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Person-to-Person

Christmas both solemn and festive appears to be in the air, and from Advent wreaths to Christmas trees, decorations are everywhere. Our idea of the most novel present for 1977 for a highschooler or younger student is a personal library. One lucky person will get book shelves for his room, a paperback library and a card index file. UTSA should be a breeze with all the facts organized to speed him on his way.

Linda Sanborn of Castle Rock Colorado and Lily Budd of Frankfort, Colorado as well as Barbara, Molly, Kathy and Sheri Pizel of Canyon Lake, Texas were guests of Clarence and Otto Galm for a luncheon at Chef John's Sunday, Nov. 27.

Helotes—which is gradually taking on the air of a campus town—experienced a holiday exchange of college students this Thanksgiving. Away for the holidays were many UTSA young people, and home for the holidays from all over the State and Nation were local collegiates. Among the latter was Kenneth Logan, Marshall graduate, who is a junior at Texas A & I majoring in wildlife and range management. He has the Alice G.K. Kleberg scholarship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Logan.

Dr. Norman H. Jacob, Jr., M.D., has been named president of the Board of Trustees of the South Texas Regional Blood Bank. Dr. Jacob succeeds Dr. Robert F. Gossett, M.D., who has been the Blood Bank's president since it was chartered in 1974.

Rainfall About Average

As the final month of 1977 gets underway, rainfall through November brought the year's total to 31.1 inches in Helotes, according to Henry Brauchle, local weather observer.

Rainfall last month was 7.9 inches with the first seven inches falling in a single 24-hour period Nov. 1.

Two other rainfalls measured .7 inch and .2 inch during the month which proved sunny and pleasant throughout. Thanksgiving weather was ideal and colored leaves have added a spectacular charm to the area.

Average annual rainfall is 27.84 inches, making this a better than average year.

Edwards Underground Water District Solves Pollution



Throughout the years, a small Helotes boy, portraying Juan Diego, annually takes part in the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe Day. Here he places roses at the feet of the statue of the Virgin, in a past ceremony which will be repeated next Sunday by the current "Juan Diego."

Festivities To Mark Guadalupe Day

A celebration marking the anniversary of the present Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church here will take place Sunday, December 11, the eve of the 446th observance of the feastday of Our Lady of Guadalupe—patron of the Americas—for whom the local church is named. An earlier Helotes church also dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe preceded the present one built in 1950. December 12 is the actual anniversary of both.

A concelebrated Mass Sunday at 12:15 p.m. will have Rev. Louis A. Trawalter, S.M., pastor, and Rev. Edward Jach, S.M. assistant pastor, as celebrants.

On this occasion, parish children will reenact the story of the appearance of the Blessed Virgin in December 1531 A.D. on one of the hills of Guadalupe range in Mexico to Juan Diego, an Indian. She directed him to have a chapel built in her honor there and her picture was impressed on his brown mantle. A spring arose there and the waters caused many cures. The Cathedral on that site in Mexico is one of the most celebrated places of pilgrimage in the world.

A social program will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday with a covered dish or potluck dinner in the CCD Building on the Church grounds to which everyone in the community is also invited. There will be entertainment as

part of local tradition of celebrating the feast.

Children who will take part in the procession and presentation of roses at the opening of the anniversary Mass include Cornell Rodriguez as Juan Diego; and Angelica Kluna, Angela Bason, Stephanie Escobedo, Suzanne Schmidt, Victoria Morales, Kimberly Archer, Stacy Lee Hofmeier, Cynthia Kossath, Line Martin, Laurie Seitz, Amy Page, and Laurie Toepferwein.

Cross bearer is Eulalio Aguilar, and acolytes are Joe Bambeck, Rhonda Byous, Jenny Persyn, and Martin Castro.

Commentator will be Butch Barrera, and lectors will be Henrietta Richards and Christine Castro. One reading will be in Spanish. The adult choir, directed by Dave Yaeger, will be accompanied by Loretta Lang, organist. Ushers will include Tom Caldwell, Bernard Richards, Martin Castro, John Lang, Nestor Trevino and C.P. Stewart.

Gift bearers are John and Josie Rihn, Rudy and Irene Zepeda, Joe and Bertha Kruse, Greg Washburn and Pam Perry, and Al and Pat Cote.

Organizing the celebration are, in addition to those named, the following: Connie Madla, Odessa Bocchetti, Sandy Baron, Sue Healy, Iris Chauffe, Bert Bednarz, Beverly Kruse, and Frenchie Goguen.

Local Bank Names Smiser President

David J. Smiser, 33, has recently been named President of the University National Bank in the Helotes area. Previously, he was Executive Vice President of Addicks Bank, Houston, and an FDIC Examiner.

Smiser holds a BBA degree in Banking and Finance from North Texas State University. He is a native of Boerne, Texas. He is a member of the Oak Hills Rotary of San Antonio, and a Vice President of the Tri-County Optimist Club of Katy, Texas.

He is the second President of the University National Bank, replacing the late Harold R. Beckwith, first President of the Bank which is near The University of Texas at San Antonio campus at Loop 1604 near Babcock Rd.

Solution May Be In Your Own Back Yard

A report describing a unique method of disposing of septic tank liquids—developed in a three-year study commissioned by the Edwards Underground Water District to discover a means of protecting the Edwards underground water supply—has been accepted by the Water District and Bexar County Trustees Messrs. Wm. H. Spice, Jr., Henry Van DeWalle, and James J. Falbo.

According to Dr. Carl F. Raba, Jr., of Raba and Associates, Inc., who developed the technique for use by Edwards authorities, "This is not an alternative to the use of septic tanks in rural and suburban areas. Rather it is a

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Wagener To Be UTSA Head

The new acting president of the University of Texas at San Antonio is to be Dr. James W. Wagener, now acting dean of the Dental School at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

He will replace Dr. Peter Flawn at UTSA on Jan. 1. Flawn earlier had announced his resignation in order to return to the University of Texas at Austin to teach.

Wagener is a native of Edgewood, Texas, and attended Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas.

He was assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs of the University of Texas System from 1970 to 1974, and then came to San Antonio to be executive assistant to the president of the Health Science Center. He was named acting dean of the dental school in October, 1976.

A permanent president of UTSA is still being sought.

Hermann Sons Entertain Here

Paul Metzger of Canyon Lake, member of the youth activities committee of the Grand Lodge of Hermann Sons, will be a special guest at the annual Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 4, of Helotes Hermann Sons Lodge No. 76, Clifton Lampman, lodge president, has announced.

The party, to be held in the lodge hall, will follow the regular meeting which begins at 2:30 p.m. While there, Metzger will make a brief address concerning Grand Lodge fraternal activities.

Chartered in 1893, the Helotes Lodge has 378 adult and 192 junior members. Lodge membership representative is Bernice Kempf.

Rev. Dilday To Speak At Baptist Church

Rev. Donald G. Dilday, pastor of First Baptist Church, Navasota, Texas, will be guest speaker Dec. 7 at the Helotes Baptist Church. He will show slides of his "Preaching Mission" to Africa this past summer, where he was accompanied by his wife.

Rev. Dilday's presentation is in conjunction with the annual "Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering" which Southern Baptist Churches receive during the Christmas season, according to Rev. Jerry Reeves, pastor of the Baptist

Church here.

"This one offering underwrites approximately 50 per cent of the budget for foreign missions that cooperating Southern Baptist Churches across the United States give annually," he said. "This year's goal for this particular offering is \$34,000,000. These monies support 3000 career missionaries to 90 countries across the face of the globe," he added.

The public is invited to share in this service. Rev. Reeves said. Time is 7 p.m.

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UTSA Students To Elect Campus Mascot Dec. 7-8



Photo by Dade Rayfield

"WHO ME?" this young roadrunner, shown in its native habitat, seems to be saying. If 51 percent of the voting UTSA students think so, the roadrunner may beat the armadillo in the race for mascot, although the armadillo appears to be out front.

Both are residents of Helotes, familiar to all who have resided here. Both are interesting and capable of bursts of speed, as well as being fearless in battle with their natural enemies.

The armadillo—named first armado or armored by the Spaniards when the 5-foot ones were spotted—carries the diminutive in Texas to show that it is littler.

The roadrunner—to native Texans—was also known as "countryman" because he was often the only friendly citizen around on lonely hikes through the brush country. He is also known for his speed in crossing the road—when his topknot is likely to be visible, making him a grand sight.

How will the future athletes of The University of Texas at San Antonio be portrayed in headlines and on billboards?

That is the question to be settled in a run-off election next Wednesday and Thursday on the local campus.

According to Gerald Flores, chairman of the Student Representative Assembly Elections Committee, students will choose between the armadillo and the roadrunner at the run-off Dec. 7 and 8.

The mascot selected will be submitted to UTSA president Dr. Peter T. Flawn and the UT System Board of Regents for approval.

The armadillo and the roadrunner—also known as el chaparral or paisano—were top contenders after an election Nov. 21-22 before Thanksgiving holidays. More than 2,200 of UTSA's 7,850 students voted, giving 894 votes to the armadillo and 737 to the roadrunner.

Students selected these finalists—neither of which received the required 51 per cent vote—from a list of nine contenders nominated during student government elections in September.

An election—which was held earlier in November with the nine would-be mascots on the tally, was declared void by the UTSA Student Representative Assembly because of failure to adhere to election rules, especially regarding publication.

At that straw vote, the armadillo and the star topped the voting and appeared headed for a run-off. The roadrunner—which was popular with some voters on that occasion—appeared not to be in final contention, but is a strong underdog for next Wednesday's elections.

Under study also is the question of participation by UTSA in intercollegiate athletics, possibly during the 1979-80 academic year. UTSA could compete in men's and women's basketball, tennis, golf and cross-country track.

UTSA To Show Santa's Toy Shop

Santa's toy shop will be the setting of an original children's play presented by volunteers from the UTSA Child Care Resource Center.

"Time Out for Christmas," written by UTSA elementary education student Pat Button, will be presented Dec. 12-17.

On Dec. 12-16, morning performances are being scheduled for groups from day care centers, and reservations are being taken for 1:30 p.m. performances for public school classes.

Two Saturday, Dec. 17, performances, open to the public, will be at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Because of limited seating accommodations, reservations are required and may be made by calling 222-0749 or 222-8551.

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According to Dr. Beverly J. Gibbs, vice president for academic affairs, UTSA made the change in response to a change in the public school teaching schedule that would have had public schools in session when UTSA's summer session began.

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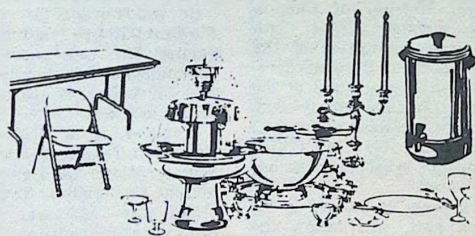


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bridegroom is an attorney.

The wedding date was the occasion of the bride's birthday and also the anniversary of her parents' marriage.

In addition to a civil ceremony, held at 7 p.m., a religious candlelight ceremony marking the exchanging of vows took place at the Templo del Sacro Corazon in Sabinas at 8 p.m. followed by a reception, supper, dance, and wedding breakfast.

Among the wedding guests

from here were Mrs. Pasquelina Hernandez, great-aunt of the bride, and the following cousins: Frank Logan, and Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo (Mary Jane) Blanco; Mr. and Mrs. James (Rita) Logan and their sons, James David, and Edward; John Hernandez and son, Neil; Felix Hernandez and son, Steve; Mr. and Mrs. Ted (Ruby) Elizondo; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph (Carmen) Madla and their three children.

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Theater San Antonio Presentation



"The Prisoner of Second Avenue," which opens Dec. 2 at Theater San Antonio in San Pedro Park will be playing week-ends through Dec. 17 with curtain time 8:15 p.m. A matinee is also scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2:30 p.m. only.

Above, with Maggie Hardy, left, is Marion Sweatmon, in the title role, who is saying "Just wait 'til it snows!" For reservations and information regarding the comedy, call 732-8101.

In supporting roles are Liz Fleenor, Marianna Blase, Minnie Thomas, and Glenn Tucker.

Farm Bureau Convenes

Fourteen voting delegates from Bexar County Farm Bureau have just returned from the 44th annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau, according to Irving Ernst of Somerset, president of the 1,837 member organization.

Attending as delegates from Bexar County were Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ernst, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Boldt, Irene Zigmond, A.V. Thurman, Mr. and Mrs. David Pape, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fry, Mr. and Mrs. David Ackermann and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wallis. Others attending were Patty Baker, Jim Brewer and Marcus Robbins.

More than 1,000 voting delegates from the 210 organized county Farm Bureaus in Texas gathered in Houston this week to adopt state policies and approve recommendations for national policies. Election of officers and directors was slated also.

Results will be forwarded to the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, which will be Jan. 8-12, 1978, also in Houston.

Texas Senators Lloyd Bentsen and John Tower addressed the TFB meeting which was held Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 28-29.

Other speakers were TFB President Carrol Chaloupka of Dalhart and TFB Secretary-Treasurer Reed Lang of Rio Hondo. TFB Executive Director Warren Newberry of Waco gave an administrative report on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Brenda Baumgardner, Drawers of Houston, spoke at a ladies' luncheon Nov. 28.

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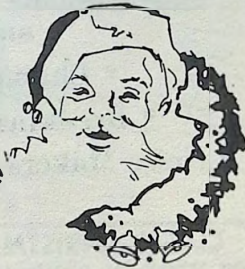
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Mrs. J.D. (Karron G. Moorman) Lewis, who received her Ph. D. in educational curriculum and instruction from Texas A&M University last August, has been invited to present a report of her dissertation research at the Music Educators National Conference in Chicago next April.

Mrs. Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. (Ruth) Moorman, of Bar X Trail here, is a music graduate of Texas Lutheran College. Her dissertation research regarded a system of evaluating Choral Conductor Gestures, and was conducted at the UT-Austin Department of Music. Her husband is an assistant professor of chemistry at St. Edward's University in Austin.

Farm Bureau Re-Elects Ernst



Irving Ernst of Somerset was re-elected President of Bexar County Farm Bureau at a board meeting held Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Other officers elected were Leslie Steubing, vice-president, and Irene Zigmund, secretary-treasurer.

It was also announced that the Bexar County chapter won the membership contest in District 10 with a gain of 228. Present membership is 1837.

Pyracantha—not particularly native here—is having a great year, rivalling the sumac and Spanish Oak for brilliance.



ECHO LOG



Dec. 2-3 - Madrigal Christmas Dinner, UTSA, 7 p.m. each night, Public. Tickets limited. Phone 691-4355.

Dec. 4 - Art Show, Helotes Art Gallery, Free admittance 1 p.m. til dark.

Dec. 5 - Helotes Festival Assn. Floore Country Store, 7:30 p.m. New members welcome.

Dec. 6 - Annual Christmas Party, Helotes Women's Club, Scenic Loop Club House, 7 p.m., members and guest invited.

Dec. 6 - Helotes Lions and Lioness Clubs, El Chaparral, 7:30 p.m., Members & Guests.

Dec. 7 - Helotes Merchants Association. Chef John's Loft, 8:30 a.m.

Dec. 8 - Holmes High School Stage Band Benefit Concert for KRTU-FM. Holmes High Auditorium, 8 p.m. Admission \$1.

Dec. 16 - Silver Bells Christmas Party. Home of Lucille Stemen, 6:30 p.m. Members and guests.

Dec. 20 - Helotes Lions and Lioness Clubs, El Chaparral, 7:30 p.m., Members & Guests.

Dec. 20 - Monthly meeting Grey Forest City Council, City Hall, Scenic Loop, 7:30 p.m. Citizens and interested persons welcome. (Echo Log is a partial list of events of interest to the area.)

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solution to a problem which has been of concern to the Board for some time."

The technique, called Evapotranspiration, is described in the report presented in San Marcos by Dr. Raba to a November meeting of the Board of Trustees of the District. Dr. Raba commended the trustees on their foresight in authorizing this study in an effort to avoid a potential threat to the Edwards.

"This is not a pie-in-the-sky idea but real bread and butter information," according to Dr. Raba. "Most importantly, it has been shown to work." The process has immediate practical value but can be improved economically, the developer said. "The promise of the study so far on evapotranspiration warrants continued research which can now be done at nominal cost."

The illustrated report presented by Dr. Raba described in some detail the process investigated by his San Antonio firm. The traditional septic tank system relies upon the absorption of fluids into the soil as a means of getting rid of domestic wastes. In areas such as the Edwards, however, there is a danger that these wastes will reach the water supply and contaminate it. In the process of Evapotranspiration, the fluids are discharged into a bed which is sealed to prevent soil absorption. By the process of evaporation at the surface and of water loss or transpiration through the leaves of vegetation allowed to grow on the beds, the water returns upward to the atmosphere instead of downward into the ground.

Of particular interest to homeowners who would use the evapotranspiration process is the fact that a variety of grasses were found to do very well when grown on the test beds. The popular carpet grass, for example, developed extensive root systems extending as much as 36 inches into the ground with heavy, thick, and dense surface growth. No difficulty was experienced either with walking on or cutting the grass. Native grasses exhibited the same type of development.

According to Dr. Jay Benedict, an associate with the firm and a participant in the project, "This report, to the best of my knowledge, is the first publication of such a study in the United States." He, too, commended the trustees for their concern with the problem and their willingness to investigate the process.

Interest in the project and its findings has been expressed by various governmental agencies in Texas and other states, and other interested parties will also review the technique. Porous rock formations where a rapid infiltration of waste water is undesirable are not the only places where the process could be used, according to Dr. Raba. Wherever tight clays or soils exist which will not accept underground absorption, the process could be a solution. Although more studies need to be made to discover practical applications in the field, the basic research shows great promise and warrants further study, according to Raba and Benedict.

Further information and copies of the report are available from the San Antonio office of the Edwards Underground Water District.

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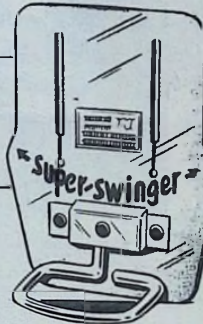
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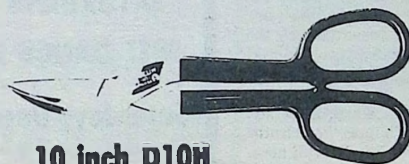
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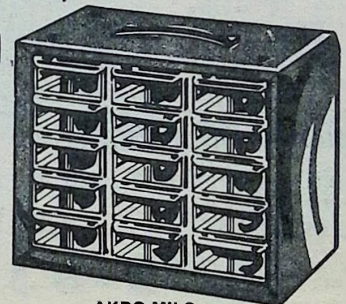
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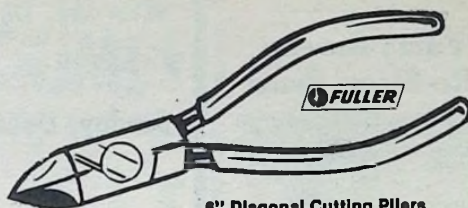
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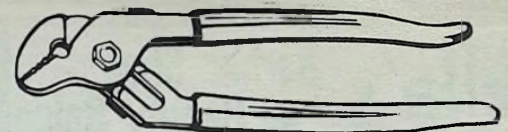
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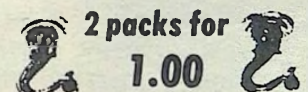


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