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Frontier Heritage Festival Slated Here October 12

Something new is coming to Santa Anna on October 12. The Santa Anna Historical Development Organization is planning the first ever "Frontier Heritage Festival" which will be held on this date on the grounds of the Santa Anna Rodeo Association Arena.

Many events will be taking place throughout the day beginning at 8 a.m.

Living history exhibitions to be set up on the arena grounds include Comanches, Mounted Calvary, Buffalo Soldiers, Texas Army and a Spinner and Weaver.

The Texas Army is a re-enactment of the 1836 time period

with members dressed in authentic costumes.

Also planned is a Comanche Storyteller. The Texas Education Agency Region XV has sanctioned this as a student workshop for area school students as a multi-cultural event.

The 3rd annual World Championship Bison Cookoff will be held during the festival. An American Bison Plate lunch will be served. Cost will be \$4.00 per plate.

Other activities and events to be held during the day include a Mounted Calvary Riding Demonstration from Fort Hood, Boot Scramble, Goat Scramble,

Comanche Dancers and either a team roping or team penning.

Admission to the grounds will be adults \$2.00 and children under 10 \$1.00.

At the October 12 Buffalo Cook-off in Santa Anna a new Comanche postmaster will be named for the Comanche Station. Treaties will be signed between the Comanche Nation and the Postal Service to continue crossing between the Gap and other Indian territories to deliver the mail. Pony Express riders are expected to participate at the event. Upon signing the treaty, a peace pipe ceremony will be held.

Coleman County Junior Rodeo Starts Thursday Evening

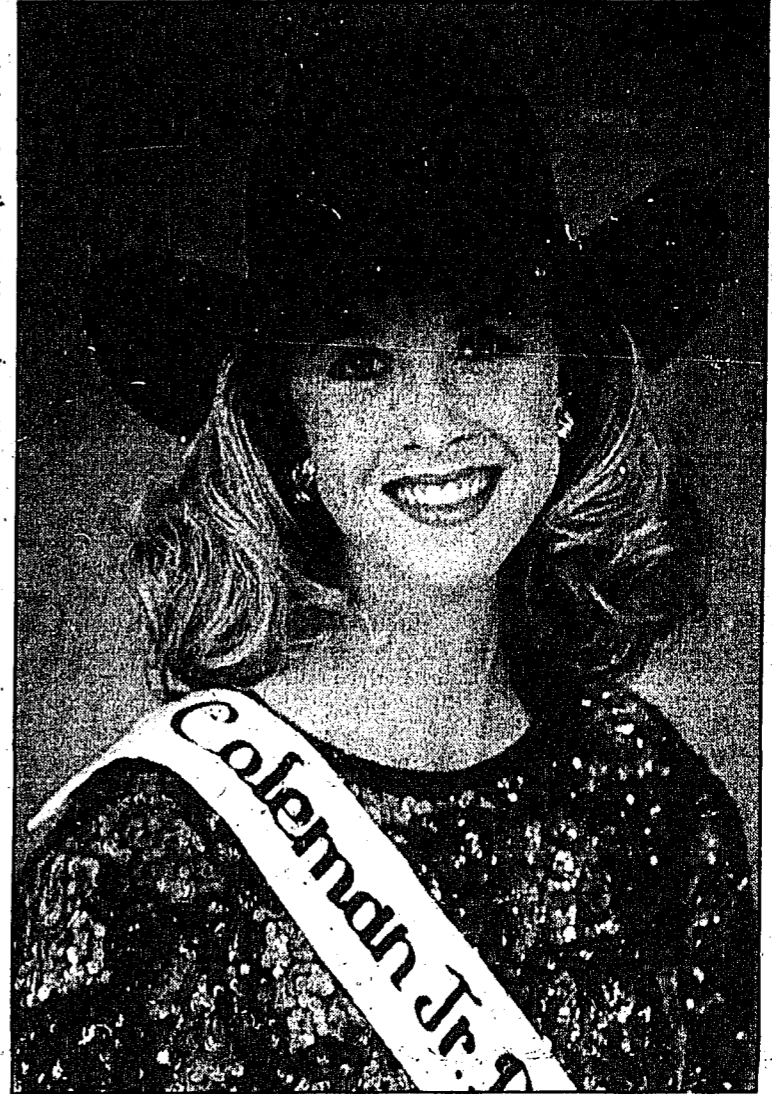
COLEMAN--The Coleman County Junior Rodeo for contestants age 19 and under will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a nightly jackpot. Admissions will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.

Events include junior and senior bull riding, barrels, poles, goat typing, tie down, breakaway, team roping, ribbon roping, chute dogging and steer riding.

Contestants' age will be determined as of Jan. 1, 1996. Proof of age must be provided on request. Buckles will be given to the best two night average in each event. Contestants must be entered in two of three nights' events to be eligible for buckles.

Books open nightly at 6 p.m. Queen of the 1996 Coleman County Junior Rodeo is Brandi Martin, daughter of Bill and Becky Martin of Santa Anna. Brandi will be a senior at SAHS.

A dance will be held Friday and Saturday nights from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. "8 Seconds" will provide the music, and admission will be \$5. The band just last week won the annual Country Showdown contest in Abilene.



Queen of the 1996 Coleman County Junior Rodeo is Brandi Martin, daughter of Bill and Becky Martin of Santa Anna.

SAHS Football Workouts Start Wednesday

The Santa Anna Mountaineer football team will begin workouts on Wednesday morning, August 7 at 7:30 a.m. This will be the first day of workouts plus issuance of equipment. First day in pads will be August 12.

All high school players are being asked to stop by the gym on Tuesday, August 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. Parents of the freshman are also asked to attend with their son. This will be an opportunity to meet the coaches and pick up an information packet.

Freshman will be receiving a letter in the mail regarding football participation.

The Mountaineers will scrimmage Robert Lee on August 22 and Roby on August 30. Both scrimmages will be at home in Mountaineer Stadium.

CAP High To Begin August 12

TALPA--The first day of class for students at CAP High School, a cooperative for several Coleman and Runnels counties communities, including Santa Anna, will be Monday, August 12 with an assembly at 8:15 a.m. New students should check with the SAISD Administration Office for bus schedule information.

SAHS Students Need To Take Parents Along When Registering Thurs. & Friday

Parents or guardians are being requested to accompany Santa Anna high school students when they register for the new school year on Thursday and Friday, August 1st and 2nd.

According to school officials there are changes in education laws due to Senate Bill 1 that mandate a student Code of Conduct. The code requires parents and schools to work together for the entire education process of the children.

The Bill has made several changes in responsibilities of the school, parents and the student. For this reason there needs to be open communication for all concerned.

School officials would like the opportunity to visit with parents or guardians while the students are registering.

Students who will be classified as seniors this year will be registering at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1st and juniors at 7:00 p.m.

Sophomores will register at 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 2nd, freshmen at 7:00 p.m.

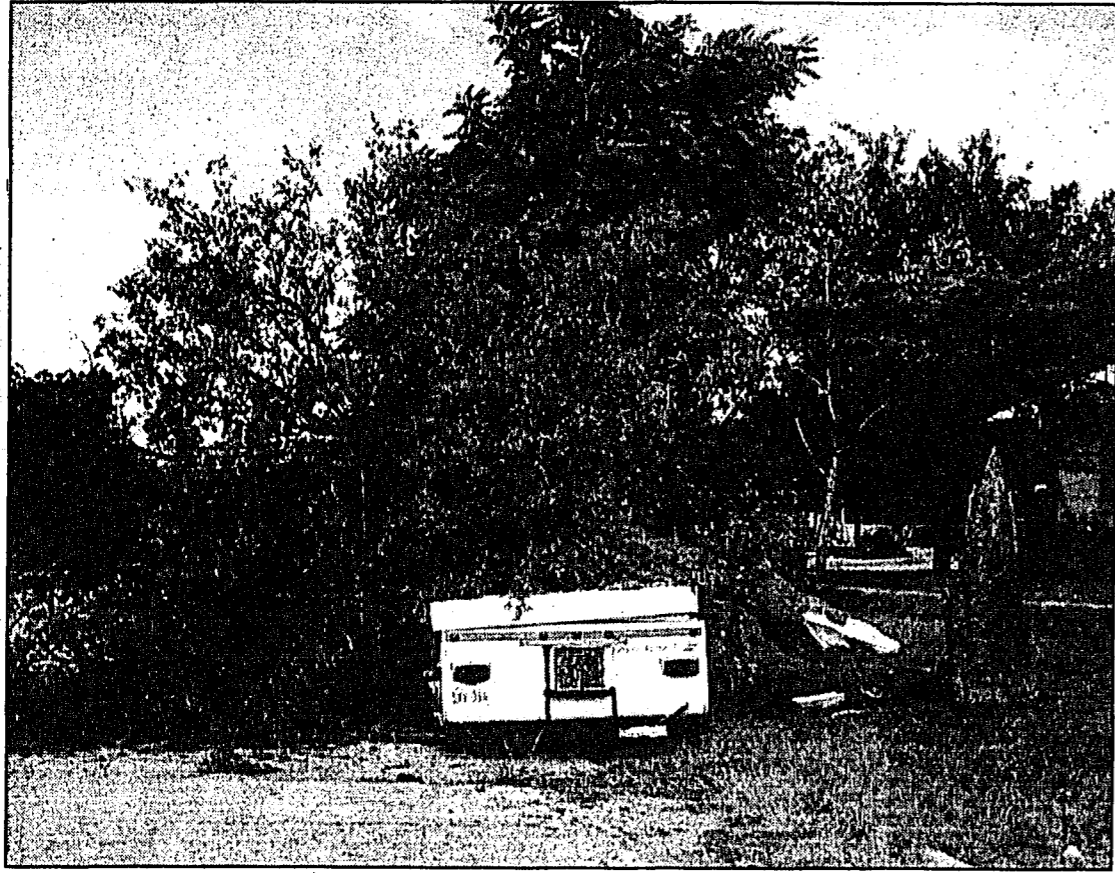
Registration will take place in room 106 of the high school building.

Monday, August 19th is the first day of classes for Santa Anna students for the 1996-97 school year.

Students New To Santa Anna Schools Will Begin Registering Monday, August 5th

All students new to the Santa Anna ISD should register for school beginning on Monday, August 5 in the principal's office. New students

need to bring previous school records, Social Security card, birth certificate and immunization records.



Strong Winds Do Damage Saturday

A surprisingly strong wind accompanied a thunder storm that blew into town late Saturday afternoon toppling trees, destroying signs on a business or two and leaving smaller tree limbs scattered here and there throughout the town. Shown here is a large tree the wind snapped into and left resting on top a pop-up camper parked in front of the Wayne Kuykendall residence on Ave. A. One area on the north side of town was without electricity for about an hour as a result of the storm that dumped approximately a half inch of rain in less than 30 minutes. For the rain we are most grateful! But the wind???

Staff photo

Chamber "Save The Mountain" Campaign In Full Swing

A "Save the Mountain" campaign is taking off in Santa Anna, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

In last week's edition of the Santa Anna News, the Chamber of Commerce asked for people interested in saving the mountain from mining to contact the

Chamber office. The office has apparently been flooded with calls and the chamber is now suggesting that people write letters stating their concern for the "destruction" of the Mountain. These letters are to be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce.

Petitions have also been placed

around town for signatures of those concerned about the "destruction of the mountain by the mining operations taking place there."

If the Chamber can arouse enough interest, perhaps plans can be formulated to "Save the Mountain."

Round-Robin Letter Keeps Gals In Touch 40 Years

EDITOR'S NOTE: Santa Anna resident Betty (Jordan) Key took part in a reunion recently of old Abilene High School friends who, through the years, had kept up with each other through a round-robin letter. The following is a reprint of a story about the group written by Abilene Reporter-News staff writer, Mary Specht.

"You mean she's actually going to record this madness?" That was one woman's question as a reported walked into a Kiva Inn

room overflowing with dialogue.

But what else could you expect from a group of 11 friends who haven't all been together since graduation in 1954?

These women--who have kept a round-robin letter going for most of the past 40 years--spent a recent weekend giggling and reminiscing about their youth in Abilene.

Theirs was a time of drug-store phosphates, showtunes, petticoats and penny loafers, and high school with no air conditioners (cringe).

"We learned to make our own fun since most of us never had a TV be-

fore college," Darla Sudderth Mawson said. "When we did get one, it only had one station" that broadcasted from 4 p.m. to midnight.

In those pre-television days, the sectional differences within the United States--some real, some imagined--were considerably amplified, according to the women.

"When a group of us from school took a trip to Massachusetts, we learned how to square dance before we left, and the boys went out and bought boots and Levi's because that was expected of us since we

were from Texas. We even took along a cigar box of horny toads. At the end of the trip I remember the northern kids cracking up when our student body president said "y'all" in his closing," Nancy Henson Mahan said.

While the friends don't think their lives in the '50s were boring, they came from good homes and had little need to rebel except for the occasional slip--like driving to church without a license or sneaking into the public pool at night. They spent most of their time just hanging out at Casey's drive-in, the

Dixie Pig and the Metro movie theater (which cost only 25 cents).

"We all came from sheltered Christian homes," Betty Jordan key said. "I really thought it rather risqué the time we bunny-hopped through the church lawn at night. Probably the worst thing you could really do back then was smoke."

High school was a happy relaxed time for most of the group, but they also remember their younger days during World War II when brothers were lost to the draft, and

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Boosters Meet Tonight

The Santa Anna Mountaineer Booster Club will be holding their first meeting of the year on Thursday, August 1 at 7 p.m. in the varsity lounge.

Plans for "Meet the Mountaineer" night and new ideas for the year will be discussed.

All parents of Mountaineer athletes, junior high and high school, along with all other interested fans and supporters of the our youth are invited to attend.

Santa Anna — A Town Of Friendly People

Saying "Hello" to Jim & Mary McPherson of Washington, Ark.

AUGUST 1 1996

Obituaries

Sula Hipsher

Sula Hipsher, 84, died Thursday morning, July 25, 1996, at her Coleman home.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 27, 1996 at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Merritt officiating, assisted by Rev. Roger Hammonds. Burial followed in Coleman City Cemetery, directed by Stevens Funeral Home.

She was born July 24, 1912 near Childress, Texas; the daughter of the late Charlie Farmer Landers and Nannie Elizabeth Grant Landers. She moved with her family to Oklahoma as a small child and attended school at Rush Springs. She graduated from Coleman High School after having moved to Coleman in 1928.

She married Truett Hipsher in Coleman on Dec. 24, 1929, was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons and daughters-in-law, Edwin and Jan Hipsher of Santa Anna and Don and Cathy Hipsher of New Braunfels; two daughters and sons-in-law, Veta and Dewey Wilson of Fisk and Carolyn and Roy Willis of Fort Worth; a sister, Ella Baker of Mabank; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Palbearers were George Hipsher, Guy Hipsher, Tom Hipsher, Jon Willis, Brad Wells, Derek Fletcher, Bill Henning and Randy Parrish.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Abilene, Box 1922, Abilene, Texas 79604 or to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605.

James Slaughter

GUSTINE—Graveside services for James Carroll Slaughter, 56, of Brownwood, formerly of Gustine, were held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 26, 1996, at Evergreen Cemetery in Gustine. Burial was under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home of Early.

He died at 8:50 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, 1996, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 26, 1939, in Caradan, the son of the late James Preston and Eva Jewell Chesser Slaughter. He attended school at Mullin and was married to Shirley Allen on April 11, 1965, in Brownwood. He was a welder and had been a resident of Brownwood since April, moving from Gustine. He had previously lived in Brownwood for several years. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Johnny Slaughter of Santa Anna, Wesley Carmack of Midland and James Craig Slaughter of California; three daughters, Kim Turner and Sherry Hickey, both of Brownwood and Jana Slaughter of Arlington, two brothers, Billy Preston Slaughter of Tomball and Charles Lynn Slaughter of Goldthwaite; one sister, Bobbie Jewell Davis of Goldthwaite; 15 grandchildren.

Appointed To Aldersgate Board

During the recent Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, a local man was appointed to serve on the board of directors of Aldersgate Enrichment Center near Early, Tx.

Derriel Warnock, who has been closely associated with the center as president of Brownwood District of United Methodist Men, has been appointed to serve on the 20-member board made up of people from throughout the Central Texas Conference.

The facility serves young adults who are emotionally or physically deprived and is sponsored by the United Methodist Men organization.

Check It Out

By Alice Anna Spillman

Have you ever passed through a time when all your plans go wrong. This has been the libraries summer for schedule changes. First both Bible Schools changed their dates, now a new crises has arrived and our Olympic Closing Ceremony date must be delayed a week.

This week Reading Club will have a video. Yes, this is a legal show. John Penny made it to be shown to groups. There are two stories read. We will have a craft.

All the boys and girls will have a chance to get more hours of reading for their records. Be sure to bring those records to be checked. Add more book bucks to your envelopes.

THE BOOK BUCK STORE will be on Thursday, August 8. The drawing for the tickets to Six Flags in Dallas will be held. There are some discount tickets for motels too. Remember kids you must have been at two Reading Club meetings and read four hours with a record to be in this drawing.

I've been participating in almost 20 years of the Summer Reading Club and this is the first time for so many schedules changes. Hope you have not been inconvenienced.

Have you heard of the book *Men Are From Mars and Women Are From Venus* by John Grey? The library just received a copy from Nell Myers from Mary John Wade Burns. It seems like good practical advice about the different ways men and women view a subject. Better yet, there are suggestions for understanding and adjusting for both men and women. It's been on best sellers lists for months!

Two more of the books from the Gatlins--*In Our Defense* E. Alderman and Caroline Kennedy. President Kennedy's daughter helps explore the Bill of Rights. *The Forging of the Union* Richard b. Morris. The years between 1781-1789--How the Constitution won acceptance in this country.

When was the last time you read a book about your country?

Carmen Donham brought a good mystery but it went out before I got to study it. She is one of our faithful friends. So is Carol Herring--new paperbacks come often. How about *A Wild And Lonely Place* Marcia Miller. A female PI is searching for the man who keeps bombing American Embassies. Sounds frightening real! *Unknown Man #89* Elmore Leonard new mystery. *Rhinemann Exchange* Robert Ludlum this is older book but out again. 1943 Buenos Aires, World Agents are trying to end the War. The top U. S. Agent finds that he and his family are in great danger.

We surely had lots of boys and girls in to check out more books this week. We love to see you all. Oh! How many times I visited strange countries by reading books when I was a child. Guess what? I got to go to some of those places. You kids may do that too. Oh, I know you don't think so. Well, neither did I!

'Round & About

Pete and Winnie Rutherford received a visit on Saturday from Kathie Rutherford of Anson and granddaughter Stacie King and great-grandson Doug King.

Jimmy and Dorothy Eisenhower and Beth and Elizabeth Eisenhower visited in Hubbard recently with Doris Kelley. Dorothy reported that Doris is doing well.

Sister Lucy Sala of Houston visited in Santa Anna over the weekend with her friend, Orabeth



EMT William Loyd examines the injured James Perry before he was loaded into an ambulance. Looking on are Santa Anna nurse, Teresa Carter, her husband Donald Carter, a Santa Anna fireman, Donald Strickland also a Santa Anna fireman and Department of Public Safety Trooper Pat Salas.

Staff Photo

Five Hospitalized From Area Wrecks

A wreck on Friday evening south of Santa Anna sent a number of persons to the hospital.

The wreck occurred on Farm Road 1176, four miles southeast of Santa Anna.

According to Department of Public Safety Officer Pat Salas, James Perry, 60, of Santa Anna was turning off the farm road into a gate in his 1986 Nissan pickup. He was pulling a large bale of hay.

Michael Dela Rosa, 32, was driving a GMC Jimmy four door and attempted to pull around Perry and collided with the pickup.

Perry was taken by ambulance to Abilene Regional Medical Center.

DelaRosa was taken by ambulance to the hospital where he was treated and released. A passenger in the DelaRosa vehicle, Jessica Warfield of Coleman, was transported by Medlife ambulance to Abilene Regional Hospital. Also in the DelaRosa vehicle were Joseph DelaRosa, 10, and Harvey Ramirez, 25, both of Coleman.

According to a report from Abilene Regional, Perry was dis-

missed Saturday morning and Warfield was dismissed after being treated in the emergency room Friday evening.

Reports indicate some of those involved in the accident were wearing seat belts.

In the early morning hours of Sunday, an accident one mile south of Rockwood on U.S. 283 sent three persons to the hospital following a collision with a cow in the center of the highway.

Jack Bible, 25, of San Antonio was north bound in a 1993 Ford Escort when the collision occurred.

The vehicle was disabled as the cow was thrown on to the hood of the car and into the windshield.

Angela Wenger of Abilene, a passenger sustained facial injuries. Another passenger, Cole Wenger was also injured.

All three persons were transported by ambulance to Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

No information was available from the hospital on the condition of the three injured.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

AUGUST 1
Charlotte Springer
Armando Mata Jr.
Bo Morgan
Lin Wristin

AUGUST 2
Eric Hosch
Mary Mata Rodriguez
Yolanda Kirven
Mr&Mrs Edd Hartman*
Tyson Johnson

AUGUST 3
Corine Eubank
Betty Sue Cupps
Jetta Rutherford
Mr&Mrs Gary Fleeman*

AUGUST 4
Johnny Diaz
Donna Hartman
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ellis*

AUGUST 5
Coyita Bowker
Jimmy Eisenhoweg
Doug Warnock
John ZuZu
Sabrina Martin
Mr&Mrs Hilario Hernandez*
Mr&Mrs George Wheatley*

AUGUST 6
Jackie Weathers Miller
Randy DeLeon
Charles Greenlee
Mickey McSwain
Lynn Loyd
Mr&Mrs Pete Simmons*

AUGUST 7
John Naron
Steve Peacock
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Wetsel*

McIver. She is conducting a phonics workshop in San Angelo and will be visiting here off and on throughout the week.

Gary and Linda Miller and children of Snyder were recent weekend visitors with her parents, David and Betty Key. Alicia, Jeremy and Michelle stayed through the week to attend and help with Vacation Bible School at the Methodist Church. The Keys took their grandchildren home this week and spent a couple of days visiting in Snyder.

Betty recently attended a reunion in Abilene of some old high school chums. You will find that interesting story elsewhere in this edition of the NEWS.

Santa Anna Nutrition Center Menu

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2
Oven fried fish, coleslaw, tator tots, baked beans and lemon cake

MONDAY, AUGUST 5
Beef a roni, green beans, tossed salad and fruit salad

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
Oven fried chicken, white cream gravy, whipped potatoes, blackeyed peas and pineapple pudding

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COW POKES By Ace Reid



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Worship Service - 11:00
Youth Group - Wed. 3:30 (program 5:00)

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106 S. Lee
Raymond Jones -Interim Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30
Worship Service - 10:45
Sunday Evening - 6:00
Mission Organizations - 6:00 Wed.
All Age Groups Bible Study 6:00 Wed.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST
708 AVE. B
Marvin Hale - Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45
Worship Service - 10:50
Sunday Evening - 6:00
Wed. Prayer Service - 6:30

CORDERO BAPTIST
Ave. C & South 6th
Joe M. Frausto - Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45
Worship Service - 11:00
Sun. Evening Worship - 5:00
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30

ST WILLOW BAPTIST
Brady Hwy.
R.L. Brown - Pastor
Sunday Worship - 11:00

NEW HOPE COMMUNITY
Brady Hwy.
D.C. Neal - Pastor
(Contact Mrs. Joe (Pearl) Wilson)

FIRST CHRISTIAN
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Clyde Majors - Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 every Sun.
Worship Services - 3rd. Sun.

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1001 Willis
Dr. Richard Wood - Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45
Worship Service - 11:00
Family Night Dinner - 3rd Wed.
Fellowship Dinner Each 5th Sun.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
310 Ave. B
Aaron Lemond - Minister
Sunday Bible Classes - 9:30
Worship Service - 10:30
Sunday Evening - 6:00
Wednesday Evening 6:30

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Ranger Park
Robert L. Stumph - Pastor
Sat. Sabbath School - 9:30
Sabbath Worship Service - 11:00
Vespers - SDA School - 4:00
Prayer Meeting - Tues. at School

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Santa Anna News

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS



Roeanna Jackson Barton

Our friend and neighbor, Roeanna Barton was born at Madisonville, in East Texas to Dave and Nettie Brown Jackson. In 1926 when Roeanna was just a child the family moved to Shields in Coleman County. Her father did farm work for "Wat" Barton and later for E.P. Rendleman closer to Whon, before he went back to the Barton farm at Shields.

Through the years her family also worked for several other families in the area whose names would be familiar to most of us.

Roeanna had attended the first grade of school at Madisonville and while her family was on the Rendleman farm she attended school in Santa Anna. She says, however, that because of the distance they had to come she didn't attend classes regularly and instead learned to read and write at home.

In 1948 she married Robert Barton whose family also were sharecroppers in the Shields community. He came to Coleman County from Palestine, Tx. Besides farming Robert also worked for the railroad.

After a while the couple moved their family to Santa Anna where Robert was employed with the

Hull Chicken Hatchery and later as a machinery operator with the county.

Robert, retired, now lives in Coleman, but Roeanna continues to maintain her home in Santa Anna and works as a housekeeper and care giver.

The Barton's were instrumental in helping form St. Willow Baptist Church which was first established at Shields and later moved to Santa Anna. Robert was one of the first Deacons of the church and Roeanna was secretary. Through the years she has continued to serve in that position as well as Sunday School teacher, song leader and soloist. She is president of the Santa Anna-Coleman Fellowship Club.

When Roeanna wants to "get away from it all" (her busy schedule) she just takes off some time for fishing, her favorite pastime.

Three children are Betty Ann Robinson and Robert Barton Jr. both residing in Coleman and Roberta Thomas of Waxahachie. There are five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren to enjoy.

Roeanna has two sisters living in Albuquerque, N.M., Florence Jackson and Bernice McCloud, and another, Carrie Mae Busey of Hook, Tx.

CCEC Youth Tour "Trip Of A Lifetime"

Editor's Note: The following is a reprint from the Texas Co-Op Power magazine.

The Rural Electric Government-in-Action Youth Tour came to an end with emotional promises by the nearly 90 participants to never forget the friendships they formed during this twelve-day excursion to our nation's capital.

Darby Neff of Santa Anna and Russell Halfmann of Coleman joined other Texas participants in Denton, where they boarded two chartered Greyhound buses bound for Washington, D. C. Throughout the trip they participated in educational seminars on government, rural electrification, and cooperatives. They also visited places of historical interest and enjoyed a number of social and cultural activities. Each of the young people visited his or her respective congressman.

One of the events the Texas group attended was *The Spirit of America*. It is a musical about the history of our country from its beginning until now, presented by the US Army.

The group witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns and participated in the wreath-laying ceremony. They saw the original Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence at the National Archives.

Other tours included George Washington's homeplace, Mount Vernon; the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; the FBI building; the Lincoln, Vietnam and Jefferson memorials; and the Washington Monument.

America looks to these young people to lead the country tomorrow. To function most effectively, tomorrow's leaders will need to be aware of the needs of rural America. The youth tour is a great opportunity for them to become informed on areas of rural interest, see their government in action, and otherwise prepare for their roles as tomorrow's leaders.

Exciting memories were made on the trip, and lifelong friendships began. Youth tours have proven to be marvelous experiences for those who have been fortunate enough to be named winners.

War Drums At Santa Anna Post Office

"Comanche dance music can be heard anytime at the Santa Anna Post Office," says Gary Absher, Postmaster. He played the drums and Indian music all day long last Friday and it rained the next day.

The special Indian Dance Music folder is available from the Postal Service for \$9.95 including the 40 minute CD.

Coleman 4-H Classic Lamb-Jackpot Aug. 10

A Lamb Jackpot Show, sponsored by Coleman 4-H, will be held Saturday, August 10 at the Coleman Rodeo Grounds. Entry fees of \$20 per lamb are due by Friday, August 2.

Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows.

—Helen Keller
There is no shadow, Lord, if I place myself directly in the sunshine of Your presence. Thank You. Amen.



Luera To Wed Bakonyi

Mr. and Mrs. Benny F. Luera of Voss, announce the engagement of their daughter, Connie Maurita, to Michael Parker Bakonyi, son of Ret. Col. Laszlo J. Bakonyi and Barbara J. Bakonyi of Austin. Grandparents of the bride are Mrs. Carmen Rendon and the late Maurice Rendon of Santa Anna. The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Panther Creek High School and attends the University of Texas at Austin, where she is a member of Phi Alpha Delta International Law Fraternity. She is also employed as a paralegal for Capitol Services, Inc. Her fiancé is a graduate of Bowie High School in Austin and a 1994 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin where he is alumni to Theta Chi Fraternity. He is employed as a Technical Recruiter for Pencom Systems Incorporated. The wedding is planned for October 5 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Coleman.

SAHS Class Of '46 Looking For Lost Class Mates

Contributed
It has been 50 years since you graduates from Santa Anna High School. Plans are being made for a big homecoming in November. Letters have been mailed to most. These are addresses that are needed: Joyce Baugh, Mary Lois Leady Brown, Nell Ralstin, Syble Simpson, Hal Souder and Allene Talley Allen.

If anyone knows these addresses please call or write Alice Guthrie Spillman, Box 354, Santa Anna, Texas 76878. Please let us know soon because time is getting short.

Planners are hoping for 100% attendance. Talk it up to anyone who ever was in the class.

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Erase (R)
Fri-Thurs
12:10 2:30 5:00 7:20 9:40

Phenomenon (PG)
Fri-Thurs
11:45 2:15 4:45 7:15 9:45

King Pin (PG-13)
Fri-Thurs
12:00 2:25 5:05 7:25

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I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.

—Bill Cosby

Girl Scouts To Start Year At Pool Party

It's almost time for girls in K-12 to register for the 1996-97 Girl Scouts.

To give the year a send off there will be a Girl Scout Summer Celebration August 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Coleman City Pool.

Cost will be \$2.00 per person. Hot dogs and drinks will be served after swimming.

If you are a Girl Scout or if you are interested in becoming a Girl Scout come join us for fun. If you not sure come check us out. Lots of things go on during the year such as trips, skits, visits to rest homes, adopting grandparents, pizza parties, slumber parties, hayrides, camping out, patches and badges being earned, arts, crafts, food drives, toys for tots, just to name a few.

For more information contact Karen Myers at 625-4663.

Back To School Swim Party For 4-H'ers Aug. 6

The Back to School Swim and Enrollment Party for Coleman County 4-H members will be Tuesday, August 6 at the Coleman City Park from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost will be \$2.00 per person who swims.

All 4-H members and their families are encouraged to attend. Immediately following the swim party, there will be a hamburger supper in the park, and all 4-H members can complete their enrollment cards for the 1996-97 4-H year.

County 4-H Council will provide the hamburger supper. Members and families will not need to bring any food items.

Melonie Smith LeMond To Be Honored With Baby Shower

Melonie (Smith) LeMond will be honored with a Baby Shower on Sunday, August 4 from 2 to 4 at the First Baptist Church Christian Life Center.

All friends and relatives are invited.

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School Supply List

This school supply list for the 1996-97 school year has been provided to us by the school. It should be noted that this list has some changes which were not on the list with last six weeks report cards.

- KINDERGARTEN**
- 4 No. 2 Pencils
 - 2 boxes crayons--16 count (Crayola brand only)
 - Towel--to lay on at rest time
 - 3 boxes of Kleenex
 - Tote bag
 - School box
 - Drinking cup
 - Markers--washable BIG SIZE (not thin)
 - 2 bottles Elmer's Glue--4 oz. size
 - One complete change of clothes in a plastic bag labeled with name
 - Crayola brand water color set--8 colors
 - 2 Dry erase markers
- Some of these supplies will not last all year. You will be asked to send more when your child runs out.

- FIRST GRADE**
- 1 box of Crayons
 - 6 pencils
 - 2 soft green erasers
 - 1 pair pointed scissors
 - 2 boxes Kleenex
 - 1 plastic glass
 - School box--small
 - 3 spiral notebooks
 - 2 folders with pockets
 - 1 box Magic Markers
 - 1 tablet (D'Nealian)
 - 1 clean old sock (for erasing white boards)
 - Glue
 - Ruler with centimeter and inches
 - 2 dry erase markers

- SECOND GRADE**
- 1 school box
 - 4-#2 pencils
 - 2 pink erasers
 - 1 bottle white or clear glue (no colored)
 - 1 box tissue

- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 box 24 count Crayons
- 1 box of watercolors
- 1 box map pencils
- 1 12" wooden (not plastic) ruler with centimeters
- 1 package 200 count notebook paper (wide rule)
- 3-3 ring floppy plastic binders
- 2 package dividers
- 1-2 pocket folder
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 clean old sock or rag to use as a whiteboard eraser
- 2 dry erase markers

- THIRD GRADE**
- Wide lined notebook paper (100 count)
 - 1-3 ring loose-leaf notebook
 - 2 spiral notebooks (approx. 70 sheets) wide lined
 - 5 pocket folders
 - 1 school box
 - 1 big eraser
 - 4 #2 pencils
 - 2 red pencils
 - 1 bottle glue
 - 1 pair scissors
 - 1 box skinny tip markers
 - 1 large box Kleenex
 - 1 box Crayons (24 count)
 - 2 dry erase markers

- GRADES 4, 5 & 6**
- #2 pencil
 - Grading pencil
 - Paper
 - 1 large eraser
 - Glue
 - Pointed scissors
 - Crayons
 - 12" ruler
 - 2 large boxes of Kleenex
 - 5 floppy binders with 1" ring
 - 1 pkg. dividers
 - 2 pkg. 3 x 5 index cards
 - 3 highlighters
 - 2 pocket folders
 - School box small enough to fit in lockers
 - 2 dry erase markers

Area-Wide Youth Rally Slated In Ballinger Aug. 3

An area-wide Youth Rally will be held on Saturday, August 3, at the Ballinger High School beginning at 3 p.m.

The rally will feature the singing and speaking of David Crain. He is a high-energy, dynamic musician and speaker who will inspire and challenge you to live for Christ.

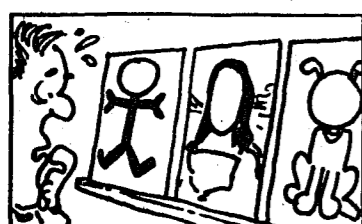
He has traveled nation-wide sharing the great joy that comes from being a Christian.

All youth, junior high through high school, from throughout the Brady-Coleman-Runnels area are encouraged to attend this rally and bring someone with you.

Take A Bite Out of Crime!

If you have information which could help police solve a crime, you can remain anonymous and receive cash for your tip if an arrest is made which leads to a conviction.

Please help! Call Coleman County Crime Stoppers at 915-625-BITE or 915-348-SITE.



In 18th Century America, artists journeyed from town to town with paintings of men and women, complete in every feature, but the faces. A person wishing to sit for a portrait had to select the body he liked best and let the artist fill in the missing hair and face.

Julie Fitzpatrick attended a church function the past Thursday through Sunday. It was entitled "The Walk of Faith". She was assisted by forty other ladies across the state. She had a wonderful time and make a lot of new friends.

I visited for a time with Don and Julie and children Sunday afternoon and really enjoyed being in their nice home. They are adding two more bedrooms to their house and is very nice.

Mr. Joe Alvin Wynn of Coleman and his son Joe Junior Wynn of Fort Worth visited with Mrs. Ethel Radle Friday afternoon.

Don and Julie Fitzpatrick and family were supper guest with Tommy Stansberry and Jackie Craig Saturday night. Seems from Don's talk they really had a good feast together.

Saturday afternoon guest with Mr. and Mrs. Don Fitzpatrick and family was Don's cousin Doug Snowden of San Angelo.

Mr. Floyd Morris was in Brady Sunday visiting with his sisters Lorene and Irene. He enjoys going and being with his sisters and checking on their needs.

Mrs. Ethel Radle's son Bob of Fort Worth area is awfully good to call and check on his mother. He called during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd and Kem Rutherford of Early visited Sunday with his father and wife Mr. and Mrs. Loyd and Linda Rutherford.

Mr. Jamie Lee Morris and daughter of Fort Worth area were with his dad Mr. Floyd Morris Friday night and Saturday night returning home Sunday morning.

Mr. Hilary Rutherford of Coleman was here with us some during the week assisting with some work.

Our little community has not been on the receiving end of much rain which we are in need of.

Trickham Tidbits

By Anna York

Rankin and Natalie McIver and Sherrie and Megan Blake attended the McIver Reunion at Burselson on Friday and Saturday with around fifty or sixty being present. Others from here that were there were Terry and Helen McIver and Ben and Royce and Wanda McIver. Royce and Wanda spent Friday night with Gayla and J. W. Sellers of Weatherford. Natalie's two granddaughters Catherine and Crystal Thompson of Brownwood will be spending a few days visiting with her and Rankin.

Wesley and Candy Dockery visited Tuesday evening with Mrs. Annie Lou Vaughn and Reba and Elvis Cozart visited her on Wednesday. Her over the weekend guests were Robert and Melissa Cramer and children, Kelsey, Khristin and Cody of San Antonio.

Mrs. Gertrude Martin and Laverne McClatchy were at Hico on Sunday visiting with Mineola and Ray McSwain.

Bill and Estell Griffin and Willis Jr. of Dallas spent the weekend with Mrs. Mary Lea Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry of Waco visited briefly Sunday afternoon.

Naomi and Brent Nicholas returned to their home at Plano the first of the week after visiting a couple of days with her mother Leona Henderson. The three of them were bedtime visitors with Novella Stearns on Sunday night. Novella Stearns attended the James Reunion at Brownwood on Saturday and later attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Pat and Edna Stearns, a large crowd was present. Cathy Sammons of Savannah, Georgia visited Sunday evening with her aunt Novella.

Raymond and Alta Haynes of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Steffy of Coleman visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Winnie Haynes.

The eighty-four club met Thursday night at the usual time with seventeen present.

Matthews Reunion

Contributed

The Matthews Reunion was held July 19-21 in the home of Jeannette Brock.

Everyone had a nice time. Bill and Billie Woods cooked hamburgers Friday night for the gang. Saturday dinner was served at 2 o'clock and again at 7 p.m. On Sunday lunch was served.

Tony and Geraldine Tucker were president and secretary for the 1996 reunion.

Officers for 1997 elected were Archie (Scooter) and Rachel Tucker as president and secretary. Vice presidents elected were Mike and Barbie Woods.

Games played during the weekend were volleyball, "42" and swimming for the kids with visiting all weekend.

Fifty two attend during the weekend.

We hope to see everyone next year.

Sunday visitors with Mrs. Edna Laughlin were Era Marie Henderson, Billy Roy and Mildred Laughlin and Sybil Reigor and Nona Lea.

Marie and Bear Warwick and son of Cedar Hill and Kit Dean of Comanche spent the weekend with their parents and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean.

Round-Robin Letter

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grim dust storms caused Texas farmers to lose much of their land.

"Because Camp Barkeley was so close, I remember people, mostly soldiers' wives, going door to door begging for a place to stay," Judy Clark Hunsaker said. "Mother ended up renting out three rooms of our house. So I slept in the dining room--which is also how I noticed that Santa bore a really close resemblance to my parents."

While 40 years may be a mere blink in cosmic time, the women realize high school in Abilene has changed in leaps and bounds.

"The old Abilene High was almost all white. Because of segregation there were no blacks, no Orientals and few Hispanics, but there was still a real class structure among us," Jane Davis Marshall said.

"We also weren't allowed to have any high school dances. Instead of senior prom, we had the senior banquet," Linda Parish Wilson said.

The role and expectation for women was much more restrictive. Although Mahan wanted to play basketball, the only sports offered for girls were volleyball and tennis. The major career options, according to the group, were either to become a teacher or marry a preacher.

"Most of us had the Cinderella idea of getting married and living happily ever after. Looks were also important--most of us tried for a 21-inch waist in those days," Carolyn Blaine Pruitt said.

The AHS grads contend that the round-robin letter that has kept in touch for so many years is much more than just fun. It offers them support in tough times such as death or divorce.

"It gives us a chance to talk to friends who may have gone through what we're dealing with," Nancy Tucker Jordan said.

The letter also has allowed them to keep up with the many changes that have occurred in each other's lives. They branched out into diverse areas--one is a chemist, another a deacon, another a volunteer at Baylor Medical Center and many are teachers. They have children who live in Alaska or sing for the opera.

As Elinore Cutting South, who at first was a little wary of what the reunion would be like, said, "Now even 40 years later it seems we're finding out new things about each other--it's remarkable."

Stewardson Reunion

Contributed

The Stewardson Reunion was held Saturday, July 27 at Tammy's Steaks in Santa Anna. It was the 89th annual gathering. Pictures and clippings from past years were displayed and Jean Sitterle of Houston had compiled a study in genealogy of all the family members.

A fish lunch with all the trimmings was served to the following: Jane Browning, Brady; Betty S. Norton, Junction; Harper Hunter, Dallas; Virgil Stewardson, Abilene; Gayle and Burgess Stewardson, Kim and Audra Hubbard, Toni, Judd, Tyler and Sloan Stewardson and Clint and Rita Day, all of Santa Anna; Mary O. Milligan, Coleman; Tom and Sue Newman, Fredericksburg; Jasper and Jean McClellan, San Angelo; Drew Bradford and John, Sandy, Sarah and Emily Bradford, all of Odessa; Helen and Bob Slusher and Mitch Slusher, all of Odessa; Dr. and Mrs. Burgess Sealy, Fort Worth; Peggy DePrang and Patsy Mills, Olton; Bob Zirkle, San Angelo; Dwight and David Zirkle, Shields; Katy Watson and Darwin and Kathryn Watson, all of Fort Worth; Linda Slusher, Brownwood; Ann Dunaway, Dallas; Dr. Tom and Beverly Stewardson, Sam, Ben, Hilary and Joe Stewardson, all of Brownwood; Boy and Dee-dee Stewardson, Jack, Todd, Roger and Justin Stewardson, all of San Saba; and Jean and Gerald Sitterle of Houston.

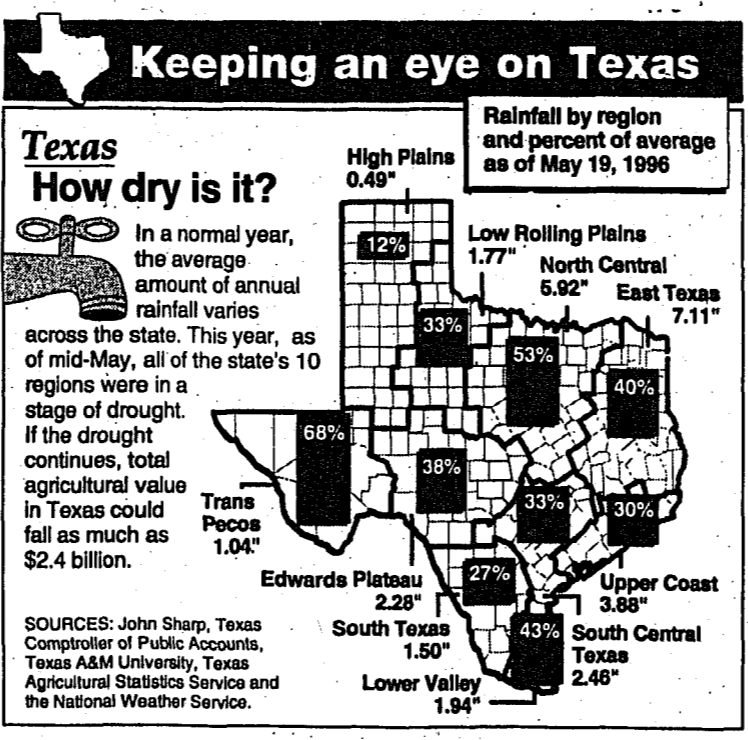
New Couples' Trend: Marriage Renewal

(NU) - With divorce so commonplace in this country, we often fail to notice a growing counter-trend: marriage renewal.

In February, thousands of couples attended the Roman Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter in Colorado Springs -- an example of how the movement has grown and spread.

One of the biblical sources often cited at marriage renewals is from the Gospel of Mark which includes these words of Jesus to the Pharisees: (A man) "becomes like one person with his wife. Then they are no longer two people, but one. And no one should separate a couple that God has joined together."

For information on the work of the American Bible Society, call 1-800-322-4253. The Bible -- it's always relevant.



Fishing Lake Ivie

By Durwood Strickland

We've seen some good shallow and topwater bass action of late. Early morning and late afternoon seem to be the prime times. We've had some good catches using Slingshot bait. I caught a 21 inch bass last week at about 8 foot.

Crappie are kind of hit and miss right now but lots of good action at night under lights using minnows. I've had reports of crappie fishermen finding some real nice schools of white bass while fishing at night.

Because of temperatures, the main lake is producing the most fish right now, although you can find crappie at about 20-25 feet in the rivers.

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Allsup's says the annual program will raise approximately \$15,000 for Special Olympics. "We strongly believe in the mission of Special Olympics and are glad to offer our support," said Stephanie Kempton, Public Relations Director for Allsup's. Allsup's is teaming with Texas Special Olympics to offer in-store promotions by Special Olympics athletes starting in September. Support Texas Special Olympics and buy a Honcho fountain drink today!

Texas Special Olympics (TSO) provides year-round sports training and competition to children and adults with mental challenges in your community. Santa Anna is part of Area 14 which serves Coleman County and the surrounding 24 counties. Area 14 serves approximately 900 athletes in the Big Country area in seven different sports. For more information about becoming a Special Olympic athlete or volunteer call (915) 677-3200.

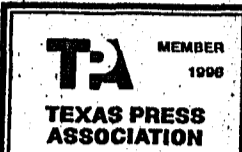
"The Allsup's Honcho fountain drink promotion will benefit the Special Olympics programs in the areas in which the stores operate," according to Susan Comper, Area 14 Director. "By supporting this promotion you are supporting your local Special Olympics program."

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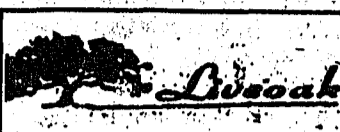
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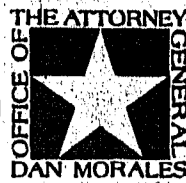
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PYRAMID SCHEMES AND SCAMS

WE HAVE ALL heard pitches telling us how easy it is to get rich quick. Well, if money were that easy to get, everyone would be a millionaire. But it isn't, and we aren't. That's why we at the Office of the Attorney General have put together the following tips on scams and schemes to avoid.

Pyramid schemes

The granddaddy of all get-rich-quick cons is the Ponzi or pyramid scheme. It's called a pyramid scheme because the person at the top of the pyramid collects cash from all the people at the bottom.

You are enticed to join a pyramid scheme by promises that you will earn a lot of money on a modest investment. You are told that all you have to do is convince friends and family members to make similar investments. In reality, nobody but the con artist makes money in a pyramid scheme. You, like everyone else in the base of the pyramid, stand only to lose money.

A pyramid scheme is a very simple concept. The money of new investors is used to pay off the first group of investors, giving the scheme the appearance of a low-risk, high-return venture. But as more people are recruited into the pyramid, the amount owed grows dramatically, while the pool of potential investors shrinks. Eventually the bubble bursts — and hundreds, thousands or millions are left with little or nothing to show for their investment.

BY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN MORALES

What the law says

A pyramid scheme is not just a foolish investment — it's illegal. Under Texas law, a person who runs a pyramid scheme violates the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act, or may be convicted of a state jail felony.

Pyramid schemes come in all forms, and use a wide variety of appealing names such as "Freedom Associates," "Friends Helping Friends," "World Network Holdings," and "Share the Magic." The names really don't matter — nearly all investors are left with worthless paper instead of sound investments.

One of the more popular schemes is a chain letter that asks you to send \$25 every month to several friends as a "gift," and send a comparable amount back to the "home office." The letter claims that the money you receive from people further down the chain is tax free, and that this arrangement will allow you and everyone else in the chain to obtain a monthly income without having to work. But as in all Ponzi schemes, it works only as long as new people are recruited to send money to those already in the chain.

The OAG acts

Over the years, our office has shut down numerous pyramid schemes. One scheme, Platinum Associates, sold distributorships for \$500 each. The distributors promised to help consumers obtain credit cards for a very low fee, in return for another \$500 to use as security on the credit card. The catch? Consumers got the \$500 only if they had a life insurance policy and gave Platinum power of

attorney to get additional insurance on the consumer's life. Through quick action and hard work, we were able to close down this operation before it took hold in Texas.

New venues

Pyramid schemes are now showing up on the Internet. The Federal Trade Commission recently shut down Fortuna Alliance, a massive on-line scheme. Fortuna promised investors profits of up to \$5,000 instantly. According to the FTC, Fortuna stole more than \$6 million from roughly 17,000 members and diverted at least \$3.5 million to a bank in the Caribbean.

Protect yourself

To protect yourself from Ponzi schemes, remember the following tips:

- Don't expect to get rich

State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — A legislative panel is expected to recommend that the responsibility for child-support collections be taken away from Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and given to a newly created "free-standing state entity."

The Senate Interim Committee on Juvenile Justice and Child Support has been reviewing the collections program for a year.

"The mothers and children of Texas cannot afford to keep this thing going," committee chairman Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, told the *Dallas Morning News*.

A similar House panel, headed by Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, is studying the issue. Goodman said there is some sentiment among Democrats and Republicans on his committee for moving child support collections to another agency.

quickly. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

• Be suspicious of any investment opportunity that seems inordinately complicated. This is often intentional — it encourages consumers to make the investment on faith.

• If you have any doubts about an investment opportunity, ask an investment advisor or accountant to review it for you.

For more information

If you suspect someone is trying to set up a pyramid scheme, please contact the Consumer Protection Division office nearest you, or call our toll-free Consumer Protection Hot Line at (800) 621-0508. You can also find more consumer information on our World Wide Web site at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>.

Morales, a Democrat, defended his handling of the child support collections program and said, "It wouldn't surprise me if maybe some politics are involved here. If that's the case, I think it's a shame because the children of Texas should never be used as political pawns."

Wife Resigns As Lobbyist

Diane Allbaugh, the wife of Gov. George W. Bush's executive assistant, Joe Allbaugh, announced her resignation last week as a lobbyist for AT&T and Texas Utilities — corporations that have issues to be considered in the 1997 Legislature.

Mrs. Allbaugh said she was resigning to avoid any appearance of influence-peddling, the *Dallas Morning News* reported.

Her announcement came after Bush said he was troubled by the appearance of a conflict of interest. Bush also said he may initiate a policy to deal with such situations.

Joe Allbaugh said his wife's work did not conflict with his responsibilities in the governor's office, and Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for Bush, said the governor did not ask Diane Allbaugh to resign.

In a letter to Bush's general counsel, Mrs. Allbaugh wrote: "I regret that my effort to resume my professional life has caused such distractions, and trust that this action on my part will address fully any possible concerns."

Mrs. Allbaugh recently registered with the Texas Ethics Commission and Texas Utilities as a lobbyist, as required by law. AT&T was to pay her \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year, and Texas Utilities was to pay her \$25,000 to \$50,000 a year, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

Mr. Allbaugh's annual salary is \$125,000.

Sharp to Push for Tax Relief

Texas Comptroller John Sharp said last week he is confident Gov. Bush will address property tax relief during the 1997 legislative session.

If, however, Bush decides not to go forward with a plan, Sharp said he "would sure look at it then" because he's convinced that the tax burden shouldered by property owners is a problem — and besides, it's his job to help Bush find a way to fix it.

"I don't need public opinion polls or a set of hearings to tell me that the public is severely upset about what they see as trends in property taxes," Sharp said.

A special committee appointed by Bush and headed by Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer is conducting hearings around Texas to gauge support of an alternative to local school property taxes —

about \$10 billion a year.

Bush and lawmakers are to decide what to do after Bomer's panel concludes its work in the fall.

Cancer Society Lauds Demos

The American Cancer Society praised the Texas Democratic Party for its decision last month to no longer accept contributions from tobacco companies.

"It's not easy to turn away money. They are very courageous, and we'd love to see lots of other states follow," American Cancer Society spokeswoman Jerie Jordan told the *Associated Press* last week. California Democrats banned the acceptance of tobacco money over two years ago.

Lester Van Pelt III of the Republican Party of Texas said the state GOP plans no ban on tobacco donations, the AP reported.

The \$50,000 the Texas Democratic Party received from Philip Morris last year made up about one-fourth of the state party's corporate account donations, accord-

ing to reports filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

Last spring, Attorney General Morales, a Democrat, filed a \$4-billion federal lawsuit against the tobacco industry seeking reimbursement of Medicaid money spent on treating tobacco-related illnesses.

■ For the first time in two decades, the number of state government jobs in Texas has declined, the *Wall Street Journal* reported last week. The decrease is 1.1 percent, or 2,919 positions for the first six months of the fiscal year, reducing the total payroll to 258,536 as of Feb. 29. Comptroller John Sharp estimated the reduction has saved taxpayers \$40 million.

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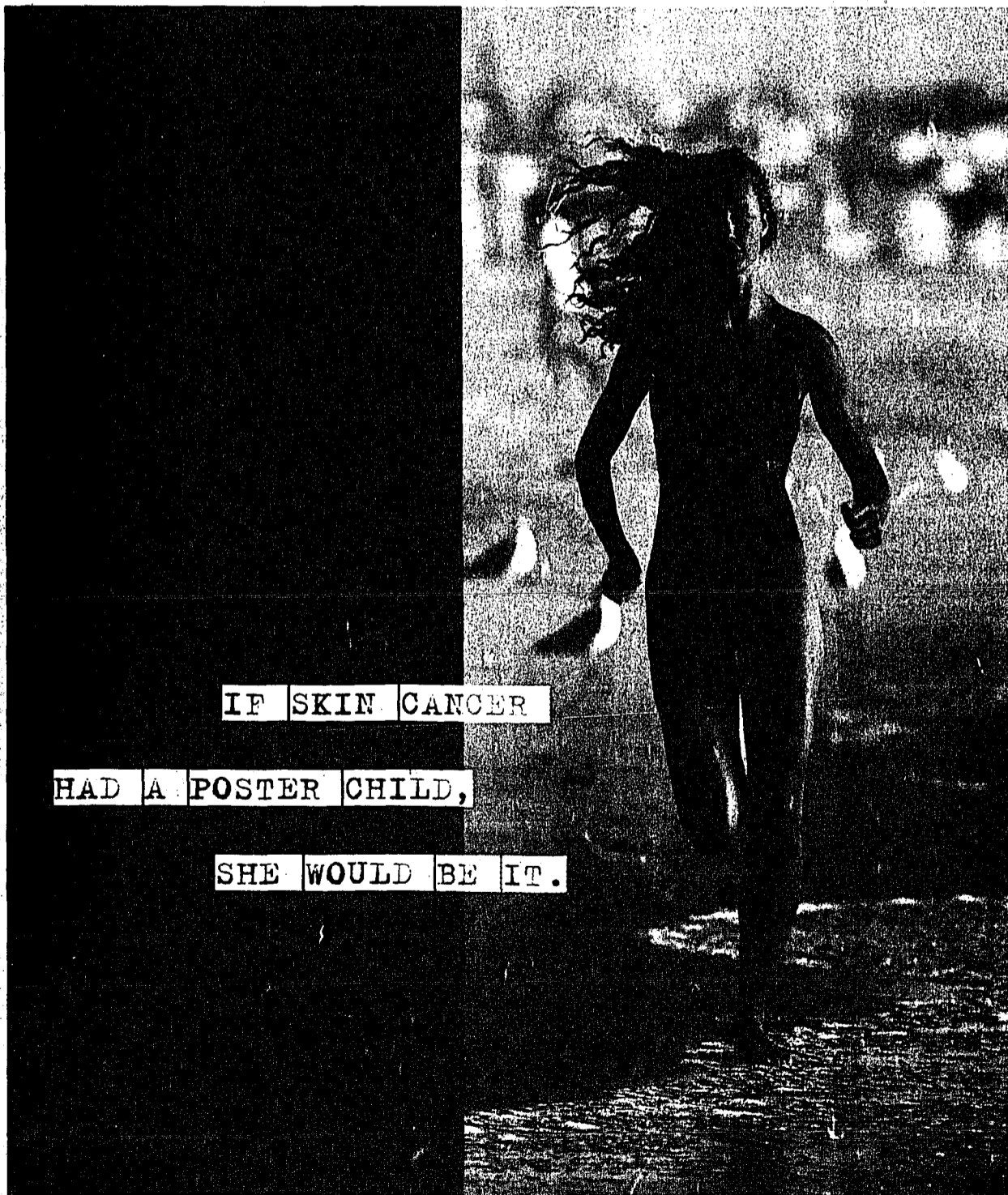
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