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Thursday, December 19, 1996



Holiday

Thursday, December 19..Chamber Breakfast at Mata's Restaurant, 7 to 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 19.

.....Tammy's Steaks Open House 12 to 3

Thursday, December 19.

"School Band and Music Concert, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 20......Senior Citizens Christmas Party High Rise Hospitality Room, 2 to 4 p.m.

Friday, December 20...

.........Santa Claus At Hospitality Room of Coleman County Telecommunications, pictures for a small fee..6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 21...

...Rockwood Family Christmas Party, 6 p.m. Monday, December 23.

.......Santa Anna National Bank Open House, 9 a.m. t0 3 p.m.

Monday, December 23.Coleman County Telecommunications Open House 10 to 3

Tuesday, December 24.....Christmas Eve Candlelight Service First United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

Rockwood Family **Christmas Party** To Be Held Sat. December 21

Contributed

Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 21 at the Rockwood Community Center at 6

Gifts will be exchanged between men, women and children.

Those attending are asked to bring chips, dips, sandwiches or Christmas goodies...

After the party, there will be a cemetery meeting. Hope to see you there.

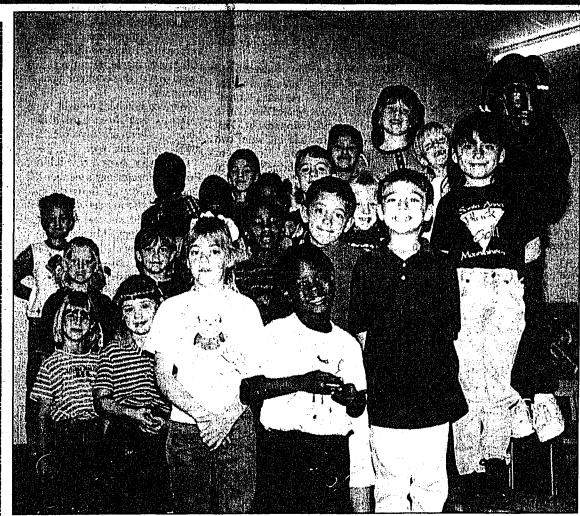
Business Breakfast Thursday At Mata's

The monthly Santa Anna Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast will be held on Thursday, December 19 from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Mata's Restaurant.

All Santa Anna business people and employees are welcome.

Get Picture Made With Santa Friday

Santa Claus will be in the hospitality room at Coleman County Telecommunications from 6 - 8 p.m. Friday to talk with children. Pictures will be made for a



School Music Dept. To Present Christmas Program Thursday

The music department of Santa Anna schools will be presenting its annual Christmas program Thursday night. December 19th at the high school auditorium. The program, which begins at 6:30 p.m., will feature band students under the direction of David Powell and music students of Lois Harper from kindergarten through 4th grade. The young music students shown above were practicing for the program when the photographer visited the school last Friday. There is no admission charge for this special program which is a gift to the community from the students. Everyone is invited to attend.

City Sales Tax Rebate Up 2.40% Over 1995

The City of Santa Anna received a sizeable increase in their sales tax rebate check. The 1996 December check totaled \$3,906.28, up 105.75% from the 1995 check of \$1,898.47.

To date this year the City of Santa Anna has received \$31,034.68, which is up 2.40% over 1995.

Other area towns and their increase over 1995 are Coleman 10.99%; Comanche 22.63%; DeLeon 13.61%; Eastland .89%; Brady 3.45%; Ballinger .69%; and Winters 1.53%.

Delta Omicron Invites Senior Citizens To **Christmas Party**

The Delta Omicron Sorority of Santa Anna will hold its annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party on December 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Santa Anna High Rise Party

All senior citizens are invited to come share gifts, prizes and lots of good food.

Mark the date on your calendar, December 20. Delta Omicron wants to share their Christmas with the senior citizens.

Santa Anna News To Be **Closed For Vacation During The Holidays**

Due to holiday print schedules, the newspaper will be printed on Monday of next week and the office will be closed most of Monday for that reason. Area folks will receive their paper before Christmas. News items for that edition will need to be submitted by 4:00 p.m. Friday of this week.

The Santa Anna News staff will be taking its annual vacation from Tuesday, Dec. 24 through Monday, January 6. After the Christmas Edition you will not receive another paper until the January 9th edition.



New Restaurant Opens With Ribbon Cutting

Mata's Restaurant opened last Saturday morning with a ribbon cutting ceremony conducted by the Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members, friends and family members joining in the ribbon cutting were Lee Coffman, Chamber president Michelle Morgan, David Robinett, Armando Mata Sr. holding little daughter Paula, Rob Cheaney, Moses Mata, Laura Mata cutting the ribbon, Rod Musick, Chamber office manager Dena Gonzales, Jeannie Patterson, Armando Mata Jr., Annelle Clark and Photo by Polly Warnock

Jean Findley To Fill Council Vacancy

The Santa Anna City Council Secretary Alys Pelton. met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 10 with Mayor Danny Kellar calling the meeting to order.

Council members present were Mike Pritchard, Bobby Morgan, Karen Morris and Jim Spillman.

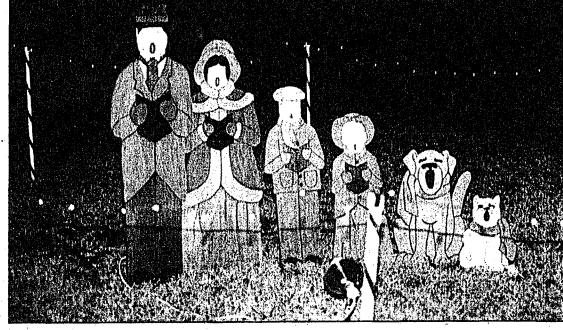
Others present were Shirley Sansom representing the Abilene Federal Credit Union, City Supervisor Doug Watson and City

A motion was made and carried to amend the agenda to add the appointment of the new council member to fill the vacancy left when Robert Noriega moved from

Jean Findley was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Noriega who recently resigned when he was transferred to Cisco by WTU. Mrs. Findley will serve until the next

regular election in May 1997 in accordance with the Texas Election Laws. She is employed at Santa Anna national Bank where she is an administrative assistant. The daughter of Robert and Maggie Robinett, Jean was reared in Santa Anna. She and her husband Ray, a coach with Santa Anna schools, moved here in 1991 from Coleman.

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Holiday Scenes Brighten The Community

This lighted holiday scene, part of a display in the yard of Raymond Don and Doris Cupps, brightens their neighborhood and is enjoyed by all who pass. There are many such enjoyable displays that help spread the Christmas spirit throughout our community. If you haven't already done so, you will want to make a drive around town to see all the beautiful lights.

Santa Ánna — A Town Of Friendly People

Saying Hello To Margaret Wofford of Bangs

Gladys Wardlow

Gladys Wardlow, 72, of Santa Anna, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996 at 7:30 a.m. in the Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1996, at 2 p.m. at the Henderson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Raymond Jones officiating. Burial followed in the Santa Anna Cemetery under the direction of Henderson Funeral Home of Santa Anna.

She was born May 18, 1924 in Brady to the late Robert E. and Lillie A. Williams McCartney. He was raised in Bangs where she attended the Bangs schools.

She was a lifetime resident of Santa Anna where she was a member of the Baptist Church and lunchroom supervisor for the Santa Anna schools for many years and later worked for Ranger Park and Holiday Hill Nursing Homes.

She married L. K. Wardlow on July 17, 1939 in Bangs and he preceded her in death in 1983.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Orvel Pape of Santa Anna; four sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby and Judy Wardlow of Copperas Cove, Larry and Shela Wardlow of Los Alamos, NM, Tommy and Marcia Wardlow of Glen Cove and Brad and Tammy Wardlow of Midland: three sisters. Leona Chaney of Brownwood, Lillie Jo McCartney of Abilene and Allene Middleton of San Angelo; a brother, J. M. McCartney of Palm Bay, Fl.; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, great-grandson, a sister and three brothers.

Leo Moore

Leo Moore, 63, died Friday, Dec. 13, 1996 in Denver, Colo.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1996, at Community Baptist Church of Franktown, Colo. An additional service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996 at First Baptist Church in Santa Anna under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home. Graveside services with full military honors will follow at Coleman Cemetery.

He was born Sept. 12, 1933 in Coleman. On Sept. 4, 1955, he and Patsy Williams were married.

He retired from the United States Air Force in 1974 and from the Watersaver Company in 1993. He was active in Republican fund raisings and Franktown, Colorado Chamber of Commerce; and was a member of Community Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Tommy Moore of New Orleans, LA and David Moore of Denver, Colo.; a brother, Earl Moore of Fort Worth; and two sisters, Inez Davis of Coleman and Dalvia Havner of Santa Anna.

Santa Anna Nutrition Center Menu

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 Baked chicken, potato augratin, green beans, pineapple cake, ice

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 Dressing, golden sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, pecan pie and fruit salad

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 Vegetable soup, cheese sandwiches, saltines, cookies and

12-24-95

MAYE ESTELLE TERRY

God saw you were getting tired

And a cure was not to be

So He put His arms around you,

And whispered--"Come to me."

-With tearful eyes we watched you suffer

We could not make you stay."

A golden heart stopped beating:

A special Mother was put to rest--

God broke our hearts to prove to Us

He only takes the Best.

Sis, Wanda and Ann

And saw you fade away

Although we loved you dearly,

3-21-03

John C. Gregg

John C. Gregg, 77, of Santa Anna, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996 at 7:04 p.m. at the Coleman County Medical Center.

Services were held Friday, Dec. 13. 1996 at 2 p.m. at the Northside Baptist Church of Santa Anna with Revs. Don Pruitt, Raymond Jones and Marvin Hale officiating. Burial followed at the Santa Anna Cemetery directed by Henderson Funeral Home of Santa Anna.

He was born to the late Joseph J. and Clara Buchanan Gregg in Rising Star on Oct. 19, 1919. He was raised in Coleman County where he attended the Buffalo School and graduated from Santa Anna High School in 1938.

He was an Army AirCore veteran of World War II and married Billie Cole in Coleman County on Jan. 4, 1947 and they have celebrated 49 vears of marriage.

He was a lifetime resident of Santa Anna where he was a member of the Santa Anna Lions Club and Northside Baptist Church.

The Gregg family owned and operated the Santa Anna News from 1921 until 1967. He was postmaster of the Santa Anna Post Office from 1965 until retirement in 1985.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters. Darlene Pirrello of Carson, Calif. and Juanell Stiles of Coleman; a son, John Gregg of Coleman; two sisters, Eris Munneck of Bishop and Mary Jo Teel of Rush Springs, Okla.; two brothers, Jack J. Gregg of Austin and Burton Gregg of Ingram; 9 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchil-

He was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Pallbearers were Fred Cawthon, Dr. Charles Fuller, Robert Robinett, John Smiley, Bob Turner and Donald Strickland.

Honorary pallbearers were R. C. Smith, Lee Moore, Danny Kellar, Edwin Hipsher, Cullen Perry, Quinton Daniel, Gary Patterson, Danny Cook, Joe Ed Wise, Rob Cheaney, Carlos Torres, Lee Ray Huggins, and members of the Santa Anna Lions Club

Santa Anna Cemetery **Memorials**

The Santa Anna Cemetery Association has received the following memorials:

In memory of John Gregg from Doris Griffin and Gwendolyn

Animal Damage Control Fund Ends Year On Positive Note

The Coleman County Livestock and Wildlife Protection Association had their final monthly meeting of 1996 on Monday, December 9 in the county judge's office of the courthouse. Eight members were present to hear an optimistic financial report from chairman Curtis Jamison. The committee is responsible for raising funds for Animal Damage Control in Coleman County. This years association will finish the year with all bills paid in full with a few hundred dollars remaining to roll over into next year. This was a welcome message from chairman Jamison since the association has been running three to four months behind in collecting donations for Animal Damage Control. This was possible thanks to many local bussiness and ranchers in Coleman County

who have contributed to this fund. Contributors for the months of November and December include the following: Willie Wilson, Debra Little, Mrs. Darrell Slate, Jamie S. Summuld, Dorothy Webb, Mrs. Donald Strickland, Lorie McMahan, Wm. S. Wilson, Bobbie Valicek, B. R. Laws, Cody Golson, Mrs. Carlton Parks, Winifred Walton, Mrs. Thelma Ragland, Gerald Kasberg, Mrs. M. E. Campbell, Richard Lutz, Jean Downey, Mark Griffis, Burnell Nesteby, Wade Turner, Gerald Sitterle, Dwan Cozart, James Neill, Jackie Smith, Mike Priddy, Dorothy Dillingham, Don J. Straud, Malcolm Ellison, W. G. Stearns, Curt W. Skelton, Tommy Robertson, J. S. Livingston, Nonnie Smith, Novella Stearns, Mrs. W. G. Maxwell, Lester Stephenson, R. T. Payne, Davis Investments, Schwethelm Co., Carl S. Cook, Janice Parker, Jo Featherston, Mrs. L. B. Slagle, Mrs. Dean Morgan, Hochheim Branch #154, Lucy Samson, C. S Tomlinson, Ted Triplett, George Gould, Dave and Ruth Ann Blake, Daniel Hallmark, Erika M; Buckholtz, R. M. or Sharon Tobin

and Wylie Hearn.

By Alice Anria Syllman

A very special little book came in recently. Unfortunately it was lost between several other boxes of donated books and magazines. We do hope the person who gave this book will tell us. Martin Luther Christmas Book. Roland H. Bainton. The illustrations are woodcuts by people of his time. This was a special art where pictures were actually cut into wood then inked and printed. The written material is taken from sermons of Luther. These spread over 30 years time. Included is a song that may have been written by Luther's children. This book might explain some of the protestant views of this event.

Our friends, Dr. Elizabeth Kelly Antilla, sent another box of books-among them--a history of the Crimean War and an in depth study of the Hungarian Uprising. Personally. I believe this incident still brings shame upon the U.S.A. I plan to read this book for more information.

Maribee Pritchard brought 16 paperbacks and three hard backed books. There are mysteries, romance and gothic type.

Don't Cry Now Joy Fielding. Bonnie Wheeler has a perfect life. One morning she finds her husband's ex-wife murdered. Now her daughter and she are in danger. Silent Treatment Michael Palmer. Doctor Corbett's wife checked into the hospital. Now he is charged with her murder. One of his favorite patients is murdered. Now Corbett realized that a doctor may be responsible. The House Next Door Anne R. Siddons. When a house is built on the lot next door, strange things start happening. Is it haunted? A Knight In Shining Armor Jude Deveraux. A lady of today is rescued by a knight in shining armor from another world. A real fantasy.

Thank all of you for these gifts. How generous you have been this

Did you know that several women meet every Friday morning at the library to share their handcrafts? Have you made or received an unusual article? Maybe you would like to show and tell--with the other ladies.

Please remember that the library will be closed December 24 and 25. That's Tuesday and Wednesday. Come this week or Monday to stock up on books.

Merry Christmas to you all from everyone at the Santa Anna City

HPU Advancement Office Adds Two New Members To Staff



Craig Adams

BROWNWOOD--Craig Adams of Dallas and Melanie Reynolds of Birmingham, Ala., have been named development directors at Howard Payne University, announced Dr. Michael Nealeigh, vice president for university advance-

A native of Brownwood and now a resident of Santa Anna, Adams holds 25 years experience in sales and marketing, with the last 10 years devoted to financial and estate planning. He has worked with Prudential. CUNA Mutual and Bank One. He is currently earning certification as a Charter Financial Consultant. He hosted a national radio talk show dealing with financial planning, and helped produce a television special on financial independence which aired in Dallas.

Adams received the bachelor's degree from Texas Wesleyan

University in Fort Worth and the master's degree from Abilene Christian University. He and his wife Pat have four children--Andy, Molly, Amanda and Nathan.

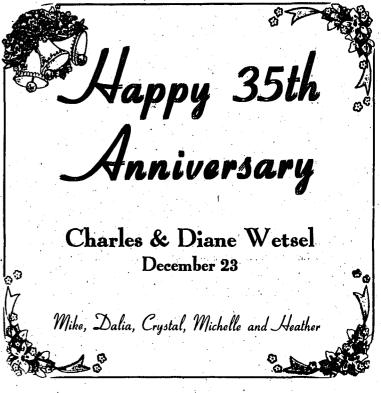
Reynolds holds broad-based experience in professional writing, public relations, sales and marketing. She has worked in healthcare, public relations and marketing for a technical writing company, project management for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and public relations for Jefferson State Community College. She has also taught at the public schools and college levels.

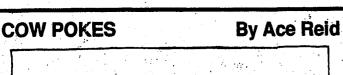
Reynolds received the bachelor's degree from the University of North Alabama and the master's degree from Samford University. She has two sons-Matt and Marc.

'Round & About

Weekend visitors with Eddie and Mary Ann Hartman were their son James, Tanya, Maegan and Katie of Midland and Edd and Ruby Hartman of Santa Anna.

Mrs. E.E. (Lena) McClintock, longtime Santa Anna resident. has moved to Breckenridge to be near some of her children. She will be most happy to hear from old friends at her new address, 1110 Shirley Court, Breckenridge, Tx 76424. Her phone number is 1-817-559-



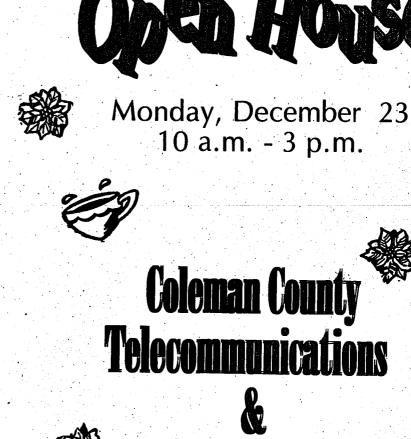




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Santa Anna Ex-Student Scholarship Fund Receives **Donations, Memorials**

The Santa Anna Ex-Students Scholarship Fund was established in June, 1994.

In May 1996 the first scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 was awarded to Patricia Scott. She is a student at Texas State Technical College in Brownwood.

This scholarship is funded through donations and memorial gifts.

Recent to the Santa Anna Ex-Student Scholarship Fund have been received from the following:

In memory of Stuart Williams, a member of the Class of 1937 from

In memory of John C. Gregg from the Class of 1938;

In memory of Richard Horner, a member of the Class of 1941 from Sybil Eubank: and

In memory of Annie Louise Smith, a member of the Class of 1934 from Mrs. Raymond Eubank. Donations have been received from the following:

The Class of 1934, The Class of 1946; Billie W. Stephenson, a member of the Class of 1951 and James Rice, a member of the Class of 1951 from his book sales.

Former Santa Anna Resident Will Autograph New Book in Abilene

David and Suzie Wells will be autographing their book Flowing Wealth, published by Harrison-House of Tulsa, Oklahoma at the B. Dalton Bookstore in the Mall of Abilene, Saturday, December 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

David and Suzie have pastored Methodist churches in Cross Plains, Breckenridge, Mineral Wells, Fort Worth, Loving and Jean. They have pastored in Abilene since 1978. David was in the oil and oil equipment business for many years.

They originally published, but Harrison-House bought exclusive rights to the book and are making it available world-wide.

Flowing Wealth show the biblical responsibility for God's people to have great wealth to establish God's ethics in all the business world. It shows the three-fold financial teachings of scripture to gain, manage and give in balance to ever increase personal and business wealth, which puts you in a position to maximize giving. The book sells for ten dollars. David and Suzie would love to meet with you and sign your copy of Flowing Wealth.

David attended the Santa Anna schools through his freshman year.



David and Suzie Wells

He then moved to Cross Plains where he graduated and was in business for many years. He moved from Santa Anna in 1954. He is the son of Mrs. Sloan Wells, 91, who lived in Santa Anna until 1994. The Wells family came to Santa Anna when David was 10. There was an oil boom and his father was an independent oil operator. David has many friends in the

FBC Dorcas Sunday School Class Holds Christmas Party

Contributed

Thursday, December 12 in the beau- Dorothy Harris, Etta Earl Buse and tiful decorated home of their teacher Lodema Jones. Carmen Donham.

enjoyed by all and cards and gifts Jones.

Members present were Virgie The Dorcas Sunday School Class Morgan, Winnie Rutherfordy of the First Baptist Church met Annelle Clark, Syble Huggins,

A delicious salad luncheon was Pearce, Marty Reed and Raymond

Guests attending were Frances

Methodist Church Will Hold Special Holiday Services

First United Methodist Church of Santa Anna will be holding a Christmas Eve candlelight service Tuesday, December 24th starting at 7:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, December 31, the church will have a Covenant Service, also beginning at 7:00

Start the new year off with hope and joy by attending this special service and reaffirming your comittment to God's covenant of grace and love.

There will be a time of fellowship, food and games in the annex following the service. Bring some snacks and join friends and neighbors to say goodbye to 1996 and hello to 1997.

Birthdays Anniversaries

DECEMBER 19 Katharine Simmons **Chris Cheaney** Liz Warnock

DECEMBER 20 Gayla Pritchard Lishka Rodney Duus

DECEMBER 21 Charles Hosch Frankie Gregg Christi Wade Peyton Kuykendall John s. Hensley

DECEMBER 22 Lois Avants Blake Williams

DECEMBER 23 Fernando Castillo Jr.

DECEMBER 24 Manuel Salazar Mr. and Mrs. John ZuZu

DECEMBER 25 Christy Noel Strother **Bob Runyan** Mr & Mrs O.H. Watson * Mr. and Mrs. Guy Whisenant*

DECEMBER 26 Reece McIver Celeste Simmons Mr & Mrs Danny Wheatley *

FBC Adult IV Tell Our Advertisers You Saw It In **Sunday School** The Santa Anna News Class Meets For **Christmas Dinner**

Trickham and its population of 12 once again gained some notoriety when the name of the

community appeared on a weather map published in the November 1 edition of the Dallas Morning

News. Some folks in Austin were kind enough to send this copy of that weather map. The Dallas-

newspaper often shows a small community on its weather map along with the major cities.

Trickham is one of the most historic communities of our area which has been written about time

Trickham On The Map

and again, and each time enjoyed by us all.

And Party

Smith.

couple.

and Donna Reed.

Members of the Adult IV Sunday

School Class of First Baptist

Church met for a dinner and

Christmas party Wednesday

evening, December 11. Hosts for

Following the meal, the group

Members attending were Warren

and Marion Aldridge, Curley and

Billie Gatlin, Oma Dean Horner,

Ruby Hosch, Carl and Jean

Langford, Sam and Alwyn Jacobs,

Tom and Barbara Kingsbery,

Frances Malone, Royce and Wanda

Visitors with the group were

Raymond and Lodema Jones,

Freddie and Edith Dodson and Marty

McIver, Carol Sims and the host

enjoyed visiting a gift exchange.

the party were Robert and Mary



Holiday Open House

The Directors, Officers and Employees of

Santa Anna **National Bank**

invite you to share the joy of the season at our annual

Open House

Monday, December 23 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Nance Ford Named To **President's Honor** Roll At TSTC

Nance Ford of Santa Anna has received been named to the President's Honor Roll at Texas State Technical Center Brownwood Center for the Fall 1996 Ouarter.

Ford is study Information Management Technology. The President's Honor Roll is

achieved by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

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Married couples who love each other, tell each other a thousand things without talking. --Chinese Proverb

A good marriage is that in which each appoints the other guardian of his solitude.

—Rainer Maria Rilke

Margaret Hensley MSN. RNCS **Family Nurse Practioner**

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Dayfight (PG-13)

Fri- Thurs 1205 235 500 725 9:45

(915) 625-2175



School To Dismiss For Christmas Holidays Friday, Dec. 20 At Noon

Students in the Santa Anna school will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 20 at noon. Lunch will be served prior to dismissal time.

Teachers will return to the classroom on Monday, January 6 with students beginning the second semester on Tuesday, January 7.

School Board **Accepts Bids** For Car And Bus

The Santa Anna I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a special called meeting on Tuesday, December 3.

Roddy Dean, Marty Donham, Sharon Guthrie, Dickie Horner, and Gay Abernathy.

Also present were Superintendent Principal Lee Coffman, Business Hutchins). Manager Judy Hartman and Burl Lowry C.P.A.

Horner, Amanda Lishka, Marty physics. Siller, Rachael Guerrero, Jennifer Johnson, Kristen Keeney and Yolanda Frausto.

Burl Lowry, CPA presented the annual audit for the 1995-96 school year which was accepted as presented.

The board agreed to purchase a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria from Bledsoe Ford Mercury. They will also purchase a 35 passenger Thomas built bus from Longhorn Bus Sales on a lease purchase agreement for three years.

The Board agreed to change the date of the regular meeting to December 17.

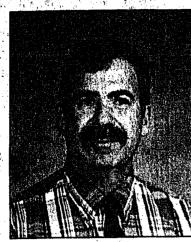
The administrative instrument for the superintendent evaluation was approved.

Policy Update 52 has been provided to the board for the first read-

Superintendent of School Dean Bass informed the board that an insurance adjuster has inspected the elementary roof and the school has received a check for repairs. The Neogard Co. of Dallas will be reroofing the building in the near future.

SHOP AT HOME!

Meet The Staff And Faculty Of Santa Anna ISD



ROLAND NICHOLAS

Family: Wife Susan who works as a nurse for Dr. Mark Mark in Brownwood; daughter Delisa a sophomore in Bangs High School; and a son Nathan a 6th grader in Santa Anna Elementary

Grade or subject you are teaching: High school mathematics, computer and physics Previous schools taught in: Student taught at Bangs High School and have taught at Santa

Anna for 20 years Education: Graduated from Bangs High School in 1972; attended DeVry Institute of Technology; BS from Howard Payne University in 1976; many graduate and continuing education hours from TSU in Stephenville, ASU in San Angelo, ACU in Abilene, University In Houston and TSTC in Brownwood

What influenced you to become a teacher: In high Board members presents were school, it seems like I spent more time helping other students with their assignments and studying than Barbara Simmons, Edwin Hipsher I spent on my own. Teaching just seemed like a natural choice for me to take (with some encouragement of Schools Dean Bass, District from my high school teacher Elvin

After studying at DeVry for one quarter, I went to Howard Payne to Students recognized for achieve- study to become, believe it or not, ment in football were Josh Lewis, a band director (I had been a drum Chris Lewis, Chris Boyet, Chris major in high school). Because of Cheaney, Shane Watson, Clifton my work schedule I couldn't keep Blaine, Cesar Patino, Hector Patino up all of the music activities such and Lupe Castillo. Volleyball girls as band. I dropped music from my recognized were Ami Beal, Briana major and changed to math and



ALFONSO GONZALES

Family: Wife Dina; son Alfonso, Jr.; and daughter Brigitte Hometown: Van Horn

Grade or subject you are teaching: High school and 3rd grade Spanish

Previous schools taught in: Student taught at Van Horn Junior High in Van Horn

Education: B.S. at Sul Ross State University

What influenced you to

become a teacher: I've always enjoyed being around kids. It's a joy to see a kid's face light up when they accomplish something.

What you like about your iob: The friendliness of my collegues and students. Everyone has gone out of their way to make us feel welcome since we got here.



GLADYS NORIEGA

Family: Husband Robert, daughter Michele and cat Black Beauty

Hometown: Raised in Sonora; lived in Santa Anna two years Position: Para-professional in elementary for third grade

What you like about your job: I enjoy working with the children and the staff.



TERI JONES

Family: Husband Sam owns Brown County Welding; son Ryan

a freshman at HPU and plays football for Yellowjackets; daughter Lori a senior at Santa Anna High School; and son Evan a 6th grader at Santa Anna Elementary

Grade or subject you are teaching: Grades 9-12 Special Education

Previous schools taught in: 2nd grade at Lamesa ISD for 3 years and substituted for 6 years at Klondike ISD

Education: A Bachelor of Science in Education from Texas Tech University in Lubbock

What influenced you to become a teacher: My parents have been educators and administrators all my life. I have always felt the desire to educate children of all ages. I love to see light bulbs light up in their heads. I do what I do not for the money but for the enjoyment in seeing students learn.

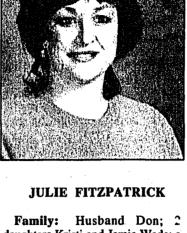
Children learn in all different ways and at all different levels. I'm here to teach them all.



RESPONDENT OF A VILLEY DOWNS OF THE PARTY OF WHICH WE WITH THE THE STATE OF THE STA

daughters Kristi and Jamie Wade; a step-son Brandon Fitzpatrick and a step-daughter Steffany Fitzpatrick

What you like about your job: Being around people and



Position: Meat Cook

kids. I enjoy kids.



ANNA BOZARTH

Family: Two dogs Peg and Gordon

Grade or subject you are teaching: Junior High English and Reading and Junior High girls basketball, track and volleyball

Previous schools taught in: Christoval ISD

Education: BA from Angelo State University; lack 9 hours to get M.Ed at Angelo State University

What influenced you to tecome a teacher: I wanted to teaching could enable me to 14 combine my love of reading, learning and kids.

SANTA ANNA **EVANT**

CROSS PLAINS 47 SANTA ANNA 39

Santa Anna scoring: Bible 2; share my love learning. I believed Farley 10, Coyle 13; Hale 2; Beloat

(This game went into OT) Santa Anna scoring: Guthrie 10; Bradley 7; Wade 4; Isbell 2; Hensley 2 SANTA ANNA A 22 **EVANT**

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Novice Tournament

Baird 49, Santa Anna 40

Santa Anna 47, Baird 44

Santa Anna 64, Moran 55

Junior High Girls

SANTA ANNA B 27

Kuykendall 8; Weaver 2; Balderas 8 2; Morris 2

Junior High Boys

Santa Anna scoring: Bible 2; Farley 2; Morgan 3; Coyle 8

Santa Anna Junior High Basketball Schedule

Jan. 13	Lometa	3 games	* .	5:00	Inere	٠.
Jan. 20	Cross Plains	4 games	·	4:00	Here	
Jan. 23-25	Zephyr Tourname	ent .	,			
Jan. 27	Evant	3 games	• 4	5:00	There	
Feb. 3	Lometa	3 games	. • *. •	5:00	Here	
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SAHS Basketball Schedule

ı	Dec. 20	Novice	3 games	5:00	Here
	Jan. 2-4	Panther Creek To			
	Jan. 7	Richland Springs	4 games	4:00	Here
	Jan. 10	Eden	4 games-2 gyms		
			JŸ	5:00	There
			V	6:00	There
	Jan. 14	Mullin	4 games	4:00	Here
	*Jan. 17	Cross Plains	4 games	4:00	Here
	*Jan. 21	Evant	3 games	5:00	There
	*Jan. 24	Lometa	3 games	5:00	Here
	*Jan. 28	Cross Plains	4 games	4:00	There
	*Jan. 31	Evant	3 games	5:00	Here
	*Feb. 4	Lometa	3 games	5:00	There

*Denotes District Games

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Santa Anna Junior High **Basketball Tournament**

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COLEMAN 7B SANTA ANNA Santa Anna scoring: Kuykendall 14; Rankin 2; Balderas 10; Wade 3;

CROSS PLAINS COLEMAN 7B

Guthrie 2; Lishka 2

2: Balderas 6, Martin 5:

20 **BLANKET** SANTA ANNA

1st Blanket; 2nd Santa Anna; 3rd

Santa Anna scoring: Kuykendall

Cross Plains; 4th Coleman 7B Santa Anna All-Tournament:

Balderas, Lishka, Kuykendall

BOYS

CROSS PLAINS BLANKET

SANTA ANNA COLEMAN 7B 20 Santa Anna scoring: Bible 1; Farley 7; Coyle 15; Hubbard 1;

Hale 2; Beloat 10; Donham 1 BLANKET **COLEMAN 7B**

CROSS PLAINS SANTA ANNA

Santa Anna scoring: Bible 4; Santa Anna scoring: Martin 10; Farley 3; Coyle 14; Hale 2; Beloat

> lst Cross Plains; 2nd Santa Anna; 3rd Blanket; 4th Coleman 7B

> Santa Anna All-Tournament: Farley, Beloat, Coyle

School Calendar

January 6: Teacher Work Day January 20-21: In-Service **Training Days** February 21: End of Fourth Six

Weeks March 28: Holiday

April 4: End of Fifth Six Weeks April 11: School Holiday April 18: Bad Weather Day April 25: Bad Weather Day May 9: Holiday May 16: Holiday

May 23: Holiday May 29: End of Second Semester May 30: Teacher Work Day

Fishing Lake Ivie

Don't expect too many fishermen out the next few days with temperatures in the teens to 30, but sounds like next week might be nicer.

Crappie fishing is fair to good fishing with minnows and jigs in deep water. Its that time of year when the water temp has begin to drop and the winter crappie fishing will begin to pick up considerably. Winter crappie usually run in schools and when you find one, you are in luck to limit out.

Black bass and smallmouth are slow to fair on worms fished in deep water with most of the smallmouth being caught on rocky outcrops of main lake points.

Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait; yellow catfish are fair on live perch fished in the river.

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By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN - Republicans won a majority in the state Senate last week when state Rep. Robert Duncan of Lubbock was elected to a vacant seat representing 21 counties in West Texas.

'West Texas made history tonight," Duncan told supporters at a post-election rally.

The Dec. 10 runoff victory gave the GOP its first majority in a Texas legislative chamber since 1872, and a 16-14 seat edge.

Sen.-elect Duncan will fill the seat vacated by John Montford, a Democrat who left the Senate to take a position as chancellor of Texas Tech University.

One seat remains to be filled - that of Sen. Jim Turner, D-Crockett. Turner won a U.S. House seat in November, so a special election will be held next year to fill his state Senate seat.

While the new majority gives the GOP power in numbers, the Senate is still ruled by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, whose authority it is to appoint committee chairmen and make committee assignments.

In welcoming Duncan to the Senate, Bullock said, "The most important thing now is to focus on the state's business in the upcoming session without regard to political party labels or party agendas.'

Brown Files No-Reversal Bill

Texas appellate courts would not be able to use technical errors as the basis for throwing out valid criminal convictions under a bill filed by state Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson.

Brown's bill would prohibit convictions from being reversed for so-called harmless errors. He filed similar legislation in 1995 that died in the House.

John Boston of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association called the bill unnecessary, saying less than 1 percent of criminal convictions are overturned on appeal.

Bomer Blasts Settlement

"Consumer rip-off" is what Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer called a proposed class-action settlement for millions of Allstate and Farmers insurance policyholders who were over-charged for automobile insurance.

Bomer asked Attorney General Dan Morales to intervene in a lawsuit against the two companies because a settlement resolving the suit gives nothing to millions of policyholders who are entitled to compensation, The Dallas Morning News reported.

And, while the settlement in October totaled \$35.7 million, Bomer said the two companies will have to pay out only \$20 million

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because so many policyholders will never be conjacted.

Mauro Hints at Run At a Democratic fund-raiser in Austin last week. Land Commissioner Garry Mauro said, "As Texas races' toward the future, I promise you I will be in the race."

His comment has been interpreted to mean that he plans on running for governor in 1998.

Mauro also said he had "no plans to go to Washington," downplaying speculation that he might seek a post in the Clinton administration or as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Other Capital Highlights

. Seventeen Texans licensed to carry concealed handguns have had their licenses revoked, the Texas Department of Public Safety announced. According to the DPS, 112,483 Texans had been granted licenses as of Dec. 3. Sixteen men and one woman had their licenses revoked. Seven licenses were taken away because of criminal activities.

The Texas Transfortation Institute released a report ranking Austin as the third-most trafficcongested city in Texas, behind Houston and Dallas. Austin's congestion index was 33rd-worst in the nation, based on 1993 figures.

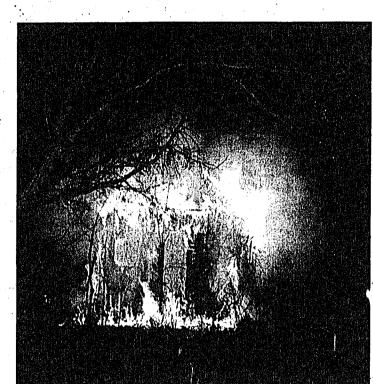
Associates of Texas Republican this week his candidacy for the national GOP chairmanship. The new chairman will be elected by the 165-member Republican National Committee at a Jan. 17 meeting.

 Austin's annual cedar fever endemic was featured in a Dec. 10 Wall Street Journal article. Mountain cedars "explode" with allergen-laden pollen from December through February.

E Conquest Airlines, the Austinbased regional airline, emerged from bankruptcy last week, and can now carry out plans to expand within Texas and into other states.

Texas Instruments has announced that it will stop making notebook computers at its factory in Temple, cutting 200 jobs immediately and another 300 by May. TI is shifting the manufacture of its laptop computers to Asia. After the cuts, TI will have 500 employees in Temple.

An inmate's attempt to get cigarettes back in Texas prisons has failed. The 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin rejected Samuel Jackson's contention that prisoners' rights were violated when the Texas **Board of Criminal Justice instituted** a smoking ban for prison inmates and employees in 1995.



Firefighters Respond To House Fire

The Santa Anna Volunteer Fire Department was called to a fire of unknown origin late last Friday night on Bowie Street. The vacant house was declared a total loss. Photo by Polly Warnock

City Council_

Continued from page 1

Shirley Sansom present the ees' salaries in the budget. council and city employees with brochures about the Abilene Federal Credit Union and told what is available to those associated with the city. She will return to talk with other employees.

Ine maintenance agreement, ordinance and resolution with the Texas Department of Transportation Texas Department of Transportation on the maintenance of highways **Moved To** that are in the city limits was approved.

A decision on whether to join the Coalition on the 4A and 4B Sales Tax was tabled.

Following an executive session, the council agreed to issue a three percent cost of living raise to employees with City Supervisor Doug Watson having the authority to

give up to a two percent merit raise to employees which he recommends.

The council approved issuing the annual Christmas bonuses which are included as part of the employ-

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City Supervisor Doug Watson has his report for the month of November.

The accounts payable was ap-

Brownwood

We have received word that Laverne Weems, the Rockwood woman who was critically injured in an auto accident the 12th of August, has been moved from Abilene to Brownwood.

Mrs. Weems was first a patient at Hendrick Medical Center, Abilene and most recently has been in the Hendrick Rehab Unit. Along with rehabilitating broken bones, her rehab time has included learning to use an artificial arm and hand.

Mrs. Weems will continue her

\$15.50 in county

\$17.00 out of county

\$18.00 out of state

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Caramel corn coming home for the holidays

Send a little bit of home to someone special this holiday season with a snack that packs well and is guaranteed to make mouths water upon arrival. Our Golden Caramel Corn or Jazzy Flavored Popcorn recipes are super easy to prepare in the microwave and always hit the spot as favorite treats to serve when families gather for

The microwave varieties of travels well. Send your transformed popcorn in a special holiday tin or sealed in a decorated airtight food storage bag. Whatever the season - or the reason — a snack package through the mail is one way to send your message of love loud and clear over the miles that may separate you from a loved one!

Golden Caramel Corn (3 quarts)

- bag (3 to 3 1/2 oz.) microwave popcorn, popped
- cup dry roasted peanuts cup firmly packed brown
- sugar tablespoons margarine or butter
- tablespoons light corn syrup

teaspoon baking soda teaspoon vanilla flavoring

1. Combine popped corn (discard unpopped kernels) and peanuts in large (4 quart) glass mixing bowl. Set aside.

2. Combine sugar, margarine and corn syrup in 1-quart glass measuring cup. Microwave at HIGH (100%) until margarine melts (about one minute). Stir. America's favorite snack stores and . Microwave uncovered at HIGH until mixture comes to a full boil (about one minute); then microwave at HIGH for 1 1/2 minutes longer.

3. Stir in soda and vanilla until mixture is foamy. Pour over popped corn and peanuts, mixing until evenly coated.

4. Microwave uncovered at HIGH for 5 minutes, stirring twice. Spread mixture on buttered jelly roll pan to cool. Store tightly covered.

NOTE: Mixture is very hot. Use hot pads.

Jazzy Flavored Popcorn

- 2 bags (3 to 3 /2 oz. each) microwave popcorn
- 1 package (1 /4 oz.) dry cheese sauce mix

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I package (1 /2 oz.) dry mild taco seasoning mix

Pop corn. Pour into large bowl. Sprinkle with cheese sauce mix or taco seasoning mix. Toss and enjoy. Cool before storing in an airtight container.

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TRICKHAM TIDBITS By Anna York

The Richardson family had their anual Christmas party on Saturday at the Trickham Community Center with 45 attending. There were five generations present with Mr. Johnny Richardson being the oldest at 94 and little Cheynne Edwards 3 months the youngest. Everyone reported a real good time.

Kit Dean and daughter Jennie of Comanche spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean and son Wyndham.

Mr. and Mrs. Felton Martin visited in Waco on Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barton.. The two of them along with Janice Snow and son Taylor Scott of near Brownwood spent the day in Fort Worth and had lunch with Bill Marton. On Sunday Felton took Bettie over to north Brownwood lake where she will visit a couple of days with her sister Maxine Keller and mother Mrs. Crawford.

Sherman and Dortha Steams of McGregor spent Saturday and over night with his mother Mrs. Novella

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jones were in Lubbock on Monday for a checkup with her doctor and were pleased to hear it was a good report.

Verna Bolton and her sister Alice Wells of Coleman were in Abilene on Tuesday Christmas shopping. Verna attended the program "The Gift of Christmas" Friday night at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church. Alice Wells of Coleman visited Friday afternoon with Verna and Arvil Bolton and her mother Florence Stearns.

Rockwoold News Page Sandra Wildon

We will not have a column next week and the newspaper will be closed until after the first of the year. Save your Christmas news and I will get it in the first paper of the new year. Again, Happy Holidays to one and all.

Bill and Sadie Bryan were in Brady Tuesday and visited P. L. Ulstad, Rachel Fowler and Wilburn Tucker.

Cecil and Pat Vance spent the weekend with their daughter and son-in-law Mark and Tammy Alberthal of Boerne. Fred and Verna Cross of Stephenville met them and they did some shopping and had a great time.

Norma Briscoe visited with Minnie Bray Saturday. They went to Coleman shopping and had lunch with Lucille Hunter.

Jr. and Nell Brusenhan hosted Bible study Wednesday night. Bro. Jeff, Loma and Sara Dean, Minnie Bray and Blake Williams joined them. Friday they were at Simpson Lake and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hull. Saturday they were business visitors in Brownwood. Monday they were in Brady for a doctors appointment and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hull.

Sunday Denny Densman visited with Elec and Rose Cooper. Jack Casey in Coleman. and Skeeta Cooper visited with them Monday.

Blake Williams and Tony Rehm were in Coleman on Wednesday shopping. Blake visited with Doris in Hillsboro, and Carolyn and Veronica in Houston via telephone. Jimmy and Jimmie Gail Hafner,

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Cody, Haley, Travis and Julie attended, some participating and others watching, Panther Creek's Kindergarten through fifth grade Christmas play.

Claudia Rutherford and Faye Panther Creek Thursday night. Jennifer Rutherford spent the weekend with Claudia. Visiting with them were Bob, Margot and Megan

Rutherford and Larry Rutherford. Billie Eckles is visiting this week in our area. Last week I neglected to include

my distinguished Friday night guest LTC Benny Brooks, in charge of training for Texas National Guard. headquartered at Camp Mabry in Austin at the Military Academy and CPT. Randell M. Casey, commander of Brady National Guard had supper and spent the night. They both had Guard meetings the next day. Kemp Slayton and Herbie Strength visited Bo and I Tuesday evening. We were in Coleman Wednesday and had brunch with Charlie Smith. Saturday I attended Julie and Clint's wedding and reception and I visited Randy, Holly and Nathan Casey and Jane Smith in Santa Anna. Sunday I attended a welcome home party for Nathan

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In Coleman Mon.

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. will distribute non-USDA food items in Coleman County at the former CTO office, 800 Bast MAIL ORDER SALES Second Street in Coleman, on Monday, December 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. CTO, Inc. has no control over what items are available or the quantity of the items. Food items are obtained from the Food Bank of Abilene, Inc.

CTO, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider without regard to race, color, age, sex, disability, political belief, religion or national origin. Shut-ins are encouraged to designate an authorized representative to pick items up for them. Volunteers are needed and their assistance to help with this much needed program would be appreciated. Donations of sacks are also needed.

from Coleman, Santa Anna, Valera and Burkett will qualify for this month's distribution. Other persons interested in signing up to receive non-USDA food items should contact the Coleman County Multi- Fair Credit Billing Act Purpose Center during regular office hours. The Center is located at 1200 S. Frio Street in Coleman and office hours at 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p to 5 p.m. The phone number is 625-3583. Bring proof of in-Wise attended the Christmas play at come, a utility bill and driver's license for certification.

> Enrich someone's life today with a warm word of praise. Both of you will be better for it.

Dear Father, open my eyes and help me see the good in others. I also ask Your help to overlook the faults in myself that others graciously ignore in me. Amen.

PERFECT **POTLUCK POTATOES**



For many of us, it just wouldn't be Christmas without Mom's cheese grits or Grandma's blackberry cobbler. Whether hosting the holiday meal or attending as a guest, you are expected to make that one special dish for the family gathering year after year. This year, try something new and introduce this soon-to-be-favorite recipe to your family!

For a great-looking, great-tasting change, make Perfect Potluck Potatoes. "This colorful side dish uses chopped red bell pepper and green onions to give it the festive look of Christmas," says Rene Bosiger, recipe development specialist for Pioneer Flour Mills.

If you have to travel to see your family, make the casserole before you leave and pop it in the oven when you arrive. The potatoes will be hot and tasty in 20 minutes, just long enough to give everyone a holiday hug!

Perfect Potluck Potatoes

1 cup chopped red bell pepper

1 cup chopped green onion 1 bag (24 oz.) or 5 cups frozen southern-style hash brown potatoes, thawed

1/2 cup water

1 package (2.75 oz.) Pioneer Country Gravy Mix. No-Fat or Regular

2 cups milk

1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream

1 1/2 cups shredded Colby. Monterey Jack or Cheddar cheese

1 can (2.8 oz.) French-fried onions

Spray large skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Cook and stir bell pepper and onion until tender. Add potatoes and water; stir over medium heat until water has evaporated and potatoes are hot, about 10 to 12 minutes. Blend Gravy Mix and milk; add to potato mixture. Cook, stirring until thickened. Remove from heat; stir in sour cream. Pour mixture into greased 2 1/2-quart baking dish; bake at 350° F. for 10 minutes. Top with cheese and French-fried onions; bake 10 minutes more or until cheese melts. Makes 8 to 10 servings. For a copy of Pioneer Flour Mills' newest cookbook, Southern Success Recipes, send your name, address and a check or money order for \$2.00 to: Pioneer, Cookbook Offer #1, 205-D IH 35 W., Suite 1014, New Braunfels, TX 78310. Please

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THE HOLIDAY SEASON is the busiest time for shopping in Texas. Many of us are pressed for time and welcome the convenience of shopping by telephone or mail. The rewards are many, but there are a few risks as

The overwhelming majority of mail and phone order businesses are legitimate, but there are some unscrupulous marketers out there who are willing to take your money and send you nothing.

That is why we at the Office of the Attorney General have put to-Those persons who are signed up gether a few tips to help you avoid becoming a victim. Remember, when you shop by mail or phone, you are protected by federal and state laws.

Small business:

Keystone of economy

Texas innovators who have created small

businesses with fewer than 20 employees

provided about 1.3 million jobs in 1995,

Type of business

Business, temporary services

Engineering, accounting, research and management

Eating and drinking places -

Automotive repair services

Motor freight transportation

Social services, day care -

showing strong growth from 1991.

Construction:

Special trades

Health services -

and parking

Wholesale trade— Durable goods—

and warehousing

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of

Construction-

18% General contractors

Percent

growth.

1991-95

The Federal Trade Commis-

sion (FTC) is charged with protecting consumers who shop by mail. Under the federal Mail Order Rule, vendors must ship ordered merchandise within the advertised time period. If no specific shipment date or delivery time is promised, the seller must send your merchandise no later than 30 days after receiving your order. For consumers paying by credit card, delivery must occur within 30 days after the account is charged.

Know your rights

Keeping an eye on Texas

Size of

Less than 20

If the sellers are unable to fill your order within 30 days, they must send you an option notice. The notice must tell you the new shipping date and inform you of your right to cancel and request a full refund. If you choose to cancel your order, the seller must mail your refund within seven working days. If you bought on credit, the seller must adjust your account within one billing cycle.

Small companies: 80 percent of Texas' business

20 to 99 39,300

100 to 499 18,200

500 or more 17,200

9,700

Number of jobs added, 1991-95

8,400

7,600

6,800

6,400

4,900

4,700

4,600

4,200

Number of

companies

304,500

13,600

Sometimes catalog pictures can be deceiving. If what you receive is substantially different from what you expected, you have the right to cancel the contract and return the merchandise. Write the company immediately to inform it of your intention. If you have any doubts about the company's reliability or honesty, consider keeping the goods until you actually receive your refund.

If you didn't order it, don't pay for it

What if you receive something in the mail that you did not order? Mail order con artists sometimes send an item, along with a phony invoice, hoping that you will be fooled into paying for something that you did not order. In most cases, you may consider it a gift. While there are exceptions, such as agreements you might have with a

book or record club, the general rule is: if you didn't order it, you don't have to pay for it.

Mail order tips

Read all advertisements carefully. Remember that pictures can be deceiving. The quality of the item may be lower than it appears in the ad. Also, the performance of the product may not match the ad's claims. In one case, we sued a mail order company advertising a cologne "guaranteed" to make men irresistible to women. Despite the guarantee, a number of consumers were disappointed and requested refunds.

It is always best, of course, to protect yourself by dealing only with reputable companies. If you have any doubts about a particular business, contact our Consumer Protection Division, the Better Business Bureau, or the U.S. Postal Inspector to see if any complaints have been filed.

For more information

If you have any questions about mail order sales, please contact your nearest Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office or call us toll free at (800) 621-0508. If you have Internet access. you can check out our home page at http://www.oag.state.tx.us.





Sale Price \$15,995.TTAL F-150 REG. CAB

wheel, speed control.

Stk. #3098

chrome rear step bumper. Sale Price \$14.995.TTAL

MSRP 2 Tone Paint, AM/FM Factory Disc. stereo, chrome wheels, Tilt Weath. Disc.

17,385 <u>-1,290</u>

speed control, tilt wheel, AM/FM Rebate w/cassette. Weath, Disc. Sale Price \$19,995.TTAL NEW 1997 F150 S-CAB

Power windows & locks, power seat, MSRP

Stk. #2876, dual air bags, over drive transmission, P235 16" tires, speed control, tilt wheel,

cassette tape

20,310 **MSRP** -850 1,465-Dealer Disc



Stk. #7001, dual air bags, air, floor consolette, sliding rear window, AM/FM Stereo HD Battery, 60/40 split bench seat.

MSRP Factory Disc. **Factory Rebate** Dealer Disc.

14.640 -1,305 -1,000 -840 Sale Price \$11.495.TT&L

Sale Price \$17.995.TTAL

-1,000

SAVE OVER \$4,000 ON ALL REMAINING 96's! **NEW 1996 FORD RANGER NEW 1996 MERCURY COUGAR**



AM/FM stereo, floor Factory Disc. console, chrome Factory Rebate rear bumper, Dealer Disc. sliding window ^{\$}9,995._{TT&L}

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Dealer Disc. control. Tilt wheel

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