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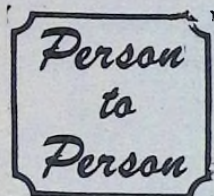
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Vulcan Asks Road Permit, Re-Zoning



John L. (Tripple) Bitter of Helotes is chairman of the newly-formed St. Rose/Villa Rosa board of directors of the two hospitals.

Maggie Grabhorn of Helotes Ranch Acres is at home following surgery on her knee that was damaged some time ago. Although still on crutches, Maggie said she will be back fighting fires with the Helotes Volunteer Fire Department in three or four months. "People were just wonderful when I was in the hospital — calling and extending best wishes and offering to help," she said. "Thanks to all."

Dale Nesloney, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Nelson of Grey Forest, was graduated from Southwest Texas State University last Saturday. The Nelsons attended the ceremony.

Charles Olmsted, former owner of the Village Scoop here, and Annette Reynolds were married Saturday night in the Helotes Hills United Methodist Church, in a small, family wedding. The new Mrs. Olmsted is a sister-in-law of Tom McCabe, Helotes insurance man. Charles is employed at the University City Herald.

Barbara DeMartino of Scenic Loop Road, was hospitalized recently with a heart irregularity. Her doctor let her come home over the Christmas holidays, but she will have to return to the hospital in January for more tests.

The Silver Belles had their annual Christmas party Thursday noon, Dec. 15, at the Maples House.

The Helotes Lionesses hosted the Casa Helotes crowd at a Christmas dinner in the senior center on Monday, Dec. 19.

The Walter Gerlach Livestock Show and Sale will be held Wednesday through Saturday, Jan. 25, 26, 27 and 28, at the show barns on Babcock Rd. The auction will begin at 1

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Echo To Suspend Publication

After twenty-seven years, the Helotes Echo is going to cease publication after this issue.

The first edition was published on Sept. 1, 1961. On the front page was a picture of the Scenic Loop Playground swimming pool — then full of water — and the lead stories were about the re-opening of the Northside District schools and the Kendall County Fair in Boerne.

The Echo has been the oldest business in Helotes under the same management. It was established by C. O. and Lucy Brown of Grey Forest.

The Marnoch mansion, a 150-year-old former ranch home which has been the office of the Echo for the last twenty years, will be sold.

C. O. will stay in the area, however, in the house in Grey Forest where he and Lucy have lived for more than thirty years.

He thanks all the readers and advertisers who have supported the paper through the years.

He is not able to continue the paper not only because of the current depressed economy affecting the region, but mostly because he cannot continue it without the companionship of his wife, Lucy, the editor of the Echo for twenty-seven years, who died of a heart attack last month.

The Echo office will continue to be open until the affairs of the paper have been wound up.

Lioness Club Gets Santa Visit



Saturday was a busy Christmas shopping day in Helotes, with the Historical Society annual Christmas Days at the Helotes General Store and the Helotes Lioness Club's December Barg'n Days at the Lions Club. Here Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (Joe and Lou Ector) arrive at the Lions Club. They made both affairs.

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Three Doctorate Programs Get Okay

The University of Texas System Board of Regents have approved the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy (PH.D) degree program in biology at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

The degree program will require approval of the Texas Higher Educational Coordinating Board and will be implemented as soon as that approval is obtained. The doctoral program will be administered by the UTSA Division of Life Sciences within the College of Sciences and Engineering in conjunction with the Division of Life Sciences Committee on Graduate Studies.

In addition, the University of Texas System Board of Regents approved the initiation of a private fund campaign to support the development of doctoral degree programs in science and engineering at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

The campaign will be conducted under the leadership of a consortium of San Antonio organizations including the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation, and the Texas Research and Technology Foundation.

The consortium, which plans to meet a \$10 million campaign goal by the year 2000, will raise funds to provide start-up operational costs for the three doctoral programs in biology, computer science and engineering that are projected for implementation; to assist with financing new building construction and equipment; and to create an endowed academic chair for each of the proposed doctoral programs.

Finally, the Board of Regents responded favorably to the implementation of a cooperatively ad-

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State Board Studies Fine For D&B

The fight the rock quarry proposed by Vulcan Materials is still alive and hot.

It got mixed up in the hearing Tuesday night, Dec. 13, conducted by three representatives of the Texas Air Control Board on an application by D&B Materials, also on FM-1560, for a permit for a new asphalt plant.

Approximately two hundred area resident attended — unanimously opposed to D&B's asphalt plant and to the proposed Vulcan quarry.

"We don't permit rock quarries — only rock-crushing plants," Priscilla Falzone, attorney of the Air Control Board, told the group. "That is the way the law is written. Rock quarries do not have to have a permit. We monitor operation of rock crushing plants, and levy administrative fines for non-compliance with our regulations. A plant owner also can have a court trial."

The board's headquarters in Austin now is reviewing three fines levied against D&B. One is for moving the new asphalt plant into place without a permit and two for operating the plant on two separate occasions after D&B had been told not to operate it.

Henry Zumwalt, one of the owners of D&B Materials, said he thought a permit to move the plant onto the site was not necessary because it had replaced an older plant on the same site. He said he had operated the new plant to test it and repair a computer that controls its operation.

State Representative Jeff Wentworth said he requested the hearing because of numerous complaints by residents about noise and dirt in D&B's operations. He said he will introduce in the State Legislature in January legislation to provide more protection against quarries in built-up residential areas.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Shirley Cotton, chairman of the Helotes Environment and Land Preservation group (HELP), announced that Vulcan Materials has made two requests to

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Pete Wins First For Decorating

The Helotes Business and Professional Association announced Wednesday night at the association's annual Christmas party the winners in the competition for the Helotes businesses with the best Christmas decorations.

The first place plaque went to Pete's Store, the second place to Grey Forest Utilities, and the third place to Frank Kennedy's Body Shop.

The business and professional group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at El Chaparral Restaurant. Dues are \$10 per business or professional office.

Institute To Be Closed

The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio will be closed to the public from Jan. 2 to Feb. 13 to allow completion of renovations now in progress, including the remodeling of restrooms and carpet replacement in all public areas.

The Institute is scheduled to reopen Tuesday, Feb. 14, and will host a special family-oriented event, "Celebrate Texans," from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19.

A statewide research, education and communication center concerned with the history and culture of Texas, The Institute of Texan Cultures is located at Durango Boulevard and Bowie Street on HemisFair Park in downtown San Antonio.

Father Jach Has By-Pass

Father Edward Jach, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church here, underwent triple by-pass heart surgery Tuesday morning.

He first entered the hospital last week for tests, and the surgery was scheduled for this week. He celebrated mass at the local church this weekend before re-entering the hospital.

He will recuperate at St. Mary's University.

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Museum, Library Dedicated



The Helotes Historical Society dedicated its new Lucy Brown Memorial Museum and Library Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18. Flanking the new sign are Diane Meyer, right, artist designed the sign, and C. O. Brown, husband of Lucy Brown. The museum and library are located in the cottage facing the parking lot of the Helotes General Store Restaurant. About thirty members of the historical society and friends attended the dedication. (Photo by Dick Miller)

City Councils Ending Year

The Helotes City Council will hold its second December meeting on Thursday (today) in the city hall beginning at 7 p.m.

There will be a short agenda including discussion of plan ordinance to designate an official seal for the city.

At its Dec. 8 meeting, the Council finally approved the new sign ordinance and passed another ordinance prohibiting through truck traffic on Helotes streets.

The Grey Forest City Council

Leon Valley Man Wins Fur Coat

The blue fox fur coat awarded by a group raising funds for Miss Helotes 1988, Laurie Seitz, to enter various competitions, was won by Bob Hoenie of Leon Valley. The drawing was held Saturday afternoon in the Texas Made store.

The two six-month memberships in the Fitness Club were won by Robert Brandt and Leslie Scoggins.

The permanent waves at Madison's were won by Roger Barnhill and Lou Ector.

The mink oil facials were won by Ernie bloomer and Maggie Murillo.

Miss Helotes competed recently in the Miss Teen Texas contest in El Paso.

It's A Boy!

Nick Rene Reyes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Balthy Reyes, was born Nov. 17. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alguiseva of Floore Country Store and Mrs. Dominga Reyes of Boerne.

Also welcoming Nick Rene was his sister, Alicia, four.

He weighed six pounds and eleven ounces and was 19 inches tall.

Parents Invited To Evaluation

Members of an accreditation team from the Texas Education Agency will be available Wednesday, Jan. 4, to meet with parents and patrons who have an interest in expressing their views and opinions about the Northside Independent School District, according to Superintendent Jack C. Jordan.

Interviews will be conducted by team members beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Room C of the Northside Activity Center, 7001 Culebra Rd. at Loop 410. Every school district in Texas is required by law to be visited by an accreditation team

from Texas Education Agency to evaluate the quality of its educational programs and to determine what progress the school district has made since the last visit.

During the interviews, emphasis will be given to the quality of instruction and community support present on each campus in Northside. Areas to be evaluated by the team include planning, curriculum, instruction, services to students, instructional resources, personnel, governance, community conditions, and physical facilities.

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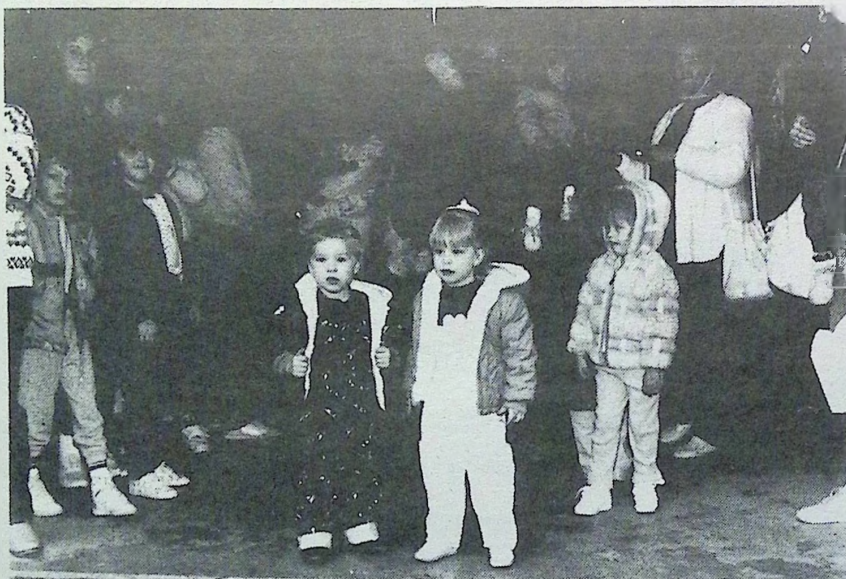
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At The Barg'N Days Christmas Sale



Anticipating the arrival of Santa were these children at the Lioness Club's December Barg'N Days. (Photos by Dick Miller)



Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus arrive at the Lions Club for the December Barg'N Days of the Lioness Club. Their transport was the big yellow fire truck of the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department. Off-duty, Mr. and Mrs. Claus are Joe and Lou Ector. (Photo by Dick Miller)



A number of children were waiting to see Santa, and after he was seated they took turns sitting on his lap to talk to him about what they wanted for Christmas.

Along Our Route--

Dear Editor:

The Second Graders of Mrs. Mary Safflekos and Mrs. Nelda Rodriguez from Timberwilde Elementary shared their Christmas Spirit with the residents of Silver Creek Manor Nursing Home on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Their program included Christmas songs and poems and a choral reading of "A Visit From St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore. Residents joined in with the children when they sang the traditional carols, and sang along on other familiar songs, accompanied on the autoharp by Mrs. Safflekos. Their smiles lit up the room as they watched the children's actions to "Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town," "The Day Before Christmas," "Rudolph," and "He'll Be Comin' From The North Pole When He Comes," a take-off on "She'll Be Comin' Round The Mountain" with seasonal words written by Mrs. Safflekos.

The classes made door decorations for the residents earlier this month, and, during the program, presented them with a decorated banner with "HAPPY HOLIDAYS," a basket of Christmas candy, and home-made cookies made by Mrs. Rodriguez.

Miss Kitty Hussey, vice-principal at Timberwilde went with the group to offer her personal holiday greetings. By bringing smiles, reviving memories, and touching many hearts, these children shared their excitement, love and Christmas Spirit. Their glow and sincerity was expressed as they radiantly shook hands and talked to the patrons following the program. The residents, in turn, received the gestures in the true spirit of Christmas.

Bobbie Behlaw,
Principal

Dear Editor:

The entire seventh grade class of Coke Stevenson Middle School recently went on a Texas history field trip to the San Antonio missions and the Institute of Texas Cultures. Numbering better than 400, the seventh graders were split into two groups to facilitate the viewing of both sights. While one group toured Mission San Jose, the other group spent their time taking in the exhibits and attractions at the Institute. After eating lunch at their morning locations, both groups boarded their busses and traveled to the opposite locations.

The real validity for just such a trip was brought home when it was pointed out that, on one bus, fully one-fourth of the students had never even seen the Alamo. This opportunity for the students to view Texas history "up close and personal" strengthened the students' concepts of early Texas and brought to life the heritage that is so rich in the San Antonio metropolitan area.

Stevenson's principal, Linda Garcia, wishes to thank the seventh grade class for their overall behavior on the outing, and thanks go also to the parents of Stevenson students that support our educational programs such as this recent field trip.

Ralph Lay,
Public Relations

Save and freeze bits of chicken and vegetables, such as carrots, celery, potatoes and onions to make a chicken pie.

UTSA--

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ministered Ph.D. program in Educational Administration between The University of Texas at Austin and The University of Texas at San Antonio. The program will be offered under the authority of UT Austin with portions of the program taught at UTSA.

This doctoral program, the first to be offered in San Antonio at UTSA, is geared toward middle management educators who plan to pursue careers as administrators in public schools and educational agencies, or hold professorships at universities.

According to plan, the program will be divided into three developmental phases. During the first phase, students will enroll primarily in UT Austin courses. However, the first two courses in the degree program will be offered at UTSA this coming Spring semester, one to be taught by UTSA faculty and one to be taught by UT Austin faculty. In the second phase, UTSA will offer other doctoral level courses and will assume greater responsibility for supervising dissertations. The third phase will allow UTSA to offer the full doctoral program independently, subject to UT Board of Regents and Coordinating Board authority.

Craft Center

Registration Set

Registration for 1989 Spring classes at the Southwest Craft Center will continue through the month of January. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 9.

The Craft Center offers studio courses in all media for the beginning through the advanced student.

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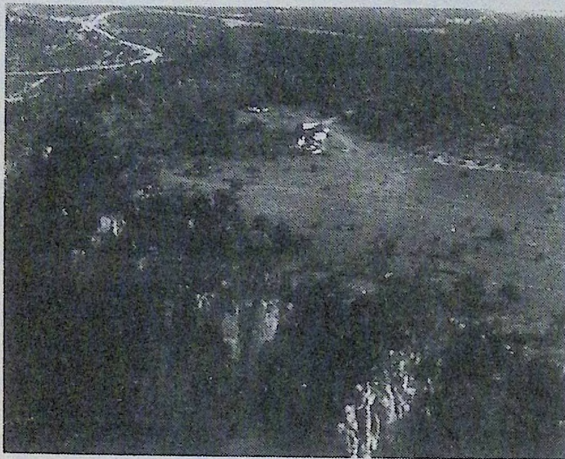
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Dick Boudreau Makes Movie



This is an aerial view of the set location in Durango, Mexico, for the movie in which Dick Boudreau of Grey Forest and his B-25 bomber took part. The movie stars Paul Newman and will be released next year. Boudreau was in Mexico five days, and was promised future film work for his Confederate Air Force plane.



Dick Boudreau and some of the "bombs" he dropped during a movie filming in Durango, about World War II.

The first receivers of telephone calls cried out "Ahoy-ahoy" rather than the later greeting of "hello."

Firefighters Open Drive

The 1989 annual contributing membership of the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department is now underway.

To fund a 1989 proposed budget of \$57,500, the department invites membership subscriptions in these categories:

Unimproved lots, acreage, \$24.
Per residence, \$48.

Per business, \$52.

Chief's Club, \$100 and over.

Honorary Board Member, \$250.

Next year will be 30th year of service of the Helotes department.

Last year the department had 863 contributing members. Its total income was \$58,659.31, and its expenses amounted to \$57,417.83. It made 278 emergency responses during the year.

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A bit of mistletoe is placed strategically so that the opportunity for a Christmas kiss or a holiday hug

may present itself.

This festive display in the Exhibit Hall of the Lucile Halsell Con-

servatory runs through January 10, 1989.

The Botanical Gardens are open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the Conservatory is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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200 Attend Texas Air Control Board Hearing



Three representatives of the Texas Air Control Board conducted a hearing in Helotes on the application of D&B Materials for a new asphalt plant. Almost two hundred residents attended because they also were hoping for answers on the status of the quarry proposed by Vulcan Materials on a site nearby on FM-1560.



Mrs. Shirley Cotton is chairman of the HELP group organized to fight the Vulcan Quarry.



Mary Stiles of Helotes Park Estates was among the nearly 200 residents who attended.



Clyde Bennett of the Texas Highway Department is worried about the heavy truck traffic near the quarry.



Robert Caldwell thought there should be stronger laws and bigger fines regarding quarry owners not in compliance.



Architect Guy Burnett seemed to find some things said hard to swallow.



Henry Zumwalt, one of the owners of D&B Materials, defended his request for the permit.



State Representative Jeff Wentworth said he would try to get some help for the quarry fighters in the Legislature.



Photos By
Bob Mathis



Quarry --

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the City of Helotes, one for a permit to build a road in their property to the quarry site, and the second for a rezoning of 500 feet of their property along FM-1560 from residential to commercial zoning.

Mrs. Cotton also announced that Phil Hardberger has agreed to represent HELP in legal actions

against Vulcan. Another attorney, Phil Haag of Austin, also has been retained and will work with state agencies in Austin in the fight.

She said she had hoped the hearing on D&B's application would help set guidelines on protection of Helotes' environment in general.

Attorney Falzone said the Texas

Air Control Board has not received a request from Vulcan Materials for a permit of any kind.

The board recently shut down a Vulcan rock crushing plant on Huebner Road in San Antonio because Vulcan moved the rock crusher to the site (from Mountain Home) without a permit, and then tried to operate it after Vulcan had been cited by the board.

The consensus of the people who attended the hearing in the Community Activity Center of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church was that neither D&B nor Vulcan would be good neighbors as they have said they would be.

Person --

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p.m. Saturday. Showing animals will be students in FFA and 4-H programs in area schools.

Welcome to new residents, Sonny and Marsha Roberson, who bought the residence at 13508 Circle A. Trail. Sonny is a teacher and coach in the Northeast District, and Marsha is a doctor at the Veterans Hospital. They have two daughters, Stacy and Sarah.



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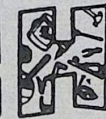
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About Investments

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So where does a would-be mutual fund investor start? How can you get the most out of a mutual fund? What follows are some questions you can ask your financial planner and a few guidelines on how he or she can help you select a mutual fund.

Is a mutual fund the appropriate investment to help me reach my financial goals? A financial planner should understand your risk tolerance, return expectations, financial status and the like. It's important to know your investment objectives and to communicate those objectives to your financial planner. Define your minimum desired rate of return and your maximum risk tolerance. Would you rather miss out on a bull market or lose significantly in a bear market? By listing your objectives, you can decide on a mutual fund that is most appropriate for you and avoid misunderstandings down the road.

How can an investor reduce risk in today's volatile market conditions? Most financial planners will tell you that no single investment will protect your finances from all risks. However, you can reduce the inherent risk of investing through diversification — spreading risk over a variety of securities.

In designing a diversified portfolio, you try to balance both risk and return opportunity. Generally, the more risk you take, the higher your potential return. Diversification does not eliminate risk, but it can substantially help reduce the volatility of your portfolio while still providing attractive returns over the long run.

Since the underlying investment principle for mutual funds is diversification, investing in a single mutual fund is one of the simplest ways to achieve diversification.

Investing in more than one fund can further increase diversification.

Mutual funds are just one recommendation that your financial planner might make in analyzing your entire financial situation. Mutual funds can be balanced with life insurance and annuity products, face-amount certificates, income protection products and limited partnerships to achieve greater diversification.

Are there any investment strategies that provide protection from erratic market swings? Through a technique called dollar-cost averaging, you can use the ups and downs of the market to your advantage. With this strategy, you invest the same amount of money in a specific mutual fund or other fluctuating investment at regular intervals over an extended period of time.

Regular investments of a fixed amount of money can reduce the average cost of buying shares. Over time, the average cost of your shares should be lower than the average price of the shares you have purchased, although there is no guarantee. Usually investors incur a loss if they stop investing early or sell shares during a market decline. The success of dollar-cost averaging depends on investing regularly over a long period, regardless of price levels.

What are the mutual fund's limitations? A mutual fund manager will try to take advantage of changes in the economy to improve the fund's performance and reduce volatility. You must remember, however, that no one can perfectly predict the market. In addition, each mutual fund has policies that restrict the types of securities in which it invests in order to meet the goals of each fund. That's why a balanced portfolio made up of a number of different investments is important.

Your financial planner can help you develop a balanced portfolio to help meet your financial goals that may include mutual funds.

Edwards Candidate Hits 'Overdraft'

Speaking at the monthly meeting of the Associated General Contractors Wednesday, Edwards Underground Water District director candidate Carl Norris outlined the two approaches to water supply management that have developed, and explained why his position is more visionary.

"I believe withdrawal from the aquifer on a long-term basis must be balanced with its annual average recharge. The other group believes in an 'overdraft' method of aquifer management in which more water is

withdrawn annually than is replaced with recharge. This method places the community at an unreasonable risk, and I am opposed to such thinking."

The solution, Norris said, lies in the "safe yield" method of aquifer management combining a variety of mechanisms. These include prudent and fair pumpage rules, protection of water quality, conservation, reuse and development of supplemental surface supplies.

The EUWD election takes place on Jan. 21, and absentee voting

begins Jan. 3.

Norris is running to represent Precinct 2.



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Santa Visits Christmas Days



After their visit to the Lioness Club, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus directed their fire engine to the Helotes General Store for a visit with the folks gathered there for the annual Christmas Days of the Helotes Historical Society.

January 2 Deadline For Western Parade

Western wagons, high spirited horses and the dust of traildrivers from all over Texas will fill the streets of San Antonio during the 40th Annual Stock Show and Rodeo Western Parade Thursday, February 9.

Twelve trailrides will come together and make their grand parade through the streets of San Antonio along with floats, marching bands and those lovely trailride queens. It's rodeo time in San Antonio!

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition is accepting applications for participation in the 40th Annual

Western Parade. All entries must be decorated in a western theme. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded for overall decoration and color coordination. Deadline for participants to enter is January 2. For more information call 225-5851.

This year, the 40th Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo promises to be the biggest and best. The great lineup of entertainment, midway thrills and rodeo chills are fast approaching as the wild, western extravaganza nears with a run February 10-19 at the Joe & Harry Freeman Coliseum.



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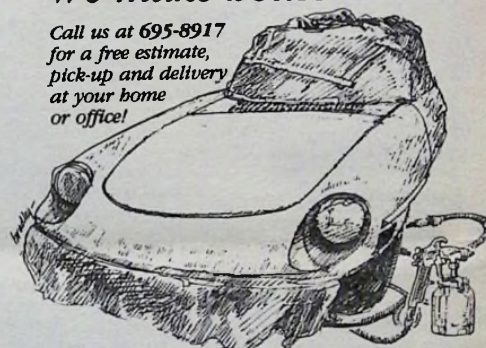
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Antonian College Preparatory, Ursuline Academy, Holy Cross, St. Francis Academy, Blessed Sacrament Academy, Central Catholic, St. Anthony High School Seminary, St. Gerard Regional High School and Providence High School all worked to aid the Armenian earthquake victims Saturday in an interschool mixed volleyball exhibition involving fifty players.

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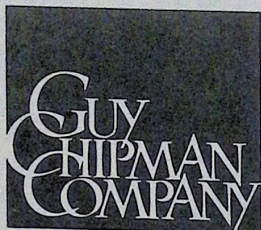
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
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INTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Heat Pumps: What They Offer the Homeowner

Does your energy bill cool your patience while heating up your temper? Here are interesting facts on heat pumps that may save you money on your gas and electric bills.

Surprisingly, despite its name, a heat pump provides summer cooling as well as winter heating. A heat

pump replaces both furnace and central air conditioner with a single heating-cooling system, "pumping" heat into buildings in winter and out of buildings in summer.

Heat pumps operate like regular air conditioners during warm weather.

However, it's the heating cycle that accounts for their significant savings. Unlike a furnace that converts fossil fuel or electricity into heat, the heat pump collects heat that already exists in the outdoor air. This means that the heat pump can supply from 1.5 to 2.5 times more

heat than the energy it uses. On electric heating bills, heat pumps can mean savings of 30 to 60 percent because they use 30 to 60 percent less energy to supply the same heat as an electric furnace.

When buying a new heating and cooling system, or replacing an old one, consumers should consider how a heat pump works, location, initial cost, operating cost savings, payback, service, and maintenance.

Heat pumps are the most cost-

effective in temperatures above freezing. For colder days, supplemental heat may be necessary, either by a booster electrical resistance heater installed with the heat pump, or by fossil fuel heating.

A small flat sponge or paper towel kept in your refrigerator vegetable bin can absorb much of the excess moisture collecting there.

HELPFUL HINTS

Prepping Your Home For The Holidays

If home entertainment is included on your agenda this holiday season, make sure your home looks its best before the guests arrive. Here are some helpful and timely tips to prepare for the upcoming festivities.

- When folding napkins into imaginative shapes, use Faultless Spray Starch for the extra body required. Everyday placemats look perky and fresh when starched with Faultless—this also helps them resist stains.

- Store your linens laundered, but save the ironing until you're ready to use them again. This way you'll save time and the effort of touching up the next time you use them.

- Don't have time to bake? In a pie dish, combine two tablespoons of vanilla, one teaspoon of cinnamon and one-half teaspoon of all-spice or pumpkin pie spice with one cup of water. Heat in a 350-degree oven to give your home the delicious fragrance of baking.

- For a picture-perfect smooth tablecloth, use regular or heavy formula spray starch, depending on fiber content and body desired, suggests Nancy Beaham, director of consumer relations of the Faultless Starch/Bon Ami Company.

- To brighten and deodorize your carpet, combine two cups of cornmeal and one cup of borax, sprinkle on a dry carpet and leave for one hour before vacuuming.

- Candles burn more slowly and evenly with minimal dripping if you place them in the freezer for several hours before using.

- Black heel marks and crayon marks can be removed from floors by rubbing with a damp cloth and

a sprinkle of Bon Ami Polishing Cleanser.

- Lingering smoke smells will quickly disappear when a cold wet towel (wrung out) is swished around the room.

During the holidays, in the unfortunate case that linens or garments become spotted, treat the stain promptly and with patience. For best results, place the spot face down on paper towels and apply stain remover to the underside of it so that the stain will be forced off the surface and not through the fabric. **Always test stain removers in an inconspicuous place for color fastness.** Try these tested remedies for common holiday stains:

- Wine:** Cover spot with a generous portion of table salt. Let it set a few minutes until the stain fades, then rub vigorously with half a lemon. Launder as usual. On carpets or rugs, remove wine spots with club soda.

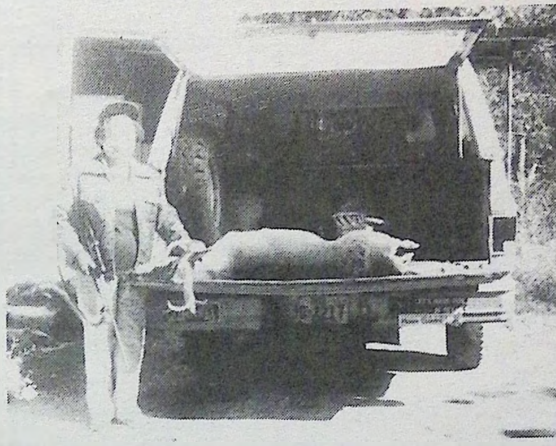
- Coffee/Tea:** Sponge immediately with cold water. If stain persists, try a pre-wash and launder with a fabric-safe bleach.

- Gravy:** Rinse stain in cold water. Soak 30 minutes in enzyme presoak and launder. If any of the stain remains, do not dry. Treat with dry-cleaning solvent and re-launder.

- Cranberries:** Soak in cool water for 30 minutes. Apply a paste of detergent and all-fabric bleach, rub and launder. Do not use soap on fruit stains. It will set them.

For a free Faultless Fabric Care Handbook, write to the Faultless Starch/Bon Ami Company, 1025 W. 8th Street, Kansas City, MO 64101-1207.

8-Pointer Makes Her Day



Estella Algueseva feels she was lucky to kill this eight-pointer on the first day of the 1988 hunting season. It was shot on a ranch between Comfort and Center Point.



Let Tomatoes Ripen

It's easier than most people realize to have fresh tomatoes anytime of the year. The key is bringing tomatoes home from the supermarket, setting them out on a shelf or countertop, and allowing them to finish ripening.



Let tomatoes ripen for a few days at room temperature.

Tomatoes which come from Florida, this time of year, are picked at the hard, mature green state so they can withstand shipping. When they arrive at the supermarket, they're still hard, not very flavorful and usually pale pink. Unfortunately, they'll stay that way if you refrigerate them. Give them a few days at room temperature, however, and they'll soften, develop a red color and an excellent flavor.

"Fresh tomatoes are best when treated like green bananas," says Wayne Hawkins, Executive Vice President of the Florida Tomato Exchange. "And they're at peak flavor when served cool, not cold... like you'd serve a fine wine."

An informative cookbook, "Fresh Ideas For Florida Tomatoes," is available for one dollar from: Florida Tomato Committee, Box 140635, Orlando, FL 32814.

Helotes Tradition: Bake Sale



A fund-raising standby for organizations in Helotes is the bake sale in front of Handy-Andy No. 40. The most recent is this one conducted by the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department last Friday. The bake sale usually lasts only a couple of hours and then the ladies have sold out. The Fire Department also began this week its annual membership campaign. (Photo by Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department)

Diabetics To Get Support Group

A diabetes support rap group is to be formed at the Casa Helotes Center following a special presentation there by the American Diabetes Association on Saturday,

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The new Hill Country Kiwanis Club, centered in Leon Valley and Helotes, presented three frozen turkeys to Casa Helotes last week for Christmas, as well as making a similar presentation to the Leon Valley Senior Center.

L. J. Cott, City Manager of Helotes, is president of the Hill Country Kiwanis. Other officers are: George Miller, vice president; Renee Rissmann, secretary and Janis Benton, treasurer.

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House Burns On Babcock



This home on a hillside near Babcock Road burned recently. Making the difficult ascent to the location were the volunteer fire departments from Helotes, Leon Springs and Grey Forest. The house had not been completely finished and was vacant at the time. (Photo by Dick Miller)

Casa Helotes Gets \$1,500 Grant

Casa Helotes has been awarded a \$1,500 grant by IBM.

The grant was requested for the senior center by Bill Emerick, who is a former employee of IBM.

The money will be used to buy kitchen equipment, he said.

Bald Eagles Return

The bald eagles have returned to Lake Buchanan reports O.C. Garza, manager of the Vanishing Texas River Cruise. "We spotted our first mature eagle on October 17 and have been seeing eagles on every cruise for the past week," Garza said.

The eagles on Lake Buchanan comprise the densest population of birds in the state. During last year's National Wildlife Federation eagle count — coordinated by the Highland Lakes Birding Society, Buchanan Bass Busters, Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Vanishing Texas River Cruise — 35 eagles were counted on the lake.

Catrina Martin, wildlife biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife, estimates that 1,000 eagles visit Texas each winter. She asks that anyone who spots an eagle with colored wing tag or leg tag call her office at 512/389-4979 to report the sighting.

Demand to see the eagles is very high. "We have bald eagles on the lake from November through March," Garza said.

Nothing fishy about it—one of the flounder's eyes travels to the other side of its head as the fish develops. The winter flounder's eyes are on its right side, while the summer flounder's eyes are on its left.

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