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## New Tax Assessments Draw Many Protests

### Award For Conservation



An award for Wildlife Conservationist of 1979 recently was made to Walter Haby, local rancher, right, by the Southwest Conservation District. Oscar Bippert is making the award. Haby was selected for his successful efforts in conserving deer and wild turkey on his place near San Geronimo. The award was made at a barbeque at the Bar-S Ranch on Highway 90 West.

### Rabid Skunk Killed Here

A skunk which later was confirmed to have rabies was killed in the Helotes Park Estates area this week. It was fighting with two dogs. The body was preserved in ice and delivered to the rabies control center, where the diagnosis of rabies was made.

The two dogs have been given a rabies booster shot and quarantined for observation.

All area residents are cautioned to beware of any skunks they see, particularly skunks which come out in the daytime. All pets should be vaccinated.

### Rate Not Set By Northside District

Big increases in the new assessed value of properties in the Helotes area prepared by the tax assessor's office for Northside School District have caused widespread concern in the area.

Norris Henley, Northside tax appraiser, made two appearances before local groups to explain the district's position. One was before the Grey Forest city council and most recently before a meeting of the Helotes Park Homeowners Association.

Henley said the district has been conducting a reappraisal program for the past five years, with one-fifth of the district being appraised each year. The Helotes area was the last to be surveyed, which gave this area the benefit of lower taxes during the reappraisal process than those paid by other areas, he said.

However, Helotes property owners believe that this same time lag created a major inequity in that the sections appraised early are now at values close to 50 percent lower than the Helotes area.

The 1979 school tax rate has not been set by the district because it is waiting to know the total district valuations and the amount of money to be needed to run the schools. But based on the new assessments of property values, taxes on Helotes property owners could be 60 to 300 percent higher this year, according to a Homeowners Association spokesman.

"This despite previous indications by Ed Cody (superintendent of Northside) that passage of a recent bond issue would not necessitate an increase in taxes," he said.

Henley told the group that he believes the large increase in valuations, brought about by the reappraisals and by the addition of Ingram Park Mall to the tax base, will result in a substantial reduction in the new tax rate to be announced soon. Approximately \$100 million value has been added to the tax rolls, he said.

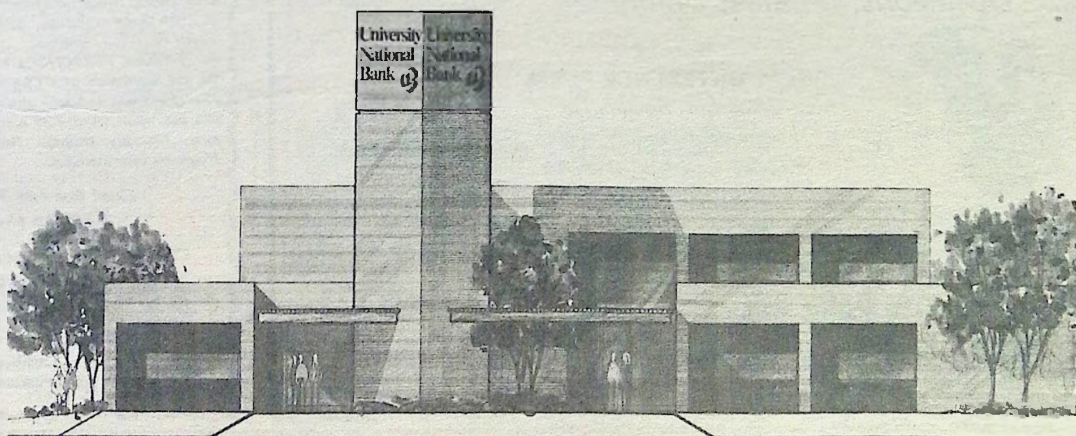
Beginning next year there will be one appraisal board for the entire county, and a complete reappraisal is to be made by that board by 1981.

The Homeowners Association has asked the Northside district tax office to equalize all assessments in the district now. The request was referred to the district's board of equalization.

### Diabetes Tests 'Set

The Helotes Lions Club will sponsor free diabetes screening tests Saturday at the Handy Andy in the Helotes Park Shopping Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., under the direction of the American Diabetes Association's Alamo Area Chapter.

Persons who are over 40, overweight, a blood relative of a known diabetic, or women (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)



University National Bank is relocating to a permanent bank facility on the southwest corner of IH-10 and FM 1604. Construction should begin in September 1979 and be completed by April of 1980. The bank will be housed in an ultra-modern 7,500 square foot building.

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### Person-to-Person

Otto Weltner of Grey Forest, 95 years old on Saturday, July 28, was honored with a family party at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Neta and Al Wanke, in University Hills. Twenty-seven family members and friends attended, including four children, three grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Ed Kempf, also of Grey Forest, celebrated his birthday on Aug. 7 with a family party.

Mrs. Stella Bish of Scenic Loop Road is recovering at Four Seasons Nursing Home after recent surgery. She is the mother of Mrs. Betty Williams.

Friends of Mrs. Alice Browning of Leslie Road are pleased to hear that she is doing well after recent surgery at Wilford Hall Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlie Garcia of El Chaparral Restaurant and their three children returned this week from a 5,000-mile vacation trip to South Carolina, Washington, D.C. and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Davis vacationed this week on the beach at Port Aransas.

Mary Jo Sterzenback and Nancy Fulk are two new members of the Grey Forest Planning and Zoning Commission, elected recently by the city council.

The Scenic Loop Playground Club will hold its quarterly meeting, preceded by a traditional covered dish supper, Sunday, Aug. 12, beginning at 6 p.m.

Two additional staff members have been assigned to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church here. They are Brother Jim Pieper and Rev. Bernard Rochon. Both are scheduled to arrive late in August to assist Rev. Ed Jach, pastor.

Chris L. Poehlmann, grandson of Mrs. Lucille Stemen, was named to the Dean's List magna cum laude for the spring semester at Incarnate Word College. Chris a senior is majoring in nuclear medicine science. The magna cum laude designation is for students who achieve a semester average between 3.7 and 3.89 on a 4.0 scale.



## Youth Choir Will Visit

The Shophar Singers, youth choir of Galilee Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado, will give a unique performance Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the First Baptist Church of Helotes beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The choir will sing, act and present the Gospel through puppets in a program entitled "Reflections of Love."

The program will be sponsored by the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and is open to the public.

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The engagement of Miss Lisa Gaspard to John Severson has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gaspard of Helotes. Her fiancé is son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Severson of Schertz, Texas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of John Marshall High school, attends San Antonio College and is employed at USAA.

Her fiancé who also works at USAA completed his high school education in England.

A wedding date has been set for Sept. 22 at First Baptist Church here.

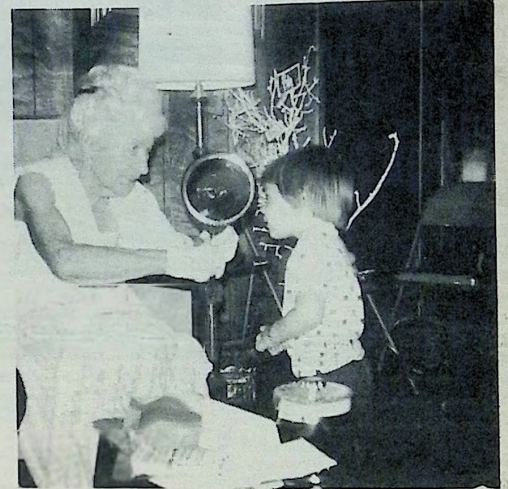
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Three Marshall High School students attended the 18th Annual Journalism Institute at Trinity University recently. They are Michelle Coy, Debbie Duncan, and Shelly MacMillan.

## Party For Marie Conley



More than a hundred friends helped Mrs. Marie Conley celebrate her 85th birthday on July 7 in the Parish Family Residence of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Mrs. Conley, center, with Mrs. Madeline Kirkland, left, and Mrs. Margaret Rothrock views the special cake decorated with a grand piano. Mrs. Conley was for many years a pianist on the nation's top vaudeville circuits, and in recent years has served as organist for Helotes churches.



A young friend helps Mrs. Conley open and admire the many presents she received. Her birthday party was arranged by the Altar Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the entire community was invited. Mrs. Conley owns the historic rock home in Downtown Helotes between Floore Country Store and Helotes General Store. She is a native of Durango, Colo., and has lived in the Helotes area about thirty years.

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Mrs. Mark Scott Hinchliff

In a candlelight service at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Miss Monique Elene Mergele and Mark Scott Hinchliff were married at 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 10, 1979 with Rev. Seaborn M. Kiker officiating assisted by the bride's maternal grandfather, Brother John Edward Gant.

The bride is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Byrd Mergele, Sr. of Saddle Trail in Stagecoach Hills here. The bridegroom is son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hinchliff of San Antonio.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white silk organza over peau-de-soie. The bodice, re-embroidered with pearls in double rows, featured a Queen Anne neckline bordered with silk Venise appliques. Full bishop sleeves also featured appliques of the same lace. The skirt had rounded panels of Chantilly lace which swept into a graceful chapel train. She wore a matching veil with appliques of Chantilly lace and pearls.

Her bridal bouquet was of gardenias, stephanotis, baby's breath and English ivy, with keepsake blue silk flowers in a nosegay.

Her attendants were gowned in blue-bonnet blue dresses featuring butterfly sleeves with straight full-length skirts gathered at the waist.

When the bride came down the aisle she also wore the pearl necklace worn by her mother at her parent's August, 1960 wedding.

Adorning the ring pillow was her Mother's wedding veil. Ringbearer was Master Kurtis Koop.

The flower girls, Tamara Koontz and Gina Koop, strewed rose petals from corsages given to the bride by the bridegroom

during their courtship.

The groom wore a white tuxedo and his groomsmen wore blue.

Bridesmaids were Valerie Rupe, Denise Kopp, Diana Cavin, Patty Nehr, and Kelly Carlson.

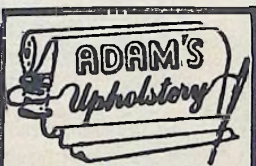
Best man was David Achilles of Bulverde, Texas. Groomsmen included Quinton Biles, Warren D. Vail, Wayne Karcher, Ken Eiten, and Joseph Fugee, Jr. Ushers were John Mergele, Jr., brother of the bride, and Darrell Koop, who was also acolyte.

Many pre-nuptial parties and showers honored the bride and groom.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Broadway Plaza Hotel, after which the couple will honeymoon in Corpus Christi and the South Texas Coast.

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## White—Williams Wed In Garden Setting

The wedding of Miss Perian Williams and Thomas Guy White III with more than 200 guests present took place Saturday, July 28, 1979 in a garden setting at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Williams of Helotes. The bridegroom is son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Guy White, Jr. of Boerne.

The ceremony was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on the deck overlooking the garden with Rev. Jerry Reeves of the First Baptist Church of Helotes officiating.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white eyelet embroidery with a ruffled neckline which formed a full-length train also of exquisite eyelet embroidery. Her headpiece was of fresh flowers and she carried a bouquet of roses and daisies.

The bridegroom's tuxedo was white, also.

The bride's attendants wore eyelet embroidered gowns in rainbow colors and the groomsmen had shirts in matching tones.

Maid of honor was DeAnn Williams, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jill Galland, Janet Ligon, Carol Kaapke and Rhonda Maddox. Junior bridesmaid was Wendy Williams, also a sister of the bride.

Serving his brother as best man was Scott White. Groomsmen were Roy Fischer, Bobby Corcoran, Mike Wright, Tony Wilcox, and Steve Champion.

The reception followed in the garden which was beautifully lighted for the occasion.

Following a honeymoon to the Big Bend and West Texas, the couple will reside in San Antonio.



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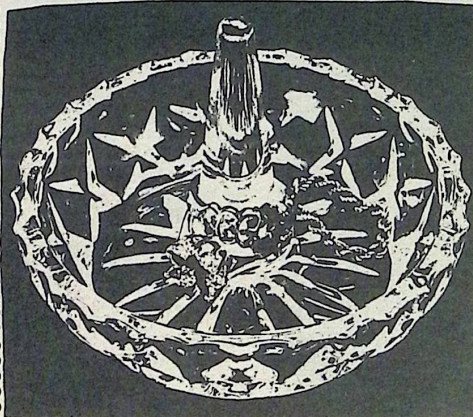
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## July Rains Total 5.4"

Helotes weather in July wasn't so dry, but there was a long time between showers. Weatherman Henry Brauehle reported a total of 5.4 inches of rain in July, mostly in the first few and last few days of the month.

Temperatures didn't reach 100 degrees, but they went to the mid 90's almost every day, with mostly high humidity.

The total rainfall for the year here was an even 27 inches at the end of the month, which is as much as we ordinarily have in an entire year.

Mr. Brauehle expressed amazement at the 37 inches of rain which fell in one week in Houston, causing extensive flooding.

## Coming To Floore Patio



Darrell McCall, one of the outstanding country and western singers in the San Antonio area, and his band will appear at Floore Country Store on the night of Friday, Aug. 24. McCall always draws a large crowd here. Weather permitting, the dance will be held on the Floore Country Store patio.

## Homeowners

The Helotes Park Homeowners Association will meet Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Presbyterian church, beginning at 7:30 p.m. A tax committee will be appointed to represent the area's interests at meetings of the Northside board of trustees, and Greg Trimble of Braun Station will discuss plans for getting VIA bus service extended to the Helotes area.

Because of lack of sufficient interest in incorporation of Helotes, the association has shelved for the time being further action on this matter.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) who have had a baby over nine pounds should be tested. There should be a lapse of two hours between the last meal eaten and the test.

At the same time, the Helotes Lioness Club will be sponsoring screening tests for hearing conservation, also at the Handy-Andy.

The Lions Club members at their meeting last week voted to donate \$100 to the Helotes Volunteer Fire Department and \$100 to the Grey Forest Volunteer Fire Department.

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Graduate students, seniors, juniors and sophomores may register Aug. 22, while freshmen and special and transient students may register Aug. 23.

A schedule of specific registration times, according to student identification numbers, is included in the fall course schedule.

Classes will begin Aug. 27.



For more information on registration and admission, call the UTSA Office of Admissions and Registrar, 691-4530. Course schedules may be obtained in the admissions office. Room 1.01.20 of the John Peace Library.

## PARC To Hold Auction

The Helotes Hills United Methodist Church will sponsor an auction and flea market on Saturday, Aug. 18, for the benefit of the Playground and Recreation Center (PARC) at the church.

The flea market will begin at 10 a.m. and the auction at 5 p.m. both at the Helotes Auction Barn in the Lions Club's Parrigin Memorial Pavilion.

The PARC committee is seeking donations from individuals, merchants and organizations in the community for the auction and flea market. Items donated will be picked up if the donor will call Mrs. Gladys Jones at 695-3347 or Jack Nottingham at 695-9181.


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The annual rummage sale of the Hermann Sons Home Association scheduled Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 18-19, at 525 S. St. Mary's St. has expanded this year to include arts and crafts displays.

For the first time, the fund-raising event will feature 10 booths stocked with items made by San Antonio area artists and craftsmen, Herbert Schramm, association president, has announced.

The booths will feature leather goods, macrame, wood burning, dried flower arrangements, jewelry, paintings, bottle and crockett dolls and exotic plants.

Open to the public, the event will be held in the parking area of the Hermann Sons Home Association building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.



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"Hermann Sons Home for the Aged. A fraternal group, originally for persons of German descent, the Sons of Hermann grew rapidly after the founding of the first Texas lodge in 1860-61. At a meeting in Austin in 1913, members voted to establish a home for the aged, to be called 'Altenheim.' This was one of the first homes for the aged started by a fraternal group in Texas."

"The citizens of Comfort raised \$7,000 to buy this 202-acre tract for the facility. Lodge members from around the state contributed funds for the construction of a limestone building in 1915-16."

A number of officers from the Grand Lodge of the Sons of Hermann attended, among them Grand Trustee Ottmar E. Vogel of San Antonio, who attended the dedication of the home as a boy 63 years ago.

Gov. James E. Ferguson was a principal speaker at the dedication.

Louis B. Engelke, grand president of the 76,000-member fraternal order, said there are 59 resident-members of the Hermann Sons at the home. Most of them are in their 80s and some are in their 90s.

Engelke explained, "Their membership is enabling them to spend their twilight years at the home. The order is required by law to provide life insurance for its members, and, after reaching age 70, the member may apply for residence at the home. If in good health at time of application and if approved by the Home for the Aged Committee, they may receive a remaining lifetime of residence there for an admission fee of \$200 and making the home the beneficiary of their first \$1,000 of Hermann Sons life insurance."

One woman has been at the Home for the Aged for 27 years on \$1,000. This is believed to be the all-time record.

## New Arrival

Lisa Marie Allison, daughter of Becky and Johnny Allison, was born Tuesday, July 24 at Methodist Hospital. She weighed seven pounds 14½ ounces and was 20 inches long. Lisa was welcomed by her two little sisters, Christie Lynn and Jennifer Suzanne as well as her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allison and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Walkovak. Mr. Allison is a well-known businessman here.

## Bible School Is Announced

A vacation Bible School will be conducted by the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church and the Helotes Hills United Methodist Church, Aug. 13 through Aug. 17, at the Presbyterian church.

There will be classes for children age 3 through the 6th

grade plus an adult class to be taught by the Revs. Joe Reynolds and Bill Henderson. The school will be open to all persons in the area.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day, with an ice cream social on the evening of the final day.

## Singers Invited

San Antonio's nationally acclaimed symphony chorus, The San Antonio Symphony Mastersingers, is holding its annual auditions for singers Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26, 1979.

Singers selected will perform small choral works, major orchestral/choral works, professionally staged grand operas, Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, and others. The Mastersingers is the only chorus in The United States that regularly sings such a wide variety of musical styles.

Auditions will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and

26, in the upstairs recital hall at Sims Baldwin Music Center.

"If you are above high school age, have a minimum knowledge of music, enjoy singing and would like to become a member of the largest, oldest-established, and best-known chorus in San Antonio, call the San Antonio Symphony at 225-6161 for an audition appointment and further information," a spokesman said.

## New Arrival

Richard Bryant Stovall is the baby son born to Elvis and Dolores Stovall at Santa Rosa Hospital on Thursday, July 26, 1979. He weighed seven pounds two ounces.

Welcoming him, in addition to his small brother Jonathan Olus Stovall, were many relatives in this area. He is descended from early ranching families here. His two grandmothers are Mrs. Bertha Stoval and Mrs. Irene Vela. His great-grandmother is Mrs. Pasquelina Madla Hernandez, who is also a great-great-grandmother.

His paternal late grandfather was Herman (Olus) Stovall.

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The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 16, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the Grey Forest City Hall, located on Scenic Loop Road.

This is a public hearing.

Any taxpayer in the City of Grey Forest may attend the meeting and participate in the hearing.

Virginia Springer

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# ECHO-LOG

[Note: The Log is a list of selected special interest events which may appeal to some readers. Events that continue more than one day are listed under the opening day only.]

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

"Judy, A Musical Tribute to Judy Garland" continues extended run at the Church House Dinner Theater, 1150 S. Alamo, nightly through Aug. 31. Call 224-4085 for show and dinner reservations.

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Display of prints of works by Picasso, Calder, Miro and others continues at UTSA's John Peace Library, through Aug. 31, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Admission free.

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Exhibit of landscape photographs by Ron Binks continues at Witte Museum, through Aug. 31. Mr. Binks is director UTSA's Division of Arts and Design.

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Exhibit of paintings by Marian McNair and Yarmila White and photographs by Richard Tichrich continues in UTSA's Arts Building Lobby, through September, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission free.

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Make Today Count meets, Cancer Therapy Center, 4450 Medical Drive, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Another daytime meeting will be held Friday, Aug. 24, and evening meetings will be held Aug. 15 and Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.

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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

Annual all-day picnic of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the 20th District, Mission County Park, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Includes breakfast, barbecue dinner, baseball tournament, variety show and dance.

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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Hermann Sons picnic, Comanche Park No. 2, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Proceeds to go to youth programs of the Hermann Sons President's Council and the association's cemetery.

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## MONDAY, AUGUST 13

Exhibition of paintings and sculpture by Betty Stieren Roberts, Laurie Auditorium Gallery, Trinity University. Will continue through Saturday, Aug. 18. Admission free.

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## TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

Public lecture on "Improving Learning Abilities with Hypnosis," Personal Growth Center, Quadrangle Mall, 9200 Broadway, 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

San Antonio Mensa Group meets, Farm & Home Savings Association Building, 615 NW Loop 410, 7:30 p.m. Mensa is an organization of people who score above 98 per cent of the population on IQ tests. Public invited.

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## MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Sam Houston Chapter, American Society for Public Administration meets, Chapman Graduate Center, Trinity University, 7 p.m. To be discussed are transportation alternatives for the San Antonio area in the 1980's. Public invited.

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## TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

"Making Discipline Fun," seminar on assertive discipline techniques for parents, University Presbyterian Church, 300 Bushnell, 7 p.m. Fee \$10. Call 696-3824 or 824-5522.

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## Sunday, August 26

Super Star Skate-a-Thon for mental retardation, Shenandoah Skate Center, Skate Center South, Northporte, Car-Vel Skateland South, Car-Vel Skateland East, Car-Vel Skateland West and Fun-a-Rama, Del Rio. Participants will skate for 12 hours. Pledge forms available at the participating rinks.

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## Guild Plans

### 'Needy' Show

The Helotes Art Guild's annual "Needy Artist Show" will be held on the gallery grounds Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 18 and 19. Nothing in the show will be priced over \$35, though all will be original works by guild artists. The hours on Saturday will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday 1 to 6 p.m.

At the guild's judged show in July, the "best of show" award went to Pat (Chique) Bentine for a landscape painting. Other awards were won by:

Betty Simmang, first place in oil, stillife painting of grapes and peaches.

Margie Barker, second place in oil, painting of a rabbit surrounded by cactus.

Betty Simmang, third place in oil, flower arrangement painting.

Peggy Pendergast, first place in water color, rustic old painting in a Texas setting.

Rick Kime, second place in water color, cowboy boots stillife.

Wanda Bohne, third place in water color, impressionistic flower arrangement.

Izetta Perkins, first place in miscellaneous group, pastel, little boy in wagon.

Leroy Galm, second place in miscellaneous, photograph of a deer.

Lillian Gravis, third place in miscellaneous, pastel of a puma.

Paul Carter, Kitty Cretel and Richard Cramer, first, second and third place in crafts.

Honorable mentions went to Margie Barker, Polly Ritterskamp, Tom McGuire, and Ruby Rizzo.

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## Jack W. Hawkins Dies at 45

Mr. Jack (Wesley) Hawkins, a longtime resident of Helotes, passed away in Port Arthur, Texas on Friday, July 20, 1979 at the age of 45 years old.

He was the nephew and adopted son of Mrs. L. E. Spiller of Braun Road and made his home here until three years ago, when he moved to be near other family members after his health worsened.

The late Mr. Spiller and his wife adopted the boy in his early childhood at about one year old. He overcame a heart condition to graduate from John Marshall (then Northside) High School, in the class of 1952. He was a member of the Junior Yanks. Mr. Hawkins had a career as an airplane mechanic, and worked on contract jobs in Germany,

France and Alaska until his health declined. He then returned to Helotes where he had many friends dating back to school days.

In 1976, he moved to Port Arthur to be with his natural mother, Mrs. Daphne Hawkins. She and his adopted mother, Mrs. Spiller survive him. He is survived by two brothers also, Arthur E. Hawkins of Port Arthur and C. W. Hawkins of Grand Prairie. In addition, he leaves numerous aunts, cousins and nieces.

A memorial service was held in Port Arthur with a prayer service in San Antonio Sunday evening July 22, at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Rev. Bill Henderson, pastor of Helotes Hills United Methodist Church, officiated.

Funeral services were held Monday morning July 23, in Mission Burial Park North Mausoleum Chapel with interment at Mission Burial Park North.

Many friends have expressed their sense of loss and have contributed to memorials in Mr. Hawkins memory. Those who wish may give to the American Heart Assn. in his name.

Sympathy is offered to his family who found his cheerful acceptance of ill-health an inspiration. Mrs. Spiller, especially, here in Helotes has the sympathy of her many friends in the loss of a beloved son.

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Visiting her grandparents in Helotes this week was Raylene Harrison of Pasadena. She had just returned from a trip to Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and England. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kempf and Mrs. Maudie Harrison. Raylene was graduated from Pasadena High School last spring and has been accepted by Texas Lutheran College for this fall.

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**Friday, August 17—**  
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**Saturday, August 18—**  
**JOHNNY LYONS**

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**Sunday, August 19—**  
**TEXAS SCRATCH**

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**Friday, August 24—**  
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