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## Sounds of Christmas Strolls Dec. 11-13 along village streets

The Christmas Stroll continues to be a magical time in Salado Dec. 11-12. Most of the 50 shops, galleries and restaurants in the village will be open late for the Stroll to help shoppers in their quest for the perfect Christmas gift.

Following is the schedule of some of the confirmed carolers and choirs for the first weekend of the Stroll.

With this year's theme of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," local artists have created 12 large murals that will be displayed throughout the village.

This weekend will feature the Sounds of Christmas. Choirs from Central Texas will be on hand throughout the day and into the evening with special presentations at the Salado United Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church of Salado.

The Salado Women's Chorale will perform its Christmas program 8 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Salado Civic Center.

The Temple Centra-Mod Club will have an HO-scale

model train display in the Foster Room of the Salado Civic Center Dec. 12.

Tablerock will present its annual production of an adaptation of Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Harry Sweet has written this year's adaptation of the traditional Christmas tale featuring Scrooge and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. The production is slated for 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Tablerock Goodnight Amphitheater.

Dec. 11: "Amal and the Night Visitor" 8 p.m., by the Belton Madrigal Singers.

Dec. 12: Salado Women's Chorale, 8 p.m.; Dickens' vignette, 5 p.m. at First State Bank.

Baylor Choirs will also sing during the weekend.

For additional information on the Salado Christmas Stroll, call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254/947-5040. You can also contact Lynn and Suzi Epps, chairs of the event at 947-5554 (Inn on the Creek) or e-mail lepps@vvm.com.



*Santa Claus (and almost 200 others) came to town during the annual Village Christmas Tree Lighting at the Salado Civic Center Dec. 1, kicking off the Twelve Days of Christmas, which continues this weekend. Santa Claus is shown above with some of the dozens of children who swamped old St. Nick, who visited Salado before his annual trip around the world. At right, villagers who enjoyed the Christmas program presented by Thomas Arnold Elementary Third Graders stayed afterwards for a Pot Luck Dinner courtesy of the Salado Business Association. Below, a quintet of performers from the First Cavalry Band at Ft. Hood also entertained the crowd with Christmas music. The Tree Lighting was sponsored by the Salado Business Association and Salado Civic Center.*

*(photos by Tim & Marilyn Fleischer)*



## SISD Trustees set hearing Dec. 14 on District AEIS

Salado ISD Trustees will meet in open session 6 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Salado Civic Center with a full agenda of items.

The board will conduct a public hearing on the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) and the Salado ISD District Report Card after convening in open session.

Beyond the TEA rating, AEIS reports on per student wealth, teacher salaries comparisons to state averages and other areas.

Public comments will be allowed during the hearing on AEIS and District Report Card.

The following communication items will be heard by the board of trustees: recognition of Agriculture Program Leadership Teams and PSAT and SAT Achievers, transportation report, cafeteria services report and the superintendent's report.

The board will also discuss the following business items:

*See Trustees, page 3A*

## Salado Women's Chorale Christmas concert in Civic Center Dec. 12

The Salado Women's Chorale will present their 1998 Christmas program at 8 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Salado Civic Center.

The Chorale will be directed

by Dr. Betty Thorn and accompanied by Marge Kirkman.

Tickets are \$7.50 and are available at the Salado Civic Center office, from the members of The Chorale or at the door.

# Others besides players affected by pro basketball strike

by Tumbleweed Smith

There are a few thousand people who have been directly affected by the professional basketball players' strike.

My son, for one.

He is into sports broadcasting. He is technical director and/or on-line editor for the television broadcasts of the Texas Rangers baseball team, the Stars hockey team and the Mavericks basketball team.

These days, he's not working the Mavericks broadcasts because there is a strike by National Basketball League players, so there are no professional basketball games being played right now.

My son is only one of many whose income has been diminished because of the strike. The peanut vendors. The beer salesmen. The people who sell hot dogs and cold drinks and jackets, caps, t-shirts and other NBA merchandise. The arena people, who are scrounging around trying to find events to fill their empty arena. The broadcasters, whose fall schedule has been totally put in disarray and whose revenues have dropped drastically. The advertisers, who had planned to unleash new campaigns during the playoff games. The people who take tickets, the security people, the people who print the programs. And on and on.

The fans are not really affected. Fans are crazy, anyway. They will pay a hundred dollars to go see a bunch of rich guys in shorts bounce a ball

around. They really don't care or even consider that the players' main motivation is greed.

Athletes are gifted people who play. They don't work.

They can't seem to make it on five million dollars a year. They need 10 million.

There is an appeal being circulated by e-mail asking people to adopt a pro basketball player for \$2,000 a day. It says the amount could mean the player could trade in his year-old Lexus for a new Ferrari or enjoy a weekend in Rio. Donors will get a complete financial report on the player containing detailed information about his stocks, bonds and how he plans to use the five million dollars he receives upon retirement. Those wishing to adopt a player can dial 1-800-TOO MUCH.

Although the player won't know the name of the donor, he will be able to make collect calls to the donors home via a special operator just in case additional funds are needed for unexpected expenses.

The appeal is facetious, but it puts the situation in perspective.

Sports are bigger and more popular than ever. The players are taking advantage of the situation in a big way. The meteoric rise of salaries of people who play on professional sports teams will continue until the fans get fed up and stop buying tickets.

Meanwhile, my son is looking into real estate.



## 76th Session of Texas Legislature will convene on Jan. 12, 1999

The days are rapidly dwindling down to a precious few as we approach year's end and the start of the last year of this millennium. Just think, only sixteen days until Christmas. Twenty-two til new year's eve and a day after that we kick off 1999!

**And then, hold on to your hats - on January 12, 1999 - the 76th Session of the Texas Legislature convenes.**

This should be a happy time for lawmakers since there is some six to eight billion bucks in state coffers just waiting to be spent and these elected officials of ours like nothing better than to spend any unencumbered dollars hanging around, especially if they don't have to raise taxes to do it - a move that usually results in early retirement.

Governor Bush will want to work his will on legislators since this is a prelude to his presidential announcement that should come about the time the session concludes.

And nothing looks better on a candidate's vita than a successful legislative outing that gives money to education, cuts taxes and in general gives voters a warm fuzzy feeling about their government in action.

### COMMENTABLE NEWS APLENTY

Lot of other news afoot, so let's review some of the highlights since we last met, along with related comments that may (or not) coincide with the wide philosophical range of readers ideas always available in our fair village.

First rattle out of the box is the **unholy resurrection of the old Standard Oil Company** thanks to a merger of Leviathans Exxon and Mobil.

Immediate result will be Christmas layoff letters to thousands of oil workers. Ditto

### Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



for employees of the giant German Deutsch Bank and this country's Bankers Trust who plan to join forces in the near future.

**Texas retired teachers received a low blow last week**, when their state operated health insurance plan showed signs of running out of money in the near term.

Teachers generally are not social security contributors so they don't qualify for medicare hence the need for some sort of state financed health assistance.

This would be a good place to sock away some of the state surplus since teachers have traditionally been shafted from day one when they are forced to accept relatively low paying jobs for the privilege of training our children; receive pitifully few benefits over the years and a stingy retirement program when they wear out.

Suspect lawmakers will try to patch the problem but most observers think teachers will have to pony up more of the co-payment costs.

**The House Judiciary Committee majority** got back on the front pages at midweek when they voted to add to their impeachment inquiry, the matter of 1996 campaign finances, where they feel the President is most vulnerable. Couple of days later and after a quick peek at top secret memos collected by the FBI, these worthies - mostly Republicans, (but including several Demos), **decided they didn't want to jump into that briar patch and dropped the matter.**

Fact is, the business of collecting and spending illegal

campaign money is a two edged sword wherein Republicans as well as Democrats have way too much exposure - so what the heck - drop the matter and go back to the safety of Monica, perjury, obstruction and the rest.

**Got to hand it to George the Younger.** Seems he made a statement about being a Christian and Heaven some years back. Taken out of context the story became an anti-Semitic bomb indicating that Christians and not Jews will have a shot at Heaven.

Bush got the story straightened out to the satisfaction of the Anti Defamation League and the matter was laid to rest when he stated, in a press conference a few days ago: **"I don't believe Heaven is open only to Christians. I believe God decides who goes to Heaven, not George W. Bush!"**

Hurray for the Guv. Wish some of the politically active religious zealots who parade around as Christians would try this philosophy on for size and tend to their own business and let God attend to the matter of judgement!

### WHY FRANCE HAS GAUCHE MANNERS

Have you ever wondered why the nation of France acts as if they hate everyone in general and the United States in particular?

Visitors to that country come back with all sorts of tales about being mistreated, sneered at and in general - other than the tourist dollars being spent - care little for Americans - or so the stories go.

What is the problem with a nation that takes our help in war? Our money in peacetime - actually anytime? Refuses

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# School board

FROM Page 1A

- Proclamation of Mentor Day.
- Internal audit report, done annually.
- Intermediate school principal selection. SISD Supt. Robin Battershell said that the position for intermediate school principal will be open in January 1999. The principal will be named in March and on staff in June for the 1999-2000

- school year.
  - Superintendent's and Principal's appraisal instruments.
  - Central office job descriptions.
  - Change of January board meeting date.
  - Budget amendment for Chapter 2 funds.
- Committee reports will be heard during the business por-

tion of the meeting:  
 Construction committee: lockers, hardware, water filter, work order change requests.  
 • Community Relations  
 • Legislative Report  
 • Policy: worker's compensation offset, sick leave pool.  
 These items comprise a preliminary agenda. The final agenda will be posted Dec. 11 at the Salado Civic Center.

# Record

FROM Page 2A

to trade fairly? And in general acts like an in-law with an attitude problem?

## ANSWER UNCOVERED

The French themselves may have accidentally stumbled across the answer to this enigma that is deeply entrenched in a society, that we want to think of as a friend, despite being stiffed every time we go near them.

The explanation came to light in a series of articles from the daily Parisian newspaper "Le Figaro" and has been widely reported in this country.

Quite simply, the French don't bath with any degree of regularity and for goodness sakes, they don't even change their underwear on a daily basis!

Everyone knows that nothing goes right when your underwear's tight - or dirty

## or even non existent!

The popular and well read Paris newspaper went on to report the results of a dozen or so surveys taken this year that may have turned up reasons why the French are so sullen, unhappy, unfriendly and in their own word - "gauche".

First the matter of bathing. Seems the latest survey found that less than half the population of France takes a daily bath! This may be the reason, "Le Figaro" noted, why perfume was first invented in France since as far back as the 17th century, kings like Louis XIV seldom bathed. A custom apparently carried forward to this day by least half the population, despite the fact that nearly all French citizens are reported to own either a bathtub or shower.

## UNDERWEAR FLAP

About the underwear flap (pardon the pun), it was uncov-

ered (again pardon), that a few more Frenchmen wore fresh underwear each day, than bathed. Right - 60 percent changed their shorts daily. The rest at least once a week. Or went without!

Le Figaro proudly assured their readers that 85 percent of the citizens of France washed their hands before eating but could not explain why the average citizen used up only four or five bars of soap per year!

The "London Times", a world renowned newspaper, after studying the polling results opined in a front page headline: "It's True: The French Really Are the Smelliest In Europe."

So, in future, be a little more understanding and patient with our French cousins - even if you have to hold your nose to do it!

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**The Clock is Ticking  
 on Year-End  
 Tax-Planning Moves**

You may think you have plenty of time to deal with your taxes since April 15 is months away, but the deadline for taking advantage of tax reduction strategies for 1998 isn't in April - it's in December when the tax year ends.

Here are some strategies you can use before year's end to ease the tax bite in April.

Identify investments that may be "sell" candidates. If you've been waiting to sell investments to take advantage of the lower capital-gains rates offered by the 18-month holding period created in the 1997 tax legislation, you now can get the same advantageous rate after holding you investments for only 12 months or longer. But before deciding to sell a security because it has reached your target price or no longer meets your objectives, identify which shares you want to sell to avoid having the Internal Revenue Service decide for you, which can result in a higher tax liability.

- Offset gains with losses. You can use losses dollar-for-dollar to offset any capital gains you might have. Let's say you incurred \$2,000 in capital losses this year and also had a \$2,000 capital gain. By netting short-term and long-term gains and losses, you can expect no tax consequences. What's more, you can use excess losses to offset up to \$3,000 of ordinary income (wages, interest and dividends) per year. Net losses exceeding \$3,000 can be carried forward and used against capital gains and/or ordinary income in following years.

However, the "wash" sale rule states that you may not use capital losses to offset gains or income if you sell a security at a loss and purchase the same or a substantially identical security within 30 calendar days before or after the sale date establishing the loss.

The rule's intent is that you must take a real market risk to claim a tax loss. One way to avoid the wash sale rule is to double up your position in which you plan to sell and claim a tax loss. The last day to double up (purchase additional shares) is Nov. 30, 1998.

- Take advantage of your retirement accounts. If you are married, you and your spouse can each contribute up to \$2,000 in earned income to your respective IRAs. Whether or not your contributions are deductible, the tax deferral over the years creates the opportunity for accumulating a sizeable account. This year is the first time investors can choose another type of IRA - the much-publicized Roth IRA. The main advantage of a Roth is that your interest, dividends and capital gains grow tax-free as long as you abide by the withdrawal rules. That compares to a traditional IRA, which offers tax-deferred growth of interest, capital gains and dividends until you start making withdrawals, which are taxed. If you plan to convert your traditional IRA assets into a Roth IRA, those assets will be subject to ordinary income taxes. But if you convert before Dec. 31 this year, the taxable income may be spread over the four subsequent tax years.

Remember, investment decisions should not be solely based on the tax consequences of your investments. Consult your financial consultant to learn more about the eligibility requirements for these strategies and whether these techniques are appropriate for you situation. But take action now, before it's too late.

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# Salado Lions Club donates \$1,500 to Civic Center to help it operate

The Salado Lions Club recently donated \$1,500 to the Salado Civic Center as part of the ongoing support given to the Civic Center over the years to keep the renovated building financially viable and always open and available for us by villagers and visitors alike.

Lions Club President Eldon Miller noted that the local Lions Club also provides funds for the maintenance of the parkland area just south of the main civic center building that includes the bandstand and picnic area - named "Lions Park" in honor of the local service club's support of this project.

Ken Clapp, Chairman of the Civic Center, stated: "Once again the Salado Lions Club has proven their strong commitment to the community through this grant to the civic center. This grant will be used for maintenance and operation of the building and it is our hope that we, as the operating



Lions president Eldon Miller (right) presents check to Ken Clapp. (photo by Marilyn Fleischer)

foundation, will always prove to be good stewards of this and other greatly appreciated gifts.

"These wonderful contributions are needed to keep the center financially sound as well as being able to keep the building in top shape so our local citizens and the hundreds of visitors that use the facility each month, will always find it a clean and pleasant place in

which to hold meetings or just rest for a few minutes during their visit to Salado."

The Salado Civic Center is the home base for the Salado Chamber of Commerce; the Salado Historical Society; the Salado Public Library; the Civic Center Foundation business office and the school district's superintendent's office as well as the school business office.

Reservation deadline Dec. 10

## Grace Jones style show set Dec. 14

Grace Jones will present a style show featuring an elegant array of couture fashions to the Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary 10:30 a.m. Dec. 14 at the Creekside Restaurant at

Mill Creek. Final day to make your reservation is Dec. 10.

This festive affair includes brunch, door prizes and fashions. Due to limited seating res-

ervations are necessary. Tickets are on sell now; cost is \$12.50 per person. Call Adelle Johnson, 947-5676 to make your reservation.

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Tablerock Festival of Salado to present  
'A Christmas Carol' Dec. 11-12 at Goodnight

Tablerock Festival of Salado will present Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 and 12. The stage adaption, written by Harry Sweet, will be performed at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal Street in Salado.

The classic story tells of Christmas Eve in the life of Ebenezer Scrooge, epitome of greed and self-interest, in London in 1843. Through ghosts and other supernatural interventions Scrooge is given the opportunity to transform himself into a man of compassion.

Cast members include: Charlie Voelter, Scrooge; Fred Fuller, Bob Cratchit; Travis Eddy, Tiny Tim; Howard Horton, Marley; Tracy Eddy, Christmas Past; Josh Aplaca, Christmas Future and Young Scrooge; Skip Blancett, Nephew Fred; Mary McHaney, Mrs. Cratchit; Jillian Dehls, Martha; Haley Eddy, Fan; Jon McHaney, Peter; Mary Bollinger, Charity Lady and Mrs. Pratt and Mary Beth Murchison as Fezziwig's daughter.

Other roles are: Thomas Mahoney, Old Joe; Heather Lummus, Bell; Erin Lummus, Belinda; Ashley Lummus, Lucy; Cortney Dunnahoo, Kristen Dunnahoo and Mindi Dunnahoo, Carolers; Gayle Blancett, Ginger, Alex Blancett, Want and Candice



Erin Lummus (left) plays Belinda; Josh Aplaca plays Young Scrooge.

Williams, Linda Cratchit.

The crew includes Harry Sweet, Director; Linda Watts, Stage Mgr.; Randy Ray, Sound; Tom Dehls, Lights; Dustin Correa, Spot; Denver Mills, Sets; Norma Fenton and Michele Fuller, Concessions; Janice Sweet and Nancy

Alexander, Seamstresses; Jackie Mills, Producer.

Concessions open at 6:30 p.m., bring a lawn chair and wraps. Call (254) 947-9205 for information. Tickets may be purchased at the gate. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

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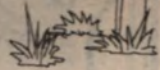
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## SUMC to present Cantata Dec. 13

Mark your calendars for Dec. 13! Beginning at 5:30 p.m., the Adult and Children's choirs of the Salado United Methodist Church will present their Christmas Cantata, "Christ Is Born."

You are invited to come and share in the story of the first Christmas. Bring your favorite snacks and refreshments for fellowship time following the Cantata.

We also hear that a special visitor will be coming for a short visit with the children (and young at heart). Hope to see you there.



Jimmie Lee Gidley IV was born at 6:58 a.m. Nov. 28 at King's Daughters Hospital in Temple to Jimmie Lee and Jodi Wright Gidley III, of Round Rock. Jimmie IV weighed in at 8 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 20" in length. He was welcomed home by proud grandparents Jimmie and Nadine Gidley II, of Salado and Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Wright, of Conroe. Jimmie IV is shown above with Jimmie II and Nadine Gidley.

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## Services held for Jacob Waddle

Jacob Henry (Jake) Waddle, 85, of Mesquite and formerly of Salado, passed away Nov. 26 after a long illness.

A Rosary was said on Nov. 27. The funeral Mass was held Nov. 28 at St. Pius Catholic Church with Rev. Denis O'Brien, M.M. officiating. Interment followed at Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

Jacob Henry Waddle was born on October 3, 1913 in Como, Texas to Frank and Era Mead Waddle. He graduated from Ashdown Arkansas High School and moved to Dallas during the Depression year when he worked as a carpenter. He joined the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) as a home loan ap-

praiser in 1959. He was promoted to assistant director of FHA and later director of the Multi-Family Section of HUD. During this period, he was active in home builder and real estate organizations.

He was baptized into the Roman Catholic Church in 1952 and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He also regularly participated in Perpetual Adoration.

After his retirement in 1978, he moved to Salado, where he and his wife opened the Village Metal Sculpture and Antique Shop. He created whimsical pieces as well as outstanding singular pieces of art. He was a charter member of St.

Stephen Catholic Church in Salado.

Mr. Waddle was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife Mary; his only child Judge Paula S. Waddle, of Corpus Christi; one brother Joe Mead Waddle and wife Brenda, of Wills Point.

Also, one stepson, Thomas L. Hamlin and wife Susan, of Garland; one stepdaughter, Starla Hamlin Graves and husband Randy, of Mesquite, and one aunt, Eira Dover, of Oklahoma City. He is also survived by three step-grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

## Services held for Joe Dunlap

Funeral services for Joe Dunlap, age 67, of Belton, were held in the Heartfield Funeral Home Chapel Dec. 7 with minister Joe Baisden officiating. Burial followed in the Salado Cemetery.

Mr. Dunlap died Dec. 5 in a Temple nursing home.

He was born on August 1, 1931 in Salado to Ben Dunlap and Kathleen Walker Dunlap. He married Dorothy Williams on July 14, 1957 in Belton. He worked as a butcher in the grocery industry and was a member of the Belton Church of Christ, Oddfellows Club and the Bell County Sportsman

Club.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Dunlap, of Belton, a daughter, Tammy Gaines, of Belton, a brother, John Dunlap of Reagan and a granddaughter from Belton.

Heartfield Funeral Home of Belton was in charge of arrangements.

## Middleton graduates from basic



Curtis Middleton

### Bethany Scott on Who's Who

Salado resident Bethany Stout is named in the 1999 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Stout is one of 46 students from Temple College named to the list of campus leaders.

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7 p.m. Concert  
Belton HS Girls Harmony  
Salado Methodist Church

7 p.m. "A Christmas Carol"  
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7:30 p.m. Concert  
CAC Children's Choir  
Central Texas Museum Terrace

7:45 p.m. Caroling  
First Baptist Church

Saturday, Dec. 12

10-5 p.m. Cen-Tex Model Train Display  
Salado Civic Center

10-12 p.m. Caroling  
Belton HS Acapela Choir

1 p.m. Concert  
Southside Baptist Church Hand Bell Choir  
First Baptist Church

3 p.m. "Amal and the Night Visitor"  
Belton HS  
Central Texas Area Museum

5 p.m. Skit Tablerock  
"A Christmas Carol"  
First State Bank Porch

6 p.m. Caroling  
First Baptist Church

7 p.m. "A Christmas Carol"  
Tablerock

7 p.m. Concert



Larry Sands gets help decorating the walk bridge from Chris Young, Cassie Collins and Ben Brooks, students from Carlinda Rex's class at SHS. (photo by John Eubanks)

7:45 p.m. Caroling  
Baylor Select Choir  
Salado Methodist Church

8 p.m. Concert  
First Baptist Church  
Salado Women's Chorale  
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Ruth Weeden wins MJ's raffle for SCC

MJ's Country Corner in Old Town Salado sponsored a raffle that raised \$260 for the restoration of the storage barn at the Civic Center.

Ruth Weeden of Round Rock won the Raffia Santa head during the Nov. 28 drawing. The Santa head door hanging was made and donated by Nona Eiland of Temple.

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# Fantasy game pits Santa's reindeer against Salado Eagles

Talk about strange day-dreams. There, before my eyes, was Santa's sleigh landing in front of Salado High in time for his reindeer to play a charity basketball game late Christmas Eve with the school's boys and girls teams.

I noticed two bumper stickers on the back of the sleigh: *Gifts Happen* and *Rudy Is My Co-pilot*.

## Verses and versus John Eubanks

The nine reindeer -- wearing warmup jackets with the words "The Real Globetrotters" stitched on the back -- unhitched themselves from the sleigh and began trotting single file to the gym's entrance.

They weren't very happy having to enter the school on their hind legs, after being informed by assistant principal Joe Palmer that no one could enter the school on all fours.

One of the reindeer -- I think it was Donder -- caused a scene when he couldn't get his antlers through the door. Someone called for a maintenance man, but Palmer relented and allowed the big fellow to go through on all fours.

As the teams began warming up, I noticed that Rudolph's

nose would brighten every time one of his teammates dunked the ball.

I thought it was all hype, but he did indeed have a very shiny schnoz. Some ol' country boy whispered that he was probably "liquored up" with doctored egg nog (known at the Pole as Caribou Coffee).

But I figured if he needed a nip or two to get from Sao Paulo to Salado in 20 minutes, who was I to judge? Besides, Santa was the designated driver.

Not-so-jolly Santa, who had stripped down to his red long johns in the warm-as-usual Salado gym, was at the scorer's table arguing that he could only list first names in the scorer's book -- #1 Rudolph, #2 Dasher, #3 Dancer, #4 Donder, #5 Blitzen, #6 Comet, #7 Cupid #8 Prancer, and #9 Vixen.

Oddly, they all had tattoos on their hind quarters that read, *Deer Reign*.

Most of the North Pole fans were elves, who began shouting to the Salado crowd in a high-pitched tone, "We've got Christmas spirit, yes we do! We've got Christmas spirit, how 'bout you?"

Salado Lady Eagle Katie Punchard, last year's MVP who will miss her senior year because of a knee injury, got her Christmas wish to play in this one game.

Asked who had cleared her to play, girls coach Larry Salisbury said, "Dr. Livingston, I presume."

Salado trailed in the early going to the taller Reindeer, but mounted a furious comeback in the second half. The game wasn't decided until the last seconds when Punchard, double-teaming Dasher with Eagle senior Taylor Hutton, stole the ball and streaked downcourt, her knee brace coming off in pieces, ala Forrest Gump.

She soared high to lay the ball in, just before the buzzer, giving Salado a one-point win.

Salado boys coach Alan Haire, wiping his brow, said "They killed us on the boards with those antlers."

Santa, sweating profusely, remarked, "I know we're in the gift-giving business. But, heck, we gave that one away."



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Melissa Matthews goes up for two against Crawford. (photo by John Eubanks)

## Lady Eagles second at Academy Tourney

by John Eubanks

The Salado girls basketball team finished second at the Academy Tournament Dec. 3-5, losing 46-44 to Dublin in the championship game Dec. 5.

The Lady Eagles (5-4) played at Thorndale Dec. 8 (results were unavailable at press time) before hosting the Salado Merchants Tournament Dec. 10-12.

Salado will open against Chilton at noon Dec. 10. The winner will play at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 11. The championship game is at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12.

The Lady Eagles opened the Academy Tournament Dec. 3 by defeating San Saba 50-35 Dec. 3, and then beat tourney host Academy 62-28 Dec. 4 to improve their record to 4-3.

Chrystal Whiteley led the way against Academy with 19 points. She hit all three of her team's three-pointers.

Kathy Matthews and Adrienne Akins each added 13.

Matthews was the top scorer against San Saba with 13. Whiteley had 13 and Lauren Quirk added 11.

Salado advanced to the title game by defeating Cameron,

49-30, for the second time this year. Salado hit eight three-pointers, prompting coach Larry Salisbury to remark, "It was the first good shooting game we've had."

Melissa Matthews, who hit three of her four three-pointers in the first quarter, finished with 20 points. Whiteley added 13.

In the championship game, Dublin hit six of its eight total free throws in the final quarter, to hold off Salado. Adrienne Akins led the team with 10

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# Eagles go 0-4 at China Spring Tourney

by John Eubanks

The Salado Eagles basketball team went 0-4 at the China Spring Tournament Dec. 3-5.

The Eagles (3-4) hosted Rogers Dec. 8 (results were unavailable at press time) before opening the Salado Merchants Tournament Dec. 10-12 against Temple's JV at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 10. The winner will play at 8 p.m. Dec. 11. The title game is at 8 p.m. Dec. 12.

Salado's Dec. 1 game at Bartlett was cancelled because Bartlett was still in the Class A state football playoffs.

The Eagles opened the China Spring tourney with a 58-49 loss to Class 3A Teague. Erik Mentzel scored 15 points, 13 in the first half.

Combining for 15 points were Troy Smith (8) and Taylor Hutton (7).

The Eagles then lost to Clifton (54-40), Itasca (58-49) and China Spring (55-37).

Ryan Gillespie had 11 against Clifton and Mentzel had 10. Mike Gamble had 22, all from the field, against Itasca. Mentzel added eight.

Smith had 12 against China Spring.



Erik Mentzel goes up for two against Vanguard last month. (photo by John Eubanks)

## JUNIOR VARSITY

The JV/B team defeated Rogers 40-32 Dec. 3. Combining for 20 points were David Matthews (12) and Brad Johnson (8).

The team won two of four games at the Academy Tournament Dec. 3-5. They beat Waco Reicher 61-13 as Larry Witt had 12, and beat Troy 40-38 as John Kirk had 14. They lost to Rogers 35-26 and to Academy 39-31. Witt had 12 against Academy.

## EIGHTH GRADE

The White team defeated Lago Vista 51-22 Dec. 1. Jarrod Whitfield led Salado with 17 points, including 12 in

the Eagles' 23-point second quarter.

Kyle Salisbury scored 10. Isaac Berumen added eight and made all four of his free throws.

The Red team lost 23-6 to Lago Vista. O.J. Clay scored four points.

## SEVENTH GRADE

The A team defeated Lago Vista, 44-15. Scott Bates had 12 points, and Chase Simpson and Ben Marsh each had 10.

The B team lost 14-8 to Lago Vista. Travis Turk had six points.

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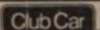
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## Lady Eagles

FROM Page 10A

points. Melissa and Kathy Matthews each had nine points. Quick added eight.

The Lady Eagles' record dropped to 2-3 on Dec. 1 with a 57-31 loss to Class 3A Waco Robinson.

### Robinson 57, Salado 31

The Lady Eagles suffered their worst loss of the young season to the Rockettes at their place Dec. 1.

Salado hit just two of 19 shots in the first half and trailed

13-1 after the first quarter and 27-10 at halftime.

"We couldn't make a shot," coach Salisbury summed up.

Melissa Matthews led Salado with 12 points, hitting both of her team's three-pointers. Quirk had eight rebounds.

### JUNIOR VARSITY

The JV Lady Eagles (5-2) lost their first game of the season, 40-27, to Robinson Dec. 1. Lindsey Quirk led Salado with eight points.

They lost a second time to

Robinson, 30-24, in the Troy Tournament Dec. 5 and then came back to beat Rosebud-Lott 29-24.

Quirk had eight points against Robinson. Robyn Womac had 15 against R-L (13 in the first half), and Kate Mentzel added eight.

### EIGHTH GRADE

Salado (3-0) beat Lago Vista 27-16. Megan Joiner had 15 points.

### SEVENTH GRADE

The 7A team (3-0) beat Lago Vista 32-25. Heather McLaughlin had 12 points. Amanda Tumey had 10.

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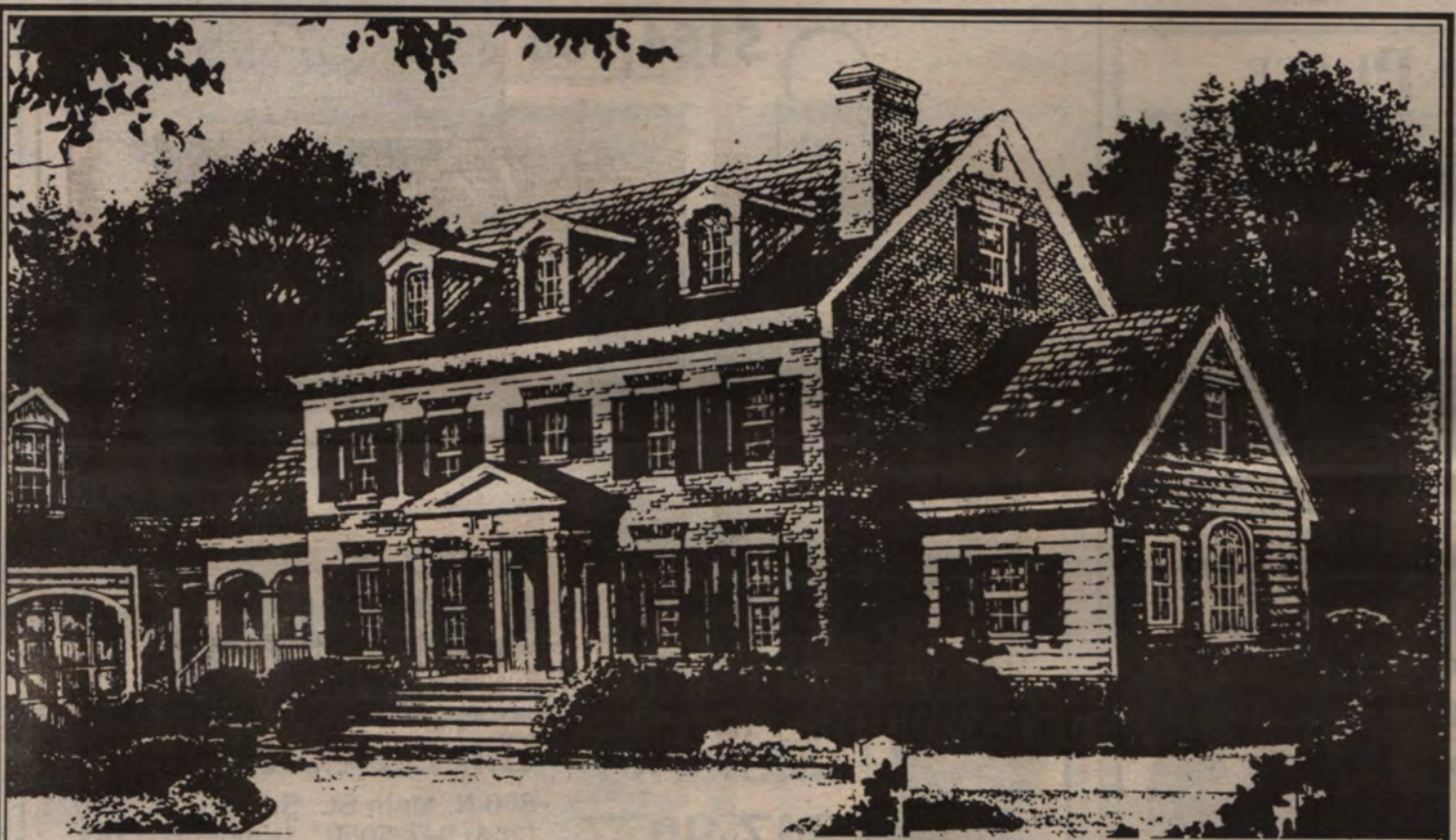
## Strutters cap off busy phase

The Salado High Strutters drill team capped off a busy semester by raising money working at a concession stand during the first weekend of the Christmas Stroll, Dec. 4-5.

One of the team's highlights this semester occurred in a 24-hour period Nov. 13-14. On Friday the 13th, the team participated at halftime of the Salado-Winters football playoff game in Comanche.

The next afternoon, nine members of the team participated at halftime of the Southwest Texas-Jacksonville (Ala.) State football game in San Marcos. Salado was one of 20 high schools invited to participate.

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At top photo, Patty Campbell (left), with the Salado Public Library accepts a check for \$1,000 for the library, from Mary Catherine Ervin (middle) and Adelle Johnson on behalf of the Salado Chamber of Commerce's Ladies Auxiliary.



At bottom photo, Johnson and Ervin also present a \$2,000 check for the fire department to SVFD Fire Chief Wayne Rutherford and volunteer firefighter Joe Tischler (right). The Ladies Auxiliary also wanted to thank the community for supporting Christmas in October. "It is the wonderful support from the people of Salado that make it possible for the Auxiliary to make these donations," Ervin said. (photos by John Eubanks)



## Salado Water Corp. annual meeting set

The Salado Water Corporation recently sent out notice of its Annual Meeting slated for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Salado Civic Center.

The agenda will have the following items:

- Read and approve minutes from the 1998 annual meeting.
- Treasurer's report and adoption of the 1999 budget.
- Report on improvements to the water system.
- Nomination and election of Board of Directors for all expiring terms of present directors.
- Other business.

"Attending the Annual Membership Meeting will give you first hand information on future needs and proposed steps that are needed to provide water for the future," Secretary James Tuck stated in the notice. "Your participation will assist the Board of Directors in making their decisions and will give you a better understanding why the decisions were made."



Dr. Jon Kendell (right), chairman of the Salado United Methodist Church, presents a check for \$560 to Deacon John Petter from St. Stephen Catholic Church. Checks in the same amount were also presented to First Baptist Church, Salado Presbyterian Church and Salado Church of Christ. Money raised from SUMC's Family 5K Turkey Trot Nov. 21 went toward each church's food banks. (photo by John Eubanks)

# Growing Stronger

Switzer Deason, president, First Convenience Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Pat Foster to First Convenience Bank's commercial and professional lending team. Foster, a Salado resident, has been with First National Bank Texas for 18 years specializing in investing and real estate lending.

Foster has an office at First Convenience Bank, 4102 South 31st Street Canyon Creek, Temple. First Convenience Bank is a division of First National Bank Texas, established in 1901 in Killeen. First National Bank Texas headquartered in Killeen has 22 branches in Texas.



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**Truly One of a Kind:** Feature home in Texas Homes magazine in 1983. Classic design/built by Darwin Britt. 23' ceilings, massive aged timbers, wood floors, two hand-built fireplaces. A must see for the discriminating buyer. **\$299,900.**

**Unbelievable space.** Pleasant., soft color decor. Excellent location for golf or just peaceful living. Over 2,000 SF with major updates and improvements. A most reasonable homeowners association. **\$137,500.**



**Owner transferred!**  
A great house for young family or empty nesters! Split bedroom floorplan. All one level, all brick. Easily accessible location on Chisholm Trail. Seller motivated! **\$127,500**

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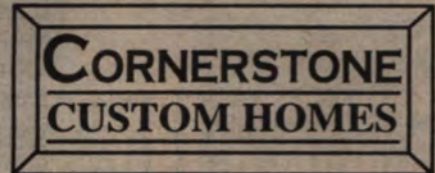
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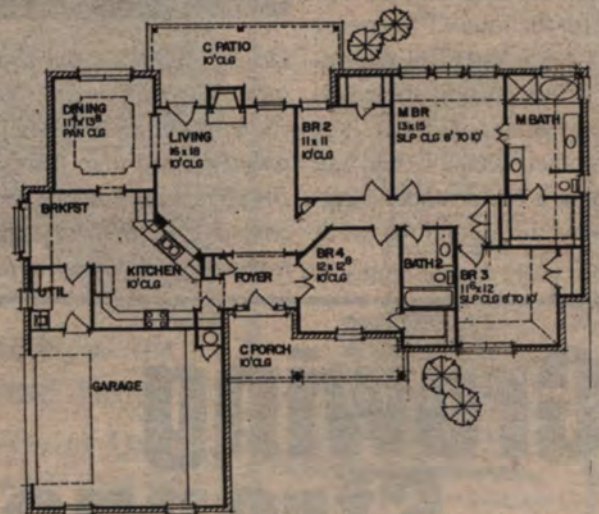
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**\$32,000.** 3 BR, 1 BA frame home with 1,200+ square feet in Belton.

**\$99,800.** Remarkable view! Belton Lake out your back door. Two master bedrooms with attached bath. Large living room & dining room combination that has vaulted ceiling and large windows that view lake. Austin stone wall emphasizes the fireplace. Great yard with garden area! Backyard deck is full length of house.

**\$102,500.** Texas-style native stone home. Lovely two-story 3 BR, 2 BA.

**\$115,000.** New 3/2/2 construction in Jarrell. Buy now & choose carpet & tile. UNDER CONTRACT

**\$139,900.** New construction. Walking distance to Mill Creek pool, pro shop & driving range. 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 dining, large utility area. Great master bath. Vaulted ceiling in Master Bedroom.

**\$145,000.** Patio home with excellent view of Mill creek Golf course. Living area and master bedroom has view of the fairway. 2 car garage with golf cart entry.

**\$159,800.** A truly unique architectural design on this 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA stone home in Mill Creek. Large living room accented with stone fireplace. Fireplace in upstairs bedroom also. Front & back balconies.

**\$164,500.** Hardwood floors in LR, DR & kitchen. Gazebo in backyard with large storage area. Dog run. Fountain in backyard. Privacy fence. Sun room. 3 car garage.

**\$186,000.** Relax and enjoy the fantastic view of Stillhouse Lake from the second story balcony of this 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA, home. Light and bright breakfast room, 3 car garage. All on 2.58 acres.

**\$189,500.** Duplex on 10 acres near Belton on Auction Barn Rd. 2300 SF, 3 BR, 2 BA and 11 00 SF 2BR/1BA. Two years old.

**\$199,500.** Recently completed 3 BR/2 1/2 BA stone custom home with multiple upgrades. Over 2400 SF of open living with oversized 3 car garage, nestled among oaks & deer on 1.6 ac. Owner transferring. Priced under market value.

**\$249,500.** Lovely home with breathtaking view in excellent neighborhood. 3 BR + study. Only 2 years old.

**\$280,000.** Executive home on 20 acres! Master suite has fireplace along with a fireplace in family room. Formal dining and living rooms. Kitchen is bright with breakfast nook. 5 BR, 3 1/2 BA.

**\$285,000.** Lovely home under huge liveoaks on 6.64 acres, with Salado Creek frontage. Salado schools.



**\$79,000.** Very nice 3 BR, 2 BA brick home with fireplace, new carpet and paint. On wooded lot.



**\$239,000.** Exquisite taste in a country setting! Room galore - over 3400 S.F., 4 BR/3 1/2 BA, 2 LR, 2 DR, study and game room on 2.33 acres of trees!



**\$525,000.** Incredible architectural design, expert craftsmanship and professional interior decorating. Over 5,200 SF, 5 BR, 4 1/2 BA, Gameroom, 3 fireplaces, 3 car garage on 4.165 wooded acres.



**\$249,500.** Early Texas style fine 4 BR home on large wooded lot. 4300 SF. Heated pool, many extras. \$2,000 closing costs of Buyer paid by Seller. Homeowner warranty.



**\$205,000.** Golfers paradise! New home on Mill Creek Golf Course. 3 BR, 2 BA. Formal dining th living room that views golf course. Windows surround large breakfast room. 2 car garage with golf cart garage.



**\$185,000.** 4 BR home with horse facility, water well & fruit trees on 4 acres near Salado. Bargain priced for quick sale.



**\$105,000.** Mill Creek home with 2 living & 2 dining areas. Updated and bright, sprinkler system, fenced backyard. Ceramic tile entry. Mother-in-law floorplan. 3 BR, 2 BA. Priced to sell.



**\$198,000.** Decks and large covered patios enable the homeowner of this fine home to enjoy the serenity of the wooded backyard & seasonal creek. Quality craftsmanship found in this 3 BR/2 BA, with approximately 2830 SF.

**\$329,000.** Custom built large home on beautifully landscaped lot in Royal Oaks. 3 large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Many extras -- water well, 3 car garage & workshop. Built in cabinets in den & dining room.

**\$430,000.** Uniquely designed with Texas Ranch Style exterior, featuring Bunk house and barn garage. Interior is contemporary. 1.4 acres, lots of windows, incredible view.

### Contact these agents

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### Home of the Week

**\$334,900:** Country estate on 5 plus acres, 3 miles east of Salado. Pride of ownership abounds in this 5 BR/3+BA with formal living, dining and enclosed sunroom. Fenced and ready for horses. Master bedroom has fireplace, adjoining exercise room and office.



**\$146,900:** New Construction! Austin Stone, beautiful live oaks trees. 3BR/2BA/2-car garage, on large lot, open floor plan, Large Trees and beautifully landscaped with sprinkler system.

**\$239,900:** Beautiful acreage tract with rock home on hillside overlooking horse arena, covered stalls and tank. One of a kind property for the horse lover looking for the easy **SOLD** Outstanding view, excellent value, professionally landscaped.

**\$195,000:** Price Reduced. Beautiful two-story on Mill Creek golf course. Newly wallpapered, carpeted and updated. Walking distance to pro shop.

**\$179,900:** PRICE REDUCED. LIKE NEW! A Must See!! This large home backs up to the #8 fairway on Leon Valley. 4BR/2BA/2 car garage with beautiful pool with deck and hot tub.

**\$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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**\$144,900:** Charming Victorian home on majestic 3+ acres. Originally built in 1904 and lovingly refurbished. Old World charm is seen in original floors, light fixtures, windows and wraparound porch. Fashionable faux paint, rock walkways, artist studio, herb, rose and fairy garden make this a must-see.

### ACREAGE

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

**Thomas Arnold:** 5 acres overlooking beautiful canyon west of Salado. \$50,000. Owner finance.

**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.

**FM 2843:** 20-75 acres with trees, deer. Home sites. Starts at \$3,500 per acre.

**Smith Dairy/Tahuaya Rd.** 9 acres, Beautiful live oak trees. \$45,000.

**Salado Oaks:** 2 wooded lots, great building sites. \$10,000 and up.

**Amity Road:** Two 12.5 acre tracts at \$3,395/acre. Salado water and fenced. Restricted. Owner Finance.

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

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

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

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

**Salado Springs:** 2 wooded lots, great building sites. \$10,000 and up.

**UNDER CONTRACT**  
trees, \$20,000. 2 acres, \$17,500.

**Stinnet Mill Rd.** 44.67 acres at \$3,395/acre. Property has two 150 foot wells.

**Sa UNDER CONTRACT Live Oak Estates:** 1.79 acres with beautiful trees. \$22,500.

**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.

**Live Oak Estates** 1/2-acre lot with scattered trees, seasonal creek. \$13,500.

**Sand and Gravel Rd.:** 2 one acre lots, \$15,000 each.

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

**Poison Oak:** 13 acres with septic and water. \$80,000.

**Cedar Valley Road:** 27+ acres @ \$2,795/acre. Scattered trees, cross fenced, excellent homesite.

**FM2115:** 23 acres, \$2,500/acre, some on hillside, great views. Owner Finance.

**Rose Lane:** 8 acres with old barn and silo.

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**  
**Townhouse:** Completely furnished, above creek, live in or rent out, \$64,900.

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

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

Go West to discover one of the best-kept secrets of Salado

## The Bluffs at Salado Creek

Acreage with Salado Creek views.

Rolling Hill Country.

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The rustic, natural beauty of The Bluffs at Salado Creek is without equal. Go west on Thomas Arnold to discuss this hidden jewel.

# SALADO *Visitor's Guide*

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Salado Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors pose with The Sewing Basket owners Doris Metcalf and Barbara Pipes Dec. 4. (photo by Marilyn Fleischer)

## The Sewing Basket on cutting edge of threads

by John Eubanks

A ribbon-cutting was held Dec. 4 at The Sewing Basket to formally open a shop on the cutting edge of things being cut and sewn.

The shop officially opened for business Nov. 4 at 525 N. Stagecoach Road (the I-35 service road), across from Old Town Salado.

Owners are Barbara Pipes and her mother, Doris Metcalf.

The Sewing Basket offers top quality fabrics (mostly 100 percent cotton) for quilting and decorating, skirts and blouses and wearable art.

The shop also offers thread, books, patterns, notions, quilt-

ing stencils and small gift items. Some new and antique quilts are also available.

The Sewing Basket certainly fills a niche. There are no shops of its kind in Salado.

Barbara said the inspiration for opening the shop was "a love for fabrics and creating new and beautiful things. Most people have fond memories of some member of their family sewing or quilting."

"Quilts," she added, "keep us warm and make our homes unique. (Quilting) is a relaxing pastime where the product is useful and can last for generations."

The Sewing Basket will offer a variety of classes from basic sewing, hand and ma-

chine quilting and making such items as skirts, vests and jackets.

Barbara and Doris are also looking for teachers "who have a passion for creating and love working with people." They are also looking for students "who want to build friendships while making something beautiful and fanciful."

The Sewing Basket is located at 525 N. Stagecoach Road (the I-35 access road), across from Old Town Salado.

Business hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

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### Vive Les Arts in Killeen to present 'The Nutcracker'

Visions of the Sugar Plum Fairy, graceful Snowflakes, a heroic battle with the evil Mouse Queen and an adventurous journey to the Kingdom of Sweets will fill the Vive Les Arts Center for the Arts at 3401 South W.S. Young Dr. in Killeen.

The Newcomb School of Ballet and its residence company, Ballet Renee, will

present a Christmas holiday favorite, "The Nutcracker" at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 and 19 and 2 p.m. Dec. 13 and 20.

This year's cast of 55 children and pre-professional students will perform The Nutcracker, including Rebecca Pursche, who will dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy, and Amy Scheffer, who will perform several roles in The Nut-

cracker.

Rebecca was accepted in the Virginia School of the Arts Summer Program and was one of only five students selected to remain for the 1998-1999 school year. Amy danced the lead in the Newcomb School's summer workshop production of "Beauty and the Beast."

Amy and Rebecca have

studied ballet for five years and are the granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Schenkel, of Salado.

Reservations may be made by calling the CAC at (254) 773-9936. Tickets for "The Nutcracker" are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Reserved seating is available.

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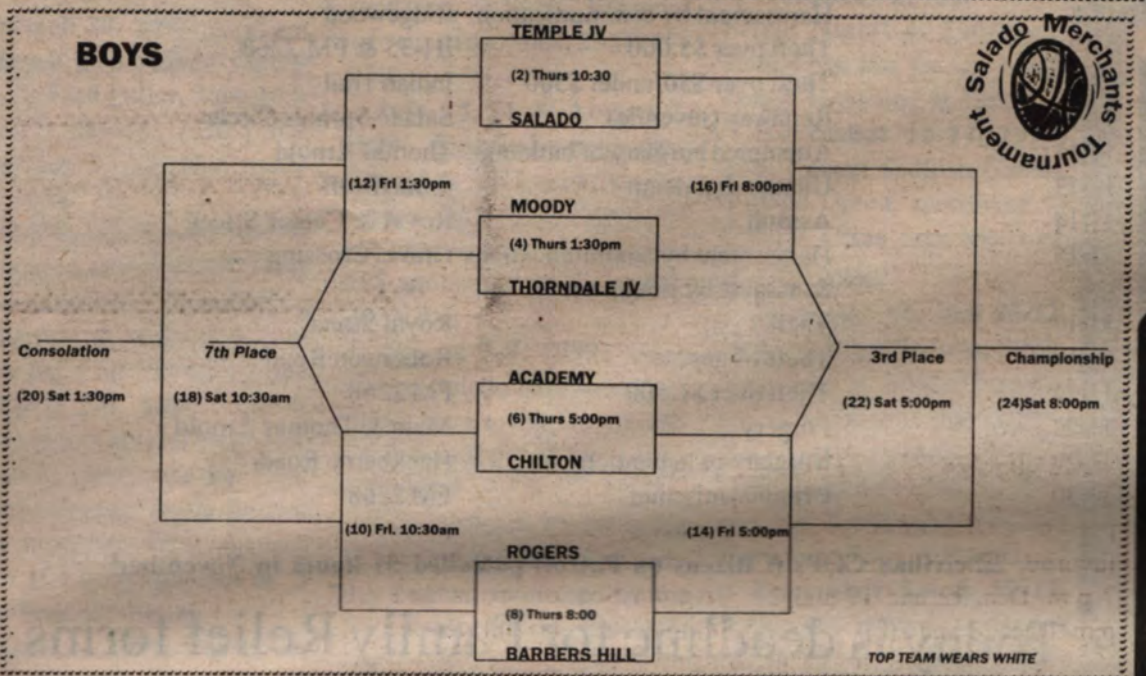
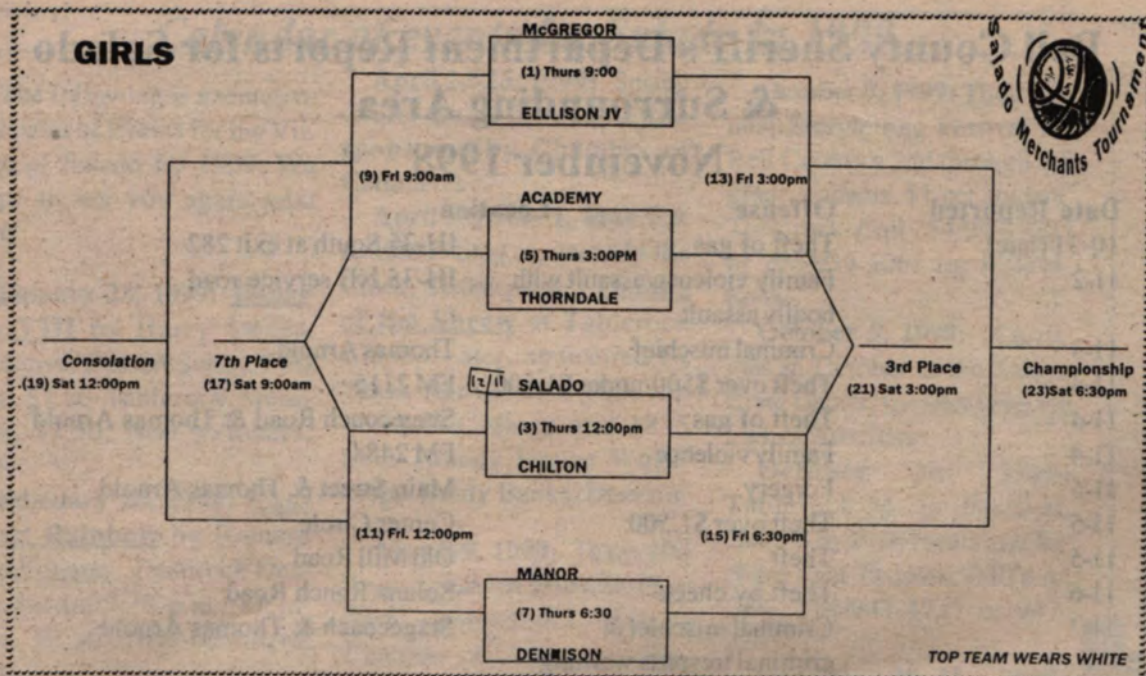
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Those wishing to support the Salado Merchants Basketball Tournament Dec. 10-12 are asked to mail the adjoining contribution sheet to the address provided.

The initial contribution is \$25, although contributors can, of course, donate a larger amount.

Contributors will have their name displayed in the gym to show their support. They will also receive a tournament schedule and two free passes.

Tournament officials will also provide a hospitality room for coaches, administrators and contributors.

The annual tournament will attract boys and girls teams from 12 schools.

If contributors would like to offer a special discount of some type to visitors, tournament officials will be glad to display it.

"Any support we receive from you will go to a worthwhile cause -- our kids," according to a letter sent to local proprietors from boys basketball coach Alan Haire and girls basketball coach Larry Salisbury.

### Salado Merchants Tournament Sponsorship Form

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation (amount) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food Donation (value): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

Return form to Salado High School Dec. 9.  
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Date Reported	Offense	Location
10-31 (late)	Theft of gas	IH-35 South at exit 282
11-2	Family violence/assault with bodily assault	IH-35 NB service road
11-3	Criminal mischief	Thomas Arnold
11-4	Theft over \$500/under \$1,500	FM 2115
11-4	Theft of gas	Stagecoach Road & Thomas Arnold
11-4	Family violence	FM 2484
11-5	Forgery	Main Street & Thomas Arnold
11-5	Theft over \$1,500	Center Circle
11-5	Theft	Old Mill Road
11-6	Theft by check	Solana Ranch Road
11-7	Criminal mischief & criminal trespass warning	Stagecoach & Thomas Arnold
11-8	Harassment by communication	Ridgewood
11-9	Theft over \$5,000	IH-35 & FM 2268
11-9	Theft over \$50/under \$500	Indian Trail
11-11	Runaway (juvenile)	Salado Springs Circle
11-13	Attempted burglary of building	Thomas Arnold
11-13	Unattended death	Smith Bluff
11-14	Assault	Royal & Center Street
11-15	Harassment by communications & assault by threat	Gravel Crossing
11-17	Theft	Royal Street
11-19	Theft of gas	Robertson Road
11-24	Theft over \$1,500	FM 2268
11-24	Forgery	Main & Thomas Arnold
11-29	Burglary of habitation	Hackberry Road
11-30	Criminal mischief	FM 2268

22 civilian COPs (Citizens on Patrol) patrolled 51 hours in November

### Today is deadline for Family Relief forms

Today is the deadline for families to turn Christmas application forms at the *Salado Village Voice* office. Forms are available at the office. The Salado Family Relief Fund is not accepting applications from Belton, but urge those in need to seek help at their local churches and help center.

toys at the *Salado Village Voice* office or the Salado High School library.

To those who have adopted a family, please try to have your purchases wrapped with labels and delivered to the newspaper office as soon as possible.

Donations to the Salado Family Relief Fund can be deposited in accounts located at First State Bank and Compass Bank in Salado. Make checks payable to the Salado Family Relief Fund. These funds are also available to those in need throughout the year.

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# Book-Friends asks help helping kids

Book-Friends' asks your help to provide books to deserving children in the Central Texas area again this Christmas. This is the seventh year Book-Friends has provided books to area children.

Book-Friends, a local non-profit corporation, has provided books for Christmas for over 1,200 children since the project began in 1992. Chil-

dren being aided by Families in Crisis, the Traurig FAITH Home, The Treehouse and the Salado Family Relief Fund are on the Book-Friends Christmas list this year. Others on the Christmas list are individual children from low-income families, children who are ill and children who are without homes.

To donate money to pur-

chase new books, send donation to Alice Wells, Director, Book-Friends, P.O. Box 913, Salado, TX 76571. If you wish to give new or gently used books, please call 947-1245 to make arrangements to pick up books.

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# Christmas safety tips

by Ilene C. Miller

Co. Ext. Agent  
and Lisa Sebek  
Temple Recycling Coordinator

Christmas is the time for giving and enjoying, not for taking chances with your family's safety. Often too many power cords are plugged into one outlet and overload the circuit; light strings are used on a metal tree; or perhaps an extension cord meant for use indoors is used outdoors. These are all bad risk situations. Why take chances around this happy time of the year?

Used correctly, your fireplace is a source of Christmas warmth and cozy atmosphere. Avoid fire risk by remembering the following rules:

- Burning evergreens in the fireplace can be dangerous. When dry, greens burn like tinder. Their flames can flare out of control, sending sparks flying around the room.
- Place trash in a metal container. Do not burn wrappings in the fireplace; they can ignite suddenly and cause a flash fire.
- Use care with "fire salts" which produce colored flames when thrown on a wood fire. They contain heavy metals and can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation or vomiting if eaten. Keep away from chil-

dren.

Also, check to see if you are using your fireplace to maximum advantage. A fireplace using room air for combustion draws cold air in from the outside. This can signal the furnace to deliver more heat. So, when you use your fireplace, lower the thermostat setting to

50 to 55 degrees and open a window near the fireplace about half an inch.


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Four members of The Native Texan Club overseen by Salado teachers Carlinda Rex and Phyllis Holder, pose near the Hanneman Memorial Garden in front of Salado High. The garden that the club's students planted is in memory of former SHS teacher Ron Hanneman. (photo by John Eubanks)

**Sculpture by Salado's Oneida Uzzell featured at K&L Associates**

Sculpture by Salado artist Oneida Uzzell is being featured in Temple at K&L Design Associates at 6428-A South General Bruce Dr.

Born and reared in the horse and cattle country of West Texas, Oneida Uzzell uses her art to express her lifelong adoration and fascination for horses. Her deep cognizance of horses brings them to life, whether in fine pencil drawings or sculpture.

Oneida majored in art in college and furthered her art education at the University of Texas in Austin. However, her talent and feeling for drawing can only be described as a gift.

She is a knowledgeable and distinguished horsewoman herself, having worked with rodeo, performance, and race horses for the greater part of her life. This close association with this magnificent animal has provided her with an expertise and insight unattainable in the classroom.

The work of Oneida Uzzell can be found in galleries throughout Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado.

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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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## SHS Spanish Club elects new officers

Spanish Club elections were held at Salado High School with the following named as officers for 1998-99: Albert Urquiza, president; Susy Castillo, vice-president; Martha Soto, secretary and Elena Thomason, reporter.

Spanish Club members will be collecting donations of toys until Dec. 17 to be given to the Salado Family Relief Fund for its annual holiday toy drive. Donations should be new items for ages 1 through 17. Anyone interested in making a donation may do so by contacting any club member or by contacting Spanish Club sponsor Yvonne Harmon at Salado High School.

"Performing community service is a very important requirement to be a member of the Spanish Club," Harmon said. "I feel it is imperative for our members to contribute to the community in which they live and what better way than by giving from the heart during the holiday season. I want the students to realize that even though Salado has the reputation for being a wealthy community, there are also many that live here who are less fortunate than others and need help during the holiday season."

Harmon added that, "Many do not know that we have a community member who is currently on the list for a heart transplant."

"I also want the members to realize that wealth cannot be measured monetarily," Harmon said, "instead, it is measured by the content of their hearts."

### Next 4-H meeting Dec. 13 at TAE

by Katy Moore  
4-H reporter.

The next Salado 4-H meeting will be 2:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Thomas Arnold Elementary Cafeteria. The meeting is mandatory and members will fill out forms for the Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show in February.

Please bring your money and Social Security card to the meeting.

The 4-H would like to thank all those who helped to make the recent Goat Day a success.

### Thanks Dale Kehn

Dear Editor;

A great big "Thank You" to Dale Kehn, who is so willing to help with small things and BIG things in a time of need.

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Salado Creek flowing through Solana Ranch. (photo by John Eubanks)

## Solana Ranch receives conservationist award

Solana Ranch of Prairie Dell was named Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist by the Little River-San Gabriel Soil and Water Conservation District.

The award for excellence in wildlife conservation was presented during the recent 28th Annual Conservation Awards Banquet.

Wildlife conservation was once considered a recreational byproduct of rural land ownership. It soon became an income-producing byproduct that enhanced the bottom line of ranching operations.

A few ranches have taken it one step further and made wildlife conservation a primary focus of their operations. Solana Ranch is one of the few ranches in Texas that has succeeded in diversifying its operation to such an extent that wildlife production is considered one of their primary sources of revenue.

This sprawling 9,000-acre ranch in the northern Edwards Aquifer recharge region of Bell and Williamson counties has long been recognized nationally for its registered Simmental operation.

For the last several years, they have been involved in a transitional phase that involves diversifying their operation into a wildlife management program utilizing the latest technology and management techniques.

The owner, Kirk Michaux, is committed to making this ranching operation a profitable enterprise. Besides harvesting surplus animals such as dove, quail, ducks, turkey, deer, feral hogs and exotics, Michaux said they are looking into other aspects such as wildlife photography and bird watching.

The manager, Jim Lorenz, has successfully incorporated a profitable wildlife enterprise. He succeeded the legendary Floyd Gibbs, who was the ranch manager for 50 years. Lorenz says he likes to use the purebred Simmental cattle to complement the wildlife operation.

Assisting Lorenz is Stephen Ziechang, a wildlife management biologist intern from Texas A&M.

Field run Milo is purchased from several counties and mixed to produce seed ripening at different stages. This gives the doves and quail a longer window with lots of seeds on the ground. Sunflower and sesame are managed as highly desired feed for birds.

Terraces and fence rows are not farmed and left fallow. This provides cover, nesting and resting areas for quail and rabbit.

Forage sorghums are planted over the terraces in strips and provide hunter concealment. The areas adjoining these strips are shredded for

dove feeding areas.

Numerous fenced food plots are planted on the rangeland to enhance deer, turkey, quail and other birds. Well-planned strips are disturbed by disking or dragging to allow lower successional forbs to germinate and become a food source for these animals.

The Simmental cattle are grazed in combined herds to enhance the wildlife operation. The cattle are used following the dove hunting to remove excess johnsongrass and other grasses which are not utilized by wildlife.

Solana Ranch conducts census of deer, turkey, quail, furbearing animals and feral hogs to assist determining proper harvest. This game harvest has resulted in healthy rangeland and farmed cropland with reduced water runoff.

Census and surveys are done in cooperation with local schools where the students get credit for time spent on the project such as sampling dove feed that is present on the ranch.

Employees and even hunters are considered co-managers and take great pride in litter clean-up, proper disposal and general care of the ranch.

Solana Ranch offers education to local school groups. On occasion, they offer field trips with slide shows and outdoor education such as pond management, observation of historic artifacts and Indian relics.

Solana Ranch is a model ranch for other ranches to follow. Their future plans include improving rangeland and wildlife habitat through a wildlife habitat improvement program contract with USDA-NRCS. This plan calls for brush control in strips and patterns, followed by prescribed burning and rotational grazing of cattle. This effort will greatly benefit the Edwards Aquifer recharge.

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## Flu season is now here, say S&W officials

Flu season is here, say officials from Scott and White. "The first laboratory-confirmed case of influenza A has been identified at Scott and White Clinic in Temple," said William B. McCombs, Ph.D., Chief, Scott and White Department of Microbiology and Director of the Scott and White laboratory, which is one of two laboratories in Texas designated by the World Health Organization (WHO). Experts recommend that those who wish to get a flu vaccine do so before a widespread flu epidemic occurs in Bell County. Sporadic cases of flu A and flu B have already been reported from several counties in Texas and from several states in the U.S.

"It is not too late to get your flu shot, or to have your children receive the investigational nasal spray flu vaccine that is being given at the Scott and White Pediatric Clinic," said Manjusha Gaglani, M.D., Scott and White Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist. "The licensed flu vaccine given as a shot is recommended for persons at high risk for complications from the flu, such as children and adults with asthma, cystic fibrosis, heart disease, diabetes, sickle-cell disease; people 65 years of age or older; and pregnant women after 14 weeks of pregnancy.

Each year, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control, and the FDA predict which strains of flu will be most prevalent for the season, and those are the strains that are included in the licensed flu shot and in the investigational nasal spray flu vaccine. In persons with at risk conditions, the licensed flu shot vaccine has been shown to protect against the flu and complications from the flu. A previous study has also shown that healthy children who received the investigational nasal spray flu vaccine last year, had 100 percent protection against the strain of flu in the vaccine, 86 percent protection against the flu strain (A/Sydney) not included in the vaccine, and more than 90 percent protection against ear infections associated with influenza.

For more information about flu shots or the investigational nasal spray flu vaccine, call (254) 724-4FLU.

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At Christmas play and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year.

—Thomas Tusser

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Danita Beier (sitting), who was among several art students from Austin who came to Salado for a "paint-out" earlier this fall, draws a storefront scene with help from Dee Phillips (left), an art teacher based in Michael's in Austin. Phillips has some of her work on display at Salado Galleries. (photo by John Eubanks)

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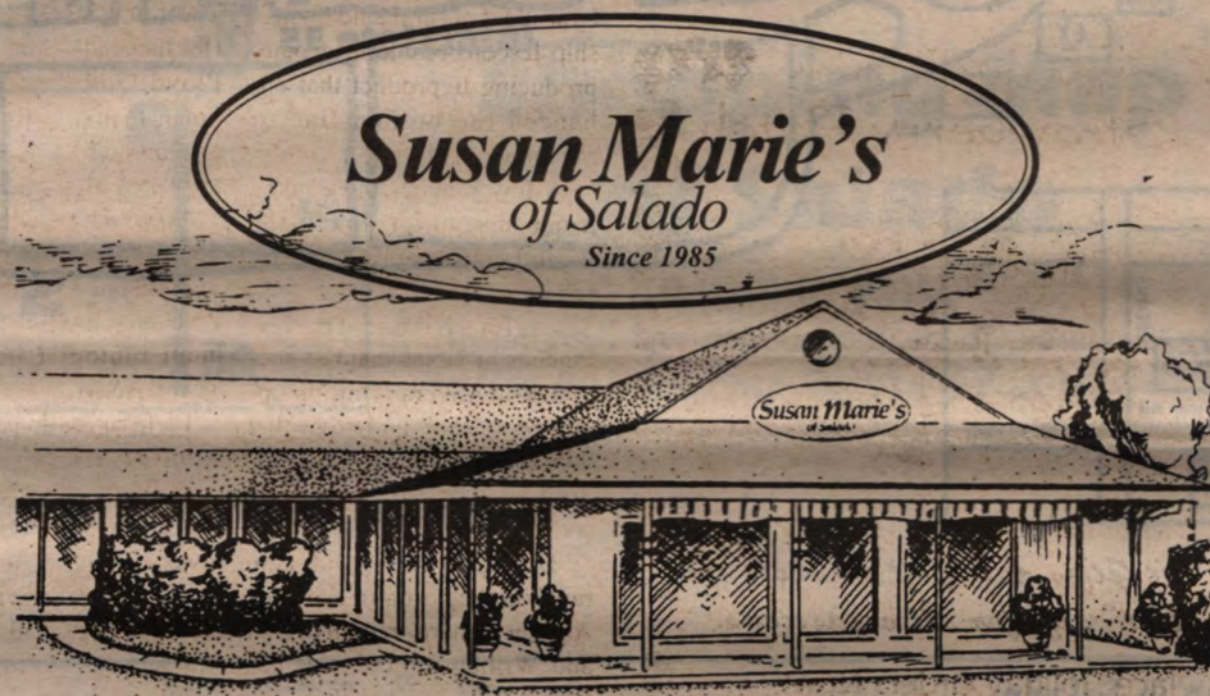
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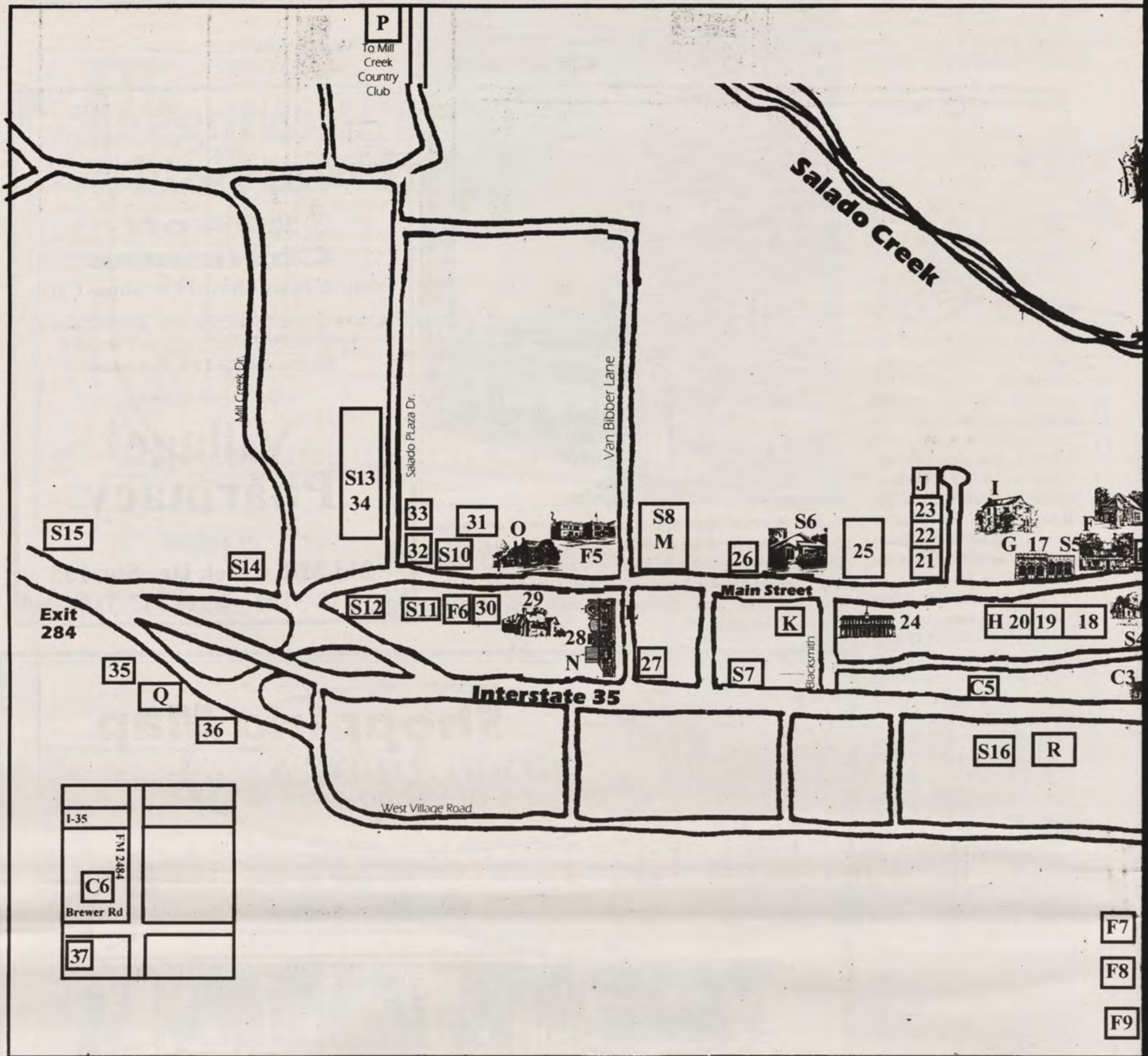
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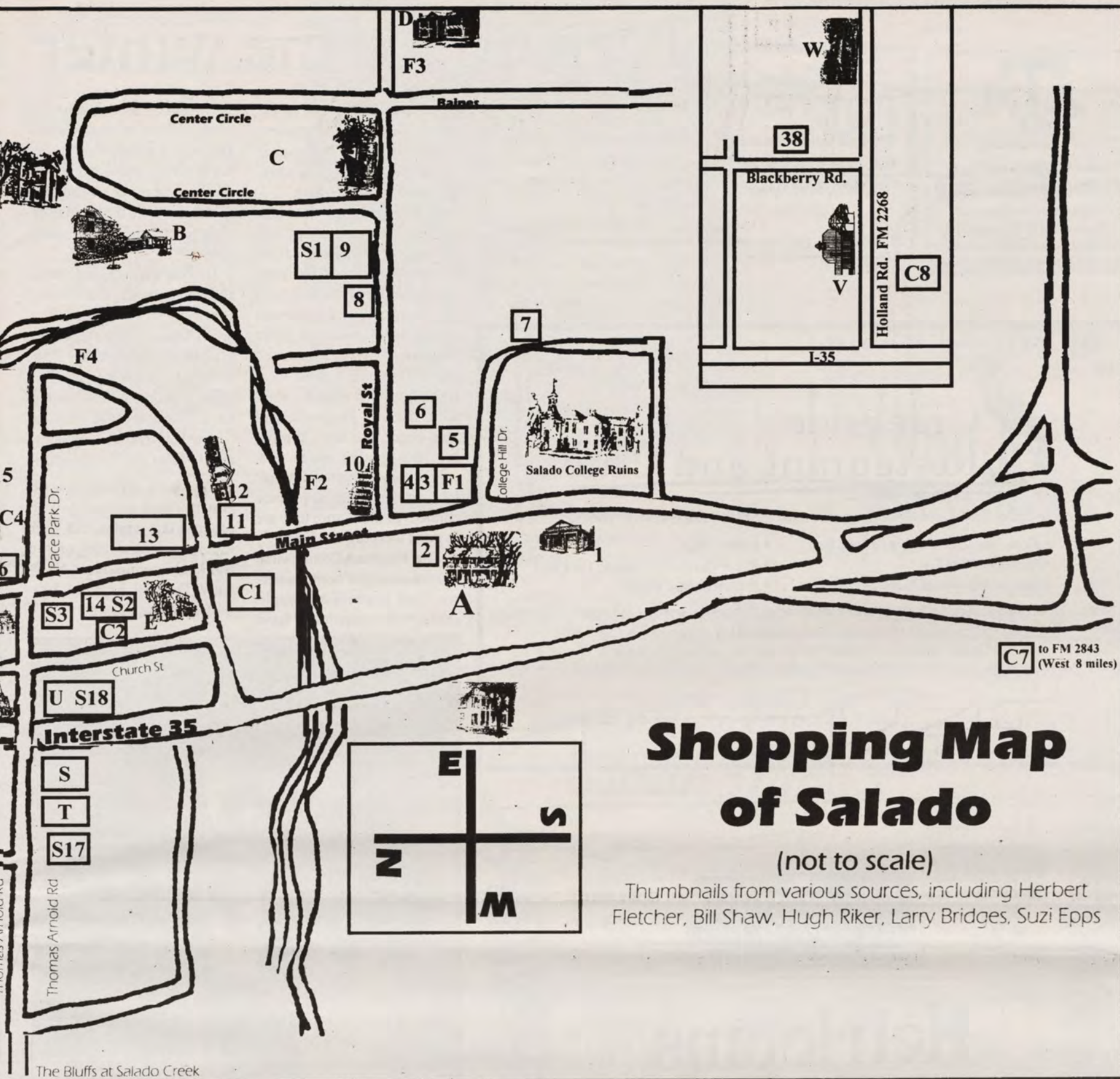
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| 1. Wells Gallery               | Next to Stagecoach Inn      | 254/947-0311 |
| 2. Salado Pottery              | Next to Stagecoach Inn      | 254/947-5935 |
| 3. Salado Galleries            | Main Street                 | 254/947-5110 |
| 4. <u>SHADY VILLA</u>          | Main St and Royal           |              |
| Gregory's                      | Shady Villa on Main St.     | 254/947-5703 |
| Salado Country Antiques        | Shady Villa on Main St.     | 254/947-8363 |
| Sweet Nut Things               | Shady Villa on Main St.     | 254/947-8088 |
| 5. Peddlers Alley              | behind Shady Villa & Museum | 254/947-9722 |
| 6. The Dusty Rose              | Royal Street                | 254/947-9215 |
| 7. The Chicken Ranch           | 505 College Hill            | 254/947-3455 |
| 8. Ing's                       | Royal St.                   | 254/947-4336 |
| 9. <u>ROYAL STREET COMMONS</u> | Royal St. & Center Circle   |              |
| Red Barn Antique Mall          | Royal St. Commons           | 254/947-1050 |
| 10. <u>ONE ROYAL</u>           | Royal St. at Main           |              |
| Grace Jones                    | One Royal                   | 254/947-5555 |
| The Royal Emporium             | Main & Royal                | 254/947-5718 |
| 11. <u>OLD MILL PLAZA</u>      | Main St. at the Creek       |              |
| Salado Haus at the Gazebo      | Old Mill Plaza              | 254/947-1868 |
| 12. The Christmas Shop         | Green House on the Creek    | 254/947-5561 |
| 13. <u>CREEKSIDE CENTER</u>    | Main St. at Pace Park       |              |
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| Bundle of Joy                  | Creekside Center            | 254/947-0609 |
| Prellop Fine Art Gallery       | Creekside Center            | 254/947-3930 |
| 15. A Company of Muses         | N. Pace Park Dr.            | 254/947-9178 |
| 16. Christy's of Salado        | 300 Main St.                | 254/947-0561 |
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| 19. Rittenhouse Square         | 22 North Main St.           | 254/947-8168 |
| 20. Rose Cottage Gifts         | N. Main St.                 | 254/947-9110 |
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| Texan by Design                  | Old Town Salado                     | 254/947-4479 |
| 29. Bayberry's on Main           | 400 N. Main St.                     | 254/947-3625 |
| 30. Salado Antique Mall          | N. Main St.                         | 254/947-1010 |
| The Little Tin Hutch             | N. Main St.                         | 254/947-5537 |
| 31. Remember This Antique Mall   | 861 N. Main St.                     | 254/947-0858 |
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| 33. Elise & Co.                  | off Main St. behind Fletcher's      | 254/947-1068 |
| 34. <u>SALADO PLAZA</u>          | 213 Mill Creek Dr.                  |              |
| Streets of Salado                | Suite #135                          | 254/947-1313 |
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| D. The Rose Mansion     | One Rose Way        | 254/947-8200 |
| E. The Salado Mansion   | Main St.            | 254/947-5157 |
| F. The Inn at Salado    | Main St.            | 254/947-0027 |



# Shopping Map of Salado

(not to scale)

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

G.	Browning's Courtyard Cafe	Salado Square	254/947-8666
H.	Pink Rose Tea Room	N. Main St.	
I.	The Range at the Barton House	101 N. Main St.	254/947-3828
J.	The Old Granary Bed & Breakfast	Rock Creek Dr.	254/947-
K.	Pietro's Italian Restaurant	Main St. & Blacksmith	254/947-0559
L.	The Vickrey House B&B	N. Main St.	254/947-5774
N.	Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe	Old Town Salado	254/947-8162
O.	Halley House Bed & Breakfast	N. Main St.	254/947-1000
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S.	Salado Dairy Queen	I-35 and Thomas Arnold	254/947-5406
T.	Lucy's Place Barbecue	301 Thomas Arnold Rd.	254/947-GOOD
U.	Salado Burger King	I-35 at Thomas Arnold	254/947-8060
V.	Brambley Hedge B&B	1 mile east on FM 2268	254/947-1914
W.	Country Place B&B	2.7 miles east on FM 2268	254/947-9683

S17.	The Barber Barn	329 Thomas Arnold Rd.	254/947-9004
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	Elza Porcel Edwards	301 N. Main St.	254/947-1176
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S9.	Margaret's Beauty Spa	N. Main St.	254/947-9360
S11.	Century 21 Bill Bartlett	600 Main St.	254/947-5050
S12.	Compass Bank	N. Main St.	254/947-5051
S13.	<b>SALADO PLAZA</b>	213 Mill Creek Dr.	
	Homeland Mortgages	Suite #115	254/947-4475
	Salado Village Voice	Suite #125	254/947-5321
	Village Pharmacy	Suite #155	254/947-3185

## Churches & Civic Organizations

C1.	First Baptist Church	Main St. at Pace Park	254/947-5465
C2.	Salado Masonic Lodge #296	Church St.	
C3.	United Methodist Church	Thomas Arnold Rd.	254/947-5482
C4.	Presbyterian Church of Salado	Allen Meeting Hall	254/947-9935
C5.	Salado Church of Christ	I-35 at Blacksmith Rd.	254/947-5241
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The Railroad Commission also encourages homeowners who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane to have

their local dealer put their delivery account on "automatic." That way a homeowner never has to worry about having an adequate supply of propane, no matter how cold the weather or treacherous the road conditions.

Homeowners should check all gas appliance intakes and exhaust vents for the clothes dryer, furnace and water heater to make sure they are kept clear of debris, snow or ice. The home's propane tank should have a protective cap or "dome" to cover the regulator, relief valves and fill valves.

For more information on how to stay warm safely with propane this winter, call your local propane dealer or the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at 1-800-64-CLEAR.

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# Dear Santa Claus

Letters to Santa are from Thomas Arnold Elementary School. Mrs. Tuckers 2nd graders, Mrs. Chaffins 2nd graders, and Mrs. Whitacres 2nd graders.

Dear Santa,  
Hi you must be vere busy at the north pole. I am getting ready for Christmas too my gift to my mom is good and I have been kind to my friivs. What a good boy I am Thank you for the bich last year please bring me I now prsin to clen my room and toys I will put a presnit for you by my table.  
Love and kisses to you  
by Daniel



Dear Santa,  
Hi! you must be very at lousy at the north pole. I am gett ready for Christmas too. My gift to mom is a dimine necklis and I have been kind to my cat what a thanging you for the tety ber last year. Please brind me a big picker of yrs picksuers of you and a hours. I am going to put some coockes an milkeo  
Love an Kiss  
Allyson

Dear Santa,  
Hi! I like you alot. My gift to my Chelse is a cob. and I habe been kinid to my sis. What a good brudr my !!!  
Thank you for the bear last year. Please bring me a pocitnihe gooart and toys. I will put cuw is fat the ranebear.  
What tipe of cookeas do you like and what tipe od mikl do you like.  
love  
James

Dear Santa,  
Hi! I'm Travis I hope you give me the letters I won't wold like to pet my mom a braclt. Thank you for the cumuter I still play with it we even got new cameo please bring me a certifcet to the bouhuomus and one of thos sossor guns and BB gun. I hope your elvs are redy! What kind of cookeis do you like? Have a good Christmas.  
Your frind Travis

Dear Santa,  
Hi! You must be very busy at the North pole. I am getting ready for Christmas too. My dad needs a new fphone. I have been kind to dad. What a good son am !!! Than you for the Lego set last year. I lost some of the peasis. Please bring me talking battle ship, fort tornato and a new bike. I will put cookies and a pepci. What kind of cookes do you like. How is Roudolph is he doing ok I hope. How vixen doing too I hope he is doing well too be sher that tell Roudolph too tell the other reindeer too have a nice chrip I hope you have a safe chrip too. Tell Mrs. Clauss and the Elves that I said hi.  
Joshua

Dear Santa,  
Hi! You must be very busy at the North pole. I am getting reag for Christmas too. My gift to Dad is a raiser for hes mustash and I have been kind to my bruther. What a good boy am !!! Thank you for the dinusar last year.  
Please bring me a remocan trol moder sancel and a nerfgun and a sled. I will put five appels by my stoking for my favorite reindeer rudolph. I will have a snack for you, too. It is a surprise!!!  
Merry Christmas!  
Stephen Reagan

Dear Santa,  
Hi, You must be very busy at the North Pole. I am getting ready for Christmas, too. My gift to Dad is sumglasses and I have been kind to Clatan. What a good boy am !!! Thank you for the play stashan last year. Please bring me motersiclego art and laego set.  
I will put sum cookies on the levingroom table. I hope you like these kind of cookies!  
Merry Christmas!  
From Matt,

Dear Santa,  
Hi! You must be very busy at the North pole. I am getting ready for Christmas too. My gift to Lindsey is a ty Baby and I have been kind to my mom. What a dood fiend I am to don.  
Thank you for the Bansey Ball last year. Please bring me a Blue Bred and a red bred and a will put a sprize by my stoking for my favorite reindeer rodolph. I will have a snack for you too. It is a surprise love Preston

Dear Santa,  
I'm ready for you to come to my house. I'm getting ready for you I'm not going to my grandmothers house. I would like to get my mom a ring. I have been kind to Jon. What a good kid I am. Thank you for the presents last year. Please bring me a lot of toys and a bow anrow and a good Christmas. I will put a cookie by my stocking for favorite reindeer Blitsin. I will have a snack for yoe, it is a surprise!  
Love Joe Wells

Dear Santa,  
Hi! You must be very busy at the North pole. I am getting redy for you this year. I hope you have a good Christmas too. My gift to my daddy is a new C.D. I have been good to my friend Marissa. What a good sister am I.  
Thank you for my nail pracktice center. Please bring me a caset older, fuby, and a pound cats. I will put some hay on the cookie and milk plate for my favorite reindeer Rudolph. I will have a snack for you too. it will be a super suprise!  
I hope you have a safe trip. I hope you can tell me how Mrs. Clasuse is and your elfs.  
I hope your doing well this year. I will put some fresh milk out for you. You can give my brother an ATM hat for Christmas.  
I can give you a hint what you get for your snack it's sugary.  
hugs and kisses  
Morgan

Dear Santa,  
Hi! You must ber very busy at the north pole. I am getting reaby for Christmas. too. My gift to mom is a whash and I have been kind to mom What a good gril I am!!  
Thank you for the Grat last year. please bring me a game, babddx and a pig. I will put a cookies by my stocing reindeer for my favorite Rudolph I will have a snak you, too. it is a surprise!  
Love and kisses

Dear Santa,  
Hi! You must be very busy at the North pole. I am getting ready for Christmas too. My gift to Mom is a Big Harle and I have been kind to Jen what a goot kid am !!!  
Thank you for the doll last year please bring my a ber, dimin and I will put a cooke by my stocking for my favorite reindar rudolph I will have a snock for you. Love and kisses  
Love Dalia

Dear Santa,  
Hi! You must be very busy at the North pole. I am getting ready for Christmas too. My gift to my mom is a ty Baby and I have been kind to my mom. What a dood fiend I am to don.  
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Love Joe Wells

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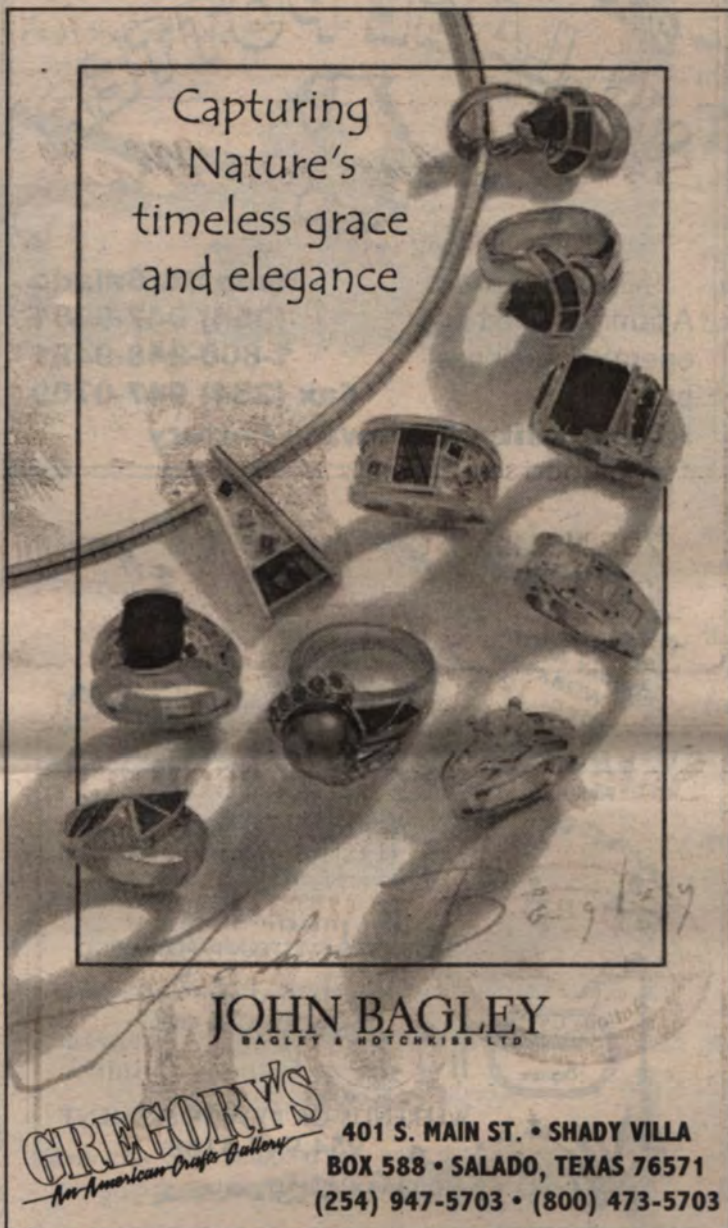
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Dear Santa,  
 I want a Computer I want Spice Girls  
 love, Miriam Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
 I want A Spice Girl Cd.  
 Love Jessica Walker

Dear Santa,  
 Hi! this is Clayton I can beat that  
 you are very busy. I beat its hart to  
 right all thous letrs. I bet my Mom  
 wold like a now braslit. I have ben  
 cyndor good. Thank you for the Segr  
 I rilly inngydite. Ples birg me a band  
 set and a nitindo 64 a new whch a gigi  
 pet and a pichr of you. I will but lots  
 of kelmts and lots of keccys, and I  
 will put milk.  
 Love Clayton  
 Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,  
 Hi! You must be very busy at the  
 North Pole. I am getting ready for  
 Christmas too My gift to my presnt  
 to my mom is a picher and I have been  
 kind to persins. What a good boy am  
 I!! Thank you for the casul last year.  
 Please bring me a cher, wolit, and a  
 coteo. I will put a choklit chip cook  
 by my stocking for my favorite rein-  
 deer roodof. I will have a snack for  
 you to it is a surprise! Love Jacob

Dear Santa,  
 Hi! You must be very busy at the  
 North Pole. I'm ready for Christmas  
 too. My gift to my mom is a ring.  
 My mom's friends have been nice to  
 me and that goes for my brother and  
 dad. What a good girl I am.

Thank you for the Play Stachon  
 laast year. I still play on it. Please  
 bring me a Furbir, dog, and a picter  
 of you. I will put a carret for my fa-  
 vorite reindeer Dasher. I will leave  
 some cookies for you in the  
 livingroom. But what kind of cook-  
 ies? Tell your wife that I said Merry  
 Christmas.

Love your friend,  
 Jordan  
 Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,  
 Hi! I am very busy raping  
 presints. I likes that tatooe that your  
 elve gave me. My gift to Mark is a  
 book and I have been kind to Michael.  
 What a good girl I am!!

Thank you for the candy last year.  
 Morgan is my best friend. Please  
 brind me some supriis the pomee fun  
 pooh and a Morgan doll. I will put a  
 carrit by my stocking for my favorite  
 reindeer rudolph. I will have a snack  
 for you, too. It is a surpris I hope  
 everybody is ok at the Northpole.

I Love You,  
 Love and Kisses,  
 Marissa Gunter

Dear Santa,  
 Hi! You must be very busy at the  
 North Pole. I am getting ready for  
 Christmas too. My gift to Mom is a  
 ring and I have been kind to her.  
 What a good girl am I!! Thank you  
 for Christmas last year. Please bring  
 me a pack of crawons, sun glasses  
 and the Second Greas movie. I will  
 put a pack of cookies Just for you. It  
 is a surprize  
 From Jenny

Dear Santa,  
 Hi! I bet it is busy at the North  
 Pole. I am getting ready for Christ-  
 mas too. My gift to Gene is a  
 goosebumps nook because he's been  
 nice to me. What a good kid he is.  
 Thank you for coming last year.  
 Please bring ....., Adventure jungle,  
 and a .....sorwa. I will put a carret in  
 my stocking for my favorite reindeer  
 Rudolph. I will have mike and cook-  
 ies.  
 Have a great Christmas  
 Jon

Dear Santa,  
 I want a go-cart so I can drive it to  
 church. The secont thing I want is new  
 skats beacus my other ones don't fit.  
 Love  
 Bryce Dunks

Dear Santa,  
 I want a mount bick so I can race  
 my bruther on his bick. I want a bee-  
 bee gun and a rabbit. and my mom  
 would like sume crimes liss.  
 Love  
 Johe

Deas Santa,  
 I want a 4-wheeler because they  
 are fun to ride. And a hole bunch of  
 Jncos because they are cool. And a  
 trik bike because I can do a lot od triks  
 on it.  
 Love, Jerod Lutz

Dear Santaclous,  
 I want the mega Winger. Oh yeah  
 and I want the wolverines shape  
 shifter.  
 Love,  
 Enrique Trujillo

Dear Santa  
 I want a go-cart. And a bike be-  
 cause Im boring at home. And 20 cars  
 to play in my room. My cousins wen  
 they come from Mexico to play all  
 together.  
 Love Juan Magadan

Dear Santa, I want a Dirt Bike and  
 pantbill gun and a lot a sheco.  
 Love,  
 Curtis Hamois

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a dalmation for  
 Christmas because it's. My favorite  
 kind of dog and I would also like  
 some beanie babies because there  
 cute.  
 Love  
 Alison

Dear Santa,  
 I want a miniture collie so I could  
 play with it. And I also want a go-  
 cart so I can race my brother and beat  
 him at the race.  
 Love  
 Reta Ann Buckley

Dear Santa,  
 I want a new yorkie and a com-  
 puter why I want thes two si I can play  
 whith them. and a Bike Becos my  
 Berbe Bike has a flat tier.  
 Love,  
 Cheryl Rogers

Dear Santa,  
 I want a animal called Furdy be-  
 cause I thank it's cute. And a stuffed  
 bear animal because I like it  
 Love,  
 Kari Mohler

Dear Santa,  
 I want a pelit gun. Because I want  
 to shut deer with it. And I want a  
 gocart. Becucas I want to race my  
 dad.  
 Love, Kyle Miller

Dear Santa,  
 I went my teeth back, because my  
 mom and dad whent my teeth because  
 they put it in my room.  
 Love,  
 Kevin  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want a taddy bear because they  
 aare very very cute.  
 Love Katie  
 Foster

Dear, Santa Clows  
 I would rely like a baskn roben ice  
 cream maker becaus I want to make  
 my own ice cream. I'd like an Easy  
 bake oven so I can bake a cake.  
 Love, Kelsey  
 Williamson

Dear Santa,  
 I want a shot gun so i can go hunt-  
 ing dove. I want lots of mony so i  
 can get lots of toys. A vortex tornado.  
 4-wheler so i can ride down my rode.  
 A got cart so I can race my frenid  
 Kevin.  
 Love Clayton Whitmier

Dear Santa C,  
 For Christmas I want a baby parit.  
 Becuase they are cute and I can teach  
 him to talk and I love them. And  
 please try to find my parikt Violet.  
 Thank you  
 Love Jackie

Dear Santay  
 I want a remote control race track  
 so I can play with it. A skateboard so  
 I can ride it. A policecar, fire truck,  
 and ambulance. Sume more batter-  
 ies and a go-cart. More caps.  
 Love,  
 Bradford Lee Hollas

Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas I would like a  
 cocker spaniel, and some beaaine  
 babys, and a bike and a trampoline.  
 Love,  
 Abby Nicole Frazier

Dear Santa,  
 I want a desk so I can write. I  
 want a bed to sleep on.  
 Love,  
 Kristi Everett

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a Dimend Back  
 becose I could ride it to my Gapairits  
 house. The other thing I want is a  
 rmockon trol car that way I can make  
 it jump.  
 Love, Rob Little

Dear Santa,  
 I have been especially good this  
 year. I always remembe to help my  
 Grandpa & Grandma. I wold like a  
 puppy like Jengles please. My Mom  
 cold yous a hair brush. My Dad cold  
 yous some touls. Thank you for the  
 bunny puzzle.  
 Happy Birthday  
 your friend  
 Sally Kitzman

Dear Santa  
 I have been especilly good I want  
 a dirt bike for Crismas. my Dab wants  
 a truck. My mom wants a new shrit.  
 My stepbab wants a new gun.  
 from Colton Lewis

Dear Mr and Miss Clos,  
 My mom wants pfroum my dad  
 wants some new shoes and T.V. I  
 want a gigipet I always remember to  
 give you coceys. I want pooh It has a  
 hat on it has a shirt.  
 From Danielle Hazzard

Dear Santa,  
 I have been especially good this  
 year I always remember to rase my  
 hand in class I would like some  
 clothes and shoes for Christmas My  
 mom wants realy gold earrings My dad  
 could yous some slipers My brother  
 wants a fireball yoyo. Your friend  
 Katy Constancio

Dear Santa,  
 I was alittle noty but will you for-  
 give me this is what I want for  
 Chrismas I want GI Joe cloths I want  
 the rael kind that I sal at K-B toys and  
 I want two GI Joes I want the real  
 kind of GI Joes the first thing I want  
 is a Navy Footbal GI Joe. The socnd  
 thing I want a Space GI Joe. That's  
 all I want Santa.  
 P.S. I'll be good for you  
 Sinsily  
 Barton Grigsby

## Holiday project proceeds help S&W patients

The Scott and White Center for Cancer Prevention and Care is currently taking orders for the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Holiday Project. The festive holiday cards, T-shirts, buttons and magnets have been specially designed by children who are being treated, or have been treated for cancer or blood disorders. Proceeds from the project will directly assist pediatric hematology/oncology patients through a scholarship program, and many other support ser-

vices for patients and their families, such as educational software, meal tickets for families during hospitalization, and wigs for hair loss during treatment.

"This year's Holiday Project designs really shine with the time, energy, care and effort that these artists put into each piece of artwork," said Summer Smith, Cancer Center Marketing Representative and Holiday Project Coordinator. "The colors and designs are absolutely wonderful and there

is no better way to spread joy to family and friends through holiday cards and gifts, while at the same time, benefitting the children right here in Central Texas."

Four card designs, six different buttons, magnets, and a T-shirt are available. All are original drawing from children ranging in age from 4-23. For more information, or to place an order, call (254) 724-1371 or 1-800-882-4366. Orders may also be placed by fax, at (254) 724-5890.

## Christmas Wish Lists

FROM Page 14B

Dear Santa Clause

I have been vary Good. I won't a cud air glan. My mom could uess vackumclener My Dad could ues a wede eater.  
Your frind  
Logan Foster

Dear Santa,

I have been especially good this year. I always remember to clean my room. I would like a baby crib and a baby cradle and a puppy like a blue heler and a kitten please. My mom would like a miker wave. My dad would like a deenymureeny.  
your friend  
Dara Schiller

Dear Santa,

I have been esecially good this year. I always remember to make my bed. I would like a baseball bat, indian chief hed band. Mom could use a mop. Dad could use a lawn mower. I got a pool table last year.  
Love, Garret Ward

Dear Santa,

I have been especilly good this year What I want for Christmas is a rowbbot and a Babe and a rilelive Santa and some crons and a angle size barbe and a maker and a hairstyle and that barbe computer and a new hose and some money for my family and a calonder and a cumputer in my room and a game and some finger nail polish and that finger nail polish that changis nichoemark

Dear Santa,

I have been especially good this year I always remember to go to church. I would like you to leve a note in my room where I go most of the time. Mom could sure use a day off. Dad needs new close. Thanks for the note.  
Your friend,  
Gene Radebaugh

Dear Santa,

I have been espeilly good this year. I always remember to help out. I would like a barbie doll. Mom could sure use a new washer. Dad needs a

appow.

Your friend,  
Jessica Daniel

Dear Santa,

I have been especially good this year. I always remember to take good care of Kaycee. I would like a computer. Mom could sure use a pot and pan to cook with. Dad needs some slippers. Thank you for the video game you got me last year. I have been playing with it a lot.  
Your friend,  
Richie Patterson

Dear Santa,

I have been especially good this year. I always remember to clean my room. I would like a barn.  
Kaleigh Rank

Dear Santa,

I have been especally good this year I always remember to...Rase my hand in the classroom. I would like a...bike from you. Mom could sure use a... reeg from you. Dad needs a new... truck for christmas.  
Your friend  
Malorie Wilson

Dear Santa,

Ive been a good boy this year. I want a N60four. A bike. A Deceptor.

A crash back. My skcaterbord is cool. I ride it. Your friend, Jacob Peschel.

Dear Santa,

I ben vary good. Ill tell you my chores I do for my mom. I make my bed for my mom. I clean the house for my mom. Ill tell you what to get for my mom 10000 dollers and a ofan. Ill tell you what I want to get for my dad a new lonnmower a new dog a black dog. And I want a dog his name going to be Santa. Ill tell you what get for my brother a wresting ring with every wresting person.  
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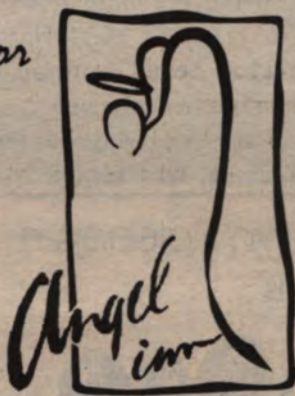
I have been especially good this year. I always remember to help mom. I would like a barb Mom would sure use a washer and drier. Dad needs a new chicken. Thank you for the fish.  
your friend, Becka Laird

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Clayton Capps poses next to his 1963 Volkswagon beetle. (Courtesy photo)

## Salado's Clayton Capps achieves his dream of appearing on 'W\_eel of Fort\_ne' TV show

by John Eubanks

Two months ago, Clayton Capps of Salado finally achieved his goal of competing on the popular "Wheel of Fortune" game show.

It was a puzzling experience (no p\_n intended).

Saladoans will be able to view his spellbinding performance when the segment he taped in October airs at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15 on KCEN-TV Channel 6.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," said Capps, who's been watching the TV puzzle show, featuring host Pat Sajak and sidekick Vanna White, for about 13 years.

The show happens to be airing on a station where Capps, a spring graduate from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, began working last month as a cameraman.

The 1993 Salado High graduate, who turned 24 on

Nov. 10, initially tried out for the show in 1996 during an audition in Houston, but didn't make the cut.

Then last July while on vacation in Los Angeles, he tried out again. This time, he was selected for a followup audition in September.

He was among the candidates -- several hundred a day, in fact -- who went through a two-part screening. The first involved judging each candidate's presence while they solved a hangman-like puzzle on a chalkboard. The second was a "brain-teaser" consisting of 15 puzzles.

Despite completing just six of 15 puzzles in the allotted five minutes, Capps was one of 20 selected for a final audition.

He figured that "either everyone was dumb, or I was lucky."

(Or maybe just dum\_luc\_)

Two weeks later, he was notified by mail of his selection as a contestant. He was told to be in LA on Oct. 9, which gave him two weeks to make plans. He also had to pay his own way.

The contestants had to be at Sony Studios in Culver City, Calif., the morning of the taping to "fill out a ton of paperwork," Capps said.

"After lunch, we got to practice spinning the wheel. It's quite heavy actually," he explained.

The 15 contestants -- three for each of the five shows scheduled for taping that day -- were "treated like kings and queens," Capps said. He described Vanna White, who wore jeans and a T-shirt before the taping, as "down to earth."

Three rounds were played during Capps' segment, but one of his fellow contestants solved the first puzzle before he could even spin.

The second puzzle was a three-word phrase, "Flurry of Activity."

"I thought the last word was 'anxiety' because that's how I felt," Capps said, recalling how difficult it was to concentrate with the audience there. "I spun and called for an 'x' and heard the *buzzzzzzzz*. I

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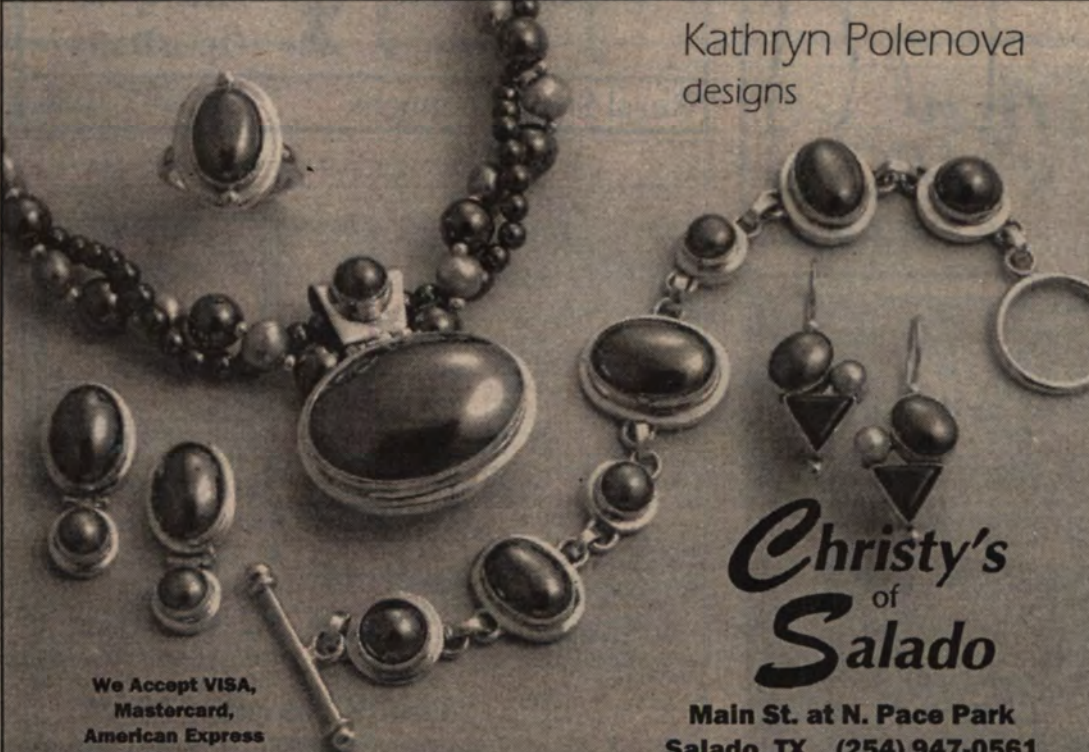
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## Calendar of events for Salado in 1999

The following is a tentative Calendar of Events for the Village of Salado for 1999. We hope to see you again next year.

**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. 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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Proper care requires about one hour, some warm soapy water, a brass-bristle brush, a soft cloth, toothpicks, sandpaper, a bottle brush and your owner's manual.

Start by cleaning the briquettes and cooking grids. Flip the briquettes over so the greasy side faces the burner. Then place the grids in the usual place, light the grill, close the lid, and set the flame on high for about 15 minutes. The heat will burn the grease off. Then, after the grill cools, remove any remaining grease with the brass-bristle brush and

some warm, soapy water.

To clean the burner and the tubes, make sure the burner controls and cylinder valve are shut off; then disconnect the cylinder from the regulator assembly unit. Clean off any dirt or grease with a soft cloth and some soapy water. Towel dry the unit and clear out each gas port on the burner unit with a toothpick. Clean the venturi tubes with the nonmetallic bottle brush and set the entire assembly aside to dry. Be sure to check your propane tank for dents and rust, and have it replaced if necessary.

To prevent grease buildup, scrub both the inside and the outside of the grill housing with the brass-bristle bottle brush and soapy water. Rinse thoroughly. Be sure to cover the gas orifices beneath the control panel with aluminum foil to keep water from getting inside. Also take a good look at the paint for any chips or scrapes. Most grills are cast

aluminum and won't rust, but moisture can corrode or weaken them if paint chips are not repaired.

If you have a built-in outdoor grill or store your grill outdoors, keep the propane gas cylinder hooked up and cover the grill, making sure the valve is closed. However, if you plan to store the grill housing indoors, the tank must be disconnected and left outside in an upright position in a safe location, preferably away from the dryer or furnace vents and children's play areas.

The Railroad Commission also suggests keeping home propane delivery accounts on "automatic," so you never have to worry about having enough fuel, no matter how cold the weather or how treacherous the road conditions. For more information, look under "propane/gas" in the Yellow Pages for your nearest dealer, or call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at 1-800-64-CLEAR.

## Wheel

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heard that buzz a lot."

His persistence paid off in round three, when he correctly guessed "the before and after" puzzle. That's where one phrase blends into another.

(The answer to the four-word puzzle is listed at the end of this story for those wanting to solve it during the show.)

When one of his spins in game three landed on \$3,500, he guessed the letter T. There were two, good for \$7,000.

His total winnings were \$8,300. Capps said contestants get their money -- after taxes, of course -- three months after a show airs.

Before the show, Capps had told himself, "If I don't win a penny, I'm still going to have a blast."

Winning the money made his dream of being on the show even more special. Not for what he could get, but what he could give.

Capps decided to donate the money toward a kidney fund for his friend, Bob Van Matre, 50, of Temple. Van Matre undergoes kidney dialysis three times a week and needs \$25,000 for a kidney transplant.

"I'm a Christian," Capps said, "and I asked the Lord if you ever let me get on the show, I'll put whatever money I win to good use."

Which brings to mind the phrase, "what goes around comes around."

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Capps' winning phrase:  
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