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Person-to-Person

With the Holidays all but here, the local folks are busy giving and attending parties. Because of the gasoline shortage, most citizens expect to stay home and entertain all who can make it to the Hill Country among their families and friends. The energy crisis has about everyone glad to have a fireplace—which never goes out of style here.

Greetings are exchanged, and the mails have been delivering some delightful cards. Several collector's items—in addition to the always cherished family portraits—are showing up. The cards sent by UTSA Pres. Flawn carry the seals and signatures of San Antonio de Bexar seldom seen elsewhere. And Southwest Research commissioned local artist Warren Hcunter to do an etching of the door of San Jose Mission. Then there are endless lovely and funny cards, with many also showing religious scenes. Patric McDonald sent an embossed calendar from Mexico, among those who bring us up-to-date all year. Terry's Fashions included a billfold card for easily forgotten statistics, which will be used all year also.

The Festival Association has been sending out invitations to past members to come to the meetings as well as new ones to help plan the 1974 Cornyval. Ralph Swift, president, will represent the Festival and Hon. John T. Floore at a dinner January 3 at the Coliseum which launches action for the San Antonio Livestock Show. Hopefully many of the crowd will be in the local May parade which will be in charge of Festival Director and Past President Ernest Barrera. He predicts that the theme this year will revolve around Friendship—the meaning of the word "Texas." Incidentally, Mr. Floore is getting well, and has friends calling on him.

There will be many places here offering last-minute gifts, and the Art Guild says that artists have an excellent supply of real art for those who couldn't finish shopping during the recent show.



Children in art classes at Hobby Middle School will be able to decorate their trees with original ornaments, as they are doing here for a classroom tree. Many local students are among those taking arts and crafts classes at Hobby where they designed "string" ornaments for this year's festivities.

Guadalupe Day Observed Here

In both a religious and social ceremony Wednesday, December 12, Catholics of this area marked the 30th anniversary of the first Mass celebrated at the present local parish church, and also the centuries-old observance of Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day—which falls on that date. The local parish was named in honor of the Patron of the Americas.

In observance of the tradition handed down from the sixteenth century, eight small girls of the parish carried roses to the altar. Robert Madla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Madla, represented Juan Diego—an Indian in what is now Mexico—to whom the Virgin appeared in 1535.

Rev. Louis A. Trawalter, pastor, assisted by Rev. Bernard Meyer and Rev. John Ross, both of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in San Antonio, offered a concelebrated Mass.

A choir from both churches led by mariachi singers—Los Parientes—sang traditional

Spanish hymns associated with the Virgin of Guadalupe, including "Las Mananitas."

The children's ceremony was directed by Mrs. Felix Madla, assisted by mothers of the participants who provided the charming costumes.

The present rock church was completed as a mission of Holy Rosary parish.

After an earlier Catholic Church was destroyed by fire, there was a period when Mass was said in private homes. Mass was first celebrated at the present location by Rev. Alfred Rabe on Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day, December 12, 1943.

Following religious services in the 1973 observance, a social was held at the Confraternity Building. Los Parientes—the kinsmen—sang popular songs also associated with the festivity. In addition to those from Holy Rosary, many San Antonians joined in the ceremonies.

Ranch Town Gets MUD

San Antonio Ranch, the New development also. The developers must provide ample greenbelt and two-to-one decision in its favor recreational areas, and meet Dec. 10 when the Texas Water Rights commissioners voted to approve a Municipal Utility District to serve the planned ranch town.

Five directors were also approved on a temporary basis. They are Michael C. Kendrick, Jr., James P. Stiff, Glenn Reed, Herbert W. Parks, and Robert V. Buck. Permanent directors are usually required to be citizens of the district they represent.

The commissioners will attempt to keep close supervision over the

development also. The developers must provide ample greenbelt and recreational areas, and meet Dec. 10 when the Texas Water Rights commissioners voted to approve a Municipal Utility District to serve the planned ranch town.

Still pending is the final decision on an appeal launched by environmentalists in the New Orleans court. However, work is being undertaken by the developers subject to the decision to be handed down.

The town will finally encompass an area of over 9,000 acres, although the new MUD will serve about one-third of the area at present.

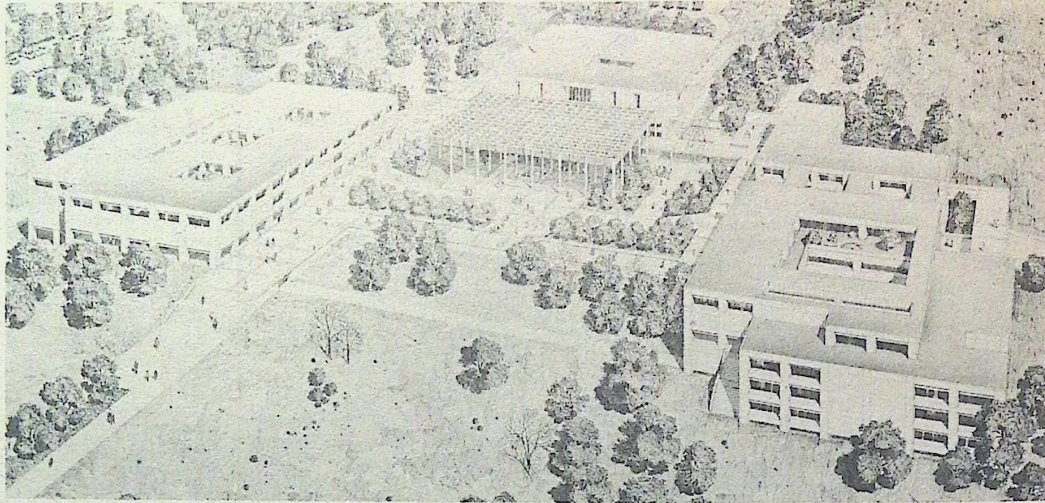


Photo by Edith Chesshir

Taking part in the annual celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe Day, observed at the Helotes Catholic Church on Dec. 12, was Robert Madla, shown depicting Juan Diego, far left.

Eight little girls, who carried roses during the ceremony, stand before the statue of the Virgin of Guadalupe. They are—front row—left to right, Nancy Saldana, Priscilla Chesshir, Jill Lindner, Stephanie Cote and Michele Madla. In the back row, left to right, are Linda Madla, Kathy Ibarra and Shelly Kempf.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO—right in the midst of Helotes on a 600-acre campus—the SOUTH FORTY—located as it is and getting more visible daily—has to be the biggest story of 1973.

Shown here in an artist-architect's version is a view of buildings now about one-third complete in the first phase—which is to be ready for Sept. classes in 1975 on the actual campus. Meanwhile, a

graduate school is operating at Koger Center. Even with slowdowns from the energy crisis, it appears that this '75 deadline will be met. Meanwhile, Helotes is getting ready for the day.

The Library-Administration Building and sombrilla are the center of the campus quadrangle. The Humanities-Business Building is to the left and the Science-Education and Arts Buildings to the right.

One Dies In Wreck

Three young men were injured in a two-car accident in which one person was killed about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the intersection of Loop 1604 and Bandera Hwy.

Listed as dead-on-arrival at Bexar County Hospital was 20-year-old Zachary Howell of Amarillo who was in one auto with three others. He resided here at Lackland Air Force Base on Kellack Road, also the address of the passengers of one vehicle.

Listed in undetermined condition was the driver of the other car, 18-year-old Leonard Biering of Box 181, Route 15 here. Also listed in undetermined condition are Paul J. Pon, 21, and James Jasmin, 21, also of Kellack Road. One man was not injured.

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JOHNNY THOMAS—who plays Country Modern—appears with his band at Floore Country Store Saturday, Dec. 29—for the final week-end event of 1973 there before the big New Year's Eve party closes out the year. Johnny Thomas who has been popular in San Antonio and Bandera first came to the notice of Helotes at the 1973 CORNYVAL Dance which drew crowds.

Preceding him Dec. 22 will be C & W great—Willie Nelson.

Johnny Bush will make it for the Dec. 31 event—Monday night.

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Attorney General Opens Regional Office

The Attorney General's San Antonio Regional Office officially opened December 14 with a formal dedication ceremony at 106 Dwyer.

Attorney General John L. Hill, Mayor Charles Becker, and County Judge Blair Reeves participated in the ceremony.

The regional office, one of five set up by Hill, will serve 36 South Texas counties. Other regional offices are located in Houston, Dallas, Lubbock and El Paso.

Since the Texas Legislature has made it possible for the Attorney General to establish these regional offices to better serve the local citizens, the South Texas legislative delegation were special guests. Among those assisting are Senators Nelson Wolf and Glenn Kothmann and Representatives Ron Bird, Matt Garcia, John Poerner, Joe Sage, G. J. Sutton, James Nowlin, Frank Madla, Wayland Simmons, Bennie Bock,

Joe Hernandez, Frank Lombardino and Bob Vale. Mr. Ralph Langley represented the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. Following the opening ceremonies a reception was held.

Divisions of the Attorney General's Office which will be represented in the San Antonio Office are Consumer and Environmental Protection, Highway Enforcement and Crime Strike Force. Assistant Attorneys General Virginia Kazen Van Steenberg, Alfred L. Shepperd, John Blanton and Louis Rodriguez are assigned to the office with Mrs. Van Steenberg as the lawyer in charge of the regional office.

The Consumer Protection Division enforces the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices — Consumer Protection Act and other Texas statutes designed to regulate consumer transactions. In the three weeks that the office has been operating the Consumer

Protection Division has been able to save the area consumers \$12,684.81. The consumer areas in which the most complaints were received include home improvements, motor vehicles, upholstery shops, health studios, mobile homes and refund of apartment security deposits.

The Consumer Protection Act promises to provide protection for the consumer from false, misleading and deceptive business practices, unconscionable actions by businessmen and breaches of warranty.

The act contains a list of 20 practices which are specifically declared illegal among which are:

1. Knowingly making false or misleading statements of fact concerning the need for parts, replacement or repair service.
2. Representing that goods are original or new if they are deteriorated, reconditioned, reclaimed, used or secondhand.
3. Pyramid selling, where the buyer is to receive compensation for furnishing the names of new prospective buyers,
4. Bait and Switch, where the customer is lured in by a promise of low prices and then finds he is "switched" to items which are much more expensive.
5. Odometer roll backs.

In addition to those practices actually listed, the Legislature has provided that the act shall be liberally construed in order to promote its underlying purpose of consumer protection. This means that the courts will be able to keep pace with that small segment of the business community which continually finds new means to deceive the consumer.

On the other hand, there are built in safe guards in the act to protect the legitimate businessman from harassment. Remedies available to the consumer include State action to enjoin practices which violate the act when it deems that such action would be in the public interest. The State can also seek civil penalties up to \$10,000.00 and restitution. Private citizens, acting through their own attorneys can seek injunctions, restitution, and may be awarded up to three times the actual damages incurred plus attorney's fees.

Class actions may be brought where the amount of injury to each individual is small, and injunction, restitution, and attorney's fees can be sought in addition to actual damages.

The act is a broad deceptive practices statute with minimal exclusions and broad citizen remedies. The Environmental Protection Division handles suits dealing with violations of the Texas Water Quality Act, the Texas Clean Air Act, the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act, and the Texas Water Code.

It has settled more than 130 suits since January 1, 1973, and won more than \$1 million in judgments.

The Highway Division has maintained an Assistant Attorney General in San Antonio since 1959. The division is currently represented by Alfred L. Shepperd. He has been on the staff of this office since September 1967. The Highway Division represents the Texas Highway

Department in matters requiring litigation in the courts. The primary work is condemnation of right of way for highways. The division also handles claims for damages to property maintained by the Highway Department, workmen's compensation claims filed against the Highway Department, and suits filed with the Texas Tort Claims Act involving the Highway Department.

The Highway Division also represents other State agencies in land condemnation cases.

The Crime Strike Force was established by Attorney General Hill to coordinate investigations of crimes of statewide import with local prosecutors and State law enforcement agencies. The Task Force is composed of five attorneys with law enforcement backgrounds, and an auditor.

Grey Forest To Choose Police Chief

Grey Forest City Council met Dec. 19, but no official action could be taken as the agenda had not been posted for the regular session in accordance with law.

A report from Bob Grant, manager of the Grey Forest Utilities, indicated future plans for expansion and he reported that two officials of Housing and Urban Development Wednesday, had inspected the company. He said the officials had suggested a rate study to fix future gas rates to customers.

Charley Davis, III, certified public accountant, representing an auditing company presented the annual report and audit.

Councilman Dee McKay resigned from the Council's liaison committee with the Grey Forest Utilities, and Mike Mikel volunteered and was accepted to take his place. The other liaison member is Councilman Buddy Burris, who abstained from voting

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TEX ALLEN--right, known to local folks as Allen Fischer--shown here appearing with Dale Keith, is making the radio popularity polls locally and as far away as Detroit with his 45 RPM on TAP label. Both sides feature his harmonica playing.

The A-side offers the bigger hit nationally, "Where is Your Heart." But locally, the B-side--an original composition--appeals to the home folks with its catchy tune. It is "Helotes Polka," and the C & W radio fans around here are calling for it, as well as the jukebox players. San Antonians are also loving it, although no words are recorded this version. This would make a fine Christmas remembrance for almost all ages, and it's available locally.

Marshall Changes Bus-Loading

To relieve traffic congestion in front of Marshall High School and insure student safety, school officials have announced establishment of a new bus-loading lane in front of the school.

In the past, buses have lined up to load students on the north side of the parking lot island in front of Marshall's main building. Beginning January 2, buses will load on BOTH sides of the parking

lot island, one row facing northeast and one row facing southwest.

Parents picking up their children are asked NOT to park in the newly-created bus lane immediately in front of the school. School officials expect the double-lane-loading to speed up bus loading and reduce congestion caused by buses waiting to load on Lobo Lane and Eckert Road.

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The last school day for Northside Independent School District students for 1973 was December 20.

Christmas holidays extend through New Year's Day. Classes resume Wednesday, January 2. Northside School District's Tax Office, 5310 A Jackwood, will be open during the holidays.

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A century-old landmark, located at an early stagecoach and railroad compound, in Leon Springs is being restored and all those who have admired the old buildings—especially this two-story structure with its gracious Southwest architecture are marking this as a plus for 1973. Steve Spence has leased the buildings for development and is doing the restoring.

The one-story buildings—all once built and owned by Max Aue, a German immigrant—and still owned by his descendants—are

also being returned to their original state and will house all sorts of tourist and local attractions, such as art and food, according to publicity recently released.

This structure was added, according to most authorities, when the railroad caused a boom, in about 1873. Those debarking for such places as Helotes had to face the rest of the journey by stagecoach and mule train, and enjoyed the last glimpse of civilization here, often.

Silver Belles Bring Gifts For Others

With a true spirit of Christmas, the Silver Belles brought gifts suitable for persons at the State Hospital to their Christmas party held December 13 at the home of the club's president, Mrs. Louise Carpenter in Helotes Park Estates. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Lucille Stemen, past president, and Mrs. Hardy Warden.

Otto Weltner of Grey Forest entertained the group with harmonica selections.

The presents will be taken to the hospital before Christmas Eve. Several non-members in the area contributed to this project, which

is to see that every patient at the hospital receives items individually suited to their needs. The gifts are wrapped and marked at a gathering center to insure their suitability.

Silver Belles will also hold several social hours during the holidays as they are friends of long standing and adept at making lovely gifts for their families and friends. Many of their articles are sold at their Trash 'N Treasure Booth at the Festival, also.

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Students Give Party At Linton

Nearly 200 students of Northside's Linton Kindergarten were surprised December 12 when 40 Future Homemakers of America from Marshall High School entertained them with a Christmas party.

The FHA included 10 boys. The high school students made gifts for every five-year-old in the school: stuffed toys and puppets.

Area League Elects Officers

Newly elected officers of the League for Exceptional Children, including Mrs. John Castro as president were installed December 12 at the Poco Loco Club with Lelon Cude of the Board of Directors officiating.

He also administered the oath of office to the following: Maurice Doublett, first vice president; Mrs. Charles Lee, second vice president; Mrs. G. J. Moore, third vice president; Mrs. Marcy Barrera, secretary; Leroy Arquette, treasurer; John Markley, chaplain; and Mrs. Bernard Richards, publicity.

To Enlarge District Buildings

The Board of Trustees of the Northside Independent School District Dec. 10 named Bartlett Coker architect for a Central Office building project.

Coker's firm will assess District Central Office space requirements at 5900 Evers Road, and make recommendations.

Also, the firm of Marmon and Mok Architects were authorized to plan additions to Paul Taylor Field House. This project, approved in the September bond election, will include a front lobby, athletic offices, additional dressing rooms and parking at the

recently opened gymnasium. Trustees okayed installation of air-conditioning at the Leon Springs Secondary Learning Center and purchase of 20 school buses to accommodate growth next school year.

Apparently, according to Mr. Floore, the Livestock Show this year will not limit the number of trail rides heading in to see the big event. The Cowboy Capital Trail Ride headed by Trail Boss Andersonwald is expected to pass through Helotes and many local riders are planning to join it.

The kick-off supper will be at the Family Center at the Joe Freeman Coliseum January 3, and Mr. Floore hopes to be on hand as in the past.

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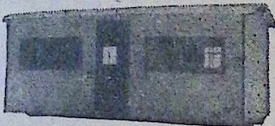
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DATE OF ELECTION:
Tuesday — January 8, 1974
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

POLLING PLACE:
Forest Hills Presbyterian Church
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Voter Qualifications — A current Texas Voter Registration and residency of at least six months within the District prior to election date.

The following candidates have filed application and will be listed on the ballot:
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on all matters during the meeting-giving as his reason that he would not vote at an illegal meeting, where the agenda had not been posted.

Councilman McKay also presented a letter of application for the first full-time paid policeman—a Police Chief who

would have complete control of the records as well as be on 24-hour duty and would be paid a starting salary of \$500 per month. Councilwoman Dorothy Parrott in charge of fire and police said that she hoped to fill the job without advertising from among three former volunteer policemen, and she spoke in favor of Councilman McKay.

A contract with Former Mayor Jack Nottingham as individual contractor, or as a representative of a company, was discussed which would allow him to purchase road equipment owned by Grey Forest and to maintain the roads in the City for \$200 per month. He would own the equipment and use it for other work, he said. The contract would be able to be terminated on a 30-day notice basis. No contract was signed at the meeting although four councilmen voted to accept it with Councilman Burris abstaining. Dec. 21 was suggested as signing date. Nottingham said that he intends to enter into a corporation to maintain roads, at a future date.

Mayor Sam Terry said that the policeman's selection would be delayed until tax money had been accrued sufficient to pay a salary. He predicted that this would be within 30 to 60 days.

The next regular meeting is Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Director Elected

The San Antonio Council for Camping for the Handicapped has elected Camp Director for the 1974 season, Mrs. Thomas Hawkinson.

The Camp is set for August 7-12 at Camp Mirasol.

Donations and camperships are needed. Cost for one handicapped child to attend camp for one week is \$50. Camperships are a charitable tax deduction.

For more information, call Council Chairman, Mrs. Frank Marrs at 732-8176.

We're sorry to report that Mrs. Toots Marshall has suffered a stroke and is seriously ill at the Metropolitan Hospital in San Antonio.

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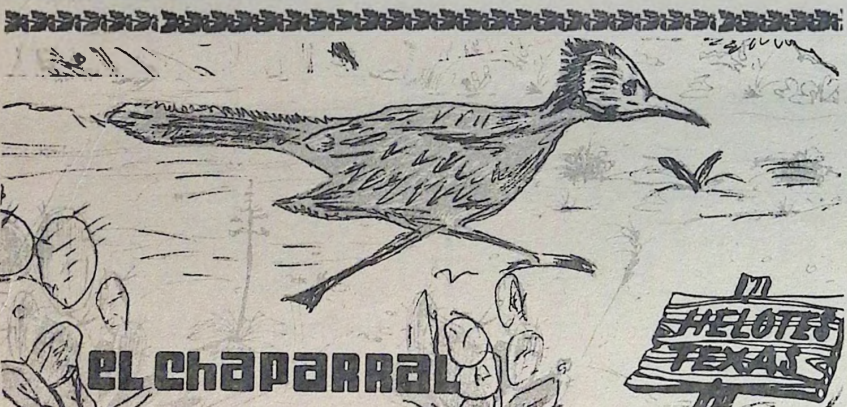
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