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## Person-to-Person

Girls in the area still have time to enter the competition for the Miss Helotes 1975 title. The deadline is April 25. Applications may be obtained by calling Miss Virginia Springer or Mrs. Gladys Jones at 695-3347. The Miss Helotes Pageant and Coronation will be held Thursday, May 8, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 8 p.m.

The Silver Belles will meet at 2 p.m., May 8, at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church to complete their plans for the Festival. They are gathering items for their popular "Trash 'N Treasure" booth and completed handcrafted items to be sold Saturday and Sunday, May 10-11, during Cornyval '75. The club held its April meeting in the home of Margaret Terry, with Lucile Owen, Martha Whitley, Linnie Varnon and Irene Stensland as co-hostesses. This organization is active in civic and social affairs in the community.

As she has for the past several years, Associate Editor Virginia Van Steenberg of the Echo will narrate the Fiesta Flambeau Parade Saturday night, April 26, over Channel 4.

Mrs. Boots Hadlock of Grey Forest and Mrs. Mazie Wagner of the Wagner Ranch left San Antonio Tuesday morning for a vacation in Hawaii.

Mrs. Virgie Parrish has left Methodist Hospital and is now recovering at the home of her son Norris. Early in the week she still was not being permitted visitors.

Mr. Al Komray of Helotes Park Estates is recovering from recent and successful open heart surgery.

The Helotes Lions Club is having a covered dish supper tonight at the Parrigin Pavilion. The Helotes Lions wives are invited.

Col. Leonard Otten of Helotes Ranch Acres is jubilant over the arrival of San Antonio city water along his street. Homes there are being served by a new line to the San Antonio Ranch Town. He reports a large storage tank will be built on the boundary between the Ranch Acres and Ranch Town, and recommends other Helotes area property owners to apply for city water service.



**SYMBOLIZING** the happy and exuberant spirit of the Fiesta de San Antonio and the Helotes Cornyval is Dancer Lydia Pastrano of the Ballet Folklorico de Lanier, above in ranchera-style fiesta costume. The San Antonio Fiesta will begin Sunday, April 20, and run through Sunday, April 27. Following right after the Fiesta's parades, carnival, art shows, and parties will be the 10th Annual Helotes Spring Festival — the Cornyval — on May 8 through May 11. The Cornyval is an all-Helotes non-profit civic celebration. Throughout the greater Helotes area, clubs and organizations, schools and churches and individuals are preparing floats, booths, displays and homecoming festivities to welcome an expected 40,000 visitors during the Cornyval weekend. — Photo by Ken Richardson

## Grey Forest Float Wins 2nd

The Grey Forest Youth Club float and gun slingers won a second place ribbon in the Poteet Strawberry Festival parade last week.

Riding on the float were Miss Grey Forest Rachael Boysen, and her court, Princess Bonnie Watson, Duchess Billy Keith, and Ladies in Waiting Gale Caldwell, Donna Cogill and Kathy Stutes. They were dressed in various colored formals and carried sequin-covered strawberry pin-cushions.

The float, "Springtime in Grey Forest," was draped with green and white material decorated with strawberry cutouts and encircled with bouquets of multi-colored spring flowers.

The float was preceded by the Grey Forest Gun Slingers — Columbus Stutes, Jr., Scott Sorrels, Carl Schumann, Gary Prejean, and Sean McKay.

Among the many Grey Forest residents attending the parade were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Boysen, Mrs. Tom Caldwell and the daughters, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Cogill, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Scharl, Columbus Stutes, Sr., and Mrs. Bill Keith and children.

Mrs. Boysen was in charge of

decorating the float. Gene Graves provided the trailer on which it was built, and Columbus Stutes, Sr. drove the pickup to pull it.



**MARSHALL HIGH** Senior Sheryl Armstrong (second from left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Armstrong, 4230 Laurel Trail, receives citations from Mr. Kenneth S. Stiles, chairman of the Voice of Democracy Program sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7108, Helotes, as the first place winner in the 28th annual broadcast scriptwriting scholarship program. Marshall Junior Diego Pena (second from right), son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Pena, 6111 Forest Bend, displays his

medal and citation as second place winner. Kenneth M. Ritchie (left) vice principal, and Miss Jamina Duhme (right), social studies teacher, received citations from Mr. Stiles for assistance in conducting the Voice of Democracy program at Marshall. The program offers a \$10,000 scholarship for first place; \$5,000 for second place; \$3,500 for third place; \$2,500 for fourth place, and \$1,500 for fifth place at the national level. The subject for this year's script was "My Responsibility as a Citizen."

## WATERSHED GROUP NAMES 5 DIRECTORS

Creation of a Helotes Creek Watershed Municipal Utility District moved a step forward this week with the election of a temporary board of directors at the second planning meeting, held Monday at the Confraternity Building of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

The temporary directors are: Ralph Swift, T. M. Edwards, Joseph Cody, Ollie Whetstone, and Bob Cagle.

Approximately 50 persons attended the second planning meeting, and a majority voted in favor of continuing an investigation into the feasibility of creating the utility district to build and operate water and sewer systems for the area drained by Helotes Creek.

The district would have the right to levy and collect taxes and issue revenue bonds. Initial funding hopefully would include a federal grant of up to 75 percent of the cost of building the systems.

Before a district can be created, a petition must be circulated in the community and presented to the Texas Water Rights Commission. Then an election would have to be held in which all property-owning voters will have a chance to vote for or against the district.

Even before a petition is prepared, however, the group favoring the district plan a thorough feasibility study of the proposed district, including the cost of building and operating it, possible revenues, and engineering and geologic surveys. Attorney Phil Pittman and Engineer Bill Mullins are to make

the feasibility study and report to the temporary board. The next public meeting will be held after the board has heard their report.

## Rabies Shots Set For Saturday

Everybody in the Helotes area is invited to bring pets to the Grey Forest City Hall, Saturday, April 19, for the Grey Forest annual pet vaccination day.

Dr. Bill Rowe will be at the city hall from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. giving rabies shots for \$2.50 per animal.

## Speaker Urges Utility Control

A coalition of San Antonio organizations seeking to mobilize Bexar County citizens in favor of a strong state utility commission heard Miss Virginia Springer, Mayor Pro Tem of Grey Forest, outline an 8-point legislative program at a recent news conference in San Antonio.

The coalition would have the Commission regulate cost of the basic supply source, i.e., cost of gas, at the well-head.

"We have all seen how ineffectual local regulation is by the City of San Antonio, City of Grey Forest, and the Texas Railroad Commission," Miss Springer said. "A strong state utility commission with power to regulate the price of gas at the well-head can bring relief to the utility consumer."



## Directors Oppose Madla Bill

The board of directors of the Edwards Underground Water District, elected by the people of Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Comal and Hayes Counties, expressed hope at their quarterly meeting April 8 in San Antonio that the Texas House Committee on Natural Resources will keep H.B. 1734 bottled up in committee. The bill by Rep. Frank Madla would create a new state agency to buy part of the aquifer's recharge area.

The EUWD board unanimously passed a resolution opposing H.B. 1734 because it duplicates, in part, the function assigned to the EUWD by the Legislature in 1959 which have been and are being discharged by the EUWD.

The resolution further stated that, rather than create an additional agency, the lawmakers should assign any additional powers related to recharge of the Edwards Underground Reservoir to the EUWD.



Enjoying the final month of her reign is Miss Helotes 1974—Julie Walt, seated, and her Court, including Duchess Yvette Sams, left, Princess JoAnn Tagliarino, center; and Duchess Lydia Alguiseva right. They are wearing Western clothes as they gather for a briefing regarding this month's activities and to discuss the upcoming Festival. They have invitations to attend several parades and to represent the community aboard the official Festival float now being redesigned for the 1975 Cornyval.

## Council Studies Street Names

At the April 15 meeting of the Grey Forest City Council with Mayor Pro Tem Virginia Springer presiding, Councilperson Margaret Martin introduced a motion to consider the change of the name of Scenic Loop Drive — which is inside Grey Forest and in some places parallels Scenic Loop Road.

Mrs. Martin reported that utilities and other persons looking for residents had confused the road with the drive.

Councilperson Ruth Morris suggested that Scenic Loop Drive be changed to Cedar Crest East and that the present Cedar Crest be called Cedar Crest West.

The problem was placed on the agenda for the Tuesday, May 20, meeting of the Council after Councilperson Gary Prejean said he wanted residents on Scenic Loop Drive to have a voice in the matter. City Attorney Phil Pitt-

man also reported that the agenda for the April meeting mentioned only a street name change and was not specific.

## Grey Forest Elects Three

In a light vote of 47 votes, Councilpersons Virginia Springer with a majority of 46, and Ruth Morris and Marion Heisler, with 44 each, were elected to serve two-year terms on the council of the City of Grey Forest April 5. The election results were certified April 7 with Mayor Ed Faust presiding, and the successful candidates were sworn in on April 11.

Mr. Heisler was elected for the first time with the other two being re-elected to a second term. All candidates were unopposed.

## Grey Forest Gets

### New Fire Area

The Grey Forest Volunteer Fire Department is now conducting a drive to get the location of every property in its fire-fighting area.

County designation of a Grey Forest VFD area is relatively new, said Richard F. Kremsky, president of the fire department board, and identification of everyone within the area is important to safety.

The area includes both sides of Scenic Loop Road from Bandera Road north to Babcock Road and Beauregard (Upper Balcones) Road. The western boundary is the Bandera County line and eastern boundary is almost to Hausman Road.

The department wants to know the location of each building in this area, the distance from the fire station at Grey Forest City Hall, the number of buildings, the availability of water, and the owner's correct mailing address.

The department also is asking for donations from all property owners in the area to enable it to continue such vital work as fire control and prevention, first aid and rescue work, and other community services. The mailing address of the department is P. O. Box 293, Helotes.

Fires should be reported through the fire alarm number—227-8341. For information in general, call Jack Nottingham at 695-3398.

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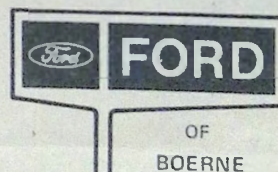
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## Phil Pittman, Jr. Takes A Bride

Miss Joyce Rulaine Looper and Philip James Pittman II were married Friday, April 4, in Shearer Hills Baptist Church.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Looper and Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Pittman of McNeel Park.

The newlyweds are honeymooning in Waukegan, Ill., where they will make their home while Phil Jr. is serving in the U. S. Navy.

The maid of honor was Kathy Thompson of Austin. Bridesmaids were Janda Looper, sister of the bride; Jennifer Kuentz of Houston; and Mrs. John Pearce.

The best man was Ken Pace, and the groomsmen were Greg Barrera of Helotes, Paul Thackara, and Robert Thompson. Ushers were Bruce Faust and Johnny Mayfield of Helotes, Wesley Pittman of Universal City, and Steve Richardson of Houston.

A reception was held in the Colonies House.

Rulaine was graduated from John Marshall High School in 1974, and Phil was graduated from John Marshall in 1972.

Having just completed Navy Boot Camp at Orlando, Fla., Phil will be stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Base near Waukegan.



MRS. PHIL PITTMAN, JR., the former Joyce Rulaine Looper of San Antonio, was married to the son of the prominent Helotes family on April 4 at Shearer Hills Baptist Church in San Antonio. Rulaine is a 1974 graduate of John Marshall High School. The couple will make their home in Waukegan, Ill., where Phil is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Base.

## UTSA Students Can Receive VA Benefits

Veterans benefits will be available to undergraduates at UTSA in September, according to Richard L. Lewis, the University's director of admissions and

Registrar.

The Texas Education Agency has approved UTSA undergraduate courses, which paves the way for veterans to receive benefits under the GI Bill when they enter the University in the Fall.

UTSA graduate students have been eligible since the University opened in June, 1973 and over 400 are currently receiving benefits from the veterans program.

Lewis said students wishing to receive VA benefits for the 1975-76 year should obtain a certificate of eligibility from the Veterans Administration.

Applications for VA benefits are available in the Registrar's Office.

## Leads In Bi-Lingual

Bi-lingual teaching methods now being used at Esparza Elementary School in Northside ISD have led to Esparza being named one of four schools in the nation as national demonstration site. The others are located in McAllen, Chicago, and San Diego, Calif.

Visitors from all over the country "drop in" at Esparza to see the 250 1st and 2nd graders and their nine teachers using bi-lingual education approaches.

The methods will be extended to five other Northside district elementary schools.

## Poster Winners Named By NISD

Three posters by Leon Valley Elementary School students and one by a Colonies North student took the four top places in a recent Northside contest sponsored by the Dietetic Association, San Antonio district.

Paul Gray, 8 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Gray, took first place, and Kim Cox, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cox, took second. Third place went to the Colonies North student, Karl An Borghi.

The third Leon Valley winner was Kenny Lakey, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lakey, who received honorable mention.

The posters featured good nutrition, and certificates and cash prizes were awarded.

## Six Students Outstanding

Six John Marshall High School students have been selected to appear in the annual publication, Outstanding Teenagers of America.

The book is published by Fuller and Dees.

They are Lee Roy Leschper, Jr., Cheryl L. Hacker, David Arnez Finley, Christopher Scott Spield, Margaret Dee Whelless and Sylvia Jean Rogers.

The San Antonio Rose Society will hold its annual spring show at the Central Park Mall, lower level, on Saturday, April 19. Admission will be free.

## 'FLAG' Festival To Be Official

J. E. Rawlinson, administrative assistant to the superintendent, Northside Independent School District, accepted a citation on behalf of NISD April 8, designating F.L.A.G. Festival, March 27, 1976, an official project of the San Antonio Bicentennial Committee.

The Northside Bicentennial Celebration, approved by Trustees recently, is the first in San Antonio to be announced for the nation's birthday here by a public school system.

## 4 Elected For Northside Board

A total of 2060 votes were cast for eleven candidates (100 more voters than last year) in the recent Northside School Board election. The winners were Nellie M. Reddix, Place 1; Wayne T. Nance, Place 5; Raul B. Fernandez, Place 6; and Olan Phillips, Place 7.

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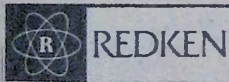
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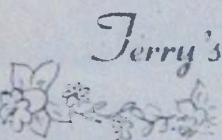
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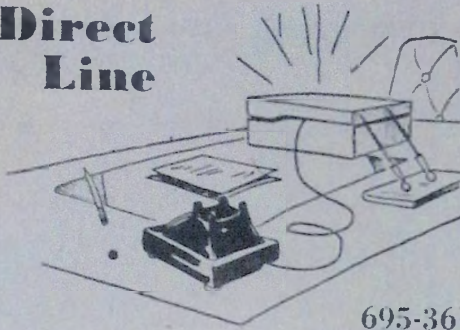
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Prospective students seeking information about graduate or undergraduate programs should continue to visit The University in the San Jacinto Building, Suite 250, in the Koger Center. This includes questions regarding admission requirements, catalogs, and class schedules.

Offices will not be open to the public on the permanent campus until mid-August.

The exodus of UT San Antonio faculty and staff to their new permanent campus, located on Loop 1604 between IH 10 and Babcock Road, will begin in earnest by June.

However, most office administration and functions related to students at UTSA will continue in The University's temporary facilities (located in the Koger Executive Center, Loop 410 at Babcock) through the second semester session, which ends August 15.

Classes begin September 2, at the new campus for graduate students and UTSA's first undergraduates — juniors and seniors.

At that time the physical plant building, the humanities-business building, the physical education building, and additional science facilities of the new University will be completed.

The arts, convocation center, and science-education buildings and the John Peace Library will be completed in the Fall.

Some 3,500 students are expected to enroll.

Approximately 1,700 will be juniors and seniors and 1,800 will be graduate students.

## Along Our Route

San Antonio

Dear Editors:

We have enjoyed your paper since you started. Thank you for sending it after my subscription expired. I was not aware, or overlooked paying your notice. Two-year renewal enclosed.

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## County To Appeal Ranchtown Suit

The San Antonio Ranch New Town may be back in court again — this time, the U. S. Supreme Court, no less.

Six months after the developers of the new town won a suit before the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans last October, Bexar County this week announced that it plans to appeal that decision to the Supreme Court.

The allegations of the appeal against the planned community of 38,000 people one mile west of Helotes on the former Lytle Ranch are reported to be that the new town will damage the environment, will damage "San Antonio's growth pattern," and would put "further strain on traffic arteries and public utilities in that area."

## CAMPUS COUNTDOWN



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## A Spirit Filled Teacher Looks at the Word of God

Compiled by Richard K. Shader, Pastor-Teacher of Faith Bible Church of Helotes, Texas

The Epistle to the Galatians, Chapter One, Verse Four

"who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: <sup>5</sup> to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

WHO: τοῦ ΤΑΥ (to-oo)

GAVE: ἑἰς DOMA (dom-ah)

This Refers To Jesus And The Life He Gave On The Cross

NOTE: The life He gave is always spoken in the Greek text as the "Psyche Life" (Psyche is the Greek word for soul)

That is, His human-earthly soulish life. The term "Zoe Life" (Divine-Eternal) is never used of the human soulish life of Jesus in scripture. The human nature (Psyche) of Jesus died at Calvary not the divine (Zoe) nature.

HIMSELF: ἑαυτοῦ HEAUTOU (heh-ow-too)

If the Father and Son are seen as a "United One" in verse three then the term "Himself" must be seen in the same unity here. It is bad theology to picture the Father sitting safely and comfortably on His throne in Heaven while His son dies on THE TORTUROUS CROSS.

Nor is the picture of God looking around Heaven for another to go to Earth and die found in the Bible.

Unless we come to see God hanging on the cross we do not see the cross as revealed in scripture.

Jesus is not a little God, an offspring, another, but He Himself is very, very God.

Paul states God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, II Corinthians 5:19.

God manifested (revealed) in the flesh (I Timothy 3:16) Abraham said "God will provide Himself a lamb", Genesis 22:8

Jesus must therefore be very, very God dying for all on that cross or His death has no meaning to us as a means of salvation from judgement.

GAVE HIS TOTAL SELF

Though this phrase speaks of His death, it is also true that He gave His all to do the will of God. He lived for Him as well as died for him. God wants this from you also.

FOR: ὑΠΕΡ HUPER (hu-per)

This word carries the full meaning of the scribe who pens a letter for one who cannot write.

One form of this word speaks of one standing in for another. The picture is of one bending over protecting the other person because he cannot protect himself. (Example: A hen hovering over her chicks.)

Thus Jesus died for us because we could not die for ourselves.

Even if we paid the penalty for our sins by tasting death, there is no way the act of our dying could cleanse the record against us.

Not only must the penalty be paid, but the record of our sins, both in Heaven and God's memory must be erased. Only God can do this. (To be continued)

For Further Teaching On The Bible Attend The Services At Faith Bible Church Or Call 679-7073.

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# The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill  
Attorney General

Sometimes you may want a television, stereo, movie projector, or other appliance for a particular occasion and not wish to buy it. Or maybe you want to try out equipment to make sure it's what you want.

Many stores offer "rental-purchase" plans which allow consumers to rent items and apply any rental payments to the purchase price.

Some merchants aim their advertising at groups such as college students or persons in a lower income bracket. They may emphasize that credit ratings are unimportant, or that credit checks are not even necessary for rental agreements. This can be reassuring to someone who has not yet established a credit record, or to someone who perhaps has a bad credit record.

Information from the Federal Trade Commission indicates that a few businesses offering rental-purchase plans with such "easy credit" terms actually do require past credit experience or a favorable credit rating contrary to their advertising. Some stores may require a person to produce credit cards, along with identification such as a driver's license, before a rental-purchase contract can be completed.

A few stores that have been reported to promote such rental-purchase plans by advertising easy credit, low monthly payments, free delivery and service, and the right to apply rental payments to the purchase price tack on a large deposit charge.

The FTC notes that some of these merchants may assure the consumer that he will own the appliance after a certain number of payments, but that such stipulations are not included in the contract.

The agency also calls attention to the practice of some unscrupulous merchants who allow or even encourage consumers to miss payments, or to make late payments, early in the rental-purchase contract period. Then, when ownership of the merchandise is about to pass to the consumer, the merchant may point out a clause in the contract stating that payments cannot be late and repossess the merchandise.

Our Consumer Protection attorneys recommend that consumers check several things before entering into a rental-purchase agreement:

1. If you know in advance that you want to buy an item instead of renting it, check several local stores for prices on the equipment. You may find that the price paid under a rental-purchase plan is considerably higher.

2. Do not be swayed by offers of easy credit.

3. If you decide to rent an item with the idea of trying it out and perhaps buying it, be sure that your contract states that rental payments can be applied to the purchase price. Any reputable merchant will be happy to have his promises written into the contract.

4. Note carefully if the rental-purchase contract requires that each payment on the merchandise be made by a certain date. If it does, be sure your payments arrive on time, or you may risk having the merchandise repossessed later.

5. And, finally, deal with merchants who have the reputation of providing good products or service at a fair price.

If you have a problem with a rental-purchase agreement or need other consumer information, contact our Consumer Protection Division, your county or district attorney, or your local Better Business Bureau.



MARY VAN BIBBER, dance instructor at VFW Hall, has a dance training background of 12 years. She is a member of the Professional Dance Teachers Association and attends several accredited dance conventions and seminars yearly. She is qualified in ballet, pointe (toe), tap, acrobatics and gymnastics, modern jazz and modern dance, and baton twirling. She is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and the Faye Neri Modeling School. She lives at 107 Oxford Drive.

## Bicentennial Events Remembered

The Bicentennial of the United States officially opens in most present citizens of Helotes had ancestors who joined in the ride to alert the militia that night. Cutting off the troops at a narrow pass, the Americans cut down 172 that first night, and the British found they were in battle.

This date — 200 years ago, April 18, 1775 — marked one of the greatest rides in American history — that of Paul Revere. He actually set off riders in so many directions that if all riders that night assembled it would be the occasion of a great 'rail ride.

Every child knows the hero of this story, thanks to a poem 130 lines long written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1860 and first known as "The Landlord's Tale—Paul Revere's Ride." It was only a part of his book "Tales of a Wayside Inn," published in 1863 and describing a stagecoach stop — the Red-Horse Inn of Boston — owned by the Howes for 175 years.

But the night of Paul Revere's ride — 10,000 crack British and mercenary troops commanded by Britain's General Howe had landed near Boston at Concord.

"One if by land, two if by sea," says the poem — and the light that was flashed from the belflower sent Paul Revere forth.

## School To Start Aug. 18

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Bible Church, Richard M. Shader,  
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spaces are being made available  
on the VFW grounds for any ar-  
tists that would like to show and

sell their works during the  
festival, Saturday and Sunday,  
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The festival fee is \$7.50 for the  
two days and registration is on  
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# HAPPY GARDENING

## GET TOMATO PLANTS READY FOR SUMMER

by Dee Mullins Creech

If you're just putting out tomato plants or if your first batch froze recently like most around here, here are some tips that work very well for me.

Dig a hole for each plant about one foot deep and one foot wide. Fill with a mixture of 1/2 compost or other fertilizer and 1/2 mulch. Tomatoes require so much water in the hot summer that a heavy mulch is extremely important. I think the best mulch is fine cedar shavings because their acidity promotes tomato growth. Cedar shavings deter many bugs and seem to hold water longer.

While you are filling the hole, set in one or two 16 oz. size tin cans with holes punched in the bottom. Then when summer heat is at its worst, you can fill the cans with water and it reaches the roots quickly. Water is more and more precious and this method helps prevent excessive evaporation.

Don't fill the hole to the top; leave it several inches below ground level for watering and to add more mulch later as the weather gets hotter. This also helps protect the plant. A further way to protect the plant and the mulch material is to surround it with a ring of metal lawn edging.

If you are worried about cut worms — don't spray! Simply tie a season, you will have tomatoes

stick next to the tomato plant stem. The cut worm must encircle the whole tomato plant stem to cut it off; the stick prevents the worm from doing this. A bamboo stick is especially good because it repels other bugs too.

To have truly big, beautiful fruit and plants that produce until frost, I suggest you use a special type of fertilizer called fish emulsion. It is a liquid made from fish remains. It is one of the richest of all fertilizers and tomatoes especially love it. The large gallon size is expensive but it lasts far longer than any other fertilizer and it is free of chemicals (as free as our oceans are anyway). It is mixed with water, one tablespoon to one gallon of water, and poured on the plant. You will see immediate results, and if you apply it every two weeks throughout the growing

from your original plants until frost.

If your plants should suddenly be attacked by bugs — don't panic. Wait a short while to see if nature steps in. This is often the case in my garden. The helpful bugs — ladybugs, praying mantis, ants, bees and wasps, along with the garlic, onions and marigolds I set out around each tomato plant often take care of the harmful bugs. If I do need to spray, I always use the garlic, hot pepper, onion, liquid Ivory soap (two tablespoons) and water mixture.

One last tip if you must be away for a few days, here's a way to water your thirsty tomatoes. Fill a large plastic container (like those distilled water comes in) with water. Punch a small hole in the bottom and set it beside each plant. Your plants will be slowly watered until your return.

## Springs

### Have Role In Texas History

A newly published Texas Water Development Board report, "Major and Historical Springs of Texas," says Texas has 281 springs with a flow of more than 1

cubic foot per second or with historical importance. Most of these springs were used by early Americans for more than 30,000 years, as evidenced by bed-rock mortars (used for grinding nuts, beans, and acorns) and other prehistoric tools found at the springs.

Later they became important stops on stage coach routes and the sites of forts and towns. Many were used for water power for grist, saw, and flour mills, cotton gins, and electric generating plants. Some spring waters were used for medicinal purposes and many sites still serve as popular resorts.

About half of the 281 springs issue from the Edwards and associated limestones, with the remainder flowing from other limestones, sands, gravels, and other aquifers.

The great decline in both the size and number of Texas springs since pre-Columbus times is ascribed to several causes: deforestation and intensive grazing and compaction of surface soils, flowing wells and heavy ground-water pumping and former recharge areas being partly paved over by urban developments.

The report concludes that the decline of Texas springs will continue if heavy pumping of wells continues or increases in their vicinity.

Numerous chemical analyses of the water indicate that there has been no significant contamination of these springs as yet. However, contamination of the aquifer waters, especially in the cavernous Edwards Limestone, remains a serious danger.

Detailed information is given in the report on each spring, including location, aquifer, history of use, and discharge measurements.

Copies of the report are available without charge from the Texas Water Development Board, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

## GECU Rates 4th In Nation

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—A recent survey of credit unions throughout the United States shows that six financial cooperatives within Texas are listed among the largest in the nation. The study was based on assets of December 31, 1974, excluding central credit unions, was conducted by the Alaska Commercial Federal Credit Union, at Anchorage.

Government Employees Credit Union of San Antonio (GECU) is listed as the fourth largest, moving up from fifth birth to replace Los Angeles Teachers Credit Union. Security Service Federal Credit Union is in 32nd place, and Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union is the 44th largest. Government Employees Credit Union of El Paso rates the 36th position. Dallas Teacher Credit Union is 32nd, and Texas Credit Union of Dallas, is 48th.

Last December 31, GECU of San Antonio, had assets of \$108,802,879, as compared with \$42,570,000 at the end of 1973.

Navy Federal Credit Union, at Washington, D. C. is the largest U. S. credit union with \$46,502,682 in assets, as of December 31, 1974. In second place is the Pentagon Federal Credit Union, of Arlington, Va., with \$18,265,687 in assets, and United Airlines Credit Union, at Chicago, Ill., is third, with \$13,881,185 in assets.

"Missions of Texas" is one of several films produced by the Travel and Information Section of Texas Highway Department available to local clubs and schools through the department's district office. For information call 800-1118, extension 300. Other films show the department's Texas Trails.

## Dunfords Welcome New Son

Keith Lynn Dunford is the name given the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dunford, Jr., born Saturday, March 30, at Methodist Hospital. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and is reported to be handsome with reddish hair. His parents, Mary and E. J., also have an older son, Curtis Shane, who welcomes him.

Keith is the grandson of Mrs. Ella Dunford Berry and E. J. Dunford, Sr., and the great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Celestino Sanchez, all of Helotes.

Bill Johnson of the local Strout Realty Office, 5977 Bandera Road, has announced today the formation of the free Nationwide Strout Referral Service. The Referral System gives local residents leaving the area the opportunity to make known their property needs in the city to which they are moving. They simply contact the local Strout Office, which telephones the Strout Referral Center. The next contact is a phone call from a broker in the city to which they are moving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faust spend the week in Las Vegas, Nev. They left here Sunday morning and are due back today.

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## Little League Will Start April 26

Saturday, April 26, will be opening day for the Greater Helotes Little League's 1975 season.

Opening day ceremonies will begin at 9 a.m. at Otto Gerlach Memorial Field on Babcock Road, with the first ball games to start at 10 a.m.

The league will have four major teams, eight minor teams, and four softball teams this year.

The opening day ball games will be interrupted from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a barbecue lunch to be served at Otto Gerlach Field. Tickets for the lunch are \$2 for adults and \$1.25 for children 12 years old and under.

1975 officers of the league are: John Yannuzzi, president; Paul Nees, first vice president; Reno Kneupper, second vice president; Sandy Butler, third vice president; John Anthis, treasurer; Barbara Hartmann, secretary; Earl Hessong, player agent; Cuco Flores, field manager; Bill Worth, promotion; Lester Martin, equipment manager; Al Cote, head scorekeeper; and Patty Motz, ladies auxiliary president.

Board members are Nelson Wolff, Ruby Gerlach, Dale Bates; John Miller, Butch Daughtry, and Bill Bertie.

The following are the teams and their managers:

Major teams—Braves (Nacho Macias), Cardinals (Dick Hart-



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mann), Elks (Edmond Krueger), and Tigers (Fred Spears).

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**BABE RUTH REGISTRATION SET**

The Northside Babe Ruth League will register players Saturday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Longhorn Cement playing field, Percin-Bietel Road about 2 miles north of Loop 410.

Baseball programs for ages 15-18 and 16-18 will begin early in May.

Martin), Hornets (Dale Bates), Buffaloes (Buck Walters), Cubs (Bob Walz), Aggies (Ernest Camargo), Blue Jays (Robert Keykendall), Bluebirds (Mike Kelly), and Eagles (Russ Drane).

Softball teams—Angels (Marge Benzel), Bluebonnets (Linda Spears), Starlettes (Linda Barrett), and Phillies (Betty Zeeller).

## Horse Race Meets Set At Herff Park

The Kendall County Fair Association has announced the dates for three 1975 thoroughbred and quarterhorse race meets. The first will be on Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-26. The Berges Post Meet will be held June 14-15, and the final meet of the year will be during the Kendall County Fair, Labor Day Weekend, August 30-September 1. Races will be held at Herff Park just east of Heerne on Highway 46. Post time for all races will be 2 p.m.

## MARSHALL STUDENTS ADD HONORS

Marshall mathematics students took three of four top prizes recently in an Inter-scholastic League Practice Tourney.

Paul Deucette, Marshall High School student, took first prize in Novice Numbers Sense at the UIL practice tournament, held recently at Clemens High School in Schertz.

John Ying, earned second place in Veteran Numbers Sense and Amy Bolander earned second in Novice Numbers Sense.

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The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gray, Sr., of Des Moines, Iowa, formerly of Grey Forest, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Pittman of McNeel Park. The mother of the baby is the former

Peggy Pittman. Sandra Lee was born in Freeport, where Billy, Jr. is employed by Dow Chemical.

The San Antonio Public Library now has available Dun & Bradstreet's "Dun's Market Identifiers," which lists 11,000 Bexar County businesses with the names of the owners, number of employees, and sales volume. Phone 223-6851 and ask for the Business, Science and Technology Department.

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