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Ranch Acres Group Protests Amendment



Ron Binks of Helotes Park Estates has returned from Indiana University, where he acted as consultant to the John Herrow School of Arts to improve their art program. Ron is a professor of Art and Design at the University of Texas at San Antonio, and a member of the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department.

Lorraine Zwiener of Bandera Road has returned from a two-week vacation on the island of Jamaica in the Caribbean. The weather was warm, the scenery was beautiful, wild orchids grew on the trees, and the accommodations were excellent, she reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lee of the Helotes Cafe are parents of a boy, Brandon William, born Feb. 20. Brandon weighed 9 pounds, 14½ ounces and was 22 inches tall.

Ella Dunford, owner of Ella's Beauty and Barber Shop, is recovering at her home in San Geronimo from an arm injury.

Carol Rogers, reading specialist at Timberwilde Elementary School, was honored last week for her services to the school. The principal, Bobby Behlau, proclaimed Friday, Feb. 22, as Carol Rogers Day. The faculty honored her at noon with a covered dish luncheon, and later the student body assembled for a pep rally to cheer for Mrs. Rogers.

The second runner-up in the Cowgirl of the Year competition, pictured in the previous issue of The Echo, was Debbie Hausman. The winner was Patti Doyle and the first runner-up was Kari Doyle.

Doug Godfrey, firefighter and medic, has received his instructors classification. He hopes to teach courses in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation that will be available to the public in the near future at the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department.

At Floore Country Store



Darrell McCall, nationally-known country and western star, will bring his music to Floore Country Store Saturday night, March 2. He traveled and sang tenor for Ray Price for a number of years, and at one time was a member of a trio composed of Roger Miller, Faron Young and himself. He also is a former resident of Helotes. He records on the Indigo label.

Upgrading Of Area Roads Begins

The proposed improvement of Loop 410, from Ingram Road to Valley Hi Drive, is cleared for detailed plan preparation, the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation has announced.

The work includes widening the four-lane freeway to six lanes, addition of a median barrier, ramp additions and relocations, turn-

arounds and bridge widenings.

The project will increase the capacity of this section of Loop 410, which is handling greater traffic volumes resulting from extensive area residential development. Average annual daily traffic counts have increased from 11,000 vehicles per day in 1965 to the present volumes of 71,000.

The improvements have been cleared for construction based upon completion of the public hearing process. A notice affording an opportunity for a public hearing was published during March and April in local newspapers. No requests for a hearing were received.

The project has been tentatively [Continued On Page 2]

Council Asks VIA Stop Tax Collection

The Helotes City Council finally passed last week an amendment to the city's day care center ordinance removing any limit on the number of children who can be kept in a center in a non-residential zone.

This action followed two public hearings, a planning and zoning commission evaluation, and a protracted council discussion in which the council members decided to leave the number of children up to state regulations.

But passage last week was still delayed for a while by the appearance at the council session of several residents of Helotes Ranch Acres, Units 3 and 4. Led by E. G. Schoggen, 11009 Indian Trail, they asked that the amendment be further changed to clarify that the ordinance did not permit any violation of deed restrictions in their residential area.

They objected to the original ordinance's provision that the number of children in a day care center in a residential area cannot exceed six. Several weeks earlier they had secured a district court injunction that upheld the prohibition of any commercial operations in the units of Helotes Ranch Acres.

Mayor Frank Thompson told the group that the city cannot enforce deed restrictions. That is the responsibility of the residents, he pointed out.

Councilman Reudy Loeffler told the group that all city ordinances are under study by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Attorney, and that any further changes should await their recommendations.

The council then voted to approve the ordinance amendment as it was.

The Helotes Ranch Acres residents earlier in the week had sent a letter to the mayor and council stating their position and asking that the letter be read in public at the meeting. In addition to Schoggen, the letter was signed by Thomas A. Hopper, 11117 Indian Trail; Russell B. Castle, 12724 Wagon Pass; John D. Smith, 13173

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Brigman Is First To File

One person had filed by Thursday as a candidate in the Helotes city election to be held Saturday, April 6.

He is James (Gene) Brigman, currently filling out the unexpired term of Herbie Mayfield, who resigned shortly after his election to the council last year. Brigman filed for re-election to the same one-year place he has now.

Also expiring are the terms of

Mayor Frank Thompson and Council Members Ruddy Loeffler and Verna Thompson. Mayor Thompson has announced that he will not seek re-election.

Deadline for filing is Wednesday, March 6.

Absentee voting will begin March 18 at the city hall office in the Helotes Fire Station and continue until April 2.

3 File For Grey Forest City Council

In Grey Forest, also to hold a city election on April 6, four council places will be open.

The two-year terms of Ruth Zook, Peggy Sassaman and Beverly Boudreau are expiring, as will the one-year unexpired term of Jeri Eaton.

Mrs. Boudreau already has announced that she will run for re-election to her council post, and Don Zook, husband of incumbent Ruth Zook, will run for her place. Lt. Cynthia North of the Bexar County Constable's office has filed for Miss Sassaman's place. Another Grey Forest resident, Cliff Noll, also

has indicated he will file for one of the places.

The term of the current Grey Forest mayor, Matthew Vyverman, has 'one more year to run.

Deadline for filing is March 6. The election will be held in the Grey Forest City Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 6. Absentee voting is now underway.

The March meeting of the Grey Forest City Council will be held Tuesday, March 5, beginning at 7 p.m. Kathy Waldrop, city prosecutor, will provide information on enforcing compliance with city ordinances.

Sixteen member of the Silver Belles attended a Valentine party at PARC building with Lou Spiller, Laurene Williams and Avonelle Matthews as hostesses. The Club discussed a cake sale and yearbook activities. The hostesses provided refreshments.

At SASA



Greg Ramos has been appointed by San Antonio Savings to be assistant vice president and manager of lending and administration for the new Helotes and Castroville branch offices of the Association. Ramos formerly was assistant vice president and office manager in the Devine branch. SASA bought the former Gill Savings branch here and in six other South Texas communities last fall.

Cyclist

Recovering

Richard Reddout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Reddout of Grey Forest, was seriously injured in a motorcycle fall Saturday afternoon, Feb. 23, but is recovering at Medical Center Hospital.

The accident happened at the second creek crossing on Scenic Loop Road. Heavy rain the night before had washed gravel down on the road, and Richard's motorcycle slid on the gravel.

At the hospital he was successfully operated on for a blood clot on his brain, but he escaped any broken bones or disfiguring scars. He also has two bruises on his brain, and the hospital began therapy sessions Wednesday after he was taken out of the intensive care unit.

Richard's birthday was Sunday, the day after the accident. He was 20. His father said many friends and neighbors had called to express concern and to offer help, which he and his wife, Nancy, deeply appreciate.

Classes Offered

The Texas Engineering Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System is offering a forty-five (45) hour course for those interested in "Metal Inert Gas (MIG) Welding or Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) Welding" for those

already familiar with arc welding. Classes will be conducted on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. beginning March 11, 1985.

This program site is accessible to the handicapped.

Roads—

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scheduled for the May, 1985, bid openings by the SDHPT.

Other major improvements for Northwest Bexar County, including Tezel, Guilbeau, and Braun roads, are scheduled for this year, reports Precinct 2 County Commissioner, Andy Casias.

"These improvements are certainly needed in a part of the county that is experiencing accelerated growth in population, and which in turn has increased road traffic," Casias said.

A \$514,800 improvement project for Tezel Road, between FM-471 and Guilbeau Road, including the widening of this section to four lanes, will begin this month, and is expected to take eight months to complete.

Plans are being completed for improvements, including widening to four lanes, for the section of Guilbeau Road between Old Tezel Road and Bandera Road. Scheduled to start in September, this \$1,240,000 project will take between 12 and 15 months to complete, depending on weather.

Braun Road between Loop 1604 and Bandera Road 16 will be widened to four lanes as part of an improvement project slated for commencement in November and lasting about 18 months.

Council—

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Bandera Road; Robert L. Caldwell, 11004 Mesquite Flat; Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Hall, 11142 Javalin Trail; Guy Williams, 11051 Indian Trail; and Earl Herring, 12701 Wagon Pass.

In other action, the council passed a resolution directing the VIA Metropolitan Transit of San Antonio to notify the State Comptroller of Public Accounts "to cease levying sales and use taxes in Helotes designated to support the transit system."

Councilman Leonard Hill objected to the resolution in that he believes VIA merely changed its schedule rather than dropped service to Helotes. Bus service still is available from Park and Ride lots in Braun Station and at UTSA, he said, and may become available again in Helotes.

Councilman Niels Jensen, who offered the resolution, had found earlier that when the Legislature passed the bill setting up the bus service tax, no provision had been included for discontinuing the tax if service was discontinued. An Amendment is needed to be passed during the current session of the Legislature.

Other action included discussion of vacation and sick leave benefits for city employees and approval of payment of various routine city bills.

The next session of the council will be held on Thursday, March 7, in the PARC building, beginning at 7 p.m.

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Parents and other interested citizens will have the opportunity to see what is happening in classrooms and ask questions. Tour guides will be school administrators and principals. Each day's tour will include a high school, a middle school and an elementary school and possibly another special facility.

For more information and to make reservations, please call 647-2170.

Tour Schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 4: Marshall/Taft High Schools attendance areas. Meet at John Marshall High School in the library at 9 a.m. Park in the ag parking lot.

Tuesday, March 5: Clark High School attendance area. Meet at Clark High School in the library. Park in the teachers' parking lot.

Wednesday, March 6: Holmes High School attendance area. Meet at the Northside Aquatic Center, Loop 410 and Culebra Rd. at 9 a.m.

Thursday, March 7: Jay High School attendance area. Meet at the Northside Aquatic Center, Loop 410 at Culebra Rd. at 9 a.m.

Counseling Center Opened By Lutherans

Lutheran Social Service of Texas has opened a new counseling office in the Koger Executive Center, Sabine Bldg., on the corner of Centerview and Piedras West.

The office staff offers individual, marriage and family counseling by professional counselors. Two counselors are located at this new facility: Carl Rose and Dolores Osborn. Both are graduates of St. Mary's, where they received master's degrees in Marriage and Family Therapy, and both are members of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

Daytime and evening counseling is available. The fee is based on a sliding fee scale, according to ability to pay. For information or an appointment, telephone 227-8142.

The Birthday Club of Helotes marked its anniversary with a dinner party at the home of Lucille Stemen Feb. 28. Babe Gilliam, whose birthday is in February and who was one of the founders of the Club, was busy as acting City Secretary at the Grey Forest City Hall Thursday. According to reports, she was feted with a "Happy Birthday" song.

Jay Band Takes Highest Award

The John Jay High School Stage Band received the highest award at the Coastal Bend Festival of Jazz Bands when it was selected the Outstanding Festival Band at the contest held in Corpus Christi, according to band director Wallace Dierolf. Student Derrick Alves also received high honors when he was named the Outstanding Musician of the Festival. More than 20 bands from high schools in Houston, San Antonio and Corpus Christi competed for honors. Both the

Stage Band and the individual student received trophies.

Stage Band members are (saxophone section) Alves, Danny Steinman, Sharon Teal, Joe Martinez, and Danny Munke; (trombone section) Paul Weiland, Richard Olmo, Frank Espinoza, Abel Moreno, and Kirk Crabtree; (trumpet section) Marco Martinez, Kim Duncker, Mike Futschik, and Miguel Garza; and (rhythm section) Albert Canchola, Jerry Cardenas, Arnaldo Moreno, Gilbert Garcia and Michael Thompson.

Coping With Arthritis Told

The Arthritis Foundation has published a book called "Understanding Arthritis: What It Is, How It's Treated, How To Cope With It." Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, Inc., the book provides a comprehensive guide to many of the more than 100 forms of arthritis and their various treatments.

It includes information on medication, exercise, joint protection, rest, surgery and methods of pain control, plus a guide

to finding community services, disability benefits, and state and federal aid.

"Understanding Arthritis" was written by medical staff and health professional volunteers of the Arthritis Foundation. The editor, Dr. Irving Kushner, is professor of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, and director of the Division of Rheumatology at Cleveland Metropolitan General/Highland View Hospital.

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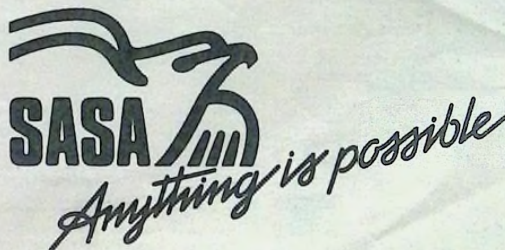
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Loan Officer Promoted By Kelly Bank

Donna Lafferty has been promoted to assistant vice president in the installment loan department of Kelly Field National Bank. The announcement was made by Greg Oveland, president and chief executive officer.

The Houston native will be responsible for loan approvals and credit line administration. Ms. Lafferty was previously a loan officer at Kelly Bank, and prior to that served as personnel director.

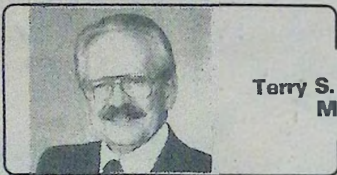
A 1970 magna cum laude

graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a BA degree in English, Ms. Lafferty has also attended numerous professional seminars on finance-related topics.

Kelly Field National Bank recently surpassed \$97 million in total assets. The bank is located at 6100 Bandera in the 151,000-square-foot Kelly Bank Tower and offers full banking services to residents of Leon Valley and San Antonio, and to military customers around the world.



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INFANT DIARRHEA POTENTIALLY SERIOUS

By Terry Vincent, M.D.

Helotes Family Practice Clinic

"Doctor," the anxious new mother said, "my baby has had three loose BMs today. He's fussy and seems to want the bottle all the time. Shall I bring him into the office?" I said it was a bit early and gave her some instructions, meanwhile telling my secretary to contact the mother first thing in the morning. I knew there could be trouble brewing, big trouble that would need more than home care.

My standard advice for the management of diarrhea in a child under two years of age is, in the early phases, simply that of keeping up the fluid balance. These little tykes don't have much reserve and can become dehydrated overnight. Most diarrhea is self-limiting — it will stop on its own without special treatment — so we emphasize fluid intake.

Clear fluids *only* for the first eight hours. This means water, diluted apple juice, soda pop (shake and let stand to go 'flat' first), and diluted Gatorade. Small quantities at a time but offered frequently. If the frequency and amount of diarrhea is decreasing and the infant seems otherwise well, you're probably out of the woods and ready for the second eight hours of controlled intake.

If the infant is on formula, dilute it to half-strength with water and give it at your regular feeding times. Or resume breast feeding, following nursing with dilute Gatorade. Offer additional fluids in between. If the child does well during this period, you're ready for full-strength formula and some solid foods. At first try rice, applesauce, bananas, and toast. Then cautiously get back to a normal diet over the next two days. Cow's milk and other fruits are the last items to resume.

This simple regimen overcomes most cases of infant diarrhea, but what to do if it doesn't work? Keep in mind that the infant has precious little reserve of fluids and chemicals because of the tiny body size, so don't gamble. Consult your physician if:

- Vomiting is a part of the picture. There's no way you can keep up with fluid loss if Junior gives the Gatorade right back to you.
- Bloody mucous appears in the stool.
- Diarrhea persists more than one day in a baby less than four months old.
- Diarrhea persists two days or more in any child.
- The infant doesn't urinate in any 12-hour period.
- Dry skin, dry mouth, lack of tears, and excessive thirst might mean dehydration. So can persistent fever of more than two degrees.

"But," the anxious mother says, "Grandma always used paregoric (or any of a host of antidiarrheal compounds sold over the counter). Shouldn't I start Junior on something? The answer is a good solid no! For two reasons. First, these gained a reputation for efficacy because the diarrhea stopped shortly after it was given — and we've learned that almost all diarrhea will soon stop whether anything is given or not. And studies have shown these preparations hardly even slow it down. Save your money.

Second and more important is to recognize that diarrhea is the body's way to rid the body of the offending bacteria or virus rapidly. If the action of the intestinal tract is slowed, these bugs stay in the body longer to grow and multiply and be absorbed into the system. So, in this sense, a few loose stools are good for the individual.

Provided the individual isn't tiny and in danger of dehydration and chemical imbalance! Don't gamble, Mom. If you've done the usual and the child fits the special problems set forth above...call your doctor!

Water Seminar To Study Region's Needs

Water and development experts from around the state will gather at St. Philip's College March 8 and 9 to address interested community persons at "Upstream, Downstream: A Bioregional Water Seminar."

The two-day seminar will include a field trip to the Texas Nature Conservancy's Honey Creek Preserve, which features representative native grass savannahs over the Edward's Aquifer recharge zone. The preserve adjoins Guadalupe State Park north of San Antonio.

Lectures by experts and round table discussions also will be featured, including discussion of vital water use projects and current research.



Echo Farms Dairy Co. of New York introduced the milk bottle in 1879.

Blood Bank Honors Helotes



Helotes was honored recently by the South Texas Regional Blood Bank as one of South Texas' outstanding blood donor communities. Betty Emerick of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church receives a plaque from the president of the board of trustees of the Blood Bank, Dr. Stephen C. Cohen, at an appreciation luncheon at the St. Anthony Hotel. Helotes was awarded the Blood Bank's Five Percent Community Donor Award.

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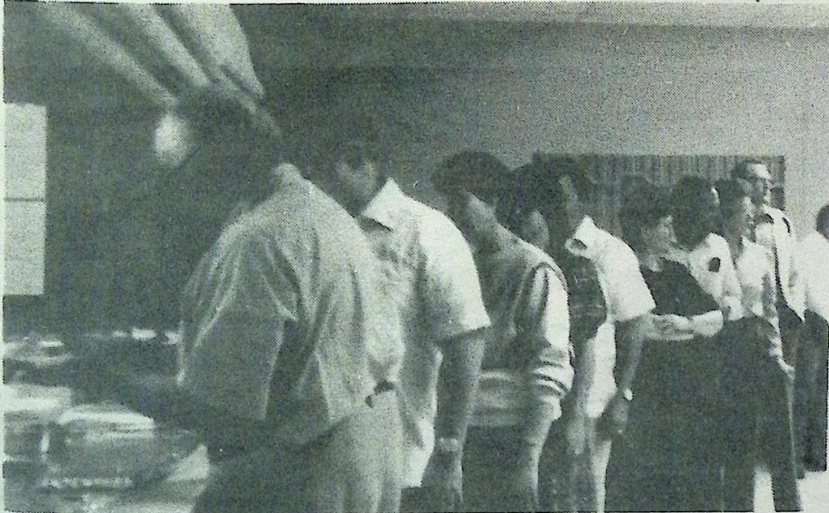
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Lioness Club Celebrates Chinese New Year



Lined up to receive their Chinese dinners are some of the guests at the Helotes Lioness Club's Feb. 23 observation of the opening of China's Year of the Ox.



Eleanor and Sherwood Nelson, charter members of the Helotes Lioness and Lions Clubs, show one of the prizes offered in the games party following the dinner.



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Mary Louise Cantu and her daughter, Marguerite, attended the dinner, held in the Fellowship Hall of Zion Lutheran Church.



The meal of lemon chicken, Chinese fried rice and other dishes was prepared by members of the Lioness Club themselves.



The dinner drew guests from other Lions and Lioness Clubs in Leon Valley and San Antonio.

Galileo did not invent the telescope—it was 'invented' in 1608 in Holland. He did, however, make his own telescope soon after and pioneered its use.

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Lioness Connie Braun received a bouquet for the 34th wedding anniversary of her and her husband, Lion Arthur Braun, which also fell on Feb. 23.

SIGN FOR SOCCER

The Northwest YMCA is currently accepting registration for Spring T-Ball and Soccer, open to ages 4-11. Call 681-9770 or come by the N.W. Y at 6530 Wurzbach for more information.

Lake Players To Present 'Endgame'

"Endgame," Samuel Beckett's absurdist comedy-drama, will be produced in March by the 24th Street Experiment, professional theater company in residence at Our Lady of the Lady University.

Performances are scheduled for March 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, and 29-30 at 8 p.m. in OLLU's Theatre West. Tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

St. Mary's To Present Pianist

St. Mary's University's Music Department will present pianist Joseph Ries from Millikin University in a free recital 3 p.m., Sunday, March 24, at the school's Treadaway Auditorium.

He will perform Sonata in A Minor by Mozart, Nocturne in B Major and Polonaise-Fantasia by Chopin, "Iberia" Book I by Albeniz and Sonata by Barber.

Institute Picks New Coordinator

Tony Overman, Universal City, has been appointed National Distribution Coordinator for the American Institute for Character Education, it was announced by Ray S. Erlandson, Sr., chairman of the Board of Governors.

The American Institute for Character Education is a San

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UTSA Gets E. J. Burke Endowed Chair

Gifts and pledges amounting to \$500,000 were accepted Thursday, Feb. 14, by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System to establish the Elmo James Burke, Jr., Chair in Management of Building/Development in the College of Business at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

The major contribution to the endowment is being made by Mrs. Elmo James Burke, Jr. in memory of her husband who was an attorney and prominent home builder in San Antonio until his death May 1, 1983.

Other gifts and pledges to the fund include \$108,550 from Mr. Burke's friends and colleagues in the Greater San Antonio Builders

Association and the National Association of Home Builders.

"The establishment of UTSA's first endowed chair is an important and historic event for this university," said Dr. James W. Wagener, president of UT San Antonio. "We are honored to be the beneficiary of this tribute to Mr. Burke. This chair will ensure that Mr. Burke's commitment to excellence in the business of building and in higher education will be well represented by UTSA students."

The chair will provide strong leadership for students pursuing the bachelor of business administration degree in management with a

concentration in building/development.

Burke, for whom the chair was named, received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Houston and his bachelor of laws degree at The University of Texas Law School. The former major in the U.S. Marine Reserves practiced law in San Antonio in the late 1940's. By 1951, after joining his father's building business, he was elected president of the Greater San Antonio Builders Association. He also had served as president of the National Association of Home Builders (1961) and was inducted into the Housing Hall of Fame in May, 1979. Burke's professional philosophy was dedicated to building quality homes at a reasonable price.

Trinity Schedules Glasser Workshop

Dr. William Glasser, renowned for his development of reality therapy in psychology, will present a workshop at Trinity University Tuesday, March 5, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Ruth Taylor Concert Hall. His topic will be "Recent Advances in Reality Therapy." The workshop is \$30.

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Hello:

How are you all? I love it over here. I've already gotten to hold a koala bear and pet a kangaroo. The koalas are funny. They are naturally drunk from their diet. They just sleep and they don't mind if you pick them up. They're really cute. The family that I'm staying with (as an exchange student) is great, and I really like the area where I live. Stirling is a town near the summit of Mount Lofty. It overlooks the city of Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, and the sea. At night it is just beautiful. Adelaide is a city about the same size as San Antonio. It is very different though. It is a planned city with all the streets running east-west or north-south. The downtown area is surrounded by a belt of parks about two to three kilometers wide. The downtown has no industry, nor does the surrounding area. All the industry is located north of the city. This makes it very clean and nice.

All the people are very understanding. They have to be; I don't understand what they say and they don't understand what I say. It makes things real difficult sometimes. Words we normally use have bad meanings and everything has a different name. But I'm working it out. I don't hear anything about the States over here. It's like Australia is isolated from the world. I'm trying to get something on short wave but I haven't been lucky yet.

Talk to ya later.

Steve C. Johnson

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Dear Neighbors:

As a new year begins, it is time for us all to consider our priorities. High on the list of things one values are likely to be home and property. The Grey Forest Area Volunteer Fire Department (GFAVFD) understands these cherished concerns. Your fire department is only as available, efficient and equipped as you are willing to help it be. Your fire department is, most importantly, "volunteer". Volunteerism is one of the strengths of America and, historically, this system of fire prevention has been developed to deserve our praises.

The GFAVFD needs your ongoing support, both physically and financially. Training meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., at the fire station on Scenic Loop Road. Also, there has been an interest expressed in forming an Auxiliary Unit. Please call 695-3347 for further information. You are welcome to attend the meetings of your Fire Board on the first Monday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., at the fire station. To protect our large fire area, more volunteers are needed.

Remember, the GFAVFD receives no funding from the City of Grey Forest budget. Your contributions are essential to keep the trucks in operation, purchase necessary insurance and provide other needed supplies and equipment.

Please give generously and as appropriate to the value of your property. In August of 1984, the large brush fire in our area made all our hearts beat faster than we liked. Our sincere gratitude to all of you that helped in any way to meet the needs of that lengthy and difficult battle. "Volunteerism" is beautiful to see in action. Be part of the GFAVFD "action" with your donation of money or services...or both.

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Helotes Area Department Invites Junior Firefighters

The Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department has established a Junior Firefighter program for persons living within the area covered by the department who are under 18 years of age and at least a freshman in high school. The current five members include: Freshman Kathy Armstrong, Sophomores Brett Reichardt, Rick DeHart and Dee Dee George, and Junior Jamie Rebrech.

The Junior Firefighters answer emergency calls and participate in training exercises, though they are restricted from driving vehicles and entering burning structures or high risk situations. In training, they learn the proper use and operation of all firefighting, rescue and safety equipment, in addition to learning good fire prevention and safety habits.

The program is especially suited for those interested in firefighting careers or community service. Certain firefighters have been able

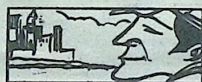
to participate in the Texas A&M Firefighting School during the summer, thanks to donations from local businesses. Also, the training received at the Helotes department can lead to Volunteer Firefighter Certification.

Interested persons are welcome to attend any regular Fire Department meeting, which begin at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Fire Station.

The recent addition of a new quick-response vehicle to the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department will improve response time and capabilities.

The new four-wheel drive vehicle, purchased in cooperation with the Texas Forest Service, will be used for EMS assists, vehicle accidents and fires, and also grass and trash fires.

This new addition increases the fleet of Helotes fire apparatus to five, which includes two pumpers for structure fires, a tanker for transporting water to non-hydranted areas, and an additional four-wheel drive brush truck for fires in heavy brush and rough terrain.



The first British monarch to visit the United States was George VI in 1939.

FREE CONCERT

Works by Thomas Tallis, Heinrich Schütz, J.S. Bach, Domenico Scarlatti and G.F. Handel will highlight a concert commemorating these composers on Sunday, March 10, at The University of Texas at San Antonio. The combined talents of the UTSA Orchestra and the UTSA Chamber Choral will be featured in the free public performance that will begin at 3 p.m. in the UTSA Recital Hall.



Chief Engineer Capt. Pat Armstrong, left, of the Helotes Volunteer Fire Department, discusses operation of the fire truck pump with Junior Firefighters Rick DeHart, Jamie Rebrech and DeeDee George. (Photos by Greg Kopacka, HAVFD)

Journalism Workshop

To Be Held

Fifteen to 20 students from Bexar County high schools will study journalism July 7-19 at San Antonio College.

Sponsoring the urban journalism workshop for outstanding high school minority students are the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Inc. of Princeton, N.J., the San Antonio Express-News, San Antonio Light, San Antonio Press and the Department of Journalism at San Antonio College.

The Newspaper Fund will provide \$3,000 while the Light and the Express-News each will contribute \$2,000. San Antonio Press will print a 12-page tabloid newspaper which workshop participants will write and edit.

The workshop is one of 27 which Dow Jones will help finance in 1985 for about 400 minority high school students. Two others are in Texas, one at the University of Texas at Austin and the other at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Deadline for applications will be April 1. The college will announce selections May 1. The 15-20 students will be chosen by a selection committee of editors, reporters and professors.

"In the morning of life,
work; in the midday, give
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UTSA Organist To Give Recital

Organist Dr. Bess Hieronymus of Texas a San Antonio professor of music will begin her free public and classical solo organ works on Sunday, March 3. The University of

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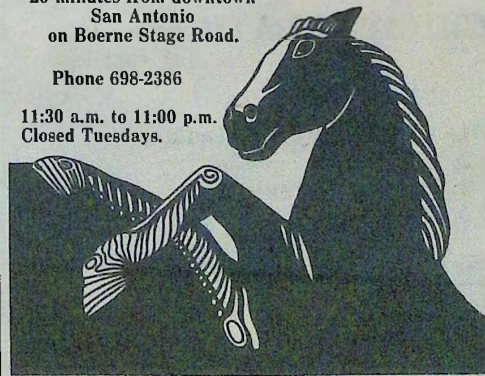
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This is the new quick-response vehicle for the Helotes Volunteer Fire Department. Left to right are Chief Tom Schoolcraft, Assistant Chief John Blalock, and Captains Ron Binks, Richard DeHart and Judy Reichardt.

UTSA Engineer To Discuss Soil Problems

Cracks in the foundation, a common problem for San Antonio homeowners, are caused by the swelling and shrinking of certain types of clay soil. Dr. Gilbert Aguirre-Ramirez, assistant professor of civil engineering, will discuss the causes of this problem as

well as preventative measures in a March 8 lecture at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

His presentation "Residential Foundations on Expansive Soils: Behavior and Maintenance" is part of a series designed to promote the

intellectual development of engineering students through seminars on the practical aspects of engineering. The lecture will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Room 2.02.06 of the Science Building on campus, and is open to the public.

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Texas will be 149 years old Saturday, March 2, anniversary of the signing of its Declaration of Independence from Mexico rule at Washington-on-the-Brazos, near Houston. The Republic of Texas was formed which lasted from 1836 to 1845, when Texas joined the United States.

Four days after the Declaration of Independence was signed, the

Alamo fell, On March 6, 1838. Then six weeks later, on April 21, 1836, the revolutionary war was successfully ended when the Texas army under Gen. Sam Houston defeated the Mexican army at San Jacinto.

No local celebration of Independence Day is planned, but next year when the state reaches its sesquicentennial birthday, there will be year-around observances.

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A Story That Became A Legend

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*In memory of Lawrence
my brother who lives eternally
in Helotes, Texas*

Herbie Moeller, these days, always and forever, will look toward the northwest hills which rise in Helotes and always see the spirit of Lawrence Mena Morales, accompanied by his dog Lass.

He will see him tall as a palm, as a statue of liberty, always deep in thought, musing and sweetly mysterious.

In sleep, in his dreams and in reality, he will watch him running as a deer, followed by Lass as by his shadow.

Land of Texas, land of Helotes, for in each and every one of you, on every stone in those hills, at the foot of every tree, the ashes of Lawrence shall forever make greener each field, hill and mountain.

Thus Herbie in his dreams, in his calm sleep, will imagine Lawrence's sister building a sculpture on a hill which will immortalize this strong Indian, this noble rebel, who was Lawrence. He will imagine her building it stone by stone, but perhaps he thinks the sculpting is not necessary, because in that part of Texas, in those hills of Helotes, the soul of Lawrence will forever be present...In spite of the ashes, the memories and the tears.

Lawrence was the fifth in a family of eight children. He got his name from his ancestors, and the rebelliousness he had in his blood was his Indian heritage.

He was born in the dark world and has gone away to the invisible side of the moon where we all will meet. He has gone away, perhaps, because the Lord so wished...Because the Lord wanted him to abandon the suffering of eternal incomprehension that always surrounded him.

As soon as he got acquainted with the world, he immediately became attracted to the dogs, birds, horses, flowers and trees...The curl language of people seemed to him to be deprived of love, but the florid dialect of the beings of the green nature — the hills, lakes and openness of Helotes. He had it all. Therefore, when doubts fell upon him, that same nature with its buzzing and rustling that very special part of Texas, those hills of Helotes provided oxygen for his lungs.

Lawrence made the branches of the trees his favorite hideaway. And for some reason collected many keys of various sizes, because perhaps, he was looking for one that would open the door to paradise.

My dearest brother, always restless, always moving, always searching. But he knew God was his friend, and he always used to say, "God had a place reserved for him". Therefore, when someone told some deer hunters to aim at his Indian figure, he just smiled because he knew that his rebel spirit would always be there, in land where he felt close to God. For that reason, after he left this world, other hunters that knew him would no longer go into those hills of Helotes...Because they thought they saw him on the top of every hill.

One day he was seen crying. His dog Lass had died...And he went to the hills with his Lass in his arms...And he made a tomb...

Not long after came the Apocalypse of Lawrence...But he accepted this destiny calmly as he already heard the voice of the Lord: "Enough. No more troubles for you. Come with me and I will heal your wounds."

Days had gone by and the good rebel had not been seen in Helotes...A body had been found one hot August day in San Antonio...In a leather belt was his name: Lawrence.

Now, three years after his remains turned into ashes, there is a legend that says that when one goes from Los Helotes to San Geronimo, one can hear Lawrence singing and Lass barking...And that up in the highest hill someone has built the cabin that Lawrence always longed for.

He has gone away...But his is still there. He has gone away, but this spirit, free and rebellious, master of this land of Helotes, of this tiny part of Texas, is there...And those who stopped his heart from beating will never be able to enter the paradise which Lawrence earned...Not only because of their sin but because they did not take care to amass during their life, one thousand and one keys.

And on the twenty-fourth anniversary of the birthday of Lawrence, someone is searching in the hills of Helotes, under every stone, under every leaf, for the key that opened the door to paradise to this Indian that was born to be free...

FFA To Sponsor Television Show

A nationally-syndicated half-hour television program entitled "Agriculture's Next Generation: A Conflict of Interest" is set to be broadcast Sunday, March 3, at 12:30 p.m. on television station KMOL-4. The national FFA organization has commissioned this program, which will be narrated by Eddie Albert and aired on more than 120 television stations nationwide.

Mike Sebesta, Holmes High School FFA chapter president, said of the special program, "It will focus on the need for more young people to enter agriculture—to assure the industry of maintaining its global 'number one' status."

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Arts Series Coming To Carver

The Carver Community Cultural Center will present a series of special events during March. Admission to all is free.

A month-long exhibition of paintings by Candido A. Veras will begin Friday, March 8, with an opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Veras is a native of the Dominican Republic.

On Thursday, March 13, the California-based R'Wanda Lewis Dance Company will make its San Antonio debut at 8 p.m. The company performs traditional

African, Caribbean, East Indian, modern and jazz dances.

On Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16, the Center will bring back the group known as Urban-15 for two performances at Beethoven Hall. Both will begin at 8 p.m.

A one-woman show, "Love to All, Lorraine," postponed because of the snow storms last month, has been rescheduled for March 22 and 23 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 25, at 3 p.m. The drama is based on the life

of the playwright, Lorraine Hansberry.

Finally, Cirkus Bezerkus, a two-act circus parody, will be presented on Thursday, March 28, at 11 a.m. and 2 and 8 p.m.

The Carver Community Cultural Center is located at 226 N. Hackberry.

New Braunfels

Sets Major

Antique Show

New Braunfels' 23rd semi-annual Antique Show and Sale will be held at the Civic Center in New Braunfels on March 16-17. It will open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

On the same weekend the 11th annual Antique Collectors Car Auction will be held at the Wursthalle in Landa Park. The auction will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 16.

Admission to the Antique Show and Sale will be \$2, good for all three days. Admission to the Car Auction will be \$3.

Classical Music

Festival Set

The Festival of Texas Composers is scheduled for March 13-15. More than 20 new compositions will be performed by faculty and student musicians.

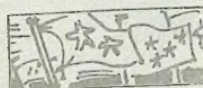
The first concert in the series will be on Wednesday beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Ruth Taylor Music Center Concert Hall at Trinity University. Thursday and Friday's concerts also begin at 7:30 p.m. in The University of Texas at San Antonio Recital Hall. Admission will be free.

Westfall To Show

Water Color Art

Westfall Branch Library's March artist of the month is Virgil Currin, former superintendent of Alamo Heights schools. Currin has studied water colors with Warren Hunter. His work reflects primarily scenes of San Antonio, especially the King William district, and the Texas Hill Country.

Admission is free. The library, near the intersection of IH-10 and Vance-Jackson Road, is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.



The star is the most common symbol to appear on the flags of the world.

Opera Scenes To Be Sung At St. Mary's

An evening at the opera featuring scenes from popular operas will be staged by St. Mary's University's Music Department, 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 29, in The Theatre, Reinbolt Hall.

The performance is free and open to the public.

Music department chairman John Moore will be at the piano to accompany faculty member Marsha Bryant, soprano, and guest artists

Toni Anderson, soprano, and Jacob Cantu, bass.

Favorite scenes from Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel," Nicolai's "Merry Wives of Windsor," and Menotti's "Old Maid and the Thief" will be presented. Also in the program are scenes from "Elixir of Love" by Donizetti and "Porgy and Bess" by Gershwin.

For more information call the music department at 436-3421.

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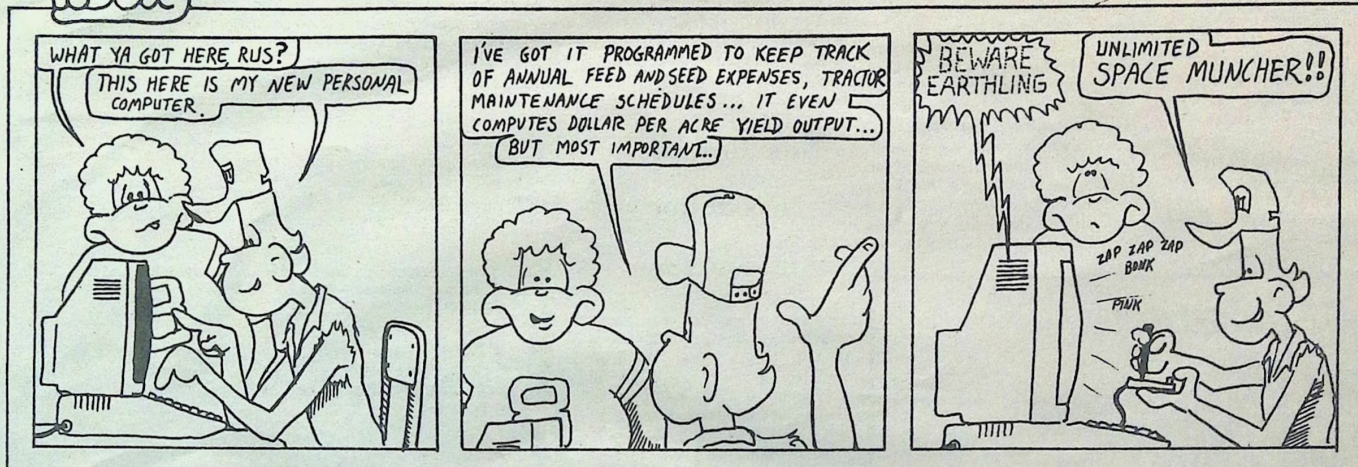
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Capt. George Harry, administrator of the self-supporting agency, said the severe weather in January had drastically curtailed the normal flow of donations on which the center depends to generate operating funds.

The Salvation Army maintains eight pickup points around the city. Locations include 1324 S. Flores St., the parking lots at Windsor Park and Ingram park Malls, the H.E.B. stores at Marbach Road, Loop 410 and West Avenue, Fair Oaks and New Braunfels, Handy Dan at 3606 S. Pleasanton Road and at the thrift shop at 2711 West Avenue.

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Edwards To Elect New Officers

Directors of the Edwards Underground Water District will receive a briefing by the All American Pipeline Company at the regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 12, at 10 a.m. in the District's conference room. Company representatives will discuss the pipeline project which proposes to run through portions of Comal County.

Newly-elected directors to the five-county Board from Bexar, Comal, Hays, Medina and Uvalde counties will be sworn in and outgoing directors will be recognized. Special recognition will be given in memory of the late Oliver O. Haas. Among the new directors will be Kenneth G. Ikels, research chemist at Brooks Air Force Base and Comal County resident, who has been appointed to complete Mr. Haas' term.

In related action, the board of directors will elect officers to serve as chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer for a term of two years. County area directors will meet during a recess to elect county area chairmen in each county who will also constitute the Executive Committee of the Board.

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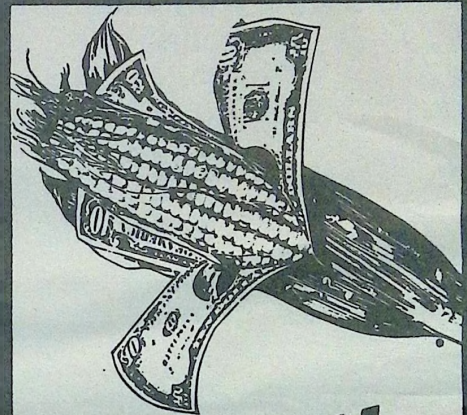
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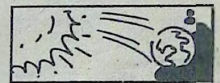
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facts.

• Act as the veteran's attorney. It cannot give legal services if the veteran runs into trouble in buying or constructing a home.

VA cannot compel a builder to remedy defects in construction or otherwise compel the builder to live up to a contract with the veteran.

All the details about the GI Home Loan program are available at VA regional offices or from any veterans service organization. Toll-free telephone service is also available to veterans nationwide.

IT'S A FACT!



Comrade, it's cold outside: the coldest permanently inhabited place is the Siberian village of Oymyakon (pop. 600) in the USSR, where the temperature reached -96°F in 1964—a genuine "Big Chill".

INTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

VA Home Loan Program Still Serving Millions

There could be some surprisingly good news for many people who are trying to buy or sell a home. Many veterans who thought they were no longer eligible might qualify for a Veterans Administration-guaranteed home loan.

Many older veterans who once used their home loan eligibility and think they have no benefits left could have additional eligibility due to later increases in the maximum guaranty which currently stands at \$27,500. The benefit is also, in effect, renewable if the veteran pays off the original GI home loan and disposes of the property.

The GI home loan program was established in 1944 to help returning World War II veterans purchase homes and property to build a home. Since then, eligibility has been extended to members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Eligibility requirements for veterans and service members is based on certain minimum period of active duty service. Also eligible are spouses of service personnel who have been missing in action or listed as a prisoner of war for more than 90 days and unmarried surviving spouses of veterans who died on active duty or as a result of service-connected injuries.



Some people are eligible for a government guaranteed VA home loan without realizing it.

The main purpose of the GI home loan program is to help veterans finance the purchase of homes at a favorable rate of interest and with little or no money down. The guarantee, in effect, takes the place of the down payment and encourages private lending institutions to make loans that they otherwise may not be willing to make.

Veterans can use the loan to purchase, construct, alter, improve, repair or finance a home. This includes the purchase of condominiums and manufactured homes, with or without a lot.

The loan applicant is required to make his or her own arrangements through the usual financing channels, then the VA guarantees up to 60 percent of the loan to a maximum of \$27,500 for home loans, and 50 percent

up to \$20,000 for manufactured homes. As of Nov. 21, 1984, the interest rate was 12.5% for home loans, 14% for improvement loans, 15% for manufactured home loans and 14.5% for a manufactured home with lot. Lenders and brokers have current rates.

While veterans using the program have been directly favored by the more liberal terms on their loans, this has also induced a competitive liberalization of the terms of conventional mortgages, therefore benefitting other recipients as well. As a result, the impact of such home loans on the economy and on the mortgage market vastly exceeds the actual volume of the loans themselves.

Numerous non-veterans have benefitted from the program in another way. A

non-veteran may be eligible to assume a veteran's mortgage and benefit from a typically lower interest rate.

VA guarantees part of a veteran's loan that helps get a "GI loan" featuring:

• A more moderate interest rate.

• No downpayment (unless required by the lender or the price exceeds the reasonable value as determined by VA).

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• Assurance that the veteran can pay off all or part of the loan in advance without penalty.

What the VA Does for the Home-Buying Veteran
VA appraises the home to determine its reasonable value in the prevailing housing market.

In most cases, VA makes available an inspection service for proposed new houses to see that the house meets accepted standards of construction and conforms to the plans and specifications upon which VA's appraisal is based.

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Are your papers safe? You may already keep some in a safe deposit box, but it is sometimes hard to get them when you need them. For this reason, many documents, such as your auto and life insurance policies, and your will should be kept readily available at home.

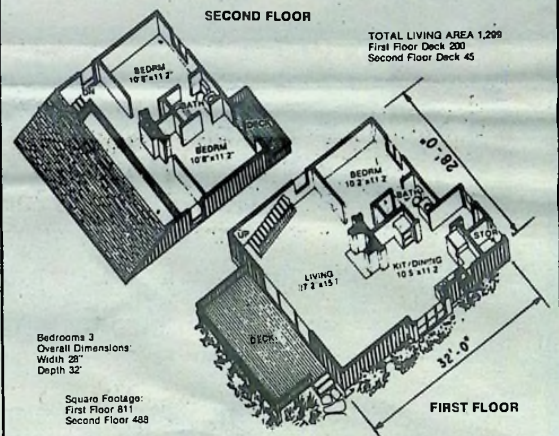
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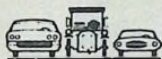
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The program is designed to train individuals, with previous medical training or experience with blood

pressure measurement to train individuals with or without previous medical training to become proficient in the screening of blood pressure and awareness of hypertension education in general.

The goal of the task force is to assist with the establishment of ongoing blood pressure screenings throughout San Antonio. If interested in this program, call the American Heart Association program director at 694-4121.

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Roadrunners In Final Week Of 1985 Season

The UTSA Roadrunners' final week of the 1985 season is a busy one as they try to keep their post-season playoff hops alive with road games at Southwest Texas and Hartford and a final home contest against Sam Houston State. They defeated Southwest Texas State 94-77 Tuesday night.

UPCOMING FOR THE ROAD-RUNNERS: Thursday, Feb. 28—SAM HOUSTON STATE (CONVO), 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Mar. 3—at Hartford, Conn. (Hartford, CT), 7:30 p.m.

The Runners, 16-9 overall, saw their five-game winning streak come to a halt in New Orleans

Saturday, Feb. 23, as the University of New Orleans dealt them a narrow 67-65 loss on two last-second free throws. UTSA tied the game on a Robert Wallace jump shot with 13 seconds left. However, after UNO's Robert Johnson missed a shot with eight seconds left, Privateer guard Gabe Corchiani picked up the loose ball and was fouled with three seconds left. UTSA's last-second effort by Wallace fell short.

"This week will determine just how successful our season will be," Coach Don Eddy said. "If we finish with 19 wins, we can consider the season to be an outstanding one."

Eddy and the roadrunners had their hands full with Sam Houston State Thursday, Feb. 28 at the CONVO. The Bearkats are led by 6-7, 240-pound forward Bruce Allen, who averages 20 points and nine rebounds per game. "Allen is very, very tough," Eddy said. "He's a man among boys. He's big and strong and presents a problem for us to

cover inside."

Sam Houston State is 16-11 overall and 5-4 in the new Gulf Star Conference. Sam Houston is not eligible for post-season play in either Division I or II this season because of the transition from Division II into the new Division I Gulf State Conference.

Derrick Gervin, currently the nation's 10th leading scorer at 24.7 points per game, led the way against UNO with 23 points. Robert Wallace came off the bench to add 12, including two key jump shots in the last minute.

Coach Eddy called the New Orleans loss a big one for the Roadrunners. "That game hurt because it took away our chance to win 20 games for the second year," he said.

Pentathlon Set

For March 7-12

The fifth annual Modern Pentathlon International Invitational will be held at Fort Sam Houston March 7-12.

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World-ranked athletes include Janusz Peciak of Poland, '76 gold medalist and twice world champion; Laszlo Fabian of Hungary, 1983 junior world champion; '79 world championship team member; and three-time national champion Captain Mike Burley; '83 and '84 military world championship team members Specialists Four Dale Brynestad and Laszlo Beres; women's world champions Wendy Norman of Great Britain ('82); and Lynn Chornobrywry of Canada ('83); Pernille Svarre of Denmark, third place '84 women's world championships; three-time U.S. national champion Kim Dunlop.

Fabian and Svarre were last year's individual winners and will defend their championships at this year's event. All events are open free to the public. Call 221-4816 for information on times and places.

The act of snapping one's fingers has a name. It is called a *filip*.

Tennis Tourney Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the KAEPA 1985 U.S.T.A. National 35 Men's Hardcourt Championship Tournament, scheduled for March 25-31 at McFarlin Tennis Center, are now on sale. This will be the first tournament played on the center's new grandstand courts.

General admission is \$3 per day and \$12 for the week. Reserved seat tickets are available at \$5 per day or \$20 for the week. Tickets are available at McFarlin Tennis Center or call Leo Rose, 821-5959.

Top professional tennis players

from around the country will compete for the national title. Colin Dibley, top-seeded player, will defend his title. Dibley is currently ranked #1 in the U.S. Men's Division and #5 in the world in that category.

KAEPA is sponsoring the \$17,200 prize money. San Antonio Tennis Association (S.A.T.A.) and San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department are hosting the event.

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