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Winners of the San Antonio Valentine Couple contest for being married the longest were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wood, formerly of Helotes. They were married on Feb. 29, 1908, and so while they have been married for 73 years they have had only 18 anniversaries of the Leap Year wedding day. He is now 94 and she is 90, and they now live at the Southern Manor Nursing Home. Awarded a dinner out, they asked instead that a special anniversary cake be sent to the nursing home. Mr. Wood is a retired rancher and dairy farmer.

Watercolorist Francis (Dickie) Jowdy will be the artist of the month at Westfall Branch Library during March. She formerly was art chairman of the Hill Country Arts Foundation in Ingram. Her watercolors will be on display from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

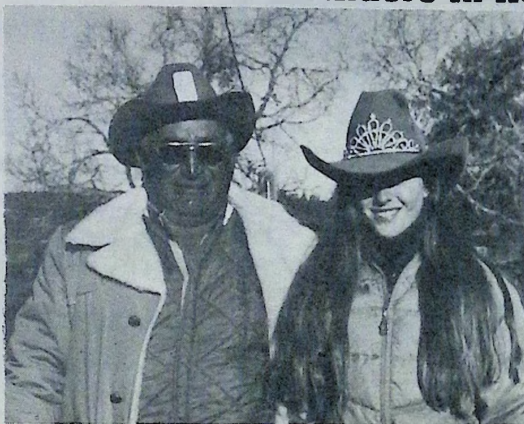
Teacher Eleanor Cogburn's first grade class at Helotes School recently held a highly successful "Reading Party" for their parents. Reading materials were served, tours of the classroom and work centers conducted by students, and then all had lunch together in the cafeteria.

Rev. Clifford Waller, pastor of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit of Helotes, was named to the executive board of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas at the diocese's recent annual council. He will have a three-year term. The Church of the Holy Spirit, now meeting Sundays at Locke Hill Elementary School, was elevated by the council to a mission of the diocese. The church is holding a weekly meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al Anon on Mondays at 8:15 p.m. in Grey Forest. Phone 695-9986 for details.

Paul Kime, Helotes writer and artist, recently conducted a painting demonstration at Pease Middle School during a careers day program. He was one of 26 professionals who spoke about their careers or demonstrated skills.

Town Meeting Set For March 1

Trail Riders In Helotes



En route to the Livestock Show and Rodeo in San Antonio, the Cowboy Capital Trail Riders stopped briefly in Helotes at Floore Country Store on Wednesday. Assistant Trail Boss Lallo Martinez of San Geronimo is shown with the Trail Riders' queen, Lisa Crossen.



The chuckwagon from Twin Elms Guest Ranch in Bandera accompanied the riders. The group had spent the night at Villarreal's before coming to Helotes. (Staff Photos)



The next rest stop for the riders after leaving Helotes was on Loop 1601, as they headed east toward the coliseum. The stock show and rodeo will end Sunday night, Feb. 22. (Staff Photo by Dick Miller)



Trail Boss Frank Anderwald holds the youngest rider on this year's annual trek from Bandera to the Joe and Harry Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio.



It was a cold morning in Helotes when the trail riders arrived. The temperature was 17 degrees. This rider protected his face with a bandana. Other riders complained of "frozen" feet.

Fight For Independence Steps Up

In the struggle to keep Helotes on the map as a separate town, community leaders have called a town meeting to be held on Sunday, March 1, at 2 p.m. in the Helotes Elementary School Gymnasium, located on Riggs Road and Bandera Road. All area residents are invited to attend and to hear the developments that have transpired in several sessions with State, County and San Antonio officials.

Rev. Bill Henderson, chairman of the committee to incorporate Helotes, will detail meetings held recently with representatives of the City Council of San Antonio and with State Rep. Don Rains and other legislators of Austin.

San Antonio has set a meeting for Friday, March 6, with the committee representing Helotes. In earlier meetings, some Council Members have approved Helotes' right to remain a town, and others have taken the stand that they will try to annex Helotes to the big city, making it a mere part of San Antonio.

In a 1969 finger annexation, San Antonio took in historic ranches of Helotes which had very little population at the time. Through this move, they claim extraterritorial jurisdiction over parts of Helotes.

Unless the legislature amends a State Law which has proved inequitable in other test cases, Helotes will have to win San Antonio's approval.

Comfort, Center Point and many other Texas towns are having to fight for their identity, as larger incorporated neighbors reach out under the law that San Antonio is now invoking to stop incorporation or modernization of the centuries old town of Helotes.

Historic towns versus mere subdivisions adjacent to an established city's previous farmlands appears to be the issue.

The Helotes committee is proposing incorporation of a four-square-mile area around the town with approximately 2,000 citizens.

The committee first asked the San Antonio city council for permission to call an incorporation election in 1969 and (Continued On Page 8)

Little League Tryouts To End Saturday

Tryouts for the 1981 Greater Helotes Little League will end Saturday morning, Feb. 21, at the Ernest Kempf Park on Braun Road, beginning at 10 a.m. The first tryouts were held last Saturday.

To be eligible to play major or minor league baseball or major league softball, a child must be at least eight years old on or before Aug. 1, 1981, and still be twelve years old or younger on July 31.

All ten, eleven and twelve-year-olds wishing to play major league baseball or softball must tryout. Nine-year-olds may tryout if they wish. Eight-year-olds are not eligible for majors and therefore may not tryout.

To be eligible to play senior league baseball or softball, the child must be at least thirteen

years old on or before Aug. 1 and still be fifteen years old or younger on July 31.

Minor league baseball team placement will be generally determined by a player's area of residence. All applicants not chosen for a major league baseball team will be placed on a minor league team.

A donation of \$25 for one child and \$12.50 for each additional child is requested to help defray operating costs.

Many parents are needed to manage, coach and assist baseball and softball teams. If further information is needed, contact Floyd Wallace 695-8936, Bill Brandhorst 698-2749 or Billie Villemain 695-3607.

The Greater Helotes Little League season will run until the end of June.

Legendary



The Society for the Performing Arts will present the legendary guitarist, Andres Segovia, on Tuesday, March 3, at 8 p.m. in Laurie Auditorium. At 87, Segovia is considered by all the master of the instrument, continuing the Spanish tradition of virtuoso guitarists. The Segovia concert will feature the music of yesterday and today, pieces that span the years from 1538 to the 20th century. Tickets are \$15.50, \$12.50, \$9.50, \$5.50 and \$3.50 and are available at Joske's or on the day of the performance at Laurie Auditorium.

Mr. Penfold Dies At 70

Norman C. Penfold, former resident of Helotes, died Friday, Feb. 13, in Corpus Christi, at the age of 70. Private memorial services for the family members were held Monday, Feb. 16, in San Antonio.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Margie Cox of Helotes, Mrs. Judy Ott of Boerne and Mrs. Sue Marvin of San Antonio, as well as six grandchildren and one brother. Mr. Penfold was founder of

Automotive Research Associates on Bandera Road and served as its president until he retired. He was owner of the Lazy Oak Ranch on Loop 1604 near Bandera Road.

In recent years he had lived in Rockport.



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C & W Star



Playing at Floore Country Store on Saturday, Feb. 28 will be Johnny Lyon, who with his band, The Country Nu-Notes, has a wide appeal to C & W fans of the area. They are also expected to play in March at the famed Country Store, which will have the patio for Spring by then weather permitting.

Well Levels Hold Steady

Water well levels throughout the five-county Edwards Underground Water District remained relatively stable in January, Tom Fox, EUWD general manager, has announced.

The district's check well at Kyle in Hays County, which declined 2.2 feet during the month, was the only one showing more than a fraction of a foot change from December's readings.

Comal Springs declined 3.0 cubic feet per second to a flow of 291 cfs, slightly above the average of 285 cfs. San Marcos Springs were virtually unchanged at 130 cfs, compared to the longterm average flow of 166 cfs. Leona River Springs near Uvalde, which are checked every six weeks instead of monthly, increased 2.9 cfs in December to a flow of 14.4 cfs. Average flow there is 13.5 cfs.

Following are the water well levels shown in altitude above mean sea level with the recorded highs in parentheses:

Uvalde: 870.6 feet, down 0.1 foot (886.3).

Sabinal: 773.6 feet, down 0.2 foot (835.4).

Castroville: 699.9 feet, up 0.8 foot (737.8).

Hondo: 726.9 feet, up 0.3 foot (773.8).

San Antonio: 670.1 feet, up 0.9 foot (696.5).

New Braunfels: 625.7 feet, up 0.1 foot (630.2).

Kyle: 565.5 feet, down 2.2 feet (593.8).

IH-10 Changes

After two years, ramp improvements to the I.H. 10 Loop 410 interchange near Wonderland have been completed, the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation has announced. The improvements cost \$6.3 million.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Applications are due by March 2 from high school students who wish to participate this summer in the Gifted and Talented Student Program at UTSA.

Approximately 100 outstanding students will be selected from area high schools for the program, which gives them the opportunity to earn college credit while studying under distinguished teachers at the university.

Applicants must have

completed the tenth or eleventh grade by June 1. Students who attended the 1980 program and will not have graduated from high school by June 1 also may apply.

Students will be selected by the program's faculty on the basis of grades, standardized test scores, recommendations, statements of purpose, and in some cases, interviews and submission of materials indicating potential for the

program.

Classes are to be offered in anthropology, studio art, biology, computer science, economics, museum learning, English, urban studies, psychology, and literature and film.

Classes will meet five days a week from June 1 through July 3. Regular tuition and fees, as described in the university's undergraduate catalogue, are approximately \$70. A limited amount of financial aid is available and

will be awarded solely on the basis of financial need.

More information is available by calling 691-1224 or writing to Dr. Smelstor in care of the Gifted and Talented Student Program, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Texas at San Antonio, 78285.

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Homestead Deadline Set

The Northside School District tax office is currently taking applications for residence homestead exemptions. Deadline for filing in April 1.

Two types of homestead exemptions from school taxes are available to taxpayers who owned their residence homesteads in the school district on Jan. 1 of this year. First, the general homestead exemption exempts \$5,000 from the market value of the homestead. Second, any person 65 years of age on or before Jan. 1 is entitled to an additional \$10,000 exemption.

All persons who are disabled are entitled to a \$10,000 exemption. "Disabled" in this case, refers to the definition found in the Federal Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Act.

Application forms were mailed earlier to all homeowners who qualified for a homestead exemption in 1980. If you did

not receive an application, or if you have questions about qualifying for exemptions or filing application forms, contact the school tax office at 681-0330. Application forms may be picked up at the tax office, 5900 Evers Rd.

Week Brings School Tours

Northside District will be among 1,100 public school systems in the state which will observe the 127th annual Texas Public School Week, March 2-6.

The community is invited to see firsthand how the school system operates by taking guided bus tours of the district by high school attendance areas.

Tours are scheduled for the Jay High School area, Tuesday, March 3; Clark area, Wednesday, March 4; Holmes, March 5; and Marshall area, March 6. Tours will begin at 8:45 a.m. and end around 1:15 p.m. Lunch will be served. Call 681-0330, ext. 207, to make a tour reservation.

The Northside Special Olympics will also be held during this week at the Northside Memorial Stadium. More than 400 handicapped youngsters will compete in track and field events including a wheel chair race.

A nighttime parade on Monday, March 2, at 7 p.m., will open the Olympics. Competitive events are scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3-4.

The Northside Secondary Art Festival will be held at Ingram Park Mall during Texas Public Schools Week. Student artists from Northside's seven middle schools and four high schools will display their art throughout the mall.

New Arrival

Brian Edward Barron, who weighed in at nine pounds 7½ ounces and 21½ inches, was born Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1981 at 5:47 p.m. at Southwest Methodist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barron—Debbie and Eddie—are the proud parents.

Brian's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Collier of Helotes and Mr. and Mrs. James R. Watson of New Auburn, Wisconsin. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carroll E. Barron, Jr. of San Antonio.

He is also being welcomed by the community.

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New residents of San Antonio Ranch are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Murray. Mrs. Murray—Cele—will conduct the Agape Art Glass shop and studio in Downtown Helotes next to the Helotes Inn. Butch Murray is with the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Appointed



Virginia A. Myers, 45, is the newest trustee of the Northside School District. The long-time PTA officer and mother of three school-age children was appointed to fill a vacancy in Place 3 created by the resignation of Trustee Robert M. Garza, who moved to the East Coast. The newest school board member is a native of West Virginia who earned a B.A. degree in history at West Virginia University, Morgantown. Her husband, O.E. Myers, is supervisory contract negotiator at Kelly Air Force Base. The couple's children are Debbie and Buddy, who attend Holmes High School, and Chris, who attends Pat Neff Middle School.

The annual school board election has been set for April 4. Trustees are to be elected in Places 5, 6 and 7. The filing deadline for candidates is March 4. Mrs. Myers' term will last another year.

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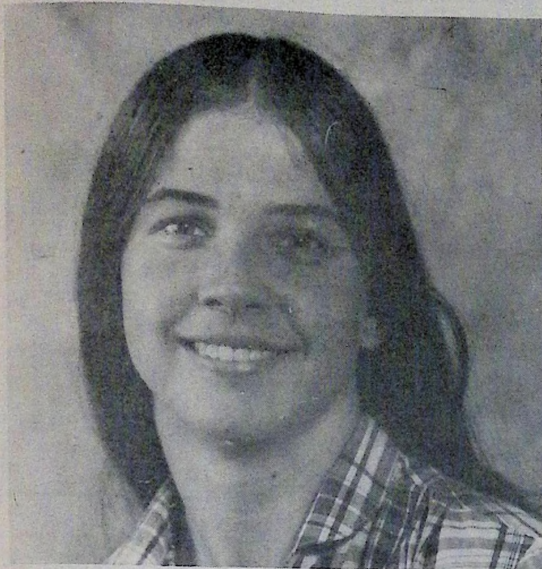
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UTSA Grows

More students are attending UTSA this spring, according to figures released recently by the university.

With 9,378 students now taking classes, enrollment is up 5.3% over spring 1980.

"We are very pleased with

the number of students enrolled this semester," commented Dr. John Brown, director of admissions and registrar. "This is the healthiest increase that we have had in spring semester enrollment in several years."

Secretaries To Study

More than 400 members of the Texas Educational Secretaries Association will meet at La Mansion del Norte, March 27-28, for the annual Spring Seminar, according to Florine Hartman, Northside School District educational secretary and State Seminar Chairman.

Walter Hollins, director of new services, U.S. Department of Education, Region VII Training Center, will deliver the keynote address, and a Clark High School teacher, Debbie Zuberbuehler, will present a workshop on "Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication."

Public Schools Week

The week of March 2 through March 6, 1981 has been set by the State School Board for the Thirty-first Annual Observance of Public Schools Week.

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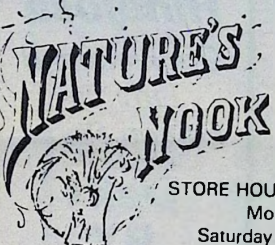
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MONDAY, FEB. 23

Blue Bird Auxiliary of Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital will meet, Fifth Floor Auditorium, 10 a.m. Visitors welcome.

Printmaker Antonio Frasconi will lecture on his work, Trinity University, 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

Organist James Moeser will play a recital in Trinity University's Margarite B. Parker Chapel, 8 p.m. Admission free. Dr. Moeser is dean of the School of Fine Arts, University of Kansas.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

Robert Speer Chapter of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century will meet, Manor Baptist Church, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

Summit Oaks Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will have a Fun Day, Fellowship Hall, Trinity United Methodist Church, 5319 Newcome Drive at Wurzbach Road, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

Two operas by Gian Carlo Menotti, "The Unicorn, the Gorgon and the Manticore" and "The Old Maid and the Thief," both in English, will be presented by the UTSA Division of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission free (reservations at 691-4357).

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

Texas Bach Choir will present a concert of choral music in celebration of San Antonio's Festival Calderon, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8 p.m. Admission \$2. The concert will be repeated Sunday, March 1, in the chapel of Our Lady of the Lake University, 4 p.m.

Wisconsin Alumni Club of South Texas will celebrate the 133rd anniversary of the founding of the University of Wisconsin, Barn Door Restaurant, 7 p.m. Dr. Robert M. O'Neil, president of the University of Wisconsin System, will speak. Tickets \$10.50.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Texas Independence Day.

Helotes Spring Festival Association will meet, Education Building, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 7:30 p.m. Public invited.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Camino Real Health Systems Agency, planning agency for 21 South Texas counties, will hold a public budget hearing, 212 Stumberg Street, 7 p.m. Public invited.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

An auction of unclaimed motor vehicles will be held by the San Antonio Police Department, Police Storage Lot, 3625 Growdon Road, 10 a.m. The vehicles may be viewed from 8 a.m.

INVITATION TO HELOTES AREA RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

Members of Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department are waiting for a chance to show you the improvements made to the fire station, provide you with an opportunity to tour the facilities and answer your questions about the services available to the community. There are many friends who serve as volunteers on your local fire department and they are waiting for a chance to meet you and renew acquaintances.

The following is our formal invitation to our Helotes area friends:

**Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Dept.
requests your presence at our
OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday,**

February 25 beginning at 7:30 P.M.

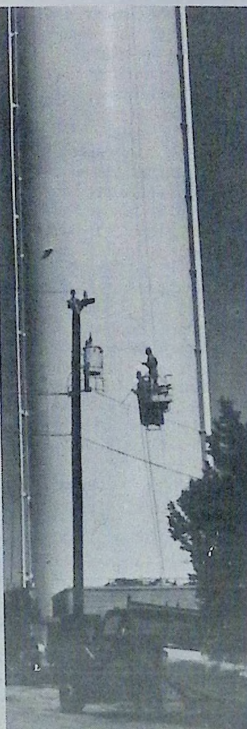
Helotes Fire Station—Helotes, Texas

Please make us happy by accepting this invitation. We are so sure of your support that we are planning a brief program and refreshments. We certainly hope to see you at the open house.

Sincerely,

HELOTES VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Water Tower Almost Ready



Enjoying his own practical version of a sky-lift here, a painter works on a coat of paint for the new 97-foot water storage tower due to go into use in March in Helotes Park Estates.

Construction which began in October is by Chicago Bridge and Iron Company. The 270,000 gallon water capacity will provide the needed pressure control for the Bexar County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17, which serves the Helotes Park.

Lutherans Plan Agency

Lutheran Social Service of Texas, a licensed child placing agency, will open intake for adoption during the month of March. Couples interested in adopting Anglo, Mexican American or Black infants should telephone the agency during March.

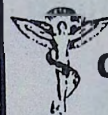
The waiting period for infants is generally less than one year and usually not longer than a year and a half. This differs from adoption agencies in other parts of the United States, where waiting periods can be as long as five to six years. Lutheran Social Service of Texas placed 221 children for adoption in 1980. If interested in applying for adoption, telephone 227-8142.

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Mona Parks, Helotes Park resident, was rushed to the Methodist Hospital this week after a fall at her home in which she broke her ankle. We wish her a speedy recovery.

"Necessity does the work of courage."

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Town Meeting...

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again last October, and the majority of the council voted against the request.

The committee then went to Rep. Don Rains, whose district includes the part of Bexar County where Helotes is located, and worked with him to get a bill introduced in the State Legislature when it convened in January that would permit Helotes to incorporate.

San Antonio's Austin lobbyist, Gerald Henckel, notified San Antonio officials about the bill and suggested that annexation proceedings be started.

Before the city council acted on that suggestion, two meetings were held between representatives of San Antonio and Helotes, one in Rep. Rains' office in Austin and one at the San Antonio city hall.

Nothing was decided at these meetings except to have another meeting on March 6.

At the meeting last Friday at the San Antonio city hall, according to Rev. Henderson, Henckel said Helotes had three options. One was to go home and forget about trying to incorporate. The second was for San Antonio to annex Helotes. The third was for San Antonio to allow incorporation of a small area around Downtown Helotes.

The Helotes representatives held to incorporating the entire four-square-mile area originally proposed.

In the discussion that followed, Henckel indicated that Helotes had only two options—to forget incorporation and be annexed.

Ask For Repair Receipts

Ask for appliance-repair receipts, even when no charge is involved and maintain a permanent file of all appliances including warranties, use-and-care booklets, purchase receipts, and both in-warranty and out-of-warranty receipts for as long as you own the appliance.

The ability to document recurring problems can help the consumer if future problems occur after the warranty expires.

Also, the consumer can use a complete record of service calls to determine whether or not an identical problem has occurred.

Lack of proof that the problem did exist during the warranty weakens a consumer's position for consideration later.

For problems you cannot resolve with the local dealer or service agency, write or call the manufacturer.

If you are still not satisfied, write the Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel, 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. They will study the problem and recommend a solution.

"Teach thy tongue to say,
'I do not know.'" Talmud

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