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Year in review

The Sign, the Creek, the Election make 1994 memorable for Salado

by **Tim Fleischer**
Editor-in-Chief

What a year 1994 was in Salado!

Just as scandal topped the headlines across the nation with the Simpson trial, the most memorable story of 1994 in Salado was scandalous in its own right.

Who can forget the two days of terror caused by The Sign?

Salado buzzed with excitement and anger about the possibility of a "gentleman's club" smack dab in the middle of the historic district.

The Sign brought back to life discussion of incorporation, which died down as soon as the sign came

down.

Other top stories in 1994 include the contamination of Salado Creek with fecal coliform, the possibility of a rock crusher within a mile of Stillhouse Hollow Lake and residential areas, a bond election set for January 1995 and Salado being one of the few "recognized" districts in the state.

These were just a few of the headlines in the *Salado Village Voice* this year.

This was a humdinger of a year in politics as state, county and local races heated up even before Labor Day. Across the ballot, races were contested and closely fought with Republicans taking many of the

open seats with few exceptions: Chet Edwards won his seat, County Judge John Garth kept his spot, Justice of the Peace Don Svadlenak fought off Saladoan Jody Arnold for his second term and Bill Sims beat Hugh Shine for the newly created State Senators seat.

Next year will have a hard act to follow but shows early promise as Saladoans will go to the polls Jan. 21 to decide a \$5.7 million bond issue for construction of a new high school and renovations at the present campuses.

What else will 1995 have in store for us. Only time and the *Salado Village Voice* will tell.



Who can forget the hoopla surrounding The Sign? Chisholm Trail Republicans hold final meeting of year

Members of the Chisholm Trail Republican Women's Organization met recently at Mill Creek Club dining room in Salado to present awards and to install officers for '95.

Retiring president MaryBelle Brown gave the annual report which highlighted the successes of 1994. Several records were broken, including membership, number of campaign volunteer hours by members, number of community service hours and completion of several community service projects. Certificates were presented to members for their campaign and community service hours.

Outstanding community service awards were presented to Jack Hardin, Lloyd Parks, Jasper Barrett, and Tom Brown. Tom Brown was given the "Volunteer of the Year Award" for his work as a reserve deputy sheriff in the Salado area.

Donna Crothers, chairman of the Caring For

America Committee, presented the community service awards.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented by retiring officers and committee chairmen. These were Jimmie Vernon, vice president; Jean Westerberg, secretary; Margaret Rogers, treasurer; Awards Chairman, Virginia Buckman; Americanism Chairman, Wylene Williams; Finance Chairman, Mary Ann Lanthier; Hospitality Chairman, Joan Nolting; Public Relations Chairman, Lana Brown; Parliamentarian, Sean Proctor and chaplain Tim Brown.

New members recognized were Mildred Smith, Evelyn Lane, Chet Crothers, Sandy Scully, Barbara Lenis, Mary Bowles, Joyce Pennington and Rick Miller.



Town meeting set Jan. 4 to discuss \$5.7 million bond issue for SISD

A town meeting to discuss the proposed bond election will be held 7:30 p.m. Jan. 4, 1995 in the school cafeteria.

School trustees voted unanimously to set a Jan. 21, 1995 bond election of \$5.7 million to build a new high school and renovate present campuses.

The \$5.7 million bond package will likely result in a tax increase of almost 21

cents per \$100. The first year, if the bond passes, taxes will increase 14.22 cents over \$100. The following year, taxes will increase 6.63 cents per \$100.

The board voted Dec. 13 to purchase 62 acres of land at the corner of Rose Lane and Amity East at \$2,000 per acre. The purchase of land is contingent upon the passage of the bond issue as it will be where the ne

high school will be located.

Earlier, trustees considered purchasing 25-100 acres on Holland Road for the proposed high school buildings.

Trustees chose the land north of Salado for a total savings of over \$180,000.

Early absentee voting will begin Jan. 2 at the Salado Superintendent's office in the Salado Civic Center.

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Reviews in Review

Here's a reminder of the movies I watched in 1994 and how I ranked them. See if my list matches yours (probably not very closely).

If you have missed any of the top-ranked movies, they are available at IGA Village Foods Videos and should not be missed.

If it was ranked ** or less, forget it, you aren't missing anything.

My favorite movie in 1994 was **Shindler's List**, followed closely by **In the Name of the Father**.

Favorite Actor: Daniel Day-Lewis in **In the Name of the Father**

Favorite Actress: Holly Hunter in **The Piano**.

Favorite Director: **Steven Spielberg**

******* One of the Best**

- Fearless
- In the Name of the Father
- Jurassic Park
- Schindler's List
- The Fugitive
- The Piano

****** Better than Many**

- In the Line of Fire
- Indian Summer
- Flesh and Bone

- Needful Things
- Speed
- The Client
- The House of the Spirits
- The Paper
- The Three Musketeers
- Tombstone

***** Reaches Mediocrity**

- A Perfect World
- Dave
- Greedy
- Malice
- The Crow
- Wyatt Earp

**** A dog with spots**

- Bad Girls
- Geronimo
- Maverick
- No Escape
- Nowhere to Run
- Reality Bites
- Striking Distance
- The Chase
- The Hudsucker Proxy
- The Pelican Brief

*** A dog**

- China Moon
- Intersection
- Gunmen
- Last Action Hero
- Mother's Boys
- Demolition Man

Columnist reflects on 1994 politics

Once again we have arrived at that special time of the year when we can look back at 365 days of good and bad times while at the same time softening things with a glance ahead at what we may optimistically hope will be the best year yet.

There are three groups of folks who will be affected politically during 1995. The first is that happy, hardy gang of elected lawmakers who will take office on or about January 1, and from that time on will be doing the things that politicians do when turned loose on our state and nation's capitals. Group two includes those who watch and report on group one. They have the easy job since there is usually plenty to write about regardless of the reporter's point of view or whether said commentator is supposed to be serious or funny. The final segment of the population includes everyone left who are recipients of group one and two's efforts.

You know them well - the taxpaying public who never seems to tire of hearing those age-old words, "I'm from the government and I'm here to help you!" This patient majority also spends enormous amounts of time each year, accord-

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



ing to surveys, following politics through the eyes of the liberal and/or conservative media. They are also hooked on jabber-radio which presents the way-out views of the ultra zanies who pull in the big bucks and offer listeners little hope but plenty of hype.

National

The coming year will focus on what the new GOP leadership will be doing in Washington.

Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole, as leaders of Congress, have a great opportunity to create change if they avoid politics as usual which usually derails the best of intentions. The new "backbenchers" will try to rebuild, but much like old Frankenstein's monster that was redesigned time after time and still lurched around in the same old way.

This will be the Demos fate if they don't come up with some acceptable middle ground objectives. The battles between the "ins" and "outs" will be interesting to observe. What will be even more in-

teresting will be any positive results emerging from all the political palaver.

State Stuff

Texas will have a chance to see what George W. Bush can produce as he takes over as only the second Republican Governor since reconstruction. One thing for sure, he has more going for him than old Wild-Bill Clements. Bush thinks before he speaks and his ideas are main-stream. How he adjusts to the trench warfare called legislative law-making is another matter. It will be well worth keeping track of since a lot of pocketbook issues are coming up including funding more dollars for education, prisons, highways and criminal justice at the expense of welfare, human resources and health for the less well-to-do. Reason is the icon "No-New-Taxes" that is worshipped by all who seek reelection.

Salado

Salado has had a fine 1994. The Art Fair, Antique Show, Homes Tour and holiday stroll were all successful. Merchants have reported good sales this year. Growth (peoples, homes and commercial) has been steady. The Chamber

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Tax breaks for seniors

Age 55? 60? 65? Senior citizens can take advantage of many special tax benefits. Different ones kick in at different age milestones.

Some benefits are for seniors age 65 or older. The Internal Revenue Service considers persons age 65 on the day before their 65th birthday. So those who turn 65 on January 1, 1995, are considered to be age 65 on the last day of 1994.

For 1994, single seniors age 65 or older don't have to file a federal income tax return if their income is less than \$7,200. The limit for a married couple filing a joint return is \$12,000 if only one spouse is a senior, and \$12,750 if both spouses are seniors.

Those age 65 or older who don't itemize deductions can take advantage of a higher standard deduction than that offered to other people. And those who are blind get an added amount on top of that.

Seniors or people with disabilities may qualify for

the credit for the elderly or the disabled. This tax credit, based on age, income and filing status, can reduce the taxes they owe.

It's usually not available if the person's 1994 income level requires the reporting of any part of Social Security benefits as taxable income. People under age 65 are eligible for this credit if they retire with total and permanent disability and have income from a public or private employer because of that disability.

Only seniors age 55 or older get a once-in-a-lifetime tax break. Those who are selling their personal residence may qualify for the exclusion of up to \$125,000 of gain on the home sale. Certain use and ownership restrictions also apply to this one-time exclusion from gross income. There are special rules for persons with disabilities and for widows or widowers.

Persons age 60 or older needing assistance with

their tax returns can count on Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE). Through this program, volunteers from many organizations provide free tax information and guidance. Local IRS offices have information on TCE locations.

For more information, the following free publications covering tax issues of interest to seniors can be ordered by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-3676.

- Publication 502, Medical and Dental Expenses
- Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax
- Publication 523, Selling Your Home
- Publication 524, Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled
- Publication 554, Tax Information for Older Americans
- Publication 910, Guide to Free Tax Services
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by **Ilene C. Miller**
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How can you know if a particular charity is reputable? The Council of Better Business Bureaus has developed the following questions to help consumers in deciding whether to give to a particular charity:

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- Does it state clearly that you are not obligated to pay for or return any

enclosed, unordered items?

- Does it include an address where you can write for more information?

- Does it state whether donations are tax-deductible?

- Is the appeal overly emotional in trying to pressure to give?

Telephone Solicitations:

- Does the solicitor clearly identify the sponsoring organization and purpose of the call?

- Does the appeal have overtones of intimidation or harassment?

- If soliciting for a special event, what percentage of donations is tax deductible?

- Does the solicitor try to pressure you into a decision by insisting on the need for immediate collection?

Door-to-Door

and Street Appeals:

- Does the solicitor carry identification specifying the benefiting organization and solicitor's name?

- Does the solicitor make clear, if selling merchandise such as candy or magazine subscription, how much goes to the organization?

- If children are soliciting, are they supervised by an adult?

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Beautiful Campbell Branch is now known to many as Rock Creek

The story of Campbell Branch

by Mary Belle Brown
contributor

Another Salado treasure and a closely guarded secret is Campbell Branch, a beautiful spot in the center of the village.

A natural phenomenon, Campbell Branch has its beginning several miles west of Salado on the Clyde Capps Ranch. It continues through the village of Salado and joins Salado creek, just south of the Head - Pennington-Cutler properties.

Campbell Branch begins as a dry shallow rock-lined ditch or gully, four or five feet wide and only a few inches deep. It winds its way toward Salado through brushy pasture land passing north of the Salado School bus and ag barns and continuing on toward west Village Road. It passes under West Village Road through culverts and a few feet north of the Salado School Road intersection.

The branch continues on to Interregional Highway 35 where it passes under the two service roads and the highway and on eastward just north of the Methodist Church where it gradually widens and begins a series of falls.

It then passes under the North Main Street bridge beside Sir Wigglesworth and forms a beautiful miniature canyon north of the development known as "Rock Creek".

Why or how this came to be remains one of Mother Nature's mysteries.

Campbell Branch then passes through rock formations before it again becomes a narrow and shallow gully and joins Salado Creek.

During heavy rains, torrents of water rush from west of Salado through the branch on the creek West Village Road becomes impassable as a body of water several hundred feet wide crosses over it. Church Street also becomes impassable when the dip in the street near the Methodist Church becomes flooded. But because Campbell Branch is a watershed, these are temporary inconveniences.

A few small but beautiful surface pools of water may be found behind the Rock creek Development. During prolonged droughts, these will likely disappear because of natural evaporation.

At one spot, a trickle of water disappears into a crack in the rock and reappears a few feet away from underneath a rock shelf.

According to local naturalist, Chester Critchfield, there may be a few underground seeps but there are no springs in the area.

The owners of Sir Wigglesworth's have taken advantage of the natural beauty of the branch adjoining their property and have landscaped it into a park-like setting. Visitors to the shop may enjoy a spectacular view looking through the north windows.

Many generations of children growing up in Salado have enjoyed exploring and playing up and down the branch and using the space underneath the North Main Street bridge as a clubhouse. At one spot numerous initial shaves have been carved in the rock. One can imagine that Indians walked this same way only about 150 years ago.

When builder Darwin Britt named his development "Rock Creek", newcomers to Salado began substituting the name "Rock Creek" for "Campbell Branch" and that's how it all began!

But it's really Campbell Branch. This name appears on all maps of Bell County, both old and new. Older residents report that the branch was named for the Dave Campbell family who lived in a house located immediately north of the branch on Main Street in the late 1800's.

Campbell Branch may be viewed from the Main street bridge, looking either east or west, but is otherwise inaccessible to the public since the land on both sides of the branch it runs through is privately owned.

What tales could be told if only giant oak trees and rocks could talk? (This is the first in a series of articles contributed by MaryBelle Brown, a member of the Bell County Historical Commission, who is writing a history of Main Street, Salado.)

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Salado Library to acquire computer network system

The Salado Public Library has received a Christmas present. The Tocker Foundation of Dallas has awarded the Library a grant to computerize the Library and to establish a computer network with the school libraries.

The school system and the Library have had an excellent relationship for many years. The children's programs, aimed mainly at the elementary school level, have had a wonderful attendance and have been enthusiastically received.

The school libraries have been partially automated for several years and have recently come up to full automation. All student library cards have bar codes and all books and other library materials are similarly bar-coded. This makes identifying the student, the book she/he wants to borrow, and tracking that book through the system much easier. The children know how this system works and use it every day.

The Public Library will have a similar system, with all books bar-coded and new Patron Card with bar codes

issued to all Library patrons. A complex mysterious system? No this isn't much different than buying something at a department store. It may seem mysterious, but it really isn't. It just does it automatically and accurately. Now they'll be using it at the circulation desk at your public library.

A citizen will be able to borrow a book, book-on-tape or a videotape from the school collection. The patron's card will be honored at the school and the student's card at the Library. The usual rules and regulations apply concerning book-return time to either library. Further, if the student/patron can't find the desired book in either collection, the Public Library can get that book from the Austin Public Library or one of the other large libraries in the Central Texas Library System.

This is a big project, when you consider it must all be accomplished by volunteers who are untrained in either library or computer sciences. It will take 12-18 months to complete.



Jessica Grimm

Grimm joins NHS

Jessica Grimm, a former student at Salado High School was recently elected into the National Honor Society at Pflugerville High School.

Jessica is active in sports participating on the track team and many other school activities.

Her grandparents, Harley and Mildred Grimm of Salado, attended the induction ceremony.

Salado Library announces hours

The Salado Public Library located at the Salado Civic Center is open Mon-Fri 1-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

To obtain information the library activities call 947-9191.

Salado Calendar of Events

Jan. 2 - the Salado Village Voice office will be closed

Jan. 3 - 10 a.m. Salado Village Artist meet at the Salado Art Center 8:30 a.m. Board meets

Jan. 3 - Monthly testing by the Salado Creek Watch Committee of the Salado Historical Society. Observers welcome. For info call 947-5552 during the day.

Jan 4 - 7:30 Town Hall meeting on School Bond issue at school cafeteria

Jan 5 - 9 a.m. Salado Chamber of Commerce Merchants Committee meets at the Civic Center

Jan 11 - 11:30 a.m. Lions Club meets at the Mill Creek Country Club

Jan 12 - 6 p.m. Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meet at the Civic Center.

Jan. 14 - 9 a.m.- 11 a.m. Food Pantry distributes food at the First Baptist Church

Jan 14 - 8:15 p.m. Annual meeting Mill Creek Men's Golf Association

Jan 28 - 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Food Pantry distribution at the First Baptist Church

Jan. 28 - 7 p.m. Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet at the school cafeteria. Tickets \$15 per person. For tickets call 947-5040

Jan. 25 - 11:30 a.m. Lions Club meets at the Mill Creek Country Club

Jan. 28 - 7:30 p.m. Mill Creek Country Club general membership meeting

For your club or organization to be listed on this monthly calendar of events call the Salado Village Voice at 947-5321, by the 30th of each month.

Shred your Christmas tree!

December 31, noon to 3 p.m. those once enjoyable live Christmas trees will be shredded in the IGA parking lot. Make sure all ornaments have been removed. Flocked and artificial trees cannot be shredded.

After your tree is shredded

you may pick up some chips for mulching flower beds and gardens. Bring a strong bag or container to be filled.

If you can not bring your tree on Dec. 31.

The next regular recycling day is 9 a.m.- noon Jan. 14. in the IGA parking lot.

The Salado Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Salado Under-14 Girls Soccer Team for bringing home a State Championship! We are proud of you!



The Salado Under 14 girls soccer team are the following (bottom row, from left) Laura Schatte, Shelly Dillon, Nikole Jackson, Shellie Grimm, Hope Buchanan, (second row) Jennifer Punchard, Brittney Creek, Sommer Wilson, Sarah Buchanan, Brooke Simpson, (top row) Katie Punchard, Coach Ed, Courtney Creek, Coach Jackson, Jeni Hanson. The team is sponsored by Buachanan & Daughters Industrial Maintenance Service.

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Texas has dramatic increase in business travel in 1993

While business travel declined by 2 percent nationally in 1993, Texas posted dramatically increasing numbers according to a study commissioned by the Texas Department of Commerce Tourism Division's Research and Product Development section. The 1993 Report of Travel to Texas reports that nationally, business accounted for 24 percent of all 1993 travel, while business travel to Texas totaled 34 percent of all travel. The 54 million business trips taken in 1993 to Texas represent an increase of 13 percent over 1992 numbers.

Business travel is defined as travel with at least one night away from home or a day trip out of the local area (50+ miles one way) to conduct business. Business travel consists of business meetings (conventions, seminars/training, and other group meetings), transient business (sales, consulting, government/military, repair/service, and stopovers), and job change. According to the report, U.S. residents took 54 million business person trips to Texas in 1993. Non-Texans accounted for 15 million of these trips, an increase of 25 percent, while Texans took 39 million, an increase of 11 percent. Texas' healthy economy has much to do with its popularity among business travelers.

"Texas is a great state to do business," says Stan Hodge, travel research coordinator for the Tourism Division. "Business as a whole in Texas is generally up, which leads to business


travel being up as well. The corporate world knows that if you want a business to succeed, Texas is the place to be."

Travel pumps \$22.85 billion into the Texas economy, and is estimated to be the state's third leading industry. In fact, without the more than 420,000 travel-generated jobs in Texas, the state's 1993 unemployment rate of 7 percent would have grown to 12.7 percent. Many of these jobs are supported by business travel expenditures.

Total daily expenditures per person are \$189 for non-Texans and \$87 for Texans. The majority of travel spending comes in the way of transportation costs, with non-Texans spending \$87 per day and Texans averaging \$30 per day. Room expenditures account for \$43 per day for non-Texans and \$22 per day for Texans traveling in-state on business. Other daily expenditures per person include food, shopping, and entertainment.

Relocations, expansions, and the North American Free Trade Agreement all contribute to the increase of business travel to Texas. Working in tandem with Commerce's Business Development and Work Force Development Divisions, the Tourism Division will continue to promote the business of travel in Texas.

The 1993 Report of Travel to Texas was prepared for Commerce by D.K. Shiffler and Associates of McLean, Virginia. Copies of the report can be obtained by calling 512/462-9191.



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Federal Crop Insurance Reform Act 1994

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Key components of the Federal Crop Insurance Reform Act of 1994 include the following:

1. Catastrophic crop insurance coverage: The Federal crop insurance program makes available to growers of insured crops a new catastrophic coverage level (CAT coverage) for a nominal administrative fee of \$50 per crop per county up to a maximum of \$600 per producer for all counties in which a producer has insured crops. The administrative fee may be waived for limited resource farmers. The purpose is to make coverage affordable and widely used.

Policies will cover pre-

vented planting as well as crop losses, and will be available based on the Actual Production History Plan (APHP) of Multiple Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI). CAT coverage under APHP provides a coverage age level at 60 percent of the APHP yield of your farm and 60 percent of the expected market price. These coverage levels are comparable to disaster relief programs in recent years. The difference is that CAT coverage is an individual insurance policy, and potential benefits are not dependent on multiple state disasters or a budget-driven political process.

Insurance policies are contracts that a farmer may use as collateral. In a future agricultural crisis, farmers will know the extent of their protection and taxpayers know the limits of their exposure.

2. Additional Coverage: Many producers need higher levels of coverage than the catastrophic coverage plan offers. The new law provides increased subsidies for higher insurance coverage levels under both the APHP and GRP plans of MPCI. Over time, these new incentives should encourage participation at higher levels of coverage.

3. Linkage to farm programs: To ensure the widest participation, crop insurance coverage at the CAT level or above is a requirement to be eligible for any price support or production adjustment program, the Conservation Reserve Program, or any Farmers Home Administration farm ownership, operating, or emergency loans. The purpose of linkage is to guarantee that, in disaster strikes, the majority of U.S. farmer will be

protected.

4. Delivery: Farmers may obtain catastrophic coverage either through a private insurance agent or through a local USDA office. Higher insurance coverages, referred to as Additional Coverages, are generally only available only from private insurance agents. The goal is to provide the most convenient and efficient means of quickly providing catastrophic crop insurance coverage to the largest number of farmers.

5. Uninsured crops: The Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) provides a catastrophic level of coverage for many uninsurable crops. Two things must happen for a producer to be paid under NAP. First, the average area yield for the crop must fall below 65 percent of the expected area yield established by FCIC. Second, the farm must experience losses in excess of 50 percent of the established farm yield. If both of these conditions are met, the producer will be paid for losses in excess of 50 percent of the established farm yield at 60 percent of the average price for the crop.

6. Repeal of standing disaster assistance authority: Current authorities for standing crop disaster relief are repealed. The new law replaces the need for disaster bills as the Federal response to emergencies involving widespread crop loss.

As added protection, the legislation exempts appropriations for agricultural crop disaster assistance from designation as an "emergency" for purposes of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. This action essentially places potential crop disaster bills on budget, meaning that they would have to be funded by off-setting spending cuts rather than proceeding as "emergency" spending. Therefore, the primary vehicle for providing farmers assistance will be the federal crop insurance program.

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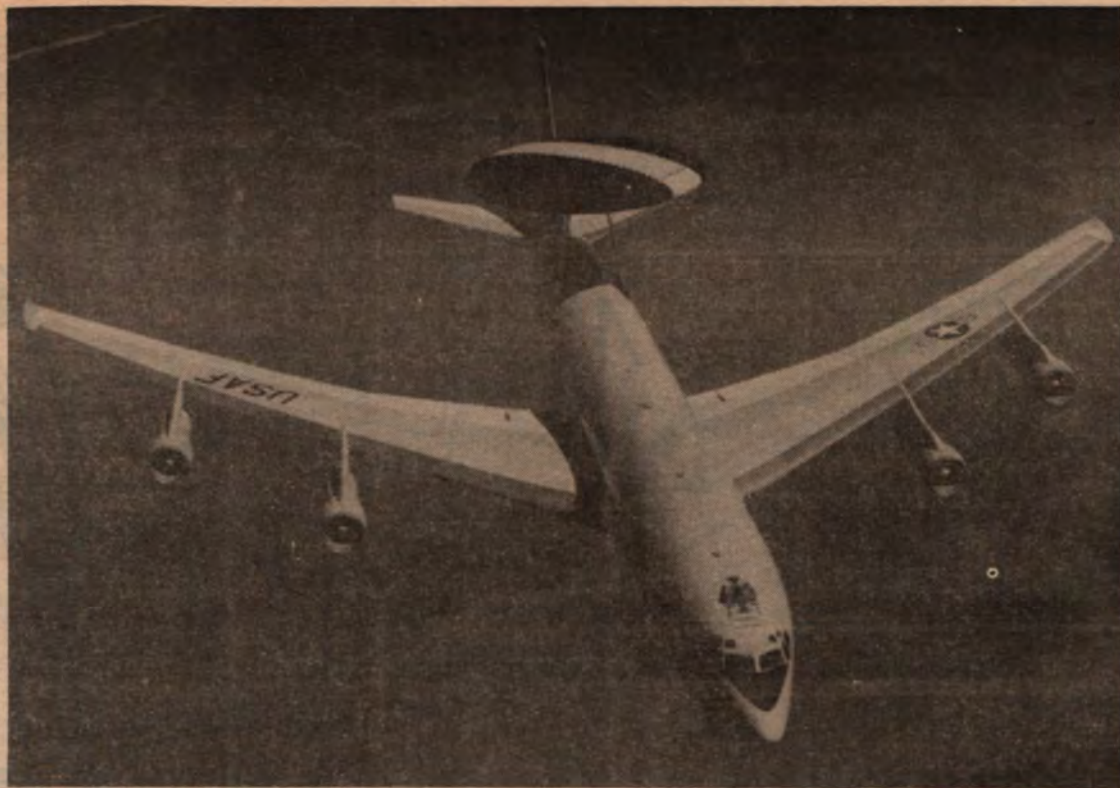


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E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) (Photo by Boeing Co.)

Aviation: Why US needs AWACS

by C.L. "Jack" Jones
Contributor

November 11th. with 100 large American flags rippling in the morning wind, the Olin E. Teague Veterans Center in Temple became the perfect setting for the observance of Veterans Day 1994. Add to that patriotic scene the eleventh-hour memorial services at which the front rows were occupied by disabled veterans in their wheelchairs or on crutches. Such a setting should make even the most hardened observer more conscious of the high price of American vigilance.

Our speaker for the memorial service. Brig. Gen. James O'Neal, chief of staff, III Corps and Fort Hood, a combat veteran himself, gave us two paramount thoughts to ponder that morning—"true courage is a result of reasoning," and "freedom is not free."

"Sitting with me and likewise inspired by the general's presentation was Maj. Jody Arnold of Salado, recently retired from the Air Force. Arnold served the last six years of a 20-year career as one of the rarest of Air Force birds—an Instructor aboard an E-3 Sentry AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) aircraft for the 552nd Air Control Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. The Oklahoma address is misleading for this outfit inasmuch as it operates its 29 Sentry aircraft all over the globe. Sometimes, it is away out front of our Global Air Force."

This past July, the 552nd ACW was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for its two year deployment of E-3 AWACS and personnel to Saudi

Arabia for Operation Southern Watch; to Turkey for Operation Provide Comfort; to Panama to spearhead the nation's war on drug traffic into the U.S.; to Bosnia with EC-130 aircraft to support Operation Deny Flight.

Dear reader, the bare essential you need to know about the E-3 Sentry AWACS 19 that it is a very sophisticated radar, radio and computer platform which can be hung up there around 29,000 feet and see almost anything that moves in the Air, on water or land; and report that exact location to allied forces for attack or not to attack.

E-3 Sentry aircraft were among the first to deploy during Operation Desert Shield where they immediately established an around-the-clock radar screen to defend against Iraqi aggression. During Desert Storm, E-3 AWACS flew more than 400 missions and logged more than 5,000 hours of on-station time. They provided radar surveillance and control to more than 120,000 coalition sorties.

The end of Desert Storm did not end the critical need for our E-3 Sentries to watch over the ramparts of Southwest Asia. Since the end of that war, our Sentry AWACS aircraft have flown 30,000 hours of "watch and control time" — 30,000 hours.

Arnold says that during his years as an AWACS crew instructor the shortage of experienced personnel was a continuing problem (one complete crew consists of four in the cockpit and 18 "scope-heads") in the back; average Airborne time 15 hours; add ground briefing time).

In the flying game, per-

sonnel inexperience and 18-hour workdays can result in severe problems: particularly during the down-sizing phase of our armed forces.

No unforeseen problem could arise that could be more deplorable than the shoot-down of two U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters last April 14 over Iraq. All 26 on board (Including 15 Americans) were killed when the choppers were destroyed by missiles fired from two U.S. Air Force F-15 fighters. One F-16 was piloted by the squadron commander himself.

When it comes down to placing the blame for this Air calamity. Arnold leans on the AWACS scope-heads for failing to declare the helicopters as "friendlies"—at least, not enemies. However, the possibility exists that the helicopters were not transmitting their identification friend or foe in the proper manner—which fact would be disadvantageous to the AWACS crew find the F-15 pilots.

As a former fighter jock myself, I lay most of the blame on the 15 squadron commander. Obviously, the F-15s were not about to be fired upon in an aerial combat situation; they might even have circled and eyeballed the chopper more closely to ensure that they were, in fact, not Soviet-built Iraqi Mi-24 "Hinds" trespassing in a "no-fly zone" over Iraq.

That shoot-down took six minutes out of the total 30,000 hours AWACS patrol time flown in that area since the Gulf War — in a fraction of the time.

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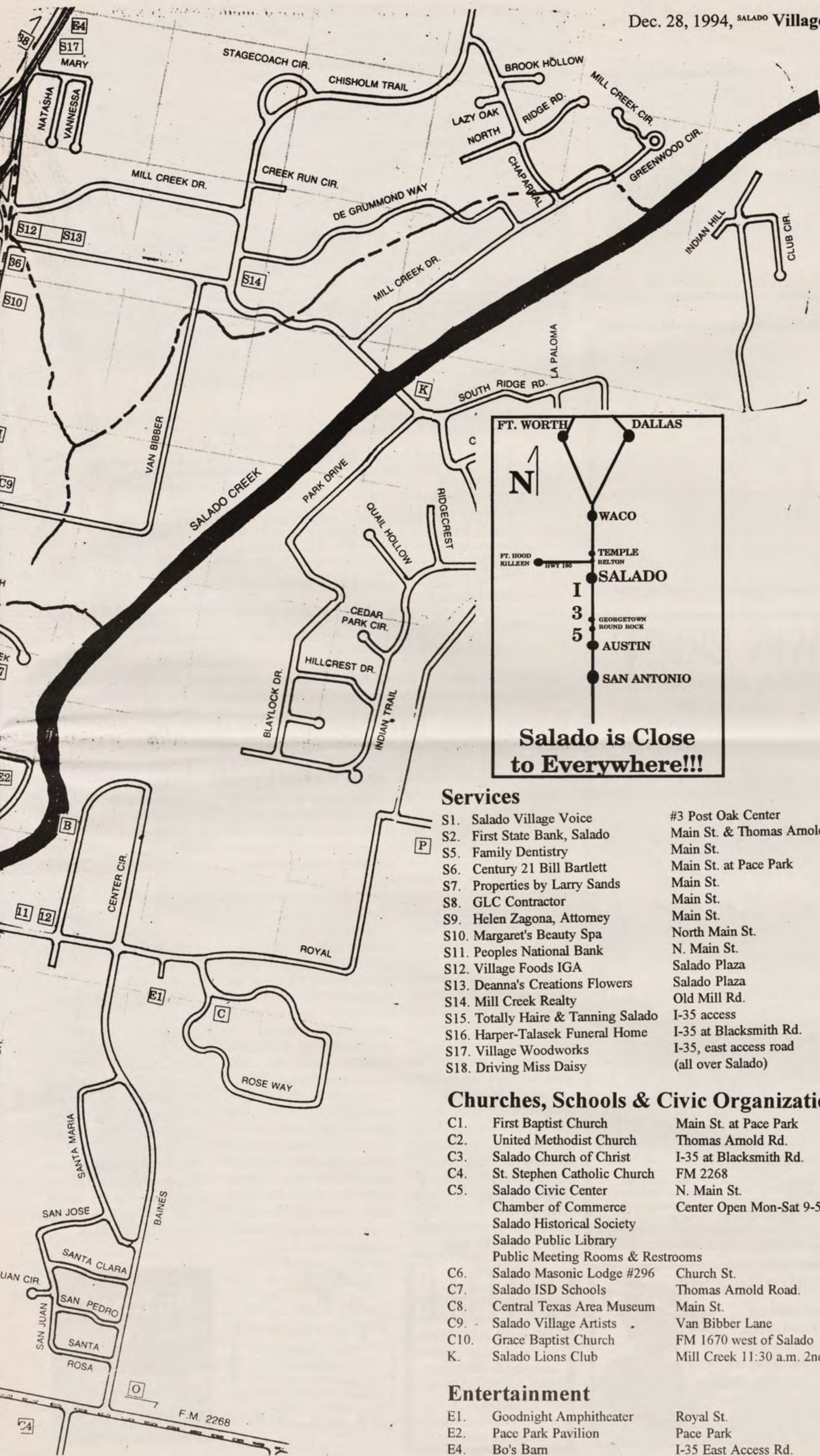
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CUCUMBER DIP

- 1 (6 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- 1/2 c. sour cream
- 1/4 c. cucumber, grated
- 2 tbsp. celery, chopped
- 1 tbsp. chopped onion
- 1/2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. sugar

Peel and grate cucumber (not seeds). Drain liquid. Combine with remaining ingredients. Process in blender until smooth. Chill and serve with favorite chips or vegetables. Makes 1 3/4 cups.

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SHRIMP DIP (or Mousse)

- 1 env. Knox gelatin
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 6 oz. softened cream cheese
- 1 c. finely chopped celery
- 1/2 c. chopped green onions
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 lb. raw shrimp, cook, peel & chop coarsely (Yield 1 lb., cooked, peeled shrimp)

Dissolve gelatin in 3 tablespoons cold water. Heat undiluted soup and add gelatin. Stir until melted. Add cream cheese and stir until smooth. Add remaining ingredients. Pour into mold and chill until firm or serve in a bowl as a dip. Serve with Triscuits or Fritos.

It's better if made 24 hours ahead of time, it keeps well for 3-4 days.

Rule of thumb: When buying shrimp, remember that 1 pound of raw, headless, unpeeled shrimp yields about 1/2 pound cooked, peeled and deveined shrimp. Raw shrimp can be cleaned before or after cooking.

Diana Williamson

Recipes from *Simply Sensational Salado* cookbook by Chisholm Trail ABWA, available at Salado Chamber of Commerce, Hair Designs, Robertson's Hams and Heirlooms

Licenses for pesticide use may expire soon for many in Texas

Many licenses allowing the use of restricted pesticides are scheduled to expire, and the Texas Department of Agriculture recently mailed letters to pesticide applicators outlining training requirements and expiration deadlines, said Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry.

"Training and licensing are necessary to ensure that agricultural chemicals are applied safely by farmers and ranchers, aerial applicators and others who must use pesticides," Perry said.

He said four categories of applicators licensed by TDA to use restricted and state-limited-use pesticides received the mail-out:

Temporary certified applicators fall into a special category that will be eliminated Dec. 31 when certificates expire. To keep buy-

ing and using restricted and state-limited-use pesticides, these applicators must obtain a private applicator license. Local county extension agents will train applicants and TDA will test them.


Commercial and non-commercial applicators face a Feb. 28 license expiration date. Renewal requires five hours of continuing education units each calendar year. Commercial applicators must have a current insurance certificate to receive a new license. Applicants who want to add a new application category to their license should contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Agricultural Chemicals Office, (409) 845-3849/ to order study materials. TDA regional offices have regularly scheduled test days.

Licensed private applicators must obtain 15 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) within five years of the date a license was issued. Applicators who fail to meet these requirements will lose their licenses. Requirements can be met within a year after expiration, but a late fee will be assessed.

Private applicators certified before Jan. 10, 1989, have until Dec. 31, 1995, to renew their certificates. They must obtain 15 CEUs or take a Texas Agricultural Extension Service private applicator training course, pass TDA test and purchase a license.

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Stretch, strengthen, train for resolution to exercise in 1995

A New Year's resolution to exercise should include three things: stretching, strengthening and cross training.

"Before exercise begins, decide what level of fitness you want to reach," said Dr. John Cianca, an assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Then work the three key elements of exercise into a basic fitness regimen."

Stretching should be done every day for 10 or 15 minutes, concentrating on all of the major muscle groups.

Cianca, director of sports medicine at the Medifit Human Performance and Rehabilitation Center, suggests stretching the buttocks, thighs and calves. Also the back, chest and abdominal muscles in the trunk area and the shoulders and arms should be stretched daily, even if no

other workout is planned. Strengthening exercises should be done two or three times weekly says Cianca, depending on the type of activities you enjoy.

"Resistance, or weight training, should focus on making you stronger for the activities you enjoy," Cianca said. "For example, a runner's performance may be impaired by a power lifting program, but enhanced with a total body strengthening program."

The final aspect of a basic fitness regime, cross training, improves overall muscular coordination. Find two or three activities you enjoy that combine strength and coordination and rotate them through your workout schedule. The result will be better health and more skill doing things you enjoy.

"Cross training is a popular phrase that also happens to be a valuable tool in a workout regimen," said

Cianca. "Choose several activities that challenge you physically and will keep your interest in working out for a longer period of time."

For example, a runner may bicycle on "off days." An aerobics buff could swim occasionally.

A physician, personal trainer or fitness instructor may be helpful in deciding which exercises and stretches will be most effective for you.

Cianca says any fitness regimen should begin with a visit to a physician. The American College of Sports Medicine suggests any man more than 40 years old or woman more than 50 years old should undergo a cardiovascular stress test prior to starting a new exercise routine.

Village artists meet Jan. 3 at Art Center

The Salado Village Artists will hold their first meeting of the new year on Jan. 3 at the Salado Art Center.

The board meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by the regular business meeting at 10 a.m. All officers are encouraged to be present for the board meeting.

Salado Village Artists is open to anyone interested in art and the advancement of art in our community. The organization meets every 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Salado Art Center.

Mill Creek annual meeting of membership

Mill Creek Golf and Country Club will hold its annual membership meeting 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect directors and discuss other business that may be brought to the members. The Board of Directors is composed of four elected members plus the Presidents of the Men and Women's Golf Associations.

A special Mexican buffet priced at \$8.95 plus tax and service charge, will be served beginning at 6 p.m. Regular menu service will be suspended.

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Higher tax rate on SS or RR retirement benefits

People whose income is only from Social Security (SS) or equivalent tier 1 railroad retirement (RR) benefits usually don't have to file a tax return. But people who get income in addition to those benefits may have to pay tax on it if it is over a certain amount.

Beginning in 1994, Social Security and railroad retirement benefits may be subject to a higher 85-percent rate that may increase the amount of those benefits people include in their taxable income. The 50-percent rate will still be used by some to figure their taxable income over the following base amounts. Then the 85-percent rate kicks in. - \$32,000 but not more than \$44,000 for married filing jointly (over

\$44,000 use the new 85-percent rate). -

\$25,000 but not more than \$34,000 for single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) with a dependent child (over \$34,000 use the new 85-percent rate). -

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\$0 for married filing separately and live with their spouse for any time during 1994 (include in taxable income the lesser of 85 percent of SS or RR benefits received in 1994 or 85 percent of modified adjusted gross income).

People who find that the 85-percent rate increases their SS or RR taxable benefits should take that increase into account when figuring their estimated tax for 1995. Publication 915, Social Security Benefits and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits, has more details, examples and worksheets to help when filling out tax returns. Get a free copy by calling 1-800-829-3676.

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Haire-Warren announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Warren of Fort Worth have announced the engagement of their daughter Angela Laine Warren to Alan Woodard Haire of Salado. The prospective bride-

groom is the son of Sheila Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Verlon Haire of Salado. The couple plan a Sat. March 11, wedding at First Baptist Church in Salado.

Save now on retirement income

Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs) are still a great way to lower taxes now and save for the future.

"They are personal savings plans that offer a tax advantage to people who set aside money for retirement," the IRS says. That means people may be able to deduct all or part of their contributions to an IRA. And the amounts in the IRA, including earnings and gains, are not taxed until they are distributed.

People with taxable compensation, like wages, commissions, taxable alimony and tips, who are younger than age 70 1/2 at the end of the year can contribute to an IRA. They may also be able to contribute to an IRA for a spouse who doesn't work.

"Contributions must be in the form of money, such as cash, check or money order," the IRS says. "Property doesn't count." The most that can be contributed for any year is \$2,000

or taxable compensation, whichever is smaller. People can put money into an IRA at any time during the year or by the due date of their tax return for that year, not including extensions.

"People now have a myriad of choices on how to invest in an IRA," the IRS says. "But all IRA plans must meet Internal Revenue Code requirements." Different IRAs can be set up with a variety of organizations at any time during the year. They can be set up at a bank or other financial institution or with a mutual fund or life insurance company. They can also be set up through a stockbroker.

Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements, gives more information on IRAs, including how to report contributions, when to start withdrawing money and what actions will result in penalties. Order it free by calling 1-800-829-3676.

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Salado Alert is a public service of the Historical Society's Creek Preservation Committee and the *Salado Village Voice*. To comment or to join call 947-5526.

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Quiz

What happens on January 20 every fourth year in the United States?

Hint: It is a public holiday, but only in Washington, D.C.

Answer: Inauguration Day for a new president.

What is never alike but always alike?

Answer: A snowflake! No two snowflakes are ever the same, but all snowflakes have six sides.

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Answer: Alaska

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Animal Match-Up

Match the correct term in Column A with the correct animal or group of animals in Column B.

Column A

1. herd
2. Joey
3. school
4. poult
5. covey
6. flock
7. gaggle
8. fry
9. pride
10. pod

Column B

- A. A baby turkey.
- B. A group of lions.
- C. A group of hogs.
- D. A group of geese (on the ground).
- E. A baby kangaroo.
- F. A school of seals or whales.
- G. A gathering of quail.
- H. A group of fish.
- I. A baby fish.
- J. A group of birds.

Answers: 1) C; 2) E; 3) H; 4) A; 5) G; 6) F; 7) J; 8) I; 9) B; 10) F

JANUARY VIPS

Do you know what VIP means? It stands for Very Important Person and there were many very important people in American history born in this month. These are a few:

Paul Revere, born January 1, 1735 - Paul Revere was a well-known, respected silversmith and engraver, best remembered for his bravery during the Revolutionary War made famous by a poem called *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Martin Luther King, Jr born January 15, 1929 a black civil rights leader, minister and a 1964 Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

Benjamin Franklin born January 17, 1706, a statesman, inventor, diplomat, author, printer, publisher and philosopher. One of the founding Fathers our country.

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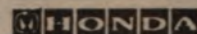
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Holiday Health Alert!

Better Watch What You're Eating!

Holiday headaches. We all experience them to one degree or another. However, the 23 million Americans who suffer from migraine, a debilitating, biological disease, are especially at risk. For the unsuspecting migraine sufferers who monitor their diets throughout the rest of the year, the temptation to sample holiday desserts and festive beverages could prove incapacitating. Approximately 20% of all migraine sufferers have a sensitivity to a specific food or foods. Unsuspecting migraine sufferers should familiarize themselves with the most common dietary triggers which can stimulate migraines. As the chart demonstrates, migraine triggers are lurking in even the most traditional of holiday fare.

The migraine trigger menu varies per individual. Not eating can also trigger migraines. Missing meals or dieting can cause low blood sugar levels, yet another migraine trigger.

Caffeinated Foods and Drinks:	Coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa, colas/soft drinks
Alcohol:	Especially red wine, vermouth, champagne, beer
Dairy Products:	Aged cheeses, sour cream, whole milk, buttermilk, yogurt, ice cream
Breads:	Sourdough, fresh yeast and some types of cereals
Vegetables:	Some types of beans (broad, Italian, lima, lentil, fava, soy), sauerkraut, onions, peas
Snacks:	Nuts, peanuts, peanut butter, pickles, seeds, sesame
Meats:	Organ meats, salted meats, dried meats,
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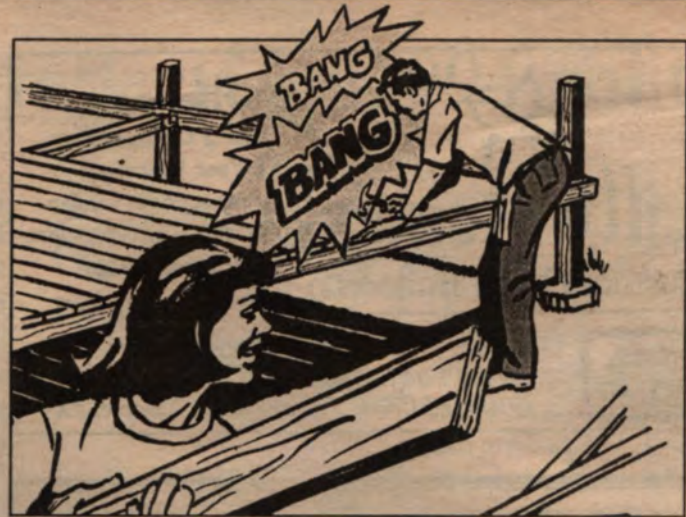


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Other costs may be included in the basis of the property. Basis, in general, is the way to measure the investment in a home for tax purposes. Costs like abstract and recording fees, surveys and title insurance are included in the basis.

Points

These are the charges paid by a home buyer to get a mortgage and are a percentage of the amount borrowed. Usually, the interest paid as points must be

spread over the life of the mortgage. However, if the mortgage is used to buy or improve a person's main home and is secured by that home, then usually the points can be deducted in full in the year of purchase. Buyers also can deduct qualifying points paid by the seller, just as they would deduct points they paid themselves.

Usually, points paid to refinance a mortgage cannot be deducted in full in the year they are paid. They, too, must be spread over the life of the mortgage. However, the balance of the points from the previous mortgage that were paid off early due to the refinancing can be deducted in the year that mortgage ended.

Home Mortgage Interest

Usually, the part of the house payment that is interest on the mortgage is fully deductible. To deduct the interest, the mortgage must be secured by the home and the taxpayer must itemize on Schedule A of Form 1040.

Home Improvements vs. Home Repairs

Home improvements add to the value of the home, prolong its life, or allow it to be used for new purposes. The cost of improvements increases the home's basis.

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of Commerce had an active year as they were forced more and more into the role of village managers. No real push for incorporation in 1994, so for many citizens it was a great year on that score alone. And the community's brand new civic center stayed busy day after day serving villagers and visitors.

On the other hand, Salado had some downers as well - including the worrisome highway construction that continues to this day. By cutting off exits and entrances to the village the designers and workers also cut off a sizeable chunk of bucks that tourists would normally have brought to town had

they been able to get into town. Word is the job will be over by Spring. Most thinking folks say summer.

The creek got polluted and warning signs went up. After a flushing or two things got back to normal but the signs may remain. A lot of folks think the creek should be looked at but not used by troublesome visitors.

And finally, the local branch of the famous "Do-No-Gooders" spent the year

doing absolutely no-good which is the major feature of their by-laws. They did have a lot to comment on in 1994 and like all good curmudgeonly types this group of fearless observers are

looking forward to 1995 when they will elect officers for 1994. Just in case you didn't know, this gang meets regularly at the Stagecoach Coffee Shop.

Happy New Year

To each of you readers - have a good and happy new year. One filled with prosperity, good health and happiness. We all have one thing in common despite our differences - we live in one of the greatest towns in the nation. Filled with great people; good schools and churches and a very positive attitude. When things get tough in 1995 - we need to remember how lucky we are and move around with happy faces.

That's -30- for 1994!