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## Person to Person

John Tagliarino of McNeel Park an executive of Tesoro Petroleum Corporation for the past 20 years, has been promoted to the corporation's newly-created position of senior vice president for refining. John will be responsible for all of Tesoro's refining operations and refinery engineering functions.

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Jennifer Moody of John Marshall High has qualified to enter the 1983 State Historical Fair in Austin. She qualified by winning second place at the Regional History Fair last week. Freshman Krista Ackels earned honorable mention for her project.

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The May meeting of the Helotes Garden Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Betty Parr, 8114 Babe Ruth, at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 19.

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Jack Inselmann, a Holmes High graduate, has been honored as one of two top male athletes at Trinity University for 1983. Jack is a senior at Trinity. He was selected for his contributions to the Tiger basketball team.

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The parade of May festivals continues. The Festival of the Christian Home will be held at Bethany Congregational Church, 500 Pilgrim Drive, Friday, May 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Northside District's Mackey Developmental Center (the old Leon Springs Elementary) will have its PTA Carnival Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 10703 Wurzbach Road, will hold its Annual Festival and Auction on Sunday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua's Spring Festival is scheduled for the following Sunday, May 22, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. At Anthony of Padua is at 102 Lorenz (off the 7800 block of Broadway).

The Brandeis University book sale will be held in Central Park Mall from May

## Miss Helotes '83 Receives Crown



The new Miss Helotes, Wendy Williams, receives her crown from Iris Hall, Miss Helotes '82, at the Miss Helotes Pageant on April 27, which opened the 1983 Cornyval. Twelve girls entered the competition. Warm, dry weather drew record crowds to the Cornyval, the 18th sponsored by the Helotes Spring Festival Association, Inc. (Photo by Dick Miller)

## Community Clean-Up Day Proclaimed May 14

The citizens are busy making preparations for Helotes' First Annual Community Clean-Up Day and Picnic, on May 14. Mayor Frank Thompson issued an official proclamation of the day.



Sam Godfrey  
Graduation Speaker

## Northside To Graduate 2,338 May 23-27

School Board President Sam C. Godfrey will deliver the keynote address at graduation ceremonies where 2,338 Northside District seniors will receive their diplomas. Graduations are scheduled during the week of May 23 through May 27 at Paul Taylor Field House.

Holmes High's 650 seniors

The idea was 'hatched' by the Helotes Volunteer Road Gang, whose members have spent at least two Saturdays a month patching potholes, picking up litter, and generally keeping the streets of Helotes in good condition. The 'Road Gang' was formed to help the city of Helotes maintain the streets until enough taxes could be collected to contract for such work.

Citizens interested in helping with the clean-up are asked to bring plastic bags and meet at the Helotes City Hall at 7:30 a.m. the road crews will pick up litter until about 12 noon. Residents not wishing to be a part of a road crew are asked to pick up any litter along the roads around their property.

After clean-up is complete, all Helotes citizens are

invited to attend the picnic and games to be held on the property across from Floore Country Store. There will be games for adults and children, and bar-b-que'd brisket will be served at 1 p.m.

Those attending are asked to bring own silverware, plates and two covered dishes. Iced tea and coffee will be provided. A committee spokesman suggested that the citizens bring their own lawnchairs. Also, a call has been put out for additional brisket donations. To donate by May 12th, please call Judy Reichardt, 695-9259.

Helotes residents wanting to assist the clean-up crews or the picnic committees should call Verna Thompson at 695-9270 or the Helotes

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Russell L. Oertel will lead the John Marshall class of 584 seniors as valedictorian on Thursday, May 26. The salutatorian is John R. Gilstad.

Clark High's 603 seniors will receive their diplomas on Friday, May 27. Leading the senior class is Valedictorian Mitchell F. Finnie and salutatorian Mark T. Greaves.

## Council Suspends Bennie Benavides

### Public Hearing To Be Held May 19 At PARC

In an emergency item on the agenda of the Helotes City Council Thursday, following a 30-minute executive session—where no action was reportedly taken—the possible suspension of a police officer turned out to be a step in the suspension or termination of Police Chief H.A. "Bennie" Benavides, who was asked for a formal resignation by Mayor Frank Thompson in a letter dated May 4.

In a letter replying that day, Benavides asked for due process of law, all accrued leave including sick leave and overtime pay for the 30 hours worked for the City during the Spring Festival, and indicated that he would not volunteer to terminate his office, Mayor Thompson reported.

The Council then took action on a motion made by Councilman Pat Wootton to put Benavides on suspension with pay until the next regular Council meeting May 19, to allow for a public hearing and due process of law.

Councilman Verna Thompson called for a voice vote and all five members of the Council including Councilmen Leonard Hill, Guy Williams and Reudy Loeffler, Wootton and herself voted "yes" to suspend Benavides. No one was opposed, and Mayor Thompson directed that a letter be prepared giving formal notice of suspension until the Thursday, May 19, meeting, which will take place at PARC building on the grounds of the Helotes Hills United Methodist Church on Bandera Road at 7 p.m.

Mayor Thompson told Benavides that the first item on the agenda on May 19 will be the due process hearing. He informed Benavides that the suspended officer has the right to legal counsel, to defense with witnesses and to cross-exam witnesses. The City Council also has a similar right, he added, to

cross-exam the witnesses for the defense.

Benavides, who asked for permission to speak, was told that he had to do so during the citizens-to-be-heard session, which followed.

Benavides asked that a list of all the reasons for his suspension be given so that he would have time to prepare a rebuttal. Mayor Thompson replied that nothing would be reported until the meeting May 19.

In an interview with the several members of the press, including two from the San Antonio Express-News who followed Benavides as he left the meeting, the suspended police officer said that the termination process was apparently taken up at the Tuesday work session of the City Council and a meeting was called Wednesday at the City Hall, where he was asked for his voluntary resignation and he refused it. He said that the only charge levelled at him was "insubordination."

Benavides, 48, said that he was a retired police officer, formerly with the San Antonio Police Department and the Bexar County Constable's Office and had 26 years experience. He was hired at the time the City of Helotes had an elected City Marshal in February, 1982 and was the only full-time

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## 1,236 To Graduate At UTSA

The University of Texas at San Antonio's biggest graduating class so far — 1,236 students — will receive diplomas on Sunday, May 15, in a commencement program to be held on campus beginning at 3 p.m.

The commencement speaker will be Sarah Weddington, former member of the Texas legislature and former member of President Jimmy Carter's White House staff for women's affairs.

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14 through May 12.

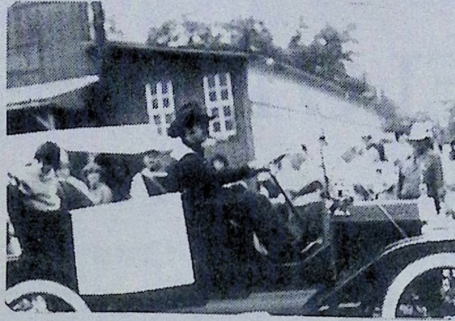
Dr. Robert Demski of Helotes Park Estates will be installed as president of the Bexar County Psychiatric Society on Friday, May 13, in the Plaza Club of the Frost Bank Tower.

The San Antonio Police Department will hold an auction of motor vehicles unclaimed by former owners, at the Police Storage Lot, 3625 Growdon Road, Wednesday, May 11, at 10

a.m.

The Northwest YMCA's co-ed physical fitness program now is conducting classes in Helotes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. The fee is \$15 per month. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30, the Y is conducting an "Easy Does It" exercise program for senior citizens and handicapped adults. The monthly fee is \$10.

# Cornyval Scenes



Henry Thomas, young San Antonio actor who had a leading role in Universal Pictures; "E.T.—The Extra Terrestrial," was Grand Marshal in the 1983 Cornyval Parade and rode in this vintage auto. The Honorary Grand Marshal was Barbara Fairchild, country and western star, who now lives in Helotes. (Staff Photo)

# Northside To Ring With Music

The public is invited to the Northside District's Middle School Stage Band Festival, to be held Tuesday, May 10 in the Holmes High auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Stage bands from Hobby, Rudder, Pease, Sul Ross, Anson Jones, Stevenson and Pat Neff Middle Schools will be playing. A guest band will be the John Jay High stage bands, selected as the best stage band at the Fiesta Battle of Flowers competition.

Admission is free.

Two nights later, on May 12, in the Paul Taylor Field House, the Northside District will present its Secondary Choral Music Festival with 1,000 voices from four high schools and eight middle schools. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

# Benavides--

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paid officer on the staff until the recent addition of a part-time law officer, Donald Falcon. Hiring Falcon was one of the last official acts of the previous administration. All Councilmen at that time served on the Council.

Benavides, who lives just outside Helotes, has four children. He said that he has tried with the Helotes Police Department to build something we could all be proud of.

Mayor Thompson, after the Council meeting, refused to answer questions regarding the allegations. He based the proposed dismissal without explanation on the fact that the Police Chief of Helotes serves "at the will and pleasure of the Council."

# Clean Up--

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City Hall, 695-8877.

Committee members include Reudy Loeffler, games; Pat Wootton, Garbage Gobbler; Judy Reichardt, food; Barbara De Martino, publicity; Richard Coakley, trucks; Helotes Park Estate Work Crews—Bob Demski, Vern Morrow, and Mary Stiles; Helotes Ranch Acres Work Crews—Peter Crow and Vi Swift; Shopping Center Work Crews—Guy Williams and Janette Fox; and Maureen Mullins, Dorothy Watts and Vi Swift, merchant contact.

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Happiness was the booth of the Altar Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Actually they had two booths, one featuring fried mushrooms and the other featuring cakes and pies.



For these two Cornyval participants, all the sights and sounds were sobering — and a straw hat was necessary for the 90 degree sunny weather.

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## April Here Driest In History

Helotes recorded no rain officially—just a trace—for April, the driest fourth month experienced here since records were kept, according to Henry Brauchle, rancher and weather observer.

This year's total for the first four months stands at 9.9 inches, making it safe that 1983 will not win the driest year award. In 1966 and 67 there were only 2 inches in the first six months. The previous April dry record was in 1892, when there was .16 of an inch recorded, with 1917 making .28 and 1925 .14 of an inch respectively.

The driest year on record here was 1917 with 10.11

inches for the 12-month period.

As the result of the driest April since 1955, water well levels in the Edwards Underground Water District were down as much as 12 feet at the end of the month compared to the end-of-March readings.

Lack of rainfall caused an increase in lawn, garden and farm irrigation, Tom Fox, EUWD general manager said.

The biggest drop in well levels was in San Antonio, where the index well declined 12.2 feet from the March reading. The well at Sabinal was down 8 feet, the well at Hondo 11.3 feet and the well at Castroville 8.9 feet.

## Bejar Opera To Present Operetta

The Bejar Opera Workshop will present "La Verbena de la Paloma" on Monday, May 9, at the San Antonio Little Theatre. Curtain time is 8:30, with a cash wine bar open at 8 p.m. General admission to the show is \$5, and a champagne reception following the performance is open to the

public for a \$5 charge.

"La Verbena de la Paloma" is a lighthearted look at life and manners set in 19th century Madrid. Its broad humor and satirical plot content, along with colorful costumes and energetic dancing have made it one of the most famous Spanish zarzuelas, or operettas.

## Let's be Thankful

### To the Good Lord

for the success of our annual Spring Festival, recognizing His Bounty in giving to His children the golden grain of corn which helped them settle a land of rugged hills and fertile valleys.

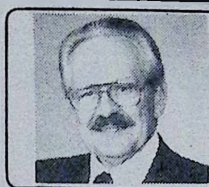
### To All Who Helped

make this year's Cornyval celebration a happy remembrance through their version of the refrain "The Hills of Helotes are Alive with Music"

### To All Who Came

to celebrate with us.

"Art alone supplies an enjoyment which requires no appreciable effort, which costs no sacrifice and which we need not repay with repentance." Schiller



Terry S. Vincent, M.D.  
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## GENITAL HERPES: THE NEW EPIDEMIC

Genital herpes, caused by a distant cousin of the chicken pox virus, is the most common cause of ulcerations about the genital organs that the venereal disease clinics see today. It is caused by the herpes simplex virus, type 2, or HSV-2, and has been around since record keeping began. So why the current epidemic? Most authorities lay the blame, basically, on the birth control pill. This form of contraception virtually did away with the prophylactic condom, an effective barrier to the spread of disease, and contributed greatly to the so-called sexual revolution of the sixties that often led to multiple sex partners. Thus greater exposure with less protection resulted in a worldwide upswing in all VD, including this one that had been waiting in the wings all along.

The HSV-2 infection is moderately contagious and is spread by sexual or other intimate contact. The first sign is itching and soreness, and a small reddened patch appears on the genital skin or mucous membranes after four to seven days. Next a small group of blisters develops. These lesions may occur almost anywhere on or in the genitalia of either sex. Homosexual males may present the lesions about the anus or in the rectum. The blisters then join and become eroded to form circular ulcers with a red margin; these become encrusted after a few days and usually heal in about ten days, leaving some scarring. The lymph nodes in the groin may become enlarged and tender. The local pain associated with the ulcers may be sufficiently severe to interfere with walking or emptying the bladder.

Most often the diagnosis is made by clinical observation, the external appearance of the lesions being so typical that most doctors are now familiar with it. Confirmation can be obtained by laboratory means.

There is no cure for genital herpes. The new Zovirax ointment will certainly reduce the discomfort and duration of the lesions, but it will not prevent recurrences. Research for better treatments and even a possible cure is centered in our own University of Texas Health Science Center under the guidance of Dr. Kendall O. Smith (who led the development of Zovirax). Dr. Smith reports the recent discovery of one drug with the curious laboratory name of Bioif-62 that is very superior to Zovirax. Two others are very promising, too. Dr. Smith is confident that one of these, or perhaps a combination, will prove to be an effective treatment and possibly even a complete cure. But Bioif-62 and the others are still several years away from general use.

Is HSV-2 forever? Well, yes and no. About seven out of ten victims will get a reprieve: the attacks will gradually become less frequent and less severe until they stop altogether within four or five years. Most of the remaining sufferers will eventually achieve relief but now and then an unlucky one will experience lifelong severe and frequent recurrences, sometimes as often as every month.

Even so, the herpes victim isn't out of danger even if there are no recurrences. HSV-2 viruses actually do remain in the body for a lifetime (and so does HSV-1!). It's a matter of resistance, of immunity, of the antibodies our bodies build up to fight infection. A sufficient level of antibodies can stop recurrences and keep the virus dormant, but as something happens to lower this level such as chemotherapy, cancer, or an overwhelming infection, the virus may awaken and swarm over the patient, sometimes with disastrous results.

HSV-2 sufferers often want counseling about their disorder. There is but a single center in this area that provides this service: The Herpes Support Group of the Counseling and Personal Development Center at the San Antonio Free Clinic, 1136 West Woodlawn Avenue. This humanitarian organization keeps abreast of the latest facts about treatment, advises the patient on interpersonal relationships, and helps them cope with their disorder and its necessary lifestyle changes. Just call (512) 733-0335 for an appointment. And the price is right... FREE!

## Kazen In Washington

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

The report of the National Commission on Excellence in Education has ignited a national debate over the quality of our system of education, but the strong negative statements in newspapers and television have overshadowed another part of the story.

Probably the most quoted sentence in the report states, "If an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose on America the mediocre educational performance that exists today, we might well have viewed it as an act of war."

Frankly, I suspect this was included for the shock value to gain support for a buildup in education. I continue to support a strong educational system because I believe that the future growth and security of our country depend upon educating our young people, and I feel deeply that they must be given the tools to compete in the modern world. It concerns me that the Soviet Union in 1982 graduated over 300,000 engineers, nearly five times our number, and it concerns me that an estimated 80 percent of Soviet advanced degrees last year were in scientific and technical fields as compared with about 40 percent of the U.S. advanced degrees.

I am also troubled by international comparisons of student achievement which show the U.S. is not among the world's leaders. Having said all this, I still insist it would be unfair if the Commission report is taken as an indictment of our educators. This is why I want to include this from a list of "tools at hand" in the same report:

—The persistent and authentic American dream that superior performance can raise one's state in life and shape one's own future.

—The dedication, against all odds, that keeps teachers serving in schools and colleges, even as the rewards diminish.

—The natural abilities of the young that cry out to be developed and the un-

diminished concern of parents for the well-being of their children.

—The ingenuity of our policymakers, scientists, State and local educators, and scholars in formulating solutions once problems are better understood.

—It seems to me that with findings such as this, perhaps we should not yet consider a surrender in this "war." I think it would be better to calm the rhetoric and thoughtfully consider the many recommendations of the Commission and the recommendations of other educators.

If our system is in trouble, as it was at the time of the Sputnik challenge, we should correct it by whatever means is necessary. Our nation's commitment to education is not new, and the "tools at hand" cited by the Commission are available. It may be that we need to be reminded — or even shocked — and for this we thank the Commission.

### PESO DEVALUATION

I am scheduled to testify this week before the House Small Business Committee, and I will urge the Committee to approve my legislation to bring a measure of relief to small businesses on the border.

As you know, the peso devaluation in Mexico has resulted in severe economic damage to the South Texas economy in general and the small businesses in particular. Although this emergency is beyond the control of those businesses, just as floods or storms, there is no longer a provision to provide low interest loans to keep the businesses going in times of economic distress created by problems in another country.

My bill, H.R. 620, would reinstate this provision and provide low interest loans to small businesses that might otherwise fail. Frankly, the Small Business Administration loans currently available come with interest rates that are simply too high for many struggling businesses.

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## New Bank Directors



Frank Corte was elected a director of the Helotes State Bank board of directors at a recent meeting. Corte is active in real estate and development, particularly in Northwest San Antonio. He is a partner in Corte-Johnson Real Estate Company and President of Quest Homes, Inc., Helotes Creek Ranch, Inc. and Pioneer Homes, Inc.

## High Tech Deadline To Be May 20

The Alamo Community College District has extended the deadline for applications for San Antonio's first high technology high school to May 20.

The school will be administered by the college district through San Antonio College. Classes will be taught noon - 4 p.m. five days per week by members of the college faculty.

Applications and complete admission information is available from students' high school counselors or by calling Ruth Murguia, interim director of the high technology high school, at 733-2526.

Although the United Nations has many offices in Switzerland, Switzerland is not a member of the United Nations.

## Pipe Creek To Have Chili Fest

The community of Pipe Creek will host its Third Annual Chili Cookoff from 10 a.m. to dark on Saturday, May 7, to raise money for the Pipe Creek Community Center Scholarship Fund.

The cookoff will take place in Pipe Creek at the intersection of Hwy. 16 and FM 1283. Food and drinks, music, games, raffles and arts and crafts booths will also be included in the activities.

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Calvin Galm was elected vice chairman of the board of directors of the Helotes State Bank. Galm is a lifetime resident of the Helotes-Northwest area and is a well-known real estate broker and appraiser with offices at 1603 Babcock. He was an organizer of the Helotes Bank and a charter member of the Board.

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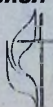
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Wendy Gylane Williams is Miss Helotes 1983. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Williams of Helotes Ranch acres and a 17-year-old junior at John Marshall, where she is a member of the Future Homemakers of America, Campus Life and the varsity tennis team. She took second place in the district tennis meet recently.



Jayne Scarborough is the 1983 Princess. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Scarborough of Verde Hills and a 16-year-old junior at John Marshall. She is interested in singing, horseback riding and photography. She is a member of the Student Council and the Future Business Leaders of America.



Loretta Mary Farrell, an 18-year-old freshman at St. Mary's University, was the third 1983 Duchess. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farrell of San Antonio Ranch. She is interested in gymnastics and music and works on the St. Mary's newspaper. She is on the Dean's List at St. Mary's.

**Salvation Army Open House Set Quilting Guild To Show Skill**

The Salvation Army in San Antonio will observe National Salvation Army Week May 9-15 with "open house" at local Salvation Army installations, Major

Robert Swyers, city coordinator, has announced. Nationally, the Salvation Army is celebrating 103 years in America. The worldwide organization has been in San Antonio 94 years.

Westfall Branch Library will host a quilting demonstration by members of the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc., at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18. Guild

president Ethel Y. Howey will demonstrate quick piecing for quiltmaking and clothing, and Jane Rising, dress pattern drafting instructor, will present Seminole piecing.

A display of dyed samples and materials used in natural dyeing, developed by local craftswoman Beverly Platz, will be on display at Westfall throughout May, 1983.

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**SAC Sets Graduation**

The Alamo Community College District will hold spring commencement ceremonies for 866 candidates for graduation from San Antonio College and St. Philip's College, on Sunday, May 15, at Trinity University's Laurie Auditorium.

Commencement ceremonies for St. Philip's graduates will be held at 9 a.m., while SAC commencement ceremonies will be conducted at 2:30 p.m.

At St. Philip's, 290 students are candidates for graduation while SAC has 576 graduation candidates.

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Leslie Lee Lasher, 16-year-old John Marshall junior, was selected as a Duchess in the 1983 Miss Helotes contest. Leslie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lasher, 9223 Lasater. She is a member of the John Marshall pep squad and dance team and won the dance team sweepstakes. She also has won prizes for horseback riding.



Jennifer Elizabeth Moody, 16-year-old John Marshall junior, also was selected as a 1983 Duchess. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moody of San Antonio Ranch. She was president of her sophomore class, and is interested in drama and public speaking. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

**Parties Fete Wedding Guests**

On April 22, the eve of their son Robert's wedding, Margaret and Chip Wood hosted a barbecue dinner for aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends here for the occasion.

The menu featured ham as well as brisket. Aunt Jan

from Illinois served her famous barbecued mustard, onion and beer Bratwurst. Salads, relishes and son Joe's delicious pinto bean dish were on the menu also. Grandmother Wood from Del Rio furnished her marvelous Mississippi mud cakes.

Uncle Dick from Illinois entertained the guests with his magic show entitled "Watch me make the tequila disappear."

David Cumrine took candid pictures of the evening events.

Grandmother Savage from McAllen made sure everyone ate enough, and led the conversation.

Another party at the Wood home followed the wedding reception Saturday. Home-made tamales and champagne were served.

Wedding guests included relatives and friends from Alamo, Abilene, Corpus Christi, Mcallen, Del Rio, Portland, College Station, Lytle and Helotes, Texas. Out-of-State guests came from Chicago and Cherry Valley, Illinois and from Louisiana.

**Congenial**



Kathryn Ann Ibarra, a Miss Helotes 1983 candidate, was voted Miss Congeniality by the eleven other girls in the competition. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ibarra, Bandera Road, and a 17-year-old senior at John Marshall.

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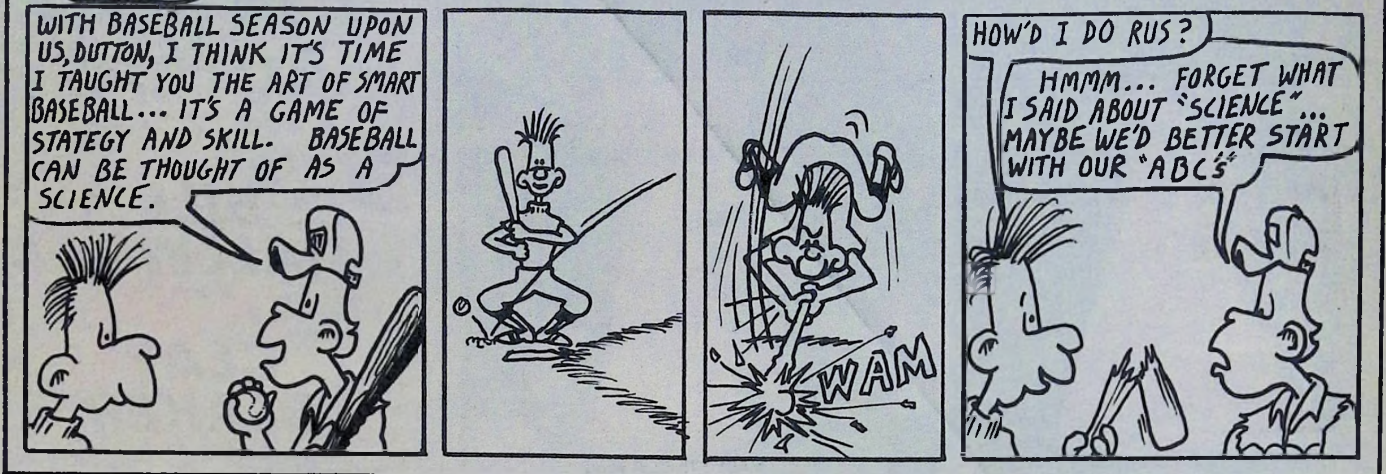
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The workshop will cover the geology and hydrology of the Edwards Aquifer, well logging, log plotting, new licensing regulations, reporting requirements and microcomputers.

Interested persons should contact Bill Hinkson, assistant director, Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, (512) 245-2329.

**La Belle Dame**



"The Peacock Skirt" is a drawing by Aubrey Beardsley for a published edition of Oscar Wilde's play, "Salome." It is one of the items in a current exhibit, "Salome: La Belle Dame Sans Merci," at the San Antonio Museum of Art. Salome was the Eastern princess who demanded the head of John the Baptist as her reward for dancing. The exhibit will continue through June 23.

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## New Designs, Technology Mean Affordable Homes

By Ronald C. Jaroszewski, President,  
Greater San Antonio Builders Association

Mixing traditional home styles with new designs and technologies, the residential market of the 1980's and 1990's may be one of the most exciting periods for housing in decades, according to developers nationwide.

Although inflation has shown dramatic improvement recently, builders say that following the huge price hikes of the 1970's, they are still left with relatively high construction material and labor costs, less available and more expensive land, and declining government support for the infrastructure of utilities and services needed in any new development.

What this means for home builders is that many standard building practices have become prohibitively expensive at a time when value is often the overriding concern of prospective home buyers. For consumers, the significance is that in the years ahead they can expect to be moving into more efficient homes that are somewhat different from the homes in which they grew up.

"We are not, obviously, going to reinvent the wheel," said Harry Pryde, president of the National Association of Home Builders. "But based on the popular home models that have dominated the

market for the past few decades, we have been able to strike out in many new directions that will make homes less costly to build, easier to run, more comfortable to live in and more in tune with today's lifestyles."

Based on experience in the past few years selling homes in planned use and other innovative developments, builders anticipate an enthusiastic response from home buyers to affordable housing projects that use modern design and sound architectural principles to make the most of less land and smaller living areas.

The housing recession, the worst since 1946, has forced builders to stay close to their markets and to trim costs. Although consumers continue to express a preference for the single-family, detached home, the drift toward higher density, townhouse and multifamily housing is a direct response to a growing demand for more affordable homes.

Nevertheless, builders have encountered local opposition to developments that challenge the old way of doing things. Over the years municipalities have grown accustomed to setting building standards that are

no longer responsive to the needs of the market, builders say. In the future, builders expect a growing variety of homes and standards that are adaptable to the needs of various communities.

High density development has in many cases been opposed by residents of existing neighborhoods, who fear that such projects will jeopardize the value of their homes. Architects and engineers are quick to point out that such fears are unwarranted when professional design criteria are applied.

In fact, the experts say that well-conceived higher density developments can actually enhance the value of homes in existing neighborhoods. They say that given the same amenities and landscape budget per unit, a two-story development with 24 units per acre can be designed better and look better than a similar development with a density of only 12 units per acre.

Studies by government agencies and universities have concluded that needlessly stringent and cumbersome regulation of home construction can raise home prices by as much as 20 percent. In most circumstances, however, chances are that regulatory reform will yield smaller savings, which are still significant, especially when

the interest factor on a mortgage loan is taken into account.

Builders are finding, for example, that by revamping street designs they are able to achieve significant savings for home buyers and, since most streets are maintained by the local government, for taxpayers as well. Currently, cities require widths for streets, parking lanes and sidewalks ranging from as much as 40 to 60 feet. The necessity for local street widths above 26 percent is highly questionable, engineers say.

The cost of a 40-foot-wide local street, including paving, subgrade curbs and sidewalk can range from \$70 to \$100 per linear foot. By comparison, an equally serviceable 20-to 26-foot wide street can cost \$30 to \$40 per linear foot without compromising the health, safety and public welfare of future residents.

One parking lane and one

moving lane are often all that is needed in a local street. Taking into account street access for fire and garbage trucks, asphalt widths of 12 and 14 feet can be more than adequate for one-way local traffic. Engineers point out that there are workable streets in older sections of cities such as Philadelphia that are only seven to eight feet wide.

Most communities require 1-1/2 to 2 parking stalls per multi-family unit. Some communities require, in effect, 8 to 10 parking stalls per single-family unit. So a community averaging 1,000 new single-family units per year will end up maintaining an additional 3,000 to 5,000 parking spaces annually, at a huge and unnecessary taxpayer expense.

Plus, architects say, excessive accommodation to automobile traffic ultimately detracts from the visual appeal of residential neighborhoods.

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Most people don't ignore loaded guns, cross a busy street without looking both ways or pour gasoline on fires.

Many people do look the other way, though, when high blood pressure erodes their health.

The Bexar County Hospital District is taking part in a national movement to alert these people to the realities of high blood pressure — it can kill, but it can also be con-

trolled. May has been designated High Blood Pressure month by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in an effort to make Americans more aware of the effects everything from excess sodium to hypertension medication can have on their blood pressure.

Dr. Kent Richards, BCHD staff cardiologist, says early detection of high blood pressure through regular and frequent blood pressure checks, proper diet, controlled exercise and weight and dedicated adherence to prescribed high blood pressure medications can mean a longer, healthier and more productive life for many people.

"High blood pressure is one of the few health problems we really can prevent," says Dr. Richards. "Through the use of drugs and diet control it is a disease which can be managed. Frequent monitoring, which leads to early detection, is a real key to preventing serious complications."

He explains the high pressure of the blood being pumped through the blood vessels can, over time, be a significant cause of a stroke, heart attack, diseases of the blood vessels of the arms and legs and kidney disease.

## New Court Rode Official Float



This was the official float of the Helotes Spring Festival Association in the 1983 Cornyval. On it were the five girls chosen in the 1983 Cornyval Pageant. They are Miss Helotes 1983, Wendy Williams; the Princess, Jayne Scarborough; and three Duchesses, Leslie Lasher, Jenifer Moody and Loretta Farrell.

## River City Run To Be May 14

River City Run '83, a 10-kilometer race to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, will be held Saturday, May 14, at Brackenridge Park. Race registration will be from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. with the race beginning promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Approximately 1,000 runners are expected to compete for awards in both individual and corporate divisions. In addition, all registered runners will receive River City Run T-shirts and will be eligible to receive door prizes donated by area businesses.

All participants are invited to collect pledges for the miles they run. The runner turning in the greatest amount of pledges will win the "Weekend on the River" bonus prize including deluxe accommodations for two at the Hyatt Regency-San Antonio and the use of a Hertz Rent-a-Car Lincoln Towncar.



The early kings of France stuck three hairs plucked from their beards in the seal of official papers to lend them greater sanction.

## Northside Bands Tops

Northside School District bands swept the Battle of Flowers Association awards by winning all three places in the high school division. First Place was awarded to Gary Rosenblatt and Ben Chasen, Clark High School band directors; Second Place went to C. D. Vanderhider and Gus Cantu, Holmes High School band directors; and Third Place was awarded to James Miculka and Rick Dillard, Marshall High School band directors. Also the Jay High School Stage Band, under the direction of Wallace Dierolf, won First Place at the Fiesta Stage Band Festival.

## Boysen To Lead Knights

Roland Boysen of Grey Forest has been elected the first Grand Knight of the new Knights of Columbus council at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. The council was chartered in April. Other officers elected were:

Gregory Trimble, Deputy Grand Knight; Robert Rios, Financial Secretary; George Cortez, Recording Secretary; Paul Thompson, Treasurer; Jesse Guerrero, Chancellor; Charles Schill, Advocate; Bert Bednarz, Warden; Albert Kossaeth and Jack Eigel, Guards; Raymond Pedrazine, Gabriel Trevino and Alvin Stehling, Trustees; and Father Ed Jach, Chaplain.

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