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EDWARDS DISTRICT FIGHTS SAN ANTONIO TAKEOVER

Person-to-Person

October so far has been glorious weather-wise, and the fast paced football games and outdoor activities have rivalled the stepped-up entertainment of Hill Country festivities. With weather ranging under sunny skies and misty dawns from the 40's to the 80's, someone must be making notes to live here always.

By October 1, according to records kept by Henry Brauchle at the Poor Boy Ranch, Helotes had a record of 30 inches of rainfall with 8.7 falling in September. So for the worriers, Helotes is several inches over the average annual rainfall for 1978 and the dry, sparkling weather can be enjoyed. Moisture earlier promises a good chance of turning leaves in the near future, making for Harvest colors in time for the holidays.

Daylight saving time ends Sunday, Oct. 29, at 2 a.m., so everyone can have an extra hour of sleep that morning and still make it to church on time.

Martha Whitley and her husband, Bob, were recently hospitalized but are improving after a bout with the flu.

Jerry Cotton of Grey Forest was recently appointed to the City Council to fill the unexpired term of Councilperson Ruth Morris, who had served several terms under former Mayor Ed Faust and the present Mayor, Virginia Springer. Mrs. Morris resigned to give more time to her family including teen-age granddaughters. She did an excellent job on the Council and will be doing her part as a citizen, of course. Congratulations to Jerry, who is well acquainted with plans and problems of the City of Grey Forest and has been a resident there with his wife and small daughters for several years.

Work of R.C. Gorman, painter, sculptor, lithographer and tapestry maker, will be displayed in the lobby of Northside State Bank, 4011 San Pedro, during December.

From humble beginnings on the Navajo reservation in Arizona near Canyon de Chelly, Gorman has become one of the leading Indian artists. His works are in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

'Helotes in Autumn' Show Set



Staff photos

Helotes is a mecca for art lovers.

Exhibiting their art this weekend are many Guild artists and guest artists from throughout the State. Some also had works in the recent River Arts Show in San Antonio.

Here Gerard Waterreus, a member of the Helotes Art Guild who was originally from Holland, exhibits his land and sea scapes on the Gallery grounds.



Connie Haese of Stagecoach Hills is shown inside the Gallery with one of her bluebonnet paintings in the traditional manner. She was one of the directors of the recent River Art Show and is noted for her Hill Country landscapes also.

The Helotes Art Guild's "Helotes in the Autumn" arts and crafts show will open Saturday morning at 10 o'clock on the grounds of the guild's gallery and continue on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

The show will feature all types of arts and crafts. Each work must have been accomplished by the artist, as no

kits or imported items will be allowed.

Featured in the gallery will be work of the guild's artist of the month, Anne Thorn Lopez. Her special show will continue through Nov. 17.

"Anne's use of striking color, the palette knife, and her love of nature contribute to the end product of live natural beauty

paintings," said Carol Bruns, publicity chairman of the guild.

A plaque will be presented to Mrs. Lopez at the gallery Sunday at 2 p.m. in recognition of her selection as artist of the month.

A number of Helotes Art Guild members participated in the San Antonio River Art Show on Sunday, Oct. 15.

Amount Of Water In Aquifer Not Known

The Edwards Underground Water District management has taken exception to a statement made in the San Antonio City Council meeting Oct. 11, that there is enough water in the Edwards aquifer to last more than two centuries beyond the year 2020.

Col. McDonald D. Weinert, general manager of the EUWD, stated categorically that "the EUWD board since it was formed in 1960 has been conducting studies to determine the amount of water in the reservoir as a continuation of those begun by the U.S. Geological Survey in 1898, and no one has any knowledge of the total amount of water in the aquifer."

He added that the EUWD agrees that there should be management of the total ground and surface water resources in all three river basins — Nueces, San Antonio and Guadalupe-Blanco.

The Edwards Underground Water District, composed of the five counties from Hays to Uvalde, also will continue to support the concept of management of the Edwards aquifer on a regional basis. It rejected a suggested change in the composition of the district's board so that representation will be on the basis of population as well as geography.

At a Water Resources Task Force meeting, Robert R. Matthews, assistant manager of the EUWD, read a prepared statement that said:

"Your proposal to change the composition of the district board is not viable at this time. Candidly, to attempt the change will probably destroy the district. . . I predict that a successor agency could not be formed and functioning before 1983 or 1984." The latter part of the statement referred to the 1980 census which could mandate redistricting.

Since its inception 19 years ago, the EUWD board has been composed of three directors from each of the five counties — Bexar, Comal, Hays, Medina and Uvalde.

*1000 Grant

The UTSA Division of Accounting and Business Data Systems has received a \$1,000 grant from the Tenneco Oil Company.

Dr. Leslie McNelis, division director, said the grant will be used as a form in financial aid for promising students.

John Jay High Seeks To Raise Own Reward

Vandals did it. Good students will work to raise the money to pay the reward for catching the vandals who did it.

Northside's John Jay High School on Marbach Road was hit by vandals during the weekend of Oct. 7-8. Eight fires were apparently deliberately set, severely damaging the science labs. Students lockers were broken open and their contents thrown on the floor. Desks, filing cabinets and computers were smashed.

The damage estimate kept going higher and topped \$100,000. Classes had to be suspended for two days, but students and teachers assisted in the clean-up.

Northside Supt. Ed Cody announced the district would offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of the vandals.

But this week, an attorney for the district told the school board that the use of tax money for a reward is illegal.

So John Jay is going to have to put on some fund-raising activities to raise the money for the reward. The Booster Club will help with the planning.

And the students will carry out the activities. The good students.



Opening of the new Leon Valley Home Services recently was attended by King Leo V, Fred Garcia, and the Kingsmen of the Leon Valley Stage Coach Days Festival Association. King Leo V, center, watches as Henry Spindle, Jr., owner of Leon Valley Home Services, and his associate, John James (in top hat), shake hands. Left to right in the back row are David Walden, Bill Branz, Marcus Semmelman, Ken Alley, and Steve Roos.

Chimneys Should Be Cleaned Now

Leon Valley Home Services, a new business designed to provide specialized service to homeowners in Northwest Bexar County, has opened at 6547 Bandera Road.

According to the owner, Henry Spindle, Jr., and his associate, John James, Leon Valley Home Services will provide custom work such as chimney cleaning, swimming

pool cleaning and covering, painting, and small repairs.

"Few companies are willing to take on small jobs, but we welcome them," Spindle said.

James, a Leon Valley fireman, said they are particularly interested in helping promote fire safety by cleaning chimneys. "We have seen many incidents of chimney fires recently. Most authorities agree that chimneys should be cleaned once a year," he said.

Swimming pool cleaning and covering for the winter months are important to pool owners who want a clean pool when warm weather returns, Spindle pointed out.

Free estimates will be provided on all jobs, he said. For information, call 681-3161.

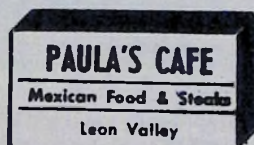
Loan Deadline

Now Nov. 13

The U.S. Small Business Administration has announced that the loan application deadline has been extended for Texas farmers and ranchers who suffered damage and financial hardship resulting from 1977 drought conditions.

Nov. 13 now is the deadline for those who plan to file for long-term, low-interest loans at 3 percent interest for the first \$250,000 and 6½ percent interest thereafter.

For information and assistance, contact the Small Business Administration office at 727 E. Durango, San Antonio.



Jeff Milford, 17, Dies At Irving

Jeff Milford, 17, of Irving, died Sept. 23 after a rodeo accident in Fort Worth and was buried in the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in Helotes.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Milford of Irving. He was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hand of Leon Valley and a nephew of Mrs. Edward C. Anderson. Other relatives and friends live also in Helotes and Bandera.

Jeff was a student at Irving's MacArthur High School, where he was vice president of the school's Rodeo Club.

He was participating in a North Texas High School Rodeo Association competition at the time of his fatal accident. He fell beneath a horse in a

bareback riding event and suffered a crushed chest.

Two sisters also survive him. They are Mrs. Gay Kessler of Bryan and Miss Stephanie Milford of Irving.

He was a member of North Irving Baptist Church. His minister remembers him as someone who once drove a hundred miles to help a friend with car trouble. His sister said only the week before he had visited a hospitalized friend every day.

"He was the kindest kid there ever was," said the manager of the service station where Jeff had been employed.

The MacArthur Rodeo Club will dedicate to him a rodeo scheduled for Dec. 1-3.

Girl Scout Troop Lists 21 Members

Helotes' Girl Scout Troop — Troop 73 — has been reorganized and has 21 members under Troop Leader Juliet Wilkinson of San Antonio Ranch. The troop meets every other Saturday at the Helotes Methodist Church, the first meeting having been on Oct. 14.

Members are: Giny Cortes, Gena Draker, Kimberly Loeffler, Donna Echterhoff, Michelle Graham, Michelle Lee, Donna Lynn Patterson, Kristina Schade, Loreen-Marie Lamm, Christie Hall, Jennifer Martinez, Jodi Miller, Wendy Watson, Rochelle Slaughter, Kellye Seitz, Liana-Jean

Wilkinson, Desiree Braendle, Darlyne George, Jessica Garcia, Gina Andrews and Letty Chavarria.

Troop chairman is Mrs. Norman Hall, troop consultant is Mrs. Gena Draker, and cookie chairman is Mrs. Ginger Echterhoff.

The troop is to take part in the Helotes School PTA Fun Fair Saturday night, and Sunday they will attend the Ice Capades in San Antonio.

The next regular meeting will be on Oct. 28. That evening the troop will have a Spook House for the three Brownie troops in Helotes.

NICHOLAS WEBER, M.A.

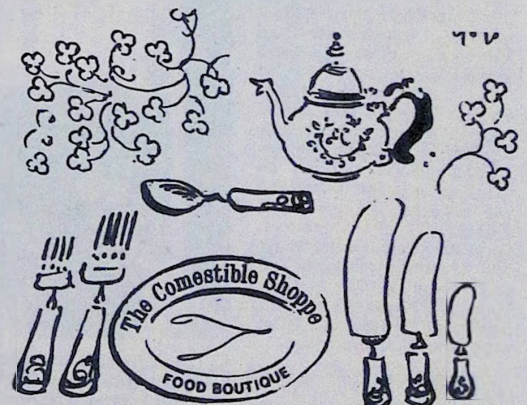
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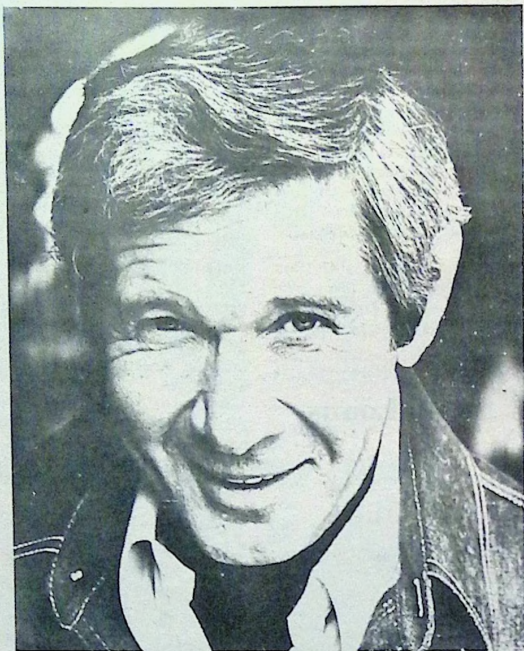
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Onstage Here



Jan Murray, well-known comedian of TV, movies and the stage, is starring in Woody Allen's play, "Don't Drink the Water", at the Fiesta Dinner Playhouse, Loop 1604 near San Pedro. His role is that of a New Jersey caterer who takes his

family on a long dreamed of European vacation. In Europe they all become involved in a series of comical blunders, romances and international intrigues. "Don't Drink the Water" will run through Nov. 26 at the playhouse.

Historic Boerne Home To Be Shown Oct. 29

The annual historic open house of the Ol' Shavano Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will feature this year the home of Capt. and Mrs. Coleman W. Sims at 927 School Street in Boerne.

The home will be shown on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 1 to 6 p.m. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for children. Proceeds will be used to help finance educational and

patriotic activities of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The original three rooms of the old rock house were built in 1879 by an early settler named Eduard Ferdinand Harz. Mr. Harz came from Lommatsch, Bohemia, in 1853 on the ship "Miles" and settled in Kendall County.

The house was acquired in the early 1900's by Mrs. Benjamin Frank Johnson, grandmother of Mrs. Sims. The three Johnson brothers, Tom, Charles and Frank, ran the San Antonio Light as publisher, press operator and circulation director respectively. Prior to that they owned the Johnson Brothers Printing Co.

The house was passed on to Mrs. Sims' father, Joe Johns, who added a trophy room to display his collection of trophies acquired on safaris in Africa.

Over the years Capt. and Mrs. Sims have remodeled the house for additional comforts. Greatly enhancing the charm of the house are many beautiful antiques and treasurers collected worldwide. Capt. Sims is a retired U.S. Navy officer. Refreshments will be available during the open house.

To reach the Sims home, go down Main Street in Boerne to

the Live Oak Center and turn right on School Street. Red, white and blue streamers will mark the house.

In previous years the Ol' Shavano Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have shown the Marnoch Mansion in Helotes, now offices of the Helotes Echo, and the former Antonio Home, now owned by Dr. Edward L. Piggott, Jr.

Engagement

Announced

The engagement of Miss Deby Grace Smith to Dale Bailey has been announced. She is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Smith of Bar X Trail here and the late Mr. Gordon Smith. She is a graduate of John Marshall High School and is employed at Mursch Sporting Goods.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Highlands High School and works for the Alamo Wrecker Co.

No date has been announced for the marriage.

Social Security Aids Divorced

Divorced wives, widows and husbands who were married ten consecutive years before their divorce may be eligible for social security benefits on the records of their former spouses beginning January 1, 1979, said Gilbert G. Gonzalez, San Antonio District Manager in San Antonio. Recent changes to the social security law reduced the duration of marriage

requirement from 20 to 10 years. The law has also been expanded to include divorced persons who are unmarried now and whose former spouses are retired, disabled or deceased. They should contact the nearest social security office to see if they might be eligible to a higher benefit on that record.

Proof of age, marriage and divorce are needed. The social

security personnel will assist applicants in obtaining proofs that have been lost or destroyed. There are no retroactive benefits payable before age 65, so a delay in filing an application could result in loss of some benefits for persons under age 65.

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Contest Opens

Talented teenagers from a 30-county area in Central and North-Central Texas will have an opportunity to compete for recognition in the 1979 Scholastic Art Awards program.

The University of Texas at Austin Art Department will be sponsor for the Central Texas regional aspect of the program, which is expected to attract 3,000 art entries.

The area from which the art entries will be solicited includes the counties of Bexar, Blanco, Gillespie and Kendall.

Student work will be judged in two groups — for those in Grades 7, 8, and 9, and for those in Grades 10, 11, and 12.

Varied classifications in the competition cover original work in the fields of painting, drawing, printmaking, design, three-dimensional art and photography.

Teachers in the various schools will make the initial selection of art entries. Official entry blanks may be obtained by teachers after Dec. 1 from Mrs. Sherilyn Howze, secondary art supervisor of the Austin Independent School District, 6100 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas 78752.

Along Our Route

Bend, Oregon

Dear Lucy and C.O.:

Thought I'd write a note to let you know of our recent loss. We have really had a heck of a year.

First of all, we had two grandchildren born early this summer. Jay and his wife Gigi had a baby girl born May 16. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and they named her Heidi Marie Miller. Then Lynn and Karen had a little boy on June 13. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and they named him Jason Lynn Miller. Well, Jason died on August 26, a crib death. So sad.

We've really had a rough year — will be so glad when '79 gets here. We've lost several good friends and neighbors in Helotes, according to the Echo and various letters we've received from there.

Guess we're going to have a cold winter. It started getting cold in August and was down to 24 degrees this a.m. Ice on windows, etc.

Well, please tell everyone in Helotes and Mr. M's hello for us and also keep the Echo coming our way. It is so nice to be able to keep up with everyone that way.

Sincerely,

H.L. and Susan Miller
John, Randy and Billy

A LETTER TO A YOUNG THIEF:

Well, you must be terribly proud of yourself, but I haven't heard your family boasting of your accomplishment last week — don't they know it? Didn't you tell them? Or did you tell them you swapped for this stuff? For goodness sake, let's make sure the whole world knows of such marvelous achievement. It's not every teen age boy who'll walk right into the home of Allen B. Fischer and proceed to steal his Royce 611 CB radio and speaker, Kodak X45 camera, Realistic cassette recorder and other goodies, along with my 11 or 12 cassettes, two of which are translations of Spanish history books that took me two years to obtain and that no amount of money can replace. Oh, the wonder of your destroying two years worth of research for me — let's tell everyone about it!

You will be delighted to know that not only did you steal from a man who is sick enough that he has not been able to work for several years, but that you have cost me two heartbreaking years worth of research to try and reconstruct, somehow.

Do you have any idea how many months we saved to be able to purchase those things? The CB was purchased so that if I broke down coming home late at night I would have some means of calling for help, now it's serving as your toy (someday my life may be endangered just to amuse you.) The recorder was purchased because I am trying to put together my dead father's notes into the book he had begun — and you're probably playing rock music on it.

I can't believe your family isn't crowing about this — I can just imagine how proud I'd be if my daughters had just cleaned out your parent's home — especially if your mother

worked two jobs (while going to school) to make both ends meet in the middle.

There is a reward of \$20 offered for the return of the tapes in tact, with no questions asked, and if you have any idea how badly I need those tapes you'll bring them back and collect the reward — I'm good for my word.

Now, to another matter, because this is not the first time you have helped yourself to our belongings and because we have no police protection in Grey Forest, I find myself in the position of being forced to defend my home and my family. I am not vindictive — I am not coming after you or anything like that — you have to live with yourself and that alone should be punishment enough. However, since you are perpetrating these crimes I can only assume you capable of more serious crimes, and if I catch you in my house threatening me, you, son, have "had it!" Make no mistake on my attitude toward criminals invading my home (and you are a common criminal). Maybe you have your rights but invading my home and stealing my belongings is not among them and defending my home is not only one of my rights, it is my duty. I urge you not to test me.

Wouldn't you rather I dropped charges because I recovered our stuff? Or shall I pursue the charges? You had guts enough to steal our stuff, now, let's see if you're man enough to return it all. This, son, would begin to

command you some real respect around the neighborhood. It'll take much more courage to bring it back and say "I'm sorry" than it did to sneak in and take it in the first place.

Kitty Fischer

P.S. My comment about lack of police protection in Grey Forest is not directed at the undermanned Bexar County Sheriff's Department that does a great job and provides Grey Forest with the only protection we have.

— Kitty Fischer, P.O. Box 255, Helotes, Texas 78023, 695-3325, 9715 Park Drive, Grey Forest, Texas, October 11, 1978

Flood Loans Over \$5 Million

The U.S. Small Business Administration has received applications from 766 Hill Country residents for low-interest disaster loans in the aftermath of August floods. Loan requests total over \$19 million. Oct. 2 was the application deadline.

"Almost half the loan ap-

plications received by SBA already have been approved," said James S. Reed, SBA district director. "These loans amount to over \$5 million and will aid flood victims in replacing water-damaged property in Kerr, Bandera, Kendall and surrounding counties."

SBA disaster loans are intended to enable flood victims to return their property, as nearly as possible, to pre-disaster condition. The loans for homeowners cover the repair or replacement of personal property such as furniture, clothing and appliances, as well as real property such as building structures, driveways and fences.

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John Jay, UTSA To Sponsor Choir Clinic



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Dr. Douglas Lyren

The UTSA Division of Music and John Jay High School will cosponsor a choir clinic for high schools from throughout the San Antonio area on Nov. 3-4.

The clinic will be held at Jay. Clinicians will be Dr. Gordon H. Lamb, director of the UTSA Division of Music, and Dr. Douglas Lyren, assistant professor of music.

Dr. Lamb is founder-conductor of the UTSA Chamber Chorale, a highly acclaimed university-civic group. Dr. Lyren conducts UTSA ensembles ranging from the 16-member Madrigal Singers to the Concert Choir to the UTSA Chorus.

The two-day clinic will include a Saturday evening banquet and a special performance by the UTSA Concert Choir at 7 p.m. in the Jay auditorium.

Cost for the clinic is \$10 per group. Banquet costs are extra.

Morris Stevens, director of choral activities at Jay, is handling clinic arrangements.

For more information, phone 691-4357.



A woodchuck is so-called from his American Indian name: *wejak*.

NO-TRICK TREATS



A PUMPKIN PATCH of tasty jack-o'-lantern burgers is a hearty Halloween send-off for a band of merry masqueraders. These quick treats join with carrot sticks, celery stalks, ripe olives and cider to make an easy dinner for Trick-or-Treaters. The recipe from the new Hallmark Holiday Cookbook calls for 2 pounds of ground beef, 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt, 1 teaspoon of pepper, 1/4 cup of tomato juice and 8 slices of American cheese. Mix the beef, salt, pepper and tomato juice. Gently form into eight patties. Meanwhile, have the children create their own funny-face cheese cutouts. On a lightly greased hot skillet, cook five minutes on one side and three on the other for medium-rare burgers. Add the cheese jack-o'-lanterns, cook for two more minutes, and serve open-faced on hamburger buns or toasted English muffins. The Hallmark Holiday Cookbook is available in stores that carry Hallmark products. It features special meals and treats for every major seasonal celebration.

Eye Troubles To Get Help

Early Intervention, a new Northside Independent School District program serving visually handicapped children from birth through age 3, is looking for participants throughout the Northside District.

Partially sighted, blind, deaf-blind, and multiply-handicapped children are eligible. Classes, home teaching and parent training are provided.

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EARNINGS JUMP

Consolidated net earnings of Alamo Savings Association and its subsidiaries have achieved a new nine-month record despite spiralling costs, according to Association chairman and president Clyde Johnson Jr.

In an interim report to Alamo Savings stockholders, Johnson reported earnings of \$1,365, 091 for the first three quarters of 1978, a 10.9 percent increase over 1977.

Combined assets of the Association and its subsidiaries reached \$273,090,509 on Sept. 30.

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Edward R. Boyle has been named director of accounting at The University of Texas at San Antonio. For the last six years he had served as an accountant

at the UT Health Science Center. He has a bachelor of business administration degree from St. Mary's University.

ECHO-LOG

Friday, Oct. 20

Hill Country African Violet Club presents "Autumn Beauty Is African Violets," judged show and sale, lower level Central Park Mall, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Continues on Saturday.

Jan Murray opens in "Don't Drink the Water," Fiesta Dinner Playhouse, Loop 1604 near San Pedro. Continues Tuesday through Sunday until Nov. 26. Reservations, 494-7793.

Annual Greek Festival opens at La Villita Assembly Hall, 6 p.m. to midnight. Continues on Saturday and Sunday. Greek dances, food, wine, and travel films. Admission \$3 for adults, \$1 for children.

Exhibit of works of two UTSA sculpture students, Don Evans and George Horner, San Antonio Museum of Modern Art, 2214 McCullough, each weekend through Oct. 29. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

District II Conference of the Texas Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs opens at La Mansion Del Norte Hotel. Continues on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday, Oct. 21

Texas Artist Don Warren previews his recent paintings at Sigoloff's Wonderland Gallery, 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit continues through Oct. 31.

Southwest Research Center Staff Wives Club rummage sale and Secondhand Rose style show, San Antonio Farmers' Market, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 22

UTSA Concert Choir will perform a program of German Music at St. John's Lutheran Church, 502 E. Nueva, 8 p.m. Admission free.

San Antonio Kennel Club presents its 102nd All-Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trials, Joe Freeman Coliseum. Judging will start at 8 a.m. Admission \$1 for adults, 50 cents for school children.

Monday, Oct. 23

Witte Museum presents John F. Hayward, consultant to Sotheby-Park Bernet Galleries, in a lecture on jewelry from the Renaissance to the Victorian period, 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

South Texas Regional Blood Bank's bloodmobile will be at UTSA today from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Will return on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 25

Make Today Count will meet at the Cancer Therapy Center in the South Texas Medical Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 26

Summit Oaks Chapter, American Association of Retired Persons, will observe Fun Day at 5319 Newcombe, beginning at 1 p.m. Members and everyone else 55 and over welcome. Regular meeting will be held Nov. 9.

Friday, Oct. 27

Claude Fouquet, French Consul General at Houston, will speak at UTSA, 10:30 a.m., in the University's Division of Foreign Languages. The public is welcome.

Saturday, Oct. 28

Oak Hills Terrace Elementary School presents its "Family Style Carnival," 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Open to the public.

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Westfall Branch Library will display Texas landscapes of Ardyth Haecker, member of the Helotes Art Guild from today through November 30. The library is located on Loop 410 at Vance-Jackson Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Witte Museum will open an exhibit of early Texana and early Texas furniture and decorative arts, today through November 30.

Jewish Harvest Festival, sponsored by the Institute of Texan Cultures, HemisFair plaza, 3 p.m. Blessing of the bread, explanation of festival, folk music, Israeli dancers, continuous showing of the film "The Jewish Texans." Admission free.

Sunday, Nov. 5

Annual rummage sale of the Agudas Achim Sisterhood opens at the synagogue, 1201 Donaldson Ave., 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Will continue on Sunday, Nov. 6.

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The San Antonio Police Department will hold an auction of motor vehicles unclaimed by the former owners, at the Police Storage Lot, 3625 Growdon Road, on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 10 a.m. The cars may be viewed that morning prior to the auction between 8 and 10 a.m.

The Texas Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act grants authority for the sale and provides the purchaser with a vehicle free and clear of all liens. This entitles the purchaser to register the car and receive a certificate of title.

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Edwards Wells All Show Rise

Water levels in the Edwards Underground Water District at the end of September continued the dramatic turn-around which began with the torrential downpours of early August.

The district's check well in San Antonio, for example, was up nearly 15 feet from August's reading, a gain of 24.8 feet since the end of July. All wells checked in the district were up, as were the springs.

The district manager, Col.

McDonald D. Weinert, attributed the recovery to reduced pumpage, first and to increased recharge following August and September rainfall.

"When we have generally heavy rainfall over the area," Col. Weinert said, "we see a quick resurgence of water well levels due to reduced consumption. Recharge from runoff takes a little longer but continues over a longer period."

Following are the water well

levels, shown at mean sea level, at the end of September:

Uvalde: 877.5 feet, up 0.5 feet.

Sabinal: 782.6 feet, up 4.4 feet.

Castroville: 704.6 feet, up 8.6 feet.

Hondo: 735.3 feet, up 10.1 feet.

San Antonio: 677.1 feet, up 14.9 feet.

New Braunfels: 626.8 feet, up 1.6 feet.

Kyle: 561.3 feet, up 11.3 feet.

Hermann Sons Now 75,000 Strong

SAN ANTONIO — The Order of the Sons of Hermann in Texas, oldest fraternal benefit society in the nation, reached the 75,000-member mark for the first time in its history last month.

Louis B. Engelke of San Antonio, grand president, announced that a 6-year-old San Antonio boy, Philip Morris Rihn, had been identified by the Data Processing Department as the 75,000th member when his application was approved early this month.

The junior member is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Rihn, and all members of the family belong to Biry Hermann Sons Lodge No. 283 at Biry, a community southwest of San Antonio. Philip's grandfather, Frank Rihn, recently received his 60-year membership pin as a member of Hermann Sons at Biry.

The Order of the Sons of Hermann was organized in 1840 by German immigrants in New York City. It was named in honor of a folk hero, Hermann the Cherusker, whose tribal forces in the Battle of Teutoburg Forest in 9 A.D. annihilated three Roman Legions. Since the Romans were thus denied these

Teutonic lands, the battle has been listed as one of the 15 most decisive in world history.

Hermann Sons came to Texas in 1860 with the organization of Harmonia Lodge No. 1 in San Antonio. The new lodge was chartered in 1861, and by 1890, when a Grand Lodge was founded in San Antonio, there were lodges in seven other Texas communities.

In 1921, the Sons of Hermann in Texas ended its 60-year affiliation with the national order and became a separate entity. The Texas group was already stronger financially and had more members than the lodges in all other states combined. It is now the largest fraternal benefit society in America operating in a single state.

Although founded by German immigrants, Hermann Sons has not been exclusively "German" since the late 1930's, when the order completed its change from the German language to the English. Thousands of persons of other European lineage have become members over the past four decades.

In addition to other fraternal benefits, the Texas society operates a youth summer camp at Comfort for its junior

members age 9 through 13, some 18 dancing schools for juniors age 3 to 18, and a home for aged members at Comfort.

There are 156 Hermann Sons lodges in approximately 100 Texas cities and towns, including Helotes.

NBC To Add Brooks Field Bank

National Bancshares Corporation of Texas, whose principal bank is the National Bank of Commerce, has announced that it has been given approval to acquire Brooks Field National Bank of San Antonio and Guaranty National Bank of Houston. It also will open the Ingram Park Bank of Commerce in the new Ingram Park Mall later this year.

The bank holding company also owns the Commerce North Bank of San Antonio, Randolph Bank of Commerce in Universal City, the First National Bank of Eagle Pass, Mayerland Bank of Houston, and National Bank of Commerce of Kerrville.

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