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## Person-to-Person

Two-thirds of the population of the United States today had not been born when the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor took place on Dec. 7, 1941.

Persons will meet on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 3:30 p.m., at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Babcock Road and Loop 410.

Mrs. Babe Gilliam of Grey Forest visited her son and his family recently in Seattle and got acquainted with her new great-granddaughter, Diane.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alguseva and their daughter Lydia vacationed in Los Angeles and San Diego recently.

Mrs. Barbara Galland of Helotes Park Estates attended the recent state convention of the Republican Women's clubs in Austin. She was one of 12 delegates from the Alamo City Republican Women's Club. Earlier Mrs. Galland had attended the biennial convention of the National Federation of Republican Women in Indianapolis. In Austin the Alamo City club won a first-place award for metropolitan area clubs. Mrs. Galland is president of the Alamo City club.

## Rainfall Totals 2.5"

The shortage of rain continued in the Helotes area last month with only 2.5 inches recorded by Weather Observer Henry Brauchle. In November last year we received 6.6 inches.

The total of the year now is 32.4 inches, but most of it fell in the spring months.

The cold weather has started earlier this year, Mr. Brauchle confirmed, with lows of 28 and 22 degrees recorded last week.

## Leon Valley Faces \$2.4 Million Bond Issue

### Santa's Coming To Town



When you are four years old, it's a longtime to Christmas. Kenny Simpson, four-year-old son of Sally Mayfield Simpson, shopped around this week until he located Santa in an easy chair resting up for the big ride on Christmas Eve. Word is out in town that Santa will make a visit here riding in a fire engine red truck courtesy of the Helotes

Volunteer Fire Department. Best news is that he will spend the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Helotes Park Plaza in front of Mr. M's. He will take last minute letters from good little boys and girls and he may have a few goodies along, although he will make most wait until Christmas for the special gifts.

### Voters Go To Polls Dec. 15

Leon Valley residents will vote Saturday, Dec. 15, on a \$2.4 million capital improvements program for drainage and flood control, fire and police facilities and improvements, street repairs and centralizing the City's public works operation.

Mayor Bob Williams noted that "We cannot continue to fund major capital improvement projects from our annual operating budget."

A representative of Rauscher Pierce Refsnes, Inc., says, "Leon Valley residents can take pride in their city's strong financial condition. The Dec. 15 issue is extremely conservative."

According to committee chairman Jack Jordan, "The necessary tax increase required to retire this debt will take place with a 6% increase in 1980-81 and a maximum of an additional 7% two years later in 1982-83. The total increase will make a minor dent in our pocket, but a big difference in the quality of our lives."

Noting that the last such vote in Leon Valley was in 1971, Jordan added, "It's time we did something for ourselves for a change. We are proud of Leon Valley."

Changes in Leon Valley during the past 10 years from a residential suburb of 2,100 people to a business and shopping hub for the Culebra-Bandera Corridor with a current city population of 8,500 are major contributing factors in the city Council's decision to call the election.

## VFW Plans New Year Dance

Helotes V.F.W. Post 7108 will sponsor a dance on New Year's Eve at Braun Hall, located one quarter mile inside Loop 1604 on Braun Road. Country and western music will be furnished by Southern Comfort.

Admission will be \$7.50 per person, and tickets will be on sale to the public from 6:30 to 10:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 12 at Braun Hall, and by Fred Wendt, 688-3537, before 9:30 P.M. daily thru December 23rd.

Tables will be reserved only after "table minimum" tickets are purchased. Patrons are advised to form their group early for choice seating.

## LOOP 410 WIDENING WORK BEGINS

Construction has begun on the proposed widening of Loop 410 from Ingram to Fredericksburg Road. The announcement was made by the South Texas Construction Company, Allan Construction Company and the Yantis Corporation, the successful low bidders on the project, at a recent pre-construction safety meeting.

The project will cost \$19.8 million and take two and a half years to complete.

The existing four-lane divided

roadway will be widened to provide six 12 foot wide lanes with 10 foot paved shoulders. Six-turnarounds, 22 feet wide, will be constructed at Bandera, Evers, Ingram and Callaghan Roads.

Twelve ramps will be moved in order to increase safe storage capacity and improve the flow of traffic entering and leaving the mainlanes.

The westbound exit and entrance ramps at Ingram Road will be relocated farther away

from that intersection.

The westbound exit ramps at Bandera and Evers Roads will both be reconstructed 500 feet east of their present locations. The existing eastbound entrance ramp at Evers will be moved east of Rolling Ridge. An eastbound exit ramp will be built at the location of the existing entrance ramp.

The westbound entrance at Callaghan Road will be relocated to just west of Baywater. The westbound exit

ramp at Callaghan will be moved approximately 700 feet east.

The westbound exit ramp to Babcock will be moved east to a point near Laurel Hill. In addition the westbound frontage road between Fredericksburg Road and Babcock will be lowered and a retaining wall constructed along the north right-of-way line.

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A person who contracts a disease or has an accident requiring immediate medical aid can help the attending doctor by having this information available, says a health education specialist, Carla Shearer. Ms. Shearer is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Follow this advice to prepare yourself for any possible emergencies:

1. Prepare a short medical history on each family member, and keep it with passports or international identification cards for easy locating.
2. Include any drug allergies or hypersensitivities as well as any information about regular medication that you are taking.
3. Note if you are a diabetic, have a pace maker, wear contact lenses or any other conditions that might influence emergency care.
4. Include the name and address of your personal physician along with the type of health insurance that you have.
5. Be sure that you are not carrying illegal drugs as you enter other countries. Very stiff jail terms or heavy fines are the rule in many countries.
6. Check your health policy on its applicability outside of the United States. Remember that Medicare generally does not pay out-of-country medical bills for persons 65 and over traveling or living abroad.
7. If you are uncertain about local medical services, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

**Helotes General Store Plans Expansion**



This landmark store which has served the Helotes area for a century recently was purchased by new owners and the business has been bought by the Corbin Terry family, well-known restaurateurs.

In addition to keeping the historic store abreast of the times, they are planning to open a large traditional restaurant in a new annex now being completed which will have an entrance from Highway 16.

**UTSA Honors 3 Residents**

Helotes resident JoAnn Rosa has been named to the Dean's List at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Sandra Brinkmeyer, also of Helotes, and Linda Tomlinson, who resided in Helotes from 1964 to 1968, have been named to the Honor Roll.

The students were recognized for their academic work during the Fall 1977 semester. The Dean's List includes students who have earned a 3.75 or higher grade point average on a 4-point scale. Honor Roll students have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Miss Rosas is a 1975 graduate of John Marshall High School. During her senior year in high

school she was a teacher's aide at Helotes Elementary School.

She is a junior at UTSA, where she is majoring in elementary education.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Rosas, Star Route, Box 41-A.

Mrs. Brinkmeyer has resided in Helotes for the past 12 years. A UTSA junior, she is majoring in business management.

Mrs. Tomlinson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Burks, P.O. Box 234. She was a 1968 graduate of John Marshall High School.

The UTSA senior is majoring in elementary education with a specialization in reading.

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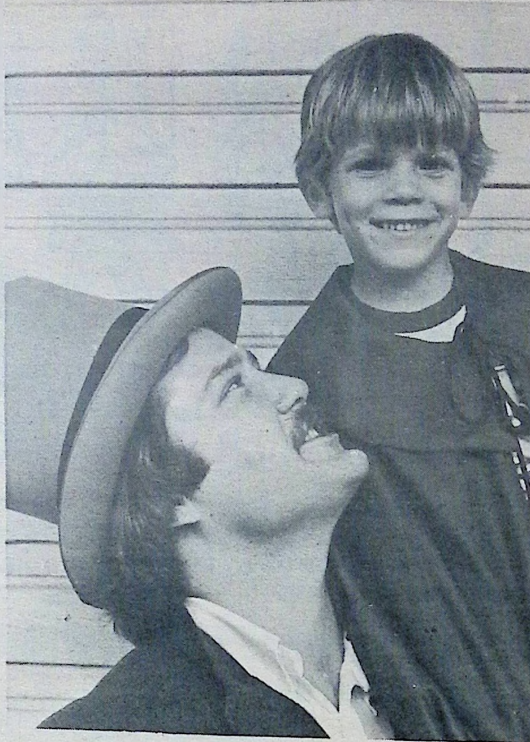
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### Scholarships

The San Antonio Board of Realtors will award three \$500 scholarships this spring. Two of the scholarships will be available to any graduating high school senior in Bexar County, while the third scholarship will be available to a graduating high school senior

who is a dependent of an active, retired or deceased member of the San Antonio Board of Realtors.

Information and applications may also be obtained from high school counselors in high schools. Deadline for submitting applications is January 15.

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### Gifted Student Program



Dr. Marjorie Smelstor, assistant professor of English, has been named director of UTSA's new gifted student program.

The program is aimed at providing talented high school students with the opportunity to attend classes at the university.

In making the appointment, Dr. James Wagener, UTSA president, noted, "Dr. Smelstor participated in a similar program at the University of Wisconsin." The UTSA program will bring approximately 100 students to the university during June to study with outstanding faculty and earn four university credits that may later be applied to a degree at UTSA or transferred to another college or university.

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## Piper Picks 3 For Awards

San Antonio College has nominated three associate professors as 1980 Piper Professors.

The nominees, chosen by faculty balloting, are Nelda Drury, physical education; Dr. Marcia Epner, chairman of reading and education, and Sue Adkins, English.

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation annually honors 10 Piper Professors for outstanding academic and scholarly achievement and dedication to teaching. The winners, selected from 150 Texas colleges and universities, receive \$1,500 honorariums.

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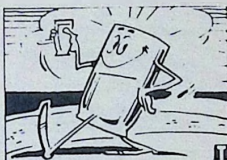
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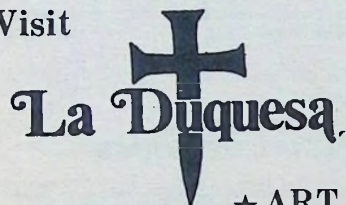
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[Note: The Log is a list of selected special interest events which may appeal to some readers. Events that continue more than one day are listed under the opening day only.]

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Trinity University's Speech and Drama Department presents "Pictures from an Institution," a comedy by Randall Jarrell, Altie Theater, 8 p.m. The play will continue on Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Exhibition, "Twentieth Century Drawings from the Whitney Museum of Modern Art," continues at Witte Museum, through Jan. 14.

Second Annual Christmas Show of the San Antonio Calligraphy Guild continues at Westfall Branch Library, through Dec. 31. Admission free.

Exhibition of prints by Virginia Meyers, UTSA's John Peace Library, through Dec. 11. Admission free.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Annual Christmas concert of San Antonio College, McAllister Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Admission \$2 and \$1.

The Mastersingers and the San Antonio Symphony present Handel's "Messiah," Theater for the Performing Arts, 7:30 p.m. Ticket information at 223-5591. Concert will be repeated Sunday at 3 p.m.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Christmas concert by UTSA's Chamber Chorale, St. John Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Admission free.

Candlelit Vespers service by the Trinity University Choirs, Margarite B. Parker Chapel, 8 p.m. Admission free.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Human Rights Week, Dec. 10-17, observed by the San Antonio Public Library with a display of books about the long and continuing struggle for human rights.

San Antonio Symphony presents an opera for children, "Hansel and Gretel," Laurie Auditorium, 10:50 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tickets \$2 and \$1. The opera will be repeated on Dec. 17.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Christmas concert by St. Mary's University's Chorale, Madrigal Singers and Chamber Choir, St. Mary's Continuing Education Center Auditorium, 8 p.m. Admission free.

"What Is the Color of Love," a Christmas concert by the choirs of Carlos Coon Elementary School, at the school, 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.

Roberto Bermudez, Spain's minister of cultural affairs, speaks on the political transition of his country since the death of Franco, UTSA's Humanities-Business Building, 10:30 a.m. Admission free.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

San Antonio Police Department holds an auction of motor vehicles unclaimed by former owners, Police Storage Lot, 3625 Growdon Rd, 10 a.m.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

Camino Real Health Systems Agency conducts a public hearing on the proposed State Health Plan and the National Health Planning Goals for 1980, Camino Real Conference Room, 410 S. Main, 7 p.m.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

A dramatic Christmas musical, "Noel-Jesus Is Born," presented by the choir and orchestra of the Castle Hills First Baptist Church, 2220 NW Military Dr., 7:30 p.m. Admission free. The production will be repeated on Sunday at 7 p.m.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Fashion show and luncheon sponsored by the San Antonio Women's Law Center, Bright Shawl Tea Room, 1 p.m. Admission \$12.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

"Cosmic Visions," art exhibit by Jose Miguel Angel Tellez, Carver Community Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry, 7 p.m. Exhibit will continue through Jan. 27.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Make Today Count group meets at the Cancer Therapy Center, 4450 Medical Dr., 7 p.m.

## New Fiesta Star



Van Johnson will be the next star at the Fiesta Dinner Playhouse in "Send Me No Flowers." San Antonians will remember Van Johnson's hit comedy, "Boeing Boeing," two years ago at the Fiesta.

Fiesta patrons can enjoy the holiday season with two talented comedy stars, June Allyson starring in "My Daughter, Your Son," and Van Johnson starring in "Send Me No Flowers." Miss Allyson will be at the Fiesta through Dec. 16, and Van Johnson will be there Dec. 18 through Jan. 9.

## Northside

### Has Jazz Trio

Of only 20 high school musicians chosen for the Texas All-State Jazz Ensemble, three are students in Northside School District. They will play in San Antonio next March.

A Clark High School senior, Myrick Crampton, will lead the saxophone section and a junior, Victor Weiss, will play the electric bass.

A Marshall High School junior, David Perry, will lead the trumpet section.

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done at IH-10 and Bandera Road. Storm sewers will be installed on Bandera Road and along the westbound frontage road east of the intersection.

Drainage facilities will be placed across IH-10 east of Kenwick, at Rolling Ridge, and west of Baywater. This work will require detouring mainlane traffic as there will be excavating across mainlanes and frontage roads. During this stage, work will continue around the clock until service can be restored to the mainlanes.

A concrete median barrier with a headlight barrier atop it will be built the length of the project. It will prevent cross median collisions and reduce on-coming headlight glare.

The working areas will be speed zoned for 45 mph. Motorists are urged to use caution in the project areas and obey all signs, barricades and flag persons. Work will begin in the Fredericksburg and Callaghan Roads areas.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of HELOTES

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11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

7:00 P.M.-Evening Vespers

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### SUNDAYS

Church School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11 a.m.

Youth Activities 695-3761

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In Helotes

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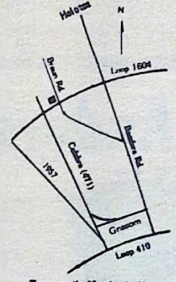
SUNDAY

Bible Studies 9 a.m.

Worship 10 a.m.

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## Student Union Fee Okayed

UTSA students have approved the assessment of a fee which will make a university center possible on campus.

By a vote of 818 to 151, they approved a student fee of \$9 for the 1980-81 school year, \$12 for 1981-82 and \$15 for each year thereafter.

Referendum results will allow the UTSA administration to recommend the fee this spring to The UT System Board of Regents. If approved, the fee will be used for financing, constructing, operating, maintaining and improving a student union building, as well as providing programming for students.

## Check Caller To Be Sure

"Social security representatives visiting you at home will carry identification," according to Gilbert G. Gonzalez, Social Security district manager in San Antonio.

"In addition, they do not ask for money unless you have been notified officially that you were overpaid in benefits," he said. "If this is the case, they will give you an official receipt," he added.

Gonzales cautioned residents that the local social security office has been advised that someone in the area is impersonating a social security representative, promising to increase social security benefits for a fee.

"If you are visited by someone who says he represents

social security, ask for identification, Gonzalez advised. "If in doubt as to the person's identity, don't allow him in your home, but call the social security office at 229-6400 for verification. If such is not secured, call the police."

Gonzalez said that occasionally social security representatives visit private homes, hospitals, nursing homes, and businesses, but they never ask for money in return for an increase in benefits or medicare coverage.

## IH-10 To Get Median Fence

Construction of a median barrier guard fence on IH-10 from Callaghan Road to Wurzbach will begin in mid-December. The announcement was made by the project's successful low bidder, Mica Corporation, at a recent pre-construction safety meeting.

Work will include the erection of a two and a half foot high, one and a half mile long guard fence anchored in a ground level concrete median slab.

## Texan Dishes

The "Marshall Mimics", homemaking students at John Marshall High School, are compiling a recipe book of Texan dishes. It will sell for \$3.00 and will be ready for Christmas gift

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