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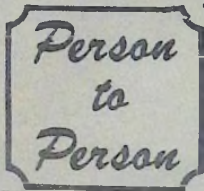
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Countdown Begins For Cornyval '87



The Helotes Business and Professional Association will meet Wednesday, Jan. 14, at El Chaparral Restaurant, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This Christmas, like the Christmas before, one family in Helotes had a merrier Christmas because of the Masons of Helotes Lodge 1429 A.F. & A.M. On the Saturday before Christmas, members of that Masonic fraternity gathered two large baskets of food, including a turkey and ham, and took them to a needy family in the area. "This sharing of love with that family is another way of showing the community that Masonry is a way of life," said one of the members.

The ecumenical service held at Thanksgiving by the local churches resulted in a \$224.94 donation to the Casa Helotes Seniors Center. That was half of the offering received at the service. The other half will go to local charities.

Holiday guests visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Gillis of McNeel Park were John's son, Jack Gillis, from Seattle, Washington, and JoAnn's son, Jeff Tanksly, and a friend, Mike Karcher, from Jackson, Mississippi.

Also to meet on Jan. 14 is the Helotes City Council, at the City Hall, beginning at 7 p.m.

Kindergarten Teacher Fran Strawn of Timberwilde Elementary School will leave Saturday morning, Jan. 10, for Australia to be an exchange teacher there for a year. She will be replaced at Timberwilde by a teacher from Australia, Joan Amos.

The Silver Belles had their January meeting at the new Boot Hill Restaurant Thursday noon, honoring members who had birthdays in October, November and December.

"A man ought warily to begin changes which once begun will continue."
Francis Bacon



Helotes Cornyval '87, now being developed, will bring scenes like this mounted color guard in the Cornyval Parade. Permanent theme of the Cornyval is "Helotes -- where the Hill Country begins."

New Ideas Asked For Celebration

Helotes Spring Festival Association began the new year with an "all systems go" for the production of the 22nd Cornyval next May.

Chairmen of the various units in the annual civic celebration -- parade, coronation, special events, dances, street booths, security, parade float, sanitation, transportation, carnival and Publicity -- all reported at the January meeting of the Association Monday night that their divisions are proceeding smoothly.

The Cornyval draws approximately 50,000 participants each year.

A major change this year will be moving the Miss Helotes Coronation and pageant to the new Taft High School auditorium on the night of April 11, and extending the boundaries of the territory from

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1986 Ends As Sixth Wettest Here

Bright sunny days during the first week of 1987 and cool nights followed similar days for the holidays in December.

During the last month of 1986, 6.1 inches of rain fell, according to official records kept by Henry Brauchle, local weather observer.

This adds up to 53.1 inches for

1986 in the Helotes area, making it the sixth wettest year here since records kept by Mr. Brauchle or his father began in 1885.

The all-time record was set in 1973 with a total of 64.8 inches in Helotes. Other wet years include 1965 with 52.4 inches, 1972 with 46.2 inches, 1976 with 54.8 inches and

1981 with 56.7 inches.

The driest year on record was 1917 when only 10.11 inches fell during the entire year. Stories of this great drought are legendary.

The coldest January day on record was Jan. 5, 1972, when the temperature in Helotes dropped to 16 degrees.

Absentee Voting Underway

Absentee voting by personal appearance for the Jan. 17, Special Election to elect directors of the San Antonio River Authority and the

Edwards Underground Water District, and to vote on the 911 Emergency Service District in Bexar County, will continue through

Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Qualified voters, who, on the day of the Election, expect to be absent from the County or who will be sixty five (65) years of age or older, or who, because of sickness, physical disability or religious belief, cannot appear at a polling place on Election Day, will be permitted to cast an absentee ballot.

Absentee voting will be conducted at the Bexar County Courthouse, on the second floor, at the South end of the hallway, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The only candidate for the board of directors of the Edwards Underground Water District is the incumbent, Robert C. Hasslocher. One director will be elected in each of the five counties in the district.

Lotto, Arthur, Emilio and Benny, and their wives; three daughters, Gloria Littlefield, Vickey Victory and Martha Ramos, and their husbands; one brother, Teodoro Valdez; 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Martinez Dies At 80

Mrs. Louisa V. Martinez, a long-time resident of San Geronimo, died Friday, Dec. 26, and was buried Monday morning, Dec. 28, in the Helotes Catholic Cemetery following a funeral mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Mrs. Martinez was the widow of Pete Martinez, owner for many years of Pete's Place in San Geronimo. She was 80.

Her survivors include four sons,

A rosary was recited for Mrs. Martinez Sunday evening, Dec. 28, in the Chapel of Roses of North Park Mortuary.

World Trade Seminar Set

A seminar, "Importing Into The United States," will be sponsored jointly by the San Antonio World Trade Association (SAWTA) and the Foreign Business Committee of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

Scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the Commerce Room, National Bank of Commerce, the seminar will feature representatives of the U.S. Customs Service, as well as local importers and freight systems experts. Registration will be at 9 a.m., and the seminar will run until 4:30 p.m., including lunch.

Cost is \$45 per person for SAWTA members and \$50 per person for non-members. Lunch only is \$30. Membership in SAWTA is \$50 for corporate, \$25 for individuals, and \$10 for students.

Registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 12, 1987. To register, or for more information, call Esther Escobar, 229-2123.

4-H Club Cooks Up Delicious Food Show



Lorraine Schoolcraft of the Helotes 4-H Club puts the finishing touches on her dessert roll entered in the food and nutrition show. She won a first place blue ribbon. Lorraine's brother and sister watch the final preparation of her entry.

Regina Castillo was the grand prize winner in the first good and nutrition show held recently by the Helotes 4-H Club. Her entry was a surprise apple cheese cake. Lorraine Schoolcraft won a first place blue ribbon for a dessert roll.

There were two second place winners, Denise Mechler with fluffy oven eggs and Hank Schott with pizza potatoes.

Sixteen 4-H members entered foods in five categories. Each member selected the recipe of his or her choice. A menu for one day's meals also was part of the requirements. All participants were interviewed by the judges concerning the food they prepared, their eating habits and their involvement in 4-H.

Ruth Felty, the club's food and nutrition leader, began the Helotes 4-H group last year, and membership has increased from eight at the start to the present eighteen.

Adelines

The Fiesta City Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Inc., will present its first annual barbershop show, "Everybody Loves a Lover," Feb. 7, at 8 p.m., at Incarnate Word College Auditorium in San Antonio.

New Austin Highway Studied

The state highway commission has approved preparation of a feasibility study for development of a new Austin-to-San Antonio highway. The proposed roadway is

being hailed by local government leaders in both cities as a magnet for economic development in Central Texas.

The highway department's study will analyze the feasibility of building the roadway east of Interstate 35. Beginning in Georgetown, the roadway would end at Interstate 10 near Seguin, and southbound traffic could continue to San Antonio on I-10.

The corridor association has estimated the cost of the roadway at \$400 million.

Attends Seminar



Deputy Constable David Tolbert of Precinct 2 recently attended a 24-hour seminar in Arlington conducted by the Texas Justice Court Training Center headquartered at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. He was one of 49 constables from throughout South Texas selected for the seminar.

Cookie Sales To Begin

San Antonio Area Girl Scouts of all ages will turn out in droves during January to collect orders for their annual Girl Scout Cookie Fundraiser.

Cookies will be delivered beginning Feb. 21.

Approximately 8,000 Girl Scouts from 750 troops will sell to the theme of "Cookie Magic" in San Antonio and eight surrounding counties. Each girl hopes to raise money to be used for her troop's weekly activities, campouts, and community projects. Funds from the sale are also used for special Girl Scout programs in four local school districts.

The year, 1987, also marks the 75th anniversary of Girl Scouting nationwide.

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which candidates for Miss Helotes may enter.

Association Treasurer Jim Benke reported at the meeting that liability insurance has been secured for the 1987 Cornyal.

Lad Harold, booths chairman, reported that invitations for renting booth space will be mailed about Feb. 22. More booth space than ever will be available this year.

Sandy Baumann, chairman of the Association float, reported that remodeling of the float is underway and it has been entered in the night parade of the San Antonio Fiesta.

President Bill Stein called for new ideas for the Cornyal and reported that discussions are underway for bringing a big name country and western band for the last day of the

festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wendt are in Dallas this weekend representing the Association at the state convention of the Texas Association of Fairs and Festivals, where they expect to hear a number of performers who could be brought to Helotes. Mrs. Wendt is secretary of the Association, and Fred is a former president of it.

Two new members were added to the Association Monday night. They are Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Taylor of Evans Valley.

The Association meets on the first Monday of each month in the Community Activity Center of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Feb. 2.

John Marshall Coach Resigns

Coach Jim Weaver has resigned his position as Marshall High School head football coach and been reassigned within the Northside School district.

Weaver said there was not any one particular reason on his decision

to resign which he said he reached "back before Christmas." He would not say what position he would be taking but did say it would not be as an assistant coach.

"There are things I want to do for my family and personal career."

Weaver had been with the school 11 years, the last eight as head coach where he notched a 46-33-2 record including a district championship in 1983.

Weaver said Tuesday on his last day at Marshall. "That's not to say I won't get back into coaching but I'm going to try something different."

"I've got an 11-year old son who's quite an athlete whom I want to work with and a daughter on the dance team here at school who I've never seen perform at halftime. I've spent a lot of time working with great kids here at Marshall but the bottom line is I still need to spend time with my own."

Weaver said coaches Craig Kirby and Ronnie White will be in charge of the football program until a new coach is appointed.

Caroline Wernli, director of secondary personnel with the NISD, said applications are currently being accepted. She said the district is not limiting its search to a two-week period but they will hire coach "as soon as we can."

Helpful Hints on Job-Finding

By Robert J. Baer
President, United Van Lines

• Thirty to forty percent of all jobs come through personal or professional contacts. Through "net-working," you may be able to get informational interviews to discuss the possibility of a job opening that you could fill at a later date. Or you may be able to use your contact's name as a reference in a letter or phone call to a potential interviewer.

• If your spouse's employer offers job-search assistance to transferring spouses as part of the relocation benefits, contact the person in charge of the program, suggest the experts at United Van Lines. Write your resume. Contact employment agencies in the new community.

• Many of your job-hunting expenses may be tax-deductible.

Driver Classes Open To Seniors

"Fifty-five Alive" mature driver classes, to include the hearing impaired and deaf, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 21 and 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PARC Building of the Helotes Hills United Methodist Church.

Frank Renfro, assistant state director for the driver program, will be the instructor. Nora Nelson of

the Sigma Pi sorority chapter is coordinating the class.

Cost for the eight-hour course is \$7. Seniors 50 years old and over may enroll. Space is available for 30 people.

Sign language interpreters will be present for the hearing impaired. The Helotes Business and Profes-

sional Association is paying the fee for the interpreters.

Upon completion the students receive a certificate which will entitle them to receive a 10 per cent discount on automobile insurance.

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Goodwill Donation



Bob Blase, right, executive director of San Antonio's Goodwill Industries, accepts a \$10,000 USAA contribution from USAA chairman Robert F. McDermott, to help rebuild a Goodwill warehouse destroyed by fire last month. McDermott said that helping Goodwill "is small repayment for the help Goodwill has given the city's people over the past 40 years."

Labor Secretary To Speak Here

William E. Brock, U.S. Secretary of Labor, will give a free public lecture at Trinity University on Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. in Laurie Auditorium.

Brock has been active in politics for almost 25 years. In 1962 he became the first Republican to be elected to in more than 40 years from Tennessee's third district. After four terms in the House of Representatives, Brock was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1970. In 1977 the Republican Party elected Brock as its national chairman, a position he held until being named U.S. Trade Representative in 1981.

Early next year a group of veterans and their wives and friends will leave on a cruise to revisit battlefields and beaches in the Pacific on which they fought during World War Two. The "Memories Cruise" will depart from Sydney, Australia, on March 26.

NEWSWORTHY TRENDS



Joan Vass' USA 100% cotton knit top and bottom.

It is, undoubtedly, one of the few pieces of apparel in your wardrobe that you probably feel "emotional" about. Like denim jeans, that regardless of how beat-up they get can never be thrown out because they are so comfortable, the 100% cotton knit has earned its place in the fashion hall of fame.

Whether a polo shirt, rugby shirt, or classic V-neck sweater vest, 100 percent cotton knits always seem to look great and feel even better.



Knit Maven's 100% cotton knit cowl-neck sweater.

Until recently, however, they were mostly considered only summer wear. Now, style says they're for everywhere and any time.

The rocketing consumer demand for 100 percent cotton knitted apparel challenged the industry to provide these comfortable clothes year 'round in heavier weights for greater warmth and in fashionable colors for the fall and winter.

The influx of fashionable 100 percent cotton knits for all seasons has

come from every spectrum of the apparel industry. From designer Joan Vass, who is introducing a line of dresses for a classic look; to sweat-

er manufacturers Knit Maven, offering cable-stitch styles for dressing-up or leisure-wear.

Cotton sweaters have been misunderstood in the past, says Lois Veber, of Cotton, Incorporated. "Extensive research," she reports, "found the best method of care is the easiest. Simply wash in a general cycle with a mild detergent and tumble dry."

According to the fiber company of U.S. cotton producers, cotton actually protects against cold weather by keeping out wind while keeping a warm layer of air around the wearer. Unlike synthetic fibers, cotton keeps this layer of warm air around the body while allowing for the evaporation of body moisture, therefore, cotton never feels cold or clammy against the skin. In addition, cotton's soft fibers never scratch or irritate the skin the way wool or acrylic can.

Thanks to cotton's features and the ingenuity of today's fashion designers, once you have a feel for cotton, you won't feel like anything else.

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HELOTES TRIVIA

BY JOHN GILLIS

All Lotteries Illegal In Texas

Although lotteries are legal in some states, they are still illegal in Texas. In addition, it is illegal to send lotter information into the United States from other countries. At least one Canadian organization is sending gambling information into Texas. Those who respond through the mails are also in violation of federal laws, according to postal authorities.

Most people do not realize that lotteries conducted for charitable purposes are also illegal. For example, a local boys club may sell lotter tickets at \$1 each to raise money for football uniforms. The prize may be anything from a color T.V. to a home-cooked meal. Or a

church group may "accept donations" for chances to win a prize in order to help collect money for refugees or other needy people.

Either way, the law is the same. Persons who set up the lotter and persons who buy lotter tickets are committing criminal acts.

In areas where voters have authorized charities to conduct bingo games, those charities licensed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts may conduct such games.

If you have received a solicitation for entering a lottery, your best course of action is to throw it away or turn it over to local postal authorities.

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Mrs. San Antonio Visits



Mrs. Mac Bowman, Mrs. San Antonio 1986-87, recently visited patients at Wilford Hall Medical Center. Here she is with Kimberly Perales. Mrs. Bowman's mother was Miss Lackland AFB in 1961. (Photo by Leo Stewart Jr.)

NEW MUTUAL FUND GUIDE AVAILABLE FOR FINANCIAL SHOPPERS

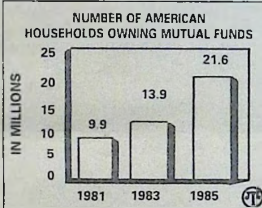
With hundreds of mutual funds to choose from, how do you select the one that's right for you? Begin by selecting a fund with financial goals that match your own.

"A financial shopper best serves his or her interests by matching specific goals—retirement income, college tuition, an emergency cache—with the broad investment objective stated by the fund" according to David Silver, president of the Investment Company Institute, the national association of the mutual fund industry.

There's a mutual fund to meet most long- and short-term financial goals, according to Silver. Those seeking future retirement income, for example, might look into growth funds, a type which invests in the stock of well-established companies. These funds aim for capital gains (an increase in the value of the stocks held). Those seeking current income, on the other hand, would look into income funds, which make investments in companies which have good dividend-paying records.

But, you ask, what is a mutual fund? It's an investment in a pool of securities such as stocks, bonds, or money market instruments such as Treasury bills or certificates of deposits. The pool of securities is chosen and managed by professional money managers hired by the fund.

The combined purchasing power of hundreds or thousands of investors allows the fund's money managers to buy a diversified group of 50 to 100, and sometimes even



more, investments—depending on the fund's objectives. This diversity lets you avoid putting all your financial eggs into one basket.

Buying a mutual fund is similar to purchasing shares of a stock in a particular company. You become a shareholder in the fund. Shareholders are paid dividends when (and if) the securities held in the fund's portfolio earn money. (They also gain if the securities appreciate in value.)

For nuts and bolts information on mutual funds in general, send for the "Investment Company Institute's Guide to Mutual Funds." This 80-page soft cover book is a gold mine of information for anyone considering a mutual fund investment and includes a directory to over 1,400 mutual funds, which are categorized by 16 broad investment objectives.

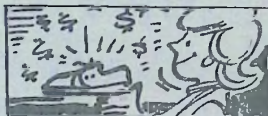
The "Guide" lists each fund's address, telephone numbers (most are toll free), initial and subsequent investment requirements, and means of purchasing shares.

For a copy send \$1 (to cover handling and postage) to the Investment Company Institute, P.O. Box 66140, Washington, D.C. 20035-6140.

Center Plans Child Workshop

The Child Nurture Center at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church will offer a workshop on "Moral Development of Children" on Saturday, Jan. 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. A registration fee of \$2 will be charged.

For additional information or registration, please call 695-3123.



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Fort Sam To Honor Dr. King

Memorial services to honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held Jan. 15 at Fort Sam Houston. The 10:30 a.m. service will be held in the Academy of Health Sciences Chapel, on Garden Avenue.

Guest speaker is to be Dr. Ivory V. Nelson, chancellor, Alamo Community College District. "Dr.

King's role in American history" will be his topic.

The Post Commander, Colonel Bobby L. Moore, and the chaplains from Brooke Army Medical Center and the Academy of Health Sciences will participate in the services.

The official holiday for federal workers for Dr. King's birthday is Monday, Jan. 19.

Bomb Survivors Exhibit Remembers

Original art work by Hiroshima atomic bomb survivors is on display Jan. 8 through the end of the month on the third floor of St. Mary's University's academic library. The display, titled "Unforgettable Fire," is a graphic depiction of the devastation, pain and helplessness of the atomic bombing victims during World War II in Hiroshima, Japan, Aug. 6, 1945.

The collection of works, mostly in

watercolor, are accompanied by captions recalling vivid memories in the survivors' own words. The idea of a collection grew out of an elderly survivor's drawing, "At About 4 p.m., 6th August 1945, Near Yurozuyo Bridge," which he presented to a Hiroshima television station in 1974. Over 1,000 drawings were collected from other survivors ages 12 through 50, who were called "hibakuska" or "those who have seen hell."

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Rep. Bustamante Honored



In Washington, Artist Maldonado, left, reviews his oil portrait of Rep. Albert Bustamante of San Antonio, one of Maldonado's eleven Hispanic legislators featured on the 1987 Miller High Life calendar. Warren Dunn, Miller senior vice president, also viewed the original portraits at a reception honoring the Congressmen. Bustamante represents the 23rd Texas District, including San Antonio and Leon Valley. Helotes is represented by new Congressman Lamar Smith.

"He who wears his morality but as his best garment were better naked."
Kahlil Gibran

Science Center Exhibit To Show 'Circus Curiosities'

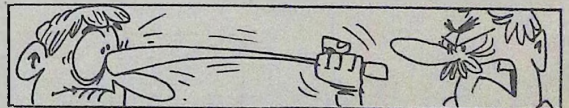
During the 19th century, many individuals with severe genetic defects were exhibited in traveling circuses as sideshow attractions.

A new exhibit in the library foyer of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio entitled "Curiosities of the Circus" explores the 19th century public fascination with defects such as extra or deformed limbs.

The exhibit includes numerous photographs of physically deformed

circus performers. Exhibit materials were collected by Joyce Schwartz, MC, clinical assistant professor of pathology. Kathleen Kagan-Hallet, MD, assistant professor of pathology, helped identify the causes of the physical deformities in the display.

Additional materials for the exhibit were obtained from the San Antonio Public Library's Hertzberg Circus Collection. The display will be on exhibit through March.



The mace, originally a weapon of the Middle Ages, is today a club-shaped staff used as a symbol of authority. The mace used in the U.S. House of Representatives is about three feet long.

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The 6th Annual MISS T.E.E.N. Pageant is set for Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 17 and 18 at the Scottish Rite Temple, Ave. E and 3rd. MISS T.E.E.N. stands for Teens Encouraging Excellence Nationally. All contestants must be between the ages of 13-18 and maintain a B average. Participants compete in the areas of volunteer service, scholastic achievement, speech or talent, poise and personal expression.

This is a nationwide pageant with the competitors having opportunities to win scholarships, prizes and awards in several categories. The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation is the selected charity and last year received in excess of \$95,000 from the MISS T.E.E.N. Pageant as a result of the T.E.E.N. Walk.

Miss Lynette Duco, 1986 MISS T.E.E.N. San Antonio, will present the crown to the winner. Lynette appeared at numerous functions on behalf of the March of Dimes and continues to serve as a volunteer with the organization. Forty-five girls will vie for the title beginning on Jan. 17 with the T.E.E.N. Walk at 4:30 p.m. and the talent judging at 6 p.m. Final judging will be at 7 p.m. on the 18th.

'Art And Travel'

Lecture Set

The latest in a series of art history slide lectures will take place at 7 p.m., Thursday, January 15, at the San Antonio Museum of Art, 200 W. Jones.

Entitled, "Art and Travel," the lecture will be presented by Dr. Jane Goldsmith, assistant professor of art history at Trinity University. Goldsmith will focus on artists who traveled and recorded their impressions on canvas.

One of the featured artists will be Giovanni Antonio Canal, better known as Canaletto, whose paintings "The Molo Looking West" and "Riva Degli Schiavoni Looking East" are on display at the Museum of Art. The works are on long-term loan from the collection of the British Rail Pension Trust.

Admission to the museum is free Thursday nights. There will be a \$3 charge for the lecture.

Engagement Announced



Lisa Trimble and her fiancé, Michael Arth

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Trimble of Braun Station announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth (Lisa) Trimble to Michael Lee Arth of Dallas. Lisa is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and is a staff accountant with Network Security of Dallas. Michael is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and is an American Airlines Pilot. The wedding is set for May 30 in San Antonio at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church.

America's first National Monument was Devils Tower in Wyoming. It was so designated by Theodore Roosevelt.



Symphony To Play At UTSA

The San Antonio Symphony will present a chamber music concert Jan. 16 at The University of Texas at San Antonio Recital Hall. The concert, under the baton of maestro Andrew Schenk, will begin at 8 p.m.

Linda Poetschke, lecturer at UTSA and soprano, will be the symphony's guest soloist. Miss Poetschke has made numerous appearances with symphonies across the state. She appears frequently as a guest soloist with the San Antonio Choral Society and

the Texas Bach Choir. She has a wide range of operas and oratorios in her repertoire, singing recently the role of Merab in Handel's "Saul" staged at the 1986 San Antonio Festival.

Tickets for the Friday night concert are \$6 regular admission and \$3 students and senior citizens. Ticket information can be obtained by calling any Rainbow Ticketmaster outlet or the Roadrunner Ticket office at 691-4646.

Foley's Executive To Speak

The San Antonio chapter of the American Society for Training and Development will feature Randy Ransleben at its meeting on Jan. 21 at the Holiday Inn Northwest. Mr. Ransleben, of Foley's Corporate Training in Houston, will teach attendees the nominal group technique as a way to process information and facilitate groups.

Networking is from 5:30-6:30, dinner from 6:30-7:15, and the program from 7:15-9 p.m. The cost for dinner and the program is \$12.50 for members and \$14 for guests. The cost of the program only is \$5. Call 697-3330 to make reservations.

Deadline for reservations is 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 19.



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American Style: What's Hot, What's Not

If you were asked to submit your choices for things to include in a 1986 time capsule, what would you suggest in the areas of fashion... food... electronics... fads? Think for a minute.

JCPenney formed a panel of experts to consider that question—a team of prominent people in such trend sensitive fields as art, architecture, food, beauty, fashion and interior design. Among the trends they rated tops: VCRs... classic grey sweats... exercise equipment... sushi and Chicken McNuggets... "Miami Vice" colors... aromatic wood chips... a car telephone... Levi's 501 jeans... hair mousse... patterned panty hose... a Mailot swimsuit.



Alan Flusser

The panel also discussed cultural and stylistic trends that are characteristic of the times. For example, interior designer Mario Buatta believes self-expression to be a sign of the times. "In interior design, there is freedom to do what you want to do and to have what you want to have. It is good that ar-

chitects are thinking again about making buildings more than just boxes."

Linda Shearer, a curator at the Museum of Modern Art, also sees freedom of expression as characteristic of today's art scene. "The art of today reflects a rich and varied pluralism," Linda says. "There is a resurgence of sculpture and public art."

Ruth Clark, president of a leading marketing research consulting firm, Clark, Martine and Bartolomeo, sees today's shopping center as representative of the consumer's flair for convenience. "The mall of the mid eighties," she says, "is the multilevel downtown center."

Pride in American culture is on the increase, according to Ariane Batterberry, who, with her husband Michael, is a founder of Food & Wine magazine and has contributed recipes to JCPenney's "Salute to America Cookbook." "If you think back for a few decades, we have always been very reticent about the American cultural contribution vis a vis Europe. I think we have surmounted that."

Her husband Michael focused on the growing popularity of regional cuisines, which he attributes to "travel, communication, and the renewed interest in our own American tradition."

In fashion, Alan Flusser, menswear designer for JCPenney, sees "clothing that is casual, a lot less structured than the European, and with updated, classic proportions," as the latest for men.

Another fashion view comes from Candy Pratts, fashion director, Harper's Bazaar. "Dance is an im-

portant fashion influence for women," she observes. "You see this reflected in swing skirts as well as in tight, body fitting evening wear."

Concerning the pursuit of health and fitness, Jane Wilkins Michael, author of "Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner of Champions," says, "Having just completed a long article about spas, I can certainly affirm the interest there is in looking and feeling fit, eating the right foods, and exercising properly."

When it comes to deeper human values representative of the American way of life, one panel member cited the heroic accomplishments of the ill-fated Space Shuttle Challenger astronauts. Says Larry Is-



Michael and Ariane Batterberry

rael, architect and chairman of Walker Group/CNI, one of the world's leading store design firms, "Around the world, the conquest of space is seen as an American accomplishment. These heroes must be remembered in some way in our 1986 time capsule, for they represent American qualities that I trust will never go out of style."

Flu Season Comes

Influenza — the flu — is an inevitable part of the winter months for many. Its very name derives from a Latin phrase meaning "the influence of the cold." From December through April in a normal year, flu virus may infect 20 percent of the population. Some cases may occur even in warmer months.

According to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), the number of flu cases in Texas may be high this year, unless more people are vaccinated. In October alone, Texas physicians reported some 3,130 cases of influenza or flu-like

illnesses.

Flu causes upper respiratory distress, fever, headache, and body aches, and it may be complicated by stomach upset, diarrhea, and general malaise. Severe cases may lead to pneumonia or may be fatal to persons with weakened conditions.

Robert D. Crider, director of the TDH Immunization Division, said, "High risk individuals should be immunized every year. By high risk, we mean persons 65 or older, and persons with chronic respiratory and cardiovascular problems. Even children can be at high risk because

of weakened health."

"Parents should always use caution in giving children under 16 aspirin, because the ingredients in aspirin have been linked to the development of Reye syndrome," Crider said. Reye syndrome is a neurologic disorder which can develop in young persons during recovery from flu or chicken pox.

An added flu threat this year is the A-Taiwan influenza strain. Most persons 35 and younger have no immunity to A-Taiwan flu.



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Aquifer Springs Shape History

Water leaves or is discharged from the Edwards Aquifer in three ways (1) pumped from a well (2) artesian flow from a well or (3) natural spring flow. Five major springs, Leona in Uvalde County, San Antonio and San Pedro in Bexar County, Comal in Comal County, and San Marcos in Hays County, discharge from the San Antonio Pool of the Edwards Aquifer. San Marcos and Comal Springs are the largest, accounting for about 80% of total spring flow from the aquifer.

For the period 1934-1984, average annual springflow from the aquifer is estimated to be 355,100 acre-feet. Average annual recharge to the aquifer in the same period is estimated to be 596,700 acre-feet. Therefore for the period 1934-1984 approximately 60% of the water recharged to the Edwards Aquifer is discharged as springflow, the remaining 40% of the average annual recharge is consumed by agricultural, industrial and municipal demands.

The history of South-central Texas can undisputedly be linked to the flow of water from the Edwards Aquifer at the major springs. Archeologist have dated artifacts found near San Marcos to over 13,000 years old. Early Spanish explorers were also attracted to the springs fed by the Edwards Aquifer. These springs became major stops on the El Camino Real, the king's road that connected the 18th century settlements of colonial Texas. A Spanish mission was built at Comal Springs in New Braunfels. In San Antonio, a string of missions developed acequias, which were aqueducts that channeled water from the spring fed San Antonio River and San Pedro Creek to households and to water livestock and crops.

Springflow from the Edwards Aquifer has been decreasing since the first well was drilled into the

aquifer. For the period 1934-present, San Antonio and San Pedro Springs (Bexar County) flowed nearly continuously until approximately 1945. Comal Springs (Comal County) stopped flowing in 1956 from water elevation declines due to the 1950's drought. San Marcos Springs (Hays County) has not stopped flowing. During recorded drought conditions, San Marcos Springs has provided the base flow to the Guadalupe River.

Springs stop flowing when the local water elevation is decreased to below the land surface elevation. The water elevation is decreased by well pumpage and lack of recharge (rainfall) due to periodic droughts. Periodic droughts have the effect of increasing well withdrawals for irrigation (municipal and agricultural), thus compounding the effect on water elevations.

As the Edwards Aquifer Region continues to develop and water demands from the aquifer increase, the future for the springs becomes uncertain. Springflow from the aquifer has not only influenced history of South-central Texas, but also sustains the aquatic and riparian environments and recreational, municipal, agricultural and industrial activities from the spring outlets to the Gulf of Mexico. Water conservation by the average citizen can be effective in protecting the environments and water uses associated with the springs. Throughout the year, the Edwards Underground Water District encourages all water users to use water wisely. By adopting water efficient practices not only do we protect the quality and quantity of water in the Edwards Aquifer, but we also protect the springs and the environments and activities that they sustain from their outlets from the Edwards Aquifer to the Gulf of Mexico.

"Human hopes and human creeds, Have their root in human needs."

Eugene Fitch Ware

Palo Alto To Open Campus

Palo Alto College, San Antonio's new two-year college, will celebrate the grand opening of its new campus with ribbon-cutting ceremonies Jan. 10.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony, which marks the completion of the first institution of higher education on the South Side. Music, dance, fun and games are planned throughout the day as visitors tour the 11 buildings on the site.

The 108-acre campus, designed to reflect the city's historic mission architecture, is located at 1400 West Villaret Road, near Loop 410 and Palo Alto Road.

Palo Alto is part of the Alamo Community College District. Since September 1985, the college has operated from temporary headquarters near Kelly Air Force Base. Classes were held at neighborhood high schools, military bases and businesses.

Police Auction Set

The San Antonio Police Department will hold an auction of motor vehicles unclaimed by the former owners. The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at the Police Storage Lot, 3625 Growdon Road, on Wednesday Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. Vehicles may be viewed Wednesday morning prior to the auction between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m.

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

Students Approve HB 72 Reforms

San Antonio high school students insist educational reform in the form of HB 72 is working, but only as long as parents stand behind it.

These are the findings of a recent study conducted by Dr. Richard Lawrence, associate professor of criminal justice at The University of Texas at San Antonio, who surveyed 1,407 students in 17 high schools and six San Antonio area school districts to reveal some of the effects of the new law.

"The study suggests that a majority of high school students in San Antonio are responding quite positively to the school reform measures of the legislation," says Lawrence. "School personnel are working diligently to comply with the mandated reforms and most students are working hard to meet the higher educational standards."

Yet the law is not an answer to all educational problems, he adds. "Without the support of the students and parents, it will not accomplish its purpose."

According to the research, much of the responsibility for students' school performance must be placed on the shoulders of the students and parents themselves. For instance, HB 72 instituted special tutoring programs to assist students who were failing courses, as well as required notification of parents

when their children were failing so the parents could schedule meetings with the teacher.

In spite of this precaution, the study showed:

69 percent of students have never participated in any tutoring programs, although the programs are available and some districts report as many as half of their students have failed at least one course.

fewer than half of all parents have ever met with their children's teachers.

Only about a third of the parents require their youngsters to complete homework before watching television or engaging in other leisure activities.

Only about half of the parents set a curfew for their children on school nights.

While most of the youth say their parents are "interested in their schooling" and "encourage them in education," only about a third have ever attended a school function.

Lawrence's work also explored the relationship between school funding levels and student performance. Those results showed that although the provisions of HB 72 to reduce the differences in school funding between the rich and poor districts, many schools still suffer from low funding levels.

Willie Nelson Special On 12

KSAT 12 will air "THE WILLIE NELSON SPECIAL," a one-hour concert featuring Willie Nelson and Ray Charles on Monday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m.

Taped before a live audience at the Austin Opera House, the special marks the first time Willie and Ray have performed on stage together and features the only live performance of their hit, "Seven Spanish

Angels" from Charles' "Friendship" album.

"THE WILLIE NELSON SPECIAL" will precede the special KSAT 12 live broadcast of the MAYOR'S CUP CHALLENGE basketball game between St. Mary's Rattlers and the UTSA Roadrunners, making Jan. 26 a special night on KSAT 12.

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Rams In Playoffs? It's A Long Shot

Even though Marshall's record is 2-2 in District 30-5A, Rams Coach Terry Morris isn't discounting a shot at the playoffs.

"Our role is definitely that of a spoiler," Morris said. "If everybody beats everyone enough times, we could slip in the back door. It's a long shot but it's possible."

And all of this with the Rams tallest starter standing six-foot-one.

The lack of a tall, dominating inside player is something that has hampered the Rams throughout the season but that hasn't stopped them from giving district leaders Jay and Holmes a good scare. The Rams have hung tough thanks to tight defense, good ball control and good shot selection. They are 9-12 on the season.

Marshall struggled against Roosevelt, losing 79-45, in a non-district game Saturday. The

latest district action has seen the Rams stop Eagle Pass, 65-58, and bow to Holmes, 71-59.

"The kids have played good basketball except against Roosevelt," Morris said. "You'll have a bad game but if you do it against a good team, you get destroyed."

"We were down by five with five minutes left against Holmes," Morris recalled. "We made a couple of turnovers, they made a few offensive rebounds and that was the game. The turnovers put the game out of reach. We only made 11 turnovers but they came at a crucial time."

Morris said practice has been good this week as the Rams prepared for Harlandale Wednesday. Marshall takes on Taft at 7:30 p.m. today, Jan. 9 at Taylor

and will play McCollum at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16 at Marshall.

In going with the team concept, the Rams have had different scoring leaders in the last three games. Jason Kreuger led the Rams with 12 points against Roosevelt and was assisted by Ken Garcia with 11. Walter Spencer hit for 19 against Eagle Pass. Garcia chipped in 16 and Alex Perez added 10. Garcia popped in 14 against Holmes followed by Perez with 14 and Spencer and Kreuger with 10 each.

"We've got three or four guys who can score in the 20s," Morris said. "Ken Garcia has been shooting the ball a lot better. Our point guard (Jimmy Poole) is a lot more consistent. He's made a tremendous amount of progress. Early on, he was a little out of control."

"Jason Kreuger is very aggressive and has to play against the big men. It's hard to get consistent scoring at the post. I'm amazed at how he can score so much against the big men. Our sixth man, Brian Piatkowski has stopped some teams. He takes pride in his defense. He held Eagle Pass' 6-5 player to only four points in two quarters and he had been scoring 20 points."

Taft picked up its first district victory of the season over the holidays. The Raiders held off Del Rio, 38-33. Joe Uriegas led the scoring with 14 points followed by Gary Gilbert and Mike Laderer with eight points each.

Holmes ripped Taft, 67-36,

Tuesday behind the 35 points from the Cash twins — Kerry and Keith. Laderer led Taft with 16.

The Raiders dropped a 61-59 overtime decision to Eagle Pass. Taft led at the half, 30-26 but the two were tied at the end of regulation, 57-all. Laderer fired in

28 points and Mike Grimes added 11 and Uriegas 10.

Jay destroyed Taft, 77-41. Laderer (18) and Gilbert (12) combined for 30 of Taft's 41 points. Taft is now 1-5 in district and 5-13

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**Terry S. Vincent,
M.D.**

NEW EMERGENCY KITS MAKE FLYING SAFER

About a year ago I was cruising along at 35,000 feet, en route to a speaking engagement, when a middle-aged man collapsed in the aisle. Reflexively, I was beside him checking his pulse and asking the flight attendant to bring the first aid kit. My diagnostic equipment consisted of my four senses (No, I do not TASTE patients) and my watch, which informed me his blood pressure was probably adequate, respiration was normal, and the rate and rhythm of his heart was good. Someone had the presence of mind to drop the oxygen from the overhead compartment and this was started. He regained consciousness promptly and I obtained a history of recurrent TIA... transient ischemic attack... in which the blood supply to the brain is temporarily cut off. About then the flight attendant returned with the first aid kit. The patient was helped to his seat and finished the flight, oxygen mask in place.

One thing loomed large from this mini-saga: The so-called first aid kit supplied by the airline. It was a battered blue tin box with a red cross emblem, about like the one we take on vacations or hunting trips. And it contained about the same assortment of supplies (though I hadn't seen a bottle of mercurochrome in many years!). Band-aids, gauze pads, roller dressing, something called "antiseptic ointment", adhesive tape, two tongue depressors, and one ammonia inhalant. And a small flashlight with burned-out batteries! Small wonder that between 20 and 100 people died in-flight annually.

Such rudimentary equipment was more or less the standard until enough passengers got in severe trouble, enough doctors protested loud enough, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) finally got in the act. After all, U.S. airlines are not legally obligated to tend to the medical needs of their passengers; the provision of first aid and other resuscitation is purely voluntary.

As of August 1, 1986, all commercial aircraft are required to have on board at least one medical kit containing at LEAST the following:

1. Stethoscope
2. Blood pressure cuff/gauge
3. Airways (3 sizes)
4. Syringes and needles (4)
5. Instruction manual for use of drugs
6. Injectable Dextrose, 1 vial, 50ml, 50%
7. Adrenalin, 1:2000, 2 ampules
8. Diphenhydramine (Benadryl), 2 ampules
9. Nitroglycerin (Nitrostat), 10 tablets
10. First aid kit, including flashlight.

With this bare-bones dab of equipment and supplies most physicians will be able to establish a tentative diagnosis and keep the patient alive until transfer to a proper medical facility.

What authority does a doctor have over the jet itself? In reality, none. He or she may RECOMMEND that the pilot drop down to 22,500 feet, where cabin pressure equals sea level. But the safety of the ship is paramount so the doctor's request might be ignored. Should the patient be in really serious straits, such as a heart attack, the doctor can request the flight be diverted to the nearest medical facility. Considering that diversion is going to eat up 30 to 40 minutes of jet time at best, besides playing hobs with the schedule, the pilot's decision to divert doesn't come easy.

Now here's a surprise: your very own kindly, trusted, and competent doctor would probably voluntarily respond without request to an in-flight medical emergency. Maybe save a life. Savor that good feeling that comes with helping someone. Get no pay, of course. And later get sued for medical malpractice! No kidding. It really has happened. Even with this in mind, I know of no physician who would withhold his or her skill and knowledge in an emergency out of fear of suit.

In answer to this, most states have enacted "good samaritan" laws to protect volunteering physicians from the threat of lawsuit... if the plane happens to be over that particular state at the time of the emergency! There is no federal good samaritan law, though Congress is considering one.

On my next flight I think I'll take a peek at the plane's medical kit. Hope it's not that beat-up blue tin box!

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Mayor's Cup Game

Set For Jan. 26

The St. Mary's University Rattler basketball team meets its friendly cross-town rival, the University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners, in the fourth annual Mayor's Challenge Cup Game, Monday, Jan. 26.

Tipoff time is 8:05 p.m. at the HemisFair Arena. Tickets, \$5 and \$3, are on sale at St. Mary's

Athletics Office, UTSA's Roadrunner Ticket Office and all Rainbow Ticketmaster outlets.

The competition starts at 5:30 p.m. with a game between St. Mary's and UTSA's women's basketball teams.

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Ram Girls Show Strength; Taft Girls Improving

Marshall High's girls basketball team hasn't reached that point in a successful season where they are battling two opponents. The Lady Rams came close in one game but bounced back with a strong effort against Roosevelt.

What "second opponent" success-

ful teams must contend with at times is complacency.

Complacency showed up some in a District 30-5A contest against Holmes which saw the teams tied at halftime, 27-all. The Lady Rams came through in the final period to notch out a 60-49 victory.

The Lady Rams came out strong for a non-district match but it wasn't just any game. This was for revenge. Marshall ranked No. 1 in the city atoned for its only loss of the season (21-1 on the year) with a 56-50 victory over Roosevelt Saturday.

"I think they were fairly relaxed since it was not a district game," recalled Marshall coach Steve White. "But they were enthused because it avenged the loss. We still had times where we didn't play good defense and there were errors but a

lot of that has to do with Roosevelt.

"We played fairly well. There are too many games left to let down now. We want to keep what we've gotten so far. We'll be ready to play."

Marshall played Harlandale Wednesday and will play Taft at 6 p.m. today, Jan. 9, at Taylor Gym.

Marshall also swamped Eagle Pass, 70-36, during the Christmas holidays en route to its current 6-0 district record, tops in 30-5A.

"Holmes was up for their game," White said. "We stood around more

that game than all year long. We jumped off to a good lead then for a couple of quarters we didn't feel we had to do anything. Hopefully, that won't happen again. They had enough sense to get going in the last quarter.

"We had better execution Saturday against Roosevelt. I think we're over our little break."

Tina Becke came off the bench to provide the needed spark against Roosevelt. Becke came through with three clutch points in the final

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Bowl Season Winding Down

By CHARLES OLMSTED

You can get up from the chair in front of the TV set now. Yes, the bowl games are over now with the exception of four East-West, City-Country, Short-Tall type of encounters.

Miami and Texas A&M proved that if you live by the pass, you die by the pass. Nebraska continued its dominance over LSU in bowl games, as did the Pac-10 over the Little Ten.

It wasn't a good day for Arkansas either as Oklahoma put on a fashion show in conjunction with its football clinic.

Sooner Coach Barry Switzer may not be well-liked in some circles but he's no dummy in crawling on his "firing" of fashion designer-line-backer Brian Bosworth. You don't kick a stud player off the team for being immature. If everyone did, there would only be a couple of pro franchises.

If Bosworth does decide to go pro, he's got two teams to choose from—the Chicago Bears or Los Angeles Raiders. He'd fit in perfectly with either one. I'd buy tickets to see the first time the Boz would show up at a Dallas Cowboys practice and butt heads with Tom Landry.

Hopefully, everyone has put away his or her Cowboys crying towels. Even the emergence of Herschel Walker as a dominant offensive force couldn't stop Dallas from going 7-9 to end the 20-year streak of winning seasons. If some big changes aren't made in the off-season, things will just get worse. The offensive line is not

getting any younger.

This writer's personal picks for the Super Bowl are the New York Giants against the Cleveland Browns. And for the Giants to win the Lombardi Trophy. All of this hinges on Phil Simms, though. If the golden-haired boy performs like he has most of the season, it won't be a problem. If he goes schizo and starts alternating his performance between Terry Bradshaw and Terri Garr, Simms will be watching TV on Super Sunday.

A little closer to home, Marshall's boys and Taft's girls basketball teams are missing just a couple of key ingredients this season. Marshall Coach Terry Morris inherited the Rams, which were district runnersup last year but without the players. Having to start virtually from scratch and with the tallest starter at 6-1, Morris has been patient and persistent in guiding the Rams to a respectable 9-12 season.

If Morris could get a couple of more players at least 6-4, that 9-12 record could easily be 12-9.

Taft's girls have won only four games this season but that's quite a step up from just one victory last year in their inaugural season. Through Coach Micki Hudson's hard work, the Raiders have become much more competitive over last year. The Lady Raiders are 1-6 in district now which takes them out of the running for a title but don't be surprised to see Taft as a contender in a couple of years.

Just two more months until baseball starts.



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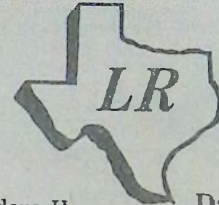
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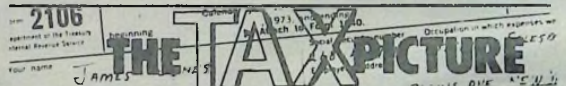
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IT'S TIME FOR TRUTH IN TAXATION

By William Kilpatrick

It's time to face the truth about our tax system. A national debt of over \$2 trillion increases by more than \$200 billion annually and a negative balance of trade approaching \$250 billion annually dictates we face some serious facts.

In order to cope with this financial mess, we need a bold and creative alternative to our present tax system: the elimination of all social security and income taxes and the introduction of a "consumption tax." A consumption tax has two key virtues. First, it would raise enormous revenues that could be used to close the budget deficit. And second, it would greatly improve the international competitiveness of the U.S. Every one percent of a consumption tax would raise as much as \$45 billion, while the so-called tax reform law is revenue neutral.



Kilpatrick

Our present tax system constitutes a punitive expense against our own industries which foreign competition escapes. A consumption tax, on the other hand, is not preferential. It taxes every product sold, whether domestic or foreign, at the same rate. Foreign manufacturers would not escape the tax. Our products could, therefore, compete on an equal basis with other exporting nations' products.

Any suggestion of replacing any of the other taxes with a consumption tax will be instantly attacked as a scurrilous ploy of the rich to tax the poor. There will be political

tears galore, all supposedly wept for the very people who would benefit the most from this true tax reform.

The truly compassionate liberal will vote for a consumption tax because it offers simpler and truer provisions for refunds to anyone below the poverty level. A gigantic bureaucracy is not needed to run it. Sales receipts, showing the tax, can be compared with earnings to satisfy the refund requirements. Much like the proposed "negative income tax," simply have those below certain levels of income file a report. The federal government would then refund a percentage of the sales taxes paid by those below certain levels of income.

Of all suggested modifications and reforms, only a consumption tax offers a solution to our economic mess. All of the proposed spending cuts, tax system reforms, import levies, and domestic content laws are nothing but more patchwork on a system built on a sandy foundation of lies.

We face a momentous opportunity. We have elected a U.S. Congress on their promise to resolve the current tax mess. We are in a position to demand sanity in financial policies, to demand "truth in taxation." The challenge is ours.

William A. Kilpatrick is the author of the forthcoming *The Big Tax Lie* (Simon and Schuster) and president of *United Financial Operations Inc.* To express your views on his ideas, write: William A. Kilpatrick, UFOI, 2579 West Ma'n, Littleton, Colorado 80120.

Better Communities Produce Better Schools

Some people believe that communities receive the schools they deserve.

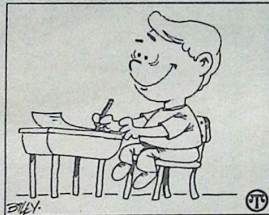
If you live in an active, caring community, chances are you have a very good school system. If you live in an apathetic area, your schools could be improved with a booster shot of school/community interaction.

One answer to school improvement is community education. It's a name that describes an array of activities that bring schools and communities together. For example:

- In Washington, a school district allows residents to attend high school classes side-by-side with their teenage students.

- In Ohio, a team of community leaders worked with the school board and residents to plan a bond issue for school facility improvements. A sense of pride was also restored in the school system and the community as the repairs were being made.

- Active communities often demand quality schools. Community education is a tool to help mold community action for the betterment of the schools and the community.



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Good News Department

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Proper installation is at the heart of making your detector work for you. Follow the directions on the package carefully. Make sure you place them in appropriate locations, including one on each level of your home.

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Junior Stock Show Auction Is Saturday

On Saturday, Jan. 10, Bexar County youngsters will present 400 top prize-winning animals they have raised to go on the auction block.

These animals represent the "cream of the crop" in this year's participation in the Twenty-third Annual Bexar County Junior Livestock Show, including steers, lambs, pigs, chickens, turkeys, and rabbits.

This year, 750 youth from various F.F.A. chapters and 4-H clubs exhibited approximately 1,625 individual animals. Of the entries, 400 of the top prize winners will go to the auction block on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Joe and Harry Freeman Coliseum Sale Barn. Each youth is eligible to sell only one animal.

Selecting, feeding, and fitting a project for a show takes many hours of planning, training, and hard work. The obvious rewards to the youngsters are doing well in the show ring and sale. However, there

are greater rewards, such as learning responsibility self-discipline, and financial planning, in addition to gaining a knowledge of livestock and poultry production.

Gerald Koenning, chairman of this year's auction committee, states, "Raising 4-H and F.F.A. projects teaches many worthwhile values to our boys and girls. We need the public participation in this auction to make it worthwhile for these kids financially."

Koenning adds that while it is not the primary purpose of the Jr. Livestock Auction to insure large amounts of profit to the exhibitors, it is felt that buyers should be aware of the considerable amount of money the youngsters have invested in their animals — including original purchase price, feed, and veterinary bills. Many of the youngsters use money from the auction on purchase of an animal to raise for next year's project, or as part of their college tuition.

Young Singers To Audition

Boys and girls aged 9-14 who are interested in singing in the University Children's Chorus can try out for the group on Jan. 10 at The University of Texas at San

Antonio. The auditions will be held in the Choral Rehearsal Hall, Room 2.03.22 of the Arts Building on campus, from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Bandera Stock Show Underway

The 51st Annual Bandera County Junior Livestock Show is being held this weekend at the County Recreation Center and New Show Barn in Mansfield Park.

The show features livestock, farm mechanics projects and baked goods exhibited by members of Bandera County 4-H, FFA, and vocational agriculture and home economics students.

Animal entries include market lambs and breeding sheep, goats, cattle, hogs, turkeys, broilers and rabbits. The livestock auction will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. preceded by the presentation of awards and trophies to winning livestock exhibitors at 1 p.m.

The Bake Show will also be held on Saturday. Judging of breads, cakes, pies and cookies will begin at 9 a.m. followed by awards presentation and auction of the baked goods at 10:30 a.m.

Women Can Train For Men's Jobs

Free training classes are available for women who would like to train to work in jobs that are traditionally held by men. These classes are being offered, beginning Jan. 26, by St. Philip's College.

Ram Girls — [Continued From Page 10]

2:38 to put the Rams up 52-50. Lisa King led the scoring with 20 points followed by sister Lori's 17.

"Tina has been doing that all year," praised White. "She's our sixth man. She plays different positions and has good hustle. She has added to our offense and defense where we needed it."

White said it's no secret the Rams strength lies inside with the King twins but opponents haven't stopped the Rams yet.

"Our game is inside and we're doing things to get them open," White said. "The kids have done a good job of getting the ball to the Kings. Lisa Mazur and Becky Gascho are good shooters. If they (opponents) want to pack it in and sag, we can shoot from outside."

Lisa King has been the scoring threat lately, scoring 27 points against Holmes and 37 against Eagle Pass. Lori King has added 16 and 11, respectively.

Taft hasn't been as successful in the won-loss column but the Lady Raiders continue to improve, according to Coach Micki Hudson.

Taft is now 2-6 in district.

Taft took a 20-19 lead into the dressing room at halftime against Eagle Pass but faltered, losing 52-36. Jennifer Lennon led the scoring with 19 points.

"I thought we'd take Eagle Pass, but they tied it up and went ahead," Hudson said, "but we played a better game than before."

Illnesses took its toll on Taft during the holidays as Hudson had to juggle the roster. "Everybody's back now but I'm not sure if they're at full strength."

The Lady Raiders dropped two other district games during the holidays, falling to Del Rio 53-32 and Jay 69-22. Tricia Wendt, Denise Vaughn and Lennon each scored eight points against Del Rio. Melanie Winn led Taft with seven and Lennon had six against Jay.

"We have the potential to pick up a few more games," said Hudson. "We have to work together as a team on the floor."

Rams —

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overall.

"We let one slip away against Eagle Pass," admitted Taft Coach Mike Osterman. "We had a 10-point lead and we let it slip in the fourth quarter. We couldn't execute the offensive plays. Mentally, it was a blowout. Physically, we had it."

The slower pace against Holmes didn't work the same wonders as it did last year when the upstart Taft shocked Holmes.

"We played a good first quarter but they have a lot more talent and we couldn't compete," Osterman said. "They got a lot of offensive rebounds. We tried to slow it down and equalize the talent. We only had 15 turnovers but 11 of them were bad passes and Holmes made layups off them."

While the 5-12 record may not look as successful as the eight wins last year, Osterman said the

Raiders are more competitive. All five victories are against 5A schools while last year's were split between 5A schools and lower classifications.

"Some teams took us lightly last year," said Osterman. "I know we're capable of beating them. We're right there on the edge."

Osterman said Laderer, last year's city scoring champ, is still the key persons but hasn't been as dominating. The emergence of Joe Uriegas and sophomore starters Gary Gilbert, Yuron White and Mike Grimes has taken the pressure off.

"Gilbert has been improving slowly," Osterman said. "He's good on defense. He transferred from Jay in October and has been learning the system. Yuron White, our point guard, has been the steadiest of the group."

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