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210-984-6149

December 10th Guild Christmas Social

9:00 am - Doors Open
10:00 am - Christmas
Social at:

Saint Andrew Presbyterian
Church, 8231 Callaghan Rd,
San Antonio, TX 78230

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

**NO MEETING
WILL BE HELD.**

Remember to
bring to the
meeting

- Name tag (wear it)
- Library books, & DVDs
- QPC projects
- Bright Hopes quilts
- Smiles for everyone

President's Letter

And so another year passes.

Let's Revisit October 2016 - The board at that time was rather desperate for a candidate for guild president. I had just wrapped up as auction chair and was ready for a well-deserved rest. However, some of my sewing circle friends encouraged me to put my name in the hat. Little did any of us know just how many years I would wear that hat! Six, gulp, six!

I was quite ready to step aside after two terms but then came the pandemic and how could I let someone new struggle through all that mess? Now, after moving guild meetings from Saint Andrew to Coker to Saint Francis to Covenant to Zoom and back to Saint Andrew, I think things have settled enough for someone new to take the helm. Elaine Staller is a long-time board member and has the skill to lead the guild through whatever may come in the next two years. Best of luck, Elaine!

There are nine elected officers on the guild board. Each one does more than the job description mentions. That phrase "and other duties as assigned" sure does cover a heck of a lot! Every person I had the honor to work with during my six years held themselves to a high standard and did their very best work in the interest of the guild. Sometimes the board meetings were long on discussion with everyone airing their views but in the end there was mutual agreement on what mattered. I never once had to use the first aid kit! Thank you each and every 2017-2022 board member (you know who you are).

I have had a wonderful time serving as President. I have learned so much. It has been an honor. I won't miss having to write these missives, though!

Happy holidays, everyone. May your new year be filled with blessings.

-- Mary

Secret Pals, 2023

Are you ready to join Secret Pals now that we're meeting in person again? Join us for a year of fun and excitement! Let's get started with a few things to know:

1. You must be a paid member for 2023.
2. Please try to remember your pal every month. This will make him or her feel appreciated and bring out the child that's in each of us when we receive a surprise.
3. Please arrange for someone to pick up your gift if you will not make a meeting. If you see that the gift you brought wasn't picked up, please take it back home and bring it next month. I will not keep unclaimed gifts from month to month.
4. If you have not received a gift for two months in a row please let me know. I want to make sure everything is ok with your secret pal. We understand that things come up, but we want to make sure that all participants enjoy the activity.

If you need to contact me, I can be reached at 210-387-6495 or

Melissa_777@earthlink.net.

Melissa Allo

Programs 2022

December – Holiday Party - bring at least 3 fat quarters if you care to participate in our Christmas dice game. If you would like to eat lunch, please bring your own. Guild will not be providing lunch, just cookies and water to drink.

January - Friday class, make a purse with Jeanette Jay. Saturday class - Make a tote bag with Gail Clover. Saturday lecture "Kinds of Scrap Quilts" by Sandra Lowell

February - Mini demo; wheelchair pockets (Cathy Wallace), foundation string blocks (Alicia Santiago), ruler work (Dea Jae) and continuous prairie points (Mary McCarthy). Sandra Lowell will give an introduction on block challenge and select top five winners.

Sandra

All guild members may advertise in the newsletter one free business card size each year. Must be quilt related.

NEWSLETTER INPUT

DEADLINE is Midnight the Monday after Guild meeting. E-mail: quiltnews@sanantonioquilt.org

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

	Monthly	Yearly
Full page ad	\$60.00	\$660
1/2 page ad (horizontal - 7 x 4 3/4 vertical - 3 3/8 x 9 1/2)	\$30.00	\$330
1/4 page ad	\$15.00	\$165
Business card (2 x 3.5)	\$10.00	\$110

For Sale:

Bernina 10 ft adjustable quilt frame with QuiltMotion software & hardware
Location: San Antonio TX
Price: \$2,200 or Best Offer
Contact: ekhawthorn@gmail.com

This is a 10 foot Bernina quilt frame and Bernina QuiltMotion (QM)/ QuiltCad software and hardware. You install the QM software on your Windows machine and use it to "drive" the carriage. QM comes with built in designs or you can buy quilting designs from the Internet. The QuiltCad software allows you to create your own quilting designs. If you have a Bernina 820 or 830 machine, the QM software/hardware should work. Installation instructions and manuals included. The carriage also can be used for hand guided quilting with your domestic machine.

A Grace Frame speed control is included. The frame, which includes four rails with leaders and four bungee cords to hold the quilt tight, can be set up in either 5 or 10 foot length.

Purchaser is responsible for take down, pickup, transportation, re-assembly and all associated costs.



Computer System Requirements
• Microsoft Windows® 2000, XP, Vista (32-bit/64-bit) or Windows 7 (32-bit/64-bit)
• Minimum of 500MB RAM
• USB Ports 2.0 or higher
• Minimum of 100MB available hard drive space
• Monitor resolution 1024x768 or higher

BUSY FINGERS WORKSHOP



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Huebner Oaks Farmers Market some Saturdays (weather permitting)

GSAQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 7, 2022

President Mary McCarthy called the virtual meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present: Dea Jae Shore, Sandy Doyle, Sandra Lowell, Ina Ramirez, Elaine Staller, Gail Clover, Oralia Aves, Cindy Shutt. Not present: Jean Hardies.

President – Mary McCarthy

1. The October Board Meeting Minutes were approved as published.
2. Postcards are ready to be mailed for the membership drive.
3. The mini retreat was wonderful!
4. Quilt Conference reminder to be held at the Quilt Haus, New Braunfels November 29 at 10:30 a.m.

President Pro Tem – Dea Jae Shore ~ Nothing to report.

Secretary – Oralia Aves

1. Two phone calls received.

Treasurer – Cindy Shutt

1. The current total balance is \$60,641.84.

1st VP for Special Events – Sandra Doyle

1. Power point update on the quilt show is the January program.
2. Secret Pals will start signing up in the November meeting.
3. Mini retreat went very well.
4. Summer retreat dates are July 19th – 23rd.
5. The raffle quilt will be revealed and raffle tickets sold at the November meeting.

2nd VP for Information – Ina Ramirez

1. Guild newsletter will be out for review.

3rd VP for Special Programs – Sandra Lowell

1. Two veteran quilts will be presented at the November meeting.
2. Patricia Clark is the speaker “Day for Girls” for the November program.
3. Holiday party; bring at least three fat quarters to participate in the December dice game. There will not be a meeting for December.
4. January program: Jeannette Jay will teach a class on wristlet (Friday) and Gail Cover will teach a class on tote bag (Saturday). Sandra Lowell will have a presentation on “Kinds of Scrap Quilts”.
5. February program: Mini demo; wheelchair pockets (Cathy Wallace), foundation string blocks (Alicia Santiago), ruler work (Dea Jae) and continuous prairie points (Mary McCarthy). Sandra Lowell will give an introduction on block challenge and select top five winners.
6. March program: Nova Montgomery will teach a featherweight maintenance workshop. The workshop fee for guild members is \$50 and \$75 for non-members.
7. April program: Joint meeting with African American Quilt Circle.
8. May program: Block challenge prize winners. Workshop after the meeting.
9. June program: Linda Kirk, class is pending.
10. July program: Garage sale
11. August program: Preview on the quilt show 2023.

4th VP for Services – Jean Hardies

1. President’s quilt top will be presented at the November meeting.

5th VP for Community Outreach – Elaine Staller

1. Bright Hopes, Linda Nash reports that the committee is very close to the Christmas challenge goal of 100 quilts. Challenge prize winners are Janice Frankenberger (17 completed quilts) and Cathy Wallace (7 quilt tops).
2. Community Education, Oralia Aves reports no activities.
3. Storybook Quilts, Viki Ash reports the following activities:
 - Six quilt kits were delivered to Jeannette Vilagi at Keystone School and four to Charmaine Bride at Medio Creek Elementary, six volunteer hours and ninety-six travel miles for October.
 - Recruitment efforts continue for Storybook quilts kits.
 - Six canvas bags for new quilt kits and copies of “The Day the Crayons Quilt” (in English and Spanish for future crayon quilt project) were purchased.
 - A copy of “Color Me” quilt pattern for crayon quilt was donated.
 - Guild members continue to work on paleta quilt tops (quilting and binding).
 - Committee assisted with rehangng quilt currently on display at Landa Branch Library.
4. Quilt Angels, Janet Miller reports that the committee met October 27 and sewed labels for two guild veteran quilts to be presented in November meeting. Backing and binding have been completed for two quilts. Cutting for two quilt kits has started. Committee members are still not permitted to visit the nursing home and will explore the Army Retirement Community (ARC). The VA nursing home in Floresville is another possibility for donations.

Parliamentarian – Gail Clover

1. Slate of officers for 2023 will be announced in the November meeting.

Old Business: None New Business: None Meeting adjourned: 8: 15 p.m. Minutes submitted by: Oralia Aves, Secretary

GSAQG General Meeting Minutes November 12, 2022

President, Mary McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10: 00 a.m. Present: Dea Jae Shore, Sandy Doyle, Ina Ramirez, Sandra Lowell, Jean Hardies, Elaine Staller, Gail Clover, Cindy Shutt, Oralia Aves

President – Mary McCarthy

1. Gail Clover, Parliamentarian, announced the slate officers as followed:
President – Elaine Staller; Secretary – Melissa Allo ; 2nd VP for Information – Ina Ramirez; 4th VP for Services – Jean Hardies; 5th VP for Community Outreach – Mary McCarthy
2. With no nominations from the floor, the board positions were approved.
3. The 2023 budget was approved as published.
4. Judy Pearl, guild member made a motion on October’s minutes regarding batting for Bright Hopes. Batting is available only for Bright Hopes quilt kits.
5. The October minutes were approved with a clarification regarding batting for Bright Hopes.
6. A Calico Rose was given to Linda Casias for Summer Retreat and a Calico Rosebud was given to Janet Miller for the fall mini-retreat.

President Pro Tem – Dea Shore

1. A good response was received from the membership drive survey. A link to do the survey is available on the website (right side of the website under Calender).

Secretary – Oralia Aves ~ Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Cindy Shutt ~ The current total balance is \$60,641.84.

1st VP for Events – Sandy Doyle

1. The fall mini-retreat went very well.
2. Melissa Allo still has openings for the winter retreat.
3. Sign up for Secret Pals starts in November meeting.
4. Linda Casias will be taking payments for the summer retreat in February 2023 (\$395).
5. Raffle quilt was revealed, “Weathering the Storms”.

2nd VP for Information – Ina Ramirez

1. Newsletter will be out for review.
2. Guild members may advertise in the newsletter one free business card size each year.

3rd VP for Special Programs – Sandra Lowell

1. Today’s program is the veteran quilt presentation and speaker Patricia Clark will speak on “Day for Girls”.
2. December program: Christmas Party! If you wish to participate in the December dice choice, bring at least three fat quarters. Cookies and water will be served. Members may bring a snack lunch if desired.

Calendar 2023:

3. January program: A presentation on scrappy quilts and the speaker is Sandra Lowell. Jeannette Jay will teach a class on wristlet (Friday) and Gail Clover will teach a class on tote bag (Saturday).
4. February program: Sandra Lowell will give an introduction on block challenge and select top five winners Mini demo; wheelchair pockets (Cathy Wallace), foundation string blocks (Alicia Santiago), ruler work (Dea Jae) and continuous prairie points (Mary McCarthy).

4th VP for Services – Jean Hardies

1. The total balance from the Auction is \$18,305.00 and the net balance is \$14,215.00.
2. The following names for door prizes are: Linda Casias, Jill Young, Cindy King, Yvonne Spears and Maritza Recuero.

5th VP for Community Outreach – Elaine Staller

1. Bright Hopes: Challenge prize winners are Janice Frankenberger (14 completed quilt) and Cathy Wallace (17 tops).
2. Community Education, Oralia Aves reports no activities.
3. Storybook Quilts, Viki Ash reports the following activities:
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 - Recruitment efforts continue for storybook quilts kits.
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 - A copy of “Color Me” quilt pattern for crayon quilt was donated.
 - Guild members continue to work on paleta quilt tops (quilting and binding).
 - Committee assisted with rehanging quilts currently on display at Landa Branch Library.
4. Quilt Angels, Janet Miller reports that the committee met October 27. Two quilts will be presented to member veterans before today’s program. Quilting and binding have been completed for two quilts. Committee members are still not permitted to visit the nursing home and will explore the Army Retirement Community (ARC). The VA nursing home in Floresville is another possibility for donations.
5. Janet Miller thanked the Angels Committee for work done on the two veteran quilts.

Parliamentarian – Gail Clover ~ Announcement was made of the slate of Officers.

Old Business: - None New Business: None Meeting adjourned: 11: 35 a.m. Minutes submitted by: Oralia Aves, Secretary

12.2022 Pieces of the Past, 152: **Espadrilles**, by Ellen Hernandez

These and other light weight sandals with soles of woven fiber rope have been dated to over 4,000 years ago from archeological sites in Egypt, Africa, and Asia. The thirteenth century infantry men of Aragon (formerly Spain, now partially France) wore this type of sandal with a fabric top and woven sole that became known as *espadrilles*. The name came from the esparto plant found in the Pyrenees Mountains used for weaving. Later on, the stronger jute fiber was used. Espadrilles have been made in Mauléon, southwestern France for generations. Typically, men wove the soles and women attached the linen fabric tops, sewing by hand. Originally considered peasant footwear, priests wore the sandals because they were inexpensive. Mine workers used the sandals in the late 1800s, requiring a new pair every week.



The hand-crafted sandals were made by local Mauléon French laborers but as the demand grew, more workers were needed for the thirty factories that had been built. Young girls aged 11-18 were recruited from the Basque regions of Spain. They traveled on foot seasonally every fall like *golondrinas* (swallows) from Spain to France across the Pyrenees Mountains, leaving family behind. It is estimated that over 80,000 *golondrinas* travelled to France between 1850 and 1930. From the 1890s to WW1 eighty percent of the espadrille workers were *golondrinas*. The Spanish girls were excited to enjoy the *modern* amenities in France such as fans, umbrellas, and mirrors.

With a change in mining practices using water to prevent explosions the espadrille companies adapted by attaching rubber soles to the woven jute. Espadrilles, called *alpargatas* in Spanish, were exported to South America. They became associated with labor workers in Argentina during the early Peron era, even being included in protest slogans. Nancy Wake became a famous British spy during WWII and was codenamed *White Mouse Espadrilles*. She and her French businessman husband helped hundreds of Jews escape occupied France.



Nancy had to escape herself in 1943 and crossed the Pyrenees to Spain, wearing espadrilles. From there she took a boat to England and was trained by the Special Operations Executive (SOE.) She was sent back to France for the duration of the war and was awarded medals from many countries for her heroic work.



Lauren Bacall is credited with making espadrilles widely popular when wearing them in her 1948 movie, *Key Largo*, along with Grace Kelly in *To Catch a Thief*. Known as a unisex shoe male stars like Bogart, James Mason, and John Wayne enjoyed them as well.

In the 1960s Yves Saint-Laurent added higher wedged heels and used ankle ribbons in his espadrille version. Dali and JFK were often seen wearing espadrilles. *Miami Vice* sockless character Sonny Crockett helped revive the espadrille in the 1980s.



Espadrille styles continue to evolve – upscale Chanel, Dolce&Gabbana, Bottega Veneta, etc - and remain popular as warm weather attire.

A fascinating video shows the Maeléon production today using 100-year plus braiding machine and loom, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmVb5mXVwx8> Video of the *swallows* history can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gz9xSalfBtM>

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild

Treasurer's Report

For the Eleven months ending November 30, 2022

	YTD Actual	2022 Budget
REVENUES		
Ordinary Income:		
Interest	\$1.07	400.00
CD Interest	\$205.50	
Other income		
Garage Sale		
Magazine Sales	\$82.00	
Namedage Fines	\$11.80	
Newsletter Postage		
Dues - Membership	\$2,999.00	2,500.00
Newsletter / Directory Ads	\$120.00	250.00
Workshops	\$1,950.00	800.00
Fund Raising:		
Quilt Show	\$2,515.00	0.00
Raffle Quilt		0.00
Challenge Quilt Contest		0.00
Auction	\$18,405.50	10,000.00
Self-Sustaining:		
Retreat - Summer	\$12,124.69	\$10,000.00
Retreat - Winter	\$6,475.00	\$10,000.00
Mini-Retreats	\$600.00	\$500.00
Houston Bus Trip		\$2,500.00
One Time Donation	\$1,107.00	
Total Revenues	\$46,596.56	\$36,950.00
EXPENSES		
Administration:		
Administration	\$514.82	400.00
Bank & CC	\$954.43	500.00
Insurance	\$1,574.60	3,000.00
Office Supplies & Postage	\$216.13	250.00
CPA / Tax Return	\$600.00	600.00
Door Prizes		0.00
Telephone	\$230.85	250.00
Storage facility	\$3,777.00	4,000.00
Rent (Meetings)	\$2,240.00	3,000.00
Rent (Workshops)	\$280.00	750.00
Janitorial	\$175.00	1,800.00
Membership expenses:		
Membership Supplies	\$339.50	
Newsletter / Directory Printing	\$148.75	200.00
Postage	\$43.68	200.00

Zoom Subscription	\$160.02	200.00
Webpage		280.00

Quilt Show	\$6,197.71	0.00
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Challenge Quilt Contest Prizes		
Auction	\$3,341.51	3,500.00

Community Activities:		
Bright Hopes	\$800.00	800.00
Storybook Quilts	\$62.09	250.00
Community Education		150.00
Quilt Angels	\$328.35	400.00
ITC		25.00

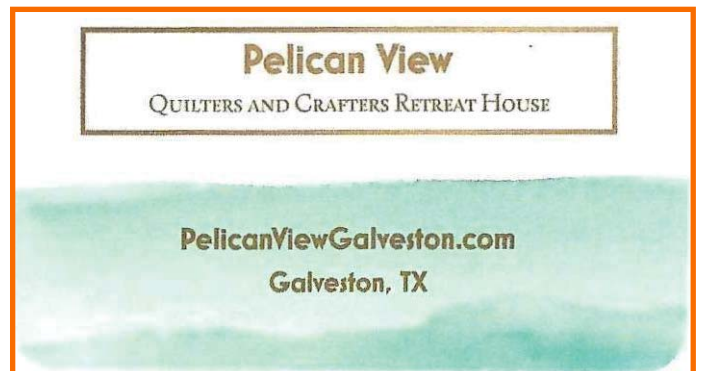
Membership Services & Activities:		
Ethel Howey Grant		\$1,000.00
Library		\$-
QPC	\$19.49	\$275.00
QPFC		\$275.00
Video Library		\$-
Programs	\$3,356.60	\$1,500.00
Workshops	\$1,770.00	\$1,500.00

Self-Sustaining Activities:		
Mini-Retreats	\$600.00	\$500.00
Retreat - Summer	\$11,984.24	\$10,000.00
Retreat - Winter	\$6,475.00	\$10,000.00
Houston Bus Trip		\$2,500.00
Total Expenses	\$46,189.77	\$48,105.00
Net	\$406.79	\$(11,155.00)

Ending Frost Operating	\$36,390.80	
Ending Frost Savings	\$1,113.39	
SSFCU CD's & Savings	\$22,737.62	
SSFCU Wright Class CD	\$12,721.25	

Liabilities		
Winter Retreat Fees	\$(12,535.00)	
Total Guild Funds	\$60,428.06	

Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer





Thank you to the Community Quilt Angels Committee for the beautiful valor quilt I received in November. I'm not certain who all the members are but I think some responsible for the work were Janet Miller, Barbara Sumlin, Bernie Farris, Vonnie Maglinte, and Janice Frankenberger. The star quilting pattern was a lovely choice. As soon as I got home to take a picture, my Chester had to make a quick 'cat scan' and reported it *good to go!*

Ellen Hernandez, US Army Reserves

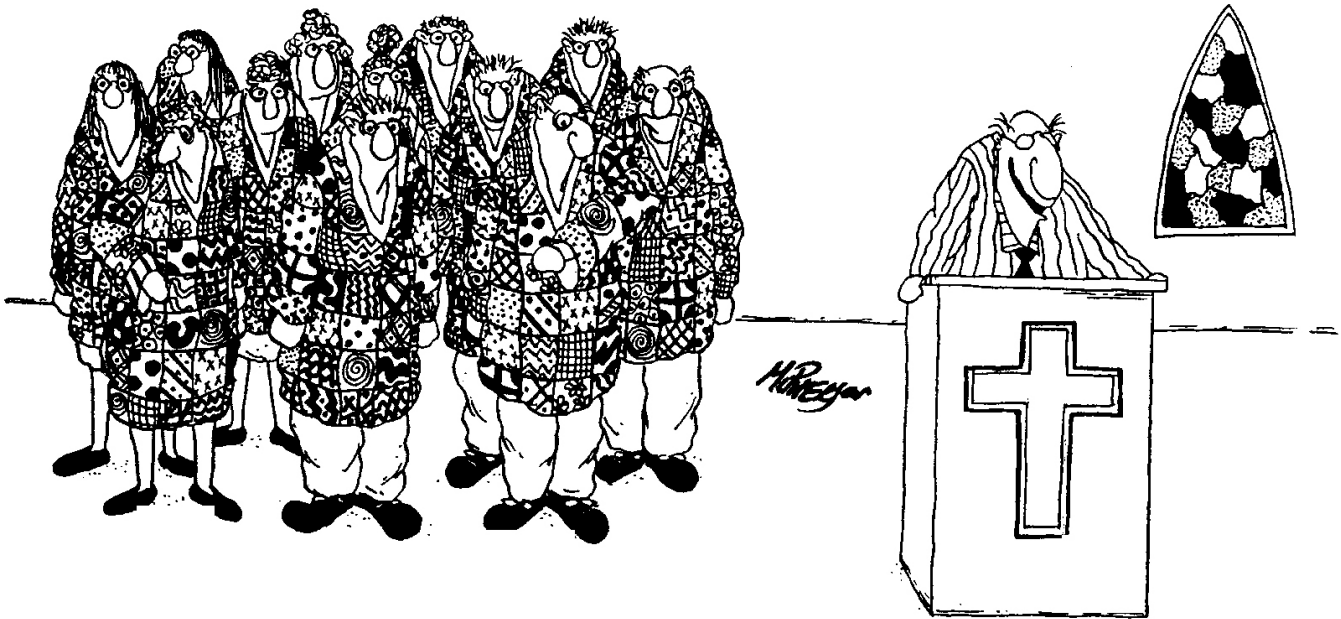
Hello!

I was referred to your organization by the quilters at Las Colchas. I found a very old quilt face (?)/ front in my mother's basement some time ago. I brought it to the aforementioned quilt shop and they think the fabric is of Civil War era vintage. It has some holes and moth-eaten spots. I'd like to find out if someone could restore it, and how much that would cost. I'm interested in having it quilted so I can possibly hang it.

Any help you could offer would be appreciated!

Thanks, Sharon Martin

210-287-5168



"Many thanks to the Ladies' Quilting Club for the new choir robes."

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



December Schedule

December 5 Board Meeting 12:30 PM

December 10 Christmas Party 10:00 AM
Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Check out the calendar on our web page for Bee meetings and other Guild related events.

Board of Directors

President	Mary McCarthy
President Pro Tem	DeaJea Shore
1st Vice President	
for Special Events	Sandra Doyle
2nd Vice President	
for Information	Ina Ramirez
3rd Vice President	
for Programs	Sandra Lowell
4th Vice President	
for Services	Jean Hardies
5th Vice President for	
Community Outreach	Elaine Staller
Secretary	Oralia Aves
Treasurer	Cindy Shutt
Parliamentarian	Gail Clover

Term expires December 2022

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REGULAR DUES	\$ 28
SENIOR (65+)	\$ 21
YOUTH (6-18)	\$ 7

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