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The Arleigh Harris Chapter of the National Honor Society at Santa Anna High School recently inducted new members Jaci Kuykendall, Buffy Martin, Jennifer Johnson and Chrystal Pelton.

Four Students Inducted Into SAHS National Honor Society

The Santa Anna High School Arleigh Harris Chapter of the National Honor Society recently held their induction ceremony for new members. Inducted were Chrystal Pelton, Buffy Martin, Jaci Kuykendall and Jennifer Johnson.

Chrystal Pelton is the daughter of James and Cindy Pelton. She is a member of the First Baptist Church Youth Group and gymnastics. She has served as secretary-treasurer and vice president of her sophomore class. She is Student Council representative and secretary of the Spanish Club.

She has received Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance and class awards, and was junior high Salutatorian. She has participated in the Miss Funtier Days pageant and UIL Science and Number Sense.

She is involved in cheerleading, track, volleyball and basketball.

Sophomore Buffy Martin is the daughter of Bill and Becky Martin.

She is a member of FFA, Student Council, Science Club, 4-H, Coleman Junior Rodeo Association, the County 4-H Council, Junior Quarterhorse Association, Santa Anna Rodeo Youth Association, Girl Scouts and First Baptist Church.

She has served a 8th grade class president, 9th grade class president, FFA Greenhand vice president, FFA chapter vice president, 10th grade vice president, Student Council reporter/historian, 4-H Club president, County 4-H Council secretary and reporter, and Coleman Junior Rodeo Association director.

She has received the FFA Greenhand Award, 4-H Silver Star, 4-H "I Dare You" Award, FFA Sweetheart, and school achievement awards in physical science, computer, and Ag 101 and 102.

She is participates in volleyball, basketball, tennis, junior high

track, UIL, junior high cheerleading, FFA Creed Speaking, and FFA Quiz Team.

Jaci Kuykendall is a sophomore at SAHS and the daughter of Wayne Kuykendall and Jill Crawford.

She holds membership in FFA, 4-H, Student Council, Science Club, First Baptist Church Youth Group, Northside Baptist Church Youth Group and Spanish Club.

She has served as sophomore class president, Spanish II treasurer and is a member of the Student Council, FFA and 4-H.

She has received the Delta Omicron Cup, junior high Valedictorian, A Honor Roll and Gold Card, History Award, Algebra Award, Greenhand Award. She has placed 2nd in State Hoop Challenge, and received various UIL Awards.

She is active in basketball, volleyball, track and tennis.

Senior Jennifer Johnson is the daughter of Judy Powell and Ralph Johnson. She is a member of FFA, Science Club, FFA and PALS.

She has served as FFA sentinel and parliamentarian, class officer and student council secretary.

She has received the FFA Greenhand Award, 2nd team all-district, honorable mention and first team in volleyball, honorable mention and 2nd team all-district in basketball.

She is active in volleyball, basketball, tennis, and cheerleading.

Senior Citizen Christmas Party Thursday

Contributed

Delta Omicron Sorority will hold its annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Thursday, December 17 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Santa Anna Mountain City Community Center (Hi-Rise).

Refreshments will be served and a drawing for a special Christmas Gift will be held.

We invite all Senior Citizens to attend and share in the food and fellowship.



Holiday Events

Friday, December 18:

K-6 grades Christmas Musical; 9 a.m.; high school auditorium

West Texas Utilities Open House, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

City of Santa Anna Open House, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23

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

Trustees Receive "School Report Card"

The Santa Anna ISD Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 8 with board members Roddy, Dean, Mike Pritchard, Gay Abernathy, Sharon Guthrie, J. R. Salazar and Sandra Ferrara present.

Others attending the meeting were Superintendent Lee Coffman, Business Manager Judy Hartman, and visitors Montie Guthrie, Mike Wetsel, Dickie Horner and David Robinett.

David Robinett spoke to the board in executive session.

Mike Wetsel and Montie Guthrie

presented information and the status of the distance learning project.

Guthrie also presented the "School Report Card" which the NEWS expects to report on later.

First reading of Update 59 (legal) was held with second reading to be held at the January meeting.

R. B. Dillard was appointed as Integrated Pest Control Manager.

During the Superintendent's Report a number of items were reported including TASA and TASB items for interest for the 76th Legislature; a Winter Governance Seminar in Corpus Christi in

February; the school library open house on Wednesday, December; CAP Open House on Thursday, December 10; a sexual harassment workshop on January 7; the faculty/staff Christmas party on December 17; a "garage sale" in January for old/outdated equipment; and estimates for several district improvements.

Also Superintendent Coffman announced that Carla Billing had moved to first grade; Lou Walker was hired for the 7-8 grade English; and Ms. K.C. May has been hired for Secondary Science.

Methodist Youth Holding Toy Drive; Selling Chances For A "Furby"

The youth of the Methodist Church of Santa Anna are sponsoring a Toy Drive to collect toys for needy children. They are looking for new or good used toys. If you are unable to supply a toy they will accept cash donations.

Toys may be dropped off at Holt's General Store and those wishing to sign up for Christmas

toys for children may do so at Holt's also. Delivery will be made on December 23.

The youth are also selling chances for a "Furby". Chances are 1 for a \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Money raised will go toward toys for their toy drive. The "Furby" will be given away on December 23.



Junior High Beau And Sweetheart

Santa Anna Junior High School eighth graders Michael Guthrie and Jamie Ellerbe were chosen as Football Beau and Sweetheart during the final home football game for the junior high team.

Early Deadline Next Week

Due to the holiday schedule, the Santa Anna News will be printed one day earlier next week. News items must be in the office no later than noon Monday.

The newspaper will be printed and mailed Tuesday.

There will be no newspaper the following week. The staff will be taking that week off, so get your news in by Monday to be printed early.

Students To Be Dismissed Early Friday

Students and teachers in the Santa Anna ISD will begin their Christmas holiday at noon on Friday, December 18. Buses will run at that time.

School will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999.



Christmas Parade Music Makers

Christmas music was heard during the Christmas parade thanks to members of the Santa Anna High School Marching Band who played as they marched in little red Santa caps.



First Place Parade Float

The Santa Anna Youth Crusaders' float placed first in the parade and received a \$100 prize.

Santa Anna — A Town Of Friendly People

Saying "Hello" to Moya Cole of Bangs

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Obituaries

Jackie Lowry

Christola "Jackie" Lowry, 69, of Hurst, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998 at North Hill Hospital in North Richland Hills.

Services were held Saturday, December 12, 1998 at 2 p.m. in the Henderson Funeral Home Chapel in Santa Anna Cemetery directed by Henderson Funeral Home of Santa Anna.

She was born in Miles on June 12, 1929 to the late Henry and Eva Bates Brannan. She was raised in Santa Anna where she attended the Santa Anna schools.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lonnie Leaman Lowry in 1994.

She was a devoted wife and mother and a homemaker.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Rev. Kenneth and Sandra Lowry of Cedar Creek; five sisters, Doris Morgan of Santa Anna, Hazel Hogan and Kathryn Wheeler, both of Fort Worth, Frances Coblter of Santa Anna, and Linda Pyle of Colorado; three brothers, Jim Brannan of California, Richard Brannan of Houston and Joe Brannan of Fort Worth; four grandchildren, Karen and Rob Ciroto of Round Rock, Tammy Lowry, Shannon Lowry, and Janna Lowry, all of Cedar Creek; four aunts, Rubye Holland of San Antonio, Johnny Bates and Wanda Hodges of San Angelo; and Nell Proctor of Santa Anna; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

I have no fear that the candle lighted in Palestine years ago will ever be put out.

—William R. Ingle

Birthdays & Anniversaries

DECEMBER 17
Krisler Voss
Sloan Stewardson

DECEMBER 18
Brandon Fitzpatrick
Jeff Lee

DECEMBER 19
Katharine Simmons
Chris Cheaney
Liz Warnock
Krystal Head

DECEMBER 20
Gayla Pritchard Lishka

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

DECEMBER 22
Lois Avants
Blake Williams
Suzette Wristen

DECEMBER 23
Fernando Castillo Jr.

DECEMBER 24
Manuel Salazar
Mr&Mrs. John ZuZu*

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Check It Out
By Alice Anna Spillman

Santa Claus came by the library for a visit on Saturday. He had candy, gum and balloons to give to boys and girls.

Grannie Nancy Wylie read *Baboushka*. This is a Russian folk tale about a grandmother. She was so interested in cleaning house that she missed the visit of Baby Jesus. She still wonders around handing out gifts, looking.

Gamma Betty had story books that belonged to her father—1917; to her as a child in the 1930's; and to her children in the 1950's. The poem *The Night Before Christmas, A Visit from St. Nick*. You surely could tell what year by the pictures of the houses and families.

Grandmaw Alice read *The Legend of the Poinsettia*. She even had some of the weeds that turned into beautiful red flowers when given to the Baby Jesus.

A funny clown named Beebo rode by on his Reindeer and stopped to visit.

There are children's book about Christmas around the nativity that Nell made. There are three boxes of books for adults. All the libraries in Texas are encouraging families to READ together every day during the Christmas holidays.

There are all kinds of stories that all ages will enjoy. Some of these are *Casper and The Star* from Italy; *Papa Panov's Special Day* from France; *A Lion for the King* from China; *A Christmas Carol* from England. Christmas is celebrated in all countries. The Library hopes you and your family will read these.

The spirit of giving comes from the idea that the Wise Men gave gifts to The Child. You continue to give to this library.

Nancy Wylie sure gave some interesting new books. Things like *N is for Noose* by Sue Grafton. Another of the alphabet mysteries. A new Stuart Woods mystery *Swimming to Catalina*, two new Cornwell mysteries.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Richter donated a new western and guess who it was dedicated to Mrs. Jesse L. Sparkman, maybe from Santa Anna? Stories and pictures of cowboy's in their 80's and 90's.

Another gift is *The Cowboy Night Before Christmas* written and illustrated by Santa Anna High School graduate James Rice.

Abilene sent many new books. I'll write more later.

Drop by for a book, book mark and candy. We will be closed Wednesday, December 23 through Friday, December 25. So come early!

Memorials to the library have been received in memory of Lucille Wylie from Dorothy Baylor Thompson, Jane Knoll and Alice and Jim Spillman.

Santa Anna Cemetery Memorials

The Santa Anna Cemetery Association has received the following memorial:

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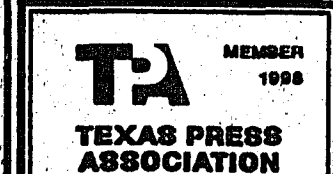
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"Santa Is Coming To Town. Please Don't Hit Him."

AUSTIN—Have Texas drivers been naughty or nice this year? Santa knows.

Santa Claus joined Texas Department of Transportation official recently for a Capitol news conference launching a statewide ad campaign reminding Texans not to drink and drive during the holiday season.

Santa presented his list of the best and worst kinds of drivers for 1998 and reminded Texas drivers that he and law enforcement officers will be watching out for who's naughty and who's nice on Texas roads over the holidays.

Against the backdrop of the state Capitol, a group of fifth graders from Cypress Elementary School in Leander helped Santa unveil a large replica of the campaign's roadside billboard, which is prominently posted at 19 locations across the state. In the spirit of the holidays, the brightly colored billboard adorned with retro-cartoon snowflakes read, "Santa is coming to town. Please don't hit him." Don't Drink and Drive. Texas Department of Transportation.

To spread the billboard message even further, TxDOT has converted the message into colorful decals placed on thousands of convenience stores and liquor store beverage cooler across the state. The Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the Texas Package Store Association and Diamond Shamrock helped spread the responsible driving holiday message.

Santa also introduced a new twist on a classic Christmas tune which hit the airwaves statewide recently. The public service announcement starts off with a chorus of voices singing "We wish you a Merry

Christmas." But the familiar carol is interrupted by a dramatic message urging Texans to think twice before getting behind the wheel after drinking.

"So remember," cautioned Santa as he stood flanked by state troopers in front of the state Capitol, "I'll be watching out for who's naughty and who's nice on Texas roads, and these nice young fellows from the DPS will be helping Santa watch, too."

Cleveland Cemetery Memorials

The Cleveland Cemetery Association has received a memorial in memory of Mary Lee Etta McDaniel and Vera Estell Fellers from Derriel and Polly Warnock

All donations and memorials are very much appreciated and may be sent to Cleveland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 722, Santa Anna, Texas 76878.

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Rep. Bob Turner Files Two Bills To Assist Counties

AUSTIN—State Representative Bob Turner, D-Voss, filed two bills in the Texas House this week to assist counties. The first bill proposes to give counties the authority to require a plat be approved by the county to subdivide certain property. The second bill is legislation Rep. Turner has filed in previous legislative sessions to assist rural counties with the cost of trying capital murder cases.

H.B. 423 proposes to assist counties in preventing landowners and developers from subdividing large tracts of property without providing prospective buyers with basic infrastructure. With the tremendous growth in Texas has come the subdividing and development of formerly agricultural lands in counties surrounding many urban areas. Some of the development, however, has not been to a reasonable standard. Subdivisions have been developed with lots that do not meet minimum requirements for the installation of a permitted septic tank, though no sewer system is available. Lots have been sold that do not have adequate access to water, where proper drainage features and grading have not been completed and some lots flood with relatively normal rainfall. Residents of these subdivisions then look to the county to resolve these problems at the expense of all county taxpayers.

"All over the state of Texas we have seen what could basically be characterized as 'colonias' or 'third-world' type of subdivisions cropping up around urban counties, and popular retirement communities," Turner continued, "Over the last five years it has become evident that county government needs some type of authority to prevent these conditions before these developments become a drain on the state and county budgets."

Turner's bill would require anyone subdividing their property into two or more lots, for the purpose of selling the lots to others as residence, to file a plat of that subdivision with the county for approval. The county commissioners court would then have 60 days to approve or deny the plat. If the application for the plat is denied, the landowner would be prohibited from subdividing the property. This authority allows the commissioners court to ensure any plat to subdivide property makes provisions for basic infrastructure such as right of way, water/wastewater connections, and roads.

The second bill filed by Rep. Turner, H.B. 424 addresses a serious budget problem for rural counties, capital murder trials. The cost of prosecuting a capital murder trial is between \$200,000 and \$300,000. "When a county has an operating budget barely over \$1 million, it doesn't take many of these trials to

leave the county with a serious shortfall in county funds," said Rep. Turner. Many rural counties, such as Jasper County where the horrific dragging death of an African-American male took place this year, are prosecuting multiple capital murder cases in any given year.

Rep. Turner's legislation will require convicted criminals to pay a court fee to the state which will be dedicated to assisting rural counties with the cost of capital murder trials. Each criminal convicted of a felony will pay \$5, and each person convicted of a misdemeanor will pay \$1 in court costs. The Comptroller's office estimates this legislation will raise \$3.3 million a year for the rural county capital murder fund. "The \$3.3 million will ensure that rural counties no longer have to let murders plead down to a lesser offense to avoid capital murder prosecution costs," Turner stated.

Commissioners Approve Adding HAM Antennas To Radio Tower

Coleman County Commissioners met Monday morning for a short agenda.

Approval was granted by commissioners to allow HAM operators to mount two antennas on the existing radio tower. According to County Judge Sherrill Ragsdale this will be beneficial to the event other means of communications are knocked out during an emergency.

County Attorney Joe Dan LeMay's request for a computer to handle hot check applications was approved. The money will come from the Hot Check Fund.

Unanimous approved was give to the county's participation in Region F Water Development Plan at a cost of \$1,904. Half of the money will be due in February 1999 with the other half coming due the next year.

Judge Ragsdale informed commissioners that he had contacted other government entities in the county and had asked them to share in this expense. Several have agreed and others are waiting until they meeting to discuss the matter. According to Ragsdale the new water bill passed by the Senate will cost the state approximately \$1,600,000.00. Counties are being asked to pay the administrative cost of approximately \$160,000 with the state paying the balance.

County Auditor Shirley Sansing reported General Fund bills totaled \$38,633; Road and Bridge \$4,380 and the four precincts totaled approximately \$13,473. These were all approved for payment with Sansing's request to transfer \$20,000 from Road and Bridge into each precinct also being approved.

Billier Mercer contributed to this report.



Beebo The Clown Delights Watchers Along Parade Route

Beebo the Clown (also known around Santa Anna as Charlotte Springer) joined the Christmas Parade to the delight of the old and young alike. She stopped and talked with many along the parade route. Charlotte received the Bicycle/Walker parade prize.

Trickham Tidbits

By Anna York

When our weather changes it can do it in just a short while, we go from hot to warm then almost over night the cold sets in. I received eight-tenths of an inch of rain for the four day period then Sunday morning a front with a 28 degree temperature that makes us realize winter is here.

Rev. Kermit Sorrells the Methodist pastor brought a good sermon Sunday morning when he preached at church.

Visitors during the past week with Royce and Wanda McIver were their son and his wife Britt and Sandy McIver of Buffalo Gap and neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Howard.

Mr. Roger Busche of Brownwood visited Thursday with Felton and Bettie Martin.

Earlene Dockery and Annie Lou Vaughn were Tuesday visitors with Annie Lou's sister Mary Ola Woods in Bangs. Those that had lunch Sunday with her with Ilene Haynes

and Lois Wallace of Santa Anna Leona Henderson and Novella Stearns.

Rankin and Natalie McIver made a trip to Eastland Friday to pick up his sister Ethel Johnson and brought her back with them for a few days visit. Saturday Rankin and Natalie, Mrs. Johnson and Sherrill Blake and Megan drove to San Antonio where they visited with Mr. Roy Miller and his daughter and her husband Sandra and John Powell. Sunday afternoon Sherrill Megan were brief visitors with the McIvers.

Mr. Curtis Carver of Lake Brownwood was a Sunday afternoon visitor with Shane and Tona Holland and children Jonathan and Charity.

Verna Bolton attended the Mutual Improvement Club in Coleman and Friday she and her husband Arvil were in Abilene on business. Sunday afternoon her mother Florence Stearns was a visitor with them.

Delta Omicron Christmas Meeting Remembers Favorite Christmas

Contributed

Delta Omicron Sorority of Santa Anna met Monday, December 14 at the Coleman County Telephone Cooperative office with Bernidine Watson as hostess.

The meeting was called to order with president Coyita Bowker leading the opening ritual.

Business was conducted and committees gave their reports on various projects including Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Math-a-Thon, Baskets for Christmas and West Texas Rehab Telethon.

The program was "Christmas Past--Remembering a Favorite Christmas When You Were A Child" with every member participating. Members then exchanged Christmas gifts.

Closing ritual was observed by all members.

Members attending were Jo Ashworth, Coyita Bowker, Dorothy Harris, Peggy Hensley, Patti Musick, Gayle Stewardson, Pat Vance, Susie Voss, Bernidine Watson and Debbie Wheatley.

Delta Omicron To Once Again Man Phone Bank For West Texas Rehab

Delta Omicron Sorority, led by Coyita Bowker, will conduct a phone bank for local residents during Rehab '99, West Texas Rehabilitation Center's fundraising telethon. Area community phone banks brought in over \$70,000 during Rehab '98.

Residents are urged to call 348-3124 between 1 and 5 p.m. or go by the Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, visit with volunteers, and leave their donation in person. Letters about the phone bank and the telethon have been sent to Santa Anna residents with return envelopes for contributions.

Rehab '99 is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999. The telethon production will include guest stars Collin Raye and the Lynns. Regulars returning for this year's show include Peter Marshall, Anacani, Arthur Duncan, Brad Maule, Bill and Susan Hayes and others.

Another popular feature of the telethon is the auction, which features retail merchandise and hand-crafted items donated by businesses and individuals, ranging from boats to bathtubs and trips to telephones. Major auction items and a toll-free bidding number will be publicized prior to showtime.

Twelve television stations, including KRBC in Abilene and KLST in San Angelo will televise this 29th annual show which originates live from the Abilene Civic Center beginning at 7 p.m. The telecast also can be viewed nationwide via satellite.

West Texas Rehabilitation Center serves over 17,000 West Texans annually, including more than 125 from Coleman County.

First Baptist Church Dorcas Class Holds Christmas Party

Contributed

The Dorcas Class of First Baptist Church met Thursday, December 10 in the home of their teacher, Carmen Donham for a salad luncheon. The Christmas decorations were beautiful.

In lieu of gifts the class gave to the church budget.

Those present were Carmen Donham, Etta Earl Buse, Edna Adian, Lodema Jones, Opal Langford, Virgie Morgan, Annette Clark and Winnie Rutherford.

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Star Trek: Insurrection (PG)
Fri. 4:50 7:15 9:45
Sat-Thurs 1:15 4:50 7:15 9:45

You've Got Mail (PG)
Fri. 4:30 7:00 9:40
Sat-Thurs 1:30 4:30 7:00 9:40
Begins Friday, December 18

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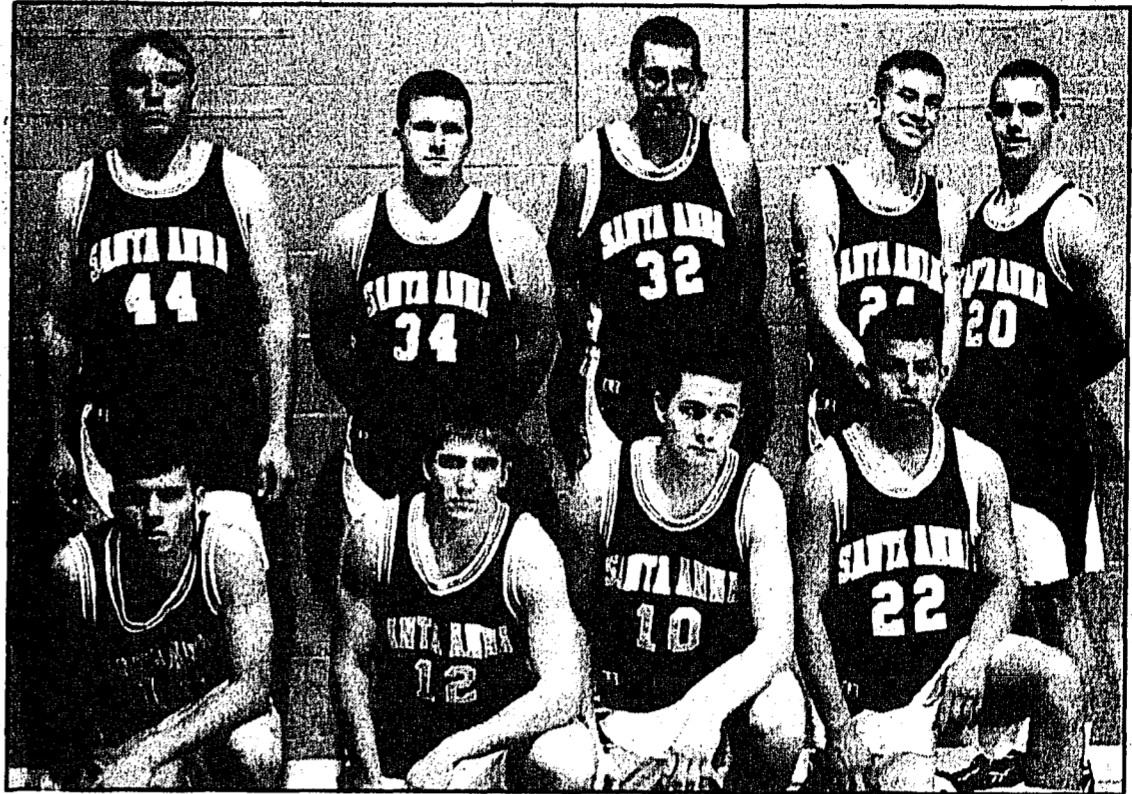
News For And About Santa Anna Mountaineers



Santa Anna Junior High
1998 Basketball

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| Jan. 7 | Baird | Here | 5 p.m. |
| Jan. 11 | Cross Plains | Here | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 16 | Cross Plains Tournament | | TBA |
| Jan. 18 | Ranger | There | 5 p.m. |
| Jan. 23 | Santa Anna Tournament | | TBA |
| Jan. 25 | Goman | Here | 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 8 | Baird | There | 6 p.m. |

SAHS Varsity Basketball



The Santa Anna High School varsity boys basketball team members are back row, Jesse Goodman, Chris Powell, Zackary Lawhon, Brent Beal and Chris Boyet, and front row, Clay Crossley, Brian Coyle, J. J. Boyet, and Jesse Castillo.

1998 Mountaineer Basketball

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|------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Dec. 28-29 | Cross Plains Tournament | VG, VB | TBA |
| Jan. 5 | Priddy | Here JVB, VB, VG | 5 p.m. |
| Jan. 8 | Cross Plains | There JVG, JVB, VG, VB | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 12 | Ranger | Here JVG, JVB, VG, VB | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 15 | Goman | There JVG, JVB, VG, VB | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 19 | Rising Star | Here JVG, JVB, VG, VB | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 22 | Baird | Here JVG, JVB, VG, VB | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 26 | Cross Plains | Here JVG, JVB, VG, VB | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 29 | Ranger | There JVG, JVB, VG, VB | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 2 | Goman | Here JVG, JVB, VG, VB | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 5 | Rising Star | There JVG, JVB, VG, VB | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 9 | Baird | There JVG, JVB, VG, VB | 4 p.m. |

1998-1999
School
Calendar

Dec. 18: End of 3rd six weeks; early out
 Dec. 21--Jan 1: Christmas holidays
 Jan. 4: Teacher workday
 Jan. 18-19: Teacher inservice
 Feb. 19: End of 4th six weeks; early out
 March 12: Early out
 March 15: Teacher inservice
 March 22: Teacher inservice
 April 1: End of 5th six weeks
 April 2: Holiday
 April 9: Holiday
 April 16: Bad Weather Day
 April 23: Bad Weather Day
 May 7: Holiday
 May 14: Holiday
 May 27: Early out, last day of school
 May 28: Teacher workday

Helpful Tips From
Santa Anna Elementary

Have an Idea To Share?

Do you have an idea for parents that should be in this newsletter? The editors of *Parents make the difference* are looking for practical ideas about how parents can help their children.

Parents make the difference pays \$25 for each original idea published, and you will receive credit in the article. Please send your ideas written in English.

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Kids Need a Good Breakfast to Get Their Day Started

Research shows that kids who don't eat breakfast don't do as well in school as those who do. Start a family research project to learn more about breakfast.

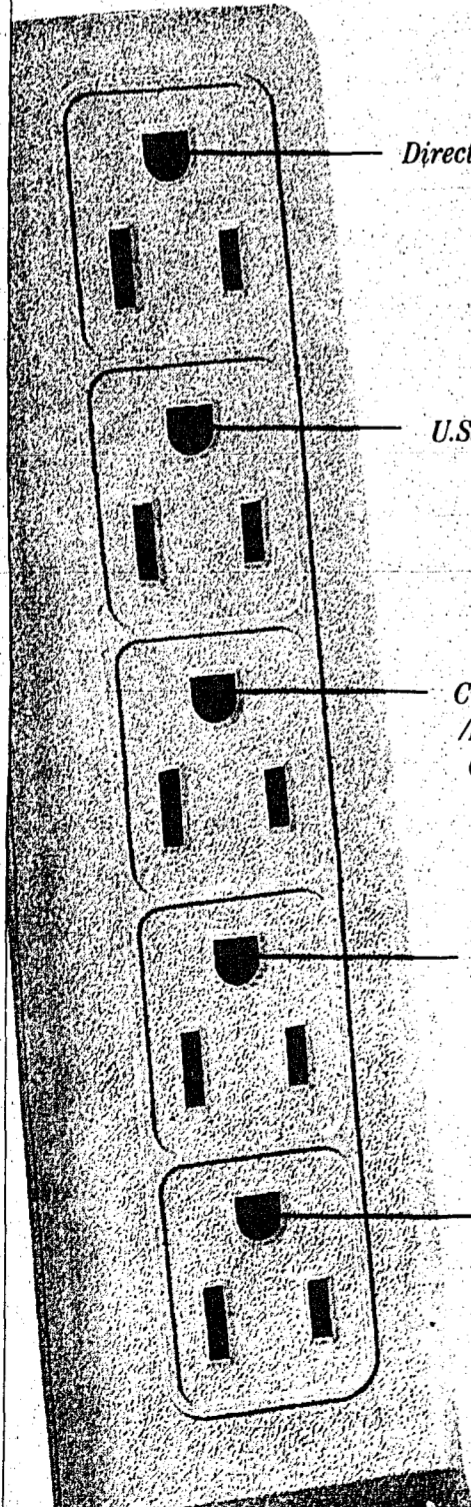
Draw or cut out pictures of healthy breakfasts. Find the fat and fiber contents. Then put the pictures and information together on a poster. Hang it in your kitchen and use the information to plan at least a week of healthy breakfasts.

Source: American Health Foundation, "AHF Healthy Families Pledge," www.ahf.org/c18pled.htm (June 98).



Members of the Santa Anna High School girls varsity basketball team are front row, Shala Guthrie, Jenna Hensley, Jala Rankin, Davia Rankin, Andrea Siller, and back row, Sabrina Martin, Heather Bradley, Maria Ellerbe, Jaci Kuykendall, Buffy Martin, and Mackenzie Johnson. The girls are coached by Cristi Isenhower.

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Basketball News

MOUNTAINEERS

Tuesday, December 8
 Blanket 66
 Santa Anna 63

Scoring:
 J. J. Beloat: 3 points, 2 rebounds
 Brian Coyle: 4 points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals
 Clay Crossley: 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals
 Chris Boyet: 11 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals
 Jesse Castillo: 16 points, 10 rebounds, 4 steals
 Brent Beal: 15 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal
 Chris Powell: 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal

Jesse Goodman: 10 points, 13 rebounds, 3 steals
RISING STAR TOURNAMENT
 Thursday, December 10

Gustine 49
 Santa Anna 35

Scoring:
 J. J. Beloat: 2 points, 6 rebounds
 Brian Coyle: 2 rebounds
 Clay Crossley: 6 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal
 Chris Boyet: 2 points, 3 rebounds
 Jesse Castillo: 13 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals
 Brent Beal: 5 points, 3 rebounds
 Chris Powell: 4 rebounds
 Jesse Goodman: 7 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
 Santa Anna 53
 Sidney 49

Scoring:
 J. J. Beloat: 1 rebound, 1 steal
 Brian Coyle: 8 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal
 Clay Crossley: 11 points, 5 rebounds
 Chris Boyet: 12 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal
 Jesse Castillo: 5 points, 6 rebounds
 Brent Beal: 7 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal
 Zackery Lawhon: 1 rebound
 Chris Powell: 4 points, 3 rebounds
 Jesse Goodman: 6 points, 8 re-

bounds, 1 steal

The Santa Anna Mountaineers won the consolation trophy.

LADY MOUNTAINEER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8
 The Lady Mountaineers hosted Blanket Tuesday night and got off to a good start. At the end of the first quarter it was tied at 12, and we trailed 19-21 at the half. It was downhill from there, though, as Blanket won 46-33.

Scoring for the Lady Mountaineers were as follows: Jaci Kuykendall 12, Maria Ellerbe 11, Mackenzie Johnson 3, Davia Rankin 2, Sabrina Martin 2, Andrea Siller 2, and Buffy Martin 1.

RISING STAR TOURNAMENT
 The Lady Mountaineers lost to Gustine 29-34 then beat Rising Star JV 38-24. In the consolation match Santa Anna lost to DeLeon JV 24-55.

Total scoring were: Jaci

Kuykendall 32, Maria Ellerbe 20, Davia Rankin 10, Mackenzie Johnson 4, Heather Bradley 2, Jala Rankin 2, Sabrina Martin 6, Andrea Siller 7, Jenna Hensley 2, Buffy Martin 6.

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UL's Operation Decoration Holiday Safety Checklist

(NAPS)—Decorating your home and entertaining family and friends can help brighten the holiday season, but misusing or using damaged decorations and other electrical products may lead to dangerous situations—including injury from shock or fire.

The safety experts at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) encourage you to refer to this handy checklist when decorating and entertaining in your home this holiday season.



Do you use light strings that bear the UL Mark? The familiar UL Mark on a product means that UL engineers have tested samples of the product for risk of fire, electric shock and other hazards. But you should also follow the manufacturer's instructions when using light strings and other electrical decorations.

Is your tree a safe distance (at least three feet) from fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, heating vents and other sources of heat? Is it blocking an exit? These safety tips are important for both fresh and artificial trees.

Do you keep light strings and other electrical decorations away from children's reach? Electrical decorations aren't toys and could produce a deadly electric shock or cause a fire if misused. Make sure you keep light strings away from curious pets as well.

Do you check for red or green UL Marks on your light strings? The green holographic UL Mark means the light strings should only be used indoors. The red holographic UL Mark indicates light strings can be used both inside and out—and withstand conditions related to outdoor use.

Do you buy the right toy for the right age child? Pay close attention to the recommended age designation marked on the toy or its packaging. Always make sure the child's age matches or exceeds the manufacturer's recommended age specification.

Do you practice kitchen safety? Turn off and unplug all appliances when not in use. Turn pot and pan handles inward so they won't be pulled or knocked off the stove. Make sure children are supervised in the kitchen at all times.

Have you made sure your home has working smoke detectors and fire extinguishers that bear the UL Mark? Don't forget to install, test and maintain these devices in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Have you developed a fire escape plan? Every member should know at least two ways out of each room. Designate a well-lit place, a safe distance from your home, where everyone can meet in the event of a fire. Remember, never return to a burning building for any reason.

If you answered "yes" to all of these questions, congratulations! If you answered "no" to any of these questions, you owe it to yourself and your loved ones to correct the hazards in your home. By putting Operation Decoration into effect in your home, you'll be on your way toward a happier and safer holiday season.

For more safety information, visit UL's Web site at www.ul.com or call UL's fax-on-demand hotline at 1-800-473-4766.

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Santa Anna Girl Scouts, 3rd place

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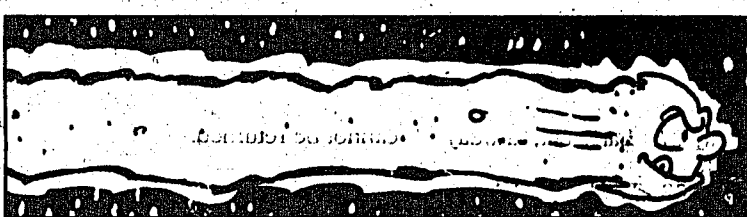
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A New Year's Resolution That's Easy To Make—And Keep

(NAPS)—Here's a suggestion from The American Dietetic Association for a New-Year's resolution that's easy to keep and can make 1999 a great year for you and your family:

In addition to making your regular appointments with the doctor and dentist, resolve to visit the health professional with the training and experience to help put you on the path to better nutrition and well-being all year long—a registered dietitian.

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And as more and more links are established between good nutrition and good health and reduced risk of chronic disease, dietetics professionals can help virtually all individuals and families to improve and maintain their health.

Eight out of ten Americans believe nutrition has a positive impact on their lives, but just four in ten believe they're doing all they can to achieve a healthful eating

plan, according to ADA's Nutrition Trends Survey. Most people find that—with the help of an R.D.—making just a few practical changes in their lifestyles, tastes and preferences can overcome their obstacles to good nutrition.

There's even evidence that a registered dietitian can help



improve your emotional well-being and your physical health.

A recent study of 400 adults, published in *The Journal of The American Dietetic Association*, found more than half felt better emotionally after consulting with a dietitian and nearly two-thirds felt in more control of their med-

ical conditions as a result of the counseling.

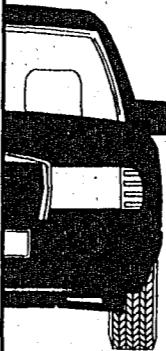
If it has to do with nutrition—from obesity, diabetes and food safety to meal planning, healthful cooking and packing the kids' school lunch—count on a dietitian for trusted, accurate, timely and practical advice.

To find a registered dietitian in your area, call ADA's Nationwide Nutrition Network at 800-366-1655 or visit www.eatright.org.

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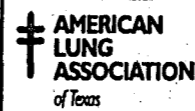
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Safe Food Makes For A Happier Holiday

(NAPS)—Consumers rank food safety as one of the most important factors they think about when deciding which foods to buy and eat. It is with good reason that food safety is top of mind. Approximately one out of every five Americans suffers a case of food poisoning each year. However, according to the Centers for Disease Control, 85 percent of those cases could actually be avoided if people practiced proper food handling.

As you enter the plethora of parties and potlucks this holiday season, rank food safety high on your list of great gifts to give. Here's how to play it safe:

Giving A Party?

The harmful bacteria that causes food poisoning can be in food when you purchase it, or it may be transferred to foods through poor personal hygiene or contamination from other foods, such as the juices from raw meat dripping on vegetables you are slicing. Use these strategies to ensure you serve safe foods—

Concentrate on cleanliness

- Wash your hands before and after handling food.
- Be sure to wash utensils, cutting boards and countertops between steps in food preparation. **Keep hot foods hot (over 140°F)**
- Cook foods thoroughly. Use a food thermometer to make sure they reach a safe temperature of 160°–180°F.
- Use chafing dishes, crock pots and warming trays to hold food at 140°F while they are on the buffet line.

Foods Most Frequently Reported As Source Of Food Poisoning Outbreaks

- Fish
- Raw fruits and vegetables
- Cold salads
- Beef products

• Serve foods on small platters and refresh their supply (in clean serving dishes) frequently. Keep extra hot food in the oven at 200°F. **Keep cold foods cold (40°F or lower)**

• You can hold their temperature by, nesting serving dishes in bowls of ice.

• Keep track of how long foods have been sitting out. Throw away any food that's sat around for more than two hours.

Going To A Party?

Scope out the buffet line before you start eating. Are the same safe handling practices in place at this party? If not, shy away from foods that are not properly served. If you know you will be arriving late to a party, satisfy your appetite at home first. Chances are by the time you get to the celebration most of the food has been picked over or has sat out for some time.

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Holidays light up winter season

The dark nights of winter are brightened by numerous celebrations throughout Texas. The holidays are times of joy, gift giving, and sharing simple and elaborate meals.

Christmas
December 25
Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, and January 6, the Epiphany, or revelation of Christ to the Magi.
Symbols include Star of Bethlehem and manger, Santa Claus and Christmas trees. Gifts and toys are given to all. Holiday foods: turkey and dressing, as well as tamales, and German coffee cake, or stollen.

Hanukkah
December 14-21
Marks the return to the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 B.C. Eight candles symbolize the number of days oil lamps were lit in the temple, with a ninth candle to light the others. Traditional gifts for children include a dreidel, or four-sided top, and coins. Special food: latkas, or potato pancakes fried in oil.

Kwanzaa
December 26—January 1
Celebrates African-American unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Symbols include seven candles, ear of corn and unity cup. Gifts are simple and handmade. Karamu feast: traditional foods such as porridge, beans and corn, as well as other dishes.

New Years
January 1 and February 16
Celebrates the new year. In the Chinese lunar year, the New Year begins February 16, 1999—the Year of the Rabbit. Preparations include cleaning house and paying debts. Sweet rice is part of the festivity, along with fireworks. Gifts include "red envelopes" containing lucky money.

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas African American Heritage Association, Jewish Federation of Austin, Asian Chamber of Austin, Internet.

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