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Person-to-Person

As July went out in the rainstorm which will be remembered longer than the floods of 1919 and 1921 in this area, rainfall for the first seven months of the year measured 16 inches with 2.1 for July, Henry Brauchle reported.

Although Helotes escaped flood damage so far, as the ECHO goes to press, local citizens are concerned for their Hill Country neighbors who experienced losses of lives and property. Many here had homes in the Medina Lake area or ranches in nearby counties and they have reported losses. Residents also were calling on their family members scattered throughout the damaged area to check on their safety. Local residents were also pleased to hear from out-of-state friends and relatives who heard of the Texas flood and were concerned. To those who suffered losses, the community is offering not only sympathy but also help where needed. Rainfall reports are incomplete here, but seven to 11 inches were tallied by various citizens.

Gene Van Cleave, former John Jay football coach, has been appointed to the new position of Northside Physical Education Supervisor. He will work with Northside Athletic Director Marvin Gustafson to coordinate physical education programs and intramural sports.

New Marshall High School head basketball coach is Robert Murphy. The former Marshall assistant coach replaces Frank Runnels, who resigned to enter private business. Runnels guided the 1978 Marshall Basketball Team to the 30-AAAA Bi-District Championship.

Among recent visitors to the ECHO was Albert Biering of Bishop, California whose Mother is Margaret Marnoch Biering, now 86 years old and residing in a nursing home. Albert reports that his Uncle Alfred Biering, a former Helotes resident and member of a pioneer family here, who lives in California is 92 years old and in good health as is his wife.

Mike O'Hara who was recently hospitalized for a heart attack is now out of intensive care at Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital and reported to be much improved. His friends are looking forward to his return home.

ART GUILD SETS 'EXTRAVAGANZA'

The Rains Came



Tropical Storm Amelia came into Helotes Monday, afternoon, July 31, on its way to a rampage through the Hill Country which broke a drought and left death and devastation in surrounding towns. Helotes was spared much of the flooding but local citizens were caught in flooded areas around Medina Lake as the water rushed over the spillway, as well as while seeing about property and family throughout the area. Lightning continued throughout Thursday morning Aug. 3 and rains inundated Loop 410 near the new Mall, making it dangerous for San Antonio traffic. Here, rains and wind move into the Helotes Creek Ranch area.

Staff Photo

**Needy Artist
Show To Be
Aug. 19-20**

Following its successful July Hill Country Spectacular Art and Craft Show, the Helotes Art Guild has issued a special call to every artist and craftsman in the area to join them in what could be the biggest art and craft show this summer, President Richard K. Shader has announced.

The Guild, he said, has scheduled for August 19 and 20 the "Needy Artist Benefit and Welfare Extravaganza" Arts and Crafts Show with all items selling for \$15 or under. Although all artists and media are welcome, only original art will be accepted.

The hours Saturday will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday will be noon until 8 p.m.

The show will be held on the grounds of the Helotes Art Gallery located at 13218 Bandera Road (Highway 16) here in Helotes.

A fee of \$10 will be charged to enter plus a 10 per cent commission on the first \$300 of sales. Booth space will be 10 by 15 feet, he said. Spaces will be let on a first-come, first serve basis. Artists may choose their spaces on Friday evening, August 18. For information contact Shader at 679-7073 or Kay Riley at 695-9227.

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Helotes To Have New Bakery Soon

The Helotes Bakery which will specialize in German-style baking will have a grand opening on next Friday, August 11 and will offer discounts to its first customers. Owned and operated by Christine and

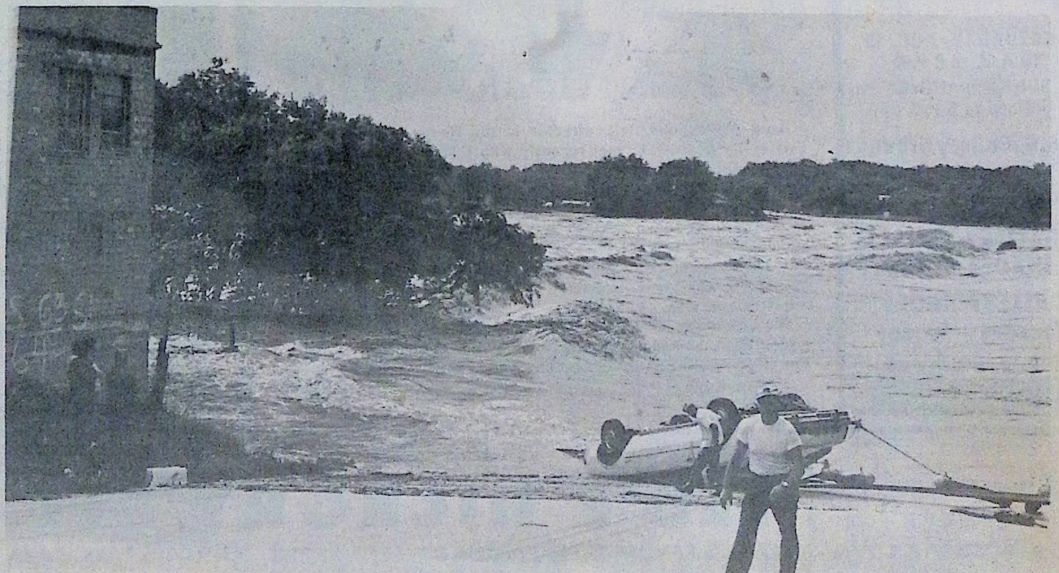
James Davis, the shop will be in the first unit of the Helotes Park Plaza.

Mrs. Davis, who is from Germany, will use both old and new world recipes in baking breads, cakes, pastries and

other specialties.

The store will be open daily from 6:30 a.m. There will be a coffee shop, so that persons who wish may have breakfast or coffee breaks, with appropriate

. Bandera Flood Takes Toll



The worst flood since 1900 hit Bandera when Amelia's rains reached the watershed of the Medina River Tuesday night. This photo shows the Main Street crossing of the Medina River in

Bandera Wednesday morning. At least two persons were drowned, 15 or more are missing, and many homes were washed away in the Bandera area.

staff photo

New Arrival

Armando and Beatrice Flores are parents of a baby boy, Adam Matthew, born at 2:40 a.m. July 31 at Santa Rosa Hospital. The new arrival weighed seven pounds even and measured 26 inches long at birth. He is being welcomed by his brothers Armando, Jr. and Michael Christopher, in addition to grandparents and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Congratulations to the parents on this happy occasion.

The jellyfish has no skeleton, and more than nine-tenths of its body is jellylike.

Barker Makes Court Of Honor

Boy Scout Troop 401 held a Court of Honor recently at Helotes Hills United Methodist Church for Dean Ellis Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Barker of Helotes Park Estates. Opening ceremonies were conducted by Senior Patrol Leader Eric Beckmann. Invocation was offered by Rev. Peter O'Callaghan, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Leon Springs.

After introductions by Charles Beckmann, committee chairman, progress awards were presented to troop members by Monty Montez, scoutmaster, assisted by committeemen Stan Poole, Billy Johnson, and Louis Brooks.

Honor escort was Eagle Scout Paul Allen, assistant scoutmaster.

The record of Dean was read by James Wilson, committeeman. Rev. Collin Furr, former pastor of the Helotes Methodist Church and presently at Chapel Hill Methodist Church, was guest speaker for the occasion.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Josephine Wallace in the loss of her Mother who died in Kerrville July 27 following a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, several other children and grandchildren.

Sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Martha Wood McCarter and Baxter P. Melgaard, both of Helotes, whose Mother died in San Antonio July 22. She is survived also by a brother and grandchildren as well as great-grandchildren.



Dean Ellis Barker, center, is shown during Court of Honor ceremonies. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 401.

New Sea Frontier

The oceans and seas, which cover nearly three-fourths of the earth's surface, are a watery Fort Knox, filled with gold and other precious mineral wealth.

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If you would like to learn more about these new efforts write the American Geological Institute, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Va. 22041.

"One man's fault is another man's lesson." H. G. Bohn



Saud Al-Rashoud, left, director of the Rector's office at the University of Kuwait, met recently with UTSA Acting President Dr. James Wagener on the local campus to discuss the opportunities and problems of a new university.

The University of Kuwait was established in 1966 and UTSA in 1969. The institutions are about the same size with about 8,000 students here and 9,000 there.

Al-Rashoud stayed in San Antonio with a nephew, Mohamad Al-Majed. He was given conducted tours of the area by UTSA administrators, also.

The University of Kuwait is the only university in Kuwait, a Middle East shiekdom which has a population of about one million. The oil-producing nation has become very wealthy in recent years.

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SAN ANTONIO—Ten years after he christened the Institute of Texan Cultures as the Texas Pavilion for the 1968 HemisFair, former governor John Connally returned Thursday to open the Institute's annual Texas Folklife Festival.

It was under Governor Connally's leadership that the Institute was constructed, to build an exhibit where visitors could "get the big picture of all the people of Texas" and Texans "could recapture our culture and our understanding of ourselves."

In 10 years, the Institute has grown from an exhibit floor to a comprehensive learning and communications center for Texas history and folk culture.

The Folklife Festival is part of that growth. Started in 1972, the Festival brings together 5,000 people representing 30 ethnic groups for four days of traditional food, games, music, dance, stories, crafts and contests.

The Festival covers 15 acres surrounding the Institute on HemisFair Plaza in downtown San Antonio. Gates open at noon today, Saturday and Sunday. The Festival closes at 11 p.m. each night.



Appearing at the Folklife Festival this weekend is Teresa Champion who is San Antonio's expert on flamenco dances. She also teaches the Ballet Folklorico de Helotes dancers who represent Helotes there and throughout the state.



In 1903, a young girl's broken china doll began a family folk art that is now shared with visitors to the Texas Folklife Festival. Kingsbury's Charlene Berryman makes corn dolls the same way her grandfather did when his daughter's glass doll broke. The family craft involves not only shaping dolls out of ears of corn but also sewing pioneer-style clothing. Mrs. Berryman and hundreds of Texans will demonstrate their traditional crafts at the 7th annual Festival, Aug. 3-6 in downtown San Antonio.

library's assistant director for public services, said "Unlike a public library, we usually have only one copy of a book and we need to know where it is and when it will be available."

The public may check out books from the UTSA library after paying a refundable \$15 deposit. For more information, phone the UTSA library, 691-4570.

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personnel can quickly check out a book, or determine if it is already checked out and when it should be returned.

About 2,400 books are checked out of the UTSA library and about 400 are renewed during an average week.

Dr. Michael Kelly, director of libraries, said UTSA has all its cataloging in a machine-readable form, making the changeover to the automated system much simpler than for older libraries.

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Roundup at UTSA



UTSA Alumni Association members Linda Ethridge left, Rudy Trevino and Linda Morris, right, are gathering frisbees, cow chips and zesty jalapenos for the Association's first Roundup, Aug. 5 at UTSA. The event, which is open to the public, features a barbecue dinner, dancing, a celebrity auction and chip-in, frisbee and jalapeno-eating contests.

Photo by Gil Barrera

Visitors To Helotes



Mrs. Laura Davis, center, had as her recent guests her

daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony (Bernice) Russell from Pittsburg, Kansas. While here, they are shown during a visit to the ECHO. Mrs. Davis lives on Scenic Loop Road on property which was once part of the Monarch Ranch owned by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Marnoch and established by her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. George Marnoch from Scotland. The ECHO is located in the original homeplace of the ranch.



A recent study showed that people who ate within two hours of food shopping bought an average of \$7.48 less than they did shopping when hungry.

Energy Costs Hit Water Board

Inflation has the City Water Board of San Antonio in the same financial bind as the average consumer, according to a survey of the utility's current operating costs compared with prices paid for goods and services 10 years ago.

Figures compiled by CSB comptroller John Shields show the greatest increase in the utility's expenses has been the cost of electric power for operating the system's water pumps, which has jumped 293 per cent in the past 10 years.

CSB's electric bill in 1968 was \$402,272. This year Shields has budgeted \$1,582,390 for this expense.

During the 10-year period the budget for personal services - wages and other employee benefits - has grown from \$2,947,200 to \$8,599,380, a jump of 192 per cent. Shields attributed part of this growth to an increase of employees in the 10 year period from 557 to 731.

Cost of materials used in extending service to customers also has skyrocketed. A foot of six-inch water pipe, the most popular size, which cost \$1.28 in 1968, is \$2.46 today.

Fire hydrants, which the City Water Board buys, installs and maintains for the City of San Antonio free of charge, are \$333.06 each today compared with \$125.11 a decade ago.

Shields said the utility pays 44.95 cents for a gallon of gas today compared with 15.9 cents

10 years ago, an increase of 183 per cent.

Shields noted that while the City Water Board's charges for water service have climbed 64 per cent during the past 10 years, the utility's operating expenses have gone up 217 per cent in the same period.

Despite the rate increases, San Antonio water still is a bargain compared with Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and other major Texas cities, all of whom charge more for this service than the local utility, he pointed out.

Pease To Have Woman Principal

Yvonne Katz, former special education programs coordinator, named as Pease Middle School Principal, is Northside ISD's first woman secondary principal.

The former resource teacher and special education supervisor replaces Principal Paul Fleming, now Director of Secondary Education, a new position. Fleming has served as assistant principal at Holmes High School also.

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U.S. Congressman Abraham "Chick" Kazen, Jr., a frequent guest at the famed St. Louis Day Celebration each August in Castroville, is shown here, right foreground, having a chat last year with Alton Seekatz, a friend and constituent from the Medina Lake area as they took in the celebration. As the event takes place at Koenig Park Sunday, August 20, Congressman Kazen will again be among the homecoming crowd to enjoy friendships of many years.

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Castroville To Mark St. Louis Day Aug. 20

CASTROVILLE, TEXAS—Castroville, home of the Texas Alsatian colony, will again host thousands at the annual St. Louis Celebration, August 20.

Each year the townsfolk prepare a giant barbecue meal, complete with trimmings and desserts. This year's meal will be served at 11 a.m., followed by an afternoon dance at 3 p.m.

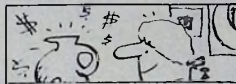
Alsatian family recipes will be featured at the "Country Store" with country items and primitive antiques at the afternoon auction.

This year's picnic will again be at the tree-shaded Koenig Park in Castroville, just off U.S. 90, west of San Antonio and some 20 miles Southwest of Helotes.

In charge of the big event which will be well attended by Alsations from far and near and their South Texas friends are Chairpersons Yvonne Tschirhart, Dr. Woodrow Sharp and Alex Tschirhart.

They have issued special invitations to everyone to attend and help celebrate the 96th

annual St. Louis Day in Castroville. Last year there were some 20,000 visitors and preparations this year include plenty for all with additional tours of the historic landmarks.



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Neubauer can be reached at 227-3454.

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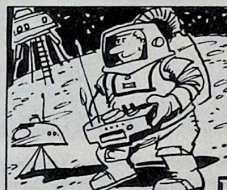
A fascination with rocks may help you become an astronaut.

Geologist Jack Schmitt explored the moon as an Apollo 17 astronaut. Schmitt, now a U.S. senator from New Mexico, says our trips to the moon were right on the beam—putting vast new knowledge within our grasp.

Schmitt explains, "Our observations on the face of the moon have taught us about its origin and about the origin of the earth. This will lead us to new mineral resources and new knowledge of such things as the origins of the oceans, and of life itself. We'll still benefit from this knowledge dozens of years from now."

Outer space is only one of the fascinating way-out frontiers explored by geologists. Geologists work on ocean floors, in craters of active volcanoes and in the middle of Antarctica.

According to Schmitt, "There's a lot we don't know about this spaceship we live on, and we need to understand more...much more than ever before."



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To learn more about earth science and geology, how geologists' search for knowledge benefits mankind and about careers in geology, write the American Geological Institute, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041.

NEWS

For Homeowners

TIPS ON LAWN MOWER SAFETY

Are you up-to-date on lawn mower safety? If you're not, you're dangerous to yourself and to others around you. Here are some safety tips from the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute for using a rider power mower.

1. Know what you're doing. Start by reading the instruction manual so all the maneuvers your machine makes come out right the first time.



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2. Test the controls—especially the ones that let you stop fast in an emergency.

3. Clear the area of kids and pets—you never know when they can dart in front of you or when objects might be thrown by your machine.

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New Ramps Being Built

SAN ANTONIO—State Department of Highways and Public Transportation personnel began two important ramp improvement projects on Loop 410 this week.

The first ramp will reduce the problems facing existing southbound Loop traffic to U.S. 90 west. This ramp is used by motorists headed for Lackland and Kelly Air Force Bases and Wilford Hall Hospital. It will be constructed about half a mile to the north of the existing one. This will permit existing traffic to move safely off of the Loop 410 southbound mainlane.

The other project will move the northbound exit ramp to Marbach Road 1500 feet further south.

The total cost will be \$55,000. Department maintenance personnel will do the work which is expected to take several months.

Motorists on these sections of Loop 410 are urged to pay particular attention to department personnel working on the roads. Appropriate warning signs and when necessary, flagmen, will be used to safeguard both travelers and workers. All motorists are urged to drive with care, obey the signs and save a life.

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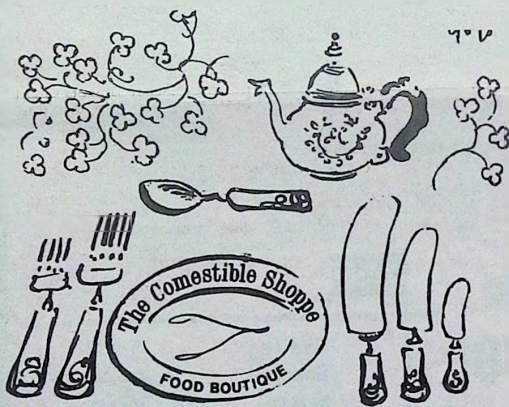
SEALY—Top officers from the Grand Lodge of the Order of the Sons of Hermann in San Antonio will attend the 14th annual Sons of Hermann Bowling Tournament scheduled in Sealy the four weekends of August beginning this Saturday.

Eighty-two teams have been entered from 14 cities and towns in Texas, Gladys

Eichler of Houston, secretary-treasurer, has announced. Each team has five members.

Representing the Grand Lodge this weekend will be First Grand Vice-President Hardy A. Mosel of Fredericksburg. Grand President Louis Engelke of San Antonio will attend Aug. 12-13, Second Grand Vice President Leroy Muehlstein of San Antonio will attend Aug. 19-20, and Grand Trustee Raymond Brehm, Aug. 26-27.

The tournament, to be held at the Sealy Bowling Palace, is ABC and WIBC sanctioned.



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Orientation Set At UTSA

The final orientation program for students who will enter UTSA this fall will be Aug. 21 through 23.

The program, sponsored by the UTSA Dean of Students Office, provided new students with information on the University's academic requirements, campus procedures and student services and activities.

Reservation deadline for orientation is Aug. 17. The fee is \$10.

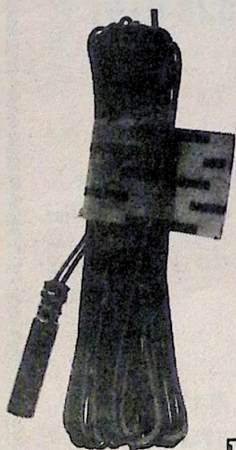
Two other programs are offered free of charge for new UTSA students. "Getting a Headstart" will be Aug. 16 and 17 and emphasizes reading, language and mathematical skills and the goal-setting and decisionmaking processes.

Students who are returning to school after a break in their education may attend a special seminar for "stop-outs" Aug. 18.

For additional information on the programs, phone the UTSA Dean of Students Office, 691-4150.

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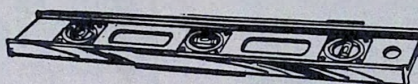
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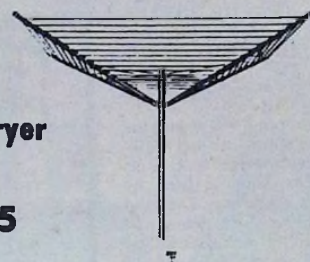
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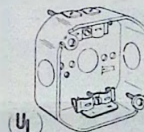
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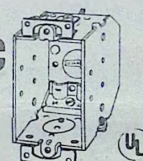
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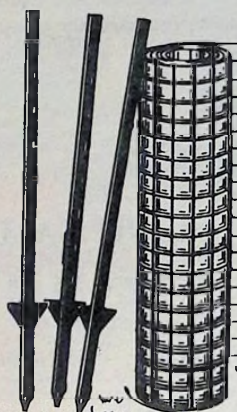
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