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Person-to-Person

All staff members of Ella's Beauty Salon have recently attended a Hair-cutting Seminar in San Antonio by Bill Cramer from St. Louis, Mo. Featured were styles especially suited to this year's busy schedules, flattering also with current fashions.

Wesley and Sue Burks of Helotes recently toured Hodges Gardens, west central Louisiana's famous "Garden in the Forest". The Burks' were returning home from Searcy, Ark., where their daughter Anita enrolled in Harding College.

The Joe Lee Family reunion was held again this year on the Labor Day weekend. It was the group's tenth, and was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Gonzales of San Antonio, who own six and a half acres of the Joe Lee estate on Bandera Road. One hundred and three descendants attended. The eldest was Mr. Shelly Lee, 89, and the youngest was Michele Renee Juarez, 18 months. David Esparza came from Germany. Debbie Miller came from Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. John Retta, Sr., came from El Cajon, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. John Retta, Jr., from Orlando, Fla. The others were all from Helotes and San Antonio.

Jesse Algueseva of Menchaca-Wagner Rd. was hospitalized last Friday but was due to return home today. His early complete recovery is very much hoped for. He is an important member of the community. To most people here Mr. Algueseva, 74, is "Don Jesse," and to many he is the real or adopted "Grandpa Jesse."

New officers of the Scenic Loop Playground Club met recently to plan the new activity year. The president is Harry Drought and Ed Riadon is acting vice president; Jerry Cotton, treasurer; Margie Mautz, secretary; Mike Bowie, swimming pool and club building director; and Don Reddout, director of parks and streams. The officers voted a special thanks to Mrs. Ed Kempf for her years of excellent service as building director. The officers announced that the club building is to be painted a light beige and that a rummage sale is to be held in October. Donations for the sale are welcome.

Coon School Will Be Dedicated

Carlos W. Coon, 74, will address friends and parents and students Sept. 19 at dedication ceremonies for the new Carlos Coon Elementary School, in the Great Northwest area on Culebra Ave.

Special guests for 7 p.m. ceremonies include former members of the Northside Independent School District Board of Trustees, on which Carlos Coon served longer than any other Trustee (14 years). Also attending will be members of the Board of Directors, Region XX Education Service Center. Coon has been President of the Center Board since his retirement from the NISD School Board 11 years ago.

The school's 600 students are preparing gifts for their honored guest. The school mascot, a Koala bear, will play a part in the program, as well as the school motto, "The Golden Rule." A song about Carlos Coon (the man) has been written to the tune of "School Days."

The public is invited to the ceremonies.

PTA Plans Fun Fair

Members of the 1978-79 Helotes School Parent-Teacher Association toured the new Helotes School Thursday night and heard plans for the annual Fun Fair and for a bicycle path along Riggs Road.

The Fun Fair will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, at the school. Rena and Jack Brannan of Grey Forest have been named co-chairmen of the 1978 fair.

The bicycle path along Riggs Road has been promised by Commissioner Tom Stolhand-ske of County Precinct No. 2 and construction is to begin shortly.

New officers of the Helotes PTA are: Sally Hall, president; Maxine Thompson, vice president; Leslie King, recording secretary; Diana Rivas, treasurer. Other chairmen for the coming year are Helen Widner, hospitality; Verna Thompson, membership; Peggy Massey, home room mothers; and Iris Chauffe, publicity.

Additional PTA meetings are scheduled for Nov. 9, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, and May 10.

Rudy and Irene Zepeda went from the Joe Lee Family reunion to Chester, Va., to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Robert Flores, and the Flores children.

San Geronimo Dam To Start

Contract Let At \$410,000

Awarding a contract for construction of a flood water retarding structure on San Geronimo Creek in northeast Medina County was a major item on the agenda of the Edwards Underground Water District Board Tuesday, Sept. 12.

The recharge dam will be located off Highway 471 at the Bexar-Medina County line. This facility should add more than 900 acre feet of water annually to the Edwards Aquifer, Col. McDonald D. Weinert, P.E., EUWD general manager, said.

Also on the agenda will be consideration of changes in the legislative Act that created the EUWD and adoption of the 1979 budget. The district's fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Terry Construction Co., Rainbow, S.C., the contractor that built Middle Verde Creek Dam in Medina County for the district, was the apparent low bidder on the San Geronimo Creek recharge project.

The bid was \$410,489.95, with the district to furnish \$7,000 worth of landfill material at the site. Second low bid was \$444,476 submitted by House-Braswell Co. of San Antonio. Construction is expected to begin by Oct. 7.

San Geronimo Dam is the third recharge dam initiated and funded by the EUWD. The second, Middle Verde Creek, which was just dedicated last May, underwent its initial test during the Hill Country flooding Aug. 2-3.

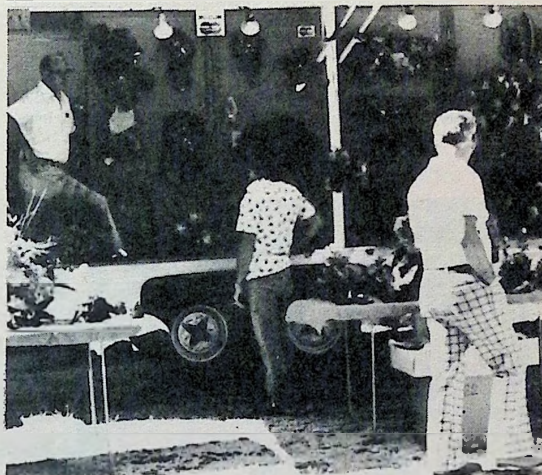
Col. Weinert reported that in a 72-hour period the streambed behind the 20-foot high structure changed from dry to a stage spilling six inches of water across the dam spillway, then back to dry again. In the time frame, he said, in excess of 150 acre feet of water was recharged in the aquifer.

As expected, water well levels throughout the five-county Edwards Underground Water District rose during August to reverse the down trend that had continued through July.

At the end of August, check well levels in the EUWD had increased as much as 14 feet from the previous readings, primarily as the result of reduced pumpage.

"Reduced consumption was the primary cause of the increases," Col. Weinert said. "An immediate rise in well levels results when pumping shuts down. Recharge from heavy run-off is more of a long-range factor."

Spring flow also was up, (Continued on page 8)



Arts and Crafts are the highlight of this week-end's Art Show at the Helotes Art Guild in midtown Helotes.



There will be oil paintings of all price ranges, and of a wide variety of subjects, shown on Saturday and Sunday at the Gallery.

Gem Show Set For Weekend

The Helotes Art Guild is sponsoring this weekend on the gallery grounds a statewide "September Rock, Lapidary and Gem Art and Craft Show."

Strolling musicians and impromptu actors will entertain visitors during the show both Saturday and Sunday. Volunteer performers are welcome.

"Exhibitors from Houston, Austin and across the state will join the 200-plus membership of the Helotes Art Guild to present to the San Antonio metroplex a truly unique experience in the arts," said Guild President Richard K. Shader.

The show will begin Saturday at 10 a.m. and Sunday at noon. Admission will be free.

The guild's September Artist of the Month, Elma Douglas, will be honored at a reception at 2 p.m. Sunday during the show. Miss Douglas won first ribbon in the water color division of the guild's July art show. A number

of her paintings will be on display in the gallery during September.

Leon Valley Grange

W.R. Maskew, Master of the Leon Valley Grange has announced that the Grange will have Booster Night, Thursday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. at the Grange Hall adjacent to John Marshall High School. The event is open to the public and the exhibits will include Arts and Crafts of members.

Presenting the special program will be State Grange Master R.G. Carter of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. J. Kiles will show slides of the King Tut exhibit which they recently viewed and photographed.

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Campaigns Kicked-off

Nelson Wolff, Democratic candidate for the 21st Congressional District post, left, receives a handshake from former 21st District Representative O.C. Fisher of San Angelo on Fisher's endorsement of Wolff in the Nov. 7 general election. The scene was the kick-off rally for Wolff's campaign, held last Sunday afternoon at the Wolff home on Boerne Stage Road. The 21st District includes the Helotes area.



A fundraising reception for Congressional Candidate Tom Loeffler, right, was held in the home of Pat and Dan Auld in Kerrville on Labor Day. Special guest was former Texas Governor John B. Connally, center, shown here at the reception talking with Loeffler and former 21st District Congressman O.C. Fisher, left, and Hunt resident Walter B. Hailey, Jr. (with back to camera).

Approximately 100 guests attended the reception, including Mrs. Coke Stevenson, wife of former Texas Governor Stevenson, and local and district-wide businessmen and political leaders. Following the reception, Governor Connally, Loeffler and most guests went to an old-fashioned barbecue and rally honoring Loeffler, which was attended by some 500-plus supporters.

Courtesy Patrol Proves Big Hit

After a month of operation on San Antonio's freeways, the State Department of Highways' Courtesy Patrol has won the hearts of area motorists.

Nearly 700 motorists were assisted by the patrol in the first month. Five hundred and fifty experienced some sort of vehicle malfunction. The patrol's radio and telephone hook-ups were used by 98 drivers and directions were needed by 45.

The department's Courtesy Patrol removed traffic hazards and debris from the roadway on over 200 separate occasions. Roadway maintenance reports and sign and freeway lighting checks were also made. Motorists seeking aid are given a note that explains the department's experimental program. They are also given a

brief questionnaire for later mailing.

Their responses have generally been very enthusiastic. They cite the courtesy and high degree of professionalism of the patrol personnel. One lady observed that the patrol "was a very reassuring sight late at night." Others praised the promptness with which they received help. Another lady faced with the prospect of changing a flat tire late at night, called the patrol a "welcome oasis".

The clearly marked patrol trucks carry radio and telephone communications, first aid kits, gasoline, water and battery booster cables. The trucks also have large push-type bumpers for assisting cars from traffic lanes.

Despite threatening weather and floods that isolated many potential visitors, the 7th annual Texas Folklife Festival exceeded all previous attendance records.

More than 98,000 visitors enjoyed four days of traditional

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Tickets are on sale for a lecture by investigative reporter Jack Anderson at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

The lecture, sponsored by the UTSA Student Representative Assembly, will be Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. in the Convocation Center on the west side of the UTSA campus. It is open to the public. Anderson will speak on "The News Behind the Headlines."

Anderson's syndicated column appears daily in more than 970 newspapers throughout the country. He also is Washington Bureau chief for Parade Magazine and is heard daily on the Mutual Radio Network.

In addition, Anderson delivers a commentary each morning on ABC television's "Good Morning, America."

For information on the lecture, phone the UTSA Dean of Students Office, 691-4150, or the Student Representative Assembly Office, 691-4597.

Two Join UTSA Faculty

The UTSA College of Business has added two faculty members for the fall semester, Dr. Susan Nordhauser and Dr. G.W. K. Willis. Both are assistant professors of accounting.

Dr. Nordhauser is a former staff accountant for Alford Meroney and Co. in San Antonio. She was an instructor of accounting at UTSA during the 1975-76 school year.

Dr. Nordhauser has a Ph.D. in taxation from The University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Willis was manager of administrative applications at the Texas A&M University data processing center. He received his doctorate in accounting from Texas A&M.

GED Tests Offered Adults

Adults desiring to earn their "GED" High School equivalency diploma may take the necessary examinations at John Jay High School in Northside Independent School District beginning this week through May, on either Monday or Thursday evenings.

Registration is at 5:30 p.m., Room 215, Jay High School, 7611 Marbach Road. Cost for the materials is \$10, payable at time of registration.

Red Cross Asks Counseling Help

The American Red Cross is seeking experienced caseworkers or counselors to work as volunteers in its Service to Military Families and Veterans Department. Qualified applicants will provide counseling and financial assistance to disaster victims and to veterans, assisting them in filing for VA benefits.

Other volunteer caseworker responsibilities include aiding members of the armed forces through the Red Cross worldwide communications network, obtaining medical reports, and helping families overcome emotional stress and financial problems resulting from disaster or family separation due to military assignments.

Persons interested in this, or a host of other Red Cross volunteer activities, should contact Patricia Zapp at 826-8611, ext. 47 or 49. The next volunteer orientation is from 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19, in the chapter auditorium, 90 Brees Boulevard.

Hall-Brauchle Wed Here Sept. 9

Miss Jackie Brauchle, daughter of Milton Roy Brauchle and LaNell Tietze Brauchle became the bride of Robert Alan Hall, son of Bill Hall and Barbara Dill, in an evening ceremony Saturday, Sept. 9, 1978. Officiating at the candlelight service in Zion Lutheran Church of Helotes was Pastor Paul Probst.

The bride had as her maid of honor, Dale Roland, and her bridesmaids were Lisa Worth, Jenny Ippolito, and Laurie Mueller. Flower girl was Jennifer Meiske, and ringbearer was Bubba Steubing.

The best man was Tim Von Scheele and the groom's men were Troy Brauchle, Bryan Hall, and Tim Crabb.

The Salvation Army Peacock Community Center, 615 Peacock Ave., is looking for volunteers to coach basketball. Coaches are needed for boys' teams in the age 10 to 17 brackets. Ray Williams, community center coordinator, has announced.

"We need at least six or seven persons to help coach these teams," Williams said. "Between 100 and 150 boys will be in the program."

Ushers were Scott Brauchle, Wade Brauchle, and Denis Nickel.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Brauchle, and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Wright.

The bridegroom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Mueller.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at Braun Hall here.

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UTSA Students Rise 13.4%

UTSA's Fall semester enrollment has increased 13.4 percent over Fall 1977 enrollment, according to unofficial figures released last week.

Dr. John H. Brown, UTSA director of admissions and registrar, said that the unofficial figures show 8,908 students enrolled this fall, compared with 7,849 students enrolled at this time last year.

"UTSA's expanded class schedule and more rapid processing of applications are among the primary reasons for the increase," Dr. Brown said.

He added that official fall enrollment statistics will be available later this month.



The Helotes General Store is a main business in downtown Helotes as it has been most of this century.



Here, Elvira Menchaca and Irene Goodson, behind the meat counter, recommend a cut of meat to suit the day's menu. Gwen O'Hara is the shopper shown.

In typical Helotes fashion, an Anniversary Celebration in downtown Helotes will last—not for a day or a week—but for two full weeks from Sept. 17 through

Sept. 30. And, with characteristic hospitality, the hosts invite everyone—young enough or old enough to get there—to come in and enjoy the party.

HELOTES STORE MARKS ANNIVERSARY



Inside the General Store, Irene Goodson checks out the groceries of a regular customer. Customers are known here and information of the day is dispensed as well.



This is how the home looked next to the present Helotes General Store back in 1915. It was built in the 1870's. The small building nearby is now between the two buildings as it was at that time, but belongs with the store.

It is, for those who keep records, the 10th Anniversary Year for the landmark Helotes General Store, under that name and under the ownership and management of Norma and Phil Pittman.

Actually, Mr. and Mrs. Pittman and their family had moved into a lovely home in McNeel Park in June 1966—a month after the dedication of the present Post Office in Helotes, which coincided with the first Helotes Festival

celebration. They and their son and daughters felt right at home, as they had been coming to Helotes before that. Phil was an attorney, and he and Mrs. Pittman also had a thriving accounting business—Pittman & Pittman—which she continued to operate here.

Then on July 1, 1968, they bought a landmark grocery store in downtown Helotes, which for some three years had been known to the community as Andrews Grocery, with

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Corn like this which was grown this year on the outer edges of Helotes once grew close to the Helotes General Store in broad fields along with oats. "Helotes" is the Indian word which came down to the settlers meaning "green corn" or "Corn-on-the Cob."



This fence demarks the line between the same home, now owned by Marie Conley, and the Pittman Complex which besides the General Store, has a former Post Office (now barber shop) and the Pittman and Pittman office.

History Goes Back Over A Century

proprietors, Marcelle and T.A. Andrews, who owned a second grocery in South Texas which claimed all their attention at the moment.

Why celebrate a July birthday in September? Well, it so happens that on September 12, 1873, the United States Post Office of Helotes was officially established with Carl Mueller as Postmaster during the term of President Andrew Johnson. It was located on Galm Road—now FM 1560—at the Stagecoach Inn. Mail had been dropped off there regularly for years, as Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mueller (She was the second Postmaster, or as it was put in those days, Postmistress) had built their home which grew to be the Stagecoach Inn in 1854.

The Post Office history is so blended with the history of downtown Helotes—that we digress to explain. In the 1870's, Dr. George Marnoch of the Monarch Ranch sold 200 acres at the edge of his property and adjacent to the Mueller's property. The road to Bandera cut across there—and it was beginning to be heavily travelled. Stagecoaches usually pulled into the Marnoch homestead—which was a stagecoach stop also or into the Stagecoach Inn, according to varying routes and drivers. But settlers and travellers often set up camp near the Helotes Creek weary from journeys and wary of unfriendly Indians and bandits. Dr. Marnoch had a well there for his ranch, and drinking water was available.

This acreage became the stopping place for most Helotes visitors from then on out—although much of it was farmed, and Indians still camped on parts of it, many of them friendly and helpful.

Going back—a little before World War I—just about 1915 to be exact—another family—the Gottschalk's, arrived in Helotes—at that time a real live Western cow town—and bought 97 acres from Bert Heilman and his family. This was roughly half of the land sold by Dr. Marnoch. The land, beginning

from the Helotes Creek and Marnoch's property to the West, and Ben Biering's Hills to the North and East, had a 60-acre field and a 20-acre pasture on the northside of Bandera Road. (Highway 16 behind the town wasn't put in until the past few years and it was part of the fields.)

There was also a 17-acre pasture on the south side of Bandera Road—downtown, that is.

In addition, on the south side of the road on this very property was located the Helotes General Merchandise Store, a blacksmith shop in a tin building, a barber shop, a residence, soon to be occupied by Emil Gottschalk, Sr.; a windmill and living quarters for Ramon, who was the blacksmith, barber and general handyman, according to early records.

On the northside of the road was a residence for Rudolph F. Gottschalk, Emil's son; the old rock building-and-frame store for cold drinks... the exact one that is now celebrating its 10th Anniversary Year as Helotes General Store. Yes, right there were gasoline, and castor oil for lubricating cars, windmills and any machinery. There was place for a one-and-a-half ton chain drive Federal truck. There was a carbide tank to supply gas for lights, a windmill—which still has its scaffold standing, and a cypress tank, and a barn for feed and shelter while milking cows.

At that time, the smaller store was across the street from the Helotes General Mercantile Store—which was in the landmark known as the Helotes Inn—now being restored. Mr. Emil Gottschalk's home was the one adjacent to the present General Store owned by Mrs. Marie Conley now.

Stories of those days of cattle drives before and during World War I and of the cowboys and soldiers are legendary. Cattle were often driven on hoof right through the town—where the cowboys couldn't resist a stop. No truck could negotiate the

rough roads of those days to carry cattle.

But war had its effect and the nearby Leon Springs camp prevented the sale of beer and other refreshments within a 10-mile limit. In those days, the calvary with Lieutenant Dwight D. Eisenhower spent some time on stops in the town, nevertheless. Emil, Jr. was about to be drafted, so with other reasons included, Emil, Sr. traded the property to Mr. James Riggs for property in San Antonio near the old Buick Company. Litta Gottschalk married Alfred Biering and they now live in California.

By the 1930's Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fuller were operating the General Store and the Helotes Inn had a separate history. Then in 1936 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Maltzberger traded their home in San Antonio for a down payment on the store, named it Maltzberger's Store and with their small son moved into the heart of Helotes. By then, their holdings with the store included three acres, and a fence was put up to mark the separation from the present Conley property.

Earl, who worked for the Public Service, had ill-health and retired soon after. His wife, Ruth, became Postmaster of Helotes in 1936 and ran the Post Office from inside the store until 1943. She continued operating the store after Earl's death until she sold it to Jack Nottingham in the 1960's. Mrs. Maltzberger married Robert

Harrison in 1952. Andrews were the next owners. And the Helotes General Store has enjoyed 10 years of activity and service under Norma Pittman and her husband, Phil.

The past 10 years have added much to the history of the Helotes General Store, which

was enlarged and improved through the years. Those who depend on it all week long know that service is no by-word. Everyone is invited to come in and celebrate the many bargains during this September Celebration, Mrs. Pittman said.

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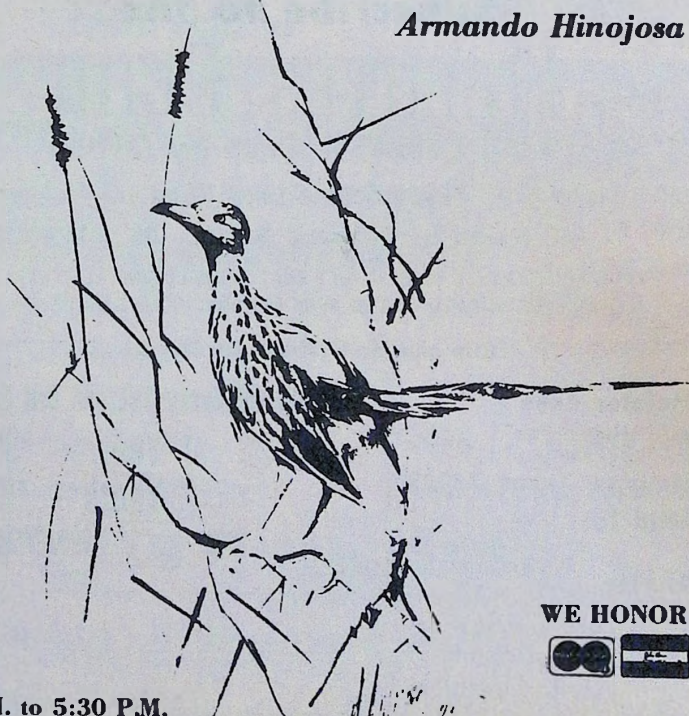
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Wednesday, Sept. 20

Annual open house and workshop for high school counselors, presented by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation, at La Mansion Motor Hotel Downtown, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 21

The Leon Valley-Helotes chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees meets, Grange Hall near John Marshall High 2 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22

Fall Senior Citizens' Arts and Crafts Sale begins, sponsored by the Barrio Betterment and Development Corporation, at the Farmers Market. Continues all day Saturday.

Two day seminar opens on "Promoting Mental Health: The Choice Is Yours," 7 p.m. Auditorium of the Institute for Texan Cultures, HemisFair Plaza. Continues on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Co-sponsored by UTSA. Registration fee \$5 (includes Saturday lunch).

Saturday, Sept. 23

Seminar for teachers and parents of children afflicted with autism, sponsored by the Region 20 Education Service Center, at the Instructional Media Center, 1314 Hines Ave. (west of IH-35 at the Walters St. exit), 10 a.m.

29th Noche de Luna Fiesta, sponsored by the Council of International Relations, at Villita Assembly Hall, 5 p.m. Featuring international foods and entertainment. Tickets \$2 for adults, 75c for children under 12.

"An Old-Fashioned Day at the Fair," 1978 Jamboree of the San Antonio Art League, opens at the McNay Art Institute, N. New Braunfels and Austin Highway, 12 noon. Continues Sunday from noon. Admission, adults \$2, children 50 cents.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

Glen Oaks chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons holds its first meeting of the season, Hope Lutheran Church, 5714 Callaghan Rd., 1 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 28

Public hearing on technical, vocational, adult and manpower education, sponsored by the Region 20 Education Service Center and the Advisory Council for Technical-Vocational Education in Texas, Institute of Texan Cultures at the HemisFair, 1 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 2

Public hearing on the water quality management plan for the San Antonio Basin (Volume II), sponsored by the Texas Department of Water Resources, at the San Antonio River Authority, 100 E. Guenther St., 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7

Fourth annual St. Pius X Arts and Crafts Show, 3919 Harry Wurzbach Highway, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featuring all forms of hand-crafted arts and crafts and the International Gourmet Kitchen. Admission free. Continues on Sunday.

Sunday, Oct. 8

First annual Multiple Sclerosis Distance Run, sponsored by the Alamo Chapter of the National MS Society. Run will begin at the Blossom Athletic Center, 7 a.m.

Disaster Loan Deadline Near

Persons who suffered property damage during recent Hill Country floods have until Oct. 2 to file their applications for disaster loans, the U.S. Small Business Administration has announced.

"Residents of Kerr, Kendall, Bandera and adjacent counties including Bexar, whose homes, businesses or personal property were damaged because of the Aug. 2 flood may be eligible for low interest, long-term SBA disaster loans," said James S. Reed, district director. "SBA loans are intended to aid victims in returning their homes and businesses to pre-disaster condition."

Interest rates on SBA disaster loans begin at one percent for homeowners and renters and three percent for business owners, including farmers and ranchers. The loans have a maximum maturity of 30 years with repayment terms based on the ability to pay.

At the same time, the Small Business Administration announced that for farmers and ranchers who suffered drought damage to 1977 crops the deadline for filing loan applications is Oct. 11. Approximately 90 percent of the 254 counties in Texas are eligible for the drought loan program.

The San Antonio application office is located at 727 E. Durango.

Young May Get Social Security

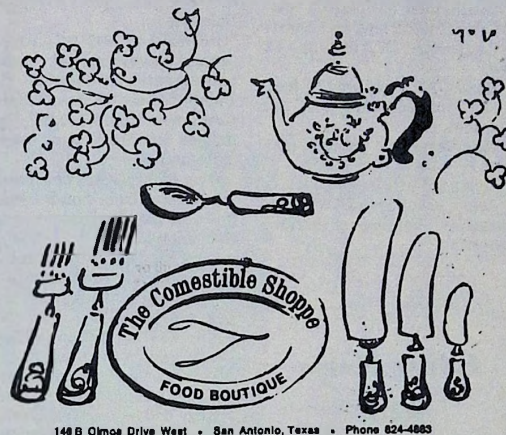
Many people think of Supplemental Security Income as a program only for persons over age 65. Supplemental Security Income also pays monthly benefits to people in financial need who are either blind or disabled. There is no age requirement for these benefits—even children may qualify, according to Gilbert G. Gonzalez, social security district manager in San Antonio.

To be considered disabled for SSI purposes, a person must be unable to engage in substantial gainful activity due to a physical or mental impairment. This condition must be one that has lasted, or will last, 12 consecutive months (or is expected to end in death). Temporary impairments expected to last less than 12 months do not qualify an individual for disability benefits. An individual may also qualify for SSI on the basis of blindness.

The basic cash rate of SSI for an individual is \$177.80 per month; for an eligible couple the basic rate is \$266.70 per month. The amount is the same for aged, blind, or disabled individuals. The additional income of the individual reduces that person's monthly SSI rate. For disabled children the parents' income is counted as well.

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particularly at New Braunfels, where Comal Springs at 262 cubic feet per second were up 43 cfs. San Marcos Springs increased 7.7 cfs to 110 cfs.

Following are the levels of wells in the district:

Uvalde: 877 feet, up 1.2 feet.
Sabinal: 778.2 feet, up 9.5 feet.
Castroville: 737.8 feet, up 14.2 feet.

Hondo: 773.8 feet, up 12.7 feet.
San Antonio: 662.2 feet, up 11.9 feet.

New Braunfels: 625 feet, up 1 foot.

Kyle: 550 feet, up 8.2 feet.
Leona River Springs were not measured because of surface run-off.

Clinic Helps With Problems

For persons who need professional counseling but hesitate to seek it because of lack of funds, lack of time, or self-consciousness, the San Antonio Free Clinic, 1136 W. Woodlawn Ave., now offers complete counseling services on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. A donation of \$10 is requested.

The counseling staff of sixteen is directed by Holly Porter, a master's level psychologist. Counseling is done in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere and is confidential.

Persons who feel depressed, are unable to communicate or who are overwhelmed by everyday problems are candidates for counseling, as well as persons going through a life crisis such as a divorce, losing a job, or re-location.

Girls Rodeo To Be Held At Coliseum Oct. 6 & 7

The Girls Rodeo Association will celebrate its 30th birthday in San Antonio, October 6 and 7, with a Girls National Rodeo Finals, the first of its kind in history, at Joe Freeman Coliseum.

Founded in 1948 to organize female professional rodeo contestants throughout the United States, the association's ranks now number 2,000, and include members from every state and Canada.

Over 60 girls represent Texas. Eleven are from South Texas, and one, Gay Ferguson, is from San Antonio.

Only the best in professional girls rodeo will be appearing at the finals where ability outranks luck.

Sue Pirtle, Kemp, Texas, twice world champion all around cowgirl, will be trying for her third win. But the rivalry will be keen because 120 of the GRA's best will be contending in seven events: bull riding, bareback bronc riding, calf roping, steer unadorned, team roping, barrel racing, and goat tying.

Jennifer Haynes, Albuquerque, 1977 all-around champion will be giving Pirtle a run for the money. So will Judy

Robinson, of Bend, Oregon, this year's leading contender.

Although not an integral part of the GRA finals, but a competitive attraction, will be the Wild Goat Milking Contest featuring 4-H and FFA girls from the San Antonio area.

Contestants in the finals will be out to win \$19,000 in cash prizes. Purses for each event are made up from contestants' entry fees plus money added by local sponsors.

All proceeds from the finals will go to support the work of the Alamo Chapter of the American Diabetes Association.

Tickets may be ordered by mailing a check or money order, payable to the American Diabetes Association, 1800 McCullough Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212. Mail orders should specify the number of tickets and performances desired, and should be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Tickets for the finals are \$5 for box seats and \$3.50 for general admission. They can also be obtained at the Coliseum box office and all Joske's of Texas stores.

Northside Has Free Meal Forms

Application forms and new guidelines for free and reduced-price school lunches and breakfasts are now available at Helotes School.

Unusual family expenses due to high medical or housing expenses or disaster or casualty losses allow families not necessarily falling within income scales to also apply.

Eligibility depends upon family income and number of children in the family, and ranges for free meals for \$4,190

annual income for a one-member family to \$16,610 annual income for a 12-member family. Reduced-price eligibility ranges from \$6,530 for a one-member family, to \$25,910 for a 12-member family.

School lunch prices in Northside District are 50c for elementary school, 55c middle school, and 60c high school. Breakfast is 25c, elementary, 35c secondary. Reduced-price lunches are 20c, reduced-price breakfast is 10c.

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