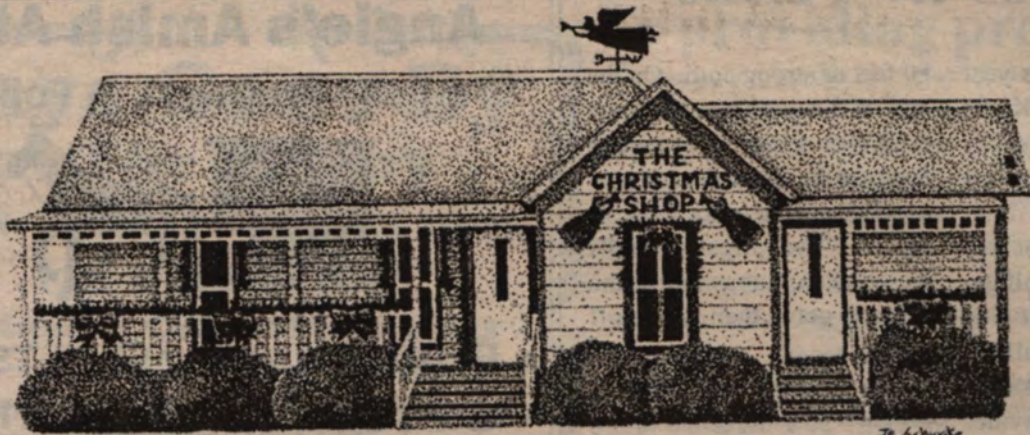
The statue of Sirena and the creek's natural beauty, has now become the inspiration for this new painting by artist Larry Prellop. The original, sold before completion, has been reproduced in a canvas replica so that many more can enjoy Sirena. Each canvas replica is elegantly framed and has the look of an original oil painting. Each replica will include the legend of the Sirena story signed by sculptor Troy Kelley.

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 - Ambrose Bierce and the
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by Oakley Hall
 - A Firing Offense
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 - Now You See Her
by Linda Howard
 - * A Man in Full
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 - * The American Century
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 - Birds of America
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 - Life of Thomas More
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 - The Love of a Good Woman
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 - The Stargazer
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Letter thanks paper for its support

Dear Tim and Marilyn,

Thank you so much for again giving our annual quilt show great coverage. It is such a help, and we can't begin to tell you what a difference it makes in the response to our program. This was our best year yet, out of 10 or more years, and we are exceptionally grateful!

We think you have a fantastic paper, and we appreciate the hard work it takes to put it all together and the good it does for the community.

Sincerely,
Mickey Bureson

momenter for doneness.

- Juices should be clear.
- Let stand 20 minutes before removing stuffing and carving.

What about leftovers?

Debone the turkey and refrigerate all leftovers in shallow containers no deeper than four inches within two hours of cooking. Use leftover turkey and stuffing within four days, gravy within two days or freeze. Do not place tight covers on foods during the cooling period or overload your refrigerator with hot foods that need to chill. Allow for adequate air circulation in your refrigerator. Reheat leftovers rapidly and thoroughly to a temperature of 165 degrees F or until hot and steaming.

The party is buffet-style. What's safe for the foods?

Once again, keeping cold things cold and hot things hot are the key, Wenzel said. On the buffet table keep hot foods hot with chafing dishes, crock pots and warming trays. Place cold foods over ice. Use several small, shallow serving bowls; and when they are empty, replace them with clean ones. After four hours, throw out the food that remains. In planning the party, look for foods to serve that do not require heating or chilling.

Eggnog is a must, as are cookies, cakes and meringue pie. How do I keep it safe?

Salmonella, a bacteria that causes food poisoning, can be found inside fresh eggs, even those that are not broken. Here are some safety hints.

- Commercial eggnog is made safely with pasteurized eggs. When preparing homemade eggnog, heat the eggs, sugar and milk to 145 degrees F or use a pasteurized egg product.

- Cookie dough and cake batter often contain raw eggs. Don't taste the mixture before

it is cooked, especially true for young children, the elderly or people with compromised immune systems. If you must taste, use pasteurized egg products. Also, don't use raw egg whites to paste together gingerbread houses or other treats that will be eaten. Use powdered egg whites or frosting instead.

- Meringue made with raw egg is safe if baked at 350 degrees F until the tips are brown - usually about 12 to 15 minutes.

Apple cider is great on a cold night. What's safe?

If you will be serving cider to children, the elderly or those with compromised immune systems, choose pasteurized apple cider. You may serve it warm or cold. "We are not trying to take the fun and enjoyment out of holiday entertaining," Wenzel said. "But just a few safety precautions can keep the season happy and healthy."

IRS to offer two seminars

For people just starting a business, the IRS announces two Small Business Seminars in Austin next month. One is free.

The Employment Taxes seminar is 2-5 p.m. Jan. 14 at LCRA, Colorado Room, 3701 Lake Austin Blvd.

The fee is \$15 and reservations are required. Call the Small Business Development Center at (512) 472-3514 to reserve a seat. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested in advance.

A free Business Income Taxes seminar is 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 28 at Echelon I, Office Bldg, 9340 Research Blvd. (Jollyville Rd between 360 and Mopac). Topics include record keeping, self-employment taxes, selecting a business structure and IRS procedures.

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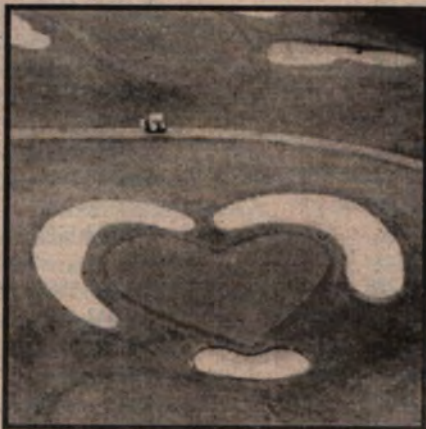
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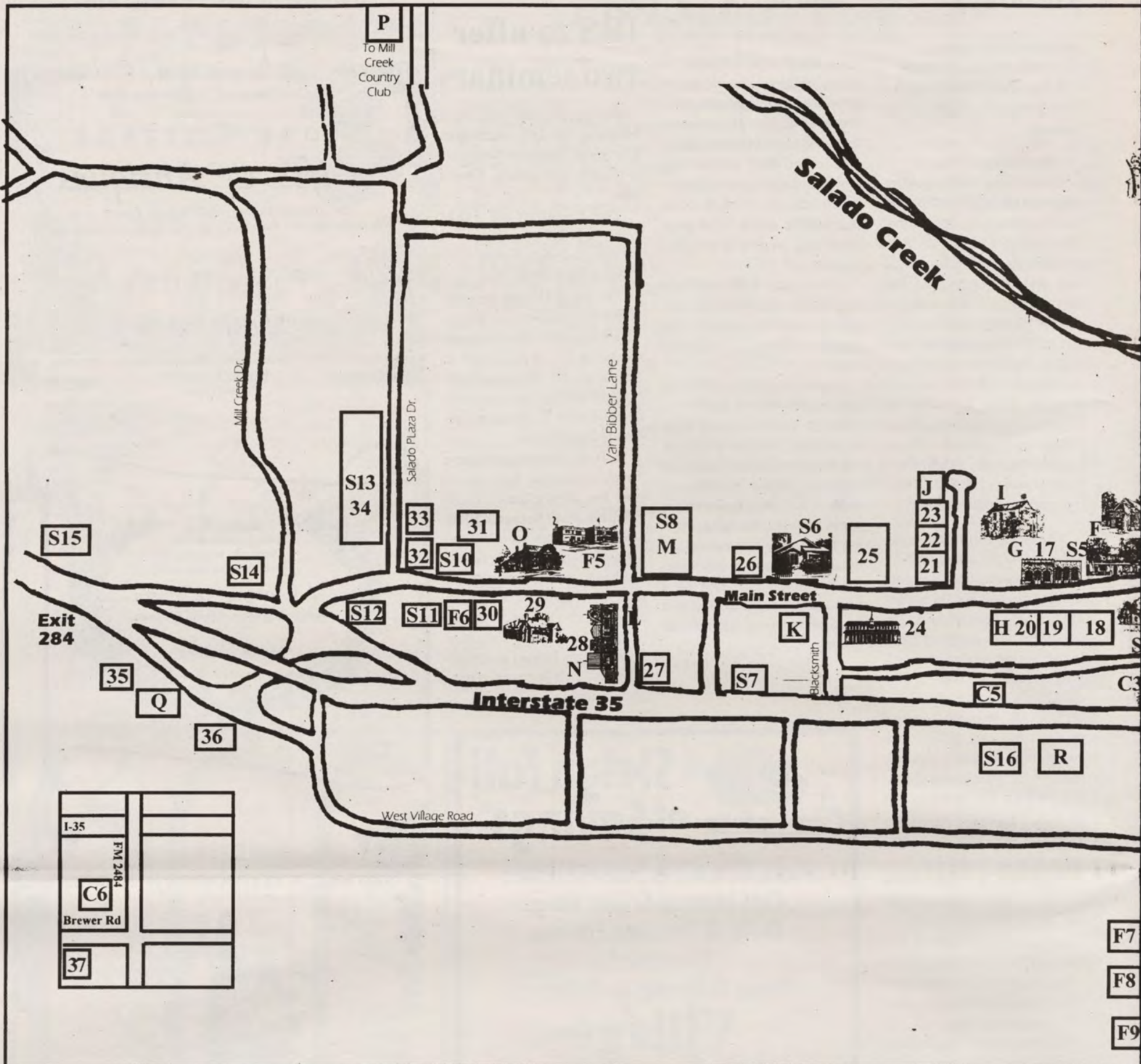
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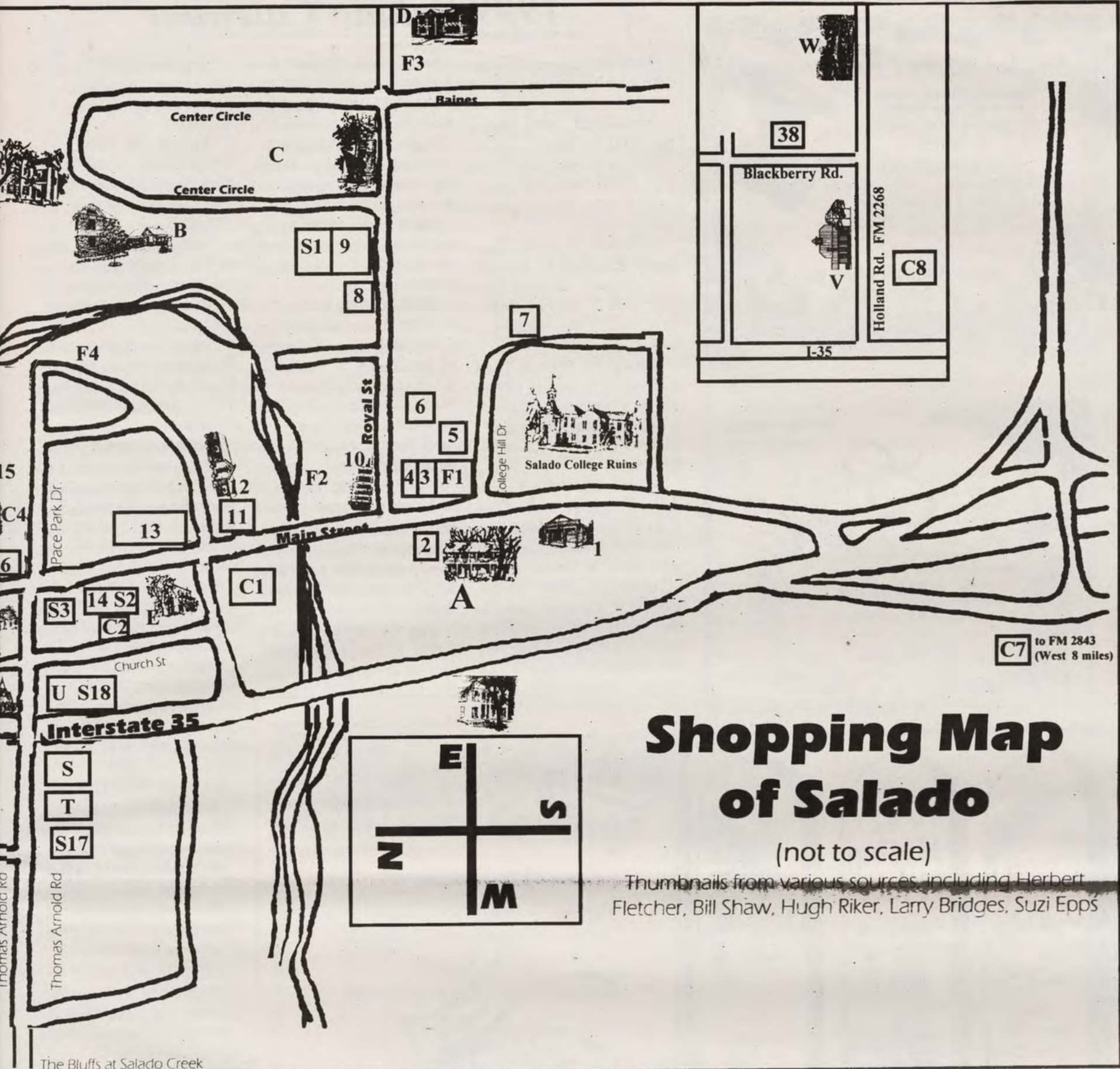


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| 2. Salado Pottery | Next to Stagecoach Inn | 254/947-5935 | 23. Angie's Amish Attic | #2 Rock Creek | 254/947-0240 |
| 3. Salado Galleries | Main Street | 254/947-5110 | 24. Heirlooms Shopping Center | 20 Rock Creek Drive, | 254/947-3537 |
| 4. SHADY VILLA | Main St and Royal | | Campus Landmarks | N. Main & Blacksmith | 254/947-0336 |
| Gregory's | Shady Villa on Main St. | 254/947-5703 | 25. THE COLONY | Heirlooms | 888/947-1238 |
| Salado Country Antiques | Shady Villa on Main St. | 254/947-8363 | Windberg Gallery | N. Main St. | |
| Sweet Nut Things | Shady Villa on Main St. | 254/947-8088 | Days Gone By | The Colony on N. Main St. | 254/947-3300 |
| 5. Peddlers Alley | behind Shady Villa & Museum | 254/947-9722 | Santa Fe/Salado Gallery | The Colony on N. Main St. | 254/947-1119 |
| 6. The Dusty Rose | Royal Street | 254/947-9215 | 26. Book Winkel | N. Main St. | 254/947-3866 |
| 7. The Chicken Ranch | 505 College Hill | 254/947-3455 | 27. The Sewing Basket | 525 N. Robertson Rd. | 254/947-5423 |
| 8. Ing's | Royal St. | 254/947-4336 | | | 877-244-0450 |
| 9. ROYAL STREET COMMONS | Royal St. & Center Circle | | 28. OLD TOWN SALADO | Across from Salado Civic Center St. | |
| Red Barn Antique Mall | Royal St. Commons | 254/947-1050 | The Store | Old Town Salado | 254/947-9000 |
| 10. ONE ROYAL | Royal St. at Main | | The Gallery | Old Town Salado | 254/947-9000 |
| Grace Jones | One Royal | 254/947-5555 | MJ's Country Corner | Old Town Salado | 254/947-8885 |
| The Royal Emporium | Main & Royal | 254/947-5718 | Aunt Granny's | Old Town Salado | 254/947-5520 |
| 11. OLD MILL PLAZA | Main St. at the Creek | | Angelic Herbs | Old Town Salado | 254/947-1909 |
| Salado Haus at the Gazebo | Old Mill Plaza | 254/947-1868 | Texan by Design | Old Town Salado | 254/947-4479 |
| 12. The Christmas Shop | Green House on the Creek | 254/947-5561 | 29. Bayberry's on Main | 400 N. Main St. | 254/947-3625 |
| 13. CREEKSIDE CENTER | Main St. at Pace Park | | 30. Salado Antique Mall | N. Main St. | 254/947-1010 |
| Susan Marie's Boutique | Creekside Center | 254/947-5239 | The Little Tin Hutch | N. Main St. | 254/947-5537 |
| Strawberry Patch | Creekside Center | 254/947-9955 | 31. Remember This Antique Mall | 861 N. Main St. | 254/947-0858 |
| Bundle of Joy | Creekside Center | 254/947-0609 | Fletcher's Books & Antiques | N. Main St. | 254/947-5414 |
| Prelop Fine Art Gallery | Creekside Center | 254/947-3930 | 33. Elise & Co. | off Main St. behind Fletcher's | 254/947-1068 |
| 15. A Company of Muses | N. Pace Park Dr. | 254/947-9178 | 34. SALADO PLAZA | 213 Mill Creek Dr. | |
| 16. Christy's of Salado | 300 Main St. | 254/947-0561 | Streets of Salado | Suite #135 | 254/947-1313 |
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| 18. The Village Potter | N. Main St. | 254/947-0281 | | | |
| 19. Rittenhouse Square | 22 North Main St. | 254/947-8168 | | | |
| 20. Rose Cottage Gifts | N. Main St. | 254/947-9110 | | | |
| 21. Sir Wigglesworth | Rock Creek and Main | 254/947-8846 | | | |

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Shopping Map of Salado

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Thumbnails from various sources, including Herbert Fletcher, Bill Shaw, Hugh Riker, Larry Bridges, Suzi Epps

- G. Browning's Courtyard Cafe
- H. Pink Rose Tea Room
- I. The Range at the Barton House
- J. The Old Granary Bed & Breakfast
- K. Pietro's Italian Restaurant
- L. The Vickrey House B&B
- N. Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe
- O. Halley House Bed & Breakfast
- P. Creekside Restaurant & Club Mill Creek Inn
- S. Salado Dairy Queen
- T. Lucye's Place Barbecue
- U. Salado Burger King
- V. Brambley Hedge B&B
- W. Country Place B&B

- Salado Square
- N. Main St.
- 101 N. Main St.
- Rock Creek Dr.
- Main St. & Blacksmith
- N. Main St.
- Old Town Salado
- N. Main St.
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- C2. Salado Masonic Lodge #296
- C3. United Methodist Church
- C4. Presbyterian Church of Salado
- C5. Salado Church of Christ
- C6. Grace Baptist Church
- C7. Cedar Valley Baptist Church
- C8. St. Stephen Catholic Church
- Main St. at Pace Park
- Church St.
- Thomas Arnold Rd.
- Allen Meeting Hall
- I-35 at Blacksmith Rd.
- FM 1670 West of Salado
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- F2. Sirena
- F3. Goodnight Amphitheater
- F4. W.A. Pace Memorial Park
- F5. **Salado Civic Center**
- Chamber of Commerce
- Public Library
- Salado Historical Society
- Salado Village Artists
- Salado ISD Administration
- F6. U.S. Post Office
- F7. Thomas Arnold Elementary
- F8. Future Salado Middle School
- F9. Salado High School
- Main St.
- Springs on Salado Creek
- Royal St.
- Pace Park Dr.
- North Main St
- Salado Civic Center
- Salado Civic Center
- Salado Civic Center
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January 23, 1999: Henry the VIII by Harry Sweet, Tablerock Dessert Series, 7:30 p.m. \$7.50 Tablerock Members, \$7.50; Non-members, \$10.

February 20, 1999: Captured Rainbow by Richard Paul Thomas, Tablerock Dessert Series, 7:30 p.m., Members, \$7.50; Non-members, \$10.

March 20, 1999: A Toast & Roast of a Salado Celebrity by Fred Fuller, Tablerock Dessert Series, 7:30 p.m., Members, \$7.50; Non-members, \$10.

March 22, 1999: Fourth Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament, benefiting Tablerock, at Mill Creek. \$60 entry fee. Call 254/947-9205.

April 2-4, 1999: Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphitheater, sponsored by First Baptist Church, featuring Jordan Johnson. Concessions

open at 7 p.m., pageant at 8 p.m. Free admission,

April 24, 1999: Fourth Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater. Directed by Tom Taylor, featuring various local groups and artists.

April 24-25, 1999: Spring Crafts Show in Pace Park, sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.

April 30, May 1, May 7 & 8, 1999: Shakespeare Up the Creek. Shakespeare's **Taming of the Shrew** at Tablerock Amphitheater, sponsored by Texas Renaissance Festival, Tomball College and 1855 Levi Tenney House Workshops. Emily Banks, Director.

May 8-9, 1999: Texas 100 Invitational Art Show in Pace Park, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce. Preview party on May 7. For more information, call 254/947-5040.

July 24, 31 & August 7, 1999: Salado Legends performed at Tablerock Amphitheater.

theater. Dinner at 7:30 p.m., \$5 per person. Theater at 8 p.m. \$15 adults, \$5 children. 254/947-9205.

August 7-8, 1999: 33rd Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce. 254/947-5040.

September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1999: Salado September Sunday Nights, sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Salado, Tablerock

September 9, 1999: Central Texas Poetry/Prose Readings, 7 p.m. Open Mic, 9 p.m. Alice Wells, hostess, 947-5144. Tablerock.

October 7, 1999: Third Annual Storytelling Festival for Bell County's 2nd through 5th grade students. \$1 per student. Tablerock. Call 254/947-9205 or 254/939-5061 for reservations.

October 9, 1999: Christmas in October at the Salado Civic Center, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary.

October 16, 1999: Tablerock Music Festival, chaired by Fred Fuller and Richard Paul Thomas, 7:30 p.m. Info: 254/947-4717 or 947-9205.

October 29-31, 1999: Fright Nights at Tablerock, Halloween fun for the whole family beginning at dusk.

November 12-14, 1999: 38th Annual Scottish Games, Village Green, sponsored by Central Texas Area Museum, 254/947-5232

December 3-5 and 10-12, 1999: Salado Christmas Stroll, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce Merchants Committee. 254/947-5040

December 3-5, 1999: Salado Historical Society Christmas Tour of Homes.

December 3-4 & 10-11, 1999: A Christmas Carol at Goodnight Amphitheater. 254/947-9205

December 14, 1999: Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary Grace Jones Style Show at Creekside Restaurant.

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Now is the time for users of propane heaters to review safety guidelines

Anticipating "frost on the pumpkin," the Texas Railroad Commission says now is a good time for users of propane gas space heaters to review safety guidelines.

Colder fall and winter weather means Texans again will be relying on these handy little heaters to warm specific areas of their homes. In recent years, propane-gas-fueled space heaters have grown in popularity because they offer high energy efficiency and fuel savings.

There are two types of space heaters: direct-vent or vent-free. Direct-vent heaters require outside air to support combustion. They are typically installed on outside walls. Be sure to check the location of the outside vent to make sure it is free of debris.

Vent-free space heaters rely on inside air to support com-

bustion and vent directly into a room. Newer types of unvented space heaters must have an oxygen-depletion sensor, which will automatically turn the unit off if oxygen levels in the room drop below a specified level.

The Texas Railroad Commission, the state's chief energy agency, says space heaters should be checked periodically by a local propane delivery company. A trained technician will inspect the unit, clean the control compartments and burner and check for proper operation.

Homeowners should also become familiar with the "rotten egg" odorant that has been added to propane gas for easy identification. If you do smell gas, whether the heater is operating or not, follow these steps: 1) do not touch any electric switches, light matches or

use the phone; 2) exit the structure immediately; 3) if there is an outside tank, turn off the gas valve; 4) telephone your propane supplier or fire department from a neighbor's phone.

The Railroad Commission also suggests that homeowners who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane contact their local dealer about having their propane delivery accounts put on "automatic." An automatic or "keep-full" account ensures that an adequate supply of gas will be available, no matter how cold the weather or treacherous the road conditions.

For more information on how to stay warm safely with propane this winter, look under "propane/gas" in the Yellow Pages for your nearest dealer, or call the Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at 1-800-64-CLEAR.

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(NAPS)—The National Fire Protection Association recommends that you leave three feet of space around heaters for safety.

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Prolong life of holiday-season gift plants by providing proper care, experts explain

Use good pruning practices when selecting Christmas greenery from landscape plants. Don't destroy the natural form and beauty of the plant.

Prolong the life of holiday-season gift plants by providing proper care. Check to see if the pot has plugged up the bottom drainage. Don't over water. Keep out of drafts from heating vents and opening doorways. Fertilizer is seldom needed the first few months.

Want to start cuttings of

your favorite Christmas cactus? As soon as it has finished blooming, select a cutting with four or five joints, break or cut it off, and insert the basal end into a pot of moderately moist soil. Place it on a windowsill or other brightly lit area. The cuttings should be rooted within three to four weeks.

Place orders for seeds now so you will have them available when you are ready to plant. By ordering early, you will be more certain of getting the varieties you want. Don't

get in a hurry to prune woody plants. Late December through February is usually the best time to prune them.

Reduce the fertilizer of indoor plants until mid-March. An exception would be plants in an atrium or a well lighted window.

Drain gasoline from power tools and run the engine until fuel in the carburetor is used up.

Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. The lawn and plants may need water during a prolonged dry spell.

Take advantage of bad weather and holiday time to study seed and nursery catalogues as well as good gardening books.

Berrying plants, such as holly and yaupon, may be pruned now while they can be enjoyed as cut material inside the house.

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Donating eliminates the time and cost involved in selling an old car. Jim Manning,

Chairman of the Board, American Lung Association of Texas says, "We make it easy to donate by picking up the vehicles within a couple of days, free of charge; and, we handle all of the paperwork."

Vehicles donated to the American Lung Association of Texas Vehicle Donation program are sold at auction or for salvage. Proper IRS documentation is provided for each donation. In addition to saving money, the proceeds help more than 2 million Texans with lung disease, including over 1 million who suffer from asthma. "It's a great opportunity for people who want to

give something to the Lung Association, but feel they can't make a monetary contribution," says Manning.

The American Lung Association is dedicated to the prevention, control and cure of lung disease, the third leading cause of death in Texas. The Lung Association fights lung disease and promotes lung health through statewide programs of research, health education, advocacy and community service. Its lifesaving programs are made possible by public contributions and community volunteers. For more information please call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

The Lion in Winter slated for performance

A collision of egos and corruption of power fill *The Lion in Winter* which is a fiercely emotional drama between Henry II and the beautiful, charming, and politically powerful Eleanor of Aquitaine.

The play revolves around Henry's (Rob Sterk) volatile relationship with Eleanor (Mary Faith Sterk) and the battle of his three strong-willed sons for Henry's throne.

"In the Sterk portrayal, we see the best and worst expressions of human character,"

says Tom Swift, Artistic Director for the Palace Theatre.

Performances are Jan. 21-24 and Jan. 28-31.

Curtain on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday is at 8 pm. On Sunday, the performance is at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. Reservations can be made by calling 1-877-834-1218 or 869-SHOW (7469).

The Palace box office opens one hour before curtain. Reserved tickets can be picked up 30 minutes before show time

at the Palace Theatre, 814 South Austin Avenue, Georgetown.

This play brings three Southwestern University alumnae (Rob Sterk, Mar Faith Sterk, and Tom Swift) together again in performances of *The Lion in Winter*. Rob Sterk is reprising his original role performed at Southwestern University in 1969. In that same production, Mary Faith Sterk played Alair, a French mistress, and Tom Swift played Prince Richard. Swift is now directing this production.

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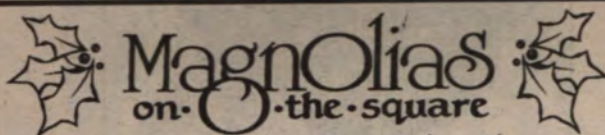
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Mallory

Dear Santa,
This year I want acat and a bike a Gigapet.
Sarah Love

Dear Santa,
This year I want yoyo and Bike.
Wotsh and Barbie.
Love, Jennifer

Dear Santa,
This year I want a peruckete and a ranoy.
Rachel Christin Phillips

Dear Santa,
This year I want GiGaPet and Bendade.
Tristen

Dear Santa,
this year I want a nell kit and frbe and a cd playre and a rill tella phone and fashin magic and a Baby pupy and a Baby cat.
Love Zoe

Dear Santa,
This year I want a puppy and a pool crash bandacoot
Garret

Dear Santa,
This year I, want a Spice Girls Brbey Spice Girls Baby and Poch Wash Pooh Negisis
Love, Ashley

Dear Santa,
This year I want ball bune BrBey baby birbm Horse Cat Got Spice Girls boll Pig baby sistr bop so Dook and My Mama.
Lindley

Dear Santa,
This year I want a pair of rollerblades.
Love, Sindel.

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Spors fidl base ball game and a 20 gage dove Gun and a dove vest and a Hadro Srike and a teeloscop
Love, Trent Wagnon

Dear Santa
This Year I want a puppy som Beinicy BaByeis a gun or twu a cunpyouoter a Motursikl.
Love, Gregory

Dear Santa, This your I want you to git me a ecybkar and a traplen. and a cat gig pety. Love Kurstyn

Dear Santa,
I want a volvo and a gtre tare and a doly and plees giv me a bible and I want a tedee ber and boll.
Love, Audrey

Dear Santa, this year I want a Beyded and I Want a fash rsiny and a bakrey and a gig pety. Love

Dear Santa,
This year I want a modrsikol and a Jeep and a BeBe Gun and a rifull and a Pupy. two and a Parpeagr Mosen 4 rescar and a smol soldr.
Kai

Dear Santa, This Year. I want bike bear. A Spice a YoYo abible. A motybike Gigapet.
Love Katelyn

Dear Santa. This year I want a pesder and clvr and prones and Thal BeneneBy That has stors on it an has a Flag and coroié.
Love caroline

Dear Santa, this year I want a Nenetedtedow Spiges Nel d dusinanafashonmajox hiyhisi Jres popmpopm.
Susanna

Dear Santa,
This year I want Wisbrs FurBee Spiges Nentedtedow Neldusin FashionMajik
London

dear Santa,
boodzadr and twistr makitro and bating game and a bik and a rool blaz and a intidow sixfor. Im bin good.
Luv, Cody

Mrs. Wilson's First Grade
I have ben good all yare. I want two iceskas and a basketboll and a nuw friend. I want Rudaoff and a slay an a new clock a c.d. for my sinputer and sum flowers and sum close and sum lipstick, a flag and a fuw dolls and a calndr a tetty bear. From Tessu

Dear Sant, I was vere vood I wont a stuft baer and toys and a jet and you.
I love you, Love, Reed.

Dear Santa, I love you you com on Jesusis brthday and I like that beeckus I Love Jesus and I Love God.
Love, Heather

Dear Santa,
I want a reel Powerranger morefer and a power Ranger Megazord and a cool shrt and a toy and a rele drum.
Jeremy

Dear Santa
I love yos so much can I hav a dudul bear can I hav ruler bladse do you love me to. Mr. KY

Dear Santa, I lic sumtols. I Love Sant.
Dear Santa. You are sweet. I Love Dear Santa.
by Jessica

Dear Santa,
I want sum cloez and sum toys. Santa you are sweet and with the toys that you breing me I will have fun. Lexy.

Dear Sant,
I wont a Jep for me. I waont a jres. I want a wit shrt. Love Sissy. I lik you you are niys I Bet you had fun I Good lov dooeing this wrk BiyBiy. and i frgot I will gif a jet.

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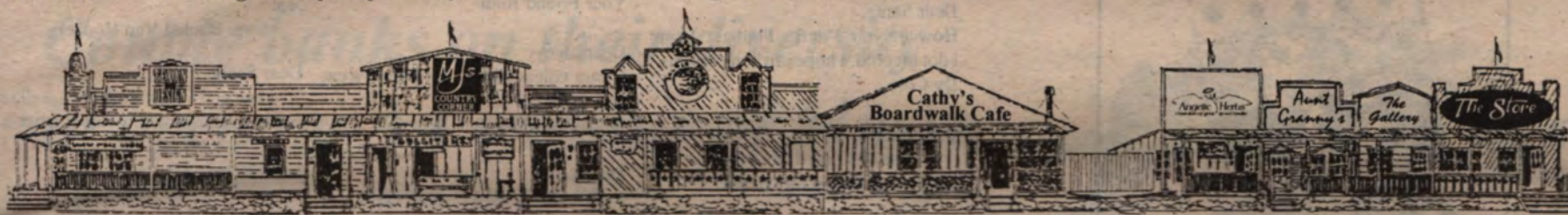
Texas artist Dalhart Windberg works on a painting at Windberg Gallery in The Colony on Main St. during the second weekend of the Christmas Stroll. Windberg met with several collectors and admirers of his work while in the gallery. Perhaps the most recognizable name in art in Texas, Windberg's art is not defined by subject matter, style of painting or by any convenient association with a school of art. The uncommon thread that runs through all of his work is the unmistakable quality of a master painter. His still lifes exhibit the same depth of insight as his landscapes. He renders both with his unique smooth surface technique or his dramatic painting knife style, which is shown above. In addition to works by Dalhart, Windberg Gallery carries originals and reproductions by Jack Terry, Don Muth, Tom Legind, Steve Yates and others. For more information about Windberg Gallery or collecting Dalhart Windberg originals and reproduction, call 254/947-3300. The Windberg Gallery is open daily. (photo by Tim Fleischer)

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Dear Santa, I wood like a yo. I wood like a dog. I wood like a cat. I wod like And I nething. I love Sarah.

Dear Santa, I hav bin good. I just love you. You are My Best Santa, and I want lotsuc presins.
 Love, Kristen D.

Dear Santa, I wish for a Jet for criscmc. I love you. criscme I love.
 Zachary Shumate.

Dear Santa
 Dear, roodoff chip hasbererd.
 Love, R.J.

Dear Santa, I want same toys. I lov you by Brandon.

Dear Santa, I woto see roodff. I want prisins.
 Coral

Dear Santa, I want a li pano.
 Love, Amy

Dear Santa, I wish that I cud hab a gocrt and a Merry Christmas. Stetson.

Dear Santa, I wish I had a losuff presents.
 Shydler

Dear Santa, How are you. I'm fin. I bin gut. I hop i dot git cold. I hope i fit sun presents.
 By Cole.

Dear Santa, I wish that I curd hav sum klos and I wish that I cood hav Brbes.
 Kelsey

Dear santa, I ben good. I want a fusee sjarpin and bunny sliprss and a clock and a ball and a Rudoff.
 Love, Allie

Mrs. Weatherly's Class

Dear Santa, I have been good I want crayolas and computer for my Mom and a Play house for Ryan. I love you merry christmas Santa.
 Love, Mindi Dunnahoo

Dear Santa, I think with out you it wud be hurabul. My mom wants a Woch My Dad wants sum bluejeans My sister wuns sum bene babies. I want titanic neclace My bruther wants sum outfirs my sister wants sum puzels.
 LoVe Rachel DUnlap,

DEAR SANT I WANT A ANOTHER NAVY JET. LOVE VANCE LOPEZ

Dear Santa, I want go cart and Mario Cart game. Love, Forrest Culp.
 P.S.-I want a sla for Christmas.

Dear Santa, i want the bey bestwor and i want the voicebot and i want the nichdozr and i want the rlrldz and i want the atmeknptr.
 Love, Paul

Dear Santa, I want Ginger Spice Girls. I Love you.
 Sarah Foster

Dear Santa, I Love Santa. I want fingernails and The EasyBake oven for christmas. Love Lauren Giniwicz

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a football, a Beast War and a toy motorcycle. How do you make the toys?
 Your Friend John

Dear santa I want volcano blow out I want a cat and a YoYo.
 My frin Mitchell Rosenau

Dear Santa I would like a baby doll for christmas and it is a giga doll and a giga pet and I want a yoyo for Christmas
 love Taylor Cochren

Dear Santa, I want a christmas Barbie doll criband a babe doll. I want a christmas tree for kid. Love, Sierra

Dear Santa, I want fingernails a Barbie Easy bake Oven. Love, Jessica Ferrell-Raborn

Dear Santa, I want a Dog. I want a horse. I want a bull. I want a YoYo I want a toy.
 Love, Tyler

Dear Santa, I want a computer and Icat and I horse and I wanta Dog and a Barbie that is big.
 Love, Daisy Jaimes

Dear Santa, I Love you So Much and I Love Christmas. I want a computer and A cow and nail salon and A bull and RugRat. Kiss Kiss Santa.
 Love, Chelsea Lamprey.

Dear Santa, I want noo shoos anny cind of shooes and a pair of crayola and a coloring book
 love Monica Pillow

Dear Santa, I love you Santa and I have ben good and I No Win Christmas It is 23 mor days. And I like you.
 Love, Brittany Finger

Dear Santa, I want a T.V. For christmas and a new cat
 love. Rachel Van Hoozer

Dear Santa, I ben gud I want a joband a walkie talkie and a sla and my fon number is

Love Rebecca Peiro

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