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With 33,000 back in school in the Northside District and about 10,000 at UTSA, this week has been active for all the students, parents and teachers as well.

Among those going off as graduates to distant jobs is Ray Johnson who will be in New Mexico after graduating from Texas A&M University. A gala farewell party was held at his home recently with his parents Raymond and Frankie Johnson hosting several generations of friends and well-wishers.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Nicolosa V. Rosas who died August 27 at the age of 74 years. She was a member of a pioneer family here.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Mrs. Maudie Harrison, a former resident of Helotes, who has relatives here. She died August 25 in San Antonio at the age of 75.

Nita Wanke was hostess recently for the Hills and Dales Bunco Club and served hummingbird cake and ice cream after a repast of fried chicken, tossed salad, and other goodies.

Kathy Droake, Holmes High graduate, will be on the squad of the St. Mary's University Rattlerettes volleyball team when the team opens its season Sept. 12 in the St. Philip's College tournament.

Mike Kelly, Jay High graduate, and Paul Thornton, Holmes High graduate, will return to Northside Sept. 6 as members of the Southwest Texas State University football squad when Southwest opens its 1980 season in Northside Stadium against Prairie View A&M.

Planning to undergo surgery in Houston next week is Mrs. Becky Allison, mother of three little daughters. Her mother, Betty, drove in from South Dakota to be with her grandchildren.

Also in the hospital is Mrs. Lucille Schott. Their friends are praying for their recovery.

Northside Reduces Tax Rate

Bears, Storms, Mountains Provide Adventures For Scouts

Scouts from Helotes and surrounding areas have returned from a successful trek to the Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base, Cimarron, New Mexico.

Preparation began with intensive hiking and backpacking practice conducted in Helotes for the past four months. Members of the group were seen frequently hiking with full pack in preparation for the journey, which took more than

two weeks.

The ranch is located in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rock Mountains at altitudes from 7,000 feet at base camp to 11,771 feet atop Mount Phillips.

The eight scouts and three leaders participated in black powder rifle shooting, gold panning, lumberjacking, adobe hut building, and rock climbing and rappelling.

Although several severe thunderstorms and marauding

bears were encountered, the group thoroughly enjoyed the high adventure base and recommend it to other scout groups. Plans are already underway for next year, when a horse cavalcade trip to Philmont is planned.

Others from the troop plan to attend the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia, in July, 1981. National Jamborees are held once every four years.

Area Growth Brings Tax Base Above Billion

Setting the tax rate for 1981, Northside Independent School District Trustees lowered taxes 2.7 per cent from \$1.50 to \$1.46 per \$100 (at 75% of market value).

Since 1976 when the rate was \$1.91, Trustees have reduced the tax rate every year, even though budget demands have consistently risen with ever-

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Scouts from the Helotes area who made the recent two-week trek to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico were: Back Row, left to right, Arpad Schoeffer (Troop 410), Todd Smith (Troop 401), Bill Warren (Troop 29), Alex Henslee (Troop 401), Buddy Myers (Troop 410) and Larry Montez (Troop 401). Front row, left to right, Darin Yowell (Troop 410), O.E. Myers (Scoutmaster, Troop 410), Dr. Charles H. Beckmann (Trek Leader, Committee Chairman Troop 401), Alan Hejnal (Philmont Ranger), Steve Deucker (Troop 410) and Monty Montez (Scoutmaster, Troop 401).

Kirby Resigns As Manager

Tom Kirby, manager of Grey Forest Utility, has resigned effective Sept. 30 to enter private business. Kirby has been manager since September, 1974.

He will be associated with his son in the ownership and operation of two nurseries, one on San Pedro and one on Blanco.

Bill Muir, chairman of the utility board of trustees, probably will become acting manager until a successor to Kirby is chosen.

Kirby's resignation was accepted by the board of trustees at their monthly meeting Saturday, Aug. 30.

In other action the board approved the budget for the utility for the 1980-81 fiscal year which will begin Oct. 1. Included in the budget was an increase in rates for natural gas sold by the utility. The increase is subject to approval by the Grey Forest city council.

The rate for residential users was increased from \$5 for the first thousand cubic feet consumed to \$6, and from \$2.25 for each additional thousand cubic feet to \$2.60. This is an increase of 9.6 percent.

The commercial rate was raised from \$1.70 per thousand cubic feet to \$2.10. This is an increase of 10.4 percent.

The board of trustees also passed a 10 percent salary raise for the eight employees of Grey Forest Utility.

AirSho Set For Hondo

Area residents will have a rare opportunity to view the country's most dramatic display of air power when the Confederate Air Force re-enacts the attack on Pearl Harbor on Sunday, Sept. 21 at Hondo Airbase.

This segment will be part of a 45-aircraft armada displayed by the CAF in its two-hour narrated show. Included will be the B-17, German ME-109's, British Spitfire and Japanese Zeros. All have been collected, restored and maintained by Confederate Air Force personnel.

Beginning at 2 p.m. the AirSho will re-enact the key military events of 1939-1945 beginning with the German bombing of Spain and Poland, the Battle of Britain and the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The famed B-29 will also appear in the show.

The AirSho, scheduled for the first time ever in Hondo, is made possible by Gill Savings Association in Hondo and is sponsored by the Medina County Fair Association.

Tickets are available at Sears, Joske's, Montgomery Ward's, all military bases in the San Antonio area and Gill Savings offices in Hondo, San Antonio, Castroville, Devine, Lytle, Pearsall and Cotulla. Advance tickets are \$5 per person over six and can also be ordered by sending check or money order to: CAF AirSho, P. O. Box 4, Hondo, Texas 78861. Enclose

a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

In conjunction with the AirSho, the Medina County Fair will officially hold forth for the first time since 1932. It will be a two-day affair, Sept. 20-21, at Hondo City Park.

Activities on Saturday will include a bluegrass festival, a fiddlers contest, corn shucking, livestock and crops judging, chili cook off, art show and sale and armadillo races, plus a carnival and food and refreshments. Horse race preliminaries will go on all afternoon.

The dance at the City Park that evening will feature Tony Koch and the Country Squires.

Sunday at the Park will feature gospel singing, the carnival, mariachi music, square dancing, exhibits, food and live entertainment by the San Antonio group Snapshot.

Finals in the Cowboy Horse races will be held at 6:15 p.m. on the 21st.

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Jim Benke, outgoing president, like former president Jim Wilson (right), plans to continue an active role in the preparation of Festival events. Here they tend the barbecue during the Braun Station party.



Jerry Robertson of Braun Station, who hosted the Barbecue-Swim Party recently, is the 1981 Festival President.



Three generations enjoy the celebration. Here, Robin Williams supervises her little son's early splash party, while his doting grandmother looks on.

Post Office Dates Back To 1873 Here

For many years those living in the Helotes Hills received their mail by horseback, stage, or special dispatch. Then 103 years ago came Friday, by presidential proclamation a post office was opened in Helotes. The stories and legends connected with the mail delivery have shaped the history of Helotes.

The present post office's opening began the Festival here in 1966, when the celebration was held at the new building replaced the former post office location across the street.

For those who like statistics, the following is a brief history of those who served down the years as postmaster. The Echo in 1967 obtained this record, verified by Otto and Clarence Galm, great-nephews of the first two postmasters, and compiled by Ross Barham, husband of a recent postmaster. Barham is also a member of the Helotes Historical Society, and has lived here many years.

The first Helotes post office was started by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mueller (pronounced Muller), in the Stagecoach Inn which was built in 1854 on a Land-grant he received for service in the Army. The Stagecoach Inn was the first stage stop west of San Antonio and was located on Galm Road (now Farm-to-Market No.

1560). The United States Post Office was officially established in the Inn on September 12, 1873. A stagecoach stop on the Northwest route was a post office later.

Carl Mueller, the first postmaster, expired in 1878. Mrs. Mueller later married Adolph N. Boegel and continued the Post Office at the same location until 1888.

In 1888, Arnold Gugger was appointed postmaster and the Post Office was moved to his home in the village of Helotes, the present home of Marie Conley.

Postmasters and appointment dates, from 1873 to the present time are as follows: Carl Mueller, September 12, 1873; Mrs. Carl Mueller (Amalie), March 29, 1878; Mrs. Amalie Boegel, December 29, 1879 (same person); Arnold Gugger, April 24, 1888; Branch L. Smith, March 17, 1904 (declined); Gabriel Marnoch, May 23, 1904; Emil Gottschalk, March 21, 1919; James Riggs, August 23, 1919; Albert Fuller, May 16, 1923; Mrs. Ruth (Earl) Maltzberger, February 14, 1936; Mrs. Blanch (George) Maltzberger, August 3, 1944; Mrs. Matilda (Ross) Barham, May 1, 1953; Charles C. Davis, May 6, 1966 to May 9, 1972; Mrs. Sarah Vi (Ralph) Swift, May 9, 1972 to present.

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\$35 And Under Art Sells



Everyone, almost, and their dogs, came to the \$35 and under show recently at the Helotes Art Gallery. People came in all sizes and bought over \$3,000 worth of original art and crafts of all types, making Guild members happy.



This artist not only displayed her own works for sale, but came off with a couple of excellent paintings by an established artist that are doubtless worth much more than she paid. The Gallery is seeking a new location, but plans to continue monthly outdoor shows at the present location.

Tests Free For Spine Curvature

Gov. William P. Clements has designated Sept. 15-20 as Scoliosis Screening Week, noting the awareness of an increasing prevalence of curvature of the spine and its resulting problems.

Among area chiropractors who will be holding free screening for scoliosis from Sept. 15 through 20 are Drs. D. M. Lorensen and James Hogsd in Leon Valley and also Dr. John Armstrong on Marbach Road. The patient has no obligation except to keep the appointment, Dr. Lorensen said.

In the early stages there may be only one severe curve, but more likely there will be several as the backbone compensates for the first one and attempts to keep the body in line of gravity, he said.

Scoliosis hits the two sexes with about the same percentage but for some reason, girls tend to have progressive curves as they reach adolescence. After the growth spurt between the ages of 12-16, the spine becomes more stable and further progression is gradual or nil. However, many times this remission is followed by degenerative joint changes.

Patients who develop scoliosis with a major thoracic component of 50 degrees or more are going to suffer from impaired lung function. Breathing may become strenuous to the patient because of the rib cage deformity and immobility.

The Texas Chiropractic Association is sponsoring this week of free screening across Texas. This is a public service project, and according to Dr. Ruby Perkins, public relations chairperson, the examination should not take more than five to seven minutes per person. She urges each person who feels he or she has a problem to call a local chiropractor and ask for an appointment to be screened.

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Kappa Psi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, an international sorority, has elected its new officers to serve for the current year and has invited those interested in becoming a part of this service organization to call the new president Janis Holden at 695-9218 or Gladys Jones at 695-3347 for more information.

Other officers who were recently installed by Miss Virginia Springer, past District IV president and a member of the local chapter, are: Mrs. Connie Ruse, Vice president; Miss Marie Parrigin, secretary, and Mrs. Letitia Corbett, treasurer. Hostess for the ceremony was Mrs. Shirley Grochoske, who will be the Chapter's Jonquil Girl for 1980-81.

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growing school enrollments and inflationary costs.

Although it costs more to educate more students, growth in northwest Bexar NISD's assessed value (source of tax income) in 1980 is \$1,343,451,670, more than \$430 million more than four years ago.

The Northside teacher salary increases, an average of 12.4% for 1980-81, include the 5.1% raise state mandated. Pay raises for educational secretaries and aides average 12.1%; for maintenance and custodial personnel, 11.5%; for school bus drivers, 13%; for counselors, 14.5%; cafeteria

workers, 12.5%; and for administrators, 10%. Northside's scale remains in the top four among Bexar County's 16 school systems and in the top 25% among large school districts in Texas.

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Said ordinance requires homesites to be a
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Hearing will be at 6:30 p.m., September 16,
1980, in Grey Forest City Hall.

Signed:

Manuel C. Vara
Mayor

Fay Scarborough
City Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

The Proposed Budget of Grey Forest, Texas
for the fiscal year — 1980-81 — will be
presented by the City Council: 7:00 p.m.,
September 16, 1980, in Grey Forest City Hall.

Signed:

Manuel C. Vara
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Exhibit of recent paintings of San Antonio artist Robert Tiemann will open, St. Mary's University Library, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. The artist will give a walk-through presentation of the exhibit on Monday, Sept. 8, 1 p.m. Admission free.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

Northside Stadium will be the site of the opening game of the season for Southwest Texas State University and Prairie View A&M, 7:30 p.m. General Admission \$4, students \$3, reserved seats \$5.

Diane Claffrey, voice teacher of East Texas Baptist College, will be presented in a recital at Incarnate Word College, 8 p.m. Admission free.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

"Trinity Under the Stars" concert series will close with a "Fiesta San Antonio" program featuring mariachis and flamenco dancers, beneath Trinity's central tower, 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

Annual fall concert of the San Antonio College Chamber Orchestra will be presented, McAllister Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

A Symposium on the public involvement of women in the 1980's will be held at Incarnate Word College, 7 p.m. Panelists will include Frances (Sissy) Farenthold, Judge Rose Spector, Lupe Anguiano and Dr. Amy Freeman Lee. Fee \$2.

Edwards Underground Water District board of directors will meet, Tower Life Building, 10 a.m., to adopt a 1980-81 budget and set election date for new directors to succeed five current directors whose terms will expire in 1981.

South Texas Astrological Research Society will meet, First Federal Savings and Loan Association Building, Nacogdoches Road and Loop 410, 7:30 p.m. Public invited.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

Demonstration of spinning, including the drop spindle, Navajo spindle and spinning wheel, will be given by Margaret Steinle and Sue Daeschner of the San Antonio Handweavers Guild, Westfall Library, 10 a.m. Admission free.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

Second annual Alamo Cup Soccer Tournament sponsored by Harmony Hills Optimist Club will open with 96 teams from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. To enter contact Bill Anderson, 656-6246. The tournament will conclude on Sunday.

MONDAY, SEPT. 15

Clydine Baldwin Chapter of Young Homemakers of Texas will meet, John Marshall High School, 7 p.m. Membership open to all women not enrolled in high school. Annual dues \$3.50.

Business and the Arts Week in Texas opens as proclaimed by Gov. Bill Clements, to honor business companies in Texas which have supported the arts during the past year.

American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Course will begin, Northside Aquatic Center, 7:30 p.m. Phone 826-8611 to register. The course will continue each Monday evening through Oct. 3.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

Artistic craft skills workshop for adults wishing to volunteer for duty on the Adolescent Medicine Unit of the Pediatrics Ward at Bexar County Hospital will be held, 7 to 9 p.m. To register phone 696-3030, ext. 1580.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

Hondo Arts and Craft League's 1980 show, sale and judged show will open, Medina County Fair, Hondo City Park, 10 a.m. The show and sale will continue on Sunday.

31st annual Art Jamboree of the San Antonio Art League will open, McNay Art Institute, 12 noon to 6 p.m. Adults \$2, children \$1. The Jamboree will continue on Sunday.

Gill Profits Show Rise

Gill Savings has announced continued growth and earnings for the first seven months of 1980, according to Christopher Gill, chief executive officer.

The company's 1980 seven-month earnings after taxes totalled \$1,055,600, compared with \$396,000 for the same period of 1979. Also, during the same reporting period, capital and reserves increased 51 percent. Savings at July 31 totalled \$104,000,000, an increase of 82 percent or \$47,000,000 since the beginning of the year. Total assets increased to \$121,000,000, up from \$78,000,000 on January 1, 1980.

Gill stated, "By restructuring our approach to real estate lending, we have been able to offer our depositors above-market interest on savings and continue to provide our borrowers with the funds they need. Consequently, we have continued to enjoy record profits and growth through what has been a period of difficulty for our industry."

Gill Savings is the parent company of Gill Companies, a 57-year-old mortgage bank and real estate institution. Gill services \$1,150,000,000 in mortgage loans in Texas and five surrounding states making it San Antonio's largest mortgage banker.

Gill Savings has offices in San Antonio and seven surrounding cities, and subsidiary offices in Houston and Dallas.

School Meals Rules Change

Application forms and new guidelines for free and reduced price lunches and breakfasts are now available at your neighborhood Northside ISD school.

Unusual family expenses due to high medical or housing expenses or disaster or casualty losses also allow families not necessarily falling within income scales to apply.

Eligibility depends upon family income and number of children in the family. Reduced price eligibility ranges from \$8,150 (one member family) to \$36,880 (12 member family). Free meal eligibility ranges from \$5,230 annual income (one member family) to \$23,670 annual income (12 member family).

School lunch prices in Northside ISD are 65 cents for elementary school; 75 cents for middle school; and 85 cents for high school. Breakfast prices are 40 cents (elementary) and 50 cents (secondary). Reduced price lunches are 10¢. Reduced price breakfasts are 10¢.

New Drama Group Forms

A new repertory theater company is being organized for San Antonio and the surrounding areas. It is A.C.T. (Actors Cooperative Theater), and meetings are held each Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Jewish Community Center, 103 W. Ram-

part. Persons interested in any facet of the theater are invited. Currently needed are directors, technicians, dancers, musicians and performers.

For further information call Deborah McMaster at 828-6501.



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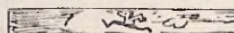
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Tests Begun On Sulphlex

An experiment to test a new paving material for highways that began Tuesday, Aug. 26, on Loop 1604 near Helotes may have a national impact.

In the experiment a new product, Sulphlex, developed by Southwest Research Institute, replaced the traditional asphalt. The chief ingredient of Sulphlex is sulfur. The advantages of Sulphlex includes that its use reduces the amount of petroleum products (required in asphalt) needed by the U.S.

The Loop 1604 test of Sulphlex is the first of several to be conducted on highways in various sections of the U.S.

The Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation used Sulphlex to pave a 1½-mile stretch of Loop 1604 between Hausman and Babcock Roads. The Sulphlex sections are a dark brown color. Adjoining the Sulphlex lanes are lanes paved with regular asphalt.

Incorporation Meeting Called

The Helotes Homeowners Association has invited everyone interested in incorporation of Helotes to attend a meeting, Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Helotes Hills United Methodist Church on Bandera Road.

A progress report, including action being taken by the San Antonio City Council, will be given. Rev. Bill Henderson is chairman of the Helotes Incorporation Committee.

Ray Price In Helotes



Saturday's attraction at Floore Country Store this week-end is Ray Price — the one who brought sophistication to country music and helped the world appreciate Country & Western. He was a friend of John T. Floore and Helotes, and played here in the early 1970's. Joe, Stella and Lydia Algueseva, present owners of Floore's, report that the show will be on the patio with award-winning Ray Price singing the great favorites which are associated with his name. Ray is a native Texan who has won practically every award available in the field, including number one country singer in America.

Rainfall Scarce

Helotes felt the touch of Hurricane Allen and received a 3.2 inch rainfall on August 10. Only other rain for August included .2 inch on two occasions adding 3.6 inches to bring the rainfall for 1980 to 12.25 inches. This adds to the fact that 7.35 inches were netted in May with June and July totalling only .3 inch.

Drought conditions here have become critical, Henry Brauchle said for ranchers, although underground water supplies remain adequate.

September has been dry so far, but this month is second only to May for being a rainy month in Texas.

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