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## 1984 Christmas Days Sparkle

### Person to Person

The fortnight has been one of unseasonably warm weather—low temperatures in the 50's and 60's and highs in the mid to upper 70's. Showers have fallen on some of the days. In many of the yards and fields the bluebonnet plants have begun to show above ground and promise a beautiful springtime.

However, today is officially the first day of winter.

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And the winners are—for the best decorated business buildings in the annual Christmas decoration competition sponsored by the Helotes Business and Professional Association: First place, Helotes Bank, for its building-high greetings spelled out in small, colored Christmas lights. The bank wins \$25. Second place, Helotes Cafe, which was wrapped like one big Christmas package with red ribbons and a giant bow. Helotes Cafe won \$15. Third place, AAA Sign Company, which was outlined in colored lights and featured two lighted Christmas trees. AAA Sign won \$10. Honorable mention went to Kennedy's Paint and Body Shop, for a beautiful arrangement of parallel rows of colored lights.

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Elizabeth Ann Trimble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Trimble of Braun Station, will be awarded a bachelor of business administration at the University of Texas in Austin tomorrow night, Dec. 22. Elizabeth Ann already has been accepted as a comptroller trainee by the Marriott Hotels chain, and will leave Jan. 7 for Washington, D.C., to begin a nine-weeks' training course at the Marriott headquarters.

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Holly L. Hudson of Holmes High School is one of two Texas students named recently by Senators John Tower and Lloyd Bentsen to be delegates to the 1985 United States Senate Youth Program in Washington, D.C. The other Texas delegate will be Michael Smith from

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Santa Claus greets a young visitor to the 1984 Helotes Christmas Days, held Dec. 7-9. A Christmas bazaar at the Helotes General Store Restaurant was the main event on Saturday. Santa arrived in a 1916 Ford driven and owned by Ben Zimmerlic of Leslie Road.



Inside the General Store, Santa posed for photos with the children who came. The photos were made by Joe Jaynes of the Helotes Color Lab.



Original art work was displayed at the bazaar by Diane Meyer of San Geronimo. Mrs. Ben Zimmerlic had a large booth to sell handmade dolls, quilts and other stitchery items. Helotes Christmas Days is held the second weekend in each December.



Mrs. Ellen Utz showed her many handmade dolls and stuffed animals. The Helotes General Store Restaurant awarded barbecue dinners for a family of six and individual steaks for other winners.

More Pictures On Pages 13 & 14

## Council Postpones Decision On SASA Sign

Problems with the city's sign ordinance occupied most of the Helotes City Council's deliberations Thursday night. However, it was one of the shortest Council meetings on record, from 7 to about 8:30 p.m., not counting the usual secret executive session after the public meeting closed.

Mayor Pro Tem Reudy Loeffler presided. Mayor Frank Thompson and Councilman Niels Jensen were absent.

During the meeting Loeffler held up a sheet of paper which he said was the application of San Antonio Savings Association for a certificate of occupancy to do business in the former Gill Savings building. At the previous meeting of the Council, some of the members said the certificate of occupancy might be delayed because SASA's outdoor sign is not in conformance with the city's sign ordinance.

SASA is using the same frame of the former Gill Savings sign. The Council said using the same sign is not permitted when a new business takes over, if the old sign itself did not conform with specifications of the ordinance, as Gill's sign did not, according to the Council.

The Council on Dec. 6 said the

city's building inspector would be asked to check the sign-and all other business signs in the city.

Thursday night, Loeffler said the building inspector is out of the city and had not reported on the signs. He suggested the question of the SASA sign be put off until the next council meeting, on Jan. 3. He also indicated that SASA's certificate of occupancy application itself is incomplete.

Then in the "Citizens To Be Heard" section of the Council meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Hultz of AAA Sign Company on Old Bandera Road asked about their application for a permit to erect a new sign on their place of business. Checking with the city hall recently, they found that the application-made more than a year ago—has been lost.

Hultz volunteered to make a new application, and asked that the city then either approve his application or tell him that he cannot put up the sign. He said he was about ready to test in court the constitutionality of Helotes' sign ordinance. In a similar case last year in Leon Valley, he succeeded in having Leon Valley's sign ordinance set aside, he said.

With regard to the two mobile homes in the city whose owners

were given until April 30 to move them out, the Council had received a reply from the tenant of one of the mobile homes asking that he be given until Dec. 31, 1985, to move the mobile home. The request was denied by the Council.

From the owner of the other mobile home, to whom a registered

letter had been sent with a Dec. 20 deadline for a reply—the Council had heard nothing by Thursday night.

Loeffler said he would talk to City Attorney Harvey Hardy about the next step in getting the two mobile homes removed and about the sign ordinance.

## City To Be Sesquicentennial Community

Helotes has made application to be a participating community in the Texas Sesquicentennial celebration in 1986.

An invitation from the Texas Sesquicentennial Commission in Austin to Mayor Frank Thompson for Helotes' participation was turned over to Maureen Mullins as coordinating chairman.

The principal event in the Helotes

## Cornval Planners

### To Meet

The Helotes Festival Association will meet Monday, Jan. 7, to continue work on the 1985 Cornval to be held next May. The meeting will be held in the Parish Community Center of Our lady of Guadalupe Church beginning at 7:30 a.m. All persons interested are invited. Membership is \$2 per year, and the association meets once a month on the first Monday.

celebration of Texas' 150th birthday will be the 1986 Cornval. Mrs. Mullins spoke at the December meeting of the Helotes Festival Association and received its pledge of cooperation. Don Belto was appointed to coordinate the Cornval with the Sesquicentennial observance, assisting Mrs. Mullins.

Mrs. Mullins also said that Helotes is seeking a sister community in the state of South Australia, which also will be celebrating its 150th birthday in 1986. A number of Texas communities already have a sister city in the Australian state, she said.

## Mrs. McNeel Dies At 68

Mrs. Amy Lillian McNeel, daughter of the late Mrs. Amy McNutt, owner of Gallagher Ranch in San Geronimo, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, in San Antonio at the age of 68.

Survivors include her husband, William D. McNeel; a daughter, Mrs. Robert R. Scott, Jr.; a son, Douglas V. McNeel; a brother, William H. McNutt of Mountain Home; and five grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held the First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio this morning at 11 o'clock, and burial was in the Mission Burial Park North on Fredericksburg Road.

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Graham. They will go to Washington on Feb. 2 for a week-long look into federal government operations and the U.S. Senate in particular. Each will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. The scholarship, transportation, hotel and meals are paid for by grant from the William Randolph Hearst foundation.

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Continuing the Christmas season celebrations in Helotes, the Silver Belles club held its Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 13, at the PARC Building, with Mary Braun and Frances Smith as co-hostesses. Forty members and guests attended. Madelyn Klemcke is Silver Belles president.

## AARP Picks

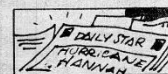
## Mary Maskew

## For 2nd Term

Mary Maskew was installed as president for a second term at the Christmas luncheon of the Helotes Hills chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Other new officers installed were: Evelyn Eismann, vice president; Madelyn Kemcke, secretary; Gus Pantzer, treasurer; and Agnes Braun, Kathy Pantzer, Lou Spiller and Marie Parrigin, directors.

The annual legislative seminar of AARP was held recently in San Antonio. Attending from Helotes were Mrs. Maskew, Modesta Lyon (legislative chairman) and Marie Parrigin (committee member).



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# **SEASON'S GREETINGS**

*from the*

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## Texas Christmas Blends Customs Of Many Lands

BY CHARLENE BLOHM

Along with feasts of goose and plum pudding, a large serving of oral history is dished out each year as families gather around the dinner table to share tales of Christmas past.

How did your family's traditions get started? What ancient customs are kept alive in your yuletide celebrations?

Texans have witnessed a myriad of holiday traditions throughout the state's history, some of which were established as long as four centuries ago.

According to researchers at The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, Indian tribes near what is now El Paso were introduced to the religious pageantry of the holiday as early as 1599 when the ladies and noblemen attached to Juan Onate's expedition enacted the march of the Wise Men to Bethlehem. Dedicated padres, who accompanied early Spanish military expeditions, used the miracle play, "Los Patroes," as an aid in teaching Christianity.

Since 1776, Mission San Jose in

San Antonio has been the stage for performances of the play which depicts the shepherd's journey to Bethlehem to pay homage to the Christ Child.

Another Spanish tradition dating back to the 16 century, which is still practiced today, is "Fiesta de las Luminarias," or Festival of Lights. The soft sparkle of candles is symbolic of the lighting of the way for Mary and Joseph as they traveled to Bethlehem. "Fiesta de las Luminarias" is celebrated each year along the banks of the Paseo del Rio, or River Walk, in San Antonio, and on El Paso's Scenic Drive where the glittering lights cast a peaceful glow upon the base of the mountains.

Canary Islanders introduced the now popular Texas tradition "Las Posadas" to San Antonio in 1731. "Las Posadas" is a nine-day procession representing Joseph's search for "a place of lodging" for Mary, who was soon to give birth to the Christ Child.

The French observed their first Christmas in Texas in 1686 as members of La Salle's colony extolled the Christmas Holy-Days, including the singing of Midnight Mass, at their camp on Garcitas Creek between Port Lavaca and Victoria.

More than a century later, Jean Lafitte and his pirates celebrated the holiday on Galveston Island. The rum and sugar they pillaged from merchant ships sailing in the Gulf of Mexico provided the basic ingredients for their Christmas feast. They reportedly spent most of the holiday drinking, playing practical jokes on one another and

writing ribald jingles which they sang amidst much laughter.

Immigrants from Germany initiated many of the jolly folkways we now associate with Christmas in Texas. The ritual of decorating trees at Christmastime originated in Germany in the Middle Ages. Legend says that not only shepherds, but trees as well, honored the birth of Christ. The gray, scraggly spruce was the ugliest of the trees, so the heavens took pity upon it and dropped stars from the skies to light its branches, transforming it into such a vision of beauty that the Christ child looked up and smiled.

Prince Solms Braunfels is credited with transferring the German custom to Texas by decorating the first Christmas tree. Since the spruce isn't native to the state, however, German immigrants substituted cedar trees which they adorned with colored paper and lighted candles.

Another holiday trimming tradition established by German settlers is that of mistletoe. Regarded from ancient times as having magical properties, the plant can still be found growing in Central Texas. According to folklore, mistletoe etiquette directs that as each person is kissed, they are to pluck off a berry and when all the berries are gone, the kissing should end.

Red and green are favorite holiday colors and nowhere are they more recognized than in the poinsettia plant, which comes to us as the result of negotiations between the governments of Mexico and the United States. The first American ambassador to Mexico,



Texans can thank German immigrants to the state for introducing the practice of holiday tree trimming. Settlers in Prince Solms Braunfels' colony spent most of Christmas Eve 1845, their first Christmas in the state, decorating native cedar trees. The idea quickly spread and was quite common by the early 1900's, about the time Emmie and Ella Curry posed for this Christmas portrait. (Photo courtesy of The Institute of Texan Cultures, Elizabeth Koch Collection, ca. 1902.)

Joel R. Poinsett, was in that country during Christmas 1812 in an attempt to purchase the territory of Texas. The ambassador became interested in a beautiful Mexican plant known as "the flower of Christmas Eve" and brought it back

to this country.

Just as traditional yuletide ornaments abound during the holiday season, so, too, do customary meals and delicacies. Some of the more popular

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## Rep. Kazen Names Choices For Academies

Congressman Abraham (Chick) Kazen has announced the names of young South Texans nominated as principals and alternates to the nation's service academies.

Congressman Kazen said that he is always impressed with the quality of applicants for the academies and added that this year's group of young persons was even more exceptional. "I know that the families and teachers of these applicants are as proud as I am of the quality of achievement demonstrated by all those who applied," Kazen said.

The list announced by Congressman Kazen follows: U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY: Javier Barrientos of Eagle Pass, principal, and Kevin E. Martilla of Universal City, principal. Alternates are Rhon

R. Say of Converse, Robert E. J. Caley of Randolph AFB, Susan E. Kelly, Tomas P. Furlong, Ira E. Copple, Eric Young, Artemio Rivera, Xavier A. Ramirez, Vicki J. Morgan, Kendall B. James, Rebecca A. Hamilton, Matthew M. Gutierrez and William A. Scott, all of San Antonio.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY: Rudolfo Sanchez, Jr. of Uvalde, principal; Roger Casillas of San Antonio, principal; and James R. Clark of Randolph AFB, principal. Alternates are Roger F. Cavazos, Christopher K. Ross, Christopher A. Heim and John M. Scott, all of San Antonio.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY: Gilbert A. Gomez, principal, and Curtis A. Dougherty, principal, both of San Antonio.

## Hospital Freezes Room Prices

In a move to ease some of the strain on patients' pocketbooks, Katherine Netting Folbre, president of Methodist Hospital's board of trustees, announced the board has voted to freeze at 1984 levels both the cost of private and semi-private hospital rooms and also the lease rates for approximately 190 physician tenants in Methodist Plaza, a professional office building owned by the hospital.

This action was recommended by the cost containment committee of the board, which oversees budget and operational expenses. The 1984-85 chairman of this committee is Charles A. Weeber, retired USAA vice president and claims counsel, who is also treasurer for Methodist's governing board.


"Normal increases for patient rooms over the past several years," said Weeber, "have been about 10

percent annually, keeping pace with rising cost-of-living figures and operating expenses. Methodist's new 1984-85 budget, which was adopted unanimously, freezes room rates at the current level which was set by the board back in the fall of 1983."

Methodist Hospital is also in the process of purchasing the Oak Hills Professional Building which is located on land leased from the hospital. According to the Methodist board, the nearly 140 physicians in that building will also be provided an identical cost-containment lease structure for 1985.

George Kramer, Methodist's chief financial officer, says the hospital's professional and administrative staffs are heavily involved in doing everything possible to hold down health care costs.

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If your holiday tradition calls for a pinata, fill it with fresh fruit, unshelled nuts, packaged raisins and individually-wrapped oatmeal or peanut butter cookies instead of candy.

Keep a basket of unshelled nuts, such as pecans, peanuts, walnuts, almonds, chestnuts or pistachios in baskets during the holiday season. Family and guests will enjoy shelling and eating them as they sit around to visit.

Arrangements of fruit also make

a beautiful, edible centerpiece. When fresh fruit is around, you'll find family and friends alike reaching for these nutritious treats instead of sweets.

At parties, have a vegetable tray with a low calorie dip made with cottage cheese or yogurt instead of sour cream. You'll be considered a thoughtful host or hostess for remembering those who are trying to cut calories.

Punches made with fruit juice are a refreshing choice during the holiday season or anytime. Delicious

punches can be made with a fruit juice base and artificially-sweetened ginger ale to give a sparkling, nutritious drink.

When you're invited out to a holiday party or dinner, offer to bring some food, then furnish a low-calorie addition to the menu. Serve yourself smaller portions of rich foods, and giant helpings of salads and vegetables. Ask for a smaller dessert, then leave some on your plate.


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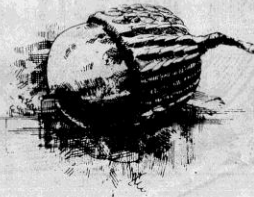
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The Home cares for dependent and neglected children of Texas. The children come mainly from the Central and South Texas area with the majority being placed from San Antonio and surrounding communities. The children at the Home range in age from 3 to 18. Their reasons for being at the Home are varied. Very few are orphans. The children are here because their parents cannot or will not take care of them. Most of the children are victims of broken homes, of a family pulled apart by devastating circumstances, such as divorce, separation or desertion, physical or nervous breakdown or death, or bodily abuse or neglect.

The children are placed in the Home through teachers, pastors, the courts or even their parents. Most parents still have legal custody of the children. The Home is a collection of cottages, each with two houseparents and from 8 to 10 children of different ages.

The children's daily routines center around the cottage. There are 12 cottages at the Home, but

two are currently closed for lack of funds to provide quality care.

Each cottage is in many ways a typical home. The aim is to make it a family-like as possible. Although there are senior cottages for high school juniors and seniors, the other cottages maintain an age spread to insure an interaction between age groups, as between children of different ages in the same family. The children share in the chores and, of course, do their homework for school.

Houseparents are full-time residents of the cottages for four-week stints. They are usually married couples with their own homes elsewhere. Those without other homes have an apartment at the Baptist Children's Home. After a week off, they return to their roles as houseparents.

The 120 acres which make up the Home include a commissary for the houseparents, farmland for the 4-H program and a two-acre stocked fish tank.

After graduation from high school, young persons can no longer live at the home. However, the Home helps them start on their way to an independent life, whether that is going to work full time or going to college. The Home provides counselors and helps those college bound to obtain scholarships. Some college students spend their breaks from school working at the Home.

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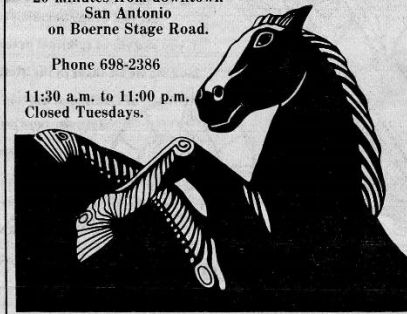
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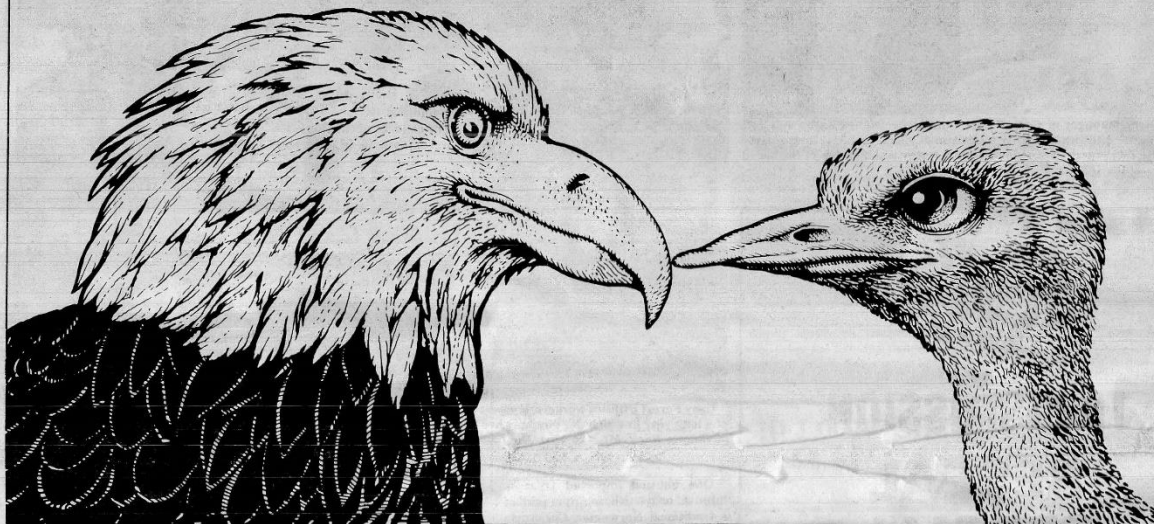
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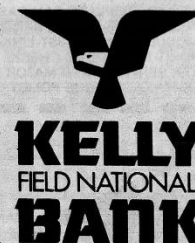
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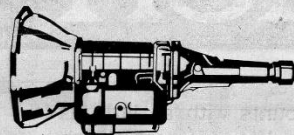
Jim Tipton, manager of Grey Forest Utilities, welcomes Kathy and Jeff Waldrop to the Utilities company's Christmas party, Dec. 14, in the party room of the 7707 Wurzbach condominiums. Kathy is a member of the board of trustees of the Utilities.



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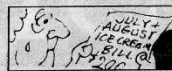
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## Grey Forest Utilities Party



Grey Forest Utilities workers, trustees and guests enjoyed a buffet dinner in celebration of Christmas and the ending of a long year in which the company has been extensively expanded. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parker of Helotes Bank, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Saunders (he is the Utilities' attorney) and Gary Prejean.

One unusual imported treat is lutefisk, or lye fish, which is part of a traditional Norwegian Christmas Eve meal. The delicacy, transported in dehydrated form, is first soaked in lye water, lime water and clear water, then cooked and served with boiled white potatoes, melted butter and a delicious white sauce.



George Washington had a sweet tooth for ice cream. Records show that during two months of 1790, he spent \$200 on it.



Mary Stiles, above with her husband, John, is vice chairman of the board of trustees. Also a member of the board is Bennie Lyon, who attended with his wife, Modesta. Board Chairman C.O. Brown attended with his wife, Lucy.

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## Christmas Traditions Put Children First

Christmas was first and foremost a religious celebration to children in early Texas and children were often an integral part of many holiday traditions.

According to researchers at The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures, the Wends, a Slavic cultural group from Germany who settled near Giddings, practiced a charming custom involving both the children and the family's farm animals. Each Christmas the eldest son was given the responsibility of repeating the message of the birth of Christ to all the dogs and cats and barnyard animals.

Tales of the bright-eyed wonder of little ones at Christmas are yuletide favorites. One such story stems from an incident that occurred around 1720 at a mission in San Antonio known today as the Alamo.

The mission fathers had built a realistic manger scene and asked the Indian children to adorn it with their gifts to the Christ Child. The children brought whatever they could find—including beads, colorful pebbles and cloth—and placed their presents around the crib.

One small boy, however, was heartbroken because he was from a poor family and had nothing to give baby Jesus. A kindly priest, Father Margil, took pity on the lad and accompanied him on a search for a

suitable present. They found a little vine with faded green leaves and berries which they dug up and placed in a small clay pot. The Indian boy took the gift to the Christ Child and begged him to accept it and make it beautiful.

The next day was Christmas. As the little boy walked into the chapel, he heard cries of "milagro," a miracle. He looked closely and saw that his little vine had twined itself around the crib, its leaves now dark green and its berries shiny red. Called the Margil vine in honor of the kind priest, Father Antonio Margil de Jesus, the vine still grows wild in Texas and its berries turn bright red at Christmastime.

To hard-working pioneers, frontiersmen and immigrants, Christmas was also a chance to shower attention on their youngsters. One woman wrote of her family's celebrations, "every child got apples and cookies, for the mothers had certainly made up plenty of cookies and doughnuts. You see, they had killed hogs before Christmas, and while they were rendering up big pots and kettles of lard, and that grease was boiling hot, they would drop doughnuts in and fry them till they had great pans of them. We had stick candy and piloncillos (brown sugar cones) so the children weren't neglected."

For children of Yugoslavian immigrants, the holiday season was a little different. The Yugoslavs, some of whom settled near Galveston to found the Saints Constantine and Helen Serbian Orthodox Church, followed the Julian calendar, which placed their celebration 13 days after the traditional Christmas observance on Dec. 25th.

Christmas Eve is Badnji Day, or Day of the Oak, for the Yugoslavs. On that day, a specially selected three-year-old oak tree is felled, cut in three pieces, and the Yule Log is burned behind the church in memory of the fires built by the shepherds as they watched over their flocks at night.

A smaller tree is decorated with cookies, nuts, apples and streamers of red, white and blue for the children. This tree is carried into the sanctuary and later it, too, is added to the fire, decorations and all, as the children scramble to retrieve their treats before the fire consumes the goodies.

Gifts presented by the Three Wise Men to the Christ Child were probably the start of our modern gift-giving tradition, although this didn't become a widespread practice until the Middle Ages. The idea of wrapping gifts in colored paper is

a relatively new one, however. In frontier times presents were hung on the trees because pioneers didn't have pretty papers in which to wrap their handmade gifts.

Fruit—especially apples and oranges—were popular treats at Christmas and often appeared, along with candy, in stockings

carefully crafted by talented needleworkers and hung near the fireplace. As one Texas woman put it, "Mama avoided using our black stockings since the lint might stick to the goodies and the white hose because the treats might discolor them."

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## SASA Officially Opens Here



Mayor Frank Thompson assisted in cutting the ribbon across the entrance to the new Helotes branch of San Antonio Savings Association, Wednesday morning, Dec. 19. The mayor is shaking hands with Sally Albright, branch manager. Next to her are Stan Grisham, executive vice president of SASA, and Greg Ramos, Helotes manager of lending and administration.

## Hemisfilm '85 Set For Jan. 27-30

A variety of feature films, documentaries and short subjects from all over the world will be shown Jan. 27-30 at Hemisfilm '85, the 19th annual international film festival and competition sponsored by the International Fine Arts Center of the Southwest.

All the programs will be screened in the St. Mary's University Treadaway Hall auditorium. Admission is free. The screenings begin at 7 p.m. and comprise approximately eight films a night ranging from fiction to portrayals of minority cultures such as Indian, Nisei and Hutterite.

In addition to the United States, countries of origin for the films are Australia, Canada, China, Japan, Scotland, Holland, Venezuela and

Norway.

Screening time for each evening's program of films is approximately five hours. The programs are arranged according to the following themes:

Jan. 27: Women and Film

Jan. 28: Minorities and Politics

Jan. 29: Art and Artists

Jan. 30: Potpourri

For information on the screenings and brochures of the complete programs call IFACS director, Louis Reile, 436-3209.

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A check for \$1,000 was presented to the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department at the SASA opening. Fire Chief Tom Schoolcraft accepted the check from SASA Vice President Grisham. SASA recently acquired the Gill Savings branch in Helotes and six other South Texas communities — Bandera, Castroville, Lytle, Devine, Pearsall and Cotulla. (Staff Photos)

## Fluoridation Said Protection Against Cavities

"Tooth decay (cavities) is one of San Antonio's most severe health problems in terms of the number of people continually affected," said Dr. Louis Tomaino, chairman of the recently formed San Antonio Oral Health Association and dean of the Worden School of Social Service of Our Lady of the Lake University.

However, up to two-thirds of all cavities and half of root cavities can be prevented simply by drinking fluoridated water, Dr. Tomaino explained. Fluoridated water is most effective when people drink it from birth to age 14 because it strengthens teeth as they are forming. The benefits continue into adulthood.

"San Antonio is the only major city in Texas without fluoridated water," he said. Seventy percent of all Texas and 123 million Americans drink fluoridated water to protect their teeth. Of the 50 largest cities in the nation, all but eight are fluoridated. Los Angeles is the only city larger than San Antonio that is not fluoridated.

San Antonio naturally has 0.3 parts per million (ppm) of fluoride in its water; however, the amount needed here to reduce tooth decay is 0.8 ppm. Although the city water is unfluoridated, the military bases began fluoridating about 20 years ago.

Thousands of scientific studies and 40 years of research have proven that water fluoridation is safe, economical and effective. World-wide studies show a 60 percent reduction in cavities regardless of social, economic, racial, ethnic, educational or dietary differences.

More than 110 organizations in San Antonio and most major health organizations in the world endorse water fluoridation. Local endorsers include the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, Bexar County Medical Society, San Antonio District Dental Society, Chicano Health Policy Development, Inc., USAA and several chambers of commerce including the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

## UTSA To Honor Bach's 300th Anniversary

1985 marks the 300th anniversary of Johann Sebastian Bach, perhaps the greatest composer of the Baroque era of music.

In honor of the tricentennial of the composer's birthday, The University of Texas at San Antonio is launching an ambitious series of lecture-recitals that will, over the

course of several months, explore Bach's religious organ works.

Featuring UTSA professor Dr. Bess Hieronymus as lecturer and internationally known organist Dr. Marilyn Mason of The University of Michigan as performer, the 16-part Bach Tricentennial Organ Lecture-

Recital Series will feature four separate programs on three consecutive dates in January, April, September and November.

The first series of recitals will be on Jan. 17, 18 and 19. The Thursday concert, beginning at 9 a.m., will be free.

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Assisting in the local observance was the choir from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in San Antonio. Some choir members dressed in costumes of Mexican Indians at the time Mary appeared to Juan Diego. They also danced at the social in the Parish Community Center following the mass.

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Dec. 12 is feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of the Americas, historically the day that Mary appeared to a young man, Juan Diego, near Mexico City more than 400 years ago. It was observed here with a Mariachi Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. This statue of Our Lady was given a special place for the day before the altar.



Traditionally at the local observance of Our Lady of Guadalupe Day, the people of the parish have tamales, pan dulce and hot chocolate in the Community Center. This is a part of the crowd that met and visited at the social, presided over by Rev. Ed Jach, pastor. (Staff Photos)

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WACO—Texas Farm Bureau finished fiscal year (Oct. 31) 1984 with 317,575 member families to remain the largest state Farm Bureau in the nation for the third consecutive year, according to TFB President S.M. True.

TFB showed a gain of 4,007 over fiscal year 1983, when it finished with 313,568 member families.

"We're very proud and thankful for the many accomplishments Texas Farm Bureau has enjoyed these past three years," True stated.

By exceeding its 1983 membership total, TFB showed a gain for the 32nd straight year, True noted.

There were 174 county Farm Bureaus which showed a membership gain during FY 1984.

"He who does not know the force of words cannot know man."  
Confucius



## More Christmas Days— — —



Workers in the fourth annual Christmas Days included: Back row, left to right, Marie Parrigin, Babe Gilliam, Avinel Matthews, Dottie Watts and Modesta Lyons. Middle row: Mrs. Jose Ibarra, Vi Swift and Wendy Matthews. Front row: Maureen Mullins, Wanda Terry and Lucy Brown. Not shown: Annie Evans and Cindy Zurovec. Ray Garrison was Santa Claus.



Wendy Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews of Medina Lake, drew the winning ticket for the handmade afghan given away at the Christmas Days. The winner was Dru-Anne Van Steenberg of San Antonio. The afghan was made by Eleanor Nelson of Grey Forest.

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### Students Hear Miracle Of Hanukkah

During the week prior to Hanukkah, Fran King, a second grade teacher at Timberwilde Elementary School, shared a lesson on the story of "The Festival of Lights" with various grade levels.

The story of Hanukkah depicts what is actually the first fight for religious freedom. The Syrians wanted the Jews to worship as they did. A group of Jews opposed this. During a three-year period, this small group, led by Judah Maccabee fought off the large, trained Syrian army.

When the war was finally over, the Maccabees went to rededicate the Temple. When they attempted to relight the eternal flame, they found enough oil to only last for one day. A miracle happened and it stayed lit for eight days.

Hanukkah is a happy holiday. In Jewish homes candles are lit for all eight nights. The menorah holds nine candles. A "shamosh" candle is lit and is then used to light the other candles. On the first night of Hanukkah one candle is lit. On the second night, two candles are lit, and so on. Songs are sung, games are played, gifts are exchanged and special foods such as potato latkes (pancakes) are eaten.

Manuel C. Chavez, the chief of police for The University of Texas at San Antonio, has been elected the 1985 president of the Texas-New Mexico Association of College and University Police Departments.

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