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## Person-to-Person

Helotes is preparing for the holidays, and everywhere there are signs of activity—with some leaning on the energy crisis to give them an excuse to plan for an old-fashioned wonderful Christmas and to prepare for a genuinely big New Year. Big get-togethers are being planned here, too.

The Helotes Art Show is attracting attention as a place to hunt for the unusual. The local gift and other shops are getting big plays. With only short trips favored, even the San Antonio folks are beginning to enjoy Helotes as something quite different from their big city ways...Big D is playing second fiddle, as it's a little too far for the Sunday-back on one fill-up.

Browse around—you'll truly be amazed at the richness and variety of gift ideas here. Funny, for instance, how popular firewood has become; and several here are ordering loads for their city cousins. Fireplaces are very much in vogue and so are all the ornaments that go with them from great art to grate irons. An antique store here has recently been besieged with requests for firebacks which disappeared on the American scene in the 1930's and will command a fine price now. They were brass or iron works of art—usually illustrating Bible texts—in case you are too young to remember firebacks.

Dale Keith and his wife Lois and little daughter, Carol, recently spent a holiday in Odessa where they visited Dale's father, C. D. Keith, and also his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker. They had a real family gathering and plan to do it again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lotto Martinez were hosts to a hunting party from Arlington, Texas recently. Ann Buchanan missed her buck—she reported because the tree she had chosen shook too much. Rex Wright did a little better, however.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cole from Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cole from Beaumont, and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lang from Houston are among recent guests in the home of Mrs. Peggy Cooper, who enjoyed their visits and showing them Helotes with its many changes.



Staff photo

Bruce Faust, left, and Sissy Walz, Miss Helotes Duchess, who are Southwest Texas State University students, display an 18-and-half pound wild turkey—guajolote—bagged on a ranch near San Marcos. Bruce also holds antlers of an 8-point buck he shot this season.

## Medina Lake Study Reveals Highway Needs

SAN ANTONIO—The Texas Highway Department announced this week the results of a study for highway needs in the Medina Lake area.

The study recognizes increasing development of recreation, resort and residential uses of the Medina Lake area and the corresponding need for better and additional roads to serve the area traffic demands. Included in the study report is the recommendation that several county roads be upgraded to Farm-to-Market Road standards.

The study also suggests a new Farm-to-Market Road on the west side of the lake which with existing roads will provide a road system completely encircling Medina Lake.

The study report was transmitted to the Commissioners' Courts of Medina, Banderita and Bexar Counties and to the Cities of San Antonio, Banderita, Castroville and Hondo. A copy was also sent to the Chambers of Commerce of San Antonio, Banderita, Castroville and Hondo, as well as to the Alamo Area Council of Governments.

Persons desiring copies may obtain them from the Hondo Residency Office of the Texas Highway Department or the Highway Department's District Office in San Antonio.

In 1972, the Commissioners' Courts of Banderita and Medina Counties, supported by the Commissioners' Court of Bexar County and Alamo Area Council of

Governments, requested assistance from the State Highway Department in the long-range planning for road development around Medina Lake. They stated that the increasing development in the vicinity of the Lake has caused increases in traffic on the existing County and State Roads, and that there is need for a road system to completely encircle the Lake.

Acting on the above presentation, the State Highway Commission authorized the State Highway Engineer to make such a study by issuance of Commission Minute Order No. 65801, dated January 31, 1972.

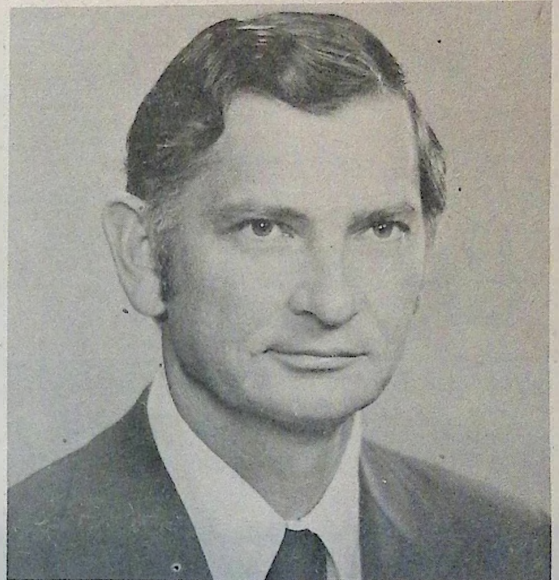
## Tomas Valdez Dies In Accident

A hunting accident Sunday, Nov. 18, took the life of Tomas Valdez of Helotes Park Estates. The accident occurred about 19 miles northwest of Uvalde where he was hunting. It was reported by Uvalde Deputy Sheriff Howard Edwards that Valdez apparently was climbing down from a tree after having shot a deer when his gun accidentally discharged.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace E. P. Shannon.

Valdez had a host of friends in the community who were sorrowed to hear of his death. Sympathy is extended to his family in their great loss.

## Poerner Announces For Congress



In a press conference Nov. 21, his present term. State Representative John H. Poerner announced that he will seek the 21st Congressional District of Texas seat now held by Congressman O. C. Fisher who plans to retire at the conclusion of (Continued on page 2)



Photo by Dade Rayfield

This white-tail deer spotted on Gallagher Ranch is typical of the Hill Country game. Deer are plentiful this season but wary and hunters have had to work for their limit.



(Continued from page 1) campaign with amount to an excess of six hundred dollars left over from his last race. He plans to open campaign headquarters in each of the several counties in the district, which is one of the largest geographically in this part of the State.

His campaign, he said, would be based in Hondo, his home town. He said also that he had the support of his wife, Jo Ann, and his daughters.

His campaign manager will be Albert Vance, Hondo attorney, and his first campaign manager. His treasurer will be Dr. John H. Jennings, also of Hondo. The funds, he said, that he will open his

## Cody To Address Federation

Northside Independent School District Superintendent, Edmund D. Cody, will address the monthly general assembly meeting of San Antonio Women's Federation Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. in Joske's North Star Room.

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Here Barbara Buel, President of Alpha Rho, center right, gives a check to Rev. Collin T. Furr, Helotes Fire Dept. President, center left, on behalf of the sorority. Also attending the presentation are Fire Dept. Vice President John Nelson, far left, and Virginia Springer, sorority parliamentarian, far right.

## Alpha Rho Gives Fire Dept. Check

Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International recently presented a \$50 check to the Helotes Fire Department.

Sorority president, Mrs. Barbara Buel, made the presentation at a board meeting. Reverend Collin Furr, President of the Fire Department accepted the check on its behalf.

The sorority chapter is making gifts for residents of Leon Valley Lodge nursing home. A Christmas party is planned also.

## Hand Gets Bid

In regular session Nov. 26, Northside Trustees approved a request from Hand Butane Co., low-bidder on propane for the four District schools still using that fuel supply, to increase payments for heating fuel by five cents a gallon.

## Leon Valley Pageant Assn. To Have Bazaar

The Leon Valley Pageant Association is holding a Pre-Christmas Bazaar, to raise funds for the Pageant's many projects. The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 8, from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Forest Oaks Club House, 6221 Evers Road, in Leon Valley.

The Bazaar will feature a community garage sale, bake sale, art sale and gift sale.

In order to make this a success, the Directors request that interested persons donate "white elephants" for the sale. Coordinator of the event is Louis Grimm, who may be called at 684-3573.

The Leon Valley Pageant Association was formed in February of 1972, and with its first float, "Stagecoach to Glory", won third prize in the Battle of Flowers Parade. In 1973, Pageant members labored to build the first prize winning float "Fantasy of Chichen Itza". Proceeds from the Bazaar will be used to further related projects, including the 1974 float.

The Pageant also sponsors a Queen's contest, an Historical Society, selects a King of Leon Valley, and is also building a Marching Group known as the Leon Valley Merrie Marchers.

Former Governor Preston Smith was among VIPs caught with no gasoline due to Sunday closings. Last Sunday, Pete's Place allowed him two dollars' worth to speed him along—although the owners had voluntarily closed the pumps to the public.

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Kindergarten goes public in Texas for the first time this year, and the little students at Northside District Schools seem to be actively enjoying it. State funds provide about \$400 per classroom for equipment. Local funds help out. Here, Suzanne Harrison, teacher at Sunset Hills Elementary supervises a busy class as students enjoy much more freedom than is usual in advanced grades. The program, as Christmas approaches, seems to be proving a major step forward in upgrading education.

## Mail Not Sent Early May Be Late

Postmaster Vi Swift has joined Postmaster General E. T. Klassen in urging the residents of Helotes to post their domestic and foreign Christmas mail one to two weeks earlier than the Postal Service originally recommended, so that the energy shortage will not interfere with on-time deliveries.

"The urgency of the fuel energy crisis compels us to request a one-week advancement of suggested dates we gave for domestic mail and a two-week advancement for foreign mail," Postmaster Swift said.

The new deadline for posting domestic first-class Christmas mail is December 8 rather than December 15, as previously announced. Domestic surface parcels, except those for Alaska and Hawaii, should have been mailed by December 3, instead of December 10.

Airmail parcels and letters within the United States should now be posted no later than December 15, rather than December 21. To Alaska and Hawaii, mail by December 13, rather than December 20.

"The seriousness of the fuel shortage to the Postal Service is underlined," Postmaster Swift said, "by the fact that in addition to the fuel consumed by commercial air carriers, we require approximately 350-million gallons of fuel to travel 2.25-billion miles delivering the 90-billion pieces of mail that flow through the system each year. Our requirement for the month of December alone is 45-million gallons."

Postmaster Swift said that "public cooperation on meeting these new, advance mail early

dates is needed to help us complete all Christmas deliveries."

Otto Weltner, who recently turned 89, had a great experience Thanksgiving week-end when he brought down a 2-year-old 9-point deer that dressed out at 100 pounds. He shot it at the ranch of his son, Henry Weltner, in Kerr County.

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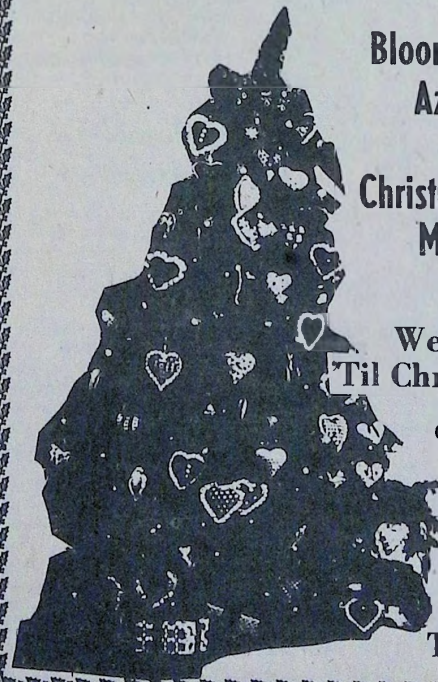
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Results thus far indicate that an acre of plant-soil filter can purify about 120,000 cubic feet of sewage effluent a year. At that rate, a 1000 acre site could process the sewage effluent of a metropolitan area with a population of close to a million.



Staff photos

Sandy Gray — December Artist of the Month—stands before the exhibit of her versatile works in the Gallery during the Christmas Show.



Anna Louise Schumann, standing right, shows her painting "Western Sunset" in bright orange and yellow to young shoppers.

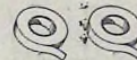


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The Helotes Art Guild Christmas Show will last through Dec. 9. The Gallery is open without charge for art lovers to enjoy.

### Travelogue To Show Naples

At 3 p.m. on the afternoon of Dec. 9, in the auditorium of Alamo Heights High School, 6900 Broadway, the Travelogues will present, "AROUND THE BAY OF NAPLES", a two-hour film-lecture produced and personally narrated by Arthur Wilson.

It will show castles, museums, churches, farms, industry, festivals, an unusual coverage of the Blue Grotto with its "BLUE RAIN", and the spectacular beauty of the Amalfi drive.

The box office will open at 1:30 p.m. Admission is two dollars. For information phone 226-5010.

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## Garden Center Christmas Tours To Be Dec. 8-9

The San Antonio Garden Center's annual Christmas Pilgrimage, a tour of five beautiful homes decorated for the holiday season, is set for Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 9, from noon to 6 p.m.

The theme of the show is "The Merriment of Christmas."

The Merry Mart, a Christmas bazaar, will be held at the Garden Center headquarters, 3310 North New Braunfels Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

Tickets—one dollar each—will be on sale at the Center, the homes on tour, or from garden club members. Pilgrimage tickets will admit visitors to the Merry Mart as well as all of the homes. Buses will leave for the home tour from the Garden Center Building between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Bus transportation is \$1.50.

Homes on the pilgrimage are:

1. Merry Mart—San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New



Members of the Helotes Hills Garden Club will be active during the San Antonio Garden Center's annual Christmas Pilgrimage. Shown here with items for the Merry Mart are left to right, Mesdames Ross Carpenter, E. B. Jenks, Jap Jones, Kenneth Stiles and George Allen.

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6. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward W. Altgelt, Jr., 639 Contour Drive.

Proceeds from the Pilgrimage and Merry benefit the Center's Building Fund, Building Maintenance Fund, Civic Beautification and Therapy Programs.

Mrs. Otis N. Luckman is chairman of the Pilgrimage, assisted by Mrs. Milton, Jr., co-chairman; Mrs. Eugene Nolte, president of the center; Mrs. Victor Braumig, past president of the center; Mrs. John H. Foster, past pilgrimage chairman; Mrs. George Privett, Advisory Committee. Mrs. E.B. Jenks is treasurer.

## Garden Club To Have Party

The Helotes Hills Garden Club will have a Christmas party luncheon at Turtle Creek Country Club on December 12 at 11:30 a.m. with Mrs. Ross Carpenter, Sr. as president.

The program theme will be A Touch of Christmas. Members are preparing tray favors which will be given to patients at area hospitals to brighten the season for them.

## Women's Club Plan Party

The Helotes Women's Club will have their annual Christmas party, Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Scenic Loop Clubhouse with Mrs. Hope Barrera, president, and Mrs. Josephine Wallace, vice president as hostesses. Mrs. Alta McCoy, treasurer, will make the dressing and Mrs. Barrera will be in charge of the turkey. Also acting as co-hostess, will be other officers.

Guests will include husbands of members.

The Club had a style show Nov. 20 at Cactus Jack's for about fifty members and guests. The table featured holiday decor and menu.

## Council Sponsors Children's Play

In a pilot program, Dec. 11, 12, and 13, the Northside Independent School District Council of PTA's and the Holmes High School National Thespians Society, will perform a play for children of six NISD Elementary Schools.

Children will be admitted for 75 cents each, including bus transportation. Performances for Glenoaks and Esparza students will be at 9 a.m. Dec. 11. It will be Dec. 12 for Sunset Hills and Adams Hill, and Dec. 13 for Thunderbird Hills and Boone Elementary students.

Holmes thespians, honor drama students, will perform a play for children by Willard Sims, "The Wizard of Oz in the Wild West." Their director is Holmes drama teacher, Mrs. Janeen Patterson.

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## Marshall Coeds Combine Drives

In a dual-community project, 20 Marshall High School girls aided the Texas Open Golf Tournament and the American Cancer Society, Oct. 29—Nov. 2.

The Marshall coeds, according to Principal John Turman, were asked to serve as cart-drivers for the Texas Open.

Proceeds from their participation in the Golf Tournament will be donated to the American Cancer Society.



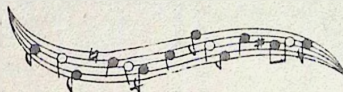
Clothes shown were from Terry's Fashions, owned by Mrs. Gordon McClellan. Mrs. Margie Hopf acted as emcee for the occasion.

Among special guests were Mrs. Martha Cheney, who was 84, Nov. 21, and Mrs. Gordon Cheves who was 76 on Nov. 21. Mrs. Cheney is a charter member of the club.

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Robert F. Harris of Helotes Ranch Acres recently completed a concentrated 5½ day course in Real Estate at the American College of Real Estate in San Antonio. Harris, one of a group of students from throughout the state, here receives his diploma from Roy L. Haynes, President of the College.



Jack Howard of Helotes Park Estates, also completed the concentrated course in Real Estate Fundamentals at the American College. Howard, one of a group of students from throughout the state, was presented his diploma by college president Haynes.

## Native Americans Train At Wimberley

The U.S. Office of Education Drug Training and Resource Center at Trinity University is conducting a 12-day all-Indian drug-abuse-prevention training cycle at Woodcreek County Resort near Wimberley through Dec. 14.

Eight teams from communities in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah will participate, said Center Director James D. Kazen.

The teams are:  
Arizona: Native Americans for Community Action, Flagstaff, and Navajo Alcoholism Rehabilitation and Education Program, Page.

Colorado: Denver Native Americans.  
New Mexico: Eastern Navajo Agency Alcoholism Board,

Crownpoint; Southwest Indian Foundation, Gallup; Pueblo of Laguna Alcoholism Program, Laguna; and Four Corners Navajo Drug Abuse Commission, Shiprock.

Utah: Navajo Chapter Association, Mexican Hat.

Their training has been funded by grants from the U.S. Office of Education under the nationwide "Help Communities Help Themselves" drug abuse prevention project.

The Trinity regional center, one of eight in the U.S. serves teams from seven Southwestern states. It will train 150 teams of five-to-seven members each during the current training year.

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## Prehistoric Past Here To Be Studied

Analysis and interpretation of artifacts, and other cultural remains of prehistoric south Texas Indians, are among the goals of the newly-formed Southern Texas Archaeological Association.

This organization is composed of professional and amateur archaeologists, and membership is open to all persons having an interest in the prehistoric past of south central and southern Texas.

Southern Texas is one of the least known archaeological regions in North America. To help remedy this situation, the Southern Texas Archaeological Association is seeking to reach those persons with a knowledge of prehistoric remains in the area. The organization invites participation by amateur archaeologists, artifact collectors, history buffs, or any person concerned with preserving the prehistoric heritage of southern Texas.

Dr. Thomas R. Hester, archaeologist and Assistant Professor of Anthropology at The University of Texas at San Antonio, is serving as professional

advisor to the organization. Members of the Coordinating Committee for the STAA include Major Jimmy L. Mitchell and Colonel Eugene T. O'Brien. A quarterly newsletter, edited by T. C. Hill, Jr. of Crystal City, Texas, is distributed to the members.

A meeting of the Southern Texas Archaeological Association is to be held on December 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. Persons interested in joining the organization are urged to attend. For details, telephone 342-8820 or 684-4900.

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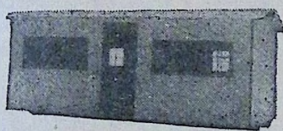
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## Attorney General To Be Honored

AUSTIN—Attorney General John L. Hill will be honored with a reception marking the official opening of his South Texas regional office in San Antonio on Dec. 14.

The regional office, one of five set up by Hill, will serve 36 South Texas counties. Other regional offices are located in Houston, Dallas, Lubbock and El Paso.

Approximately 1,500 legislators, city and county officials, legal and law enforcement professionals, and representatives of citizen consumer and environmental

groups have been especially invited to the reception, which is open to the public.

The ceremonies will be held in the new regional offices at 100 Dwyer Street (across from the Bexar County Courthouse) from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Although the Attorney General's office in San Antonio has not been officially opened, lawyers have been working there in temporary quarters since last February.

Assistant Attorneys General Virginia Kazen Van Steenberg, Alfred L. Shepperd and John Blanton of the South Texas office have been handling consumer and environmental protection, highway, and law enforcement cases, respectively. Mrs. Van Steenberg is the lawyer in charge of the regional office.

"Directory of 1974 United Way Agencies," with each of the 60 UW member agencies, is available free at UW headquarters, 203 E. Evergreen.

## Northside Kicks Off Energy Campaign

Project SAVE (Students Appreciate the Value of Energy) officially began Friday, Dec. 7, when representatives of the three Northside District high schools met at Holmes High School.

SAVE project plans center around Northside's Energy-Saving Week, to be held at Holmes, Jay, Marshall High Schools and all other NISD schools Dec. 10 through 14.

Plans for Northside Energy-Saving Week include school energy-awareness assemblies, "ride-your-bike day," "layered-look day" during which students will be encouraged to wear warm clothing, "stay-on-campus day" to reduce numbers of students driving on and off campus during the day, "car pool day" and "natural light day."

"Students Appreciate the Value of Energy Campaign is," according to Northside Superintendent, Ed Cody, "receiving the full endorsement of the District Administration."

Students expect to limit field trips, organize carpools within clubs, approach other districts to contribute to the effort, promote cutbacks by San Antonio businesses in house and advertising lighting.

Members of the original steering committee for the project hail from leadership in all three Northside high schools. They are: Linda Johnson, Jay; David Pittenger, Jay; Barbara Gross, Robin Boldt, and Mark Yznaga, Marshall; and Kim Cobb and Beverly Jones and Tommy Yantis, Holmes.

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