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## Person- to- Person



May the Spirit  
of this holy holiday  
bring you peace,  
harmony and joy.  
As you celebrate His  
Miraculous Birth  
we join you  
in giving thanks.

This Christmas time has the bitter-sweet overtones of more distant ones—the first one with its uncertain times— and for those of us who can remember earlier years in this century— it is more like the days of Depression and World War II holidays than any other with the Iranian shadow over the festivities and the looming gas shortage. However, optimism is the rule and celebrations in Helotes and other areas have been going since Thanksgiving.

The hills are alive with Christmas lights as well as music. City Secretary Gretchen Stappenbeck, with the aid of Babe Gilliam, decorated the Grey Forest City Hall and there are many new homes that look lovely as well. A ride to look will save a more distant tour to famed communities such as Windcrest, and give the children something to remember.

Church services are being held and nearly every parish has had a Christmas party. With the century 80 per cent gone, everyone is praying that the coming 20 years will keep the promise of peace and prosperity for the 20th Century that our forefathers toasted and prayed for back as they watched the 19th Century wane and the great new one arrive. To all, have a safe and Happy New Year.

Add to the list of special Christmas events the style show and dinner sponsored by Yolie's Unique Boutique Thursday night at the Helotes Inn. To a packed house models showed two sets of clothing from the local fashion store, one a group of casual clothes and the other some dress-up outfits. Between the two showings, Mrs. Roland Boysen performed a group of exotic dances.

The new D&B Thrift Shop on Leslie Rd. has got into the Christmas spirit with a special collection of toys and clothing

## Shopping For Needy



Shopping for food for baskets for needy families are three members of Helotes VFW Post Ladies Auxiliary, Helen Wendt, Alice Summers and Bobbie Stiles. Gift baskets were filled for two families in the Helotes area, and cash gifts of \$100 each were made to two auxiliary sisters in need. Mrs. Wendt, president of the auxiliary, said they appreciate the support of the Helotes Handy-Andy in the food baskets project.

## From Helotes School to You



A Christmas tradition in Helotes is "Season's Greetings" spelled out in green cedar branches on the wire mesh fence in front of Helotes School. The sign has been put up for several years by Principal Fred Pizzini and 5th grade students. The students and faculty of Helotes School—as well as all other Northside schools— will begin the Christmas recess after classes today, with the return date to be Jan. 2.

## UTSA Plans To Offer Ph.D.

The University of Texas System Board of Regents at a December meeting in Austin approved a doctor of philosophy in bicultural-bilingual studies for The University of Texas at San Antonio.

The degree program now will be referred to the Coordinating

Board, Texas College and University System, for approval.

The Ph.D. which will be offered through UTSA's College of Multidisciplinary Studies, will include concentrations in bilingual teacher education and in second language teaching

and learning.

"UTSA is particularly well-placed to be a national and international center for bicultural-bilingual studies," commented Dr. James Wagener, university president.

"The development and encouragement of programs in

bicultural-bilingual studies by various local, state and national agencies, both public and private, have created a great need for leaders within the field. Our program is being offered in response to that need and demand."

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



## Farm Bureau Sends 14 To State Meet



These fourteen members of the Bexar County Farm Bureau, headed by President M. L. Stolte and Mrs. Stolte, represented the local bureau at the recent Texas Farm Bureau convention in McAllen. They voted on recommendations to protect agriculture interests in energy, animal

health, wheat and feed grains, cotton, rice, farm labor, livestock, water, peanuts and oil seeds, and dairying. These recommendations will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation national meeting in Phoenix on Jan. 6-10.

Bexar County Farm Bureau leaders and members have returned from the Texas Farm Bureau convention in McAllen, where 1980 state policies and recommendations on national policies were adopted.

Fourteen voting delegates from this county attended the organization's 46th annual

meeting. They were president, M. L. Stolte and Mrs. Stolte, vice-president, John M. Vasbinder and Mrs. Vasbinder, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ashley, Mr. David Pape, Mr. A. V. Thurman, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gemblar, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wiederstein and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Verstraeten.

Policies to guide the state's largest organization on the state level next year were adopted by the more than 1,000 voting delegates from 213 organized counties. Also approved were recommendations on national policies. These will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting Jan. 6-10, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Speakers at the McAllen convention included TFB President Carrol Chaloupka of Dalhart; U.S. Congressman Kika de la Garza of Mission; House Speaker Bill Clayton, Springlake; Warren Newberry, Waco, TFB executive director; and S. M. True Jr., Plainview TFB secretary-treasurer.

The last order of business was the election of directors and the president. The president for 1980 is Carrol Chaloupka.

County leaders also attended a number of special conferences while at the convention. Conferences included Energy, Farm Bureau Services, Animal Health, Wheat and Feed Grains, Cotton, Rice, Research and Education, Farm Labor, Livestock, Water, Peanuts and Oil Seeds, and Dairy.

Work is well underway on the new Leon Valley Elementary School on Huebner Rd. at the Evers Rd. intersection.

Bonds to pay for this construction and other district projects totalling \$7 million were sold to the Republic National Bank of Dallas Monday. This is part of the \$25 million bond issue approved by district voters last year.

At the next community social at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church—held on the third Wednesday of each month—the theme will be "Yester-Years." Guests are asked to dress in fashions "of years gone by" and take part in a nostalgia style show. The date will be Jan. 16.

## Mrs. Siebenhor Dies At Age 80

Funeral services for Mrs. Jean Siebenhor of Grey Forest, Texas who passed away Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1979 will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, in the Mission Park Mausoleum North—11110 at Camp Bullis exit. Entombment will follow.

Mrs. Siebenhor a longtime resident of this area, died at the age of 80 years. She was active in community affairs until recently and was a member of the Helotes Art Guild, the Scenic Loop Playground Club,

and the silver Belles. She also held membership in San Antonio social organizations.

She is survived by her husband, Al Siebenhor, well-known San Antonio restaurateur, and a son, Richard Cude, as well as other relatives and friends.

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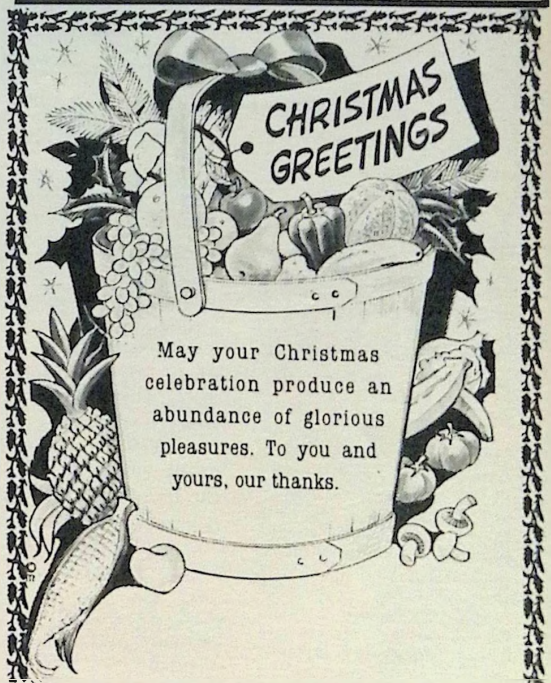
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The Northside District school board at its meeting Monday night voted to renovate the old Leon Valley School on Bandera Rd. into a special education school.

## 'Rampage' Is Champ

The John Marshall High School student newspaper, The Rampage, is the Champion Publication of 1979 in Division II of the Texas High School Press Association.

The Award was announced at the T.H.S.P.A. Convention hosted by Texas Women's University, Denton.

According to the Rampage sponsor, A. W. Johnson, "We competed with more than 200 schools and 350 publications. The staff consistently demonstrated exceptional imagination and creativity to produce outstanding newspapers. The award is well deserved."

The staff of the 1978-79 award winning newspaper are Barbie Bieberbach, editor-in-chief; Heide Reinberg, news editor; Lynne Albright, associate news editor; Kathryn Mason, editorial editor; Lee Matecko, sports editor; Nikki Paxson and Donna King, associate feature editors; Lisa Morrow, advertising and business manager; Jenny Larson, exchange editor; Ken Moorman, Erick Mikiten and Bob Arrambide, staff photographers; and Scott Chapman, staff artist.

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## Helotes Star To Visit



Sara Stimson of Helotes, soon to be seen in her first movie, "Little Miss Marker," is expected to be back home for part of the Christmas holidays, visiting with her grandparents, Col. and Mrs. Orville Oye, on Scenic Loop. She will be accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Dana Floyd, and her two brothers. Sara was a big hit at a recent exhibition of children's clothing in New York. Sara was the celebrity guest at the exhibition sponsored by the Educational Foundation for the Fashion Industries in recognition of the International Year of the Child.

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Members of Helotes VFW  
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in front of Handy-Andy in  
Helotes Park Plaza Saturday,  
Dec. 22.



"WELL OLD SON, YOU TAKIN IT OUT,  
OR PUTTIN IT IN?"

## La Villita Dinner Set

The Little Church of La Villita's Christmas Dinner for the Poor will not only feature food but also the Jim Richards Gospel Singing Family, in Bolivar Hall in La Villita on Christmas Day. The meal begins at 1:30 p.m., on Christmas Day.

The annual dinner menu will include baked turkey and dressing, baked ham, peas, yams, coffee and milk, pies and cakes. There will be toys for the children, also. The dinner will be for "anyone broke, away from home, or hungry—no questions asked."

Rev. Davis W. Edmunds, pastor of the church, expects to serve over 1,000 meals, including the workers and meals to be taken to the sick and shut-ins. He stated that the Little Church needs the help of the community to carry on the Christmas Dinner and the work among the poor, which goes on all year round. Mrs. Cleo Edmunds will have the responsibility of gathering food and making many of the preparations for the meal.

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## Marshall Council Helps Santa

John Marshall High School Student Council is helping make Christmas time more enjoyable for some of the area's less fortunate citizens.

The Council is working with Elf Louise, an organization which collects donated toys, wraps them, and helps distribute the toys to children who otherwise would not get any for Christmas.

Members of the Student Council also collected toys and clothing at school, and turned the items over to United Way officials for distribution.

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The artist of the month for the Helotes Art Guild is Richard Weik. Richard works mainly in stained glass.

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## VFW Post Has Party

Helotes VFW Post 7108 and its Ladies Auxiliary held their Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 9, at the post home on Braun Rd. Music was provided by the Fleetweld Cowboys.

Door prizes—potted poinsettias—were won by Edna Mick, Marie Guillen, Bob Langston, Alta Lee Duryea and Marsha Randolph. A homemade quilt in the star pattern was won by Lawrence Schenk. Proceeds from the sale of chances on the quilt were used for needy families.

Special auxiliary guests were Alta Lee Duryea, past state president of VFW Auxiliaries, and Betty Shaffer, senior vice president of District 20. VFW special guests were District 20 Commander Ted Blouin, District Senior Vice President Fidel Gomez and District Junior Vice President Charlie Shaffer.

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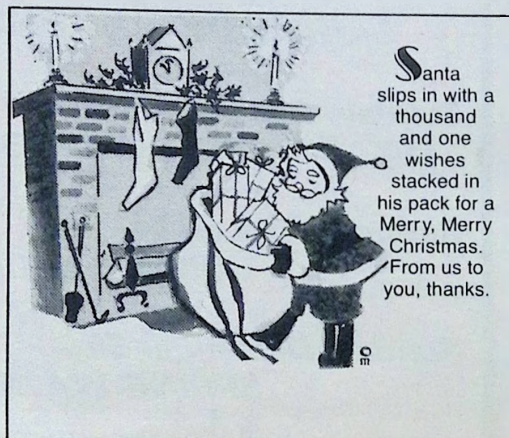
[Note: The Log is a list of selected special interest events which may appeal to some readers. Events that continue more than one day are listed under the opening day only.]

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1979

Exhibition of nearly 100 Nativity scenes continues at the Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway, through Jan. 7. The scenes date from the 1700's and are from throughout the world. (The museum will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1979  
Christmas Eve

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1979  
Christmas Day



Santa slips in with a thousand and one wishes stacked in his pack for a Merry, Merry Christmas. From us to you, thanks.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1979

The South Texas Regional Blood Bank's Bloodmobile will be at H.E.B. store on Bandera Rd and Huebner, 1 to 4 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1979

New Year's Eve. The decade of the 70's comes to an end.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1980

New Year's Day

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1980

San Antonio College will conduct pre-registration orientation for new students, McAllister Auditorium, today and Jan. 7, 7:50 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1980

Helotes Festival Association meets, Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1980

Massenkoff Russian Folk Festival, Carver Community Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry, 8:15 p.m. Admission free.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1980

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## Santa's Helpers Visit Hospital

The pediatrics unit at Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital was the beneficiary of the season's spirit of giving.

Mrs. A. G. Hughes, Jr. gave a surprise birthday party for her husband and asked guests to bring, instead of a gift for him, something for the youngsters in Methodist's "pedi" unit.

The Hughes family includes two youngsters, 20-month-old Arthur G. IV and five-year-old Kristina, who had been a patient at Methodist several years ago following a serious accident.

The whole family showed up at Methodist with a Santa-like bag of children's toys, which were accepted by Anne Goetz, the hospital's maternal and child care supervisor, and Linda Wong, pediatrics head nurse.

## New Federation Officers



Officers for 1980 of the Leon Valley-Helotes chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees are Malcolm Burns, first vice president; Carolyn Ezzell, second vice president; and Lincoln Lemm, president. The chapter meets on the third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Leon Valley Grange Hall on Eckhart Rd. The chapter members, spouses and friends were guests of Virginia Fitzgerald and Lillian Speier at a Christmas luncheon Thursday at Virginia's home in Helotes Park Estates.

## Christmas Party Has Santa

The San Antonio Alumni Club of the Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority sponsors its annual Christmas party at the Cerebral Palsy School, this afternoon, Dec. 21.

Shriner William L. Diesing will be this year's Santa Claus and provide entertainment for the 60 students at the Center.

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## Elects Slate

Medina County Commissioner Leon Tschirhart of Castroville and Bexar County Judge Albert Bustamante were elected officers of the Alamo Area Council of Governments Area Council for 1980.

Tschirhart, the new chairman, has represented Medina County on the AACOG Executive Committee for three

years at the request of Medina County Judge Jerome Decker. He is also chairman of the AACOG Medina County Intergovernmental Council. Newly-elected vice chairman, Judge Bustamante, is an active participant on numerous advisory boards and committees. He served on the Executive Committee for four years when he

was county commissioner and during 1979 as the county judge.

The election of officers was part of the AACOG Semi-Annual meeting held on December 12. The Area Council, representatives of the 91 member governments, convene twice yearly to review policy and elect officers.

At the meeting, the Area Council also adopted the 1980 Workplan and Budget, which included an agency operational budget of \$1.1 million. The agency budget outlines a 20 percent reduction targeted for 1980. The goal, set by the Executive Committee early in 1979, to reduce core staff by 25 percent was also met. Passthrough funds budgeted for AACOG available to local agencies and member governments will total \$3,740,668. The funds for allocation include programs such as the youth conservation corps and CETA public service employment.

Areas within the agency which were eliminated or lessened were the 208 water quality project, historical preservation, 701 comprehensive planning assistance and public information.

The round of Christmas parties has been going full-tilt. The Silver Belles had theirs at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bricker on Hausmann Rd. last week. The Helotes Lions and Lionesses had a Christmas Barn Dance at the PARC last Friday. The Helotes-Leon Valley chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees had a Christmas luncheon at the home of Virginia Fitzgerald in Helotes Park Estates yesterday.

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**April 30—May 4**

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**Church Hall**

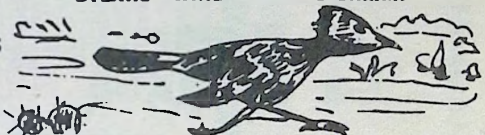
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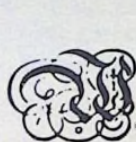
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**Sunday, December 30—**

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**Monday, December 31—**

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