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Rudy Davalos Resigns As UTSA Athletic Director

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Person to Person

Members of the Madla family were saluted by the Northside District school board last week for making their ranch available during the past four years to gifted students for the study of nature and environment. Present at the board meeting were Mrs. Jesse Madla, Sr., Jesse Madla, Jr., Felix Madla and Juanita

Madla

Open house will be held Saturday by the Helotes Masonic Lodge at their new lodge building on FM-1560, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The building was completed recently after several years of work by the lodge members.

Brackenridge High School will hold a reunion for the classes of 1945 through 1955 on June 28-30. The reunion will begin Friday night at the Pearl Brewery, continue at MacArthur Park and Lone Star Brewery on Saturday, and end at brunch at Marty's Veranda on San Pedro Avenue Sunday noon. Call R. Sheldon Kosharek at KTSA, 655-5500.

Patrick W. Itz, 4204 Woodcock, a representative of the Century Companies of America, was first in life insurance sales among all the Century Companies' representatives during May.

The 2nd annual Naturally Beautiful Baby Contest will be held Saturday, June 29, at 1 p.m., at the Westlakes Mercado Mall, Loop 410 and Marbach Road. Babies up to 3 years old can be entered by a parent, guardian or adult family member. The contest will benefit the Santa Rosa Children's Hospital.

The Bandera County Sesquicentennial Committee will have an old fashioned street fair and dance on Bandera's Main Street, Saturday, June 22, beginning at 1 p.m. Pioneer costumes are encouraged, and entertainments will include Western music, a fiddling contest, stage coach and buggy rides, food and arts and crafts. At the same time quarterhorse racing will be going on at Bandera Downs.

Helotes Bicyclist

Rusty Motz, young Helotes bike racer, shown here on the bike with a fellow rider assisting him with a standing start, will leave July 10-for Milwaukee, Wis., to participate in "Super Week" national races. Rusty, a John Marshall High senior, recently placed third in the time trials of the Junior World Team qualifications and fourth in the state championship race. He currently is seeking sponsors for his month-long stay in Milwaukee. He is employed by Helotes Bicycle and credits Hank Cunningham, owner, for his success so far.

Scenic Loop Elects Hecker

Linda Sheets Hecker has been elected president of the Scenic Loop Playground Club for 1985-86. Other new officers are:

Melanie Mikel, vice president; Joanne Miller, treasurer; and Heidi Smith, secretary. Board members include Marjorie Mautz, in charge of the swimming pool; Jeff Waldrop, in charge of the club house; and Lou Hecker, in charge of the lakes and creeks.

Mayor, Via Officials Talk

When the Helotes City Council meets Thursday, June 27, in the PARC Building, at 7 p.m., Mayor Vivian Hultz is expected to report on her meetings with officials of San Antonio VIA Transit Company about possible resumption of bus service to Helotes.

Earlier VIA officials told the council that collection of the VIA bus sales tax in Helotes cannot be dropped even though service has been suspended, but recently the company expressed willingness to work with Helotes to determine what bus service this area needs and will support.

At the previous council meeting, on June 13, the members discussed the need for a plan and equipment to deal with flooding of city streets such as had happened on June 5 and 6.

They expressed appreciation to [Continued On Page 2]

New Taft High Stimulates Growth

A 934-acre subdivision tract at FM-1560 and Galm Road is to be developed by Wayne Nance. It has been named Forest Glen, and is between Helotes and the new Taft High School of the Northside District. The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation is planning a rebuilding of all of FM-1560 between Helotes and FM-471.

Information about Forest Glen came out in an announcement that the State Public Utilities Commission is going to allow San Antonio's City Water Board to expand it's service area to include all Bexar County and part of Comal County, except where private water districts already have been authorized. One was a private water district for Forest Glen.

The City Water Board already has approved purchase of the wells and distribution system of Bexar County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17, which supplies water to Helotes Park Estates.

To Go To University Of Houston

The University of Texas at San Antonio has announced the resignation of Rudy Davalos as Director of Athletics effective July 15. He has accepted a position as Associate Athletic Director at the University of Houston.

Jim Skaines, who has served as head track and cross country coach for the past four years, has been named Acting Athletic Director effective July 16. Replacing Skaines will be Shawn Flanagan, Assistant Track and Cross Country Coach, who will assume the duties as Acting Head Track Coach also on July 16.

Davalos, the only Athletic Director in UT San Antonio's short history, joined UTSA in 1976 and inaugurated the Roadrunner's NCAA Division I program in 1981. After starting the program with four sports, Davalos helped UTSA grow to nine men's and six women's intercollegiate sports. He also was one of the founders of the Oil Country Athletic Conference, in which UTSA's women's teams competed for two seasons.

A native San Antonian, Davalos was an assistant coach with the San Antonio Spurs from 1973-76. He also was an assistant coach at Georgetown College in Kentucky at the University of Kentucky and at Auburn University and rebuilt the athletic program at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.

"I regret that Rudy Davalos is leaving the UTSA athletic program because he has had a tremendous impact in creating a competitive program," noted Dr. James W. Wagener, President of UTSA. "I would like to thank him for his effective leadership in establishing the highly successful NCAA Division I program that currently exists at UTSA."

Davalos' duties at Houston will include managing all internal operations of the athletic department, working with the athletic director in the administration of the men's football and basketball programs and supervising the administration of all other varsity programs through the Assistant Athletic Director for men's and women's sports.

Polo Game To Aid Foundation

The Retama Polo Center will sponsor a benefit match for the Arthritis Foundation on Sunday, June 30. The match will begin at 5 p.m., followed by hor d'oeuvres,

cash bar, and music provided by the Rainbow Riders. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased by calling the Arthritis Foundation office at 224-4857.





Grand Opening

City---

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Contractor Pete Crow of Helotes Ranch Acres for clearing debris and deep mud from the Antonio Drive crossing.

Council members Verna Thompson and Niels Jensen were absent from the meeting, but Gene Bridg-man, Leonard Hill and Reudy Loeffler provided the necessary quorum.

Col. Clancy Woliver, post commander at Fort Sam Houston, Ralph Kunze, Lloyd Jary, Jim Kuykendall and Tom Winn cooperated in the ribbon cutting at the opening of new offices for the United Mortgage Group recently in the II SASA Center. The mortgage company, headquartered in San Antonio, expects to be servicing a portfolio of approximately \$250 million in mortgages by the end of 1985.

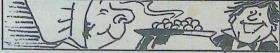
Wildlife Expert To Speak Here

Dr. Lyle Blankenship, wildlife scientist with the Texas A&M University Extension Service at Uvalde, will speak at the Helotes Lions Club's Parrigin Pavilion on Sunday, June 30, beginning at 3

He will show slides of animals and

historic sites in the Masai tribe region of Africa, where he traveled. Admission to the presentation will be free, and the public is invited.

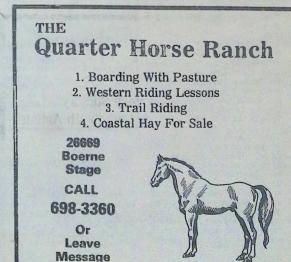
Dr. Blankenship also is a past district governor of Lions Clubs International.



Baked Beans were mentioned for the first time in Mrs. S.M. Child's "The Frugal Housewife" in 1829.







World War II Fliers Meet Again

Co-Pilots Relive Old Times

A long-delayed telephone call was received here this month by Corbin Terry. It was from his co-pilot during World War II-Ted Buszek. Although both had attempted numerous times to make contact, all efforts had failed. It had been over forty years since they had seen or heard from each other.

After the war, Buszek had entered dental school and had become a dentist, retiring in 1972. He now lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Terry remained in the Air Corps, retiring in 1962. Since that time he has been in the restaurant business in Helotes and North San Antonio.

Talking over old times-especially for war buddies-takes time. Buszek immediately came to Helotes and Pipe Creek for a delayed visit to Terry and his wife, Wanda.

In World War II, Terry and Buszek had served their country together for two years, including one year of combat flying. They flew in B-24s from the Island of Shemya to the Kurile Islands, a chain if islands from Japan to Eastern Russia. These islands are now under Russian control.

World War II Liberator bomber pilots of the eleventh Air Force-in the Aleutian Islands-- do not need notes to recall dangerous missions. But news stories by the Associated Press published in 1944, (which one of Terry's aunts kept locked away in scrap books) add a note of authenticity to amazing feats of these men and their crew in combat with Japanese fighters.

On August 12, 1944, Lt. Terry of Temple, Texas as pilot, and 2d Lt. Buszek as co-pilot were part of a raiding mission which had crossed 800 miles of the North pacific to



strike at the Japanese island. Two big Liberator bombers made it back from raiding Paramushito. Theirs was one of them.

But they couldn't come down. The Aleutians were "socked in" by a thick gray fog thousands of feet deep. The pilots of the two planes knew the situation was bad and getting worse.

Gas Nearly Gone

Their gasoline was nearly gone. They had to get down on land-any kind of land. They had tried for a landing on the outer islands and had failed. Back along the Aleutian chain, the Liberators roared. They were land planes.

"If they were forced down," the news story reported, "in the sea--a thing the crews dreaded-it would mean: the quick scramble to get out before the bombers sank; the bloodchilling plunge into the frigid water; the struggle to get into the tossing rubber boats. And then the ordeal of

waiting-wet, freezing, sick, and

"Rescue might come but it would have to be fast-a matter of a few hours at the best. Men adrift in the sea, on raft or rubber boat don't last long in this part of the world."

The two weary pilots were advised by radio to keep on to the east. One emergency field reported a ceiling of several hundred feet. The other pilot sighted a volcanic peak and started circling, while Terry

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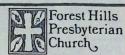
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A new, computer aided, national organization designed to reunite lost pets with their owners has been announced by ALFO Petfoods, Inc.

The new ALPO National Pet Locators Network is the first You can add the right touch program of its kind endorsed by a nationally known pet-

"Each year over two million pets are lost forever in pet knows how to get in touch with their owners. We're confident that the new ALPO National Pet Locators Network will help return many of these pets to their owners," said Gail Donnelly, an ALPO consumer service representative.
The ALPO National Pet

Locators Network is a membership organization that provides pet-owners with a special pet locator name tag. Unlike ordinary tags which might include the owner's name and phone number, the Pet Network's tag features a com-puterized coded membership number and a national tollfree phone number for the pet owner's privacy and security. can now dress with flying On being informed of a lost colors, selecting clothes in pet, the network's staff tele phones animal shelters

> On finding a lost pet, the Pet Network relays the information immediately to the individual member, his or her veterinarian, or a designated friend or relative "Our system helps people avoid the problem of having

to take time off from work or other responsibilities to search for a missing pet. And, if you are away, you're



likely to miss that important telephone call saying some one's found your dog or cat. Searching for a pet can be frustrating and time-consuming," said Ms. Donnelly.

A fee of \$9.95 enrolls a pet on the computer of the National Pet Locators Network for the first year of member-ship. The pet remains en-rolled for a \$5.00 fee for each

additional year.

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Registration forms for membership may be obtained by writing to: ALPO Pet Locators Network, P.O. Box 942, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0942. The Pet Locators Network is an independent corporation based in Valley Forge, PA and endorsed by ALPO Pet-

On enrolling, members receive the computerized pet locator tag and a kit of information with additional data on the retrieval of lost pets.







The leaning tower of Pisa increases its inclination by one foot each 100 years.

SASA Adds 65 Automated Tellers

As a result of an agreement between San Antonio Savings Association (SASA) and Diamond Shamrock in San Antonio to install over 65 automated teller machines (ATMs), SASA now offers the largest network of automated banking centers in South Texas.

On Monday, June 17, SASA officially added more than 65 Diamond Shamrock locations to its existing 30 totaling more than 100 ATMs in South Texas.

The ATMs allow SASA cardholders to withdraw cash from checking or savings accounts, make deposits, inquire about balances and transfer funds from one account to another.

Californians say that more people visit the Golden Gate Bridge, which spans San Francisco Bay in California, than any other man-made wonder.

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BROWN RECLUSE SPIDER NO STRANGER TO AREA

By Terry Vincent, M.D. Helotes Family Practice Clinic

The brown recluse spider, also known as the fiddleback, brown house, or Loxosceles recluse spider, has been a pesky nuisance south of the Mason-Dixon Line for generations. The first scientific description of the bite appeared in the Nashville Journal of Medicine and Surgery in 1872; the Journal of the American Medical Association set out details in 1929. So it's no newcomer, not even to Texas. Old timers will tell you to watch out for them in closets, barns, cellars, and wood piles because they've got the ecars to prove where the critter lives. I got my own scar from a small closet-dwelling specimen with the characteristic violin marking on its back.

Dangerous? Depends upon your viewpoint. Rarely life-threatening and usually causing only a sore that takes forever to heal, the recluse can't hold a candle to the black widow whose neurotoxic venom creates and excruciatingly painful medical emergency that ends in death for one in twenty live (4%) of its victims. Over the years I've managed enough to know that, bite for bite, you're a lot better off with a reclusus bite than a black widow!

The typical picture of a brown recluse spider bite, a severe one, is that of a young fireman who got bitten on the hand. There was initial acute pain that soon subsided, leaving only soreness in the area. He otherwise felt well. Three days later an ugly blister with a blue-black center formed at the site; a pallid ring surrounded the dark area, and angry redness discolored the adjacent skin. The appearance was that of a bull's-eye in a target. This is fairly typical, almost diagnostic, of a recluse bite.

The next stage was necrosis, a literal rotting away, of the tissue affected by the venom; an oozing crater an inch across formed. After a month all dead tissue had been cleared away. Complete healing took place over the next six weeks, leaving a sear about the size of a shirt button. The fireman kidded me about looking for another spider; it was an on-the-job injury that kept him off work...during all of deer season! With pay!

This is about par for a recluse bite. Initial pain, a dark blister with a bull's-eye appearance, necrosis into a gucky ulcer, and prolonged healing. In the fireman's case it took three months, but it varies with the amount of venom. The venom does not spread to lymph nodes, like blood poisoning. Serious complications do occur, most often in small children, but only very rarely. These include a breakdown of the circulating blood and kidney failure. Death from the venom is extremely uncommon, though the necrotic ulcer invites severe secondary infection which can invade the blood or lymph nodes to cause fatal complications.

Treatment is a bit controversial, but a dozen local doctors who have treated these bites and the reference texts (I spent a rainy afternoon in the medical school library) agree on the basics. Antibiotics are in order to prevent secondary infection. So is a routine tetanus booster. The necrotic tissue in the ulcer should be cleaned out (debrided) periodically. Corticosteroids by injection or orally, particularly when given soon after the bite, reduce the chances of severe systemic complications; and oral courses of prednisone hasten the healing of the necrotic ulcer.

What about surgical excision of the bite? Or skin grafts to close the ulcer? Seems logical to cut out the venom-contaminated lissue; but one must remember that the vast majority of reclusus bites are quite benign and will eventually heal with little if any scarring (my own personal reclusus bite healed in three weeks, leaving a chicken pox scar). A graft ought to speed up healing. But the rejection rate of grafts in this situation is too great to make me recommend this procedure.

One national authority states, "Healing of large ulcerated lesions may take many weeks, but when spontaneous healing is allowed the results are often surprisingly good and far less disfiguring than grafts". Another says, "No local treatment other than cleansing and ice packs is necessary. Cortleosteroids and antihistamines constitute the treatment of choice."

I agree. I feel surgery should be limited to debridement, to cleaning up the ulcer, period. Why excise a wound that's going to heal anyway? Or undertake aking grafting when the graft probably won't take, on a crater that will heal by liself, eventually? The use of antibioties and steroids early on, followed by local wound care combined with liberal amounts of tineture of reassurance and essence of patience until healing takes place is the logical course to follow.

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economy. Each dollar invested in research is estimated to have produced \$13 in savings from benefits such as reduced incidence of illness and

Hanson medical costs and increased life expectancy. Health research has also produced knowledge and discoveries which have led to economically significant commercial developments in a number of areas, such as minicomputers and food preservation.

Government and private funding for multiple sclerosis (MS) rehabilitation services, for instance, makes good economic sense. Such services help people operate at more functional levels and help keep them off welfare, social security rolls and unemployment.

'Gigi' Plays At Majestic



Louis Jordan and Taina Elg are featured in the current production of the Lerner and Lowe musical, "Gigi" playing through Sunday, June 23, at the Majestic Theater. Jourdan has the role played by Maurice Chevalier in the screen version, and a younger actor has the romantic role played by Jourdan. Tickets are \$17.50 to \$26.50, and curtain times are 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

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Kassai-Anderson Wed LIFE At Zion Lutheran Church



Mrs. John Michael Kassai

Zion Lutheran Church of Helotes, Texas was the setting for the wedding at 5 p.m. June 15, 1985 of Jill Davette Anderson of Helotes and John Michael Kassai of San Antonio.

Jill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Anderson of Helotes, and John is the son of Mrs. Frances Turner of Waco, Texas and Mr. Joseph Kassai of San Antonio.

Dr. Gordon Kuenemann officated at the ceremony. The bride was given by her father.

Her wedding gown was of white silk organza appliqued in lace, with organza ruffles edging the skirt and train. It had a fitted, jeweled bodice. Her bouquet of white roses and daisies was carried on a white pearl family Bilble.

Her maid of honor was Tina Denning of San Antonio. Serving as bridesmaids were her sister-in-law, La Dari Anderson of Fort Rucker, Alabama; and Debbie Kassai and Karen Kassai, sisters of the groom, as well as Debbie Schneider, all of San Antonio.

The bride's sister, Jann Anderson of Helotes as junior bridesmaid.

Dresses of the bridal attendants were blue organza with ruffles edging the shoulders and skirt extending to the back, matching the trimmings on the bride's gown.

The groom's best man was Robin Turner of the U.S.S Kitty Hawk. The groomsmen were Lt. Mark Anderson of Fort Rucker, Alabama, brother of the bride; and Miles Scanland, Rolf Butler, Steve Sutherland and Carl Riegel, all of San Antonio.

A wedding reception followed at Braun Hall with a dinner and dance. The bride is a graduate of John Marshall High School and presently a student at the University of Texas at San Antonio, and a part-time

at San Antonio, and a part-time Nurse's Aide at Methodist Hospital. She is a native of this area, and is the daughter of Beverley and David Anderson, and the granddaughter of Gloria and Eddie Anderson of Anderson Garage, and the great granddaughter of Hilda and Preston Hand of Hand Butane Co., in Helottes.

The bridegroom is a graduate of John Marshall High School. He is a part-time student at the University of Texas at San Antonio and is employed by Gemcraft Homes, inc.

Following a honeymoon in Colorado and New Mexico, the couple will be at home in Leon Valley.



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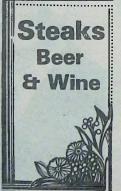
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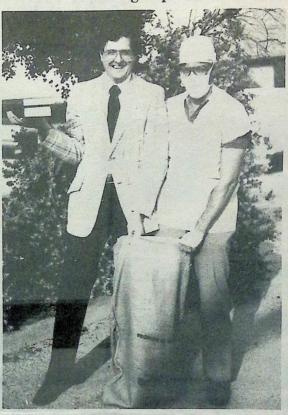
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Promoting Superstars



Chaplain Sim Hassler of the American Cancer Society and Dr. J. Brant Ellis will take part in the local society's special fun event Saturday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to noon at the UT Health Science Center's track and field area on Babcock Road. The "Superstars" will be local doctors, nurses, dentists, social workers and technicians.



In parts of ancient Greece, people once believed that the almond was the root of all things.

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Commission Okays Cloud-Seeding Plan For Area Counties

The Texas Water Commission has approved a request by North American Weather Consultants to conduct a cloud-seeding program over eight Southwest Texas Counties, including a portion of Kendall County.

The \$350,000 project would

The \$350,000 project would include all of Real and Bandera counties, and portions of Edwards, Kerr, Kendall, Medina, Uvalde and Kinney Counties. North American Weather Consultants has been contracted by the Edwards Underground Water District.

Several farmers and ranchers in the affected counties appeared before the Water Commission June 3 to express their concerns over the proposed project. The Commission acted Monday to permit the seeding, and the project may commence within the next two weeks. Most of the opponents expressed fears of flooding conditions should the project be permitted.

The project involves an airplane dropping silver iodide into clouds over the targeted counties.

The southwest quadrant of Kendall County, the area lying west and south of Interstate 10, is included in the area.

Heads Foundation



Rick Wilson, president of Methodist Hospital Foundation, has announced that the Foundation raised some \$250,000 in its first year. Wilson is president of Truss and Component Company and is a director of Liberty Frost Bank and of the national, state and local homebullders associations.

June Flood Hard On Automobiles



The flood of June 5 and 6 washed several cars off Scenic Loop Road into Helotes Creek. This car drove into rising waters near the Low Road crossing.



In spite of the loss of their car, these passengers were glad to get out of the creek alive.

HOLERARY

Here's a look back at some sports heroes of the past, and one of the present.



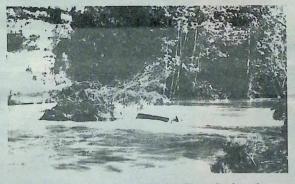
THEN: On July 4, 1910, heavy-weight champion Jack Johnson defeated Jim Jeffries in 15 rounds at Reno, Nevada. Jeffries who had retired from the ring in 1905 because there were no challengers, was prevailed upon by the public to return to the ring and challenge Johnson. Jeffries, who was the betting favorite, was completely outclassed.





NOW: Today, a picture of those fighters, as well as many other memorabilia, including films, posters and tickets can be found in the collection of famed boxing buff Jim Jacobs. Anyone interested in selling or trading anything to do with boxing, including gloves, tickets and even trunks can write to Jacobs at 9 East 40th Street, New York, NY 10016.

The first known use of the expression "A-1" was said to be by Lloyd's of London, the British insurance organization. Lloyd's graded ships according to the risk of insuring them.



This car went into the creek at the infamous Wagner Road crossing.



This Grey Forest Volunteer Fire Department truck was trapped by rapidly rising creek water when it went to the rescue of one of the cars.

(Photos by Dick Miller and William Montgomery)



Thomas Jefferson, the nation's third president, was one of the most accomplished and versatile of the nation's founders. He spoke six languages, was a surveyor, scientist, lawyer, musician, politician and architect.

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At The Cornyval Association Party



When the Helotes Festival Association gave an appreciation party for Cornyval '85 workers, the chief barbecuers were Jim Wilson and Jim Benke.



Texas Miss Ideal Charm, Cynthia Handley, who had performed at the Miss Helotes coronation, returned for the appreciation party at the Lions Club's Parrigin Pavilion, Saturday evening, June 15.



The court of Miss Helotes 1985 were honored guests at the party. Also honored were all the former presidents of the association. They received plaques.



Mrs. Mary Louise Cantu, new president of the Helotes Lioness Club, also is an active member of the Helotes Festival Association. The association presented checks totaling \$10,000 to local non-profit organizations, such as the fire departments, church groups and clubs.



The Fleetweld Cowboys provided music for listening and dancing.
(Staff photos)



Lori Killian is the 1985 Miss Helotes. She sang two numbers during the appreciation party.

Library Will Show Graphics

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days from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on

Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and

generally accessible to the

Westfall Branch Library will display the graphic art work of Nancy T. Clark in July. A freelance artist since 1981, her work includes graphic design such as company logos, brochures, and newsletters.

Her exhibit at Westfall will feature illustrations of local homes and some recent projects such as a poster of the San Antonio Museum of Art.

Westfall Branch Library is located at the intersection of Vance Jackson and IH-10, is open week-

health hints

There are more than 100 brands of pain relievers you can buy without a prescription. If you are unsure which you should take, choosing an over-the-counter medication can be difficult



Before you buy any overthe-counter pain reliever, check the label for its ingredients. All brands contain one of three active ingredientsacetaminophen, aspirin or ibuprofen.

They each provide effective relief from minor aches and pains, but some contain warnings and cautions. Again, check the labels. If you are still not certain which medication is the hest one for you. ask your doctor or pharma-



One of the youngest guests was Alicia Reves, held by her grandmother, Mrs. Stella Agueseva. Alicia is the daughter of Balthy and Lydia Reyes.

Fort Sam Plans Concert, Salute

Fifth Army Band will present the first in the summer concert series, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 30, at the Gazebo on Staff Post Road.

Music for the concert will include march music, some blues and easy listening, and military music. The public is invited, and all concerts are

A 50-gun salute to the nation will be

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fired at 12 noon on Thursday, July 4, at Fort Sam Houston's main flagpole on Stanley Road.

Following the firing of the cannons in a National Salute, the National Anthem will be played.

This will be the only Independence Day activity on Fort Sam Houston.

Concert To Salute

San Antonio's biggest patriotic concert, "The Sounds of Patriotism" will be held Wednesday, July 3, at 8

Patriotism

p.m. in the First Baptist Church, 515 McCullough.

The evening of entertainment and celebration of America's freedoms will feature the 100 voice Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist, a full orchestra, the Brooke Army Medical Center Colorguard, a fully costumed and staged musical revue of wartime patriotic music, a homily on "True Freedom" by Dr. David Walker, and a 30' by 20' multi-media presentation entitled "The Mending of Liberty".

This is a free concert open to the entire public, but donations will be accepted to the Free Food program of Christian Social Ministry (which provides free meals to San Antonio's hungry).

One of the first American magazines, The General Magazine, founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1741, carried the first known American magazine advertisement.

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Sanctioned by the board of directors of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, the event is destined to become second only to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. This special bull riding event will honor George Paul, one of the greatest bull riders of all time in the PRCA, who won the Bull Riding World Championship in 1968, and was killed in a tragic plane crash in

Performing for this event will be recording artist Eddy Raven singing his new hit "Operator, Operator" along with standards like "I Got Mexico"

An awards reception and dance will be held immediately following the event at the North Banquet Hall at the Convention Center. Hill City Band will be performing for the reception. Their single record "I'd Do It In A Heartbeat" has just been released. Tickets for the awards reception are \$5.00.

Tickets for both events are now on sale at all Rainbow Ticketmaster oultets or Call RTM Charge-a-Tik at 226-2626. Special box seats are available at \$20, which will include admission to the awards reception; other are tickets available at \$12.50 and \$10. All children under 12 will be admitted for \$5.

Host Families Needed For Students

Host Families are being sought for high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain, Germany and France for the school year 1985-86, in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange.

The students, age 15 through 17, will arrive in the United States in August, 1985, attend the local high school, and return to their home

country in late June, 1986. The students, all fluent in English, have representatives in their home countries and have spending money and medical insurance.

per month for Income Tax purposes. Families interested in this program should contact Jan Small at 675-

AARP To Hear Cardiologist

Glen Oaks Chapter of the American Association of Retired persons will enjoy a covered dish luncheon at their regular business meeting June 25, at 12:30 p.m., at Hope Lutheran Church, 5714 Callaghan

Dr. William B. Bailey, cardiologist, will be the guest speaker.

All Senior citizens are invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship.

Air Conditioning Can Increase Electric Bills

With the onset of summer-like temperatures, electric usage for cooling is on the rise, yet City Public Service has techniques available to help customers control energy consumption, keep utility bills reasonable and remain comfortable.

As a result of the dramatic change from mild to sultry weather, the average CPS residential customer is expected to use 50 percent more kilowatt-hours of electricity in June than in May, according CPS pro-

But steps can be taken to prevent energy waste and keep utility bills manageable throughout the hot weather months, Several low cost/no cost methods to control energy consumption during the air conditioning season are:

Keep room temperature at 78-80 degrees. Check temperature with a thermometer instead of relying only on the air conditioning unit's thermostat because in some cases the thermostat could be off by several degrees. Each degree cooler adds 7-10 percent to cooling costs. Be sure when buying an air condibeen screened by their school tioning unit that it is the correct size for the area to be cooled. (Undersized run all the time. Oversized units don't remove enough humi-Host Families may deduct \$50.00 dity.) Buy units according to their BTU capacity (cooling capacity).

Clean the air conditioner's filter every two weeks. A clogged filter makes the unit work harder and produces less cooling.



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With central air conditioning units, ducts should be firmly connected.

If cooling is weak, have the freon checked. Clean and service air conditioning units as recommended in the owner's manual. Once-a-year professional maintenance is definitely recommended.

Window air conditioning units can provide less-costly bedroom cooling than central units. Again, be sure to keep the temperature at 78-80

With a window air conditioning unit, do not trap exhaust heat with awnings or shrubs.

The thermostat on a central unit can be placed at a higher setting if fans are used to circulate air in

conjunction with air conditioning. Fans cost a penny or less an hour to operate; air conditioners, 6 cents to 60 cents, depending on the size of the unit.

Shade the west side of your home or business to reduce heat infiltration. Awnings, trees and shrubs limit sun exposure in the same manner as reflective film. Keep draperies drawn on the west side of the house.

With regard to other household appliances, limit their use during the hours of peak electric demand -12 noon to 7 p.m. Prepare meals which do not require considerable cooking time so as to avoid heat buildup in the kitchen.



The first nation to receive foreign aid from the United States was Venezuela. The money was appropriated in 1812 to help victims of an earthquake.



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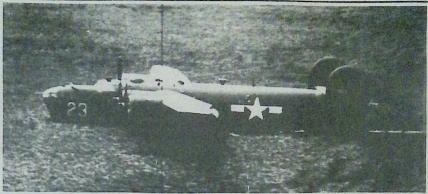
Corbin Terry and his wartime friend, Ted Buszek, in a recent photo.

Summer To Arrive Today

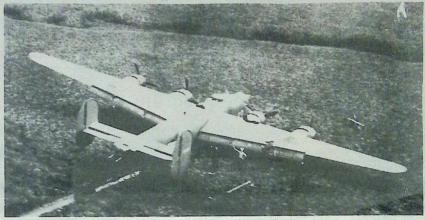
Today, June 21, is the official first have arrived here long before today. day of summer. However, temperatures for several weeks have been in the high 80's and mid 90's-with high humidity-so that summer seems to

Rains on June 5 and 6 and on June 19 brought the only breaks in the high temperatures.

"The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; the pessimist fears this is true. J.B. Cabell



The B-24 Liberator bomber piloted by Lt. Corbin Terry crashlanded on a phantom uncharted island and all the crew survived to tell about it. When the plane stopped it was only a few hunderd feet away from the sea.



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eased down in the "soup" to make a pass at the emergency field. One motor of his plane went dead and his gasoline supply was good for only a few minutes longer. There was nothing but fog above, below, and all around ...

Terry prepared to "ditch" the plane in the sea. The crew was ordered to get into their "Mae West" life preservers and prepare to transfer to rubber boats.

The bomber finally broke out of the fog just above the sea.

"Lumps of Land"

It was then that Terry and his co-pilot, Buszek spotted a "lump of land"-a tiny tundra island, fairly flat. Leaving the wheels of the bomber up, Terry came in for a "belly" landing. The plane skidded but the soggy tundra had cushioned the shock. The crash, he said, was surprisingly "soft."

By now it was August 13, 1944-a date the crew will long remember. Terry made radio contact with the emergency base quickly. Two-and-ahalf hours after Terry and his crew crashed, they were rescued by a survey boat. They had all offered prayers before the tundra appeared.

The other pilot circled the volcano until he had only 15 minutes of gasoline supply left. Then he sighted the emergency field and made a

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MARK J. PERSYN









Family Land Heritage Program applications accepted

(AUSTIN)-The Texas Department consecutive years is no easy task, and of Agriculture is now accepting these families certainly deserve the applications for the 1985 Family Land recognition and thanks. While we Heritage Program honoring families celebrate their achievements of the past, who have kept their land in continuous the Family Land Heritage Program agricultural production for at least a also points out the importance these

most coveted honors of state family farms and ranches in production for another 100 years."

Since the program began in 1974, a "Keeping the same land in continuous agricultural production for 100 have been recognized and placed in the

family-run farms and ranches hold for "This is the 12th year for one of the the future. We need every one of these

Since the program began in 1974, a total of 1,821 Texas farms and ranches

year alone, 92 properties were honored, including the 218-year-old Trevino Circle T Ranch near Zapata.

The oldest property ever recognized by Simon De Hinojosa, under the authority of the King of Spain, near what is today Hebbronville. That property was recognized in 1976.

Carolyn Baethge, qualifications for inclusion in the program are quite specific. "The land must have been in agricultural production since 1885. If the land has ever been leased to someone outside the family, it cannot qualify. The owners must reside in Texas and must actively manage and direct the everyday operations of the farm or ranch," Baethge said. Applications for families who

believe they qualify are now available from their county judge, County Historical Commission, the nearest TDA district office, or by writing to Family Land Heritage Program, Texas

The world's first parachute jump from a balloon was made by Andre Garnerin of France in 1797.

Family Land Heritage Registry. Last | Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin,- Texas 78711 Registrations will be accepted through August 31.

Funding for the Family Land is the Noriecitas Ranch founded in 1740 Heritage Program has been reduced for the next operating year due to legislative budget cuts," Hightower said. "However, we are already working with the Texas Historical Commission, According to program coordinator, hoping to secure a grant from private sources to ensure that the 1985 Family Land Heritage Registry is as complete, detailed and historically significant as the previous 11 registries.

All the families who qualify for the 1985 edition will be honored at a ceremony in Austin this fall and will receive both a certificate and copy of the Registry.



The first Vice President to marry

Fliers---

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safe landing, guided in the lifting fog by radio.

Other news reports said that Lt. Terry was pilot of one of three Liberators in a raid against a Japanese depot in the North Pacific only 13 days after his lucky landing, that saved his crew from disaster in the sea.

Soon after this, Corbin was made a captain and has since retired as

The two veterans and Terry's family enjoyed tours of Lackland and Kelly Field, and seeing the modern planes.

Terry and Buszek hope that it will not be 40 years before meeting again.

Police Auction Cars

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 Saturday, June 29, at 10 a.m. Vehicles may be viewed Wednesday morning prior to the auction between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m.

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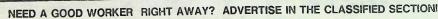
turn of the century, sodafountains began serving a new treat: cherry Coke, a delicious blend of Coca-Cola and cherry syrup



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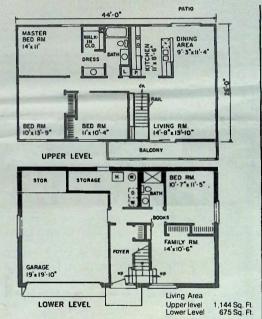
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How Masonry Came to Helotes

By Milton James

To begin with, one must realize that a Masonic Lodge just does not come into being without a lot of hard work, perseverance and a dream. One such person in this community had those virtues plus many more. He is the late Robert F. (Bob) Harris. His widow, Jo Ann Harris, still resides here.

Bob, as he was affectionately known, had a vision or a dream, if you will, of someday seeing a Masonic Lodge in Helotes. He also was prepared to work to fulfill that dream. In 1961, almost a quarter of a century ago, he along with Brothers Albert K. (Bud) Payne and Max Toepperwein (Bob's father-inlaw) made an effort to start a Masonic Lodge in Helotes. This effort as noble as it was, was destined to fail. There were not enough Masons in the area that would support such an effort.

Brother Bob waited nine years

after his initial disappointment to try again. This effort included the late S.F. Lowe. Somehow the odds for success were still not there, and this effort also ended in failure.

But these failures did not deter Bob from wanting to fulfill his dream. If anything they added impetus to his zeal to continue. In December of 1972 Bob contacted approximately eighty-five Masons, some of which lived at Medina Lake and elsewhere, and informed them a meeting to be held at the Steak Loft in Helotes on January 19, 1973, for the purpose of starting a Masonic Lodge in Helotes.

On that date some twenty-seven Masons plus two District Deputy Grand Masters, who brought Brother Reese Harrison along with . them, met for the purpose of joining together to start a Masonic Lodge. Brother Harrison read the Grand Lodge Laws as they pertain to the requirements for starting a Lodge.

The brethern there assembled had to decide whether they wanted to be outside or indide the Thirtyninth Masonic District, which includes all Lodges in San Antonio. If the brethern chose to be in the Thiry-ninth Distric, they would need fifty members to agree to start a Lodge. After much discussion it was decided to be included in the Thirty-ninth District, and each brother pledged to work for prospective members until the group reached the magic figure of fifty.

After the initial meeting at the Steak Loft they began meeting at; the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church once a month for the, remainder of the year.

Sometime during the middle of the summer of 1973 they obtained the required number to go forward to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas for dispensation and a charter. As I recall, the petition was signed by fifty-four Masons. We

also selected our officers to be installed if our petition was approved.

The three principal officers selected had to pass a proficiency test demonstrating that they could put on the three degrees, give the lectures in all three degrees, and open and close the Lodge in all three degrees. Lonnie Irvin Masonic Lodge in San Antonio was our Mother Lodge, so it was there that the proficiency test was given and approved.

We also needed a temporary home to meet in until we could build our own Lodge building. We could not find a suitable building in the immediate area for the price we could afford. I met with the Worshipful Master of Prospect Hill Masonic Lodge to see if he would entertain the idea of our meeting in their Lodge when they weren't using it. The Master then invited me to make a formal presentation in open lodge, which I did and they voted unanimously to invite us in.

Little did they or ourselves realize it would be a ten-year hiatus before we could erect our own lodge building. Brothers Bob Harris and Jack Howard donated a piece of land on Farm Road 1560 to be used as the building site.

Our Lodge was given a charter by the Grand Lodge of Texas to work in December, 1973. In 1976 it was decided to try to purchase additional property for the lodge building. We approached our neighbors to see if they would entertain the idea of selling us two acres. They said they would, for \$15,000. Although this price seems reasonable and proper, we did not have anywhere near that amount of cash. In late 1979 the owner passed away, and his widow offered us the land for \$7,200. Several brothers pooled their resources and along with the building fund the two acres were purchased.

This left us broke once more, and once again the brethern were asked to dig into their pockets.

Enough money was raised by 1981 to pour a slab. The slab was a constant reminder to all our members that we still had a job undone, and added impetus to our zeal to raise the remaining funds. In 1982 the then Worhipful Master decided there was enough money to buy some materials if the brethern would do the work.

Finally in March, 1983, the first work day was held and the building started. The symbolic Cornerstone Ceremony was held by the Grand Lodge of Texas on May 12, 1983.

As in many great and laudable undertakings, many sacrificed their

time, talents and money to insure that the dream of Brother Bob Harris of so many years ago was fulfilled. On July 14, 1984, the lodge was dedicated, and I could hear Brother Harris saying, "Well done, Thy Good and Faithful Servant."

On June 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Helotes Masonic Lodge will have an open house for the community. We invite all to come by and see our new lodge building, have some sandwiches, cake and coffee or tea, and visit with us. Members will be available to answer any questions.

This is my last article for a while, and I have enjoyed visiting with you. If you see me in town wave, toot or whatever. Your scribe, Milton E. James.

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The University of Texas at San Antonio is taking steps to provide greater assistance to students applying for the increased levels of student financial aid available for

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