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Person to Person

This was the week when winter began to give way to spring. Helotes even had a thunderstorm Monday night with thunder and lightning and a little rain. Most of the days were sunny and cool—with temperatures in the 60's—and the nights cold—down into the 30's. Not yet but soon spring will predominate.

Samuel Chapman of Route 1 received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Trinity University in the school's recent winter commencement ceremonies.

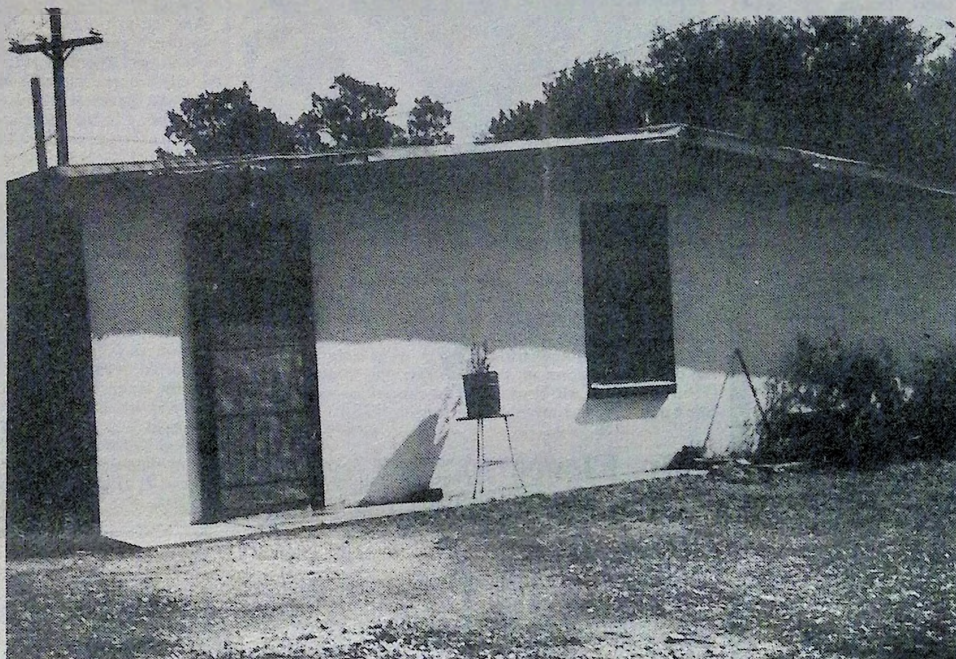
Parents of gifted and talented students in the Northside District will meet Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. in the John Marshall Career Center.

The Helotes Lions Club is looking for local children who may want to attend the Lions Camp for children near Kerrville next summer. Everything is free. Enrollment is limited to handicapped and diabetic youngsters.

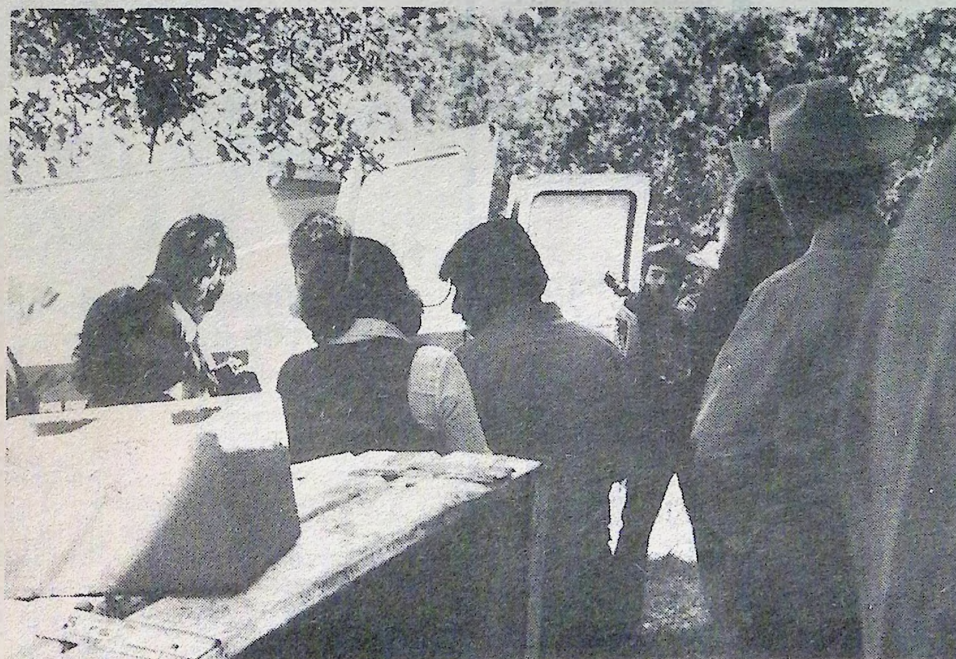
Michael Griffith, son of Raymond and Gussie Griffith, was a recent visitor here. He is now stationed in the Air Force near Hanover, Germany. Michael attended Helotes Elementary before going on to graduate from John Marshall High School. During his two-week visit, he saw his sisters, Linda Dupuis and Judy Hall, his grandmother Bonnie Terrell and his nieces and nephews as well as many former classmates.

Being congratulated on the arrival of their first grandchild are Dr. and Mrs. Terry Vincent. The baby girl, born Wednesday, February 16, 1983 in Fort Worth weighed eight pounds, five ounces, and is the daughter of Delana and Jack Adkins. She has been named Corin Helen Adkins. Grandmother Helen Vincent made a fast trip to Fort Worth to meet her new granddaughter and visit the proud parents.

Murder, Suicide Ruled In Two Deaths



At this home in midtown Helotes, the serene appearance kept anyone from suspecting it was the scene of a domestic tragedy which might have been worse if a caring grandmother had not called by telephone and heard her 17-month-old grandson trying to cope with the loss of his mother and stepfather. He is now in the grandmother's custody.



Shocked family members and neighbors along with news media stand by as officers investigate the interior of the house Wednesday—some 10 or 12 hours after the deaths of the man and wife, officers theorized.

Young Boy Spends Hours Alone

An apparent murder-suicide was ruled in the death of two Helotes residents which appeared to have resulted from a domestic quarrel late Tuesday, Feb. 8 and early Wednesday, Feb. 9. The scene was their home at 13386 Bandera Road. Discovered dead were 60-year-old Miguel Flores, who would have been 61 on April 21, 1983, and his wife, Christina Flores, 20, who was born on July 30, 1962.

A 17-month-old son by his mother's previous marriage, Christopher Michael Flores, was in the house at the time of the discovery of the bodies by his grandmother who had been unable to contact the couple and had finally reached the child who tried to talk into the telephone.

Mrs. Petra Valdez Esquivel, mother of the dead woman, said that she had seen the family on Monday and that they had recently gone back together and everything was fine, investigators reported. When she was unable to contact them on Tuesday, she tried again on Wednesday morning. About 10 a.m., little Christopher pulled the phone off the receiver and then failed to call an adult to the phone. He appeared to be crying, she said, and she became alarmed.

When she arrived at the house, she crawled through a chain-link fence. There from the rear of the home she could see bloody footprints of the child. The bodies were located inside the kitchen area and the house had signs of disarray. She called the police.

Police Chief Humberto Benavides said that a 380 automatic gun was found at the scene and that this was the weapon used.

Texas Ranger Al Cuellar was also among those investigating.

The little boy was unharmed and probably slept through the shooting. He later wandered through the house, tracking blood from the deceased.

Felix Braun Dies At Age 83

Felix E. Braun, a lifetime resident of the Helotes area and member of a pioneer family here, died February 6, 1983 at the age of 83.

He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Helotes and was active in real estate until his retirement. He was a member of the Helotes Lodge AF & AM, and Helotes Lodge 76, Sons of Hermann, Grotto and the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Braun is survived by his wife, Mildred C. Braun. He is also survived by daughters, Joyce Teachenor of Arleta, California, and Evelyn C. Carolan of San Antonio; and sons, Rev. Ervie Braun of Hondo, Texas and Daniel T. Braun of San Antonio.

He also leaves sisters Sabina Sturm, Thusnelda Wendt, Netti Morrow, and Amanda Ott; and a brother, William Braun. He is survived by 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held February 8 at Sunset Funeral Chapel with Rev. James Heineke officiating. Interment was at Zion Lutheran Church of Helotes.

Mr. Braun was an active citizen of this community for many decades and helped shape the growth of the area. Sympathy is extended to all who will miss him.

Today will be Western Day for students and teachers in all Northside District schools.



Brazilian guitarist Carlos Barbosa-Lima believes that good music is good music whether it is classical or popular and he has artistically integrated the two, breaking barriers and taking the guitar to new frontiers. Barbosa-Lima will play at Kerrville's Municipal Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, in the third concert of the 1983 Kerrville Winter Music Festival. Tickets will be on sale at the concert one hour before the 8 p.m. concert time.

Mr. Flores Dies At 60

Miguel Vara Flores, age 60, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1983 in Helotes. A former resident of Mexico, he had resided in this area for 30 years. Mr. Flores is survived by his first wife, Margarita Arce Flores of San Antonio; daughters Elida Yanez, of California, Norma Dominguez, Mary Maria de Jesus Flores; and sons, Noel Flores of Austin, Armando Flores of Helotes, and Arthur Flores of San Antonio. He is also survived by nine sisters, five brothers and seven grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes with Rev. Ed Jach, celebrant on Feb. 12 with interment at Mission Burial Park North.

Mrs. Sams Dies at 73

Mrs. Barney Sams of Scenic Loop Road died Tuesday, Feb. 8, and was buried Friday morning, Feb. 11, in Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Mrs. Sams was 73.

Survivors include a son, Barney R. Sams, and his wife Nancy; two daughters, Joyce Rogers, and her husband Glenn Rogers, and Dee Dee Saathoff and her husband Jack, all of Scenic Loop Road. She had eight grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Three sisters in San Antonio also survive her.

The funeral service was

Council To Seek Park

The regular City Council met Thursday night and discussed plans to tap state and federal funds to acquire a park for the City of Helotes.

The first step, as was stated, would require someone to donate at least 10 acres in or near the incorporated area and to raise 50 per cent of matching funds. The land could be included in the matching fund, the Council and Mayor concluded.

Two council persons are looking into other funds available.

According to the treasurer's report the funds on hand as of February 17 for the city's operation totalled \$15,361.54. Revenue received from Feb. 4 to that date includes a sales tax payment to the City of \$5052.54 and a franchise payment by the Grey Forest Utilities of \$591.66, for a total of \$5,644.40. Expenditures during this period amounted to \$3,992.13, the largest amount of \$2,496.57 being to repay a bank note borrowed during the first part of the year before taxes were available.

A heated debate was held as to the length of the fiscal year and its actual dates. Some held for 12 months and others of the council had the opinion that the fiscal year could be 21 months. Another discussion showed uncertain

knowledge regarding duties of the Zoning & Planning Commission versus a prospective Building Inspector's role.

The next meeting will be held at PARC on Thursday, March 3, the Mayor announced. Last date for filing for office for the election by those intending to run is March 2 with the election on Saturday, April 2, this year.

Car Pool Lots Open

Six more car pool parking lots have been opened by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Three of the new facilities are in Bexar County at Loop 1604 and FM 78, U.S. 281 just south of the Comal County line, and IH-10 and the Boerne Stage Road in Leon Springs.

These additions bring to six the number of lots built in Bexar County. The others are at Loop 1604 and FM 471 in the northwest part of the county, at Loop 1604 and IH-10 near the University of Texas at San Antonio and at Loop 1604 and IH-35 in the northeast. The six lots accommodate more than 300 vehicles.

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German Students Get Awards

German students of the Wolfgang-Amadeus Club at John Marshall High School participated in the Sprachfest competition at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos recently. Also participating in Sprachfest were 26 other Texas high schools. John Marshall received awards in most areas of the contest.

In poetry reading, level 2, Ron Carney received a superior. In poetry memory, level 1, Mike Hill received a fair, Derek Drenner received a superior in level 2, and Ron Apflert received a superior in the native level. In prose reading, Audrey Gruber and Desiree Waller both received excellents in level 1. Excellents were also given to both Nancy Overland and Kathy Thorpe in level 2. Ron Apflert received a superior in the native level and a second place in extemporaneous speaking.

In the grammar tests, Derek Drenner received second place in level 2. In the native level, Ron Apflert also received second place.

Ron Apflert received fourth place for native level reading comprehension. Peter Stepman received second place for level 1 spelling. The club scrapbook,

made by Melissa Klingbeil and Peter Stepman, received fourth place. Charmaine Freemyer received first place for her photo entry. The state competition will be held in March.

Income Tax Advice Due

Westfall Branch Library will present a program at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, entitled "How to Feel Better Next April 15th". This financial planning seminar, given by Bill Chapman of Rauscher Pierce Refnses, Inc., will discuss the investment alternatives available for minimizing federal income taxes.

Mr. Chapman will discuss IRA's, municipal bonds, deferred annuities and real estate investments.

The Board of Trustees of the San Antonio Public Library on Feb. 15, elected four officers to one year terms.

Mary Womack will serve a second term as Chairman of the Board. Robert Tamez, former Secretary, was elected as Board Treasurer. Richard Sanchez will serve as Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Julia Knight will serve as Secretary.

Northside Invites Tour Visitors

All interested patrons and parents are invited to see Northside School District on free guided bus tours during Texas Public Schools Week, March 7-11. Call 681-0330, Ext. 245, for reservations. Tours will last from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and lunch is included.

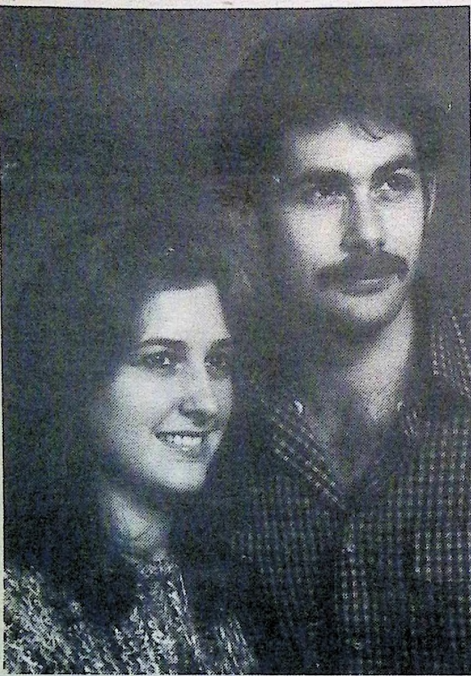
Schedule of tours is as follows: Marshall High School attendance area, March 8; Holmes High School attendance area, March 9; Jay High School attendance area, March 10; Clark High School attendance area, March 11.

All tours will include visits to elementary and middle schools and other district facilities.

Superintendent Jack C.

Jordan said, "Although we welcome visitors any time during the school year, I encourage the families and friends and neighbors of all our students to make a special effort to visit with us during Texas Public Schools Week in Northside."

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Gail Lynn Steadman and fiancé

Engagement Announced

Mrs. Mary R. Fulcher would like to announce the engagement of her daughter, Gail Lynn Steadman, to Robert Pennington Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Wood III, of Helotes.

Gail is a graduate of The University of Texas Health Science Center with a degree in Dental Hygiene. She is presently employed by Dr. Jack Shirley, DDS.

Robert is a cum laude graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is presently employed by Southwest Research Institute.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 23, 1983 in St. Helena's Episcopal Church in

Boerne, Texas.

Mothers Fund Tops \$70,000

Funds of \$70,000 have already been received by the March of Dimes from its recent Mothers March on Birth Defects drive, January 29-31. More returns are arriving daily.

Funds raised during the Mothers March campaign go to the March of Dimes research medical and community services and educational programs, designed to prevent birth defects and promote proper prenatal care.

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Dear Editor:

Thank you for your letter of January 22nd requesting that County Commissioners Court dedicate any funds received from bingo taxes to Bexar County Volunteer Fire Departments.

I appreciate your concern in this matter. I am a strong supporter of the Volunteer Fire Departments, realizing that they are the only line of defense against fire in the unincorporated areas.

The matter was discussed at length in Commissioners Court. Let me tell you what we can do and what we cannot do.

We agreed as a body to make every effort in June, when we are eight months into our 1983 budget year and can project surpluses in certain accounts, to instruct the County Auditor to locate an amount sufficient to provide \$1,000 to each Volunteer Fire Department with which the County currently contracts for fire protection. This would be "without strings," and corresponds to the amount requested by the Volunteer Fire Departments when they appeared before Commissioners court at budget-time last summer. (I was not a member of the Court at that time, but my colleagues and our staff tell me that this request was formally made last summer.)

We cannot commit bingo funds at this time, because of the County budgeting process. The Auditor, who is also the County's Budget Officer, advised us this morning that he budgeted \$60,000 in bingo revenue in this fiscal year. He also stated that he allocated that \$60,000 to the general fund for specific expenditures in FY 1983.

Specifically, this means that we cannot use the first \$60,000 of bingo funds. It is already allocated in the 1983 budget.

But I am hopeful that we can find the above mentioned \$1,000 per department in June, when the budget "loosens up." I will make every effort to see that this is done.

Sincerely yours,
PAUL ELIZONDO
Commissioner, Pct. 2
County of Bexar

San Antonio

Dear Mrs. Brown:

I am writing to ask Helotes area residents to do themselves and their neighbors a favor: check with the telephone company before digging near posted cable warning signs.

Sometimes, cable damage effects only a few people and can be repaired quickly. All too often, however, cable damage means loss of telephone service to major sections of cities or even entire communities. Cable cuts sometimes isolate hospitals, police and fire departments.

A suggestion for anyone planning digging activities: before plowing, building fences or terraces, installing sprinklers, landscaping or digging, please look out for telephone company cable warning signs. Also, please watch out for aerial cable when working with tall equipment.

The cable warning signs display a telephone number that may be called to notify the telephone company of any work planned near cable routes.

When we receive a call, we will promptly send someone to pinpoint the exact cable locations. We do bill for damage to our cables, and the repair bills can be quite costly.

A simple free phone call is the best insurance to help us protect the most convenient and reliable telephone network in the world.

Sincerely,
Walter F. Patterson
Southwestern Bell

No-Draft Peacetime Registration Working

by Abraham (Chick) Kazen, Jr., M.C.

Peacetime Selective Service registration is working, and we should all be proud and pleased that it is. That is why it is difficult for me to understand why a small but vocal group is seeking to rescind funding for registration and effectively kill the program.

I recently joined several of my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee in expressing support for continued funding for registration, and I would like to share my views with you.

Registration is a form of national defense insurance which we all hope we never need to use. The advantage of peacetime registration is that it enables the Armed Forces to be expanded quickly in an emergency when national survival may be in jeopardy. There is no draft at present, of course, and none is contemplated. The sole purpose of registration is to inventory our manpower.

When Selective Service registration resumed in mid-1980, there were those who charged that it would create "agitation" among our young people and simply serve no purpose. The fact is that the vast majority of those eligible have already recognized their obligations and registered, and the predicted mass demonstrations have not occurred. Someone obviously underestimated our nation's young people, and I cannot resist saying I told them so.

Registration, which requires less than five minutes time at any of more than 34,000 post offices, could save six weeks in case of mobilization — a period of time which could be decisive in case of a national emergency.

DRUG STORE ROBBERIES

At present, it is a federal crime for a pharmacist to dispense controlled substances illegally, but that same pharmacist does not have the protection of the federal government if he or she is robbed at gunpoint of those same drugs. Pharmacists in the 23rd Congressional District tell me that as the Drug Enforcement Administration becomes more effective in controlling the traffic in illicit drugs, the

more criminals and addicts turn to sources such as the local drug store. In 1981, there were 1,987 armed robberies of drug stores — an increase of 121.7 percent over 1976.

H.R. 1255, which I have cosponsored, penalizes the taking of controlled substances, by force or intimidation, from a pharmacy or from any authorized person. The penalty for the first offense is imprisonment for not more than ten years and/or a fine of \$5,000. For assaults which include the use of a dangerous weapon, the penalty is imprisonment for not less than fifteen years nor more than thirty years and a fine of \$15,000. If the offender kills anyone, he is subject to imprisonment for life but not less than twenty years.

FAMILIES

It is my feeling that the most important unit and a leading cause of success in our nation is the family. Frankly, I find it difficult to believe reports that Americans may be drifting away from our traditional emphasis on strong family ties and caring for our own, but I am proud to be a part of a move to reiterate our appreciation for the family and all that it means.

National Family Week has been approved by Congress and proclaimed by three Presidents of both parties on eight occasions since 1972, and I am a cosponsor of legislation to consider a National Family Week Resolution again this year. We are joined in this effort by organizations including the American Legion, the Boy Scouts of America, the National Red Cross, Future Homemakers of America and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

If we are successful, we will observe the week beginning next November 20 as National Family Week. I will keep you advised.

Birds of Southwest Course Due

Local bird expert Steve Hanselmann will share tips on bird watching in an Our Lady of the Lake University continuing education course set for Wednesdays, March 9-30, from 7-9 p.m.

"Identifying Birds of the Southwest" will include such topics as finding and attracting birds, using bird guides and using and selecting binoculars.

A member of the board of directors of the San Antonio Audubon Society and field ornithologist, Hanselmann also will lead three Sunday morning field trips during the course.



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MENINGITIS

This single word strikes terror in the hearts of most parents, causing them to reach for (if not press) the panic button. Meningitis. Let even a hint of it get out and the phone lines to teachers and doctors start humming. The reasons for this very human reaction are understandable.

The very grave danger that "epidemic meningococcal spinal meningitis" carried in pre-antibiotic days was quite real. There was no treatment. It did, indeed, spread like wildfire in Grandpa's time. So there is a carry-over from generations past—an inherited fear.

Today, the first case is usually diagnosed promptly before the disease can be spread around. Preventive treatment, almost 100% effective, is given to those the victim may have exposed. Thus, an epidemic is nipped in the bud. Early diagnosis, modern isolation techniques, and treatment of "contacts" keep it something less than a harbinger of doom.

Another problem encountered is the word itself. When a non-medical person hears the word, "meningitis," he often assumes it is the "worst kind." But there are many kinds, most of which aren't as serious in severity or contagion. There are pneumococcal, staphylococcal, streptococcal, and others in which contagion is not a factor for real concern. There's even an "aseptic meningitis" in which no bacteria of any kind can be found.

So, before fingering that panic button, try to find out what KIND of meningitis is in the neighborhood. Chances are there will be little cause for alarm.

If a case of the "worst kind," meningococcal meningitis, does pop up, there is still no cause for panic. Transmission is only by direct contact with the infected person or from droplets spread by him in a cough or sneeze. And the bug dies quickly when it cools off or dries out. Besides, there's a three-day incubation period — plenty of time to get preventive medicine started if you have been exposed.

Grandpa had good reason to fear the disease. Many more people got it, and about half of them died. Today, cases are rare and only one in twenty does not respond to antibiotics. Modern medicine has given us both treatment and prevention. Disconnect the "meningitis" panic switch.

Medical Ethics Talk Set

Well-known humanities scholar Jane Boyajian, D.Min., will deliver a free, public lecture entitled "Challenging and Changing Assumptions: Religion and Medicine" Thursday, Feb. 24 at The University of Texas Health Science Center.

Boyajian's talk will be at 7 p.m. in the nursing school, 7403 Louis Pasteur Drive.

She presently directs the Center for the Shaping of

Values and is associate professor of theological ethics at United Theological Seminary, New Brighton, Minn. Her primary interests are the ethical problems in health care settings, ethical and public policy implications of medical decisions, ethical communications and clinical problems which affect patient care in high-stress areas.

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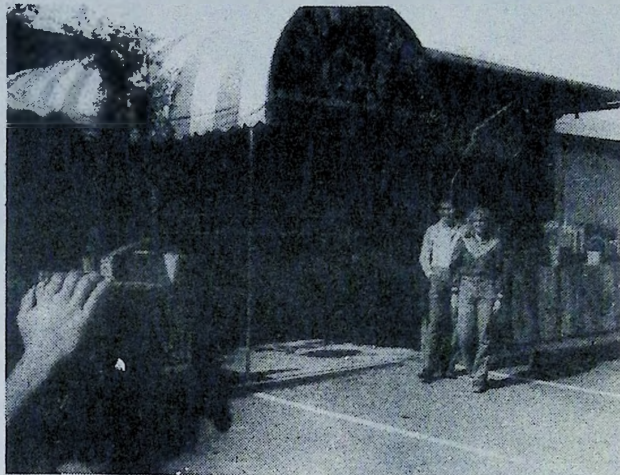
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'PM Magazine' on location at Leon Springs Cafe

An instant favorite with the locals, word is spreading fast that Leon Springs Cafe is the kind of restaurant worth driving across town to if that's what it takes to get you there.

The fried mushrooms offered as appetizers are worth the trip just by themselves. But when you add a choice of well prepared entrees that includes chicken fried steak, pan fried catfish, teriyakied chicken breast, fresh fried shrimp, and char grilled steaks, the result is something to please everyone. The menu also offers a selection of hamburgers, Mexican foods, sandwiches, and a salad bar.

You can choose from a selection of beverages, including a king-sized glass of iced tea, long neck beer, or your favorite mixed drink from the bar.

The bar, by the way, is one of a kind. It is topped with 6" slabs of hill country cypress and the center of the back bar is the front of an old ten foot tall wooden ice box, left in the building by a previous tenant, the Leon Springs Tavern.

Originally built in the late 1920's, the part of the building housing the Cafe has had a variety of tenants. At various times it has housed bars, a garage, a service station, and was once the site of a nationally reported jalapeno eating contest when the premises were known as the Yellow Dog Chili Parlor and

Saloon.

Antique buffs will enjoy the 12 foot high embossed metal ceiling (which has somehow miraculously survived all those tenants) and a collection of soft drink, beer, and gasoline signs which bring back memories of the 30's, 40's and 50's. On a more current note, don't be surprised if you see a diesel locomotive idling on the rail spur across the road and the entire crew inside the Cafe eating lunch.

A patio surrounded by plants and protected by a canvas awning offers you a choice of outdoor seating. But no matter where you choose to sit, you can be assured of a meal to enjoy.

Leon Springs Cafe is open from 11:00 a.m. til midnight Monday thru Saturday. On Sunday it is open from 10:00 a.m. til midnight, and a brunch menu is offered from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. The Cafe is located off IH-10 at Boerne Stage Road and Old Fredericksburg Road. Take the Leon Springs exit off IH-10 West and look for the sign.

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and IH-10



Stevenson Students Hear Choir

The Coke Stevenson Choir Boosters Club is continuing its music enrichment program as 48 lucky boys and girls were selected by random drawing to attend the Vienna Boys' Choir concert on Feb. 26 at Laurie Auditorium. Other Stevenson choir students will be chosen to attend the SALT production of "Joseph His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in March, and another group will go to "Sugar Babies" in April.

Students selected for the Vienna Boys' Choir concert are: Lisa Bryant, Jessica DeLeon, Dianne Diggs, Vanessa Jauer, Karla Lozano, Eddie Marshall, Carrie Moore, Heidi Oesterle, Robin Overbay, Kerri Poss, Sabrina Sinner, Garra Vasquez, Bonnie Briones, Staci Dwyer, Lena Hastings, Marcie Plested, Jessica Rundle, Tammy Sanders, Tonya Tomlinson, Cerenna Zimmerle, Troy Benavides.

Also Elsa Chavez, Steve Cook, Ken Coombs, Donald Crumbley, Ricky DeHart, Eric Freemyer, Stella Gamez, Jessica Garcia, Leslie Moroz, Sheila Ormond, Barbara Waldrop, Karen Butler, Gina Carpenter, Veronica Carrillo, Hector Contreras, Donna Davis, Ramona Goza, Kirsten Grams, Kirsten Jensen, Laurie Seitz, Susan Taylor, Adrian Van Dellan, Debbie Palmire, Christina Taylor, Wendy McCauley, Tammy Holm and Christin Likens.

Texas Cup Competition No 'Snow Job'

The fourth annual Texas Cup, a statewide snow ski competition, will be held Feb. 25-27, on the "Capitan" run of the Sierra Blanca mountains near Ruidoso, New Mexico. Official headquarters for the Texas Cup will be the nearby Inn of the Mountain Gods resort on the Mescalero Indian reservation.

Such well-known Texas skiers as Joe Ely, Walt Garrison and Larry Mahan will be dueling it out "Texas style" for trophies and medals, in addition to prizes from some of the nations' top ski equipment manufacturers. This event, open to Texas residents only, was originated in 1979 by former pro skier Steve Moss. "We may not have a lot of mountains in Texas, but we do have some of the best snow skiers in the nation," he said.

The first regular air mail service for civilian mail in the United States started in 1918.

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March 1 marks the application deadline for the 1983 Gifted and Talented Student Program at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Currently in its fourth year, the program offers highly qualified high school students an opportunity to attend classes during the summer at UTSA for college credit.

High school sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply. Approximately 125 students will be selected to participate in the program. Each student will enroll in two courses, earning a total of four college credits.

Classes will meet daily from May 30 to July 1. Expenses will be \$76.50 plus a \$10 property deposit. A limited amount of financial aid is available and will be awarded solely on the basis of financial need.

For more information and applications for admission and financial aid, contact Dr. Marjorie Smelstor, director, UTSA Gifted and Talented Student Program, 691-4224.



I Love My Teeth

Diana Marchetti shows the true spirit of National Children's Dental Health Month with a vigorous brushing. February's observance is designed to teach children the importance of good oral hygiene. Diana is the daughter of Staff Sergeant Jack Marchetti.

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"Foster parenting is the toughest kind of parenting," said Lynn Lambert, foster home worker with the Texas Department of Human Resources (TDHR). "We ask people to love and care for an abused or neglected child, who would rather be with his own family than with a foster family — who are strangers to him — and then help that child move back home, when his own family has resolved some of their more serious problems. That takes a lot of strength."

Mrs. Lambert is describing the Foster Parent Program that helps reunite troubled families in which the children have been removed from their parents because of serious mistreatment.

In 1981, the TDHR confirmed 1,599 individual cases of child abuse and neglect and the figure remained about the same in 1982. However, less than 140 children are currently placed with foster families in Bexar County. TDHR only places children with foster families in extreme situations. The act of

removing a child from his family does additional damage to a family who is already overwhelmed by staggering problems, such as, physical illness, drug or alcohol abuse, unemployment, etc.

Lambert continued, "It's no wonder that we are currently facing a severe shortage of foster families. Foster parenting is a time consuming, low-paying but very important job. But we do need more foster families. Foster parents are a vital part of a team in breaking the cycle of abuse and neglect."

TDHR provides a reimbursement of \$7 to \$8 a day for the child's basic needs and provides for the child's medical and dental expenses. Also, TDHR offers a thorough orientation and training program for people

considering becoming foster parents.

It offers a candid overview of the challenges that foster parenting offers. This affords a family the chance to make a well-informed decision whether foster parenting would be right for them before they are asked to make a commitment to any particular child.

Eligible persons can be military, single, working couples, retired persons or families with children in the home. Families decide themselves on the type and age of child they will accept into their home. There is no minimum income requirement and foster parents do not need to own their own home. Call 533-3161 for more information.

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Well Levels Hold Steady

Water well levels throughout the five-county Edwards Underground Water District were relatively unchanged at the end of January, the district's office has announced.

Comal Springs at New Braunfels were up a scant eight cubic feet per second, flowing at a rate of 274 cfs. The longterm average flow there is 299 cfs. San Marcos Springs, flowing 127 cfs, were unchanged from the previous month, still below the 168 cfs longterm average.

Flowing are the water well levels at the end of January shown in altitude above mean sea level with the all-time recorded high level shown in parentheses:

Uvalde: 877.0, down 0.1 foot (886.3).

Sabinal: 774.4 feet, down 0.6 foot (835.4).

Castroville: 697.2 feet, up 0.7 foot (737.8).

Hondo: 725.3 feet, up 0.2 foot (773.8).

San Antonio: 666.8 feet, up 0.7 foot (696.5).

New Braunfels: 625.1 feet, down 0.1 foot (630.2).

Kyle: 565.1 feet, up 0.7 foot (593.8).

Piano Duo To Play

A program of classical and impressionist music for piano duo will be presented by San Antonio College music faculty members Jeanne Brynie and Robert Weaver at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 3, at SAC's McAllister Auditorium.

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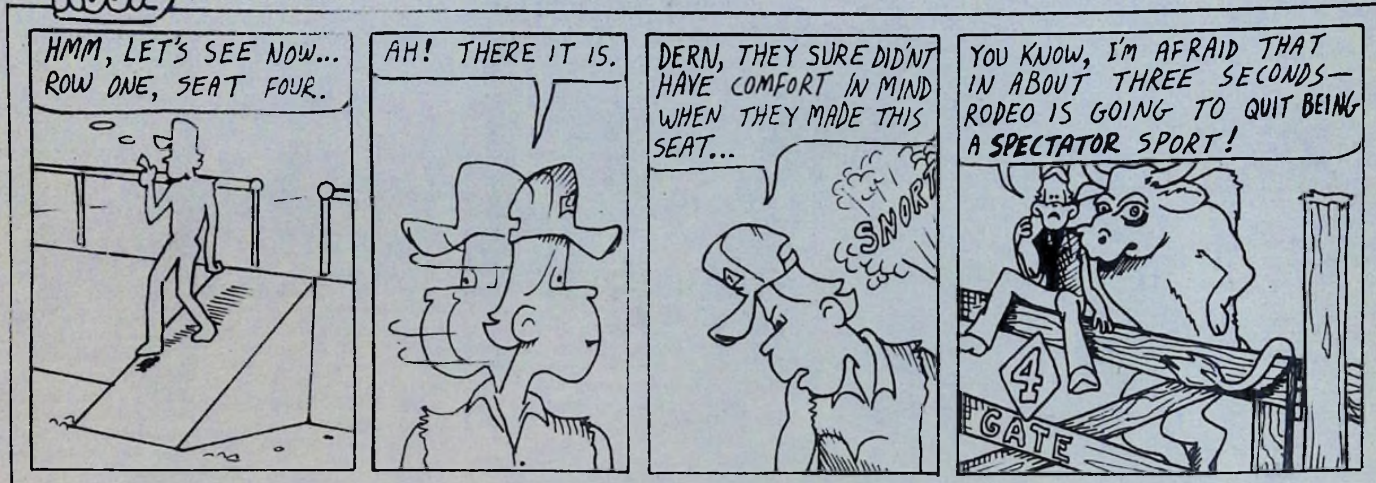
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2

Bring to a boil, stir once or twice. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer 15 minutes, or until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed

3

Toss lightly with a fork. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese, if desired

4

Archaeology Meet To Be Open

The Leanderthal Lady, a 9,000 year-old skeleton recently found northwest of Austin, will be among the topics of discussion on Saturday, Feb. 19, at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

The Southern Texas Archaeological Association (S.T.A.A.) will meet on campus to hear papers presented by a number of archaeologists, including Dr. Frank Weir, director of archaeological studies for the state highway department. The Lady was found when members of his staff investigated the areas in the planned extension of RM1431.

Believed to be one of the oldest human skeletons ever

found in the U.S., the Lady is a major archaeological find.

Other papers to be presented during the meeting include: "The Removal of Cemeteries at Choke Canyon," by Anne Fox, an archaeologist with UTSA's Center for Archaeological Research; "Blue Bayou: A Late Prehistoric Cemetery Site," by Bill Birmingham; and "A Report on the 1982 Incarnate Word Field School," by Paul and Susanna Katz.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. in Room 2.01.12 of the Humanities-Business Building. An hour break at 1:30 p.m. will allow participants to display artifacts they have found.

River To Run Green On St. Patrick's Day

Marchers, drill teams, bands and floats will participate in the largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the Southwest on Saturday, March 12. The downtown street parade will be saluting San Antonio as a medical center.

This will be the 16th annual parade, sponsored by the St. Patrick's Day Commission of the Harp and Shamrock Society, and will begin at 2 p.m. at South Frio and West Houston Streets traveling up East Houston to Alamo Plaza, and ending at Avenue E and 4th Streets.

The weekend's festivities will continue with the St. Patrick's Day river-dyeing parade which is sponsored by the Paseo del Rio Association. The San Antonio River will take on a bright green

color and become the "River Shannon" for the remainder of the week during the 16th annual St. Patrick's tribute to the Irish on Sunday, March 13.

The colorful river barge parade will begin at 1 p.m., and will be lead by a dye-releasing barge which will cruise along the downtown river bend from the La Mansion del Rio Hotel up the river extension to the Marriott River Hotel, and back to the Arneson River Theatre. The parade will feature the Central Catholic Stage Band, the Alzar Shrine Bagpipers and the U.S. Marine Color Guard.

An admission-free program of Irish-style entertainment will begin at noon at the Arneson River Theatre with the music of the Band-Aid

Jazz Band, dances by the Alamo cloggers and Irish songs by Joannie McIntyre Aschbacher, John Donohue and pianist Shirley Donohue. Jim Delaney will emcee the entertainment and members of the Harp and Shamrock Society will be honored guests.

The 17th annual Wreath Laying Ceremonies will be held on Thursday, March 17,

at noon, at the Alamo. The ceremony honors the heroes, especially those of Irish ancestry, who died at the Alamo.

The Grand Marshal for the week of Irish festivities is Sister Angela Clare Moran, Executive Administrator of Santa Rosa Medical Hospital and native of the Emerald Isle. Honorary Grand Marshal is Mrs. Gertrude Melea.

SAC Plans Salute To Victorians

"The Picture of Dorian Gray," an adaptation of Oscar Wilde's critically acclaimed novel, will kick off a series of four theater and musical events during the spring "Victorian Festival" at San Antonio College, Feb. 22-April 8. All events will be free.

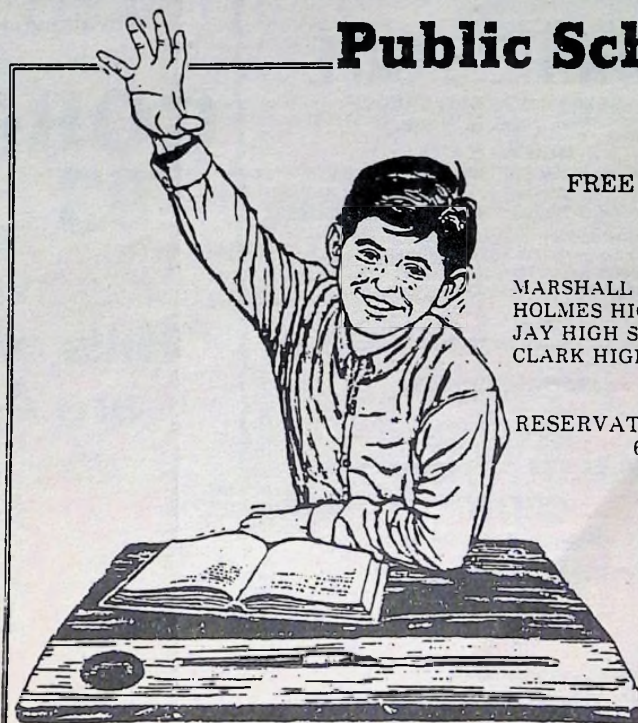
The Victorian Festival also will include interpretations of Victorian principles by members of the SAC faculty, a Victorian style fashion show and dance, films, exhibits and radio programs as the college pays special tribute to and celebrates the Victorian era.

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27% Increase Seen In New Home Starts

Home builders expect to see the beginning of a slow housing recovery during 1983, but are concerned that record high federal deficits could kill off the recovery before it reaches full stride, according to Harry Pryde, a newly-elected president of the National Association of Home Builders.

Returning from NAHB's 39th Annual Convention/Exposition in Houston, home builders are cautiously optimistic. In the wake of lower mortgage interest rates the housing industry appeared poised to lead the nation out of the most devastating recession since World War II.

Housing production in 1983 could reach 1.35 million starts, a 27 percent increase over the 1.07 million housing units started last year.

The consensus at the convention was that conventional mortgage rates would stabilize throughout the year in the range of 12 percent to 13 percent. However, speakers at the convention expressed fears that runaway federal deficits would send interest rates soaring again and upset the economic recovery.

Recovery itself will play an important part in reducing federal deficits. Every one percent decline in unemployment will cut the deficit by an estimated \$29 billion.

The best and quickest way to put people back to work is by stimulating a housing recovery.

NAHB would take a "broad-based approach to the nation's housing problem" in 1983 and would advocate the extension of tax exempt mortgage revenue bonds, and creation of individual housing accounts, as well as mortgage investment

tax credits and pension fund investment in mortgages.

NAHB would launch a major program on regulatory reform to implement many of the recommendations adopted by the President's Commission on Housing last year.

The Nation's housing industry would continue to work for policies that will strengthen the mortgage finance system and provide affordable credit for home buyers.

Old Homes To Be Studied

"Restoration, Rehabilitation and Adaptive Re-Use of Older Homes," a continuing education course designed for present and potential owners of older homes, will be offered by Our Lady of the Lake University on Tuesdays, March 8-29, from 7-9 p.m.

Course instructor Julia Cauthorn will discuss methods for determining the structural soundness and value of older homes, as well as interior and exterior restoration techniques.

A member of the Board of Realtors, the Conservation Society and the King William Association, Cauthorn is owner of Vintage Real Estate, which specializes in the sales, management and adaptive re-use of older properties in historic districts and established neighborhoods.

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Classes will also be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Cost will be \$15 per month.

For further information, contact the Northwest YMCA, 6530 Wurzbach, 681-9770. Pre-register at the YMCA, or register with the instructor first day of class.

NOTICE

We Need Your Help!

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

ORDER FOR DIRECTORS ELECTION: TO THE QUALIFIED RESIDENT VOTERS OF BEXAR COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 17:

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Bexar County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 on April 2, 1983 for the purpose of electing three (3) Directors for said District, each to serve for a term of two (2) years.

The polling place for said election shall be at the District's office located at 12805 S. H. 16N, Gill Savings Bldg. and the following named persons are appointed as officers of said election; Sara Sherblom, Presiding Judge; Joyce Demski, Assistant Judge; Pat Krisak, Clerk; Lorelei Toepperwein, Clerk; Sally Albright and Rosamond Kemple, Absentee Balloting Clerk.

The polling place on the day of the election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 7:00 o'clock P.M.

Absentee voting will be conducted from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M. on each day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or official holiday, beginning March 14, 1983 and ending March 29, 1983.

This notice is issued and given by the undersigned President of the Board of Directors pursuant to and in compliance with an order of the Board of Directors of said District, dated January 12, 1983.

(Signed)

Joseph J. Shaeffer, President
Board of Directors
Bexar County WCID No. 17

OFICIAL NOTICIA

ORDEN DE ELECCION DE DIRECTORES:

A LOS RESIDENTES VOTANTES CAPACITADOR DEL CONDADO DE BEJAR DISTRITO NUMERO 17 CENTRO DE AGUAS Y MEJORAS:

La eleccion sera endicho distrito el dia dos de Abril 1983, con el proposito de elegir tres directores a la Junta Directiva de dicho Distrito, cada uno de los tres dictores sera per el tiempos de dos anos.

El edificio para dicha eleccion va haber en la oficina del Distrito. Esta localizado en la direccion de 12850 S.H. 16N, Gill Savings Bldg. Las personas a continuacion se nombraon designadas oficiales para dicha eleccion: Sara Sherblom, Juez Presidente; Joyce Demski, Asistente al Juez; Pat Krisak y Lorelei Toepperwein, Escribientes; Sally Albright y Rosamond Kemple, Secretario para Votacion Ausente.

Votantes ausente seran de las 8:00 A.M. a 4:00 P.M. cada dia nomas que no sea Sabado, Domingo o dias de festivo oficial, empresando Marzo 14, 1983 y terminado Marzo 29, 1983, en la oficina del Distrito.

Esta noticia esta escrito por el Presidente de la Junta Directiva del dicho Distrito, con la fecha Enero 12, 1983.

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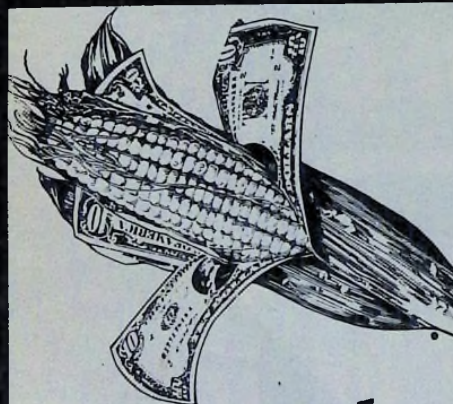
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Trinity, SMU Tennis Teams To Play Saturday

The top-ranked and the No. 5-rated intercollegiate tennis teams in the country will be facing each other when the SMU Mustangs come to town to play the Trinity University Tigers in a dual match at Trinity at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19.

SMU earlier this year edged out the Tigers for runner-up honors in the Marriott National Collegiate Classic in California, and will be out to repeat with a victory Saturday on the Trinity campus.

In 1982, the Mustangs defeated the Tigers in two out of three dual matches and were rated third in the nation at the end of the season. Trinity finished with a six place ranking.

With two-all American players returning—Rodney Harmon and Jerome Vanier—and with five players in their lineup who are ranked among the top 50 college players in the country, the Mustangs are tabbed as the team to beat for the intercollegiate title.

Harmon and Vanier, nationally-ranked as No. 1 and No. 7, respectively, will be tackling Trinity's "one-two punch" composed of Tomm Warneke and Charles Honey, picked as the 10th and 24th best players in the country, respectively, in pre-season ratings.

Harmon enjoyed a spectacular 1982 season, advancing to the quarter-finals of the U.S. Open and winning the Southwest Conference singles championship. Vanier also qualified for the U.S. Open and won the SWC No. 2 singles title.

SMU's Eric Korita also

established his reputation at the 1982 U.S. Open, reaching the third round, and is ranked No. 26 among collegians.

UTSA Game Cancelled

The UTSA-McNeese State basketball game, scheduled for Monday, Feb. 21, has been cancelled due to a scheduling error by McNeese. The game has been replaced by a contest with Midwestern State University of Wichita Falls on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Convocation Center.

McNeese State made a scheduling mistake by counting its participation in a two-game tournament as only one game. Since UTSA was its only non-conference opponent left on the schedule, McNeese was forced to cancel the game to avoid being in violation of the NCAA scheduling rule, which states a team can play only 28 games in a season.

UTSA Athletic Director Rudy Davalos contacted Midwestern State, a NAIA club from Wichita Falls, to make up the lost contest with McNeese State. Midwestern is currently 13-11, which includes a 73-72 victory over St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Of their eleven losses, six have been to West Coast Division I schools like Oregon State, Washington, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah State. They have been to the NAIA National Tournament five of the last eight years and 11 out of the last 20.

Roadrunners Struggle

The UTSA Roadrunners, will try again on Tuesday, Feb. 22 against Midwestern State University, to get the elusive home game cage victory. Tipoff for that game is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Convocation Center.

UTSA, now 8-14, has battled all the way this season, but can't get one big home win. The Birds have dropped six of their last seven home games by less than five points a game. Three were decided by two points or less.

The Midwestern game is a replacement for the McNeese State game which was cancelled because of scheduling problems by McNeese.

The Roadrunners travelled to New Orleans to take on giant-killer, Tulane, on Thursday, Feb. 17. The Birds will go back to Louisiana to take on the University of New Orleans on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Midwestern State has had a superb season at 17-11 and is riding an 11 game winning streak.

Rick Doyle has been the brightest spot for the Roadrunners of late. His 28 point output in the Birds 78-77 loss to UT Arlington on Monday, Feb. 14, tied Derrick Gervin's school single game mark. Doyle has pushed his scoring average into double figures for the first time this year to 10.5.

UT Arlington Coach Snake LeGrand likened Doyle's play to that of the former Bruise Brothers of the NBA San Antonio Spurs. "Doyle set some pretty brutal picks in the game against us,"

LeGrand said. "They were tough to get by."

Derrick Gervin still leads the Birds with a 14.3 scoring mark as he closes in on the UTSA single season scoring record of 309 set by Dennis Mumford last year. He needs only 24 points in the Bird's last five games to set the record.

UPCOMING FOR THE ROADRUNNERS:

Tuesday, Feb. 22 MIDWESTERN STATE (CONVO), 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 26 at U. of New Orleans (New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 28 at Southeastern Louisiana (Hammond, LA), 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 3 RICE (CONVO), 7:30 p.m.

Lady Roadrunners

The UT San Antonio Lady Roadrunner basketball team still has its sights set on its biggest goal of its second season—a bid to the NCAA Women's National Tournament.

The Ladies, now 16-7 on the year, entertain Texas Southern on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the CONVO. They will take a road swing to Houston next week, playing Rice on Tuesday, Feb. 22 and Houston on Wednesday, Feb. 23. The Ladies will wrap up the regular season at home against Lamar University on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m.

UTSA defeated Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, 81-66 and lost to Texas Tech in Lubbock, 86-76 on a two game road trip this week. The Ladies can finish 20-7 if they can win their last four games.

Against Hardin-Simmons, a future member of the Oil Country Athletic Conference with UTSA, four Lady Roadrunners scored in double figures. Margaret Martinovich was the leader with 23. Valerie Wells had 14, Kim Maxwell, 12, and Denise Fritz, 10.

Martinovich continued her superb play with 23 points against Texas Tech, but the Ladies were out-shot by the Lady Techsters, 51% to 46.3%. UTSA was even with the tall Tech squad in rebounds, 34-34. Kim Maxwell had her best scoring night of the year with 20 points also for UTSA.

The NCAA Midwest Advisory Committee will decide the fate of the Lady Roadrunner's at-large berth in the NCAA Tournament. The decisions will be made known on March 6. UTSA finishes its regular season on Feb. 26.

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