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Self Culture Club--90 Years Later And Still Going Strong

The Self Culture Club recently participated in the Santa Anna Christmas parade and showed fashions over the past 90 years. Pictured above on the float are Kathy Mackey, representing 1993 and the daughter of member May Wallace; Cathy Ellis, representing 1933 and a member of the club; Jamie Ellis, representing 1953 and daughter of member Cathy Ellis; Cam Slagle, representing 1973 and a member; Amanda Lemmon, representing 1923 and granddaughter of member May Wallace; Mrs. Burgess Weaver, representing 1943 and prospective member; and Betty Key, representing 1903 and a member of the club. Children pictured are Konnie Weaver, whose great-great-grandmother was a member in 1908; Alicia Ellis, daughter of member Cathy Ellis; and Ty Morgan, grandson of member LaRue Morgan.

"Several ladies of Santa Anna met Friday afternoon September fourth nineteen and three at Mrs. L. V. Stockard's home for the purpose of organizing a club to better fit ourselves for life and to up build the town as much as in our power. After much discussion and suggestions we chose as a name "The Self Culture Club". Thus reads the first paragraph of the club's first secretary's book.

In 1993, 90 years later, Self Culture Club is still meeting on a regular basis and striving to improve themselves and the community.

Through the years the club has combined educational, social and community service events. In 1908 the members studied literature. They had a "Book Reception" at the home of Mrs. V. L. Grady. Those attending donated books to the club. Santa Anna's first library was called the "Self Culture club Library" and was housed on a bookshelf in a doctor's waiting room.

During World War II the club was quite active in the war effort. Self Culture women sold war bonds and savings stamps. They provided musical programs and Christmas gifts for soldiers at Camp Bowie. They also organized a nurses aide program and provided recreational activities for young people.

In the late 1940's Self Culture Club worked with the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Home Demonstration Club and the Garden Club to find a better location for the library which was by that time located above City Hall. The building next door to City Hall was securd and the library moved in 1950.

Self Culture continues to support the library. They have been the sponsor of the Summer Reading Program for a number of years. They also helped with bake sales and other fund raising projects for the library.

Self Culture Club continues with its educational and community service activities. Activities in 1993 have included a visit with the exchange students, programs on funeral planning, women's health, how a bill becomes a law and other subjects of interest. The Club also gave a luncheon for elementary and junior high U.I.L. winners, sponsored the Summer Reading Program, gave books to the library, and provided Christmas gifts for some nursing home residents.

In 1907 the Club became a member of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and maintained this association for over 50 years. Membership was dropped several years ago.

A float in the recent Christmas parade in Santa Anna and Coleman remembered the 90 years of the club's existence. The float featured club members and daughters and granddaughters of members wearing fashions from 1903 to 1993.

Riding on the float was Konnie Weaver, whose great-great-grandmother was a member of the Self Culture Club in 1908. Also featured was Mae Blue who has been an active member since 1921.

Charter members of the club in 1906 were Mrs. Will Herndon, Mrs. Sam Phillips, Mr. J. Lyn Phillips, Mrs. L. V. Stockard, Miss May Stockard, Mrs. A. R. Brown, Miss Eva Thomson, Mrs. Dr. Long, Miss Winn (Maud), Mrs. Dr. Sealy, Mrs. Dr. Holland, Miss Mattie Hunter, Mrs. V. L. Grady, Mrs. Paterson, Mrs. M. Tyson, Miss Ruby Grady, Miss Tony Hemphill, Miss Grace Burns, Miss Bettie Blue, Miss Mary Dodson, Mrs. W. M. Strozier and Mrs. W. R. Kelley.

Officers for the current year are Betty Key, president; Gale Brock, vice president; Cathy Ellis, secretary/treasurer; May Wallace, reporter/public relations/ and Mae Blue, time keeper.

Other active members are Gladis Barnes, Novelle Boylston, Bettie Henderson, Eula McCary, LaRue Morgan, Earlene Scott, Grace Short, Cam Slagle, Alice Spillman and Pauline Warnock.

Club membership is limited to 20. At present there are a few openings. Anyone interested in joining Self Culture Club may contact a club member or leave their name at the library.



The William Carroll Holt Family Group—The five men and five women pictured to the left are all members of the William Carroll Holt family. Pictured left to right, back row, Mary Vercher, Cora Burk, Nan Harden Conner, Martha Cocke and Lizzie Kilgore, and front row, Charlie Holt, Jeff Holt, Wm. Carroll Holt, Ance Holt and Will F. Holt. The photo, taken in the early 1900's, is shared with us by Ford Holt.

Several Changes Ahead For WTU

West Texas Utilities recently announced several changes that are part of a corporatewide reorganization.

Steven Leggett, WTU's director of corporate communications, said these changes are taking place throughout the Central and South West Corporation, WTU's parent company.

Current changes include the installation of a new WTU executive vice president, Pete Churchwell.

Leggett said Glenn Files will remain at WTU's president and chief operating officer, but he also will head CSW's effort to acquire El Paso Electric. Because of his efforts with El Paso Electric, he will be out of the office a lot, and Churchwell will pick up some of the slack.

Three vice presidents have been named who will be responsible for WTU's daily operations. They are Don Welch, vice president-operations and engineering; Paul Brower, vice president-business development and marketing; and Dennis Sharkey, vice president-administration.

Leggett emphasized these changes are not in response to poor performance or loss of business, but part of a process designed to make the corporation more efficient, productive and competitive.

This realignment process is not complete, but it should be by spring. Leggett said he does not know if jobs will be lost during the realignment.

Along with the management changes announced, CSW initiated some new corporate business groupings. One grouping is CSW Electric, which will include traditional electric utility operations like WTU and the three other electric utilities owned by CSW. CSW also has created Central and South West Services.

The service company will provide support services for areas common to the electric operating companies. It will be divided into production services and operations services with presidents over each area. Production services will oversee all power plants. Operation services will provide administrative and systems support.

Preston Kissman, presently WTU vice president of engineering, has been named CSW vice president for transmission and substation engineering.

"While the top management levels have been designated, many key positions are yet to be named, and our corporation has a number of top candidates for those positions," Files said.

Financial Aid Workshop Planned For Seniors Jan. 27

A financial aid workshop for high school seniors has been scheduled for Jan. 27, 1993 at 7 p.m. in the Home Economics Building on the school campus.

Santa Anna Project Show January 8

The Santa Anna Project Show will be held on Saturday, January 8, 1994 at the Show Barns on the Santa Anna ISD campus.

Animals are scheduled to begin arriving on Friday with pigs weighing in between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. that day. Beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday morning lambs and rabbits will be weighed and checked in.

The show will begin at 9 a.m. with rabbit judging, followed by lambs at 10 a.m. and pigs at 1 p.m.

At noon a community barbecue lunch will be served to anyone wishing to attend.

Judges for this years show will be Jimmy Cornelius, Brownwood, rabbits; and Chandra Scott, Cross Plains Agriculture Science Teacher, lambs and pigs.

"Skills For Life" Theme For Homemaking Division At Project Show

"Skills for Life" will be the theme for the homemaking division at the local Project Show on January 8, 1994.

In keeping with the theme according to Lois Wise, Home Economics Teacher at Santa Anna High School, age classifications will be up to 6 years old, 7-12 years old, adult and senior citizens.

Skill areas for competition will be general arts and crafts, paintings, photographs, shop and tack, ceramics, clothing construction, decorated clothing, needlework, cakes, candy, decorated cakes, pies, cookies, breads and demonstrated project skills.

Anyone in the community wishing to participate in the show are ask to bring their entry to the Ag classroom Friday, January 7 between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. or Saturday morning, January 8 between 8 and 9 a.m.

Wise invites everyone to come out and share their talent. She said, "I believe 'All God's children have talent'."

Students Return To Classrooms Tuesday, Jan. 4

Students in the Santa Anna ISD will begin their second semester of the school year when they return on Tuesday morning January 4 following a two week Christmas vacation.

Teachers will return on Monday, January 3 for a Teacher Work Day.

The next scheduled vacation time for students will be January 17 and 18 during the Coleman County Livestock Show.

Lone Star Names Area Manager For Santa Anna

SANTA ANNA--Lone Star Gas has named Pat Smith to the position of Area Manager for Santa Anna and 33 other cities and towns in the West Texas area effective immediately. In this position, she will be responsible for most of Lone Star's contacts with leaders at all levels in each city and town under her responsibility. This includes government officials, school districts, hospitals, local business leaders and civic and charitable organizations.

She has been with Lone Star Gas since 1964 and most recently as manager of the San Angelo district. She is active in numerous civic and professional organizations.

She is a graduate of Dallas County Community College.

Smith replaces Ike Ratliff who has been assigned another position with the company.

US 67 Through Santa Anna Focus Of Federal Funding

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently designated 159,000 miles of the nation's roads as the focus of federal funding, including 13,319 miles of Texas highways. The 159,000 miles will be designated as the National Highway System (NHS).

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in June sent its "candidate" Texas highways to the FHWA for inclusion in the NHS in June.

"The National Highway System designation will not mean any increase in federal transportation dollars for Texas, but it does show that the federal government and Texas agree in large part on what is important," said Robert Cuellar, TxDOT deputy executive director for Transportation Planning and Development.

"Part of the NHS plan is to encourage state agencies to focus on high-priority routes rather than select projects that are sometimes at odds with each other," Cuellar said. "Texas has been working in that direction for some time."

About 75 percent of the Texas portion of the NHS is the rural Texas Highway Truck System. "We remain committed to upgrading the whole trunk system," said Cuellar. "It's as important to Texas as the NHS is to the nation."

TxDOT held public hearings this year for input on its candidate for the NHS. As a result, TxDOT requested 574 miles over the allotment for Texas to be added to NHS, and FHWA agreed.

The added roads are:

*US 96 from Tenaha to Lumberton;

*US 87 from San Antonio to Victoria;

*US 183 from Austin to Cuero;

US 385 from Seminole to Odessa; and

US 67 from Ballinger to Santa Anna and Brownwood to Dallas.

"In the public hearings, the citizens of Texas let us know what was important," said Cuellar. "It's good to see that the federal government agrees."

The FHWA will now forward the candidate NHS to Congress. Congress has until September 1995 to decided on final NHS plans.

NEWS Office Closed For Vacation

The NEWS office will be closed from Thursday, December 23, 1993 through the following week.

The NEWS will re-open on Monday morning, January 3, 1994 at 8 a.m.

Everyone is asked to leave news items in the box on the door.

You will receive a paper Thursday, December 30.

The staff of the Santa Anna News is taking this opportunity for some vacation and spend the holidays with family.

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Don't worry about avoiding temptation—as you grow older, it starts avoiding you. **—The Old Farmer's Almanac**

Happy New Year !

City Employee On Call This Weekend

The City Crew member on call this weekend is Thomas Watson, 348-3321 or call mobile phone 348-5019.

Watch the Santa Anna News each week for the crew member to call in case of a city utility emergency.

Boone Files For 17th District

ABILENE--Phil Boone has filed as a Republican candidate for U. S. Congress 17th District.

Boone, a business productivity consultant from Abilene stated, "After visiting with voters in almost every area of the district I feel stronger than ever that people are ready to make the tough choices to get government out of the way! Together, we will reestablish truth, honesty and credibility for this nation."

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Library Notes
Check It Out

By Alice Anna Spillman

This is the last week of 1993 and many of you will be beginning plans for 1994. The Library has been receiving some information that may help.

Jobs and Carcers for the 1990's is a list of books and works that could help plan a future. This library doesn't have most of these publications, but can borrow many from other libraries. It will cost the return postage. After you have read some of these you may want to purchase a copy. You can visit a larger library like Abilene, San Angelo or a college and probably study this material in the library.

We have a pamphlet *Financial Aid for Texas Students.* Begin plans for finances with this information.

A *U. S. News* magazine has a section covering the best colleges in the United States. You can learn the types of colleges, data bout curriculum, staff, costs and reputation.

Catalogue of College Guides will provide step by step information about visiting, applying and aid. These are probably within our budget--if useful.

Representatives of Texas State Technical College of Sweetwater and Central Texas Commercial College have visited the library to leave literature about their programs. They will provide additional copies.

A new publication called The Locator has come to us. It will list your request free of charge. The list should go to all libraries. A new book How To Locate Anyone Who is or Has Been in the Military gives exact instructions for locating these friends or family.

We have copies of *Special Services to Certain Widows (Veterans).* This gives ways to call or write for help.

A new genealogy help has been added to our corner. If your ancestors were from the State of Kentucky you may find a printed source with their history. We may be able to suggest a place to look at these materials. The Heritage Book News for December has arrived. This lists more books or sources of genealogy information.

If you receive your Santa Anna newspaper on Thursday. You missed us this week. Everyone has a holiday, Monday, Thursday and Friday. Have a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in 1994!

Dips For That Holiday Party

BACON HORSERADISH DIP

1 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise or light reduced calorie or reduced fat cholestreol free mayonnaise dressing
1 cup sour cream
1/4 cup real bacon bits
1/4 cup prepared horseradish

Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Cover; chill. Makes 2 cups.

SPINACH DIP

1 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise or light reduced calorie or reduced fat cholesterol free mayonnaise dressing
1 1/2 cups sour cream
1 pkg. (10 oz) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained
1 pkg. (1.4 oz) vegetable soup and recipe mix
1 can (8 oz) water chestnuts, drained, chopped (optional)
3 green onions, chopped

Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Cover; chill. Makes 3 cups.

FRENCH ONION DIP

1/2 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise or light reduced calorie or reduced fat cholesterol free mayonnaise dressing
2 cups sour cream
1 pkg. (1.9 oz) french onion soup and recipe mix

Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Cover; chill. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

HOT CRAB DIP

1 pkg. (3 oz) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise or light reduced calorie or reduced fat cholesterol free mayonnaise dressing
1 can (6 oz) crabmeat, drained
1/4 cup minced onion
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1/8 tsp. hot pepper sauce

Beat cream cheese until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients. Spoon into small ovenproof dish. Bake at 350°F 30 minutes or until bubbly. Makes 1 cup.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

DECEMBER 30
Mr & Mrs Danny Kellar *
Charles Wetsel
Dalia Wetzel

DECEMBER 31
Steven Blanton

JANUARY 1
Roeanna Barton
Pete Simmons
Minnie Young
Mr&Mrs John Naron*
Karen Bowker
Thomas Nixon
Cathy Gene Strother

JANUARY 2
Nora Castilo
Chris Simmons

JANUARY 3
Cameron Cleveland
Heather Jackson
Patsy Starr
Vernon Valdez
Eddie Dillard

JANUARY 4
Angelica Hernandez
Michelle Malone

JANUARY 5
Rhonda Fleeman Davison

JANUARY 6
Ramon Castillo
Lane Guthrie
Sharon Guthrie

Dear Editor

After reading with interest the comments about the misspelling of the name Goodgion, has prompted me to write.

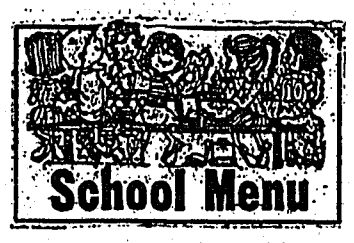
Growing up with this name and its being misspelled was a way of life. Only our teachers, very few others, and relatives with the same name spelled it correctly. It is even misspelled on my birth certificate.

My married name, Jongema, is seldom spelled right and is unbelievable to most who seem to think it is their job to correct it. It is always interesting receiving mail wondering how on earth the sender comes up with what they write down. Instead of being offended we are amused. The misspelled names are added to a very large collection.

I do think correct spelling of names in funeral notices is important (which is what started all of this).

Just sign me
Reba Goodgion Jongema, or
Rheba Goodgoin Jomica, better still:
Reeba Upjohn Yakima
(whatever)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks, Reba, Rheba, Reeba for this bit of humor and your kind note.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 4
Breakfast: Dry cereal and graham crackers will be offered everyday; Donuts, fruit juice and milk
Lunch: Salisbury steak, green beans, fruit juice, fruit cup, hot rolls, milk, brown gravy, steamed rice and honey

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5
Breakfast: Pancakses, sausage, fruit juice, milk and syrup
Lunch: Turkey pot pie, sweet potatoes, apple, hot rolls, milk, cookies and honey

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit juice and milk
Lunch: Taco bowl w/meat, shredded cheese, lettuce and tomatoes, refried beans, fruit juice, milk, brownie and taco sauce

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, fruit and milk
Lunch: Bar b que on bun, french fries, pork and beans, fruit juice, milk, cookies, catsup and pickles

Library Receives Books On Loan From Abilene

The Santa Anna Library has received the following books from the Abilene Public Library Interlibrary Loan Program:

And Left for Dead by Frances Lockridge;
Blessings by Belva Plain;
Devil's Gold by Ted Falcon Barker;
Down Among The Dead Men by Ralph Stephenson;
The Dragon and the Pearl by Barbara Cartland;
Fenwick Houses by Catherine Cookson;
Five Graves to Boot Hill by Gordon Shirreffs;
The Mill Race by Pamela Street;
The Nighthawk Trail by Max Brand;
One Brief Shining Moment by William Manchester;
Phanton Warrior by Fred Grove;
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Thunder Moon's Challenge by Max Brand;
Will Rogers by Bryan Sterling;
The Windsor Plot by Pauline Winslow.

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Thoughts From Our Pastors

David Tidd
First United Methodist Church

Luke 2:15 "And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

Christmas is over. For many that is a relief. It has been a hectic season. The season of love, joy and peace is quite frequently anything but love, joy and peace. Tempers are short, people are rude to the point of being obnoxious. The frustration of long lines, heavy traffic, and the inability to find that one perfect gift, all ad up to a disastrous holiday. You know that even having endured all of this at least one person is completely unsatisfied with the gift you have them.

As the work of that first Christmas really began after the angels went back into heaven so work of all the Christmas's to come begins now. Reach out to those around you. Forgive and forget the the little irritants that keep you apart. Practice the love of Christmas all year. Life is too short. There are too few Christmas's left in your life to waste even one. You have just 360 days to make next Christmas the warmest and best ever. May God bless you as you reach out to those you love and may that circle of love grow even larger in the days ahead.

Don't Let Holiday Spirits Ruin the Season

by Sandra Haverlah

It has been reported that one out of every ten vehicles on the road after midnight is in the hands of an impaired driver. These odds hold true for any given area on any given day of the year - except during the holidays. During the party season these statistics are higher and driving becomes much more dangerous.

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers puts forth an effort every year to inform people on how to throw a sensible Christmas or New Year's party. MADD also has a campaign every year to remind drivers to be cautious during the festive season.

MADD suggests if you are throwing a holiday party to serve high protein and carbohydrate foods. These foods stay in the stomach longer and slow the absorption of alcohol. Foods such as cheeses, shrimp cocktail, pizza and ribs are some of the choices. Try to avoid serving chips, pretzels and other salty snacks that make your guests thirsty.

Have plenty of non-alcoholic beverages available for those guests who choose not to drink. Do not offer to refill drinks when empty or force guests to drink more, they may not want to be rude and turn you down. have jiggers available at the bar so that people will measure their drinks properly, rather than pouring an undetermined amount of alcohol in their drinks.

And, have a designated driver or taxi take guests home if needed. Never let a guests leave that is obviously too impaired to drive.

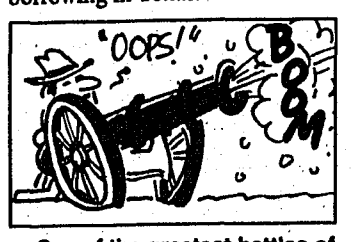
For those driving during the holiday season, keep a special look out for dangerous drivers on the road. Some signs are: unusually wide turns; swerving and weaving; tailgating; straddling center lane; no headlights; drifting; and, driving with the window down in cold weather. MADD suggests to maintain a safe following distance. If you attempt to pass the driver may swerve into you.

MADD is encouraging everyone to tie a red ribbon to a visible location of their vehicle to serve as a reminder to drive sober and for others to do the same. The red ribbon project is called "tie one on for safety" and MADD can provide you with ribbons if you need some for a party or event.

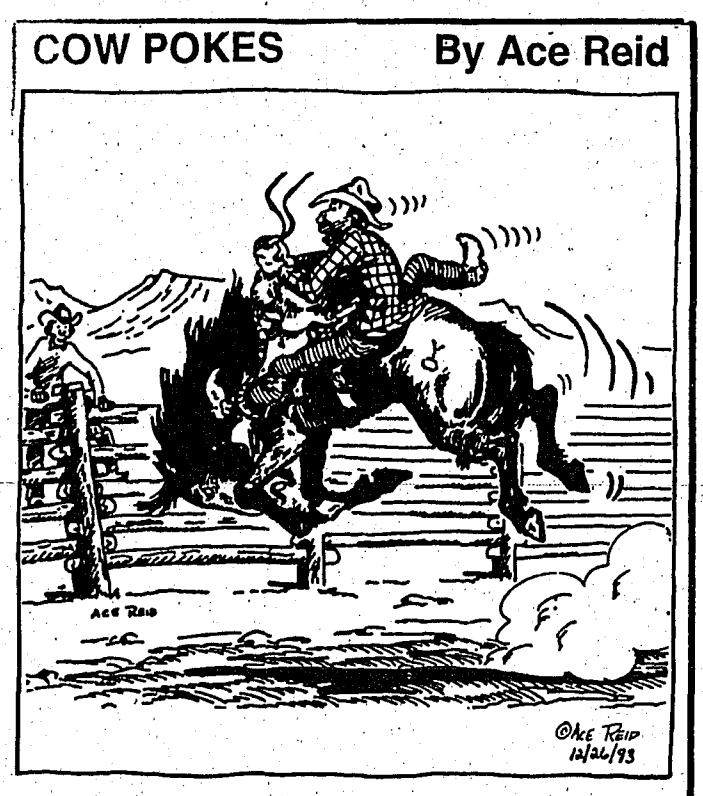
One little known fact about Texas, most auto fatalities occur in rural areas, where there is very little traffic. Drivers may assume that rural areas are safer for drivers, but the Department of Public Safety says that the roads are darker, narrower and drivers tend to go faster than the posted speed limit.

Drivers always need to be defensive, but especially during this season of parties, drinking and festivities.

This has been a great year and I have ben getting some great letters from readers and editors. Soon, I will be printing some of those letters and responses. So, if you have a question about a consumer issue, write to me at the address below. If your letter appears in this column, you will receive a copy of 'Texas Consumer Law', a 400-page guide to buying, renting and borrowing in Texas.



One of the greatest battles of the War of 1812 occurred after the war was over. The Americans and British signed a peace treaty in December, 1814 but the news didn't reach the U.S. until after the Battle of New Orleans was fought in January of 1815.



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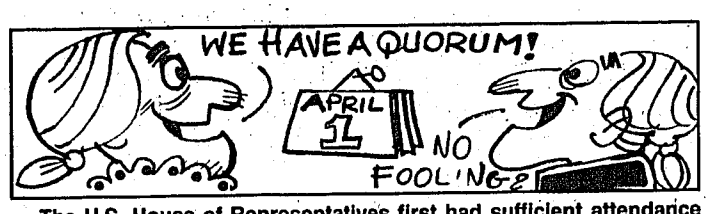
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Nov. 9	Rising Star (Scrimmage)	(T)	JVG, VG	TBA
Nov. 13	Cisco (Scrimmage)	(H)	JVG, VG	TBA
Nov. 16	Priddy	(T)	VG, VB	6:30
Nov. 18-20	Lohn Tourney	(T)	VG, VB	TBA
Nov. 23	Novice	(T)	VG, VB	6:30
Nov. 30	Cross Plains	(H)	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Dec. 2-4	Santa Anna Tourney	(H)	VG, VB	TBA
Dec. 7	Blanket	(T)	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Dec. 9-11	Novice Tourney	(T)	VG, VB	TBA
Dec. 14	Eula	(H)	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Jan. 4	Novice	(H)	VG, VB	6:30
Jan. 7	Lohn	(T)	VG, VB	6:30
Jan. 8	Miles Tourney	(T)	JVG, JVB	TBA
Jan. 11	Eula	(T)	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Jan. 14	Rising Star	(H)	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Jan. 18	Zephyr	(T)	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Jan. 21	Blanket	(H)	JVG, JVB VG, VB	4:00
Jan. 25	*Miles	(T)	JVG, JVB VG, VB	5:00
Jan. 28	*Menard	(T)	JVG, JVB VG, VB	5:00
Feb. 1	*Eden	(H)	VG, VB	5:00
Feb. 4	*Miles	(H)	VG, VB	5:00
Feb. 8	*Menard	(H)	VG, VB	5:00
Feb. 11	*Eden	(T)	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00

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Political Calendar

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ARE HEALTH COSTS BANKRUPTING AMERICANS?

Americans are declaring bankruptcy at unprecedented rates, and researchers at The University of Texas and the University of Pennsylvania are trying to find out why.

Health care costs are emerging as a major fact in these personal financial failures, accounting for as many as 20 of every 100 bankruptcies.

However, Teresa A. Sullivan, a UT Austin sociology professor who heads the Consumer Bankruptcy Project, warns that it's too early in the study to have all the answers. Nevertheless, the researchers are turning up some surprising statistics.

Thirty years ago, bankruptcy filings were dominated by young, single, mostly blue-collar laborers with low levels of education. Today debtors filing such petitions average 41.9 years of age, are mostly high school graduates and are twice as likely as the general population to have completed some college. More than half of them were born after 1946.

Jay Lawrence Westbrook, a UT Austin business law professor and one of the researchers in the Consumer Bankruptcy Project, says this finding seems to indicate that it's the "baby boomers" of middle-class America who are rushing to bankruptcy court.

Thus far in their study, the team has sampled more than 40,000 questionnaires filled out by bankruptcy petitioners in the first half of 1991 in 16 districts across the country. An average of 16 percent cite health costs as the reason for their bankruptcy. In one district in Pennsylvania, 23 percent of the debtors blamed medical problems.

Sullivan and Westbrook, along with Elizabeth Warren, a law professor at the University of Pennsylvania, did a much more narrow study of bankruptcies in 1981. The results were detailed in their book, *As We Forgive Our Debtors: Bankruptcy and Consumer Debt in America.*

In the 1981 study, the researchers took their information from 1,550 actual bankruptcy petitions, which do not ask debtors to explain why they found themselves broke.

However, the new study used questionnaires in which thousands of debtors were asked to described why they filed for bankruptcy.

Even in the earlier study, medical bills were the most widespread debt mentioned. More people owed doctors and hospitals than they did credit card companies (possibly because more physicians didn't accept the plastic then). However, only 2 to 3 percent of the filers reported disastrous health care costs.

Medical costs seem to be a greater problem for whites than for blacks or other ethnic groups. In the questionnaires, whites were more likely than the other ethnic groups to list health care costs as the primary reason for their bankruptcy.

For whatever reason, fewer married couples are filing jointly for insolvency now than in 1981, but the number of individual bankruptcies is increasing. One reason may be that more women now are establishing their own credit, and divorce is on the increase. Two-thirds of the women in the study either were divorced or had never married.

The researchers warn that conclusions shouldn't be reached until more of the data are analyzed, but some of the findings aren't likely to change significantly when the study is completed. Today's insolvent debtor is a well-educated Baby Boomer, usually divorced and often a female.

"Bankruptcy is not just something that happens to the other person anymore," Sullivan says. "It may be that in the '80s it became a part of the social safety net for the middle class."

Since debtors probably would not qualify for welfare, bankruptcy does the next best thing for them. By discharging or restructuring existing debt, it allows them to wipe their credit slate clean and provides a new start financially.

It is evident that bankruptcy no longer is regarded as the stigma it once was. Courts are so busy with increase filings that trustees rather than judges handle most of the cases.

"A majority of the debtors are using bankruptcy as a solution to...everyday problems, including illness, marital disruption and economic displacement," the researchers say in an early report.

To the generation of Baby Boomers, at least, bankruptcy is just a new beginning.

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REEL LIFE--University students in the future may be able to get their degrees without ever setting foot on a campus.

Southern Methodist University's College of Engineering already has more graduate students off campus than attending classes in Dallas.

While about 150 graduate students attend campus classes, another 150 study by videotape and another 150 get their lessons by satellite. Still another 250 see live lectures via a microwave television network known as TAGER which reached classrooms set up by 42 companies in North Texas.

SMU has become a major mail-order providers of graduate classes in engineering. It's a service of the National Technological University of Fort Collins, Colorado---an innovative teaching venture founded in 1984 by the Dallas school and other universities.

The videotapes include not only the lecture, but questions asked by students in the SMU classrooms and at remote sites. The questions are telephoned, FAXED or sent by electronic or regular mail. Professors answer them before the tapes are sent to the subscriber.

Are the video courses successful? Off-campus students have grade point averages from 0.1 to 0.2 higher than those who attend the actual classes.

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THE SPORTING LIFE--Athletes in San Antonio and surrounding high schools won't have to worry about getting their teeth knocked out in activities this fall.

They will be provided custom-fitted mouth guards free by specialists at the University of Texas Health Science Center. All that is required is a call from the coach or trainer and written permission from a parent for the fitting.

The project is sponsored by the San Antonio Spurs Foundation and the San Antonio District Dental Society.

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WHAT NEXT---An active volcano only 600 miles from the South Pole is heating things up in America.

Do Blankenship, a geophysicist at the University of Texas at Austin, and Robin Bell, a colleague at New York's Columbia University, discovered the ice-bound mountain after a three-year search.

Using a small airplane equipped with special instruments, they flew back and forth for hundreds of hours over more than 36,000 square miles of ice. They say the buried volcano is a cone-shaped mountain about 2,000 feet high.

The volcano is active and erupts occasionally. Its warming has caused a depression in the ice about 150 feet deep and four miles wide.

Scientists already worried about global warming now have to consider the effect of the fires beneath the Antarctic ice sheet.

List of Popular Baby Names Compiled For '91

The annual report of the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Bureau of Vital Statistics contains at least one list of interest to even the most preoccupied new parent, according to Richard Bays.

The list, based on 1991 birth certificate entries, is the Texas roster of most frequently chosen names for newborns during that calendar year. Bays is chief of the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

The report included the name list for the first time in 1990, although the U.S. Bureau of Census has released similar lists for years.

Some names have made the national lists for generations, since many parents name babies--especially boys--after themselves, Bays noted. "John and James are like permanent entries on lists of popular baby names. Only their ranking on the list ever changes," he said.

Also, when parents try to think of uncommon names, they sometimes pick celerities' names. Later they are surprised to find that thousands of other parents shared their idea.

"We know that popular movie stars' names often inspire parents. We haven't verified it, but a member of our staff said that the Texas list seems to contain a high number of names matching those of TV soap opera characters," he added.

By order of most often chosen, the 10 most popular names for boys in Texas in 1991 were: Michael, Christopher, Joshua, Jose, Matthew, David, John, Justin, Daniel and James.

For girls born during the same period, the 10 most frequently given names were: Ashley, Jessica, Amanda, Sarah, Stephanie, Brittany, Elizabeth, Samantha, Lauren and Jennifer.

Besides the separate lists for all boys and girls born during a year, the report also provides similar lists for ethnic groups. Although those lists contain many of the same names as does the over-all roster, there are some exceptions.

Among children of white parents, the most popular names for boys are: Michael, Christopher, Matthew, Justin, James, John, Ryan, Cody, Jacob and Williams. For girls, they were: Ashley, Jessica, Sarah, Lauren, Brittany, Amanda, Megan, Shelby, Emily and Elizabeth.

Black parents chose Christopher, Joshua, Michael, Brandon, Anthony, James, Jordan, Justin, Jeremy and Robert for their sons. For their daughters, they most frequently chose Jasmine, Ashley, Brittany, Jessica, Courtney, Mariah, Raven, Crystal, Tiffany and Ebony.

Hispanic parents chose Jose, Juan, Michael, David, Daniel, Jesus, Christopher, Luis, Joshua and Jonathon for boys. For girls, they chose Jessica, Ashley, Stephanie, Amanda, Samantha, Elizabeth, Jennifer, Crystal, Vanessa and Victoria.

Junior High Basketball Schedule

Dec. 6	Rochelle	(T)	6:00
Dec. 11	Santa Anna Tourney	(H)	TBA
Dec. 13	TBA		
Jan. 6	*Miles	(T)	5:00
Jan. 10	*Menard	(T)	5:00
Jan. 17	*Eden	(H)	5:00
Jan. 24	*Miles	(H)	5:00
Jan. 31	*Menard	(H)	5:00
Feb. 7	*Eden	(T)	5:00
Feb. 12	District J.H. Tourney–Eden		

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TCADA Releases Youth Resiliency Brief

AUSTIN--Texas secondary school students whose parents regularly participate in school-sponsored open houses or PTA meetings were significantly more likely to be drug-free than those whose parents were not involved, according to a research brief recently released by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Although most substance use surveys emphasize the number and characteristics of youth who use drugs, students who are drug-free are not discussed nearly as often. Yet, in 1992, 37 percent of Texas secondary students did not use alcohol, tobacco, inhalants or any other illicit drugs during the school year.

In an effort to determine what resiliency factors these youths have in common, the Commission released "Being Drug-Free: Resiliency Factors in Texas Youth," which examines the effects of success in school, participation in extracurricular activities, parental participation in school activities and the influence of friends.

The findings were derived from the "1992 Texas School Survey," released last spring. According to the survey, 51 percent of students in grades seven through nine whose parents regularly attended school-sponsored open houses or PTA meetings were drug-free during the school year, compared to 36 percent of the students whose parents did not attend the activities. In grades 10 through 12, 32 percent of students whose parents were active in school-sponsored activities remained drug-free, compared to 25 percent of students whose parents were not involved.

The survey found, however, that multiple influences are important i helping youth achieve and maintain drug-free lives. For example, the percentage of students who do not use drugs during the school year increases with typical grades made in school. Among students in grades seven through nine, 60 percent of students who normally made As in school were drug-free that school year, compared to only 23 percent of F students. Among students in 10th through 12 grade, 36 percent of A students were drug-free compared to 18 percent of F students.

Extracurricular activities are another factor in youth resiliency, although the types of activities in which students participated in were more telling than the numbers of activities. For example, participation in band/orchestra, choir, student government, academic clubs and service clubs is associated with higher rates of being school year drug-free than other activities such as cheerleading/drill team or athletics.

Other findings of the survey include:

*The most important factor associated with being drug-free is age. Of students in the seventh grade, 36 percent have never experimented with any substance. By their senior year, only 11 percent of students have never used drugs.

*53 percent of younger students and 61 percent of older students have at least a few friends who carry weapons and 41 percent of younger students and 32 percent of older students have at least a few friends who belong to a gang or want to be gang members. Students who have no friends with these characteristics are much more likely to be drug-free during the school year than those who say most of their friends have these characteristics.

*Among students in grades 10 to 12, females were more likely than males to be drug-free during the school year--30 percent compared to 25 percent. Drug-free rates among students in grades 7 to 9 were more similar--44 percent females were drug-free compared to 43 percent males.

In general the survey found that resiliency factors during a child's development are multiple and are found within the domains of the individual, family, peers and community. Important factors include individual orientation toward grades and school, family closeness and involvement in school activities, peer drug use habits, participation with peers in school-sponsored activities, and community and school settings which provide an economically adequate and safe environment in which youth can live and attend school.

Studies Show Cracking Knuckles Does Not Cause Arthritis

HOUSTON--Do not believe what your parents told you. Cracking the knuckles does not cause arthritis or enlarged joints says, an orthopedic surgeon at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"It is an old wives' tale. There is no evidence that popping the joint to make a noise causes harm," said Dr. Wendell Erwin, a clinical professor of orthopedic surgery at Baylor.

The cracking noise made when knuckles are strained is caused by quickly forcing lubricating liquid, called synovial fluid, from one side of the joint to the other.

"It is like motor oil in an engine. It does not go away when the knuckles are cracked; it moves around within the joint," Erwin said. "The cracking motion may also crate an inert gas that pops when it escapes the joint."

Synovial fluid is the same liquid that is drained to ease the pain from what is commonly called 'water on the knee.' Excessive amounts of the fluid are produced after some injuries to help protect cartilage and tendons.

Erwin says there may be two reasons people crack their knuckles. Some people may feel they are releasing tension. But, the most likely reason is teenagers discover they can make a noise that draws attention to themselves and aggravates their parents at the same time. Then it becomes a habit they keep for life.

"I hate to shoot down a favorite argument for parents against knuckle-cracking, but they cannot tell their children it will lead to arthritis or cause big knuckles and be truthful," Erwin said.

Behavioral Survey Shows Health Risks Texans Take

When it comes to the risks they take, Texans differ from the U.S. population, according to a report by the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

They are more likely to drive after drinking (5 percent of Texans, compared to 2 percent nationally), but also are more likely to use their seat belts (95 percent, compared to 88 percent nationally).

Texans are only slightly less likely to be smokers (22 percent v. 23 percent), but dramatically more of them lack health insurance (22 percent, compared to 15 percent nationally). Many Texans (15 percent) said they could not afford medical care.

Roger Diamond, of the TDH Public Health Promotion Division, said that the annual Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance (BRFS) report helps to measure the state's progress toward certain health objectives for the year 2000.

"In addition," Diamond said, "the survey results identify needs for which Texas' public health programs can be adapted. Combined with similar studies in other states, the BRFS contributes to an over-all health appraisal for the nation."

Conducted annually, the TDH survey asks randomly selected Texans about their lifestyles. The questionaire includes such factors as seat belt usage, physical activity, weight, cholesterol levels, tobacco and alcohol use, mammograms, health care and AIDS prevention.

Of the 1,499 respondents to the 1991 questionaire, about one fourth were overweight and more than half had sedentary lifestyles, both of which increase risk of heart disease.

However, 60 percent of the 1991 respondents had their cholesterol checked, and 44 percent of the female respondents older than 50 had been screened with a mammogram within the past year.

"Perhaps because of greater public awareness in Texas," Diamond said, "70 percent of Texans surveyed said they would work with an AIDS-infected person, compared with 68 percent among respondents nationwide." Also regarding AIDS, 85 percent of parents of students not yet in high school said they favored AIDS education to begin in elementary schools.

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A fan club is a group of people who tell an actor he's not alone in the way he feels about himself.

—Jack Carson

New Poison Centers' 9-1-1 Response Will Save Lives, Needless Expense

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) and the Advisory Commission of State Emergency Communications (also known as the 9-1-1 Commission) will combine their expertise in creating six regional poison control center to serve Texas. When operational, the centers will be linked to the state's 9-1-1 emergency systems to ensure the fastest possible telephone response to poisoning emergencies.

More than 160,000 Texans, about 60 percent of whom were children, suffered accidental poisoning last year. According to health officials, the state's existing poison centers, have long been underfunded and overloaded.

Galveston's Texas State Poison Center, which was called upon in more than 32,000 poison crises throughout the state last year, has lots its national accrediation because it has had to compromise the quality of its services, primarily its capacity for rapid response. Also because of an overland (70,000 calls last year), the North Texas Poison Center, funded by Dallas' Parkland Hospital and the Dallas Hospital District, was forced to charge for services to outlying cities and counties, refusing services to areas which did not pay. El Paso already has been forced to close its center for lack of funds. Limited services remain in Amarillo and Temple.

Dennis Perrotta, chief of the TDH Bureau of Epidemiology, said, "Poison control in Texas has been in an emergency condition of its own. Even EMS and emergency room personnel have been getting busy signals during life-threatening emergencies."

Perrotta said that the 73rd Legislature came to the rescue of the poison centers by creating new funding to establish a network of regional centers in Galveston, Dallas, El Paso, Amarillo, Temple and San Antonio. The state will collect a surcharge on intrastate long distance calls to fund the new centers. The state's 9-1-1 services already are funded through a similar surcharge.

Perrotta said that the exact rate of surcharge is not yet final, bu the Advisory Commission on State Emergency Communications has proposed a rate of .3 cents per $1 charged for intrastate long-distance calls. If approved, this rate would provide about $6.5 million annually.

TDH will manage the financial grants to the centers with the 9-1-1 Commission, conduct poison prevention programs and lend technical assistance. The 9-1-1 Commission will coordinate rapid communications between local emergency units and the poison centers. Funds are required to be available through grants by September 1994.

"One of the most exciting features of the new regional poison center system will be that calls about poison emergencies will be automatically channeled to the appropriate poison center when they are received by 9-1-1 operators," Perrotta said.

He explained that because of differences between regions in the numbers of expected poisoning incidents, the centers will vary in both funding and in hours of operation. "However," he said, "since all of the centers will be linked, if one center should be closed or overloaded at any given time an emergency call comes in, another center will automatically take the call. This way, we for the first time can guarantee a response from poison experts on virtually every call."

Perrotta added that assuring poison center availability not only will save lives of victims needing emergency treatment, it also will reduce the number of needless and costly emergency room visits, ambulance trips and precautionary treatments. "Many incidents, such as a child's swallowing some harmless substance, are mistaken for accidental poisonings by panicked parents. By calling 9-1-1, parents and their doctors can get immediate advice on toxicity and home treatment. As many as 80 percent of calls to the Dallas center last year were resolved with home treatments, leaving emergency room and ambulance personnel available for real emergencies."

An added benefit to TDH will be that the centers will provide the Bureau of Epidemiology with important poison incidence data which can be used in preventing future poisonings, Perrotta said.

Five On Ballot For Trustee Position

A full slate of candidates will be on the ballot for the trustee position on the Santa Anna Independent School District Board of Trustees.

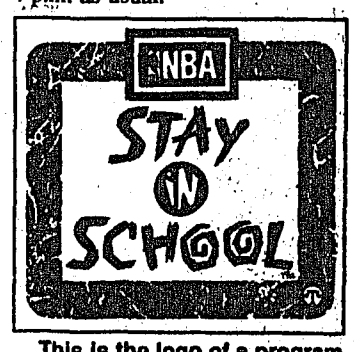
Those signing up include Waide Messer, Suzan Daniel, Kay Yancy, Clint Day, Eddie Jones and Karen Moore.

The position was recently vacated when Roy Joe Harvey moved from the district.

Early balloting begins Dec. 27 in the local called school board election.

Although there will be no school that week, Superintendent Jim McPherson has announced the school administration office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon of that week for those wishing to cast early ballots.

When school resumes on the week following New Years the office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as usual.



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