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Person-to-Person

Among those placed on the Dean's Honor List for the Spring 1976 Semester at the University of Houston is Lola Marie Miller, daughter of former residents here Billy and Emily Gray who now reside in Wichita Falls. Lola had a grade point average of 4.0—the highest attainable score. She was commended by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts for her outstanding achievement.

Lola's husband, Dennis, also attends the University and will study engineering as a junior in the fall semester.

Pat and Norman Brock, Jr., and their little daughters, Amanda and Laura recently visited Pat's mother, Josephine Wallace. They returned to Macungie, Pennsylvania, for the Bicentennial activities there. While here they also visited his parents in San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brock, Sr.

Alpha Rho recently elected officers and held a candlelight installation ceremony at the home of Mrs. Nancy Powell. Those installed were President Virginia Springer, Vice President Lenore Hill, Secretary Pat Cote, and Treasurer Barbara McCubbin. Following an awards for achievement ceremony, secret sisters were revealed.

F.E. Braun, longtime real estate man and native of Helotes, will mark his 77th birthday July 22 if he has time from his busy career. He keeps one year, almost, ahead of the 20th century.

A Cadette Girl Scout Workshop on the First Aid Badge at San Pedro Library will be held on July 12, 14, 19, and 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. Cadette Scouts can register between now and July 12 by calling San Pedro Library, 733-1454. San Pedro Library is located in San Pedro Park across from San Antonio College.

THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION will sponsor a benefit Western dance on Friday, July 9, at Doc's Arena, 9073 Rochelle, with music by Slim Roberts and the Generation Gap.

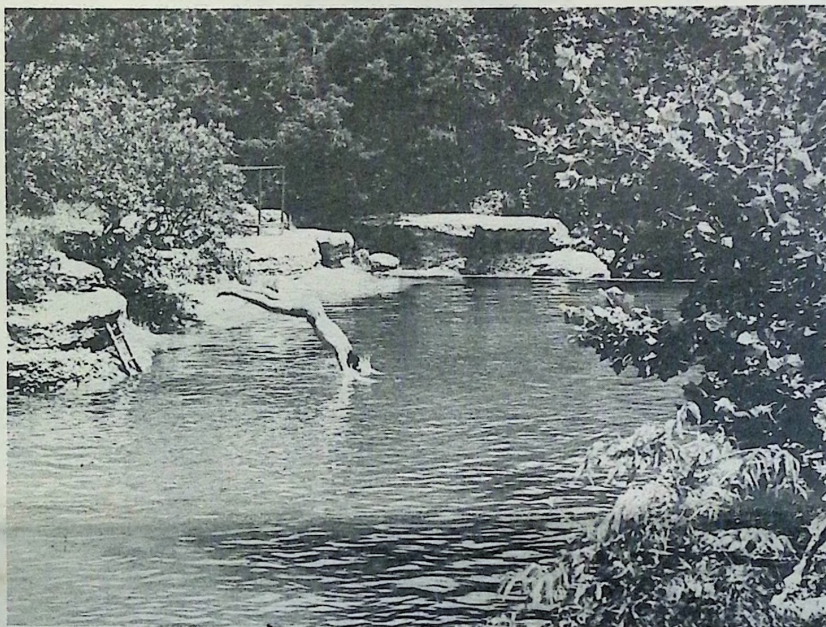
Tickets are \$2.50 and are available at Cow Town Boot Co., Hutch's Western Wear, Harry's Western Wear, or by calling the American Diabetes Association office at 224-2925. Tickets may also be purchased at the gate.

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The Nation's Birthday will be celebrated throughout the Hill Country in the beautiful spring-fed pools created along the rivers and streams such as Helotes Creek shown here by either natural or man-made dams. This spot was known in Indian times when it was formed by a rock dam—part of which is seen in the center background. The limestone later eroded and for this century most swimmers have enjoyed the pool with a concrete dam. The water here has 11 springs—one very large one—from the Glen Rose formation—with cool, limpid waters.

Photo by Bill Terry

Northside Down To Last \$3½ Million

Of the \$31 million bond issue approved by Northside District voters in 1973, only \$3.5 million are left to be sold, after same amount was sold on June 15 in the fourth issue since the bond approval was given.

Best bidder in the June 15 sale was First City National Bank of Houston & Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner and Smith, with an effective interest rate on the 18-year bonds of 5.50716.

Northside ISD continues to maintain optimum bonding house ratings of "A+" (Standards and Poor's) and "A-1" (Moody's Investment Service), indicators of sound financial position of the school district.

Proposed school construction projects for which the money will be used include the following: Olympic swimming pool for competitive, recreational and instructional swimming, and district tennis courts at Northside Athletic Complex, Loop 410 and

Culebra; classroom addition Colonies North Elementary; library addition, Pat Neff Middle School; continuing district-wide renovation projects; addition to Sunset Hills Elementary School; resource center and office space for Cable Elementary, and land acquisition for a proposed elementary school.

Directors Vote Delay For MUD

In a June 15 meeting, the Acting Board of Directors of the proposed Helotes Creek Municipal Utility District voted to postpone—for an indefinite period—taking any additional steps aimed at forming a Municipal Utility District for a sewer system for the Helotes area.

Primary reasons for this decision, a spokesman for the Directors said, were Bexar County W.C.I.D. No. 17's stated desire not

to become part of the proposed MUD, and the general lack of interest by citizens in the area.

"It is hoped that interest will be greater at a future date," he added, "since the Acting Board of Directors is unanimous in its belief that a sewer system is needed in the area."

Registration Set

July 12 at UTSA

UTSA registration for the second six-week term of the summer will be from 12:30 to 6 p.m. on July 12. Registration packets may be obtained on the first floor of the John Peace Library.

Late registration will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., July 13 and 14, when approval to audit classes also may be obtained. Students already enrolled in summer school at UTSA may add classes at this time.

The term will begin July 13 and end August 20.

June Rainfall Totals 1.9 Inches

July arrived with bright, sunny weather—promising a Bicentennial bonus for the thousands who will be coming to the Hill Country within the holiday period.

June rains—with several thunderstorms in the area—totaled 1.9 inches according to Weather Observer Henry Brauchle, whose rain gauges mark near downtown Helotes on the Poor Boy Ranch. Rainfall for 1976 is 23.8 inches—about normal rainfall so far.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA

Environmental Head Named

Dr. Richard S. Howe has been named director of the Division of Environmental Studies at The University of Texas at San Antonio effective July 1.

Dr. Howe was previously an associate professor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University. He also serves as director of research and planning and acting deputy commissioner for the Department of Environmental Control, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Howe has been on the

faculty of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, where he taught engineering courses in the School of Technology.

He has a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and an S.M. degree in sanitary engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Howe also has master's degrees in water resources management and urban and regional planning, and a Ph.D. degree in resource management from the University of Wisconsin.

Tree House To Hold Open House



Photo by Bill Terry
Owners of The Tree House—which will hold open house on July 10 and 11 to which the public is invited—are left to right Pat Cote, Lenore Hill, and Barbara McCubbin.

The Tree House, which has recently opened in downtown Helotes, and is a gift shop offering unique handcrafted items for sale on consignment, will hold open house next weekend, July 10 and 11, to which the public is invited, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The newest in the growing list of shops catering to tourists as well as local shoppers, The Tree House is co-owned by Lenore Hill, Barbara McCubbin, and Pat Cote, all local residents.

To fill the shop with a wide variety of gifts, the owners are taking on consignment work of talented persons, including needlework and creative stitching, ceramics, macrame, decorative accents, toys, doll houses, furniture and quilts, they said.

They are also offering craft classes, with adult and children's macrame classes currently being held. Children's special craft classes for ages six years and older begin Tuesday, July 6. Weekly projects will cover corn husk dolls and weaving, print-

making, scrimshaw, and quick batik. Pre-registration for any class may be made by calling 695-8333.

The store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the summer.

The Tree House is located on Bandera Road. T

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Terry E. McGuire, associate superintendent for new facilities, Northside School District, has been appointed to the editorial board of Texas School Business Magazine.

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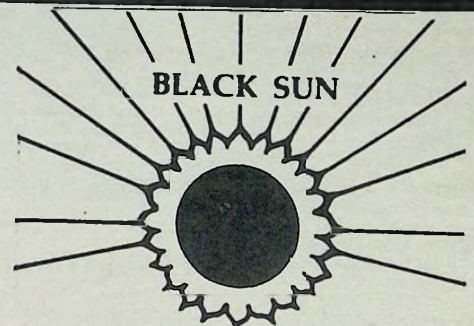
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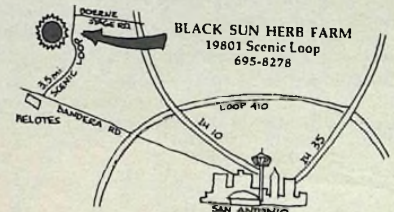
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Hosts for the occasion will be Commander Bill Davis and his wife, Phyllis Davis, who is the newly-installed president of the Auxiliary.

The dance, which will be held from 9 p.m. Sunday to 1 a.m., will feature music by the Southern Comfort. There will be no admission charge.

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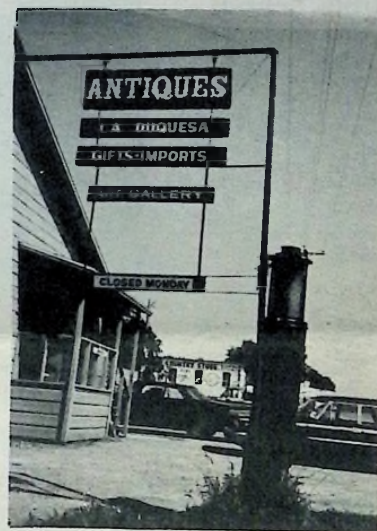
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Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Florencio J. Garcia, and parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Abel Tijerina.

Manuel Lopez, organist, has been asked to play for the ceremony.

The bride's attendants chose gowns of yellow, trimmed with daisy motifs. The bride's gown of colonial design has a lace bodice featuring the Tudor rose. Her bouffant skirt has tiers of lace reminiscent of the hooped ball gowns of the colonial era. Her double illusion veil of cathedral length has a lace edging repeating the motif of her gown.

Chosen as matron of honor was the sister-in-law of the bride, Mrs. Jim J. Garcia. Bridesmaids are Debbie Tijerina, sister of the bridegroom; Cheryl Bernal, cousin of the bride; and Brenda Garza. Flower girl for the occasion is Wendy Garcia, niece of the bride.

Jim J. Garcia, brother of the bride, serves the bridegroom as best man. Groomsmen include Ronald M. Garcia, another brother; Jesse Saldana, and Darrell Ford.

A reception has been scheduled in the Celebrity Room at the Turtle Creek Country Club followed by a dance with music played by The Monte Carlo Orchestra.

The bride, who attended John Marshall High School, has been honored with numerous showers and luncheons. The couple were honored at a rehearsal dinner at the home of the bride's parents this week.

After a honeymoon trip to Corpus Christi, the couple will reside in Louisiana where the bridegroom is stationed. Both will continue their formal education.

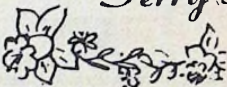
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Bible School

Vacation Bible School, scheduled for July 12-17 at the Helotes Hills Methodist Church, in conjunction with the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, will have the theme, "Jesus—Love," according to this year's director, Mrs. Donna Noyes.

Classes will be from 9 a.m. to noon and will be open to the community, for all ages, including high school and adults. Some representatives of the Wesley Community Centers will take part.

The classes will be held at the Methodist Church which is located on Bandera Road between Helotes Park Plaza and downtown Helotes.

Black Sun Herb Farm Expands Store Here



This new gallery is typical of the ones that once belonged to the original buildings at Black Sun Herb Farm. Here Barbara Avery is shown serving tea to her little daughter before regular tea time when many of the other tables would also be used.

Staff photos



The main buildings of Texas limestone have a balcony with outside stairway and a separate kitchen. It was part of La Sarene Ranch in the past.



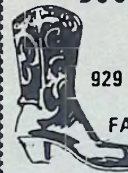
The entry to Black Sun Herb farm is a long driveway off Scenic Loop marked by signs no one should miss.

guests at tea time to bring their brown bag lunch and enjoy it along with the iced tea.

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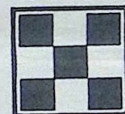
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Barbara and Rocco Avery own the popular Black Sun Herb Farm located on Scenic Loop and the more-than-a-century-old home, an early French-type Texas Ranch headquarters. It has a Texas historic marker dating it to the 1850's.

The compound includes the main homeplace, a kitchen house and former guest house. There are also green houses and terraced gardens. The shop has been completely modified from the original without changing its architecture. A new gallery added—in keeping with the past—has been furnished with original antique or reproductions of metal icecream tables and chairs. On the breezeswept gallery, Mrs. Avery serves herbal tea afternoons at 2 p.m. almost daily.

Those wishing to shop may find a line of herbs, and emoliments to delight a naturalist. There are all kinds of goodies as well as cookies—Barbara's Delight—some of them are called, made without sugar. There are mulled apple juice and grape juice for sale. Although no food is cooked for serving, Barbara welcomes

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Cheryl Watson

On Honor Roll



Cheryl Watson, a resident of Grey Forest, has been named to the Honor Roll for the spring semester at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

The Honor Roll includes students who have achieved a grade point of 3.5 or better out of a possible 4.0.

Mrs. Watson is a junior music education major at the university, where she participates in the Madrigal Singers.

Festival Assn.

Plans Events

The Helotes Spring Festival Association—which meets regularly on the first Monday—has set the next meeting date for Monday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Floore Country Store, when the nominating committee will make a report and elections will be held. The date was changed to allow for the Bicentennial festivities this

weekend since Monday is a national holiday, an officer said.

A covered dish supper—with the organization furnishing the meat—will be held Friday, July 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Madla on the Madla Ranch to show appreciation of those who worked during the recent Festival.

Dick Hartmann, 1975-76 president announced.

The organization will sponsor a dance at Floore Country Store on Friday, August 6, to help the Marshall High School Ram Band raise funds to insure their participation in the California Rose Festival on New Year's Day.

Tickets will soon go on sale, and the name of the band playing will be announced in a forthcoming ECHO. Everyone in the community is invited to make this a successful project.



This rattlesnake—measuring four-and-a-half feet—held by a young lady, was killed recently in a shed located on the premises where she and her family live near Helotes. Several young snakes were found there, and an even larger full-grown rattler managed to get away. Persons are warned to be careful in entering pump-houses, barns, and dark areas in buildings. It is wise also to be on the alert near the creek, boulders, or in tall vegetation. The snake population has declined over the years in Helotes, due probably to the presence of many more cats.

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Emergency

In case of emergency requiring assistance, persons in this area should call the Bexar County Sheriff's Dept.—unless they reside in the City of San Antonio city limits. Sheriff Bill Hauck's office will dispatch deputies promptly.

According to Grey Forest Council Member E.E. Clark, who is also the police commissioner, all residents of Grey Forest should also call the Sheriff's Dept. and ask for the dispatcher. The number is 220-2441 and should be placed where it is easily available. The sheriff will then contact the Grey Forest police on duty who may be on call outside the City Hall. If the local police cannot meet the emergency, the Sheriff will then dispatch aid from his department, Clark said, which may be faster than a direct call to the Grey Forest Police Dept.

McGuire Heads

Golf Assn.

Terry E. McGuire, San Antonio, was elected first president of the Texas Shrine Golf Association recently at the All-State Shrine Meet, Astroworld Hotel, Houston.

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McGuire is Associate Superintendent for New Facilities, Northside Independent School District.

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Carlos R. Ortiz has succeeded Homer Smith as associate superintendent for personnel in the Northside district.

A native of Brady, Ortiz was an all-state football player at Brady High School and he has degrees in education from Southwest Texas State University and Our Lady of the Lake University.

He formerly was principal of Pease Middle School and Cable Elementary.

His wife, the former Elvira Dominguez, is a counselor at Howard Elementary in Alamo Heights. Their daughter will attend Hobby Middle School this Fall.

Graduates and former students of Incarnate Word College have been invited back to the campus for an alumni weekend July 31-August 1, called Bienvenidos al Bicentenario.

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High School Registration

Students who will attend Northside ISD high schools this Fall...school starts Aug. 16...need to know registration requirements for their particular school. Students transferring from a high

school outside NISD bring immunization records.

Registration schedules, and students to whom registration requirements apply are as follows:

John Jay High School. Students transferring from outside NISD, pre-register beginning July 6, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Orientation for incoming freshmen and transfer students is Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m., Jay Auditorium. Bring your parents.

All Jay students, whether or not they are new to the school, must register during August according to the following schedule. Times each day, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Incoming 12th graders—Aug. 9; incoming 11th graders—Aug. 10; incoming 10th graders—Aug. 11; incoming 9th graders—Aug. 12; students who missed previous schedule—Aug. 13.

Holmes High School. Registration 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays beginning July 6 in the Registrar's Office for students new to Northside ISD only. Freshmen who attended an NISD middle school do not need to register.

Marshall High School. Registration for students transferring from outside NISD resumes Aug. 2. No registration during July. Orientation for incoming freshmen and transfer students is Aug. 12, 7 p.m., Marshall High School Auditorium.

Springs near Uvalde, up 30 cubic feet per second at Comal Springs at New Braunfels, and up 26 cubic feet per second at San Marcos Springs. Leona River Springs were flowing at 32 cubic feet per

second compared to their average of 11.6. The flow at Comal Springs was 365 compared to an average of 281. At San Marcos Springs, where the average is 161, the reading was 212.

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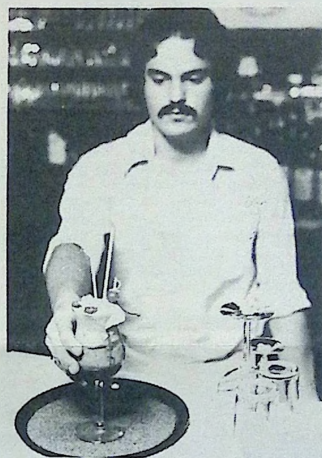
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Water levels in the Edwards aquifer were higher at all but one measuring point at the beginning of June, according to the Edwards Underground Water District's June Bulletin.

The greatest rises over the previous month were at the wells at Sabinal, up 12.0 feet; Hondo, 9.7 feet; Castroville, 8.4 feet; and San Antonio, up 6.4 feet.

The well at Uvalde was up 1.0 foot. The well at New Braunfels was up 1.1 foot. The well at Kyle was down 2.8 feet.

Springflow was up 3 cubic feet per second for Leona River



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PARC Progresses



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Bob Walz, project contractor, and Jack Nottingham, in charge of the earlier demolition, here are taking first steps toward getting a Community and recreation building up after weeks of preparation.

Progress on the PARC project at the Methodist Church took giant strides when an impressive home was recently donated by Mr. and Mrs. Berry of Lawns of Beauty to be relocated here. Plans are that there will be a Scout Room as well as a pastor's study. Working to rebuild the structure are many from local crafts, and the project has sponsoring groups which include Boy Scouts, Optimists, Methodists, and the original PARC committee.

Grey Forest-Road Improved

A City Council special meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. for residents of Grey Forest to consider the roads since a proposed HUD grant was turned down last month to help on the work.

Grey Forest citizens met at a called meeting of the Grey Forest City Council with Mayor Ed Faust presiding June 23, to discuss ways of sealcoating or otherwise surfacing the six miles of roads in the City. Financing was also considered.

At the meeting Thursday, there will be committee reports. Serving on the Road Paving Committee are Jerry Cotton, Celine Hunter, Mike Mikel, Jeff Waldrop, Mike Bowie, Claude Yaeger, Don Reddout, and Jim Lindner.

Serving on the Fund Raising Committee are Shirley Cotton, Clea Mikel, Vi Davis, Mollie Yaeger, and Margery Mautz.

Win Top Awards

At the recent 16th annual Trinity University Journalism Institute, awards of excellence went to two Holmes High School students, Susan Killough, for contributions to literary magazine, and Rob Nikolowski, for free writing. In the yearbook category Holmes garnered three merit awards, for dummy, cover, and theme development. The Holmes literary magazine Hyacinths and Biscuits received merit awards for art and content and an overall merit award.

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