

HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

June 28, 2024

HDRC CASE NO: 2024-213
COMMON NAME: Douglas Way
ADDRESS: 200 Block of Douglas Way
ZONING: UZROW
CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 2
APPLICANT: City of San Antonio
OWNER: City of San Antonio
TYPE OF WORK: Memorial Way designation for Adam and Lois-Ford Montgomery
APPLICATION RECEIVED: June 3, 2024
CASE MANAGER: Charles Gentry
REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a recommendation from the HDRC to add the Montgomery Memorial Way name designation to the 200 block of Douglas Way bounded to the west by South Olive Street and South Pine Street to the east, with no change to the official street name or mailing addresses.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

Sec. 6-674. - Commencement of the process for changing the name of a street and/or adding the designation of a memorial name.

- (a) An application to change the name of a street or adding a memorial name designation shall only be filed with the development services department by:
 - (1) A member of the city council;
 - (2) The director of development services, if it is determined that the street name change is in the best interest of the health, safety, welfare, and public convenience and safety of the citizens of San Antonio;
 - (3) One of the following located on the subject street:
 - a. A group;
 - b. An agency;
 - c. A business;
 - d. An owner of property; or
 - (4) An officer or authorized representative of a governmental subdivision, agency, or department.
- (b) The official application shall be on a form prescribed by the development services department. A complete application shall consist of:
 - (1) The official application form, and
 - (2) Required fees (see section 6-677).
- (c) In addition to the official application, the following shall be submitted:
 - (1) The name and address of all owners of property affected by the name change. The applicant shall submit this information for the purposes of official notification. The development services department shall verify the list of owners of property. An incorrect notification list shall cease the case until such time that a correct list is submitted by the applicant.
 - (2) A copy of the complete application shall also be submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation so that a review as provided in subsection 6-675(c) may commence.
- (d) There shall be an application completeness review that shall take no longer than ten (10) business days.
- (e) From the date of the respective city council action, a segment of street that city council has approved for change of name or addition of memorial designation may not be altered for a period of five (5) years.

(Ord. No. 2011-03-31-0239, § 1, 3-31-11; Ord. No. 2011-12-15-1049, § 1, 12-15-11; Ord. No. 2017-05-04-0296, § 1, 5-4-17)

Sec. 6-675. – Administrative review.

- (a) The development services department shall distribute copies of the application for review and comment

to:

- (1) Every city department.
 - (2) The United States Postal Service.
 - (3) Bexar County
 - (4) Bexar Metro 9-1-1 Network
 - (5) Applicable School District(s)
 - (6) City Public Service Energy
 - (7) San Antonio Water System
 - (8) BexarMet Water System
 - (9) Texas Department of Transportation
 - (10) Any other department or entity the director may determine is appropriate
- (b) The agencies listed in subsection (a) shall have a review and comment period consisting of no more than ten (10) days. The ten-day review and comment period shall begin the next business day following the completion of the application completeness review. All agency comments shall be addressed by the applicant before placement on any commission agenda. If no comment is received by a reviewing agency by the tenth (10th) day, the application shall be presumed acceptable by that agency.
- (c) During the administrative review of the application, the office of historic preservation shall make a determination whether the current street name affected by the application meets any of the following criteria:
- (1) Names a street within a historic district, whether that be local or the National Register;
 - (2) Names a street wholly within, or a street with a portion within, the original thirty-six (36) square mile boundary of San Antonio;
 - (3) Is the name of a primary arterial as shown on the Major Thoroughfare Plan of the city. Should any of these criteria be found, consideration by the historic and design review commission shall be required before the case can be scheduled for consideration by the planning commission, and any recommendation from those considering bodies shall be forwarded to the city council for their review.
- (d) Staff shall schedule the item for consideration on the next available agenda of the planning commission or historic and design review commission, if applicable, following the completion of the administrative review period.

(Ord. No. 2011-03-31-0239, § 1, 3-31-11; Ord. No. 2011-12-15-1049, § 1, 12-15-11)

Sec. 6-676. - Public hearing process for renaming.

- (a) The renaming of streets, including the designation of a memorial name, requires a recommendation from city staff, the planning commission at a public hearing, the historic and design review commission if determined under subsection 6- 675(c), and final consideration by city council at a public hearing.
- (b) Not less than ten (10) days before the first public hearing, the development services department shall:
- (1) Mail notice of the public hearing(s) to all owners of real property along the subject street segment as listed in the Bexar County Appraisal District, and registered neighborhood associations within which the subject street segment is located. Notices of public hearing(s) for renaming streets shall contain the following:
 - a. An explanation of the request; and,
 - b. The submitted street name(s); and,
 - c. The general location of the street to be renamed; and,
 - d. The justification for the renaming submittal; and,
 - e. The date, time, and place of the public hearing(s) to consider the new street name(s); and,
 - f. A statement that the meeting(s) shall be open to the public in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and shall provide time for public comment; and,
 - g. Information directing that any written response in favor of or against a submitted name change may be sent to the development services department.
 - (2) Post notice on the development services department's internet website and leave posted throughout the entire public process.
- (c) At the public hearings, the planning commission shall consider the request and make a recommendation

on the suggested name(s).

(d) The planning commission's recommendations and rationales for the recommendations shall be forwarded to the city council for final consideration in accordance with the city council agenda item scheduling procedures.

(e) Notification of the city council public hearing shall be as prescribed in section 6-676. Should the city council approve the new name(s), the written rationale of the planning commission shall be kept by the city clerk for historical reference.

(Ord. No. 2011-03-31-0239, § 1, 3-31-11; Ord. No. 2011-12-15-1049, § 1, 12-15-11)

FINDINGS:

- a. The applicant has proposed to add the designation of a Memorial Way for Adam and Lois-Ford Montgomery to the 200 block of Douglas Way, bordered by South Olive Street to the west and South Pine Street to the east. Douglas Way is located on San Antonio's East Side in the heart of the Denver Heights neighborhood, just southwest of Pittman-Sullivan Park. The street is not a primary arterial, but is an eastward continuation of the 100 block of Douglas Way on a northward jag across South Olive Street and ending at South Pine Street. (The next block continues eastward as Sample Street on a northward jag across Pine Street and ends at Dreiss Street.) It is located in the City's original thirty-six square mile boundary, but not in a historic district.
- b. **DOUGLAS WAY HISTORY & DEVELOPMENT** – Douglas Way first appears as a street name (with no addresses) in the 1915 City Directory, and the first address for the 100 block of Douglas Way appears in the 1919 City Directory, when shotgun-style dwellings were added facing north along a path that divided the lower third of New City Block (NCB) 653 from the upper two sections. Addresses first appear on the 200 block of Douglas Way (which divided NCB 654) in 1922. The street is likely named in honor of Frederick Douglass, the famous 19th century abolitionist who escaped from slavery in Maryland, and namesake of the second school built in San Antonio exclusively for African American students in 1915. The Progressive Style school building is one of many designed by Leo Dielmann. There were four "colored schools" in San Antonio in 1915: Frederick Douglass High School (on Nebraska Street in Denver Heights); Norris Wright Cuney School (on Santa Clara Street, near the Baptist Settlement neighborhood), Grant (Chavez Street at North Leona), and Brackenridge (on North Center Street at Hackberry Street in the Dignowity Hill neighborhood). Similarly, Cuney Way is the name assigned to the street that divides NCB 661, continuing Utah Street westward from South Pine Street and ending at South Olive Street at the campus of Ferdinand Herff Elementary School. These street names signify the importance of education for the rising African American middle class of the early twentieth century in San Antonio.
- c. **STREET NAME CHANGE** – The proposed street name change is from Douglas Way to Montgomery Memorial Way. Adam O'Neal Montgomery, Jr., was born in Bonita, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, on May 2, 1932; he died on February 15, 2002. Lois Verdell Ford Montgomery was born on November 7, 1934; she died on April 29, 2013. The couple married on November 25, 1958. In 1968, Adam Montgomery worked for the City Water Board, and the couple resided at 108 Alabama Street in Denver Heights. In May 1968, they purchased the property at 208 Douglas Way from Vernon and Ola Mae Clarke, where they lived for at least two decades and were respected members of the community. They briefly operated the Montgomery Bar nearby at 918 South Pine Street (1969). The couple purchased the property at 200 Douglas Way in 1981 and Lois Montgomery also owned the property at 219 Douglas Way. Eventually, the Montgomery family owned five properties, which have since been passed down to their children and grandchildren, who currently still reside on the street. The couple's daughter, Lois Sue Perkins, currently resides at 200

Douglas Way.

Adam and Lois Ford Montgomery were known for their unwavering dedication to their family and the community. Adam, often referred to as the protector of the street, and Lois, affectionately called "Mama Lois," were pillars of support and guidance to many in the neighborhood. Lois was renowned for her nurturing spirit and her commitment to instilling strong values and faith in the youth. The Montgomerys generously shared their home and hearts, especially during the Christmas holidays. They organized events where children would sing carols on Douglas Way and Indiana Street, bringing joy and fostering a sense of community among neighbors. Lois's culinary skills were legendary, and she frequently prepared delicious meals for local sports teams, creating a warm and welcoming environment without the need for formal invitations. In March 1974, a fire damaged the home of a family at 719 South Olive Street, leaving three of five children hospitalized with serious burn injuries. While the father sat vigil at the hospital, the Montgomerys brought the two youngest siblings into their home, cared for them while their father searched for a new home, and collected donations of clothing and shoes for the children from neighbors and church members.

Adam and Lois were devoted members of the Right Missionary Baptist Church (807 Dakota Street), where Adam served as a faithful deacon and Lois as a dedicated usher. They extended their community service by visiting nursing homes, offering prayers, songs, and companionship to the residents. In 1993, Lois Montgomery was named "Grandmother of the Year" by the San Antonio Convalescent Center and Gospel Radio 1480. Their legacy of community service and charity has been carried forward by their children and grandchildren, who continue to support those in need through various acts of kindness. The Montgomery family has always emphasized the importance of humility, faith, and remembering one's roots, encapsulated in their guiding principle: "Never forget from which you came. Always be humble and keep God in your life." The couple is interred in Meadowlawn Memorial Park in San Antonio.

- d. STREET NAME CHANGE – The applicant has met street name change requirements as outlined in UDC Sections 6-674, 6-675, and 6-676.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the street name change based on findings a through d.

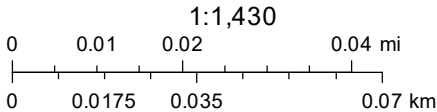
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June 24, 2024

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

REQUEST FOR A STREET NAME CHANGE OR DESIGNATION OF A MEMORIAL NAME

Case No.: _____

APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION:

Business/Company Name: _____
Point of Contact: Sue Perkins
Mailing address: 200 Douglas Way
Contact Information: Primary Phone: 210-318-7660 Secondary Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

PROPERTY/BUSINESS OWNER INFORMATION:

Business/Company Name: Sue Perkins
Point of Contact: Sue Perkins
Mailing address: 200 Douglas Way
Contact Information: Primary Phone: 210-318-7660 Secondary Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

REQUEST INFORMATION:

Type of Request: ☐ Street Name Change ☒ Designation of a Memorial Street Name
Existing Street Name: Douglas Way Street
Proposed Street Name: Montgomery Memorial Way
General location: Douglas Way between S Olive and S Pine St

Please explain in detail the reason for requesting the proposed street name change or designation of memorial street name.
Please note that Section 6-672 of the City Code of the City of San Antonio, Texas, details the criteria for naming streets.
Please attach (and number) additional pages as necessary.



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

REQUEST FOR A STREET NAME CHANGE OR DESIGNATION OF A MEMORIAL NAME

AUTHORIZATION FROM PROPERTY/BUSINESS OWNER

I, _____ the owner of the subject property/business located on the segment of the street proposed for a name change, authorize _____ to submit this application and represent me in this request before the Planning Commission and City Council.

Property/Business owner's signature

Date

The following documents are included herein and are made part of this application:

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Location Map
- ☐ USPS approval letter
- ☒ Name and mailing address of all property owners located along the segment of the street proposed for a name change or designation of a memorial street name.
- ☐ Check(s) made payable to the City of San Antonio and TXDOT (if applicable) in the amount of:

Application Fee (non-refundable):	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Notification Fee (\$4.50/property):	
No. of properties <u>17</u> x <u>\$ 4.50</u>	<u>\$ 76.50</u>
Total COSA Sign Replacement Cost:	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total TXDOT Sign Replacement Cost:	<u> </u>
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE	<u>\$ 2,076.50</u>

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that all information contained herein and the attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sue Perkins

Applicant's Name

Sue Perkins

Applicant's signature

3-22-2024

Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me by _____ on this _____ day of _____ in the year _____, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Notary Public, State of Texas



City of San Antonio Development Services Department



Street Name Change ADDR-SNC-24-12700003 Montgomery Memorial Way May 22, 2024

Parcel

3978

Address Information

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Address Type</u>	<u>Street #</u>	<u>Pre Direction</u>	<u>Street Name</u>	<u>Street Type</u>	<u>Post Direction</u>	<u>Unit/Suite</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>Plat #</u>
Y		200		DOUGLAS WAY						City of San Antonio	TX	78210	

Owner

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Address</u>
Sue	Perkins			

Licensed Professional

<u>License #</u>	<u>License Type</u>	<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Address 1, City, State, Zip Code</u>	<u>Address 2</u>	<u>Last Name, First Name</u>	<u>Mobile Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
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Contact

<u>Contact Type</u>	<u>Last Name, First Name</u>	<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Primary Phone</u>	<u>Address 1</u>	<u>Address 2</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
Applicant	Perkins, Sue			perkinss452@gmail.com	2103187660	200 Douglas Way		San Antonio	TX	78210

Project Information

<u>ASI Type</u>	<u>ASI Name</u>	<u>ASI Value</u>
APPLICANT_COPY	Property Owner	CHECKED
CONTACT INFORMATION	Contact Flag	0
STREET NAME CHANGE APPLICATION	Number of Lots for Public Notice	17
TEMP_EXPR_VALIDATOR	Is expression to be triggered?	N

Custom Tables

GIS JURISDICTIONS

0	Parcel	3978
	Type	San Antonio City Limits
	Value	City of San Antonio
1	Parcel	3978
	Type	Council District
	Value	2

GIS LAND DEVELOPMENT

0	Parcel	3978
	Type	Neighborhood Association(s)
	Value	Denver Heights - 279
1	Parcel	3978
	Type	School District
	Value	San Antonio ISD
2	Parcel	3978
	Type	USGS Grid

2	Value	29098-D4
3	Parcel	3978
	Type	Counties
	Value	Bexar
4	Parcel	3978
	Type	Workzone
	Value	3548
5	Parcel	3978
	Type	Land Sq Ft
	Value	4861.3

GIS WATER AREAS

0	Parcel	3978
	Type	Watershed
	Value	Upper SAR

GIS ZONING BASE

0	Base Zone	RM-4
	Case Number	
	Ordinance Number	
	Parcel	3978
	Special Condition	
	Special District	

GIS ZONING OVERLAY

0	Parcel	3978
	Type	Airport Hazard Overlay District (AHOD)
	Value	AHOD
1	Parcel	3978
	Type	Future Land Use
	Value	Medium Density Residential - Arena District
2	Parcel	3978
	Type	Neighborhood Community Perimeter Plan
	Value	Arena District

PARCEL SELECTED

0	City Parcel Number	3978
	County Property ID	1366796
	Initial Parcel	N
	Land Value	
	Legal Description	NCB 654 BLK 2 LOT 2
	Parcel Area	0.1116

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Documents

Category	Name	Entity Type
Original Application	Application.pdf	CAP

Notification Mailing List	dsd-icon - Copy.jpg	CAP
Location Map	dsd-icon.jpg	CAP
Proof of Ownership	dsd-icon - Copy - Copy.jpg	CAP
COSA Street Sign Manufacturing and Installation Appraisal	dsd-icon - Copy - Copy (3) - Copy.jpg	CAP
USPS Approval Letter	dsd-icon - Copy - Copy (3).jpg	CAP

Fees

<u>Fee Item</u>	<u>Fee Amount</u>	<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Assessed Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Street Name Change Processing Application Fee	1,000.00	1070980	05/22/2024	0.00
Street Name Change Notification Fee	76.50	1070980	05/22/2024	0.00
Total TCI Sign Installation (Replacement Cost)	1,000.00	1070984	05/22/2024	0.00

OATH

I swear or affirm that the statements contained in this application, including any attachments and related documents, to the best of my knowledge and belief are true, correct, and complete.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have read and understand the instructions that accompany this application and that the statements made as part of this application are true, complete, and correct and that no material information has been omitted. By checking the box below, I understand and agree that I am electronically signing and filing this application. By checking this box, I agree to the above certification and am signing this application electronically. I agree my electronic signature is the legal equivalent of my manual signature on this application.

Your application has been submitted and can be monitored/tracked via the online DSD portal - <https://aca.sanantonio.gov/CitizenAccess>

From: [Anthony Corbin](#)
To: [Clayton Wallace \(DSD\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposal for Street Name Change from Douglas Way to Montgomery Memorial Way
Date: Thursday, May 30, 2024 10:31:19 AM

Dear Members of the Board,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the family of Adam and Lois-Ford Montgomery to formally propose a street name change from Douglas Way to Montgomery Memorial Way. This change is intended to honor the lasting legacy and contributions of Adam and Lois-Ford Montgomery, who were long-time property owners and respected members of our community. The Montgomery family owned five properties, which have since been passed down to their children and grandchildren, who currently all still reside on the street.

Adam and Lois-Ford Montgomery were known for their unwavering dedication to their family and the community. Adam, often referred to as the protector of the street, and Lois, affectionately called "Mama Lois," were pillars of support and guidance to many, particularly the neighborhood children and local athletes. Lois was renowned for her nurturing spirit and her commitment to instilling strong values and faith in the youth.

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Their legacy of community service and charity has been carried forward by their children and grandchildren, who continue to support those in need through various acts of kindness. The Montgomery family has always emphasized the importance of humility, faith, and remembering one's roots, encapsulated in their guiding principle: "Never forget from which you came. Always be humble and keep God in your life."

Renaming Douglas Way to Montgomery Memorial Way would be a fitting tribute to honor the Montgomerys' profound impact on our community. It would serve as a lasting reminder of their dedication, love, and the positive influence they had on so many lives.

Thank you for considering this proposal. We believe this change will not only honor the memory of Adam and Lois-Ford Montgomery but also inspire current and future

generations to uphold the values they cherished.

Sincerely,

Lois Sue Perkins Williams
200 Douglas Way
San Antonio, TX 78210
getanthonycorbin@gmail.com
(210)318-7660

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LEO GONZALES is swallowed up in his work as he operates a jackhammer during part of the city's project to install larger drainpipes to ease West Avenue flooding.

Bexar at a Glance

A device to control the drinking driver, latest results of research in the areas of fuel economy and pollution control, and an electric-drive vehicle will be displayed for newsmen at 10 a.m. Friday at the St. Anthony Hotel. The exhibits will be presented by a team of General Motors engineers.

Ground breaking ceremonies are scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday for the new M. H. Calderon Branch of Boys' Clubs of San Antonio, which will be located on 19th Street at Apache Creek in the Model Cities area.

The 6th annual St. Patrick's Day barge parade will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday at the north end of the Downtown River Loop. Part of the activities will be coloring the river green and calling it "River Shannon." The activities are open to the public and are sponsored by Paseo del Rio Association.

Adoption of textbooks for the next school year will be one of the major items on the agenda of the San Antonio School District board of trustees scheduled to meet at 12:45 p.m. Thursday at the district office, 141 Lavaca.

The Bexar County Chapter, American Red Cross, is enrolling prospective volunteers in first aid and accident prevention courses. Additional information is available at the Red Cross office, 90 Brees.

Registration is now being accepted by the YMCA aquatics institute for certification of swimming instructors. The program will be held April 6-7 at the Central YMCA and registration deadline is March 19.

The first of two basic certification courses to be offered this year to peace officers of the Alamo Area Council of Governments will begin March 25. The course will be without charge to all full-time peace officers assigned to agencies who are members of AACOG in the 12-county region. C. E. Evans with the AACOG staff has registration information.

A public town hall meeting is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Law School lecture hall. Citizens will hear three top legal authorities discuss important changes in state laws affecting the average person's daily life. The State Bar of Texas is sponsoring the event.

The monthly meeting of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers, San Antonio Chapter, will be held March 20 at the Penthouse, Kelly Officers' Club. The Austin chapter members will be guests and the speaker will be Marvin M. Kuers, Dallas, Region IX vice president of the AIEE.

W. L. Kindie has been appointed a member of the San Antonio District Advisory Council of the Small Business Administration. It was announced by Thomas S. Kleppe, administrator of the SBA in Washington.

School Text Defended

By DORIS WRIGHT

Alamo Heights School District Trustee Ralph Ware took a verbal swing at Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy V. Thurmond for their critique of the textbook, "Perspective in United States History," accusing them of making "an organized attempt to discredit the administration of (Supt.) Allan Cannon."

Ware, whose attack came during the regular meeting of the AHSD board Monday, said, "In my opinion, Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond, in their zeal to discredit the textbook selection process at the state and local level, have completely disregarded the state proclamation — the specifications — and the premise of the book. In addition to which in almost every case they have removed the offending words or sentences from the context which gives it meaning."

He added, "I hesitate to speculate on from whom this point of view may come or to what political group or society it belongs, but it is significant to me that Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond have endorsed the efforts of the three newest members of our board. And in turn Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond have been encouraged from this rostrum by some of those members, even though this has been encouragement of a McCarthy-type attack on not only our books — but the personal views of those who selected the books and teach from them."

The three newest board members he referred to are Dr. William Block, Harvey Erben and Gene Ames Jr.

The board considered the withdrawal of social security in two years and give the teachers a raise at the present rate of 5.8 per cent. When social security was adopted by the district in 1968, only 42.6 per cent of the employees voted in favor of it.

Mrs. Carl Jockusch and Erben exchanged verbal blows over the issue, with Mrs. Jockusch telling the board that when social security was adopted, teacher retirement plans were "very low." She said the plans are better now.

Erben said that the \$1 million the social security was costing the district could have been used to work out a better plan by an insurance company.

Trustees adopted the 1974-75 school calendar with the first day of school August 19 and the last day May 30.

Use of Plaza To Be Probed

Proposals for redevelopment of HemisFair Plaza will be heard by a City Council advisory committee at a 9 a.m. Wednesday meeting in the council chamber.

The committee, chaired by Councilman Cliff Morton, plans to make a recommendation to the council for use of the plaza area next month.

Other committee members include Councilmen Alfred Beckmann and Leo Mendoza, and representatives of business and conservation interests.



MANUEL ANAYA (R) was sworn in Monday as president of the San Antonio Mexican Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Daniel Gomez (L). The annual banquet was held at the San Antonio Home Builders Association auditorium.

Consumers Told All, Oil Official Says

City Public Service "isn't keeping secrets" but is passing on all the information it has to the consumer, a noted petroleum engineer told students at Alamo Heights High School Tuesday.

John E. Newman, a partner in the firm of Newman Bros. Drilling Co. and a CPS trustee, was a member of a panel composed of Robert A. Buschman, president of Field Drilling Co., and Dr. Robert V. West, chairman of the board of Tesoro Petroleum Corp. and also a CPS trustee.

Newman said the hue and cry that Costal States Gas Corp. he sued for not fulfilling its contract to San Antonio cannot be answered.

"We've got one supplier of natural gas—Costal States," he said. "If we sue and win, the company will go broke. Let that come when we have a comfortable supply of energy here."

He said he anticipates a 25 per cent fuel shortage by July due to air conditioning demands and also spoke of using coal to produce energy here.

"It will cost \$68 million, but it's a lot better than burning gas," he said. "We expect to have our first coal-burning generator in 1978."

West said the shortages of fuel are partly due to increased needs, population and affluence.

He reminded the students that after the Arab-Israeli war broke out in October, the Arabs decided to use



PARTICIPANTS in the energy seminar Tuesday at Alamo Heights High School are (L-R): Eugene L. Ames Jr., Venus Oil Co., moderator; Robert A. Buschman, Field Drilling Co.; Dr. Robert V. West, Tesoro Petroleum Corporation; and John E. Newman, Newman Bros. Drilling Co., panelists.

petroleum as a lever to make the United States do what the Arabs wanted and not supply the Israelis with arms.

"Because of the embargo,

companies can't produce fuel oil, big automobiles are not being made and men are being laid off their jobs because of the shortages," West said.

Buschman said a rig which cost \$225,000 in 1951 now costs in excess of \$1 million and an offshore rig costs \$27.5 million.

S.A. Family Tragedy Victims Battle for Life

By JAY GOODE

Brothers who worked to help support younger children battled for life Tuesday as neighbors, a church congregation and a county agency offered aid to the tragedy-stricken family.

The brothers, George Love, 20, and James, 18, along with a sister, Velma, 15, suffered serious burns in the blaze early Monday at their five-room frame residence, 719 S. Olive.

Two younger children, Lena, 12, and Roland, 10, escaped the flaming home before firemen arrived.

BOTH CRITICAL

Both older brothers are in critical condition at Bexar County Hospital. Velma is listed in poor condition.

Also hospitalized is Fire Capt. Timothy Sanchez, 43, who suffered facial and hand burns after entering the smoke-filled house to hand the unconscious victims through a window to other firemen.

The two younger children were staying Tuesday with family friends, Adam and Lois Montgomery, 208 Douglas Way.

Mrs. Montgomery said the children's father, Ellis Love, who had been residing at another address, visited the younger children Monday after an all-night vigil at the hospital.

BROUGHT CLOTHING

Mrs. Montgomery said Love brought clothing for the children. "He was very upset and asked me to let them stay

here until he finds a place. He's going to get a larger place as soon as the family is settled."

Neighbors and members of the Wright Way Baptist Church donated clothing Monday to the children, according to Mrs. Montgomery, who said the youngsters need shoes, all types of clothing and will later need furniture when their father is able to find a new home.

The children's mother died several years ago after a lengthy illness and Maxine Love, 22, a sister, died in February, 1973, of burns suffered at the same home a month earlier as she stood near an open flame heater for

warmth. Firemen said two other fires occurred at the home.

A neighbor, Mrs. Martha Watson, 70, of 715 S. Olive, said water service to the residence was cut in July and the young family of brothers and sisters had since been without water for bathing, cooking or toilet facilities.

PROVIDED WATER

Mrs. Watson said she provided water for the children. "Everybody in the neighborhood called welfare, but nothing ever got done. I called some city agency and told them that place was a fire hazard but they never came out."

She said she was told by child welfare authorities that

as long as the father or an older relative provided support, there was nothing the agency could do.

Both elder brothers held jobs and insisted the younger children remain in school.

And both youngsters went to classes Tuesday at Douglass Elementary School, as their brothers would have wished.

Mrs. Montgomery disputed claims by some neighbors, however, that the children were neglected.

She said the children's father every Saturday took George or James to a nearby supermarket to purchase a week's supply of groceries.

While there has been no request from police or other agencies for assistance, a Bexar County Child Welfare spokesman said the agency planned to offer aid Tuesday.

MAIN INTEREST

Mrs. Judy Janek, supervisor of caseworkers, said "Our main interest is to see if we can help. We can recommend emergency housing or maybe shelter for the two younger children."

One younger Love sister, Myrtle, 13, is living away from home and a brother, Thomas, and a sister, Kitty Booker, both are married.

All neighbors agreed that both George and James were good brothers, working at jobs and caring for the younger children and forcing them to remain in school although both brothers were school drop-outs.

Cleanup, Fixup, Priceup

It will cost the city nearly \$1,000 more to keep city hall floors and walls clean the next four months.

City Purchasing Director John Brooks will ask City Council Thursday to approve amendments to existing contracts for floor wax, wax remover and general-purpose cleaners to allow for price escalation.

Brooks said Monday the fact

contracts expire in July will help keep the amount of inflation down.

Wax, which formerly cost \$2.35 a gallon, will now run the city \$2.83; wax remover will cost \$1.76 rather than \$1.38 a gallon, and cleaner, once 99 cents per gallon, will now be \$1.32.

The city uses about 3,000 gallons of the products annually.

Fire, Police \$s Low

By ANN B. ROBINSON

It could take an additional \$1 million in city contributions yearly to make the Fire and Police Pension Fund actuarially sound, City Finance Director Carl White predicts.

At a Monday meeting attended by two council members, trustees of the fund and city officials, he said the White fund, as of October 1972, had a \$61.5 million actuarial deficit.

"It's bound to be higher now," he said, adding it could be as high as \$70 million.

Those attending the meeting agreed to seek a proposal from a Detroit firm to conduct an actuarial study of the fund to be financed jointly by the city and trustees.

White was also instructed to ask San Antonio consultant A. I. Smith for a proposal to review the fund organization and possibly make recommendations as to how the deficit could be lessened.

The finance director explained the pension fund has commitments to retired fire fighters and policemen totalling around \$70 million which it would not be able to honor at this time.

"The fund has been in trouble from the very beginning," he said, explaining when the fund was started in 1941 participants were required to make extremely small monthly payments.

"It was never set up

actuarially on a sound basis," White said.

The fund currently has assets totaling about \$18 million. City contributions come to more than \$2 million yearly, including money collected from city parking meters and funds to match participants' monthly payments.

White told those present there are two choices in dealing with the matter — "put it off, which only makes it worse, or bite the bullet and fund it the way it should be."

It was noted that the current monthly payment of 7 1/2 per cent of the participants' pay is the most many of the fire and police officers can be expected to give.

Arab Oil Won't End Fuel Pinch

By United Press International
Federal energy chief William E. Simon and Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., agreed today that removal of the Arab oil embargo against the United States would not mean an end to the fuel pinch on Americans.

They said it would be helpful but not a panacea to the U.S. energy problem if the Arab oil ministers, at a meeting in Tripoli, Libya, voted to resume the flow of crude oil to the United States for the first time since October.

WILL CONTINUE
"We're going to have to continue to demonstrate to the American people that this (the fuel shortage) was not embargo-induced," said Simon. "The energy problem is going to continue to be with us."

"We're continuing to manage the shortage in this country just as if the embargo were not going to end," Jackson, one of Congress' leading energy figures who is chairman of the Senate Interior Committee, said that after the embargo ends, "we're still going to be in a

very tight demand-supply situation" on gasoline.

"We were queuing up last summer and that was before the October (Mideast) conflict," said Jackson. "Even if there were no conflict, we'd be in a bind."

ON TODAY SHOW
Simon and Jackson were interviewed jointly on the NBC-TV Today Show.

As Arab oil ministers gathered in Libya, representatives of major non-Communist industrial nations — with the exception of France — met in Brussels for the second in a series of world energy discussions.

The two-day meeting brought together the United States, Japan, Canada, Norway and eight European Common Market nations of the "coordinating group" formed at the Washington oil conference Feb. 11-13.

There were some signs that Egypt and Saudi Arabia had been successful in arguing with seven other Arab countries for a resumption of oil shipments.

Banker Tells Of Loan

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A tax supported Duval County water district spent \$57,850 in 1969 to pay off a note owed by the deceased brother of county political leader George B. Parr, an examination of bank records has revealed.

The records of the Duval County Conservation and Reclamation District were examined Tuesday during testimony at the federal income tax evasion trial of Parr, 73, of San Diego.

FELL ASLEEP
Parr, who fell asleep during Tuesday afternoon's session, is being tried on charges of evading more than \$129,000 income taxes between 1966 and 1969.

B.O. Goldthorn, president of the First State Bank of San Diego, testified that records showed \$57,850 was removed from the water district's account to pay a note owed by the estate of Alcee Parr, a brother of the longtime political boss.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Ed McDonough of Houston also elicited testimony from the banker concerning other financial transactions involving the water district.

Parr serves as lawyer for the water district and is paid \$1,000 per month.

A recently formed Duval county taxpayers' league has been critical of the water district because all county taxpayers are assessed taxes for the district which provides water only for city residents in San Diego, the county seat, and Benavides.

Goldthorn testified the water district also paid \$89,042.59 to Stewart & Stevenson Inc. of Houston.

OPENING REMARKS
In his opening remarks, McDonough said he would prove that the water district paid bills Parr owed the Houston firm, but the testimony Tuesday did not actually link Parr to the payment to the irrigation firm.

Another item included several payments totaling \$21,900 to James E. Dula, a pilot from Rubottom, Okla.

Goldthorn identified Dula as the owner of J&C Inc.

One transaction involved an order for the bank to transfer \$3,000 to an account identified as "GBP."

Asked by McDonough if he understood the initials "GBP," the banker replied, "To me it meant George Parr."

Fire Victims Project Started To Aid Family

Offers of aid continued Wednesday for a young family of brothers and sisters, three of them hospitalized with burns suffered in a fire that destroyed their five-room frame residence on the city's East Side.

George Love, 20, and James Love, 18, who worked to help support the younger children, remain in critical condition at Bexar County Hospital. Neither has regained consciousness since they were felled by smoke and flames early Monday at their home, 719 S. Olive.

Their sister, Velma, 15, is in poor condition. Two other children, Lena, 12, and Roland, 10, escaped the home before firemen arrived.

Both younger children are temporarily staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Montgomery, 208 Douglas Way.

St. Stephens Church, 2011 E. Carson, and El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church, 3225 W. Poplar, have announced projects to collect money, household goods, food and clothing for the Love family.

Mrs. Montgomery said eight persons stopped by her residence Tuesday to leave donations of clothing and a small amount of cash, which she estimated at \$5 to \$10.

Mrs. Montgomery said the children's father, Ellis Love, has been offered a residence. Love, who had been residing at another address, said earlier he would attempt to find a larger home for the family.

The children's mother died in November 1971 after a lengthy illness and a sister, Maxine, 22, died in February 1973 of burns suffered when her night clothing was ignited by an open flame heater.

The elder Love's health insurance plan with the firm where he is employed is expected to cover the hospital bills of James and Velma, according to a hospital spokesman, who said efforts will be made to obtain welfare aid covering costs of George's hospital treatment.

Pompidou Ends Talks

CAPE PITTSUNDA, USSR — (UPI) — French President Georges Pompidou and Leonid I. Brezhnev, general secretary of the Communist party, wrapped up their summit meeting today with three and a half hours of talks and a seaside lunch.



A YOUNG visitor to the petting zoo at Six Flags over Texas proves for himself that goats don't limit their diet to tin cans... seconds after the picture was taken the goat made off with the entire ice cream cone.

Various Plaza Schemes Aired at Meeting

By ANN ROBINSON

A continuing education center, a Disney-type park with a military theme and a multi-service center for women were among proposals presented Wednesday to a committee studying redevelopment possibilities for HemisFair Plaza.

The advisory committee hearing continued all morning at city hall, with more than a dozen citizens presenting their ideas for future use of HemisFair Plaza.

The council-appointed committee is to make its recommendations to the full City Council next month.

Among those speaking Wednesday was Dr. Peter Flawn, president of the University of Texas at San Antonio, who reported that the city's educational institutions are interested in establishment of a joint adult education center at the plaza. He said he is confident funding could be found, and suggested the facility would help attract large out-of-town and out-of-state educational conferences to the Alamo City.

Businessman David Straus told the committee he thinks the concept of HemisFair Plaza as a "people place" has been overdone.

"Either we have more people places than we need, or we have not been able to convince the people to use them," he said. Straus recommended adopting a combination of ideas for plaza re-use, with emphasis on convention facilities and hotel accommodations.

The proposal for a military-themed amusement park came from Dr. Hal Curran, director of Music Theater, who described himself as "a veteran of combat with parking and traffic problems at HemisFair Plaza."

He said the park could be developed to honor the military's contributions to San Antonio, and could feature historic displays from local installations and miniature tank, jeep and airplane rides on ferris wheels and merry-go-rounds.

Curran also proposed the monorail be extended throughout the downtown area.

Myra Lappin, representing a women's group, suggested dedication of the former

Women's Pavilion area as a center for women, including businesses, social services and perhaps a financial institution operated by or serving women.

Mrs. Liz Davies, president of the League of Women Voters, expressed that group's "strong feeling" that the park atmosphere of the plaza should be protected.

Several spokesmen blasted the city traffic and transportation department's proposal to provide parking and through streets at the plaza.

Bicentennial Commission chairman Jack Newman recommended a "moratorium" on City Council's acceptance of the traffic department's "bold new plan."

And Dr. Weon Tolle, a former member of the HemisFair Advisory Committee, termed the city proposal "slipshod and hastily conceived" and said it should be junked as rapidly as possible.

Grand Jury Dismissed

U.S. Dist. Court Judge Adrian Spears discharged an antitrust grand jury Wednesday after the panel investigated two airlines in Texas for 18 months without returning indictments.

However, what court documents call "Grand Jury Investigation of Braniff Airways, Inc., and Texas International Airlines, Inc." may continue.

U.S. Atty. William Sessions said, "I expect the antitrust division to pursue the matter with another grand jury."



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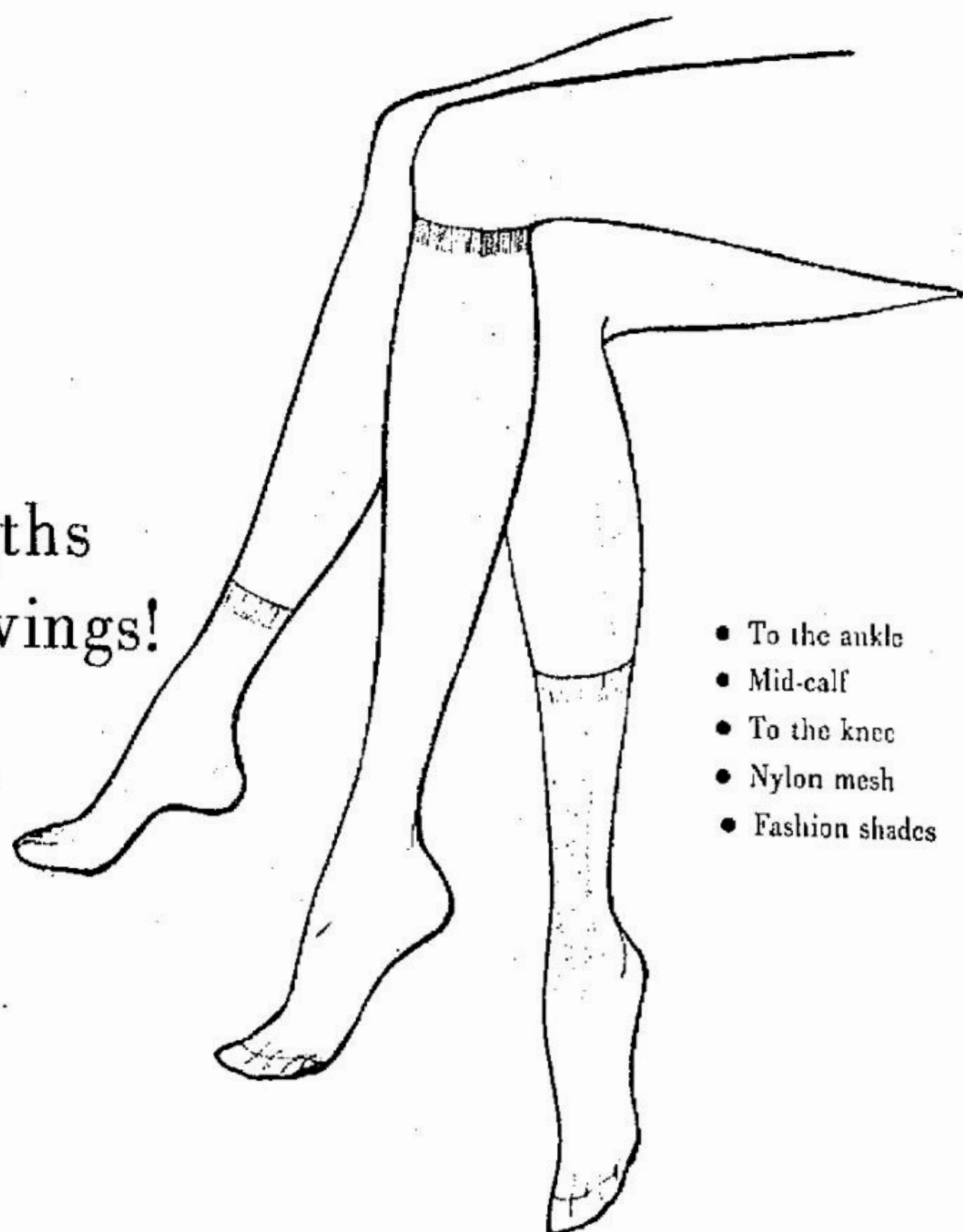
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Grandparents of the Year praised for caring

Lois Montgomery and Amos Hodge were named 1993 Grandmother of the Year and 1993 Grandfather of the Year at the San Antonio Convalescent Center's 2nd Annual Salute to Senior Citizen's Senior Musical Saturday night at Lily of the Valley Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. Adolph Woods.

Montgomery has nearly 40 grandchildren and great-grandchildren and is a member of Rightway Baptist Church. She was nominated by a daughter who told of her sacrifices to make sure that each and every grandchild and great-grandchild received a gift at Christmas and on birthdays and of calling each and every one on Sunday to make sure they were going to church.

Hodge was nominated by several of his nieces and nephews as Grandfather of the Year. Niece Anna Whitby told of her uncle always being there for them and assuming a fatherly role in her life and the lives of her brothers and sisters, their children. Niece Dorothy Pinkney told of her Uncle Amos always providing guidance and direction to her and her family. "He's always been 'Big Daddy' to us," Whitby said. Hodge is a deacon at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.



Lois Montgomery was named Grandmother of the Year by the San Antonio Convalescent Center and Gospel Radio 1480.



Amos Hodge, "Big Daddy" to many young people whom he's befriended, was nominated Grandfather of the Year by several neices and nephews.

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