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Person-to-Person

With practically double holidays both Christmas and New Year's Day, the holidays here were a roaring success—except for the bowl games. Even those whose team favorites came through can admit that the lopsided losses were on the crushing side. Oh well, there is always another holiday bowl binge to look forward to—and we do.

Among all the Christmas festivities, Joyce Gaspard was the recipient of a set of stainless steel cutlery awarded by Ella's Giftland at the Helotes Park Plaza.

Rick Kime, a Marshall senior, took a national third prize for his "Bobwhite Quail" drawing in competition with students which included thousands from the United States and several foreign countries. Sponsor of the award in the 1977 Annual Art Competition was the Art Instruction Schools of Minneapolis, Minn. We hope to run a picture of the winning entry in a future Echo.

Greetings to all the new residents who received a new home in this growing area for Christmas. Literally hundreds here were trying their first Christmas here and we wish them many more happy memories.

Among new residents on Scenic Loop Road are Wesley and Tina Epp and their small children, Jenny Christina, and Danny.

A New Year's Eve party at the San Geronimo home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson was a charming open house which gave neighbors a chance to meet and greet. There also were college friends of Raymond, their son, who is a Marshall graduate now attending Texas A & M. Laurie and Stevie were also represented with friends of their ages.

Mr. and Mrs. Armando Flores had as house guests, Mrs. Ignacia Arce—Armando's grandmother—and her daughter, Mary. Mrs. Arce made tamales in the traditional way for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bern Vinck were back from a visit to Tallahassee, Florida, where Beulah's sisters enjoyed a holiday gathering before the Vincks returned to Texas for the big days.

RODEO TO BRING TOP STARS

Reception To Honor Rep. Rains



Governor Dolph Briscoe will be in San Marcos on January 11 as guest speaker at a reception honoring Representative Don Rains, right.

The fund-raiser was organized by a Committee headed by Bob Thornton of San Marcos to display appreciation to Don Rains for his outstanding representation of the legislative district. The occasion will also be attended by Speaker-of-the-House Bill Clayton.

The reception will be at 6 p.m. in the San Marcos Room of the LBJ Center on the Southwest Texas State University campus. Tickets are \$10 and may be obtained at the door or by writing The Don Rains Appreciation Reception Committee, P.O. Box 1348, San Marcos, Texas.

1978 Show To Be Held Feb. 10-19

Rodeo fans, livestock breeders, farmers, ranchers, horsemen, and anyone else that likes to don boots and jeans will find something special at this year's San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 10-19.

The cream of country and Western talent, including the CMA's "Entertainer of the Year," will be on hand to accent the annual 10-day agricultural bonanza, and top rodeo performers from the United States and Canada will be competing for a \$44,000 purse. Prize livestock will be judged and auctioned to lucky bidders, and several new exhibits are scheduled to open on the grounds of the Joe Freeman Coliseum this year.

Country music's "Entertainer of the Year," Mel Tillis, headlines the program of C&W stars slated to perform at the rodeo. Tillis is an entertainer, singer, comedian, and songwriter and has such chart-busters as "Ruby, Don't Take Your Love to Town" and "Detroit City" on his hit list.

On the playbill with Tillis is Texas' own Johnny Rodriguez. A native of Sabinal, Rodriguez has called Nashville his second home since 1971, when he signed his first contract with Mercury records.

Other headliners for this year's show include Jim Ed Brown and Helen Cornelius. Brown has been a favorite of C&W lovers since the 1950s, with such hit recordings as "Pop A Top Again", "Love of the Common People", "The Old Lamplighter", and "Scarlet Ribbons".

Rounding out the show is bull rider, farmer, and stock breeder Red Steagall, who is also a top-notch country music entertainer. As much at home in the rodeo arena as he is behind a microphone.

In addition to outstanding stars, this year's Stock Show and Rodeo promises the best in rodeo competition along with outstanding agricultural exhibits. Improvements have been made in the show areas of the Coliseum grounds, with a new concrete curb in the dairy barn, and an enlarged and remodeled horse barn arena with sand-bedded stalls.

This year the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo has added a Western Week Committee to its list of promoters.

The Western Week Committee has planned a Western Night Gala to be held at Villita Assembly Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 24. This event will feature a country western band, western fashion show, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres. It will be limited to 900 ticket holders.

Grey Forest Has Little Cause To Sing The Blues

It ain't necessarily so. Grey Forest Utilities does not owe the state over a half million dollars in back gross receipts taxes for the sale of natural gas to the City of Boerne, as reported from Austin Thursday.

Mayor Ed Faust of Grey Forest explained last night that the figure represented the total cost of gas sold to Boerne since 1968.

The rate on gross receipts is ¼ of 1 percent, so that the most Grey Forest Utilities could owe is a total of \$1,325. Yes, one thousand, three hundred and twenty-five dollars — not \$534,000 as reported.

Mayor Faust said the reporter just picked up the wrong figure.

Grey Forest will pay the back taxes, he said. Future taxes on gas sold to Boerne will run about \$100 per year as long as gas stays at the current price.

Grey Forest Utilities has been contesting the tax on gas sold to Boerne inasmuch as the gas main serving Boerne does not cross any public land. But a Railroad Commission examiner ruled Wednesday that Grey Forest does have to pay.

Other good news announced by Mayor Faust Thursday was that the Grey Forest City Council and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development have okayed an agreement for paying the back indebtedness owed to the U.S. Department on the natural gas system, thereby restoring the

city's credit rating. The old debt—approximately \$200,000—incurred during the early years of the operation of (continued on page 8)

Hill Country Trophy



Rand Kime of Helotes killed this 8-point buck late this season at the family lease near Rocksprings. With a spread of 18½ inches, this buck weighed 105 pounds. Rand used a 243 to secure his trophy.

Neighborhood Watch Works

With a concerted effort, the community has been working to keep Helotes free of crime.

A daytime armed robbery at a local photo service was reported during the holidays as the only major incident. The clerk who was confronted by four men turned over a small amount of cash. Since the area had a good many shoppers nearby, several witnesses were able to describe the getaway car.

Grey Forest also suffered a housebreaking incident. The owner reported a loss of

household goods. In a separate incident, a 23-year old man who lives on Scenic Loop Road has reported that he and two of his friends of the same age were shot at by a near neighbor when they attempted to rescue his dog, which had apparently disturbed the neighbor's garbage receptacle. He reported that the dog had been struck by pellets but will survive. He said a high powered rifle was also fired in their direction. No one sustained injuries, however, he said. The incident is being investigated.

UTSA Students To Register For Spring

Registration for the spring semester will be Jan. 10-11 at UTSA.

Only students who have been admitted to the University may register.

Graduate degree-seeking or certificate-seeking students and undergraduate degree-seeking students with 90 hours or more may register Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.

Undergraduate degree-seeking students with 30 hours or more may register Jan. 10 from 1:20 to 4:20 p.m., or Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.

Undergraduate degree-seeking students with less than 30 hours may register Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Special and transient students may register Jan. 11 from 1:20 to 4:20 p.m.

For more information, call the UTSA Admissions Office, (512) 691-4530.

Officers To Be Installed

Louis B. Engelke of San Antonio, grand president of the Order of the Sons of Hermann in Texas, will install the officers of 15 area Hermann Sons lodges, including Helotes Lodge No. 76, and three junior chapters in ceremonies at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, in the Grand Lodge auditorium, 515 S. St. Mary's St.

Assisting him will be Hardy Mosel of Fredericksburg, grand first vice president; and Louis R. Hoog, Jr., grand secretary-treasurer, Dr. Albert Stieler, grand physician; Marvin Gold, grand guide and Grand Lodge district supervisor; E. G. Bradley, Grand Lodge legal counsel; and Lester Noble, longtime active fraternalist, all of San Antonio.

The San Antonio Hermann Sons Mixed Chorus and the San Antonio Hermann Sons Polkateers will perform on the program. The San Antonio Hermann Sons Home Association will host a social after the installation ceremonies.

Having their officers installed will be Harmonia Brother Lodge No. 1, Louise Schuetze Sister Lodge No. 3, Brunilde Sister Lodge No. 7, Vineta Sister Lodge No. 15, and the following mixed lodges with both men and women members:

Siemering Lodge No. 32, Helotes Lodge No. 76, Mission Lodge No. 80, Converse Lodge No. 157, Pershing Lodge No. 160, Alamo Lodge No. 169, Anton Wenzel Lodge No. 174, Macdona Lodge No. 198, Paul Vogt Lodge No. 234 at Van Raub, Kirby Lodge No. 305, and Bexar Lodge No. 306.

Junior Hermann Sons groups having officers installed are Carl Biebers Junior Chapter, Senior Alamo Mixed Chapter, and Van Raub Junior Chapter.

The 74,000-member Sons of Hermann, established in Texas in 1860 by German pioneer settlers, is widely known for its many social and fraternal benefits as well as for life insurance for its members. The society operates tuition-free dancing schools for junior members in a number of communities, a summer youth camp for juniors age 9 through 13, and a home for its aged members.

The camp and the home are both in the Hill Country near Comfort. Headquarters of the society, which numbers 156 lodges across the state, are in San Antonio.

Yoga, ballet, swimming, karate... it's all there at the YWCA. New classes will be starting soon. Call the Downtown Y, 227-1441 or Las Palmas Center, 434-9056.

Orientation To Be Jan. 8-9

New students and their parents can familiarize themselves with UTSA during orientation programs Jan. 8 and 9.

Both programs will be presented by the university's Office of Community and Student Affairs.

Orientation for parents will be Sunday, Jan. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. Members of the UTSA staff will explain UTSA academic requirements and programs and student services and activities. The free session will be in room 2.01.12 of the Science-Education Building. No reservations are needed.

Students will learn about campus procedures and services from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9. The session, which will be in room 2.01.12 of the Science-Education Building, will include information on decision-making and self-assessment skills and study habits.

For more information, phone the Office of Community and Student Affairs, 691-4150.

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UTSA Gets \$30,000 Grant

The Department of Human Resources has awarded UTSA's Child Care Resource Center a \$30,000 grant.

It will make available on-site training at local day care centers to approximately 700 eligible recipients through August, 1978.

Dr. Pam Dalton, director of the center, said the training sessions will include workshops on toy making, ceramics and establishing learning centers.

A \$15,900 grant from Levi Strauss will be used to match the training funds, Dr. Dalton said.

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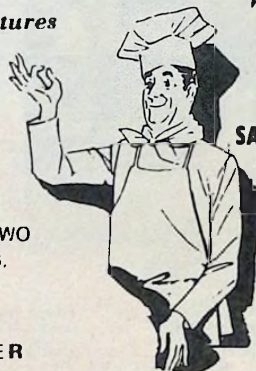
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University Adds Six To Staff

Six new faculty members have been added to UTSA's College of Science and Mathematics.

They are Dr. Mario Gonzales, associate professor of computer science; Dr. Scott Cannon, assistant professor of computer science; Dr. James A. DeBoer, assistant professor of marine biology; Dr. Mark Debe, assistant professor of physics; Dr. Ken Prevot, assistant professor of algebraic topology; and Dr. Raymond Kellman, assistant professor of polymer chemistry.

Dr. Gonzales most recently taught at Northwestern University. His Ph. D. in electrical engineering is from The University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Cannon earned his doctorate from the University of Utah. This is his first teaching position.

Most recently a Noyes postdoctoral fellow at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Mass., Dr. DeBoer will teach here and at the UT Marine Science Institute, Port Aransas. His Ph. D. is in botany from Oregon State University.

Dr. Debe comes to UTSA from the Donnan Laboratories, Department of Inorganic Physical and Industrial

Chemistry, the University of Liverpool, England. He has a Ph. D. in physics from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

Last summer Dr. Prevot served as a consultant for a Boston management consulting firm. He earned his doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Kellman, who previously taught at the University of Arizona, has a Ph. D. from the University of Colorado.

UTSA Offers Choral Workshop

The UTSA Division of Music will present a Choral Repertoire Workshop Jan. 21 in the Lutzer Center, 636 Ivy Lane, San Antonio.

The workshop will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is open to the public without charge.

Dr. James McKelvy, editor of Mark Foster Music Company, will join Dr. Gordon H. Lamb, director of the UTSA Division of Music, and Dr. Douglas Lyren, UTSA assistant professor of music, in conducting the workshop.

For more information on the workshop, phone the UTSA Division of Music at 691-4355.

Winter Cruise Proves Highlight Of 1977



Modesta and Bennie Lyon enjoy breakfast on board the "Daphne", east of Gibraltar recently. The Mediterranean cruise ended in time for Christmas in Texas.

For those whose idea of a wonderful time would be a trip aboard "Love Boat", there are some fabulous waters that they might find even more appealing. In the waning days of 1977, two well-known Helotes residents enjoyed a cruise that rivalled anything on TV.

Modesta and Bennie Lyon of Helotes Park Estates returned in mid-December from a winter vacation cruise of the Mediterranean.

They flew from San Antonio to Athens, Greece, where after the Acropolis and Parthenon, they boarded the Greek Cruise Ship, Daphne. The Daphne, under the command of an extremely able, as well as personable young Captain, Petros Marachos, proved to be a most comfortable "home away from home", with excellent cuisine, wonderful entertainment at sea, and local entertainment in port; as well as a shipload of friendly folks, and a very capable crew.

They then spent 14 days discovering the beautiful islands of the Mediterranean. Their first stop was at Heraklion, Crete, where they saw the ruins of the ancient palace of King Minos at Knossos, then on to Catania, Sicily, and a view of Mt. Etna. A bus trip overland to Taormina provided some very unusual and spectacular scenery, ancient, modern and mountainous. Palma, Majorca, was an exceptionally beautiful spot with an exciting trip up the hills to a 14th century castle. This is a very modern city and may well be the scene for a month's vacation someday.

Then they docked in Gibraltar, where, in the rain and fog, they were unable to get a complete view of the "Rock". The coast of Africa was next, with a visit to Tangier, Morocco. Tangier presents a very striking combination of the old and the modern, where Modesta's principal memory of the Casbah, is of the many aggressive "salesmen", and the urgent need to "Hold On to your

pocket book", at all times.

Next came Casablanca, where they took a 150-mile bus trip to Marrakech, which is located at the foot of the Atlas Mountains. They visited the Moroccan Markets, lunched and shopped in the Casbah. Madeira, Portugal, was next, a fascinating island with winding roads and lush vegetation; then finally, on the last stop in Lisbon, they visited a Monastery at Belem built in 1496, to which is attached the exciting Naval Museum.

The Lyons boarded a plane in Lisbon for home in a dense fog, and arrived two hours late in a cold, crisp New York, where they were just in time to miss the flight back to San Antonio! All in all, it was a great experience and Modesta and Bennie were glad to be home in time to spend Christmas in Houston, along with son Bob and his wife, Cynthia, at the home of their son, John, and wife, Kay, and new grandson, Alex.

It is a holiday season the Lyons will long remember.

Social Security

Bringing the right information when applying for Social Security retirement benefits can speed the processing of a claim, according to Gilbert G. Gonzalez, manager of the San Antonio Social Security office.

The most important item to bring when applying is the applicant's Social Security number. Also needed is a birth certificate or any item showing age or date of birth.

Social Security also needs the place of employment for the past year and the previous year's W-2 form or tax return for self-employed persons.

Persons who were in the military may receive some free military credits, therefore proof of military service may be needed.

If married, the spouse's Social Security number, birth certificate, and marriage license may be needed. To complete a child's application, his or her birth certificate and Social Security number are needed.

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Holmes Grad Gets Grant

Mark Boyer, 24, might be a sunshine scholar but he hopes to someday land a job in the more frozen surroundings of Alaska.

Boyer, a Holmes High School graduate and a junior at Incarnate Word College, is the first student to receive a Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Scholarship in Native America Studies, part of a second \$10,000 grant by the San Antonio foundation to the college's interdisciplinary degree program.

Although the program combines art, biology and anthropology, Boyer admits that his real interest is in anthropology, something he discovered during his Air Force days in Montana and Alaska.

UTSA Girl Goes To Washington

UTSA sophomore Celeste Scalise is attending the Washington Institute for Women in Politics at Mount Vernon College, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2-20.

Susan Tolchin, author of "Clout, Women in Politics," will conduct the institute.

Miss Scalise is one of 20 participants selected from applicants from throughout the country. She resides in this area.

A political science major at UTSA, she is a member of the Student Representative Assembly and treasurer of the Pre-Law Students Association. Miss Scalise also is president of the UTSA Young Democrats and South Texas coordinator, Students for John Hill.



Celeste Scalise
UTSA Soph

Local Teachers Author Book

"Reading Exercises on Mexican Americans," published by the Continental Press, will be available to schools throughout the United States. Authors are Maria O. Almaraz, a former teacher in the Harlandale and Northside Independent School Districts, and Dr. Felix D. Almaraz Jr., associate professor of history at UTSA. The husband and wife team also worked together on an earlier book, "Many Peoples, One Nation," published in 1973 by Random House.

The new book consists of 30 biographies. Included are a singer, Vicki Carr, a tennis player, Pancho Gonzales; a congressman, Henry B. Gonzales, and a movie star, Anthony Quinn.

"To every man his own life is a mystery." Latin proverb

Military Boards To Aid Krueger In Choices

U.S. Cong. Bob Krueger has announced names of those who will serve on the 21st district's two military academy review boards.

Members of the boards will meet Jan. 11 to interview candidates seeking appointments to the four major military academies. The members will then advise the Congressman as to the merits of the applicants.

Board members who will meet in San Antonio to interview prospective academy students are Mr. Joe Bernal, Col. (Ret.) Roy W. Burley, Ms. Louise Caddell, Col. (Ret.) Vic Ferrari, Mr. Lukin Gilliland, Sr., Mr. Jack Griggs and Dr. Dora Grossenbacher.

Also serving on the San Antonio board are Mr. B.J. "Red" McCombs, Mr. Glenn Peterson, Mr. Barron Schlameus, Judge Carolyn Spears, Mr. Conrad Truss, Ms. Theresa Vale, Ms. Jan Washington and Councilman Joe Webb.

Interviewing in San Angelo will be Mr. David Hirschfeld, Mr. Rudy Ortiz, Mr. Ralph Powell and Ms. Annette Wiley.

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Sprinkle pecans in bottom of pie shell. Blend custard mix with milk in saucepan; add egg yolk. Bring quickly to a boil; stirring constantly. (Mixture will be thin.) Remove from heat. Cool 15 minutes, stirring often. Pour into pie shell and chill until set, about 3 hours. Refrigerate any leftover pie.



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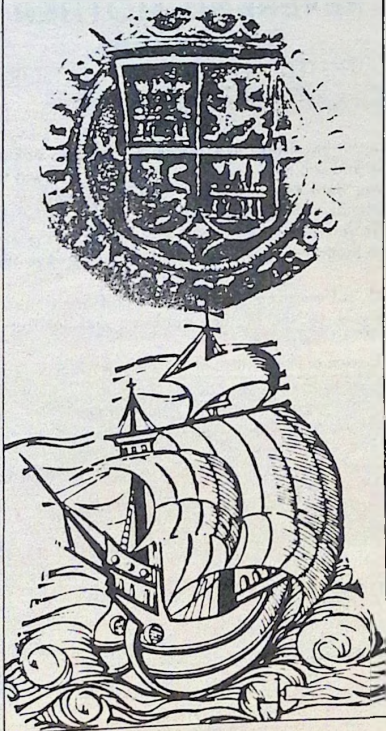
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An instant camera can be an entree to meeting people and reaffirming friendships when you give pictures to new acquaintances, to the host or hostess as a unique "thank-you." Keep some for yourself, and you'll be the one who vividly remembers all the spontaneous moments that caused many laughs.

With today's easy-to-use instant cameras, you can take plenty of pictures and have time to enjoy the party. The Handle, Kodak's newest instant camera, requires little more than composing each picture and shooting. There's a pre-focused lens and electric eye for good exposures and a manual override to lighten or darken prints when you wish. Use a Kodak instant flash, an electronic unit that takes about 100 pictures before batteries need changing, and you can rapid-fire plenty of times with barely a pause in between shots.

Whether you're a novice or an old-hand at instant photography, these tips from Kodak experts will help you get more mileage out of your camera:

- Check the elements that will compete with the main subject. Eliminate clutter by shooting from a different angle for another view or by moving as close as four feet. If there's a mirror or glass-framed wall hanging in the picture background, shoot off-center to avoid capturing a glare from the flash.

- Take views of other subjects for a complete photo collection. A pet eyeing the activity with boredom, food blanketing a buffet, young children peeking through a banister at the fun—such subjects will add a whimsical touch to your pictures.

- Shoot when guests are absorbed in conversation instead of the camera for

natural-looking pictures.

- Hold the camera rock steady every time you photograph. Always make sure subjects are within four to eight feet of the Kodak instant camera for proper flash illumination, and eject each print smoothly by turning the hand crank with an even motion.

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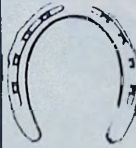
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ECHO LOG

Jan. 8 - Helotes Hermann Sons Lodge regular meeting. Braun Hall, 2:30 p.m. Members and guests.

Jan. 9 - Helotes Spring Festival Association meeting. Floore Country Store, 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Jan. 12 - Leon Valley Grange regular meeting, Leon Valley Grange Hall, 8 p.m.

Jan. 17 - Helotes Lion's Club regular meeting. Ted's Hickory Pit, 7:30 p.m.

Jan 17 - Helotes Art Guild Board Meeting, Helotes Art Gallery, 7:30 p.m.

(ECHO LOG is a partial list of events of interest to the area.)

Poetry Contest Open To Youths

The Children and Young People's Room of the San Antonio Public Library announces the opening of the 1978 Young Pegasus Poetry Contest. This contest is open to all young people living in Bexar County through the age of 18 years, and is being held this year in honor of the 75th anniversary of the San Antonio Public Library.

Last year 25 young people saw their poems appear in the 49th volume of Young Pegasus published by the Library and

received a copy of the book as an award.

Poems are judged according to age groups. These are: pre-school to nine years, ten to twelve, thirteen to fifteen, and sixteen to eighteen years.

The contest closes at midnight on March 31. For contest rules and more information call 223-6851.



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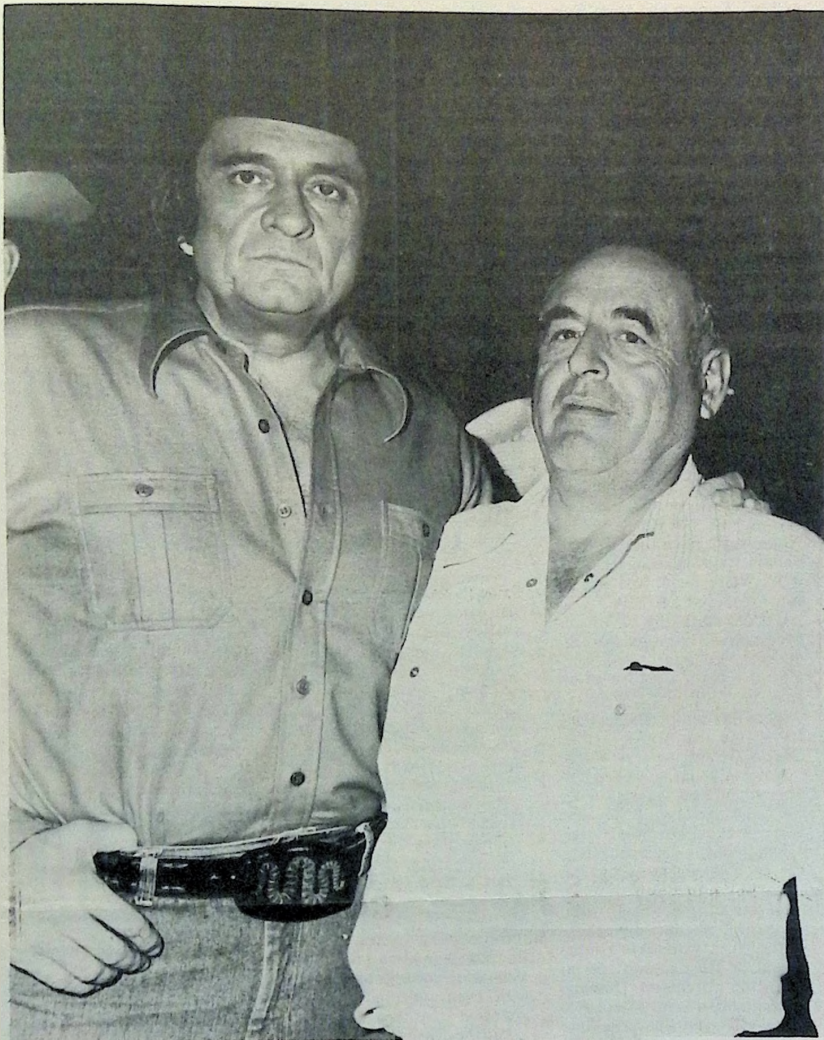
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Johnny Cash Surely Was There !



Playing Thaddeus Rose in the filming of a TV special—"Thaddeus Rose and Eddie"—Johnny Cash, left, buddies with Joe Alguiseva—here playing himself as owner and operator of Floore Country Store. Helotes fans enjoyed the live show and hope to see the rerun on CBS this Spring.

Just Look For Yourself

In the two December days and nights—and a couple of extra for good measure—that June Carter and Johnny and co-star Bo Hopkins and a whole movie crew were here, there were some folks inside and out at Floore Country Store who never really did see Johnny. But he was out when they were in and in when they were out—and a good many folks got the rhythm and can guarantee that he was taking his career down the old Bandera Road to the proving grounds at Floore Country Store. Even Big John T. would have approved of his dead earnest style.

Not everyone here found him a stranger in town either. He took out a few minutes to talk to "Aunt Lorraine" whose niece Vivian Liberto was his first wife. Aunt Lorraine is Mrs. Stanley Zweiner of Helotes. She recently was in California for the wedding of her great niece—Johnny's daughter—and their friendship has survived the years. She is one of his most loyal fans.

The main thing that everyone knows is that it takes a lot of dedication to create a two-hour show. And if this turns out to be a winning pilot, it's going to be a hard act to top from week to week. Whether Floore Country Store makes much of a splash on the TV screen, a new picture will be hung to prove that all C & W roads lead to the famed night spot. It will have Johnny Cash co-starred with Joe Alguiseva.

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This is \$10,000 and \$12,000 in addition to the current payments on the original \$1,400,000 cost of the utility.

The payment due Dec. 1 — approximately \$47,000 — was paid in full on schedule, Mayor Faust reported.

Meantime, Mayor Faust also reported that San Antonio Ranch New Town has requested natural gas service for 44 additional houses to be built there immediately, and notified the utility that 100 other units are being planned by one developer.

So the City of Grey Forest is starting the New Year out right—not wrong.

"Life is a jigsaw puzzle with most of the pieces missing."
Anonymous

Drive Carefully On Icy Roads

With recent San Antonio temperatures plunging into the low 30's, the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation has released detailed plans for keeping the expressways open during icing conditions.

The "Ice Plan" aims to prevent accidents and keep the expressway system open. When icing conditions become severe, traffic may be routed off of some of the main-lanes and onto the access roads, but the expressway system will be kept open. The frontage roads are usually at ground level and less likely to be covered with ice than the mainlane bridges.

When icing occurs in the San Antonio area, the plan will go into effect. The I.H. 10 east and westbound mainlanes will remain open, as will U.S. 90 West.

The I.H. 35 northbound mainlanes will be closed at I.H. 410 south of San Antonio.

The northbound I.H. 35

mainlanes will also be closed from Spur 422 (Palo Alto Road) to Theo Avenue and from New Braunfels Avenue to Holbrook Road.

The southbound I.H. 35 mainlanes will be closed from Holbrook Road to New Braunfels Avenue, from Theo Avenue to Somerset Road and in the I.H. 410 interchange south of San Antonio. The southbound I.H. 35 exit ramps to I.H. 410 southbound at Holbrook Road and to I.H. 10 westbound at Cameron Street will be closed.

I.H. 37 mainlanes both north and southbound, will be closed in the Loop 13 interchange.

I.H. 410 northbound mainlanes will be closed at I.H. 10 east of San Antonio, and from Old Seguin Road to I.H. 35. The exit ramp to I.H. 35 southbound will also be closed, under the "ice plan".

I.H. 410 southbound mainlanes will be closed at I.H. 35 from Holbrook Road to W.W. White Road, from the Southern Pacific Railroad Underpass to W.W. White Road, and east of San Antonio at I.H.G. 10.

U.S. 281 north, the McAllister Freeway, will be closed from St. Mary's Avenue to Jones-Maltsberger Road, both directions.

When these mainlane sections are closed the traffic will be diverted to the frontage roads.

Motorists are asked to remember that driving under ice conditions should be slow because it's hazardous. Also, moving slowly across newly forming ice breaks it up and helps keep the San Antonio transportation arteries open. Time must be allowed for these difficulties. Alternate routes should be selected and special attention directed toward maintaining a safe, reasonable speed. Give yourself more time to get there. Also, pay particular attention to City and State personnel and equipment working for your safety. Remember, those people and those barricades are there to protect you.

Rep. Kazen's

Talk Available

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—Copies of U.S. Representative Abraham "Chick" Kazen's Pearl Harbor Day speech at the Alamo Chapter, of the Air Force Association's banquet on December 7, are available for the asking, according to Jim Williams, Chapter president.

Interested persons can obtain a free copy by contacting in writing or by telephone, Mrs. Charlotte Loos, in the AFA office, located in Suite 210, GECU Executive Building, 6061 Northwest Expressway, San Antonio, Texas 78201. The telephone number is 734-7018.

Following Rep. Kazen's presentation of his talk, Mayor-Emeritus Walter W. McAllister, Jr., recommended to the audience that they should try to get a copy of the talk and study it closely. Arrangements were made by the Alamo Chapter, of AFA, to get a copy, reproduce it, and make distribution of the speech, to those that desire a copy.

The word "turkey" comes from an ancient Hebrew word, "tukki" meaning peacock.

Water District To Meet Tuesday

SAN ANTONIO—To allow directors and staff members to attend a Texas Water Commission hearing Tuesday, Jan. 10, the 15-member board of the Edwards Underground Water District will meet in Austin at 9 a.m. in the Stephen F. Austin Bldg., 1700 N. Congress Ave.

The hearing, beginning at 10 a.m., will include consideration of the EUWD's application for a water rights permit for diversion of 1,185 acre feet of water annually from Seco Creek in Medina County. The district is proposing to build a recharge dam on the creek 19 miles northwest of D'Hanis as part of a program to increase the recharge into the Edwards aquifer, only source of water for more than a million persons in Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Comal, and Hays Counties.

The Seco project is the third

of its kind. One recharge dam—on Parker Creek—is completed, and the dam on Middle Verde Creek is 40 per cent complete. Col. McDonald D. Weinert, P.E., general manager, said. Projects to date have been in Medina County since the greatest part of the Edwards aquifer recharge occurs west of Bexar County.

The board at the bi-monthly meeting will receive a proposed \$221,300 budget for 1978 from the budget committee. No increase in the 2-cent tax rate will be required, Col. Weinert pointed out, adding that the EUWD has maintained the same tax rate since 1959.

The board of the five-county district is composed of three directors from each county. William H. Spice, Jr., San Antonio consulting geologist, is chairman.

1977 Rainfall Above Average

For those who consider 1977 just an average year—the weather statistics will bear them out. According to Henry Brauchle, Helotes weather observer, the total rainfall was 31.45 inches for the year. Rainfall for December was only .35 inches—making the sunshine a common sight throughout the month.

The Bicentennial year, 1976, wracked up a rainy total of 54.8 inches—close to double the average longrange statistics.

But that wasn't the rainiest year either—for back in 1973 Mr. Brauchle's rain gauge recorded 64.8 inches at Poor Boy Ranch in almost downtown Helotes. Records go back to 1885 with even older stories surviving in local lore.

And the driest year in 92 years of local records—originally computed by Mr. Brauchle's father—was 1917. In that year only 10.11 inches fell and the drought changed ranch history. Cattle and sheepmen moved to

town throughout Texas—and the cities began to grow. Average rainfall is 28.45 inches here. The first week of January gave little clues of what is in store for 1978—but just wait! Most years, of course, are just average, and the creeks and streams and springs usually are in excellent condition here.

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