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Person-to-Person

Three generations were standing by to welcome their FIRST when little Larry LeBlanc arrived at Santa Rosa Hospital June 30. Weighing in as a 7-pound-5½-ounce first child of Mr. and Mrs. Larry J. LeBlanc of War Path St., he was also the first grandchild of Mrs. Yvonne McCollom and Tom McCollom of San Antonio and of Mrs. Billy LeBlanc and Carlyle LeBlanc. He was the first great-grandson as well. His great-grandmothers, who welcomed him, are Mrs. Thelma Lewis and Mrs. Gertrude LeBlanc. Sharon and Darlene Gorsuch, former and present Miss Helotes, greeted him with a baby shower. He also has as kin Mrs. Jim Harrison and Gary Prejean of Helotes. Now more than two months old, he thrives on the attention, and should make a fine politician with so many doting folks to back him.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Francovich who had a boy recently, Robert, their fourth child. Mr. Francovich is the owner-operator of the Ben Franklin Store at Marbach Road. Mrs. Francovich is very active in community affairs — especially helping with the PTA Fun Fair planned for October.

John Lyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie H. Lyon, spent three weeks observing the World Championship Chess Tournament in Iceland won by Fischer of the United States. John played in a San Antonio Labor Day Chess match. He will commentate a TV program on chess in Houston sometime this Fall.

Melody Mikel of Grey Forest representing the Fiesta Flambeau, who is a member of Miss Fiesta Galaxy, rode on the official Flambeau float in the recent Pleasanton, Texas, fete — the Cowboy Homecoming Celebration parade.

Sharing honors with her was Jan Havelka.

Paul Doerr recently has as his houseguests his sister-in-law and brother-in-law from Mexico City.

Donna, Glynnis and Jackie Cooper are 'ack at Helotes Elementary School and home with their parents in Grey Forest after a fabulous two months visit to their grandmother in Denver, Colorado, where they toured Colorado's sights — including a

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Ranch Town Due Loan Approval This Month

Queen
Of
Country Music'
To Be Here
Sunday,
September 24

(see story page 3)



KITTY WELLS

Barring unexpected last-minute opposition, the new Ranch Town here is expected to get final go-ahead by September 30.

Helotes citizens who have remained neutral during the last two year's battles over the town's future await the word, recognizing that it will have an impact on this area's future matched only by the New University of Texas here.

The 30-day last-ditch moratorium before final approval of an \$18 million dollar federal loan guarantee to help establish San Antonio Ranch New Town, reaching to within a couple of miles of downtown Helotes — should run out before the end of this month. The area was formerly part of the Lytle Ranch and covers 9,000 or so acres.

The moratorium went into effect in the closing days of August when

Asst. Secretary Sam Jackson of Housing and Urban Development wrote a review of the Alamo Area Council of Governments' addendum.

It points out that Geohydrologist Henry V. Beck of Kansas State University, who contracted under HUD to finish a study of the effects on the Edwards Aquifer area reported favorably for the developers with a few reservations to which the latter have subsequently agreed.

AACOG Director Al Notzon sent copies of the addendum to those agencies and groups expressing interest or opposition. Some 15 agencies' and sources have provided comments but further protests are not anticipated to deter the awarding of the loan, unless something new develops according to those in-the-know.

The loan guarantee of up to \$18 million comes under Section 713 of the Urban Growth and New Community Development Act of 1970 for the new community listed as San Antonio Ranch New Town, Bexar County, Texas.

HUD issued a statement earlier this year stating that the project will result in greater protection and enhancement of the environment compared to normal

Volunteer Fire Department Asks Help

Money — and time... Time as a volunteer fire fighter and money to defray expenses are being sought by the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department in their annual drive for community support. President Collin Furr and Fire Chief Wayne Chauffe recently reviewed the accomplishments of the group and launched an appeal for more support.

The local Fire Department, in the past fiscal year, has seen a 200 per cent increase in alarms with a 50 per cent reduction in fire losses, they reported. They attributed this record to equipment expansion coupled with an intensive training program. Recent effort has also been in emergency rescue, first aid and revival, they explained.

They reported that most Bexar County volunteer fire departments request \$12 contributions from

homeowners and \$25 from businesses. But they suggest that persons in the Helotes area give as much as possible, commensurate with the ability to pay and the property being protected.

As further explanation, Fire Chief Chauffe said that no firefighter or board members receive any type of compensation for the hours spent in running the fire department. General training meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m.

Volunteer firemen are currently enrolled in a para-medical advanced first aid course. The department has first-aid equipment for fire and non-fire related emergencies. Through civil defense and the local Explorer Post, the department offers rescue and search assistance when needed.

There are 25 to 30 active

volunteer firemen on the force, of which only two-to-five are available during normal week-day working hours. Appeals were recently made for women to help, although the response was disappointing, according to Chief Chauffe.

He suggested that the problem could be "improved by a more active participation of our local business interests or retired personnel."

Specialized training classes will be available for men and women who wish to help, he said.

For those who do not expect to be using the services offered, he

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Man Of The Year



San Antonio's former Mayor Walter McAllister, Sr., shown here receiving a delegation of Scenic Loop Saddle Tramps in 1961, will be honored at a St. Anthony Hotel dinner dance October 12 as Man of the Year. The recent award is given on a national basis annually by the Jewish Hospital and Research Center at Denver, Colorado.

Mayor McAllister received many honors during the 10 years he was Mayor. Here members of the local riding club, which had been recently formed, presented him with an honorary membership after riding into town to his office.

STAFF FILE PHOTO

QUOTA CLUB

Harvest Dance Gala To Be Here Sept. 29

A social event of the Fall season — the Quota Club's 22nd Annual Harvest Festival and Dance — will be held at Floore Country Store, Friday, September 29, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Mrs. William Miller, president of the Quota Club has announced. She has issued an invitation to the community to participate.

Chairman of this year's Festival is Mrs. Larry Lewis who said that a ham supper will be served from 7 to 9 p.m. with dancing to the music of Dale Keith and his Starlite Ramblers to follow. Donations are \$2.25 for adults and \$1.25 for children, including supper.

There will be many added features, Mrs. Bennie Lyon, past president, reports. The auction will be bigger and better, she says,

with a member, Mrs. Gene Miri, doing the auctioneering.

Mrs. Arthur Astrada, also a member, will do the catering.

Mrs. Opal Popham, another member, will be in charge of the Flea Market.

Cake, coffee, popcorn and similar items will be sold by members.

There will be many door prizes as well as give-aways of such things as a barbecue grill.

The proceeds from the dance will go to support the Quota Club's charitable and educational activities. The club is composed of executive women from various professional and business backgrounds. Their annual party is well-planned and this year's is expected to prove a popular event.

Mrs. Wellspring Dies Aug. 24 Aged 83

Mrs. Florence Alice Wellspring died Thursday, August 24, in a San Antonio hospital at the age of 83. She was born in Liverpool, England, and lived in Houston for 42 years before coming here. She was a member of St. George's Episcopal Church in Houston, was past president of the Daughters of the King, and was an active member in the Leon Valley Grange. She had resided for three years here in the Sunset Valley Ranches area of Helotes. She was the widow of Rev. Thomas Henry Wellspring of the Episcopal Church, who died in 1957. She became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1934.

She is survived by Mrs. Vera Dailey of Helotes and two sons, Thomas M. Wellspring of Houston and Norman E. Wellspring of Nashville, Tenn. She is also survived by seven grandchildren. Her granddaughters are Lauretta Lang of Helotes, and Dorothy Allen and Cynthia Swasey, both of Houston, and Melinda Wellspring of Nashville. Her grandsons are Larry Wellspring and Norman Swasey, both of Houston, and John Wellspring of Nashville.

She is also survived by four great-grandsons, Theron and Joseph Bambeck of Helotes and Troy Richard Cade and Chad Thomas Allen. In England, she leaves a sister-in-law, Mrs. Edith Wellspring, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Wellspring was active in this community and will be missed. Sympathy is extended to her family at this time of loss.

400 Attend First Mini-Festival Here

Edwin Sherman of Helotes was the winner of the color television set given away by the Helotes Spring Festival Association at its Mini-Festival on August 18 at Floore Country Store. Mr. Sherman, now retired, formerly operated a nursing home in Grey Forest on Scenic Loop Road.

Winner of the AM-FM radio was Mrs. Betty Lutteringer, secretary in the T. M. Edwards Village Insurance Agency in Helotes Park Plaza.

The third prize awarded, an Osterizer blender, went to Mrs. Jack Wolfe of Helotes Park Estates.

Dr. Jim Arthur, president of the association, said four hundred guests attended the festival, held to raise money for a permanent float for the association to use in parades in neighboring towns. More than \$250 was netted toward the cost of building the float.

A cake sale, under the direction of Mrs. Jack Muyres, brought in nearly \$50. An auction with merchandise donated by Helotes businesses and Ed Faust as auctioneer raised nearly \$100. Jerry Martinez of Pete's Place, San Geronimo, was in charge of the awarding of the TV set, radio and blender.

Walter Schuh, Leon Schueneman, and Mrs. Margie Hopf assisted in selling dance tickets.

Presented during the festival were Miss Helotes 1972, Darlene Gorsuch, and Princess Janice Bendele and Duchess Debbie Nowotny.

The eighth annual Helotes Festival — known as the Cornyval — will be presented during the first weekend of May, 1973.

FOOTBALL DATES SET

Coach Gary Haass of the Marshall High School Rams has announced a schedule of eight football games this fall. The opener was to be played Friday, September 8, against Sam Houston High of San Antonio at the Northside Stadium.

The complete schedule is as follows:

Sept. 8—Sam Houston, home.
Sept. 15—Harlandale, there.
Sept. 22—McCollum, home.
Sept. 29—Austin Reagan, there.
Oct. 7—Churchill, there.
Oct. 13—Lee, home.
Oct. 20—(Open).
Oct. 27—Jay, home.
Nov. 3—Jefferson, there.
Nov. 9—Edison, there.
Nov. 17—Holmes, home.

All game times are 7:30 p.m. The Churchill, Lee, Jay, Jefferson, Edison and Holmes games are District 31-A AAA games for the Rams.

Holmes High School Coach Buddy Compton announced the following schedule for the Huskys:

Sept. 9—Alamo Heights, home.
Sept. 15—Corpus Christi King, there.
Sept. 23—New Braunfels, home.
Sept. 29—San Marcos, there.
Oct. 6—Jay, there.
Oct. 12—Jefferson, home.
Oct. 19—Edison, home.
Oct. 26—(Open).
Nov. 3—Churchill, home.
Nov. 11—Lee, there.
Nov. 17—Marshall, home.

John Jay High School Coach, Gene Van Cleave, announced the following schedule for the Jay team:

Sept. 8—Lanier, there.
Sept. 15—MacArthur, home.
Sept. 22—S. F. Austin, Austin, there.
Sept. 29—McCollum, home.
Oct. 6—Holmes, home.
Oct. 13—Churchill, there.
Oct. 20—Lee, home.
Oct. 27—Marshall, home.
Nov. 3—(Open).
Nov. 10—Jefferson, home.
Nov. 16—Edison, home.

The San Antonio Mobile Library will be here on Tuesday, September 19, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for those who wish to check out books or return them. The Mobile Library will set up during these hours next to the Helotes Elementary School located in downtown Helotes.

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AARP To Meet Sept. 19

Insurance consultant Steve Poluansky will address the next meeting of the Northwest San Antonio chapter No. 1044 of the American Association of Retired Persons. The meeting will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 19, at Manor Baptist Church, 201 Meredith Street and retired persons are invited to attend.

United States Attorney William S. Sessions said that the sentencing of Gary K. Estes August 29 in United States District Court in San Antonio, following Estes' guilty plea to charges of conspiring to smuggle marijuana, was "a big step toward completely wrapping up" one of the largest marijuana smuggling cases ever prosecuted in the Western District of Texas.

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Billed as extra special — the Kitty Wells Show with Johnny Wright, Bobby Wright, Bill Phillips, and the Tennessee Mountain Boys will be at Floore Country Store Sunday, September 24, for a big evening's entertainment.

Kitty Wells was the first female in Country music. Throughout her career, fans around the world have referred to Kitty as the "Queen of Country Music." Male stars dominated the business before Kitty Wells arrived with the force of a nuclear bomb in 1952. Her first recording has sold more than a million and is still selling.

She has hundreds of hits and has recorded more than 36 albums. Several were recorded with the late Red Foley and in recent years she has recorded some duets with

her famous husband, Johnny Wright, who will also be here. Each has had hits separately. They have been married since 1937, but only recently have they recorded as a team. However, they have made personal appearances together on stage for years.

Almost every success and honor that can come to a country music performer has come to Kitty Wells. She has been on Grand Ole Opry for 17 years. She played the famous Palace Theater in New York in the fifties.

She was voted the number one Country Music Artist every year from 1953 through 1963, an all-time record. In 1964, she was declared all-time Queen of Country Music by music industry trade magazines. She has performed in all 50 states of the Union and worked in all Canadian provinces, and in Germany, France, Italy, Holland, and England.

Her television appearances include the Tonight Show, as well as the Johnny Cash and Jimmy Dean Shows and most of the syndicated Country Music shows. She and Johnny Wright have three grown children and now star in a syndicated TV Show of their own since 1969.

John T. Floore says that the show has sufficient talent as back-up to please most fans. Bobby Wright, son of Kitty and Johnny, was a child star on Louisiana Hayride and appeared for four years on McHale's Navy as Willie. Bill Phillips is also a top recording star well-known on the Kitty Wells-Johnny Wright Family Show. He wrote "We'll Stick Together," the first song Kitty and Johnny recorded together after 33 years of marriage.

The Tennessee Mountain Boys who have often appeared on the Country music scene are also recording artists. They will appear on the big patio where there is plenty of room for dancing, weather permitting.

Drug Abuse Office Opened In Austin

United States Attorney William S. Sessions attended ribbon-cutting ceremonies Labor Day weekend in Austin when new offices of the Austin-San Antonio Drug Abuse Law Enforcement Team officially opened in the capital city.

The DALE program, which employs teams of local, state and federal attorneys and investigators, is aimed at street-level heroin pushers.

Following President Nixon's announcement of the program January, 1972, San Antonio and Austin were included on a list of 33 "target cities;" and a DALE team, working in conjunction with a special federal grand jury, began operations in both cities in June.

RELATIVES ATTEND FUNERAL OF KIN IN WEIMAR

Tuesday, September 5, word of the sudden death of Mr. Dick Beken of Weimar, Texas, nephew by marriage of Mr. Otto Weltner of Grey Forest was received. Mrs. Anita Wanke, Mrs. Gertrude Stappenbeck, and Mrs. Letta Minohr and Mr. Weltner from here attended the funeral held Wednesday in Weimar.

Methodists Have Bus

The Helotes Hills Methodist Church has inaugurated a bus pick-up service for those wishing to attend Sunday services there, according to Mrs. Nora Nelson.

Buses make a route beginning about 9:50 to 10 a.m. Drivers are Steele Zinser and Jack Nottingham, who have volunteered their time. Those wishing details may call Mr. Zinser at 695-3270 or Mr. Nottingham at 695-3398.

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Hill Country Horse Show Judged By Edmund Talk

Thirty-one ribbons were awarded in 11 classes to owners of entries in the recent horse show judged by Edmund Talk on a bright Sunday afternoon, in the City of Grey Forest.

The fourth annual Hill Country Horse Show sponsored by the Saddle Tramps riding club inaugurated the new arena at the Scenic Loop Playground in Grey Forest, and was held on August 13 to replace an original event planned for Cornyal 1972 which was rained out.

According to Mrs. Betty Muyres, entry chairman, the winners in various divisions were as follows:

Stallion Halter—First place went to Showdown Dial shown by Dee Dee Johnson; second to Handy Coty shown by Benny Quinters; and third to Kim-Zan shown by R. A. Roseland.

Gelding Halter—First place won by Distons Bonanza shown by Janie Coleman; second to Sir Sonny shown by Christy Bowers; and third place to Leo's Kip Cash shown by Neal Giles.

Mare Halter—First place was awarded to Suts Baby, shown by Janice Mock; second place to Prissy, shown by Barbra Jones; and Kiss A Bar was awarded third and shown by Susan Cade.

The Reining Class was won by Mr. Twister, first place, shown by Carl Bates; second place by Pinocchio, shown by Susanne Snider; and third place by Yellow Chips, shown by Janice Mock.

Western Pleasure, Jr.—First place was taken by Hanks Penny shown by Carl Bates; second place by Pinocchio shown by Susanne Snider, and third place by Tooth Pick King shown by Donna Williams.

Western Pleasure, Sr.—Sweet Madness was first place winner shown by Danny Moore; second place was Sir Sonny shown by Christy Bowers; and third was Poco Showman shown by Betty Stephens.

Pole Bending, Jr.—Mr. Twister shown by Carl Bates took first place. Sundance shown by Billy Snider took second, and Pinocchio shown by Susanne Snider took third place.

Pole Bending, Sr.—Prissy took first place and was shown by Barbra Jones; Mr. Twister took a second for Carl Bates; and Lakeview's Chinook took third shown by Linda O'Neal.

Ride-A-Buck—Winner took the only award in this division to make Bonnie Watson the winner.

Barrel Racing, Jr.—Pinocchio was awarded a first place, shown by Susanne Snider; Sundance was second, shown by Liz Snider; and Bill shown by Shannon Hollis won the third place ribbon.

Barrel Racing, Sr.—Prissy, shown by Barbra Jones, took first place. Sir Sonny, shown by Christy Bowers, was given second; and Lakeview's Chinook was awarded a third place and was shown by Linda O'Neal.

Ringmaster for the show was Dr. Will Rowe of Helotes. The show lasted until sundown and was well attended.

Corn-Hog Market Futures Appeal

Helotes citizens who used to raise a lot of corn are beginning to think they made a mistake letting others do it.

A crate of corn at the Houston Farmers Cooperative Marketing Association Vegetable Day this Spring averaged \$83 an ear for the grand champion crate, which sold for \$5,000 beating last year's record of \$2,000.

The champion corn was raised by Homer Roth of Spring, Texas.

A group of local men recently met in Toepperwein's and their discussion got around to this... A committee was formed to discuss, not only raising corn at which some felt they were experts — but they plan to go a step further.

They discussed the possibility of a Hog Ranch — or even Farm — where they would raise nothing

but champion stock. It seems that hogs raise a big price everyday — and during Livestock Shows a good hog could be worth his weight in gold. Then they discussed the rumor that someone out here has an Elephant Ranch — but one of them had no desire to invest in elephants for any reason... He said his wife had a houseful of white elephants already.

These would-be investors still think the Hog Ranch a good idea, if it's a little corny and a mite late, even for Helotes. They didn't say where they plan to put it.

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Radio Club Offers Lessons

San Antonio Radio Club is starting a Code and Theory class September 21 to be held every Tuesday and Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center off San Pedro at 103 Rampart. The course costs five dollars to cover bare expenses, according to O. L. Schneider, and is open to those wanting to learn more about ham radio techniques. Those interested may call Mr. Schneider at 695-3391 for details.

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sprawl development. Their study indicated that this area will grow regardless of plans. The developers represented by Bob Honts of Austin, Hayden Head of Corpus Christi and others made several environmental studies available to the protestors at planned meetings to which everyone interested was invited.

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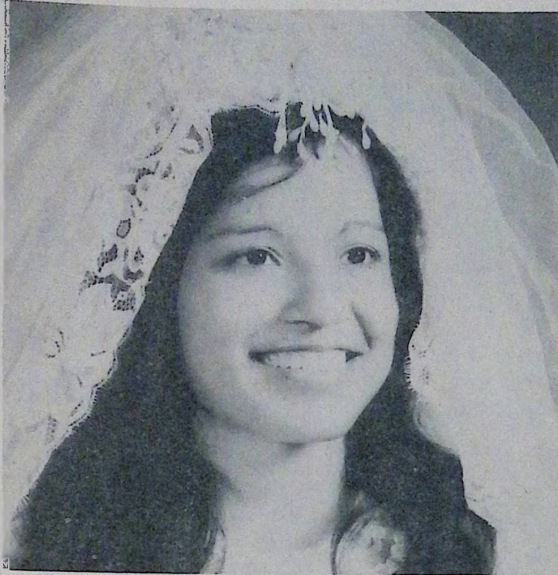
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Tex Allen and his harmonica are popular here. Allen Fischer — known professionally as Tex Allen — is part of a duo making a big hit weekends at the local Thicket Lounge. A former member of the Dale Keith band, he was also director of the Tex Allen band and is an accomplished recording star. Tex plays the harmonica with his partner who plays the guitar to provide a distinctive style of music, attracting a big audience at the Helotes Park Plaza nightspot.

Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Murry, Jr. Return From Honeymoon



Mrs. D. A. Murry, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Allen Murry, Jr. are at home here following a honeymoon which included five days in Puerto Vallarta.

The bride, the former Miss Linda Ann Martinez, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Latta V. Martinez of San Geronimo, Texas, where Mr. Martinez is a merchant and honorary mayor.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Murry of Houston.

The couple's wedding took place at a nuptial mass with Rev. Louis Trawalter as celebrant at 4:30 in the afternoon on July 15.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Carl Weber of Houston as matron of honor. Her maids of honor were her sister, Miss Teresa Martinez, and her cousin, Miss Patti Martinez. Bridesmaids were cousins, Misses Celia Reyes and Janie Reyes, and also Misses Sandra Victory and Vivian Victory.

The bride's wedding dress was of chantilly lace with a Sabrina neckline. It was a full gown in the Spanish style with French style sleeves. The dress was hand beaded by the bride and her sister.

Best man was Carl Weber of Houston. Groomsman included Gilbert Trejo, Robert Adams, Jerry Hoffman and Tommy Victory, the bride's cousin.

The flower girl was Nikki Cassillas and the ringbearer was Ricci Cassillas.

More than 500 guests attended the reception following the ceremony which was held at the home of the bride's parents and included a supper and dance from 5 p.m. to midnight. The garden

and home were festooned with decorations by the bride's aunt, Gloria Littlefield, and the bouquets were arranged by Mrs. Ella Dunford.

Guests came from many points. In addition to numerous friends and relatives from San Antonio, Helotes, San Geronimo, Lakehills and Bandera, there were several from East Texas and Louisiana.

Among out-of-town guests were parents of the bridegroom and close friends from Houston. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry

'No Tax Increase' Is Word From NSID

The Board of Trustees of Northside Independent School District have approved a 1972-73 operating budget 20 per cent higher than last year's, keeping the same tax rate (\$1.79) and percentage of assessments.

The current budget projects a \$2 million expenditure.

Superintendent E. D. Cody says the budget includes tremendous improvements in the vocational program for career training, doubling the nursing staff, adding a consulting doctor and seven counselors.

Twenty teachers have been hired for language learning development, a first for NSID.

Northside has hired double the reading specialists and expanded the special education program to include Northside Secondary Learning Center at Leon Springs for children with learning difficulties.

Teacher salary raises from state funds and staff raises in line with federal guidelines are also reflected in the budget boost.

School Board Trustee, William E. Tuttle, served as chairman of the Budget Committee, which worked four months with NSID administrators to balance the budget without increasing taxes.

AACOG Program

Virginia Kazen Van Steenberg, currently a felony prosecutor with the Bexar County District Attorney's office, will join the Alamo Area Council of Governments in mid-September as Criminal Justice coordinator. The appointment was announced by Al Notzon, AACOG executive director, at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee.

In her new position, Mrs. Van Steenberg will be responsible for criminal justice planning and coordination for the eleven-county Alamo region. She and members of the AACOG staff will work with law enforcement officers, elected and court officials, and citizen groups to develop criminal justice programs to meet area-wide needs.

Mrs. Van Steenberg has been a member of the District Attorney's staff since graduation from St. Mary's University Law School in 1970. She has served as prosecutor in county and district courts and has handled civil contempt cases and sanity hearings.

At St. Mary's, Mrs. Van Steenberg received the Corpus Juris Secundum Award and was in the top ten per cent of her class. She holds a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Texas at Austin and has taught English and journalism at high schools in Laredo and San Antonio.

Mrs. Van Steenberg is the daughter of Judge E. James Kazen of Texas' Forty-Ninth District and Mrs. Kazen. She is married to Gus Van Steenberg, senior electronics research engineer at Southwest Research Institute, and they are the parents of two children.

Villa Santiago Serves Specialty

Villa Santiago Cafe — which is located on the Bandera Road two and one-tenth miles above Helotes — opened here during the past winter. And under the careful management of the present owner, Porfirio Pena, who had a restaurant for many years by the same name in the Woodlawn campus area of St. Mary's University — the patio and cafe has a growing clientele.

Mr. Pena — who is modest about his homemade tamale specialty — furnished tamales for other restaurants for years. He says — that with the possible exception of the "Big Man's" tamales — after reading the publicity the Floore Country Store has recently received in the Dallas Morning News and the San Antonio papers — he has the best tamales in the entire Hill Country... and those who have tried them agree they're hard to beat.

The present Villa Santiago is open every day from 2 p.m., which helps keep Helotes on the map as a great place to dine out. It is located in the landmark drive-in with a patio once called Lucky 13 by its original operator, Chris Madla, who is still the landlord.

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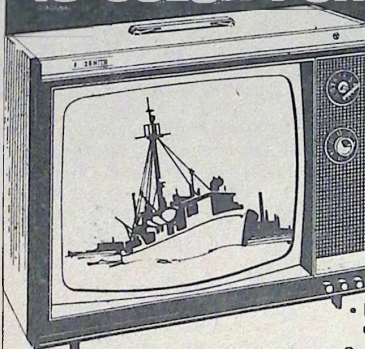
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Griffin-Shoaf Marry In Methodist Church

Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin Griffin, III, who were married in a candlelight ceremony Saturday evening, August 12, in the Helotes Hills Methodist Church, are at home in Bryan, Texas, following a wedding trip to Galveston.

The bride, the former Miss Jeanette Louise Shoaf, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark Shoaf. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin Griffin, Jr. of Del City, Oklahoma.

Officiating at the ceremony was the Rev. Collin T. Furr. Mrs. Robert Flores played the organ.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of silk organza reem-broidered in Alencon lace. The lace encrusted bodice was fitted and had a delicately scalloped stand-up collar and tapered sleeves.

All of the bride's attendants carried floral bouquets with lighted tapers.

Miss Becky Collier was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Misses Mary Jane Logan, Sherry Hollis and D'Laine Parrott. Christy Rowe was the flower girl.

Serving as best man was Richard Skipper. Groomsmen were Dr. Raymond Bendele, Larry Ellison and Tripp Pressley. Ushers were Pat Johnson, Gary Morris and Hardy Howard, Jr. The ringbearer was Scott Shoaf. Candle lighters were Tommy Shoaf and Kenneth Pullium.

The garden reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in Helotes Park Estates.

The bridegroom is attending Texas A&M University and expects to obtain a degree in December.

Simpson-Mayfield To Be Wed October 7

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mayfield announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Sally Ann Mayfield, to Kenneth James Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Simpson of San Antonio. They will be married Saturday, October 7, in the Helotes Baptist Church with Rev. W. C. Maddox officiating. The ceremony will take place at 3:30 in the afternoon.

The bride-elect is a 1971 graduate of John Marshall High School and has attended Mims Beauty College where she completed a beautician's course.

Her fiancé is a 1968 graduate of Highlands High School and has attended San Antonio College. He is now working for a construction company.

The reception will be held in Butler Hall following the ceremony.



Sally Mayfield

Party Planned For Candidate

In the final days of the major league baseball pennant race a different sort of "double header" will be held in the Helotes area by Mr. and Mrs. Homer M. Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Galland, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. David L. Patton, all of the Helotes Park Estates area. State Senator Henry C. "Hank" Grover, candidate for Governor of the State of Texas, will be honored at simultaneous receptions held on Friday, September 15, starting at 8 p.m., at the home of the Conleys, 10107 Rafter 5 Trail, and at the home of the Pattons, 10914 Bar X Trail.

The receptions are non-partisan and are being held to give Northwest-side San Antonians and Helotes residents an opportunity to meet and personally talk to one

of the major political parties' candidate for Governor of the State of Texas. Over 800 people have been invited to these simultaneous receptions, and Senator Grover will shuttle back and forth to both so that everyone will be able to meet and talk with him.

Senator Grover is no stranger to the Helotes and San Antonio area. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Grover, Sr., were 10-year residents of San Antonio during the 1930's, and Hank Grover, now 45, grew up in San Antonio. Relatives of Senator Grover in the San Antonio area include a sister and a brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Terry L. Smart, and a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Grover, Jr.

Many old friends from earlier San Antonio days will be present also.

Adults Offered Short Course

On Tuesday, September 12, the Adult Distributive Education department at San Antonio College will begin a class to prepare adults for the high school equivalency examination.

The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a period of 10 weeks. Instruction will be given in the five required areas: English, math, social studies, literature and science.

For further information, call 734-7311, ext. 218 or 734-6611.

Three Win Honors In United Fund Beauty Contest

Adriana Abrego will reign as "Miss United Fund" during the 1972 fall campaign. The 21-year-old native of San Louis Potosi, Mexico, was selected by a panel of 12 news media representatives August 22 at the St. Anthony Hotel's Anacacho Room.

San Antonio natives Vicki Susan Bell and Brenda Gale Bostow were named first and second runners-up at the contest in which 19 finalists were entered. The three winners will represent the Fund at special events during the annual campaign, September 13-November 16.

Miss Abrego, a chief clerk in the communications center of United Services Automobile Association, where she has been employed for two years, is a 1970 graduate of San Antonio's Burbank High School. She was the 1968-69 sweetheart queen of Paricutin Social Club and the 1970-71 queen of Embajadores Social Club. She has taught swimming for the Red Cross, a United Fund agency.

Miss Bell, 20, is a secretary at First Federal Savings and Loan, Oak Hills Branch. She is a 1970 graduate of McCullom High School, where she was junior and senior cheerleader, Sweetheart, dance team member, yearbook business manager and Football Sweetheart.

Miss Bostow, 23, is executive secretary for Nursing Service at Villa Rosa Psychiatric and Rehabilitation Annex, Santa Rosa Medical Center. She is a 1971

graduate of Oral Roberts University, where she was runner-up to the Homecoming Queen. A member of the National Honor Society at both Robert E. Lee and Churchill High Schools, she is a 1967 Churchill graduate. Recipient of an Optimist Club Award for outstanding students in business, she has been active in volunteer service to the Girl Scouts and YMCA (both United Fund agencies).

Irish Travel Film To Open Season

"Ireland", a film narrated by Col. Nicol Smith opens the San Antonio Travelogue series for 1972-73 at 3 p.m. Sunday, October 8, in the Alamo Heights High School auditorium at 6900 Broadway. Mrs. Mary Dove Vincius, sponsor, has announced. Memberships to attend the seven film-lectures are available by calling her. The season closes April 8.

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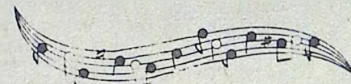
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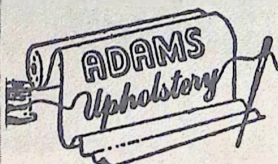
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Cub Scouts of Den 3, Pack 401, accompanied by their Den Mother, Mrs. Georganne Hitzfeld, were among Helotes school children who have recently visited the Echo office. They toured the former stagecoach stop to learn a little local history. STAFF PHOTO

Community Calendar To Be Up-to-Date

Helotes has been growing steadily and so have the number of civic, club, and social activities. To help those in charge of events pick times that will not conflict with other events, Ed Faust, local merchant, has volunteered to maintain an official calendar.

Anyone in charge of events may come by to see dates already picked for covered dish suppers, benefits, games, parties, and meetings of any type. When a date is selected, it will be posted and Mr. Faust will advise others to prevent conflicts.

Those wishing to inquire about open dates or to post a date already selected may go by Elf Industries, located at the building near the bridge in downtown Helotes. Once a date is scheduled, others will be encouraged to take another, Mr. Faust said.

Federal Service Classes Offered Now

On Monday, September 18, the Adult Distributive Education Program of San Antonio College will begin a course in Federal Service Entrance Examination Review. Classes will be held at San Antonio College, 1300 San Pedro Avenue, Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for nine weeks. For further information, call 734-7311, ext. 212 or 734-6611.

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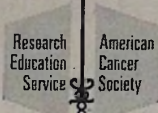
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NBA To Have Season Here

Hoping to entice an NBA franchise for 1973-74, the Houston Rockets have launched their season-ticket drive for 13 big National Basketball Association games to be played in San Antonio.

Season tickets are on sale at the Convention Center Main Office, or may be charged at all Joske's stores, including Austin. Season ticket applications are available also at all Handy Andy stores, in San Antonio. Individuals may pay one-half with the balance invoiced before the Los Angeles Laker Game, Oct. 25, by check or money order or use your Bank Americard or Master Charge.

The season ticket drive will continue up to the Los Angeles Laker game, October 25, with individual game tickets going on sale between October 1 to October 15.

Individuals having season tickets will have priority on the same seats for the exhibition game with the Atlanta Hawks with Pete Maravich September 26. Ticket orders are also being accepted for the Atlanta game.

The season ticket drive will be spearheaded by Eddie Mery, president of the Universal Student Aid, and Johnny Moore, president of the Rocket Booster Club. Mr. Moore will be assisted by County Commissioner Elect, Precinct 1, Albert Bustamante, and Valmo Ballinger, publisher of the San Antonio Register.

A basketball clinic will be conducted this month for all season ticket holders followed the same evening with a "Meet the Rockets" party where all individuals holding season

matching type and color uniforms as the Houston Rocket basketball team and will serve as usherettes, ticket takers, and ball girls.

"It looks from here, with the NBA games and the Alamo College Classic December 15-16, featuring St. Mary's, Trinity, Southwest Texas, and Pan American, that San Antonio will be the Texas Basketball Capital for 1972-73," a Rockets office spokesman said.

For ticket information, call the Rockets Office, Convention Center, 225-6351, or write to P. O. Box 1597, San Antonio, Texas 78296.

U.T. Exes Name Investigators

In response to the concern of many University of Texas exes, the Board of Directors of the San Antonio Texas Exes Club has appointed a committee to investigate the action of the Board of Regents in firing F. C. Pannill as Dean of the U.T. Medical School in San Antonio. The committee is composed of Jerry Gibson, chairman; Irving Middleman, Jim Reed and Dr. Charles Giesey. The appointment of this investigating committee reflects the conviction of the Board that the club should take a more active role in the affairs of the University, especially since the new UT-SA branch is scheduled to open soon.

The committee has met with Dr. Pannill, with J. J. Pannill, chairman of the U.

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Person To Person

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visit to the grave of Buttao Bill.

Andrea Sotello, sister of Yolanda Balero, graduated on August 25 from the Texas Vocational Nursing School with exercises at Thomas Edison High School in San Antonio. Andrea and her husband, Robert Sotello, live in Boerne.

Artist of the Month for September at the Helotes Art Gallery is Diane Langehenning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Manley were hosts recently to their daughter

and son-in-law, Ross and Lillian Rivas, and their two little girls who visited here for two weeks from their home in Whittier, California. The little granddaughters also enjoyed playing with their little cousins here. A reunion was held in the Helotes Inn which is operated by Fred and Mary, to which friends and relatives were invited.

Mrs. Bryce (Eva) Johnstone is making a good recovery from her recent illness after taking therapy at Gonzales Warm Springs. Former residents of Grey Forest, Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone are now living in a beautiful mobile home

in Somerset next to Mrs. Johnstone's sister, Verna, and her brother-in-law, Bob. Mr. Johnstone while at Kelley has a companion for her. Their niece, little Eva, who often visited here, is a frequent visitor on weekends to help. Friends and neighbors here are pleased to hear of her progress.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Newmann from Portland, Texas, aunt and uncle of Mrs. Ed Faust and Mrs. Jack Ramsey here, visited in the Faust home for three weeks during summer vacation. The Fausts also had their niece, Brneda Williams, as a house guest during school vacation.

Mrs. Alfonso Garcia is hospitalized for observation at the Bexar County Hospital.

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Sorority Enjoys Summer Fun

Summer time for the local sorority was fun!

All newly elected rushees received invitations, made by Mrs. Barbara Buel, from Alpha Rho chapter of Helotes to an Epsilon Sigma Alpha party August 7 at the Lions Club Pavilion. Members and their guests attended in various Hobo attires.

On August 18, the club had an Alpha Rho-Rho-Rho Your Boat to Hawaii Luau party. Rushees, members and their husbands enjoyed dancing to Hawaiian music. Table decorations and food carried out the theme. Cissy Springer wore a genuine grass skirt to add to the spirit.

Rushees and their husbands attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ray (Gussie) Griffith; Mrs. Thomas (Tish) Corbett, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Charlotte) Nixon.

On August 21 all members and rushees met for a business session at the Pavilion and for a "visit" to France. Barbara Buel explained coqueting, paper mache, and coupage. She is vice president of the sorority and was awarded a perfect attendance award. Parliamentarian Cissy Springer gave a history of the sorority. Plans were announced by president Gladys Jones for a cake September 9 at the Helotes General Store with proceeds going to the Pavilion fund of the Lions

Club. In the recent Jerry Lewis program to aid Channel 9 — KRLN the following volunteered: Jane Edbury, Gene Frederick, Marie Grigin, Cissy Springer, Dottie Smith, Barbara Buel, Shirley Cheske, and Charlotte Nixon. On August 27, Barbara Buel honored new members with a party at her Scenic Loop home. Mrs. Thomas Corbett was installed by Dottie Smith in an impressive ceremony and received her pin, and a corsage pinned by Gladys Jones, president. Charlotte Nixon also received a corsage.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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added, "Every citizen in the state of Texas requires the service of a fire department every seven years."

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