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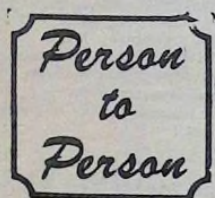
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## Death of Echo Editor Mourned Widely



(Some typical tributes paid to Lucy Brown on her passing.)

"Lucy will be truly missed by the whole community."  
—Fred and Helen Wendt

"Helotes misses Lucy - a very special and much-loved person."  
—Mark and Linda Pritchett

"I will miss Lucy, more than anyone I knew. I never went walking but that she waved at me. I never went anywhere that I didn't see her to talk to and enjoy."  
—Gerry Cottrell

"We are making a donation in her name to the Lions Clubs' Crippled Children's Camp in Kerrville."  
—Mr. and Mrs. John Stacey

"Lucy was a great person who had a great understanding of all the differences that people have."  
—Eleanor V. Nelson

Lucy was a wonderful, sincere, gracious, caring and loving person and I will miss seeing her 'most everyday and our long telephone conversations."  
—Avanelle Matthews

"Lucy was so very special to me and I've lost a true friend. She will always be remembered."  
—Wanda Terry

"I miss Lucy so very much, no one can take her place."  
—Annie Evans

"I shall miss Lucy P. Brown very much. She was a very good friend to me and I loved her much."  
—Mary Logan, President Helotes Historical Society

"I will remember Lucy as long as I live. She was a wonderful person. I enjoyed her so much. I liked talking with her. I spent many times at her office listening to her interesting talks. She had a beautiful disposition and I loved her."  
—M. Alicia Summers

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### Lucy Brown Was Walking History Of Area

By CHARLES OLMSTED

News of a person's death doesn't jolt me as much as it used to, I guess, because it is one thing that as you grow older, it happens more and more around you. My thoughts now tend to go more with the people left behind and what that person has accomplished.

We are all mortal and will all face that fate at some time. People speak, in hushed tones, of a person's death, of it being instantaneous with little suffering. Mrs. Lucy Brown, like my father, died that way and those of us left behind are grateful that it happened that way.

Yet we should not speak just of Mrs. Brown's death but rather how she lived. Mrs. Brown had stories from her experiences in Helotes, around Texas and with people from everywhere in every walk of life from a President down to some illegal alien, to fill up three volumes of memoirs.

Mrs. Brown was a walking history book of Helotes. The way she would speak of happenings in the Marnoch Mansion which houses the Helotes Echo and the activity around the creek before the General Store came into existence, you'd swear

she had lived back in the 1800's. Mrs. Brown had that gift of reading history, listening to the older generation, experiencing the ways of the present generation and weaving it all together.

Gone with Mrs. Brown is that history book of Helotes. All newspaper people "have a book inside" and she was probably waiting for the time to write hers. But like any true journalist, time is a problem. Newspaper was her life, being born with it, raised with it and died with it.

Newspaper business was Mrs. Brown's life. Her eyes would light up when you discussed some journalism situation, be it ethics or an interesting story. I had dropped by Saturday and we were discussing my new writing job. There was always some new angle or idea for her that could be taken.

Mrs. Brown's love for newspaper was shared by her husband Mr. Charles Brown. The two were equal in their concern for their fellow man. Mrs. Brown always found something good in every person. In a society that seems to enjoy negatives, Mrs. Brown was just the opposite. It was the positive voice



Lucy Brown at the entrance to the Helotes Echo. This is her last portrait.

Mrs. Brown always had that will probably be missed the most.

Colleges are graduating more journalists than society's work force can handle but to have the combination of printer's ink flowing through her along with the compassionate, understanding heart Mrs. Brown had can never be taught.

### Group To Push For Quarry Controls

The fight against the Vulcan Materials quarry proposed for Helotes received a major boost from the Texas Municipal League at its annual conference last week.

The League passed a resolution asking the Legislature to provide legislation in its session to begin in January that will enable municipalities to regulate sand and gravel

excavation and rock quarries in their extraterritorial jurisdiction, and counties to regulate the same in the remaining unincorporated area.

Mayor Vivian Hultz of Helotes sponsored the resolution, but was unable to speak for it because she was chairman of the meeting. Instead, Councilwoman Helen Duttmer of San Antonio spoke in

favor of it. It passed unanimously.

The resolution now will be written into bill form and the Texas Municipal League will be a sponsor in the Legislature to carry it.

"We already know Sen. Bill Simms and Rep. Jeff Wentworth have said they'd be willing to carry a bill addressing quarries," Mayor Hultz said.

### Grey Forest Looking For New Chief

Grey Forest Police Chief Jim Burgin resigned at the November meeting of the City Council, citing philosophical differences with the present Council. He will continue to reside in Grey Forest and work with the City's Volunteer Fire Department. The Council will determine later this month what to do about Burgin's successor; until then, Sgt. Richard Miller will be in charge of the GFPPD.

In an unrelated item, Council-

woman Veronica Roisom, who earlier had resigned effective upon her moving to Rochester, New York, announced that the November meeting would be her last.

The revised garbage ordinance requiring locking garbage can lids

and owner (not tenant) responsibility for bill payment has been legally published and will begin to be enforced immediately. Copies of the ordinance are available from City Hall.

### Nurses Re-Set Sale For Dec. 3

The date of the arts and crafts sale to be held by the San Antonio Emergency Nurses Association has been changed from Nov. 19 to

Saturday, Dec. 3. It will be held on the Helotes Hills United Methodist Church parking lot.

### Fatal Heart Attack Takes Lucy Brown

Mrs. Lucy Brown, founder and editor of the Helotes Echo for 27 years, died at noon, Monday, Nov. 7, in St. Rose Hospital of a heart attack suffered a short while earlier in Helotes Family Practice Clinic.

She was buried Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Helotes Catholic Cemetery following a rosary on Wednesday night and a funeral mass Thursday morning at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. The Rev. Edward Jach, S.M., was the mass celebrant. Arrangements were made by the Angelus Funeral Home.

Her death was unexpected. Although she was not feeling well Monday morning, she walked into the doctor's office and spoke with him briefly before he started to examine her. Then one second later she suffered cardiac and respiratory arrest.

Dr. Tim Werner worked quickly to revive her. He also called in all his staff, and had the EMS summoned. Before the EMS ambulance arrived from San Antonio, Ron Binks of the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department also arrived and assisted Dr. Werner.

They got her heart beating again, and then she was transported to St. Rose Hospital. Dr. Werner rode in the EMS ambulance with her to continue trying to save her. The hospital was on a Code 3 for a cardiac emergency, and the emergency room staff there joined the efforts to revive her.

However, she died a few minutes before 1 p.m.

Mrs. Brown had no history of heart trouble. She did have an operation in July for a clogged carotid artery in her neck, but seemed to have recovered from that operation. It may have prolonged her life another three months. She was 72.

Her survivors include her husband, C. O. Brown; her sister, Mrs. Drusilla Perkins Kazen of San Antonio; her aunt, Mrs. Mildred Condon of San Antonio; her sister-

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## Northside School To Be Dedicated

Texas Commissioner of Education Dr. William Kirby will give the keynote address at the dedication of Jimmy L. Elrod Elementary School on Sunday, November 20, at 2 p.m. Elrod Elementary, Northside's 31st elementary school, is named for a former State School Board member who is also active San Antonio civic, business, and educational communities.

Built at a cost of \$3.7 million, Elrod Elementary is located at 8885

Heath Circle Drive. The 9.5-acre, 74,000-sq. ft. school is located in the fast growing, Leon Valley, North-west Crossing and Braun Station areas. The principal is Bettye Chambliss.

According to Superintendent Jack Jordan, Elrod was a member of the Northside ISD School Board from 1963-1969 and served as president two of those years. During his years of service, District enrollment increased from 8,100

students to 19,100. In 1988, District enrollment is over 48,000 students. Also during his six years as a Northside trustee, five schools opened their doors.

The modern school building includes six kindergarten rooms, 26 regular classrooms, a computer lab, and six special education resource, gifted/talented, and art and music rooms. The school is designed with a gymnasium as part of the main building.

## Police Easily Pass

### Firing Qualification

All eight officers of the Helotes Police Department qualified at the firing range at Villarreal's last Saturday.

The annually-required qualification was conducted by Officer Lee Powers, a member of the Helotes department, and an accredited firing instructor.

Each officer fired 50 rounds, and their scores were "extremely high," Powers reported.

## Young Leader



Jennifer Abraham of Helotes, a senior at John Marshall High, last week attended the Fall 1988 National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. Approximately 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors were invited. Throughout the six-day conference the high school students, as the leaders of tomorrow, met many of the leaders of today in the nation's capitol.

## Catholic Youth To Begin Fast

A planning team of 40 high-school students from eight local parishes is preparing a 30-hour fasting event called "The Planned Famine," to be held for the fifth consecutive year at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes, Nov. 18-19.

The event, a 30-hour fasting marathon, is designed to increase awareness of local and world hunger and to raise a minimum goal of \$7,500 in pledge monies to be given to organizations that provide food for the hungry in our city and our world.

Teens of all denominations are invited to participate in the overnight event, which will feature games, films, group activities, and presentations from representatives of Catholic Worker House, Inner City Development, and the Youth Drop In Center.

## School Bond Vote

### To Be Dec. 6

Absentee voting in the Northside School District bond election begins Wednesday, and will continue through Dec. 2 at the Administrative Office, 5900 Evers Road. Voters may cast their ballots from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. each day except Thanksgiving Day which is a holiday.

NISD is asking for voter approval of a \$115 million bond issue which would build 8 schools including four elementary schools, two middle schools, the seventh high school, a new Mackey Vocational Training Center, and land for the eighth high school.

Polling places on Dec. 6 are Helotes School, Lock Hill Elementary, Mackey Vocational Training Center, Pat Neff Middle School, Jay High School, Colonies North Elementary, Sul Ross Middle School, Timberwilde Elementary and Pease Middle School.

## BREAST CANCER DETECTION UNIT AVAILABLE TO AREA WOMEN

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A mammogram can detect a cancer this small, • even before it can be felt.

The American Cancer Society has established guidelines for

mammography in asymptomatic women. (Women who have no symptoms of the disease.) Those guidelines have been adopted by the American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and The American College of Radiology. Those guidelines are:

I. 35-40 years of age-One baseline mammogram.

II. 40-50 years of age-A mammogram every 1-2 years depending on breast type and risk factor.

III. 50 years of age and over-An annual physical examination and annual mammogram.

IV. Asymptomatic women under 50 years of age with significant high risk factors should be examined at appropriate intervals. These risks factors include previous breast cancer and family history of

cancer.

V. A symptomatic woman should have a mammogram at any age when she experiences a mass, nipple discharge, skin changes or unexplained breast pain.

A screening mammogram is an x-ray of the breast using extremely low dosages of radiation (usually comparable to dental x-rays) and is designed to find very early cancers.

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## The Ram Band At Austin



Susan Madla, John Marshall junior, played trumpet in the Ram Band in Austin. She is the daughter of Felix and Connie Madla of Madla's Ranch. (Photos by Bob Mathis)



Another outstanding Ram Band member who went to Austin was Doris Mathis, daughter of Bob and Elaine Mathis of San Antonio Ranch. A sophomore, Doris plays the baritone.



Vicki Reichardt, daughter of Alan and Judy Reichardt of Helotes Park Estates, competed in Interscholastic League competition in Austin as a member of the John Marshall High Ram Band. A sophomore, Vicki plays the trombone.

The "broad stripes and bright stars" Francis Scott Key wrote of in the *Star Spangled Banner* each numbered 15 for the original 13 states plus Vermont and Kentucky.

## Volunteers To Be Honored

Dennis R. Jones, Commissioner of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, will be the keynote speaker at San Antonio State Hospital's 36th Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet at the Bright Shawl, 819 Augusta, on Monday, Nov. 28.

More than 75 individuals and organizations that have contributed thousands of hours as volunteers

will receive pins, bars or certificates, says Paula Strength, coordinator of the hospital's Volunteer Services. Volunteer of the Year awards will be presented to an outstanding volunteer, an employee volunteer, an Outreach Services volunteer, and to the top volunteer Business and volunteer organization.

State Reps. Frank L. Madla and

Orlando L. Garcia will make the presentations. David J. Garcia, the council's chairman, will preside. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a reception, and dinner is at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$12 per person, and checks should be made to SASH Volunteer Council and sent to Box 23991, San Antonio, 78223-0991 by Nov. 21. For further information, call 532 8811, Ext. 1537.

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## Two Nephews Remember Their Aunt

(From their remarks at the funeral for Mrs. Lucy Brown)

By George P. Kazen

Lucy Perkins Brown died last week in Helotes. For two generations of nieces and nephews, she and her husband Charles were simply "Aunt Lucy and Uncle C. O.", everyone's favorite Aunt and Uncle.

They were married for 52 inseparable years. In our eyes, they were inevitably linked—like "love and marriage". Aunt Lucy and Uncle C. O. never had children of their own. As youngsters, we wondered how God could have been so unwise, because we thought they would have been such great parents. What we failed to recognize until much later was that God had filled their hearts with so much love that He would ask them to watch over a much larger family—all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Samuel and Marion Perkins.

For decades, there was hardly ever a birth, death, wedding, or other significant event that happened without the loving presence of Aunt Lucy and Uncle C. O. More importantly, whenever any of us

just needed someone to talk to, someone who would listen quietly, they were available. Aunt Lucy, especially, was one of those rare persons who never had an unkind word to say about anyone. In the darkest situation, when you knew that there just couldn't be a silver lining anywhere, she would show it to you.

She loved Helotes, too. To the end, even when her body was sending troubling messages, her thoughts were about Helotes and her beloved Echo. With printer's ink flowing through her veins, she wanted to meet that next deadline. It was her way of reaching out to people she loved and having them reach back to her.

Scripture says that there is a time for everything under the heavens. "A time to laugh and a time to cry." Her death has been one of those occasions when both seem appropriate. We have wept many tears, but only for ourselves. Her death leaves a large void in our lives, and we shall surely miss her. We have also laughed, remembering the

many good times past, and serene in the knowledge that she is rich and happy in the eternal kingdom.

There is a time to die and a time to be born. I received the telephone call advising of Aunt Lucy's death in mid-afternoon. A few hours later, our oldest son and his wife came by to say that they had been in the doctor's office and learned that a new life is expected in their family, our first grandchild. More than anyone, Aunt Lucy would have appreciated the exquisite irony of this news. She would have been delighted to know that when it was time for her to leave, a new branch of the family was sprouting. She was a great historian and a great lover of family tradition. She thought it very important for us to remember where we came from and to know who the men and women were who went before us.

And we think it very important, as the next century unfolds, that future generations of the Perkins family, as well as the citizens of Helotes, remember Lucy Perkins Brown.



Mrs. Lucy Brown and her second great-great niece, Erica Kazen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Kazen, Jr., of San Antonio.

BY James D. Kazen

If you knew Lucy Brown only casually, you may have thought she had no children. In fact, she had many sons and daughters. Those of us in the first generation of nieces and nephews called her "Aunt," but knew she was much more. No mother was more intimate with the lives of her offsprings. She knew the dates of our births because she was there when we opened our eyes or very soon afterward. She was always there to celebrate major milestones like birthdays, graduations, weddings or events so minor they were only made special by her presence.

Aunt Lucy was the consummate teacher. Her classroom was her daily life and she welcomed everyone to school. No effort in the pursuit of knowledge went unrewarded. A stick figure drawn by a five-year-old showed a promising

Picasso. Rocks on the ground were pieces of an evolutionary puzzle. Every old house had a fascinating story to tell, and walk down a Hill Country creek with her became an adventure.

Her best subject was reserved for family and close friends. She taught us an operational definition for love. Love was not a word, it was something she did.

She loved her twin brother Douglas and his family. Her brother's death never separated them. She spoke of Douglas in the present tense as if he, like all her posterity, had just stepped out of sight for a moment.

She loved her sister Drusilla and her family. She was at her sister's side in good times and bad. If we needed an example of a caring, effective life support system — it was Drusilla and Aunt Lucy.

Especially she loved her husband

of fifty-two years, C. O. Brown. For the children, it was always "Uncle C. O. and Aunt Lucy." They were always together so it seemed natural to speak of them as one. For her it was a life long commitment not easily replicated in our time.

Now, we have an important task. It may become more difficult for our children over the years to remember Aunt Lucy and her teachings in the present tense. But for me as I hold my children and grandchildren, I will recall with pleasure "A rock is not a rock. A great essay can be created from a single blade of grass. The great American novel has not yet been written. And if the babies don't want to sleep at night we must remember they all have printer's ink in their veins." And if we're lucky, or very blessed, one of them may grow up to be just like their Aunt Lucy.

## Philosopher To Give Free Lecture

David Pears will lecture on "Philosophy and Education" on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 5 p.m. in Trinity University's Chapman Graduate Center Auditorium. Pears is professor of philosophy at Christ Church, University of Oxford. The lecture, sponsored by Trinity's philosophy department, is free and open to the public.

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## Memorial Museum To Honor Mrs. Brown

The Helotes Historical Society has rented part of the small house next to the parking lot of Helotes General Store and will establish there a historical museum and a free public library.

They rented the space from Mrs.

Wanda Terry of the General Store on Nov. 1 and already are working to prepare the museum and library.

After the death of Mrs. Lucy Brown they decided to name the project "The Lucy Brown Memorial

Library and Museum." Mrs. JoAnn Gillis will be library chairman.

The Society also is working on its Christmas Days Bazaar to be held in the General Store on Saturday, Dec. 10.

presidencies, as well as the Board of Directors. Last April marked her tenth year as a Lioness.

Whenever the Lionesses had a function, either Lucy was there to take pictures and note the story, or she had a representative to get the

news in the Helotes Echo. Her dedication to our promotion in the media was one of our best assets.

She will be missed by the 24 members of the Helotes Lioness Club, as well as the 325 Lionesses of South Texas.

## The Lionesses Remember Lucy

The Helotes Lioness Club began in January of 1978, with Lucy being there from the beginning as one of our staunchest supporters. As a Charter Member, for several years she never missed a meeting, and during these years, she served in a variety of posts — various vice-



## About Investments

**Q:** I understand securities and investment firms are covered by SPIC. How does this insurance protect the investor and who pays for it?

**A:** The Securities Investor Protection Corporation—SIPC—was set by the U.S. Congress according to the provisions of the Securities Investors Protection Act of 1970.

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Here's how the SPIC would work in case of such a failure. It would first try to merge the firm with another brokerage company. If that failed, the firm's assets would be liquidated and the SIPC would pay off customers. The maximum payout would be \$500,000 for each customer, with a \$100,000 limit on cash or cash equivalents.

The best way to think of SIPC is as the brokerage industry equivalent of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), protects your bank deposits.

**Q:** What type of year-end tax strategies can you recommend for senior citizens age 55 and up?

**A:** Sorry to say, but we would be doing most readers a disservice if we recommended specific tax strategies in this column — because what's good for the goose isn't always good for the gander. In other words, there is no one tax strategy that is right for everyone. What's appropriate depends on your individual financial goals and objectives, your current financial standing and

investments, your tax bracket, when you plan to retire (or, if in fact you have already retired), etc.

You should talk to your financial planner or advisor for the specific tax strategies you're looking for. Together, you can chart a course of action that can help achieve your own financial objectives.

That said, it's worth noting that 55 is the age at which you can sell your home and qualify for up to \$125,000 and profit — tax-free. You don't have to immediately sell your home to take advantage of the law — properly set-up home equity loans may help. But, again, you should talk to your financial planner before making any moves.

In addition, you also might want to consider deferring income — and if you already do, think about increasing the amount. Your tax bracket should be lower after retirement, so you'll get a bigger bang for your buck.

And, depending on your retirement plans, it may be time to take a hard look at your retirement accounts to make sure you are using them to maximum advantage; how they are structured may well be different now than when you were in your 30's or 40's.

Your financial planner will be able to assist you in determining the proper mix of savings and investments, especially with an eye toward tax savings and retirement, for your age and plans. With a structured plan, you can go along way toward ensuring that all your bases are covered.

The opinions and perspectives recommended in this column are provided to give consumers additional knowledge about financial planning; because they are of a general nature, they may not apply to your situation and are not intended as investment advice. You should make your own financial decisions only after consulting your personal financial planner.

## Key Education At Northside



Ann Maiden, second from right, was named the North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Key Educator of the year. Other Northside District nominees were Jovee Platz, left of Jav High School. Patricia of Taft and Robert Boyd of Holmes. Ms. Maiden teaches at Clark, where she is also sponsor of the student Cowell.

## Zion Lutheran To Open New Church Nov. 20

Inaugural religious services for the new Zion Lutheran Church in Helotes will be held Sunday, Nov. 20, beginning at 10 a.m. Led by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Gordon Kuennemann, they will start at the first church built in 1906, proceed to the second church, built in 1926, and then go to the new sanctuary.

Formal dedication of the entire complex of sanctuary, library,

church office, and nursery will be at 1 p.m.

A catered dinner in the Zion Fellowship Hall will follow the

morning service.

Ground was broken for the new church one year ago. It cost in excess of \$1,100,000

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Rock music fans voting in the recent Budweiser Battle of the Bands finals have selected Fax as the San Antonio-area band most likely to make it big on the national rock music scene.

By capturing top honors in the local Battle of the Bands finals, this dynamic group, featured in a special benefit performance at La Villita, not only received \$1,500 in music

equipment, but also kept alive its hopes of winning a national recording contract, a Budweiser commercial appearance and an additional \$10,000 in music equipment.

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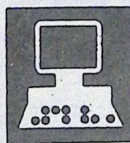
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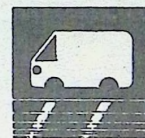
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## Laura Madla Wed To Carl Dobbs



Mrs. Carl Stuart Dobbs

Laura Elizabeth Madla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Madla of Helotes, and Carl Stuart Dobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dobbs of Melbourne, Arkansas, were married Saturday, Nov. 12, in the St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Austin.

The new Mrs. Dobbs is a graduate of John Marshall High and Texas A&M University. The groom is a graduate of the University of

Arkansas.

The bride's maid of honor was Susan Goss of Dallas, and the best man was the groom's brother, Rodney Dobbs, also of Dallas. The Rev. Danny Garcia officiated at the wedding.

A reception followed at Green pastures Restaurant, and the couple left for a honeymoon in Hawaii. Upon returning home they will continue to live in Austin.

## Leon Springs' First Fair May Be Last

The first and only annual Leon Springs Food Festival and World's Fair will be held Sunday, Nov. 20, from 2 to 10 p.m.

Food tasting booths will be provided by Dominion country Club, Fair Oaks Country Club, Macaroni's Restaurant, the Settlement Inn, Leon Springs Cafe and Angelo's.

There also will be dancing to the Hill Country Village Band, R&A Express, the Fire House 5 and Paul

Gadke.

Exhibitions will be presented by the Lone Star Squares, the Candence Cloggers and a skydiver. Donations will be \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. The site will be the Country Collage, on the IH-10 access road just west of Leon Springs. "The Restaurant Capitol of Texas."

Proceeds will benefit the Leon Springs Volunteer Fire Department.

## Breast Cancer Exams To Return Nov. 19

Mammology examinations for breast cancer will be conducted for women in the Helotes area by a mobile detection unit on the San Antonio Savings parking lot on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A female technologist highly trained in mammography will give the examinations. Early detection of breast cancer by the mammology

X-rays dramatically increases the chance of survival from the disease.

The fee is \$60, and appointments can be made by phoning the Helotes office of San Antonio Savings at 695-3561.

## Miss Helotes Prizes To Be Awarded Dec. 10

The fundraising campaign to benefit the appearance of Miss Helotes 1988, Laurie Seitz, in various state and regional scholarship competitions is continuing. The drawing for the valuable prizes to

be awarded will be held Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. in the Texas Made store in Helotes Park Shopping Center.

Donations may be made for the drawing at Texas Made, Baumann

Auto Repair, Helotes State Bank, Maidson Hair Designs and Handy Andy of Helotes. Suggested donations are \$2 per ticket or six for \$5, 12 for \$10 and 25 for \$20.

## Mary Ellis Again To Head Lodge

Mrs. Mary Ellis has been re-elected president of the Helotes Hermann Sons Lodge for 1989. Other officers are: Bernice Kempf, vice president; Alvina Mossman, secretary-treasurer; Cliff Lampmann, trustee; and Mary Philippe, finance officer.

The Lodge will have its Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 6, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Five new members were voted on and accepted at the November meeting, and more are invited.

## Phi Mu To See Play

San Antonio Alumnae Chapter of Phi Mu will attend Harlequin Dinner Theater's production of "Guys and Dolls" Friday, Nov. 18, at

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## Best Child Portrait



"The Face of the Family," an exhibit of portraits by William R. Kirkwood will be on exhibit at Leon Valley Bank as part of National Family Week. Portraits of families and individuals will be on display in the main bank, 7666 Bandera Road, beginning Thursday, Nov. 17 through Thursday, Dec. 8. The exhibit may be seen during regular lobby hours at the bank from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The exhibit is free to the public. Kirkwood, owner of Kirkwood Photography in San Antonio, recently won top honors in a state-wide competition of the "Best Portrait of a Child in Texas," as an entry in the Professional Photographers Association competition.

## Casa Helotes Plans Help For Diabetics

Casa Helotes Senior Citizen Center and the American Diabetes Association will form a Support Rap Group at the Center on Thursday, Dec. 1, beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting will include a film presentation by John Hanna. The public is invited.

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## Churches Set Joint

### Thanksgiving Service

A Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the new Zion Lutheran Church at Loop 1604 and Braun and Leslie Roads.

Participating will be these churches: Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Northminister Presbyterian, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Zion Lutheran of Helotes, Helotes Hills United Methodist, Tezel Oaks

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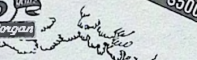
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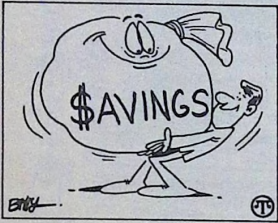
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## FACTS & FIGURES

It takes money to save money, the old saying goes. Not necessarily so. Many city officials have found a way to implement energy conservation programs in government buildings without paying a dime—and those energy savings may mean lower taxes, too. One such program saved Lake County, Indiana nearly \$600,000 a year in utility bills without requiring any capital expenditures from the government budget.

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A similar energy conservation now underway in Massachusetts is saving the people of that state some \$1.15 million each year. Those funds are now free for other projects that are making life better for millions.

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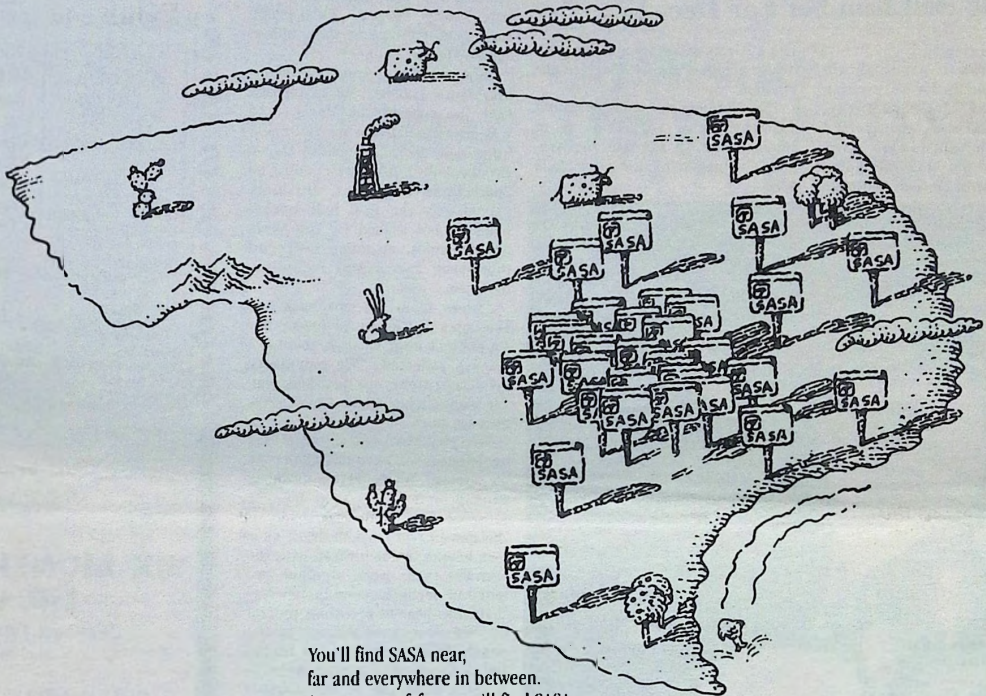
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# Raiders Beat Rams 14-0 In Season's Final Game

BY WAYNE OWENS

Taft High School will have a bigger and better nucleus from which to build next year's football team while Marshall will have to find 15 new starters to improve from its 2-8 season.

Taft's Raiders closed out the season in high fashion with a 14-0 shutout of neighboring rival

Marshall. The Raiders finished the season at 6-4 overall, their second straight six-victory season and a 3-3 District 30-A5 mark, good enough for a third place tie with Del Rio.

The Rams finished with a dreadful 2-8 worksheet and a 1-5 mark in league action.

The Raiders will return nine offensive starters and six from

defense. Hopefully, next year will be the year Taft can break from that middle category to the top rung which houses Clark and Holmes year in and year out.

"We never established a timetable," said Taft Coach Mike Haynes after the team's third varsity season. "You have to look at the groups coming into the program. Next year, we'll have a lot of seniors. The year after, we won't have many seniors. This group coming up will create some opportunities for us."

Haynes has mixed emotions about his team's success. He is pleased with the progress but feels there was always another step that could have been taken. A healthy Dyron Brodbeck for a full season would be appreciated next year. Brodbeck played only the first half against Marshall but rushed for 155 yards on 14 carries, including a 61-yard touchdown run, before re-injuring his knee.

"Every team can look back and see opportunities to be better but they didn't do it when it counted," Haynes reflected. "We got pretty good consistency toward the end. We won our last three which gives us a big push."

"We played with good consistency on defense. We were mistake-prone on offense. We'd get an untimely penalty or make a critical mistake at the wrong time. That's part of the game. You have to make your own breaks. I was pleased with the way the team stuck together and with our senior leadership."

Haynes heaped praise on several players who came through in the clutch. Offensively, Haynes lauded Bill Walker, who moved over to fullback after the season started; Chris Sanchez who took up the tailback and flanker positions; and Neal Leach, who is drawing some college attention at offensive tackle.

Defensively, Haynes mentioned Eric Burno, Todd Shipman, Carl King and Eric Patterson, another college prospect, for their consistent hard work.

The Raiders are beginning to put the off-season program into place.

"Defensively, we have the flexibility to adapt to what players we have and their strengths," Haynes said. "Offensively, we want to work on throwing the ball more."

The Rams have a harder road to take in their off-season as they try to improve from a 2-8 year. One consolation for the Rams is their underclassmen programs. The junior varsity went 5-3-1 this year and the freshmen were 7-2.

"We didn't have a very successful season obviously," said Marshall Coach David Visentine. "Everyone was disappointed the way the season ended. Several things seemed like they kept going wrong. We had a lot of problems stopping ourselves, especially offensively with penalties, fumbles and interceptions."

Visentine pointed to a 40-17 loss

to Holmes as "one of our better games" of the season.

"You can't stop Holmes, Clark proved that," Visentine said. "Our defense played as well as it possibly could. Holmes is such a good team, they'll find some soft spot. We didn't play as well against Taft as we did Holmes. They'll be tough next year."

Visentine said the inexperience

and lack of size hurt this year but added the Rams have a good nucleus to work from for next year. The offensive starters returning next year are running backs V. J. Villareal and Terry Porter, guard Reggie Nious and tight end Morris Jefferson. Returning from the defense are backs Barry Bobbett and Scott Gonzales and tackle Trent Bryant.

"We have nowhere to go but up," Visentine said. "We have a bright future ahead of us. The kids played with good effort every game."

## Jingle Bell Run Set For Dec. 17

Bells will be ringing.

Young and old, fit or not, all will be able to gear up for an exciting day of fun and fitness. Saturday, Dec. 17, at 8:30 a.m., runners and walkers will tie bells to their shoes at the start of the 1988 Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis in San Antonio.

The 5-K run will start and finish in Brackenridge Park at the Koehler Pavilion.

The minimum entry fee for individual runners or walkers is \$8 in advance and \$9 for late registration. The team minimum entry fee is \$250.



San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo's Go Western Gala chairman James Smith toasts to the success of this year's event with co-chairman Betty Smith. The gala to be held on Jan. 20, at the Joe & Harry Freeman Coliseum has been an instrumental fund raiser for the San Antonio Livestock Exposition Scholarship Fund. Over 150 Texas youth are now continuing their education in an agribusiness field at a Texas college or university with full, four-year scholarships. The 40th Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo will be held Feb. 10-19, at the coliseum.

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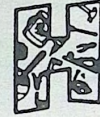
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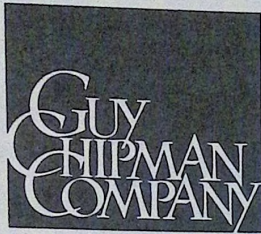
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### NEW LAW EXPANDS MEDICARE COVERAGE

There's good news for the 32 million Americans covered by Medicare. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is taking steps to keep all elderly and disabled beneficiaries informed of changes in the Medicare program made by the Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988.

According to HHS Secretary Otis R. Bowen, "All beneficiaries need to know how Medicare has been expanded to protect them from the costs of catastrophic illness." Thanks to the new law, Medicare will soon cover unlimited hospital costs after a single yearly deductible. There will also be a limit on a beneficiary's share of doctor bills.

All beneficiaries will be mailed revised and updated copies of the "Medicare Handbook," the program's basic user dictionary. The new handbook reflects changes in the law which take effect in 1989, as well as explaining other Medicare coverage. In addition, a 16-page brochure focusing only on the catastrophic changes will be mailed to beneficiaries. The brochure covers all of the changes mandated under the new law.



Medicare has been expanded to protect beneficiaries against the cost of catastrophic illness.

The new handbook makes it clear Medicare doesn't cover extended nursing home stays. Bowen says, "It is very important for beneficiaries to understand this so that they will realize the need to make other provisions, including private insurance, to protect against the possible need for nursing home care."

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## Firewood: Getting A Cord's Worth

It's that time of year again when ads for firewood begin to appear in the newspapers. People with fireplaces and woodburning stoves begin to notice firewood loads for sale in pick-up trucks alongside the road.

When buying firewood by the pick-up load, consumers really have no way of accurately knowing how much wood they are paying for because truck bed sizes vary from small to large depending on the make of the vehicle. Consumers should also be wary of firewood dealers who offer a quick discount for delivery of unstacked wood. The problem is that when wood isn't stacked, there is no way to measure it accurately.

**There Is a Standard.** Most consumers don't realize that there is a standard measure of firewood called a cord. Knowing the legal dimensions of a cord makes a wise purchase easier to make. A cord is not a "pick-up full" or a "load" or a "rick." A legal cord is a well-stacked pile of logs that measures four feet high by four feet wide by eight feet long. But no matter how a cord is stacked, it should equal 128 cubic feet.

**Don't Get Burned.** Firewood is usually sold in 16- to 24-inch lengths. If you are buying only a portion of a cord, neatly stack the wood and multiply the height of the stack by its width and length. Divide the result by 128. The final figure tells you how much of a cord you are buying. If, for example, you end up with one-fourth of a cord, multiply the cost of the wood by four. Then you'll know how much you are paying "by the cord."

If you buy a full cord of firewood, here's an easy way to find out if you are getting what you pay for. Before you have the wood delivered, measure off a 4x4x8-foot area.) Then, before you pay for the load, have the delivery person stack the wood in that area. If you pay for the wood and then stack it yourself, chances are that the delivery truck will be long gone by the time you realize that you may have been shorted on the deal.

The costs for a cord of wood will vary according to what type of tree the wood came from and how well seasoned it is. Green, or unseasoned, wood will be cheaper, but it won't be suitable for burning for another six to

10 months. The best time to purchase unseasoned wood is in late spring and early summer. The demand for wood is low then and so is the cost. You'll also have plenty of time to let the wood dry out for better burning during the winter.

Oak and mesquite are preferred for firewood because they are slow-burning hardwoods. Softwoods like pine and spruce are less desirable firewood choices—and usually cheaper—because they burn faster.

**A Word of Caution About Red Oak.** The fungus that causes oak wilt can grow on the bark of red oak. Even dead red-oak bark can host this fast-spreading fungus. If you purchase red-

oak firewood it is best not to store it for later use, because of the danger that insects might spread the fungus to healthy trees. If you buy firewood of an unknown origin, it is best to burn it all this winter before insect activity picks up.

When stacking firewood, avoid placing it against an outside wall. If firewood is stacked against a wall, the insects and other small animals that may move into the stack for shelter will have an easier time moving inside your house or garage. To prevent this invasion, stack your firewood along a fence or make it a free-standing stack in a corner of the yard.

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ting fewer details fall through the cracks." Says Dennis Percher, Curriculum Manager, Corporate Education and Training at AT&T, "The Day Runner is a tool to help apply the concepts learned in my time management course at AT&T. It helps employees meet their personal goals, strengthens habits and reinforces the disciplines on a daily basis. 'Am I doing the most important things for today?'"

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# Newsworthy Trends



Seventy-two percent of people surveyed say they favor personal checks over any other method of payment.

Retailers' profits could increase and consumers could find shopping more convenient if more stores accepted checks as payment for purchases, studies show. A national survey found consumers will shop more and spend more if they can write checks at the point of sale.

Nearly 60 percent of those surveyed by The Wirthlin Group on behalf of Payment Systems Education Association (PSEA) said they would shop more often if checks were accepted and nearly 50 percent said they would buy more each shopping trip. "An overwhelming 72 percent of those surveyed chose checks as their preferred method of payment," David Meyers, PSEA president, said. "This sends a strong message to retailers that checks are the way consumers want to pay."

Despite the popularity of checks, nearly one person in four—23 percent—said not all establishments would accept checks. Supermar-

kets (55 percent) and department stores (45 percent) lead as retail establishments where checks are written and accepted, according to the survey.

Experts in the financial field believe it's time for profit-minded retailers to rethink their positions on accepting checks as payment. "Check acceptance is an easy way for retailers to increase their sales and they need not be concerned about bad debt," Linden Fellersmen, president of Telecredit, explained. "Services like Telecredit guarantee the checks they approve and help retailers maximize sales while minimizing risk. In fact, over 98% of all checks written are good. The key is to manage the entire 100% in a cost effective manner while providing excellent service to the balance of good check-writing consumers who represent the bulk of the retailers revenues and profits."

In the future, it seems, paying by check may be the way to go at the check out counter.



# Office Management

## Tips To Avoid Office Temper Tantrums

Malfunctioning office equipment is an important—and avoidable contributor to on-the-job stress. When the copier is on the blink, responses often range from pressing every button in sight to kicking the machine.

"You'll save lots of time and, perhaps, your equipment, by calling for help," says William Decelle, national director of service for Minolta Corporation's Business Equipment Division. According to Decelle, attempting to fix the copier yourself is one of the ten most common user errors resulting in downtime and expensive repairs.

"Some people feel they can fix the machine on their own, using such handy tools as letter openers and screwdrivers," Decelle says. "Nearly always, they do more harm than good." Decelle says other common copier user errors include:

- Behind Unclosed Doors—"People sometimes panic and put in a service call when they discover they can't turn the copier on. Often that's because they've failed to properly close the access doors."
- Force Feeding—"When an of-



A letter opener is not the tool to use when fixing a copier machine.

fice has several copiers of varying makes or models, inserting the wrong toner is a common but preventable mistake."

- Wipe Out—"Wet Liquid Paper, or 'white-out,' on originals melts and leaves a spot on the glass, which doesn't do much for copy quality."
- Detached Attachments—"Paper clips or staples left on top of the copier can easily fall into the machine and bring about a service call."
- Paper Chase—"If you buy inexpensive paper you're not likely to

get good copies. Also, inferior paper increases the likelihood of a jam."

• Jam Job—"Incomplete clearing of jams is another common error. Sometimes two or three pieces of paper will be jammed inside the machine, and removing just one won't solve the problem."

• Down the Hatch—"People make the mistake of using the copier as a coffee table. Even a small amount of coffee can short out the machine."

• Exposed—"Once you open a pack of paper, you should finish it, or see that it's left in the machine. Exposed paper can get moist, which makes for poor copies. Store copy paper in a cool, dry area."

• Tight Spot—"If a copier is blocked on all three sides, the ventilation fans can be blocked, leading to overheating. When a copier isn't properly ventilated it shortens the life of the machine's components and can affect the copy quality."

"Avoiding these common user errors will prevent expensive service calls and help you keep your sanity," says Decelle.



The Spanish were the first to smoke cigarettes.



## Person —

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"Much of the past history of Helotes passed with the passing of Mrs. Brown. She will be long remembered. It's sad that the young people will miss the wealth of history of Helotes that Mrs. Brown was able to remember."

—Marjorie W. Beatty  
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"Lucy was my very first dearest friend since moving to Texas seven years ago. History and books, so dear to my heart, were always a joy to discuss with Lucy. She put so much of herself into our Helotes historical Society that we will honor her memory by naming our newly acquired library and museum for her. I will always remember Lucy with love."

—JoAnn Kisler Gillis  
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"Mr. Brown, we know you will miss your wonderful wife, however the memories of your life together will last forever."

—Lou and Nell Baeton  
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"Lucy was a very special, one of a kind person and she will be truly missed by the people of Helotes and especially by me. I am saddened by her death."

—Vi Swift  
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"Lucy will be missed by all in Helotes. She was a lovely lady and always so helpful to me."

—Mary Wynn  
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"We all share your grief."

—Jerry and Keri Null  
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"She was an exceptional lady whose memory and friendship I will always cherish."

—Jim Tipton  
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"Our deepest sympathy."

—Sandy and Wally Baumann  
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"Our deepest sympathy."

—Tom Haberman and Staff  
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The day Lucy died, I was called at the Casa Helotes Senior Center and told the sad news. It was my hard task to turn to many of the seniors who had known Lucy for decades to tell them of her passing. There was shock! There were tears! And there was an immediate outpouring of "Lucy" stories...all of them relayed with love, with sadness, and with respect for an old friend of Helotes. But, what I heard most that day was... "I can't believe it, no Lucy Brown?"

—Barbara De Martino

President Grover Cleveland had more than one "first" to his credit. He was the first president to marry while in the White House. He wed Frances Folsom in 1886. He is also the only president to have served two non-consecutive terms. Both records have yet to be broken.

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## Mrs. Brown —

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in-law, Mrs. Amali Perkins of San Antonio; and 35 nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and two great-great nieces.

Her pallbearers were six of her nephews and great-nephews, Gus Van Steenberg, James D. Kazen and Nick Van Steenberg of San Antonio; George P. Kazen and George D. Kazen of Laredo; and John D. Perkins of Fort Worth.

Two of them, James D. Kazen and George P. Kazen, gave eulogies to her during the funeral mass.

Mrs. Brown was born in Sioux City, Iowa, where her family owned the Sioux City Journal. The newspaper had been founded by her grandfather, and was edited by her father until his death in 1925.

She moved with her mother, twin brother and sister to San Antonio in 1926. She attended the old Edison High School in Los Angeles Heights, and earned a bachelor of journalism degree at the University of Texas in 1938.

She taught English and journalism at both John Marshall High and Holmes High, and founded the two student newspapers, Marshall Rampage and Holmes Gavel. She also worked on the Texas Livestock Journal and the San Antonio Express-News, before starting the Echo in September, 1961.

She was past president of the Helotes Festival Association, vice president of the Helotes Historical Society, vice president of the Helotes Business and Professional Association, and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and its Altar Society.

The community responded with a great outpouring of sympathy and love. At the rosary on Wednesday night, Father Jach remarked that he had never seen so many flowers in Our Lady of Guadalupe church for a funeral before.

The family thanks all who responded.

Father Gerry led the recitation of the rosary Wednesday night, and Mrs. Marsha Schoolcraft played the organ and sang the hymns during the funeral mass.



Arbor Day was first celebrated in the U.S. in Nebraska in 1872.

# Home Pilgrimage, Shopping Bonanza Kicks Off Yuletide Season In S.A.

SAN ANTONIO — Four of San Antonio's most beautiful homes decked in holiday splendor and a gala shopping bonanza will kick off yuletide festivities here December 2-4.

Favorites of locals, visitors and tour groups, the San Antonio Garden Center's "Christmas Pilgrimage & Merry Mart" are not-to-be-missed Alamo City festivities.

New this year, the Pilgrimage's first candlelight tour December 2 will add another vista to the city's magical nightscape that entices visitors from around the state to catch the holiday spirit on a weekend trip to San Antonio.

The black-tie candlelight tour is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. December 2 and features an elegant buffet from the historic Radisson Gunter Hotel. The daylight tour and shopping bazaar are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. December 3-4.

Other seasonal events taking place the first weekend in December include the Fiesta de las Luminarias, a festival of lights following a tradition begun in the 1500s representing the lighting of the Holy Family's way to Bethlehem. Festive lights twinkle in the trees along the River Walk throughout the month. A traditional Christmas story will be portrayed in the evening along the River Walk in the new Rivercenter mall.

Minutes from downtown is the Merry Mart at the Garden Center adjacent to the city's Botanical center. Visitors are greeted with the aromas of fresh-baked delicacies, the sounds of Christmas songs and the visual banquet of handcrafted gifts and decorations.

An antique kitchen provides the backdrop for a sidewalk care featuring baked goods, sandwiches and tamales for a snack or quick lunch.

Here visitors shop for one-of-a-kind gifts, unique decorations, and fresh greenery and poinsettias. Chockfull of holiday fare, the shopping mart offers Amish dolls, crossed stitch ornaments, books, stockings, wreaths and brocade handbags to name a few of the thousands of items to choose from. Special favorites are festively wrapped cakes, cookies, candies, pickles and preserves — ready for instant gift-giving.

Tour buses are available from the center to the Pilgrimage homes in the nearby Monte Vista Historical District and prestigious Alamo Heights.

The tour offers a glimpse of some of the city's finest homes as well as a potpourri of holiday decorating ideas.

"Timeless Elegance" is the theme of a Monte Vista home decorated in baroque holiday splendor. This Renaissance Revival mansion built

in 1917 by one of South Texas' wealthiest cattle barons long has been considered one of the city's most beautiful residences.

Fresh garlands and fruit, orchids, tropical hibiscus and citrus blend harmoniously with the formality of the three-story home.

A New Orleans chateau, "Joyeaux Noel," will boast more than 65,000 lights twinkling throughout gardens artfully landscaped with hundreds of bedding plants in the season's most festive colors.

"A Merry Little Christmas" is an Alamo Heights bungalow, which showcases the works of local and Texas craftsmen. The "trash d'art" holiday decor features tin can luminarias, press tin tree ornaments, a deerhorn wreath, wine bottle chimes and spiked candles and apples.

Gingerbread houses abound in a cozy two-story clapboard, which

also showcases a collection of antique dolls. "Twas the Night Before Christmas" is the theme of another Monte Vista home which blends Southwest coloring with handmade treasures.

Tickets for the daylight home tour are \$5 and are available by mail or at the Garden Center.

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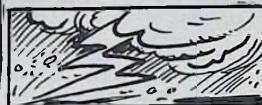
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## Baptists Will Have Sixth Anniversary

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Worship services are at 11 a.m. and lunch will follow. Special music will be provided by a father and son duo, "Frank and Joe," from San Antonio.

The Thanksgiving sermon will be given by Pastor Don Stone. He and members of the church extend an invitation to the public for the fellowship.

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Controversial jurist Robert Bork will speak at Trinity University's Policymaker Breakfast Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 a.m. in La Mansion del Norte's Madero Ballroom. His topic will be "And Justice for All." Tickets are \$30.

Bork's nomination to the U. S. Supreme Court in July, 1987, by

President Reagan resulted in one of the most heated political debates in recent years. Although regarded by lawyers, judges and legal scholars as one of America's leading conservative jurists, Bork's confirmation was denied by the U. S. Senate in October, 1987, after months of public debate.

## Two File For Edwards Board

Mrs. June Kachtik of Rock Creek Run has filed for Precinct 2 director of the Edwards Underground Water District election to be held Jan. 21. Ms. Kachtik is vice president of a planning and market research firm in San Antonio, and was a consultant to the Edwards District. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and UTSA, with a master's degree in urban planning and environmental management.

Filing recently in the same election was Mrs. Fay Sinkin, seeking re-election for at-large director of the Edwards. She already has served six years on the Edwards board.

Also on the June 21 ballot will be the board election of the San Antonio River Authority and the referendum on the domed stadium for San Antonio.



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 Conducting the dialogue will be Dr. Juan Bruce Novoa of Trinity University's department of Spanish. The session will be free.

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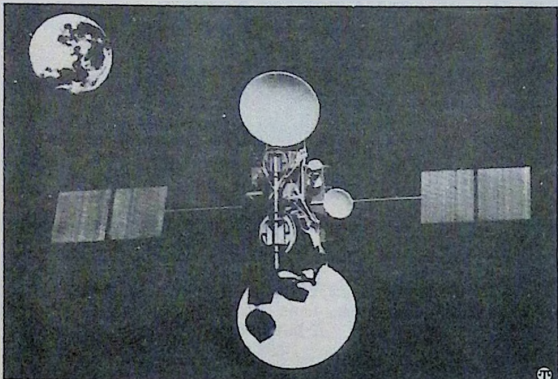
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It takes 4,000 crocuses to make an ounce of saffron.

## spotlight on health

### Tips For Finding A Nursing Home

Demand for long-term health care is rising sharply, confronting millions of Americans with questions about how to choose a nursing home.

Sharon Oswald, R.N., has some suggestions. Ms. Oswald is Corporate Director of Quality Assurance at Beverly Enterprises, the nation's largest long-term care provider. She urges prospective nursing home residents and their families to visit facilities in their area to determine if their needs can be met.

Carry a checklist on the visit, she says, and see how you might answer these and similar questions:

- Is the home clean? Are there any unpleasant odors? Are residents neatly dressed and well groomed?
- What kinds of activities are offered? Do you see activities being performed?
- Does the home have a quality assurance program with regular visits by company officials?
- Does the home emphasize employee training at regular intervals by health care professionals?
- How does the staff interact with the residents? Is there a friendly atmosphere of care and concern? Is the staff open and attentive to your questions?

With this list as a starting point,



you can begin to make comparisons between different care providers. Ms. Oswald acknowledges, however, that it can be difficult for people under the stress of choosing a home to put all their impressions into perspective. The task may be made a little easier, she says, by asking nursing home administrators and directors of nursing how they maintain quality care, and how often they tour their facilities to ensure that level of care.

Clearly, an open discussion with health care professionals is the best way to gather the information needed to make what is often a difficult decision. For more information on what to look for in choosing a home, call toll-free 1-800-572-9981. If you live in California, call 1-800-572-5675.

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