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Christmas Carol set for Dec. 8-9 performances

Catch the true meaning of Christmas with Tiny Tim Cratchit and the ever-miserly Ebenezer Scrooge in Tablerock's rendition of the classic story by Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol." Gary D. Askins of Salado adapts and directs this version of the timeless tale to be performed at Salado's Tablerock Amphitheater on Royal St. 7 p.m., Dec. 8-9.

In this, the third annual production, Askins has created a modern-day introductory scene, where the Cratchits, the grinchy old Scrooge and even Dickens himself appear in contemporary, techno-tinted Texas fashion.

The director/playwright takes on the role of Dickens while Mr. Scrooge is brilliantly portrayed by Salado actor Rick Thomssen. The ever-optimistic Cratchits are captured on stage by Bud Alexander, Denise Thomssen, Garrett Daniel, Chantal Dalton, Erin

Lummus and Lizzy Lynn. Spirits haunting Scrooge include Jon McDurmitt and Tim Featherston, while Melany Cearley and Mary Helen Schreiner humorously portray domestics abusing him.

Mike Wiley, Rita Brown, Ashley Lummus, Kacie Thomas, Tessa Schreiner, Brook Wiley, Earl Bragg, Jann Featherston, Rory Oldham, Brandi Featherston, Jessi Beck and Brad Ray are cast as past and present influences in Ebenezer's life. Troy Slavens and Sam Daniel portray younger versions of the holiday misanthrope.

"Carol" villagers include Joann McDurmitt, Michelle Ellis, Heather Lummus, Garth Daniel, Matthew and Jacob Brown, Garrett Askins, Deann Chambers, Sherry Copeland, Amie and Jocelynn Dunn, Stefanie Burns, Cheri Slavens, Ashley Screws, Brandy Ernest, Danielle Danford,



Catch the Spirit

The ghost of Jacob Marley (Salado's Jon McDurmitt) returns to taunt the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge (Salado's Rick Thomssen) in Tablerock's adaptation of the ageless Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol* to be presented Dec. 8-9. Tickets will be available at the door.

Alexandra and Alice Taylor.

A production of this nature, of course, doesn't get off the ground without lots of help behind the scenes. Providing production assistance to this year's event are Jody Askins, Miles Ellis, Josh Brown, Darlene

Lummus, Jackie Mills, Melinda Danford, Phillip Featherston, Randy Ray, Mark Danford, John Giollotti, Denise Thomssen, Tim Featherston and Earl Bragg.

So, don't be a "Humbug"; catch the spirit early at Tablerock's version of "A Christmas Carol"; tick-

ets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and may be purchased in advance at Fletcher's Books in Salado, First State Bank of Salado and Peoples National Bank in Salado, Belton or Temple, as well as at the gate. Remember to dress warmly — it's Christmas!

SVFD hosts open house Dec. 9, collecting gifts

The Salado Volunteer Fire Department invites you to its Christmas Open House 2-7 p.m. Dec. 9 at the fire house on the east access road of I-35.

The open house will give visitors a chance to view the fire and rescue equipment, as well as meeting the volunteer fire-fighters in person.

The Salado Volunteer Firefighters are not paid for their services and often have to leave their job to respond to emergency calls, whether it is a structure fire, grass fire or accident in the area.

The SVFD is supported chiefly through donations from local citizens.

During this Christmas season, the SVFD are going the extra step by working with the *Salado Village Voice*, IGA Village

Foods, First State Bank and Peoples National Bank to gather Christmas toys and meals for needy children in the Salado area.

Toys and foods gathered will be distributed by the volunteer firefighters to the families Dec. 23.

During the open house, visitors are encouraged to drop off toys or food items for the less fortunate families in Salado.

For those who cannot attend the open house, but would like to donate toys, food or money, drop-off locations are the *Salado Village Voice*, IGA Village Foods, First State Bank and Peoples National Bank.

First State Bank and Peoples National Bank have also established Salado Family Christmas Funds for monetary dona-

tions to be used to buy toys and Christmas dinner for the underprivileged families in and around Salado.

The *Salado Village Voice* has contributed \$150 to begin the fund drive. All Salado businesses or individuals matching the donation will be listed in the newspaper the week of Christmas.

Fire Chief Wayne Rutherford asks that toys be either new or in good, usable condition for gifts.

Salado Village Voice Managing Editor Marilyn Fleischer said that "while many of the underprivileged children would like age-appropriate toys, some requests have been made for what many of us consider the bare necessities: clean socks and shoes and clothes."

Firefighters have volun-

teered to pick up toys, clothes or food from those who cannot get to the drop-off locations. Call Rutherford at 947-5773 or the *Salado Village Voice* at 947-5321 to arrange a con-

Grace Jones style show set Dec. 11 at Mill Creek

The annual Grace Jones Style Show and Luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. Dec. 11 at the Mill Creek Country Club dining room.

Grace Jones of Salado as a gift to the Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary presents the latest in fashions by many of the new designers in the fashion world today, along with American favorites Bill bass, Geoffrey Beene and Oscar de la Renta, and Karl Lagerfeld, Christian Lacroix, Valentino and

venient time.

There is a great need for toys and clothes for children this Christmas at the elementary school.

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Genny of Europe.

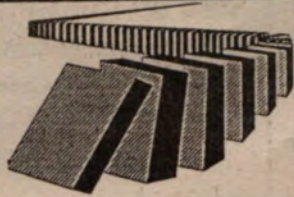
According to Grace Jones the show will include something for everyone. Casual to elegant and street wear to formal.

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Childrens Storytelling

The library will hold its second monthly story and craft time for children on Monday, December 18th. The session will be for all children in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades. A holiday book will be read and each child will be able to make a holiday item or two which they can take home. Watch this column next week for more details.

New Books In The Library

Just in time for holiday travel the library has received a number of new books available to the patrons.

Fiction:

The Island of the Day Before
Silent Night
Love Me Forever
Love in Another Town
Finding Moon
Come to Grief
The Education of Oscar Fairfax
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Public office is last refuge for incompetent

"Public Office is the last refuge of the incompetent."

"Politics is perhaps the only profession for which no preparation is thought necessary."

Robert Louis Stevenson

Some heavy thinkers have described the art of politics as printed above, but nothing like the truism from perhaps one of the greatest philosophers in the earliest of days: **Plato, who, in 388 B. C. stated: "Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber".**

Old Plato had things pegged just about right, because as we fast-forward 2400 years from his time to this very day - we note that as America nears the presidential witching hour when those running for this high office must plead for primary election votes - the most qualified are dropping out and in a few cases - failing to join the race at all.

After these nonsensical state primaries, that will happily reduce the number of wannabees, there comes the party conventions to knock off the rest, except for one Republican and one Democrat.

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



The two, fired with imagination, will storm the hustings with banners, meaningless platforms and bitter denunciations of one another. They will wail away until November at which time the rest of us will select the one we feel will be the least harmful or hurtful to us - and he will be president for a time.

And shortly thereafter we start all over again.

Far Right and Far Left

This year the resurging Republican Party has a problem at the far right side of their political spectrum. It is called the Religious Right or The Ultra-Conservative Tories or the Christian Coalition or even less complimentary titles. Composed of ideologues who will never moderate their thinking or ideas even to help non-zealotite GOPers win the White House.

These right-wingers are kind of like the crazies at the far left end of the Democratic Party. We generally refer to these loose cannons as "bleeding heart" liberals, kooky-tax-and-spenders, wild-eyed tree-

huggers or bomb-throwing welfare staters.

They are the nuts who are helping to keep their party out of office, out of touch, out of congress and if they are not careful - out of the White House.

Strange that folks with such divergent and radical ideologies would have so much in common. Both refuse to conciliate their thinking. They cannot be swayed with facts. They are moved to hatred towards those who disagree with them and weirdest of all - they think they are divinely correct.

Moderates, Independents Win

With the extremists pulling their parties apart - it is apparent that the moderate and independent voter will have the last word as to who wins the White House, The State House and Congress.

It is no mystery why political soothsayers are busy mixing up entrails, bones and feathers (much like the witches in Macbeth) to find the "just right mix" of fluff that will appeal to the moderate, independent, middle of the road citizen.

This great American middle class will be stalked,

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Compass will buy Peoples

Compass Bancshares, Inc., is expanding its Texas presence with a definitive agreement to acquire Peoples Bancshares, Inc., of Belton and its subsidiary, The Peoples National Bank.

The transaction will add about \$135 million in assets, about \$120 million in deposits and four locations to Compass' Texas franchise. In addition to Peoples National Banks' main office in Belton, the transaction will add the bank's locations in Temple, Salado, and Georgetown, giving Compass its first entry along the I-35 corridor north of Austin.

"Compass Bank's strategy in Texas is to secure a presence in those identified markets that enable us to better serve our existing as well as future customers," said Charles E. McMahan, chairman and chief executive officer of Compass Banks of Texas, Inc. "This transaction allows Compass to enter the fast-growing I-35 corridor

that, due to the increasing presence of high technology companies and their workforces, holds tremendous promise for us."

The markets in the I-35 corridor from San Antonio to Waco have a population base of 2.8 million.

"Many of us in community banking are realizing that, in order to best serve our customers needs for the future, now is the time to become part of a larger organization," said Wendell C. Williams, president of Peoples National Bank. "Compass Bank has successfully created a bank that provides community bank service with the range of products and capabilities of a large bank. We feel that joining forces with Compass now will enable our customers to be better served in the future."

"The trend in banking today finds the management of forward thinking community banks seeking partners with management and product structures that can take customers into the next cen-

ture," McMahan added. "Wendell Williams has done an outstanding job of community banking and we are pleased that he will become a part of Compass' management team."

The transaction is subject to shareholder and regulatory approval.

Upon completion of the purchase, Compass statewide total will increase to 77 banking offices and more than \$3.8 billion in assets, including the pending mergers in Dallas of Flower Mound Bancshares, Inc., and Equitable BankShares, Inc.

Compass Bancshares, Inc. is a \$10 billion bank holding company headquartered in Birmingham, Ala, with 186 offices in Alabama, Florida and Texas.

Compass reported record earnings of \$81.1 million in the first nine months of 1995 and has a capital base of \$672 million. Shares of the company's common stock are traded through the NASDAQ national market system under the symbol CBSS.



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Gifts

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Ages and sexes of underprivileged Salado school children are these:

Girls:

Four 4 year olds, four kindergarteners, four first graders, a third grader, a fifth grader, a fourth grader, three sixth graders.

Boys:

Four 4 year olds, two kindergarteners, four first

graders, a second grader, two third graders, four fourth graders, a fifth grader and four sixth graders.

Dana Britt is working with the group to organize the needs for junior high and high school children.

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Jr. High Eagles 1995-96 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Boys	Teams	Girls	Teams	Time
Nov. 16	*Hutto	Here	7th, 8th	There	7th, 8th	5 p.m.
Nov. 20	*Somerville	There	7th, 8th	Here	7th, 8th	5 p.m.
Nov. 27	*Rogers	Here	7th & 8th	There	7th, 8th	5 p.m.
Dec. 4	*Lexington	Here	7th & 8th	There	7th, 8th	5 p.m.
Dec. 11	*Academy	There	7th & 8th	Here	7th, 8th	5 p.m.
Jan. 6	Salado Tournament		7th & 8th		8th	TBA
Jan. 8	*Hutto	There	7th & 8th	Here	7th, 8th	5 p.m.
Jan. 13	Rogers Tournament		7th & 8th			TBA
Jan. 15	*Somerville	Here	7th & 8th	There	7th, 8th	5 p.m.
Jan. 20	Holland Tournament				7th	TBA
Jan. 22	*Rogers	There	7th & 8th	Here	7th, 8th	5 p.m.
Jan. 29	*Lexington	There	7th & 8th	Here	7th, 8th	5 p.m.
Feb. 5	*Academy	Here	7th & 8th	There	7th, 8th	5 p.m.



Salado High School Varsity Lady Eagles: (Front Row, from left) Captains Michelle Martinez, Marie Grigsby, and Jackie Alcozer. (Back row, from left) Liz Whiteley, Melissa Matthews, Amanda Collins, Elizabeth Boyd, Coach Larry Salisbury, Lrah Davis, Carrie Puckett, Chrystal Whiteley.

SHS Lady Eagles 1995-96 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Teams	Start Time
Nov. 14	Gatesville	There	JVB, JVA, V	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	Lorena	Here	JVB, JVA, V	10:00 a.m.
Nov. 20	San Saba	UMHB	JV, V	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	Cameron	There	JVB, JVA, V	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	Lorena	There	JVB, JVA, V	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 30-Dec. 2	Academy Tournament		JV, V	TBA
Dec. 5	Jarrell	There	JV, V	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 7-9	Salado Tournament		V	TBA
Dec. 8-9	Rosebud-Lott Tournament		JV	TBA
Dec. 12	McGregor	There	JVB, JVA, V	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 15	Belton	Here	JVB, JVA, V	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 27	Liberty Hill	There	JVB, JVA, V	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 28-30	China Springs Tournament		V	TBA
Jan. 2	Johnston City	Here	JV, V	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	*Hutto	Here	JV, V	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 9	*Somerville	There	JV, V	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	*Rogers	Here	JV, V	4:00/6:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	Holland JV Tournament		JV	TBA
Jan. 16	*Lexington	Here	JV, V	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	*Academy	There	JV, V	4:00/6:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	*Hutto	There	JV, V	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	*Somerville	Here	JV, V	4:00/6:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	*Rogers	There	JV, V	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	*Lexington	There	JV, V	4:00/6:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	*Academy	Here	JV, V	5:00 p.m.

* denotes district contest

SHS 1995-96 Eagles Basketball Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Teams	Start Time
Nov. 28	Florence	Here	9th, JV, V	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 30-Dec. 2	Academy Tournament		9th, JV	TBA
Nov. 30-Dec. 2	B'ville-Eddy Tournament		V	TBA
Dec. 5	Jarrell	Here	9th, JV, V	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 7-9	Salado Tournament		V	TBA
Dec. 8-9	Rosebud-Lott Tournament		JV	TBA
Dec. 12	B'ville-Eddy	Here	JV, V	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 14-16	Florence Tournament		V	TBA
Dec. 18	Moody	There	JV, V	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 29	Jarrell	There	9th, JV, V	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 30	Lago Vista	Here	9th, JV, V	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	B'ville Eddy	There	JV, V	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	Florence	There	9th, JV, V	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	Moody	Here	JV, V	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	*Rogers	Here	JV, V	5:00/8:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	Holland Tournament		JV	TBA
Jan. 16	*Lexington	Here	V	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	*Academy	There	JV, V	5:00/8:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	*Hutto	There	JV, V	5:00/8:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	*Somerville	Here	JV, V	5:00/8:00 p.m.
Jan. 20	*Rogers	There	V	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	*Academy	Here	9th, JV	6:00/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	*Lexington	There	JV, V	5:00/8:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	*Academy	Here	V	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 9	*Hutto	Here	JV, V	6:00/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	*Somerville	There	JV, V	5:00/6:30 p.m.

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Eagle Player of the Week

Marie Grigsby was named the MVP of the Academy Tournament, scoring an average of 19 points per game to lead the Lady Eagles to the championship. She scored 27 points against Florence, 11 points against Lorena and 19 points against Academy.



Marie Grigsby

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Lady Eagles win Academy Tournament

The Salado Lady Eagles outlasted Florence, Lorena and Academy to win the Academy Tournament last week.

The Lady Eagles blasted Florence 80-45 to win the first round.

Marie Grigsby led the scoring with 27 points, followed by Michelle Martinez, 13 points, and Elizabeth Boyd, 10 points.

The girls beat Lorena 38-33 in the second round, led by Grigsby with 11 points, Jackie Alcozer followed with 7 points.

In the championship game, Salado beat Academy 59-38.

Boyd led the scoring with 22 points, followed by Grigsby with 19 points.

Grigsby was named the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament and

Jackie Alcozer was named to the All-District Team.

Alcozer also won third place in the Free Throw Contest.

The Lady Eagles are 6-2 at presstime.

JV Lady Eagles

The JV Lady Eagles lost to Rosebud-Lott Varsity for the consolation prize of the Academy Tournament last week.

The JV Lady Eagles lost to the Cameron Varsity 45-54 in the first round of the tournament.

Lori Matthews led the scoring with 16 points, followed by Marissa Scully with 10 points and Katie Punchard, with 9 points.

The Lady Eagles squeaked past the Lago Vista Varsity 40-39 in the second round.

Punchard led the scoring with 12 points. She hit the winning shot of the game with seven second left.

Lori Matthews had 9 points and Scully had 7 points to lead the team.

The girls lost to Rosebud-Lott's varsity squad 35-51 in the consolation game.

Punchard led the scoring with 11 points, followed by Sommer Wilson, 6 points.

Punchard won the Free Throw Contest, hitting 14 of 15 shots.

8th Grade Girls

The Eighth Grade Lady Eagles blasted Somerville 34-14 Nov. 20.

Nikki Jackson led the *See Lady Eagles, page 6A*

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scoring with 11 points, followed by Sarah Buchanan with 9 points and Lauren Quirk, 4 points.

Brooke Simpson, Sarah Ray, Jennifer Tsosie, Melodie Gilliam and Deanna VonGonten, each had 2 points.

The Eighth Grade Girls lost to Rogers Nov. 27 14-32. Nikki Jackson led the scoring with 4 points, followed, followed by Lauren Quirk and Jennifer Tsosie, 3 points each and Sarah

Buchanan and Brooke Simpson, 2 points each.

7th Grade Girls

The 7th Grade girls swept Somerville and Rogers.

The 7th Grade A Girls beat Somerville Nov. 20 38-17, led by Tessa Schreiner, who had 20 points. Jennifer Punchard and Stacy Blodgett each had 6 points and Micki Rosanky and Laura Lee had 2 points.

The Seventh Grade B Girls beat Somerville 16-6. Sheena Page led the scoring with 6 points followed by Becca Trost, who had 4 points and Tracy Crane, Cindy Lopez and Tiffany Tucker, 2 points each.

The Seventh Grade Girls beat Rogers 24-12 Nov. 27.

Rosanky led the scoring with 9 points, followed by Punchard, 6 points. Lee had 3 points, Buchanan, Schreiner and Blodgett each had 2 points.

Eagles place 3rd in B'ville-Eddy

After losing their season opener to Florence, the Salado Varsity Eagles placed third in the Bruceville-Eddy Tournament Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

The Eagles lost to Florence Nov. 28 53-62, even though they were tied at 25-25 at the half.

Kurt Slaisbury led the scoring with 18 points, followed by William Culp and Paul Gidley, 8 points each, and Jerome Peoples, 7 points.

The Eagles beat Riesel

in the first round of the Bruceville-Eddy Tournament 51-47, led by Gidley, who scored 23 points. Peoples and Shawn Mitchell both had 8 points.

The Florence Buffs beat Salado in the second round 43-47. Salado led by a point at the end of the third quarter, 39-38.

Culp had 12 points to lead the scoring, followed by Gidley's 11 points and Salisbury's 8 points.

The Eagles beat the hosting Bruceville-Eddy team

for third place, 56-41.

Salisbury had 14 points to lead the offense, while Roger Buckley and Peoples had 11 points each. Lamar Kirk had 8 points.

Salado JV

The Salado JV Eagles beat Florence 49-36 in its season opener, led by a 16 point effort from Vinny Michna. Taylor Hutton had 14 points while John McLaughlin had 8 points for the Eagles.

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The 45 minute program features brad Ray as the Nutcracker and Kaci Fritsch as Mave. On the enchanted journey they meet Sugar Plum Fairies, Snow Flakes, Russian Bakers, Candy Flutes, Gingerbread Children, Chinese Tea Dancers, Arabian Dancers and Waltzing

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"I'm really excited about this year's performance. The children have been working since October preparing music, dances, and costumes. Every year we try to present an improved production. I've been fortunate to have so much parent help in making new costumes and repairing old props," said elementary music instructor Ellen Frazier. "This is a great opportunity for the children and our community to experience the magic of the "Nutcracker" she added.

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Alexa Gail Wimberley born



Alexa Gail Wimberley was born to Jim and Jamie Wimberley of South Lake Nov. 28, 1995. She was born in an Irving hospital and weighed 5 lbs., 10 oz. at birth, measuring 18-1/2". Proud grandparents are Bill and Sue Perkins, of Salado and Jim and Bonnie Wimberley of Dallas. Welcome to Texas, Alexa Gail!! We're glad you're here.

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—Heraclitus

Book Friends Christmas drive will give books to kids

Book-Friends' Fourth Annual "A Book for Christmas" Project will be providing books to deserving children in the Central Texas area again this Christmas.

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Lighter Stuff

Did you notice in one of the major papers last week that the scientists over at

A. and M. have developed a "Maroon Carrot" and are now seeking a name for this bodacious accomplishment?

We picked up the story in John Kelso's column in the November 29, edition of the Austin American Statesman. John looks at the world in a less than somber view and after urging the Aggie vegetable department to "Get a Life" he suggested a number of names for the maroon carrot - none of which will ever be considered by the whiz kids on the Brazos.

First place winner in the "Name The Maroon Carrot" contest will receive two free days in College Station, according to Kelso.

Second place winner - four free days in College Station.

Gingrich Gift

Old "Eye of the Newt" Gingrich has had a rough couple of weeks. First he was forced to ride in the back of the bus - oops - back of the President's plane on the 26 hour trip back and forth to Israel and when the delegation deplaned in D.C. he was told to exit

through a back door!

Then, a few days later and after much grinding of tooth and jaw, Newt decided he would not run for President in 1996, and told a waiting world of this decision.

The world was able to wag on calmly despite this news and the Speaker retired to do what he does best - talking, talking, talking.

So, let's give old Newt something nice for Christmas. How about sending him our left-over "frequent flyer miles" and let the poor fellow fly all over the country in the style to which he wants to be accustomed.

Bet the airlines will let him get off the plane first and by the front door at that. They might even have the stairway in place when they do all this.

The best gift to the Speaker would be to try to get him to "lighten up" a little and stop smirking. He is probably a pretty nice guy when you get to know him even if he doesn't like those M and M candies with the presidential seal on them!

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Belton Acoustic Concert Series continues Dec. 9

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A native of Chicago, Don Conoscenti spent years wandering the country, mastering a wide variety of musical instruments as he honed his considerable songwriting skills.

Along the way he performed with artists like Tom Paxton, Maura O'Connell, Crosby Stills & Nash, Michael Smith and Anne Hills, and at venues from the stage at Kerrville Folk Festival to Nashville's reknowned Bluebird Cafe. Based now in Atlanta, Don Conoscenti has garnered awards for songwriting and musicianship, playing a grocery-list of instruments including guitar, bass, mandolin, dulcimer, banjo, drums, congas, bongos, keyboards, harmonica and flute.

He is in great demand as a session player, producer and arranger on other musicians, recordings. Pierce Pettis, who appears on Don Conoscenti's latest release, *Beneath Your Moon*, says "Don is a first-rate writer and performer." David Wilcox calls him "awesome."

Don Conoscenti's music incorporates traditional blues and folk, jazz, even rock and rhythm and blues, brought to life with a joyful voice and consummate lyric skill.

The concert will be held in the smoke- and alcohol-free environment of the Parish Hall at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, at Beal and 22nd Streets in Belton. The doors open at 7:00 p.m., and the \$7.00 admission includes child-care for all pre-teens, and refreshments throughout the evening. For additional information please call (817) 778-5440.



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The groups will then combine to form the traditional four part chorus. Selections are both familiar and new. These represent celebrations in various countries as well as our own.

Cheryl Goodnight will

solo in a flute arrangement of Greensleeves. She will also play descants to John Rutter setting of three familiar carols sung by the combined choirs.

Music is under the direction of Katherine Wende and accompanied by Marge Kirkman.

Tickets for this years concert are \$10 each. Proceeds will help complete payment for the new piano in Meadows Auditorium. Chorus members are ac-

cepting donations of this purpose also. At this date, \$4,065 is still owed and must be paid by the end of December.

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Janelle C. Burson, Tax Assessor- Collector and Voter Registrar, said the new certificates are orange and will replace the yellow ones, which expire at the end of this year. The new cards will be good from January 1, 1996 until De-

ember 31, 1997.

Anyone who hasn't received a new card in the next few days and those who have recently changed their address either by moving or 911 changes should make the changes on the back of their old card or by writing a note with the changes and mailing it to JANELLE C. BURSON, TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR AND VOTER REGISTRAR, P. O. Box 669, Belton, Texas 76513. If you have any questions please contact the Belton Voter Registration Office, 411 East Cen-

tral Ave., or call 817/933-5315.

Salado Registration

MaryBelle Brown, deputy voter registrar for Bell County, will be at the Salado Civic Center 9 a.m.-noon and 2-5 p.m. Dec. 6 to re-register anyone living in the Salado area whose voter registration care is incorrect.

Tax Assessor - Collector Janelle Burson will be at the Civic Center to assist with the voter registration.

Residents who wish to participate in the upcoming incorporation referendum and who live in the designated area, must have cards showing their exact address. Post office box addresses are not acceptable.

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Reservations should be made by Dec. 12 by calling Doris Dement at 939-7138.

Burson announces for Tax Collector

Janelle (Casper) Burson, filed with the Democratic Chairman today as Tax Assessor-Collector of Bell County. Mrs. Burson was unanimously appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Betty Willingham, former Tax Assessor-Collector, in September of this year.

Mrs. Burson, a resident of Salado, is a graduate of Salado High School and Temple Junior College with a degree in business management.

Mrs. Burson has been a loyal employee of Bell County for nine years. Eight months of this time has been spent in vehicle Registration and Voter Registration in the Belton Office. Eight years as office manager of the Vehicle Registration office at the Bell County Annex in Killeen.

Mrs. Burson has prepared herself for the job of Tax Assessor Collector by attending the Secretary of State Voter Seminar and attending the V. G. Young Institute of County Government Courses for the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th Annual Seminars for County Tax Assessor-Collectors. Tax Assessor-Collectors are required to be approved by the Board of Tax Professional Examiners and Mrs. Burson's application with the board has been approved and she is preparing to take her state certification test.

Since taking office Burson has extended the Killeen office hours in order to help alleviate the lines and better serve the customers. Mrs. Burson is currently working with service oriented businesses to

sell renewal stickers for vehicle registration, these businesses remain open later and it would be a convenience to the people of Bell County.

As Voter Registrar, Mrs. Burson, currently supervised the mailing of 92,851 voter cards in Bell County and was able to save \$1,928.49 by working with the Post Office in the mailing process.

Mrs. Burson is the wife of Jack Burson, Salado rancher and also an employee of Bell County in the Road and Bridge Department. She is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. "HY" Casper. The Bursons have two children and four grandchildren. Their son, Jackie Burson, is also a Salado rancher and an employee of Sprint Centel, his wife Janet is an employee of Scott and White Hospital. Their daughter, Mary Joe Unger and her husband Benjy live in Denver City, where both are teachers.



Janelle (Casper) Burson

Mr. & Mrs. Burson have been community leaders in the County working with young people in areas of 4-H and the Bell County Youth and Live Stock Shows. Mrs. Burson is vice-president of the BWBA in Belton and the National Boar Goat Association. They attend the Youngsport Church of Christ.



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Properties By Larry Sands
 Selling Historic Salado
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All-District Offense from Salado are these: (bottom, from left) Scott Arnold, David Berumen, Joshua Goodnight, Cody Hall, Jerome Peoples, (top) Matt Tubbs, Shawn Easley, Chris Frazier, Tim Powers and Kurt Salisbury.



All District Defense from Salado are these: (bottom, from left) Paul Mashburn, Chris Woolard, David Berumen, Gabe Soto, Eric Lopez, Jerome Peoples, (top row, from left) Mitch Lindley, David Kirk, Shawn Easley, Rusty Wasik, William Culp and Dan Wasik.

Eagles named All-District

The District 26-AA All-District Team was announced recently with the Salado Eagles players dominating the selections.

Salado Head Coach Dan Wasik and Rogers Head Coach Joe Berry shared the Coach of the Year honors.

David Berumen was named The All-District Most Valuable Player.

Named to the First Team Offense were linemen David Dunlap and Scott Arnold.

Cody Hall was named as a tight receiver, while Shawn Easley was named as a running back. Joshua Goodnight was named as a

quarterback.

First Team Defense were unanimous selections lineman John Woolard, defensive end Jerry Ratliff, linebacker Russell Wasik, and Defensive Back William Culp.

Jerome Peoples was also named first team defensive back and Chris Frazier was named as the kicker.

Named to the Second Team Offense were lineman Matt Tubbs, and receivers Jerome Peoples and Tim Powers.

Named to the Second Team Defense were linemen David Kirk and Mitch Lindley, Linebacker

Shawn Easley and Defensive Back Wesley Glaeser.

Named to the honorable mention offense were Shawn Reichert and Kurt Salisbury, while Eric Lopez, Paul Mashburn and Gabe Soto were Honorable Mention Defense.

The Salado Eagles were District Champions this year. This marked the third straight year that Salado has been to the play-offs.

This year's Eagles won both district and bi-district.

"With nineteen returning lettermen, the future looks very bright for Eagles football," said Coach Wasik.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

These nice people of Salado have done it again. I still say the best people in the world live in Salado. When I received a call that I was one of the "lucky" ones to be locked up on Nov. 30 and I would need to raise \$500 to get out of jail, I thought it will never happen. Well guess what? Al-

most all the people I called responded in a positive way and some were more than generous.

It was for a good cause and I want to say a great big "Thank You" for helping me to go over the goal of \$500. I know there will be children and adults that will be helped because you

gave. I won't be able to visit each one of you to thank you, so I decided this is the best way to get the "Thank You" out. I am also very thankful for our paper. I think our Salado Village Voice is better than the Temple Telegram.

Thanks,
Ruby Townsend

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a Guide to real estate in and around Salado

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For Sale: Woods of Salado... Beautiful wooded homesites, 2 acres and up on FM 2484. Minutes from downtown Salado. 817-760-9663 Rita

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(photo by Marilyn Fleischer)
Sam Murphy, from Rep. Chet Edward's office, visits with Mrs. Borom, who receives home health care service from Reavis HomeCare in Salado. Murphy's visit occurred during National Home Health Care Week last week.

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Frontage on Van Bibber Lane near Salado Civic Center. Trees! \$83,900. Commercial potential.

Plenty of room for an active family! 4 BR, 3 BA, large covered patio, plus a 25'X45' workshop on one acre. Near Stillhosue Lake. \$92,000.

Nice 2 BR, 1 BA house convenient to I-35. Includes 3,800 sq. ft. antique store adjacent to home on 1.65 acres. \$100,000.

Carefree living with minimal yard to maintain. New patio home near Mill Creek Pro Shop. Reduced to \$105,000.

Check out the architecture in this home in Mill Creek. Ground level hom that is very unusual. Split 2 bedroom. Approx. 2400 sq. ft. living area. \$119,000.

Good location, 3 acres and 2 houses! Investment opportunity. \$119,500.

Only blocks from downtown Salado. Large 100+ year old historic home on 1.75 acres on College Hill in Salado. Large trees. \$129,000.

Just Listed. Beautifully wooded lot with excellent floorplan. Luxury Master Bath, huge walk-in closet, open family room, built-in china cabinet. \$164,500.

Beautiful view of seasonal creek with trees, trees, trees! Relax in the Gazebo or the Sunroom and fell like you're in the mountains. Upper & lower decks. 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA, many extras. \$169,000.

Majestic live oaks and a classy Victorian home! The two antique mantles and stained glass really enhance this home! Special built-ins and refrigerated wine unit. 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA. \$185,000.



Investment property on Main St. Renovated building includes 4 rooms, womens & mens restrooms & commercial kitchen. Building dates to early 1900s, waterfall pond surrounded by rock patio. \$195,000.

5.66 acre commercial tract, downtown Salado has great potential to be in center of everything as Salado develops. 4 rent houses on property for interim income. Priced to sell at \$250,000.

92 acres between Belton and Salado, at Amity & I-35. Excellent frontage. All or part.

40 acres, mostly woods, good road frontage, on FM 2484, 3 miles W of Salado, will divide.

10.8 acres Salado Creek. Long frontage, large trees. \$195,000.

Two 1/2 acre hilltop lots with view of Mill Creek golf course. \$32,000 and \$35,000.

Oversized wooded lot in Live Oak Estates. \$7,500.

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New listing: This new construction has it all. 3 BR/2 BA, 2 Carport. On 1.711 acres just off FM 1123 in Belton School District. Stone, tin roof, covered porch on three sides, majestic trees. \$159,900.

Belton Area: 8 acres fronting on the Leon River. Beautiful 1 year old 5-3-2 brick **UNDER CONTRACT** cluded with security gate. \$242,000. Additional acreage at \$5,000 per acre.

Mill Creek: Large 4 bedroom on cul-de-sac. Wonderful living area with fireplace, formal dining and breakfast area. \$159,900.

Salado Springs: 3-2-2 on wooded lot. Under construction, to be completed late February. \$89,900.

Salado Springs: 3-2-2 on 1/2 acre. Under construction, to be completed late February. \$89,900.

Majestic trees surround this **SOLD** on 25 acres. \$89,900.



Salado Creek: The view from this unique home looks at Salado Creek. Split level with 3 BR, 3 BA. Library, office, second kitchen. Out-building is artist studio equipped with bed and bath. \$310,000.



5 acres in Black Coach Ranch Subdivision is great location for this 1-1/2 year old 4-2-2 home. Split bedroom, formal living and dining, large den with fireplace. Great kitchen. \$169,500.



Great location: One acre on Royal St. includes a 3-2-2 detached garage. Fenced area for horse. \$110,000.

ACREAGE

Summers Mill: Approx. 522 acres on FM 1123. Beautiful trees, creek.

Shanklin Road: 84 acres 3 miles southwest of Belton. Beautiful homesites overlooking spring fed creek. \$2,200 per acre.

Hwy 317 & Poison Oak Rd.: 26 acres of heavy woods. Huge pecan trees. Beautiful homesites. \$129,900

Woods of Salado: Many trees with lake view. \$45,000.

West Amity & Smith Dairy: 54 acres could sub-divide, owner will finance. \$1,675 per acre.

Hill Lane near Prairie Dell: 140 acres that has frontage on Hill Lane and Horned Frog. Pasture land with mesquite trees. Water meter available. Owner will finance and subdivide. \$1,520 per acre.

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7.6 acres **Commercial Property** east of McDonald's on F.M. 93 in Belton excellent commercial site

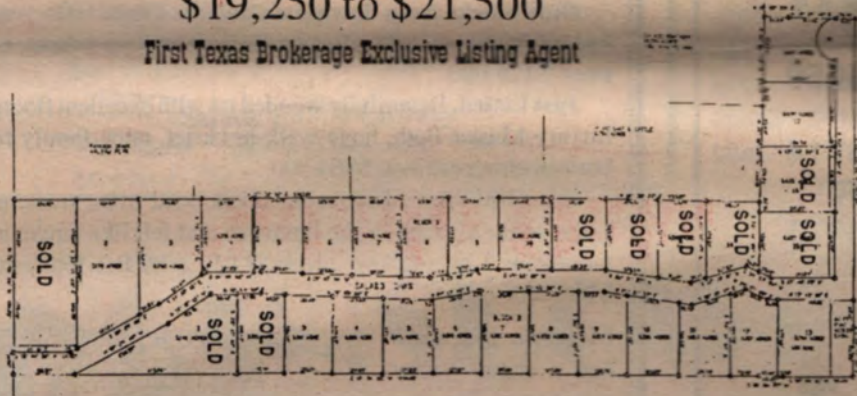
Approx. 1/2 acre with commercial or residential building near Hojo Inn in Salado. \$40,000. Beautiful woodwork.

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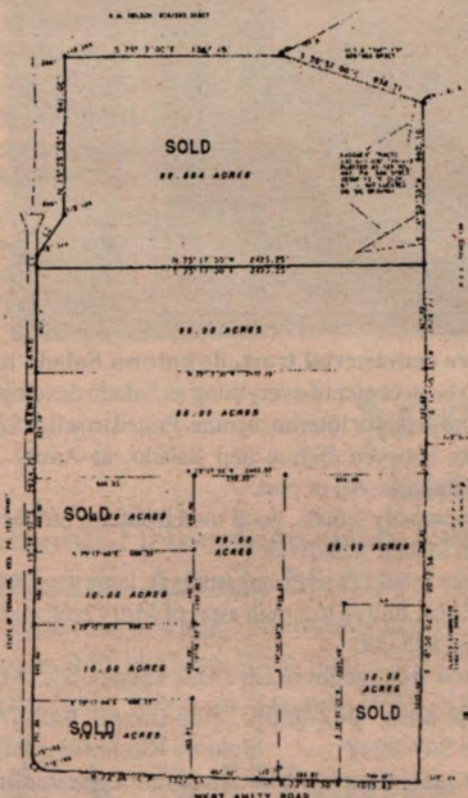


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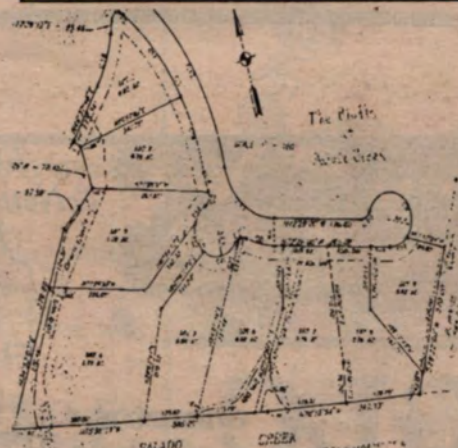
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The Salado Men's Chorus performed carols at the Christmas tree lighting Nov. 30. it was the first public performance for the newly-formed Chorus, but plans are underway for a Dec. 19 concert with the Salado Women's Chorale. (see related story)

Christmas dinner set for Armstrong community, Elm Grove Baptists

The Annual Christmas Dinner will be 6:30 p.m. Dec. 11 for the Armstrong Community Association and the Elm Grove Baptist Church. The Dinner will be held at the Armstrong Community Center.

Christmas turkey will be provided by the Elm Grove Baptist Church and Armstrong Community Association. Families are encouraged to bring casseroles or vegetable dishes to accompany the meal.

The Elm Grove Baptist Church Choir will perform selections from its Christmas Cantata The Word, directed by Kim Harrington.

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Service held for Thomas Wyatt Butler

Thomas Wyatt Butler, age 73, of Salado and formerly of Dallas, died Dec. 3, 1995.

Funeral services were held Dec. 5 at the First Baptist Church of Salado with Rev. Mike Bergman officiating. Burial was held at Bellwood Memorial Park.

Mr. Butler was born January 24, 1922 in Tulia, Texas to Thomas Brooks Butler and Mamie (Gidden) Butler. He was a graduate of Canyon High School and attended West Texas State University. He served in the U.S. Army in WWII in Europe. He married Marilee Gatten. Mr. Butler founded and retired as chairman C.E.O. of National Data Communications, Inc. He served on the Board of Trustees of Dallas Baptist College and former member of the Petroleum Club of Dallas. He organized Meals on Wheels in Salado. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Salado.

Survivors include Marilee Butler of Salado; two daughters Ginger Butler Clayton of Kenansville, Florida and Sheri Butler Owens of Temple; 2 sisters Mamie Butler Miller of Midland, Dorothy Butler Duniven of Wellington; and one brother Garland D. Butler of Richardson. Other survivors include 2 grandchildren Amanda Lee Owens and James (Jake) Butler Owens both of Temple.

Harper-Talasek Funeral Home of Salado was in charge of arrangements.

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Rotary Club chartered here

In preparation for an upcoming exhibit, the Bell County Museum is seeking information and artifacts on Alvin Ailey, a Rogers native who founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

Alvin Ailey was born in Rogers, Texas, including Navasota and Temple. at age 11, he moved to Los Angeles with his mother. Ailey went on to become a master choreographer of modern dance as well as the founder of one of the first integrated dance troupes in the U.S.

Ailey choreographed over 66 modern dance works. Two of his most famous dances were "Blues Suite" and "Revelations". Ailey credited his upbringing in Central Texas as the inspiration for these two unique pieces.

"Because of these early influences, the museum is looking for items related not only to Ailey himself, but also for artifacts pertaining to both 1930's churches and nightclubs," said curator Jodi Wright.

Anyone having information and artifacts to loan or donate which relate to the life of this modern dance pioneer may contact the museum at (817) 933-5243.

Museum plans Alvin Ailey exhibit

The Rotary Club of Salado has been officially organized and chartered with Rotary International.

Rotary District Governor Gonzalo Garza met with the club Nov. 28, to witness signing the charter applications by club officers.

Officers are Dale Gore, president; Steve Scarborough, president-elect; Andy Vaughn, secretary; Robert Leffel, treasurer, and Darrell Street, sergeant-at-arms. Directors are Bruce Baker, Stewart Smith, Suzanne Petro, Dr. Robert Cortes and Christy Arner.

In addition to officers and directors, charter members are Henry Costilow, Ruth Leffel, Samuel Beckett, Richard Castle, Joe Owens, Larry Lilly, Deborah VanDormolen, Dale Kehn, Stanley Drake, John Hall, Jamie Bonner, David Glasscock, Edwin Vale, Theron Palmer and Sam Teas.

The Salado Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m., Tuesdays, at Inn of Salado.

TNRCC hold hearing Dec. 12 on Edwards Aquifer protection

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is asking for public comments on actions it should take to protect the Edwards Aquifer from pollution. The agency will hold a hearing Dec. 12 in Austin,

The Dec. 12 hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m. at TNRCC's Austin complex, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. E, Room 201S. TNRCC staff will be available to discuss the Edwards Aquifer Water Quality Protection Program 30 minutes prior to the hearings.

State law mandates that the commission hold annual hearings on water quality protection for the aquifer. This year, the agency is requesting reaction to a draft report that provides preliminary responses to public comments received during the 1994 hearings, held in San Antonio, Austin and Hondo.

The report, Edwards Aquifer Water Quality Pro-

tection Program, DRAFT 1994 Public Comment Report, is available from the TNRCC's main office in Austin (512-239-1000).

The report is also available from the Edwards Underground Water District (800-292-1047). In addition, the document may be obtained electronically through the agency's home page on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.oprd/forum.html>.

The TNRCC will accept written as well as oral comments on the draft report at the upcoming hearings. In addition, written comments may be submitted until Jan. 22, 1996 to TNRCC's Office of Policy and Regulatory Development, MC 201, PO Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-0387.

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Bell County citizen requests Edwards Aquifer Rules made to apply in Bell County

The following is a request from Bell County Citizens for inclusion of Bell County in the Edwards Aquifer Rules as set forth in Title 31 Texas Administrative Code Section 313.3

"My name is Patricia Merrill and this request comes from many citizens of Salado and the surrounding area in Bell County, who wish to express concern in regard to a lack of protection for the sole source of our drinking water, the Edwards Aquifer.

Reasons for Request:

1) In Bell County, there is NO LEGAL PROTECTION for ANY portion of the Edwards Aquifer

2) Opportunities for legal protection of the Aquifer have been disregarded by officials in Bell County

Example: in 1989, legal provisions were in place for an underground water district to be organized. No action was taken.

Example: a TNRCC well head protection study was done in Bell County in 1993. The report concluded with statements about the vulnerability of the aquifer's recharge zone here. A quote: "ground water flow rates in the Edwards are so high that potential sources of con-

tamination more than one-quarter of a mile could impact the Salado water supply". The report suggested that the Edwards Aquifer Rules could be applied here. No official action has been taken on this recommendation.

The recharge zone for the Edwards Aquifer in Bell County is particularly vulnerable to contamination due to its small size as compared to the other Edwards recharge areas, and its very close proximity to the I-35 Highway. On December 18, 1995 this highway will be accessible to heavy truck traffic in and out of Mexico, due to the NAFTA agreement with Mexico and Canada.

This increased traffic (with a speed limit of 70 mph) means an increase in pollution vulnerability. This means the potential for contamination of the aquifer recharge zone is exacerbated. The small size of our portion of the aquifer makes cleanup especially difficult, if not impossible.

To clean up underground water is never simple; to avoid contamination is always less costly and less difficult. Incidentally, a Salado former Texaco Sta-

tion was found to have leaking underground storage tanks in 1989. Cleanup continues in 1995, and to date has cost at least \$325,000. This is only one contaminated site.

It is realistic to expect construction for business and industrial growth to grow rapidly. Bell County, especially in the southern portion, the location of the Aquifer recharge zone, is already experiencing rapid growth. There is no centralized sewage system in this area (south of Belton). Increase in septic tanks in this area of fragile limestone is another concern.

As stated above, the Edwards Aquifer is the sole source of drinking water in the Salado region. Although the member-owned Salado Water Supply Corporation does hold 800 acre feet of water in reserve in the Stillhouse reservoir, that water is not presently accessible. In order for that to occur, a contract must be in place for pipes and a treatment plant to be constructed. Not only will this be quite costly in time as well as money, but the comparison of water quality is not likely to demonstrate an improvement over water from an uncontaminated aquifer.

Although in 1989 the state authorized Bell County officials to organize an underground water district, no action have ever been taken in this regard.

At the end of 1995, NO WATER QUALITY PROTECTION is yet in place for the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone in Bell County. We ask that this be rectified. We ask that Bell County be included in the Edwards Aquifer Rules."

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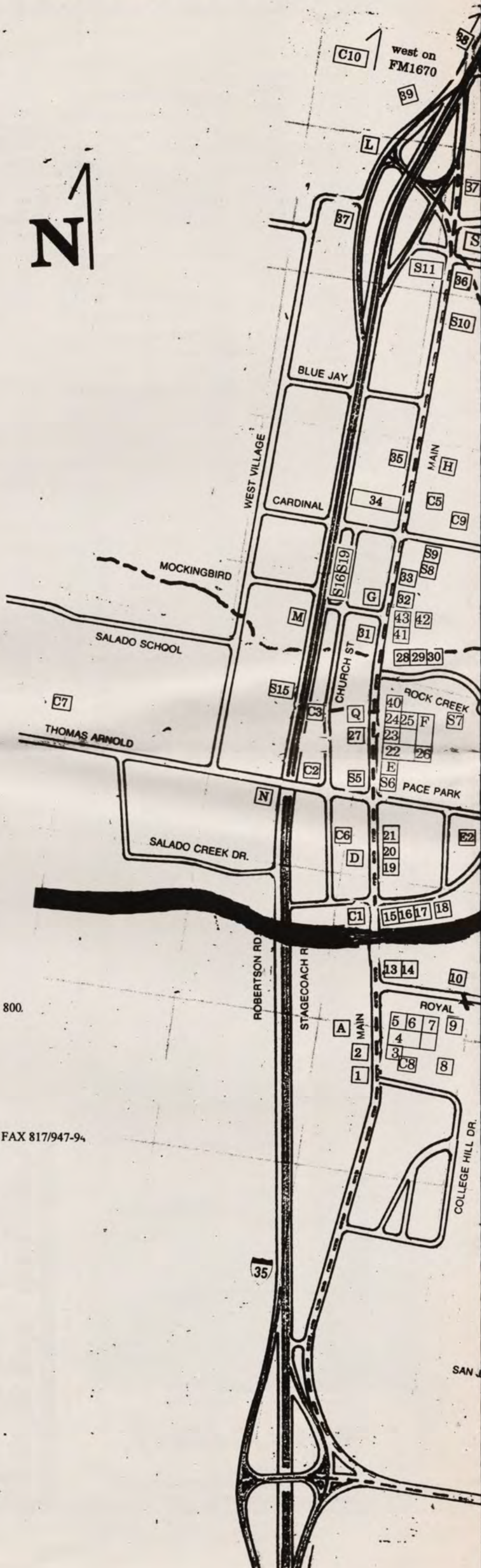
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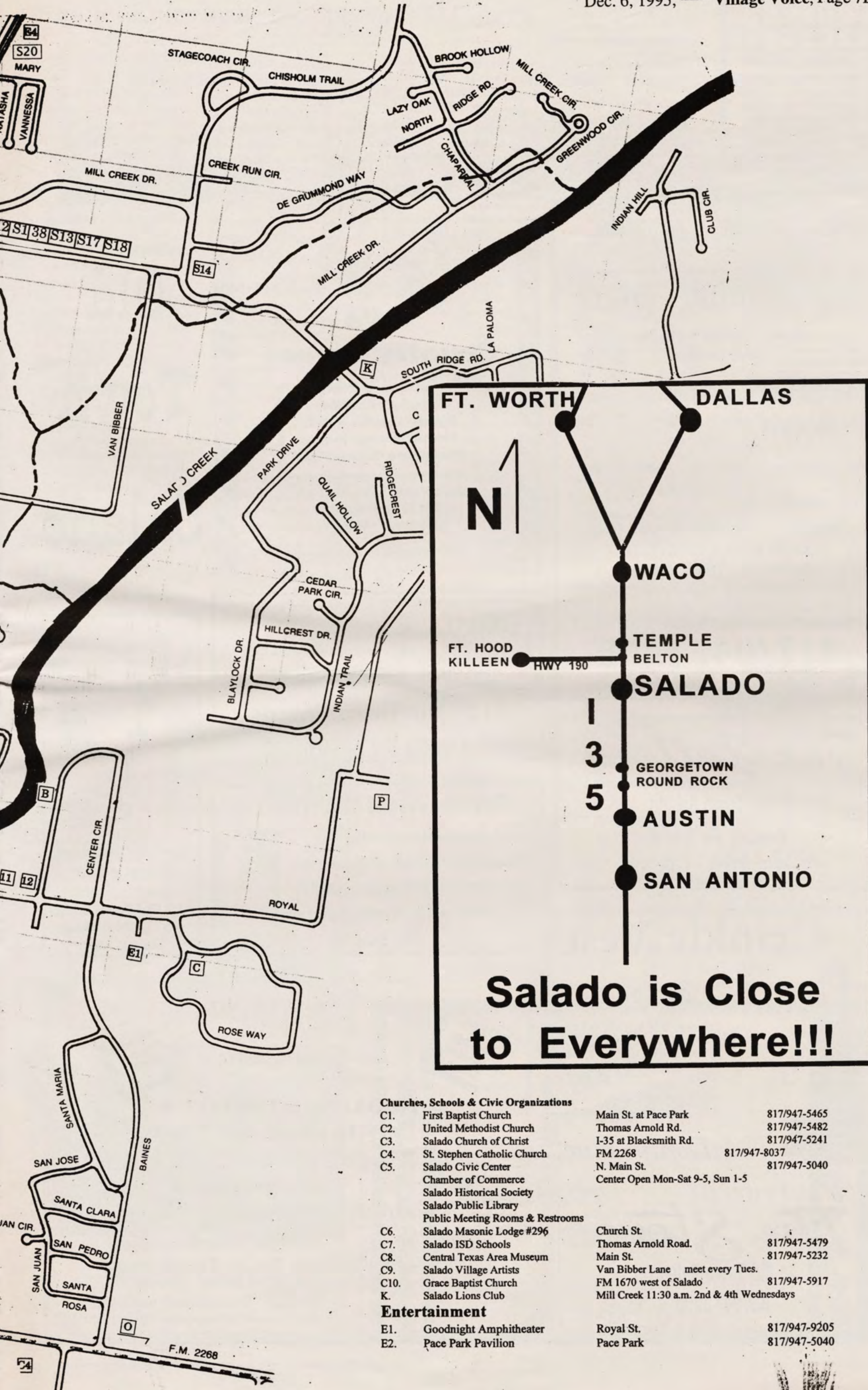
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The holiday buffet table is a wonderland: elegant foods served with the best china, sparkling crystal and all highlighted with an elaborate centerpiece composed of mistletoe, pine branches, holly leaves and berries. Mom, dad, the children and the grandparents are ready for their annual feast.

What's wrong with this picture?

This could be the scene of a potential accidental poisoning. "The Consumer Products Safety Commission estimates that each year 4,000 people will be treated in hospital emergency departments for injuries associated with holiday hazards. Many seasonal plants, decorations and products have the potential to seriously injure people if they are eaten or used improperly said Doug Borys, managing director of the Central Texas Poison Center. He is also a registered pharmacist, certified specialist in poison information and a member of the American board of Applied Toxicology.

If eaten by adults or children, the mistletoe and holly berries, for example, could cause vomiting and diarrhea. Although pine needles won't make someone sick if they are eaten, young children could choke on them. If that turkey sat out too long before being served, it could give the family food poisoning.

The Central Texas Poison center, located at Scott & White, is part of the Texas Poison Center Network that operates centers in Temple, Dallas, Galveston, El Paso, San Antonio and Amarillo. The Central Texas Poison Cen-

ter is located on the Scott & White main campus in Temple. The Central Texas Poison Center serves 1.8 million Central Texans and encompasses the 30 counties in Texas Public Health Region 7, an area bounded by Hillsboro to the north, San Marcos to the south, San Saba and Llano to the west and Madisonville to the east.

Persons may get free information by making a free phone call from anywhere in Texas:

**1 (800) POISON,
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To make the holiday season bright, Borys makes these suggestions for a safe and healthy holiday:

Alcohol in even small amounts is dangerous to small children.

That is why adults should remember that alcohol comes in many forms, such as liquor, perfumes, mouthwash and colognes. Beverages can contain as much as 40 percent alcohol.

"Glasses of alcoholic drinks left out overnight can be an irresistible temptation to small children," Mr. Borys said. "Even though melted ice has watered the drink, the alcohol is still present. That is why you should empty all glasses and keep all bottles away from curious children. It takes only a little to seriously harm a child."

Food poisoning is a significant hazard during the holiday season, particularly when families leave out large meals at room temperature.

Turkeys must be refrigerated before and after cooking. After meals, package all leftovers in airtight containers and refrigerate

as soon as possible. Keep all kitchen work areas and utensils clean by using soap and water to prevent contamination. That also includes keeping your hands clean with frequent washing.

"If you are uncertain about whether a food is safe to eat, call the Central Texas Poison Center," Mr. Borys said. "But, when in doubt, throw it out."

Plants look beautiful but some can be very toxic to children and pets.

"Christmas tree needles and pine cones are a choking hazard," Mr. Borys added. "Mistletoe, holly, azalea and oleander leaves and berries may cause vomiting and diarrhea."

Poinsettias and Christmas cactus are essentially harmless.

The Central Texas Poison Center urges everyone to know the names of all plants in their home. The center provides a free list of poisonous plants by calling its toll-free line.

Ornaments and decorations are lovely to look at but can also pose hidden hazards.



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Bandstand complete landscaping work

The Board of Directors of the Old Salado School Foundation noted with deep appreciation the work recently completed by Landscape Committee Chairman Ross Greenwood who is pictured at right standing in front of the Civic Center sign and fence that was a part of the groups work this year.



Greenwood has had an interest in the civic center restoration project as far back as 1985 when he served as Chamber President. At that time a move was made to take over the old high school structure but school officials felt the timing then was not in line with their long range plans.

Later, when the Chamber approached school officials in 1992, it was apparent that the idea of a civic center met with community and school board approval and the project got underway with a resulting half million dollar renovation expenditure that is providing the village with a central meeting place in a well renovated and useful civic center.

During the early days of the renovation Greenwood felt there would be a need for landscaping the former campus and so asked the Foundation's Board of Directors for permission to form such a group and begin working on the grounds.

Permission was quickly given and the chairman and his committee of hard working villagers drew up a plan that will be complete with the construction of the bandstand - now underway.

The plan called for

steam-cleaning the outside of the old brick building from top to bottom; leveling the ground around the center and bringing in topsoil. Trees were trimmed and the shrubs and sodding in front, side and rear of the building put in place along with a sprinkler system.

Then came the largest project in the plan - the building of a brick and wrought iron fence and sign all across the front of the civic center.

And finally - the capstone of the committee's work - the bandstand that is now under construction just south of the main building.

All of this has been done in less than a full year under the chairmanship of Ross Greenwood who was ably assisted in his work by Lloyd Parks, Bob Cottle, Elinor Tope, George Kolb, Bill Neinast, Jo Ann Blum, Carolyn Britt, Norm Roden, Ed Pollard and George and Blanche Kevlin.

The group raised over \$34,000.00 in donations to complete their extensive task and the civic center today stands out as a place of beauty and example of what can be done to restore

an old school building and landscape the grounds.

The bandstand funding came from special grants donated by the Peoples National Bank, Lloyd and Mary Ellen Parks, Salado Lion's Club and a memorial grant from Bob Cottle and friends to honor the memory of his wife Doris.

Ken Clapp, President of the Board of Directors of the Old Salado School Foundation - a private corporation set up to renovate and operate the civic center - noted: "The Board of Directors of the Corporation have gone on record giving high praise for the work completed by Ross Greenwood and his committee. There is no telling when we could have completed the task of landscaping as well as the magnificent fence and sign and bandstand - had we waited until it would fit in our budget."

He concluded: Ross understood our financial situation and took on the job of raising funds and helping us with this most important task. We will never be able to fully thank him and his committee for all they have done. They have left a lasting memorial to the spirit of volunteerism and giving that marks this village as 'one-in-a-million'. A simple thank you does not seem to be enough but from the board's heart we do say "thank you" for this dynamic work you and your fine committee have completed."

The long range planning committee of the OSSF has a master plan that includes bringing in several historic buildings to be placed along the east boundary of the civic center's land and when that work is completed as well as the refurbishing of the storage facility next to the Art Center that should take place within the next five years - the corporation's board then plans to ask Chairman Greenwood and his committee to help in finalizing the landscaping at the civic center.

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Homemade ornaments usually have a high concentration of salt, which can harm adults and children.

Electric bubble lights contain methylene chloride that can cause serious illness in children.

Tinsel, needles from artificial trees and glass ornaments can pose choking hazards for youngsters.

Some gifts under the tree can be harmful too. Perfumes and colognes, likewise, should be stored away from exploring little hands because they may contain up to 90 percent ethanol. Bubble baths could cause serious upset stomachs if consumed. Regular and disk batteries can burn children's lips and mouths when chewed.

Be sure Santa delivers crayons, watercolor markers, paints and pencils that are labeled non-toxic and safe for children.

Remember to anticipate children's curiosity. "The whirlwind of activities sometimes means parents become distracted from supervising children and youngsters have more opportunities to explore and consume things they shouldn't," he added. "In addition, the excitement of the seasons causes families to neglect the usual potentially dangerous products in the home.

For example, house guests may not be accustomed to having children around. They may bring with them medications and other products that could be harmful if eaten by a young child. Remember to keep your medications and household cleaning products away from young hands.

Cold weather brings the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning.

"Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless deadly gas that is produced by all flame-burning appliances," Borys said. "In the winter, we spend more time inside tight homes, which can cause the carbon monoxide levels to increase to dangerous levels."

Symptoms of poisoning

include headache, dizziness, confusion, nausea and vomiting.

The Central Texas Poison Center urges everyone to make sure gas appliances are working properly and to provide adequate ventilation in homes. Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home to give you proper warning.

"The simplest injury prevention steps are actually the most important," Borys emphasized. "Remember to wear your seat belts and to use child car safety seats. Don't mix drinking and driving. Most of all, supervise children at all times and don't let them out of your sight. It only takes a couple of seconds for accidents to happen."




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Calendar of Events for Salado

- Dec. 6 - 9 a.m. - noon & 2-5 p.m. Voter Registration at the Salado Civic Center
- Dec. 6 - Noon Ladies Auxiliary Board Luncheon
- Dec. 7 - 9 a.m. Merchants Committee meets at the Civic Center
- Dec. 8 7 p.m. Tablerock "Christmas Carol" at the Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal St.
- Dec. 9 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Food Pantry distribution at the First Baptist Church
- Dec. 9 2-7 p.m. Salado Volunteer Fire Department Open House. Bring toys, clothes Christmas Gifts for Salado Children in need
- Dec. 9 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Recycling at the IGA Parking lot.
- Dec. 9 7 p.m. Tablerock "Christmas Carol" presented at Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal St.
- Dec. 9 Bob Phillip, Texas Country Reporter Tour and Filming in Salado
- Dec. 11 11 a.m. Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary Grace Jones Style Show Luncheon at Mill Creek dining room.
- Dec. 11 6 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Board meets at the Civic Center
- Dec. 12 7 a.m. Rotary Club meets at the Salado United Methodist Church.
- Dec. 12 7 p.m. ABWA Christmas Party
- Dec. 13 11 a.m. Lions Club meets at Mill Creek Country Club.
- Dec. 18 10 a.m. ESP meets at the First Baptist Church
- Dec. 18 7 p.m. Salado Historical Society meet at Historical Room at the Civic Center
- Dec. 19 7 a.m. Rotary Club meets at the United Methodist Church
- Dec. 23 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Food pantry distribution at the First Baptist Church
- Dec. 23 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. Recycling at the IGA Village Food Parking lot.

Santa's Village display open Dec. 9

There's still time to visit Santa's Village on display in the Salado Historical Society room at the Salado Civic Center. The display will be open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dec. 9. Tickets are \$3 per person, \$1.50 for children under 12.

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Lawn may have grubworm damage. Grass will be loose and lying on top of ground. Treat with beneficial nematodes and milky spores. (Last two hints taken from the Texas Organic Gardening Book by Howard Garrett.)

Aerate garden soil periodically with hand tools or plows.

Daylilies can be planted in fall or spring. Be sure to plant in bright sunlight for profuse blooms.

Overseeding means seeding a dormant grass with a cool season grass in order to provide green turf during the winter months.

The Salado Alert is a public service of the Salado Creek Watch Committee of the Salado Historical Society and the *Salado Village Voice*.

Fowler House toured by antiquers

Dale and LaVerne Gore opened their home, the Fowler House, to members of the Temple Antique Glass Club.

A tour of the historic house followed with lunch at The Stagecoach Inn where Dale Gore gave a lecture on Bristol glass. The Gores have a large collection of the glass pieces made in the 18th and 19th centuries.

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