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Helotes Takes Steps To Incorporate

Vara Wins Mayor Post

Manuel Vara is the new mayor of Grey Forest. He won the special election held Saturday, Aug. 9, with 92 votes to Jerry Martin's 44 votes and Columbus Stutes' 25.

Vara and Stutes were announced candidates. Martin, owner of Grey Moss Inn, conducted a last-minute write-in campaign.

Mayor Vara is a 55-year-old Postal Service executive. He has served as postmaster of Comfort, Devine and Masdonia, and now is assigned to the main San Antonio post office on Perrin-Beital Road.

He was sworn in as mayor Monday night. He succeeds Virginia Springer, who resigned in June after no mayor was produced by the regular city election in April. There were no announced candidates, and the write-in winner declined to take the office. Councilwoman Kathy Waldrop and Councilman Jerry Cotton have served as mayors pro tem during the past two months.

Stevenson To Have Party

Coke Stevenson Middle School will have a special meeting for all incoming sixth grade students and other new students in the school's cafeteria of Friday, Aug. 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m. They will be introduced to the school and its traditions and programs.

As with all other Northside District schools, the first day of classes at Coke Stevenson will be Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Lola Scrivner Dies At 83

Mrs. Lola C. Scrivner, 83, died Aug. 6 at her home on Bluehill Drive in McNeel Park.

Mrs. Scrivner is survived by her husband, Arthur Scrivner, Sr.; a son, Arthur H. Scrivner, Jr.; a daughter, Myra S. Cosgrove; and 6 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends.

The committee for incorporation of Helotes, on July 30, asked the San Antonio city council for permission to hold a local election on incorporation—making Helotes officially a town or city.

Permission of San Antonio is a major step because Helotes, with expansion of the San Antonio city limits, has come within the city's five-mile-wide extraterritorial jurisdiction. Helotes fell within that jurisdic-

tion almost a decade ago when the city limits were extended to take in the University of Texas at San Antonio campus. At that time Helotes residents began proceedings to incorporate.

The new request was referred to San Antonio's city planning department, which is expected to make its recommendation to the city council in a few weeks.

At least two San Antonio city council members are reported to be opposed to incorporation

of Helotes. Gene Canavan, councilman for the northwest section of San Antonio, according to a daily newspaper there, said he would even seek annexation of Helotes to block incorporation. Council Joe Alderete was quoted as saying incorporation would interfere with growth of San Antonio to the northwest.

One councilman,—like some local citizens here—said that he was surprised to learn that

Helotes hadn't been incorporated long ago. Like many older towns in Texas, Helotes may never have filed formal papers of incorporation. In the past, an honorary mayor was chosen to carry on ceremonial and official duties after the alcalde tradition.

The request for permission to hold an incorporation election was contained in a letter to the San Antonio mayor and city council delivered to them last week by Rev. Bill Henderson, pastor of Helotes Hills United Methodist Church and acting chairman of the local incorporation committee.

With the letter was a map of the proposed boundaries of the incorporated city of Helotes. It would have an area of approximately 4½ square miles and include Downtown Helotes, Helotes Park Estates, Helotes Ranch Acres, and Helotes Creek Ranch. The committee originally had projected an area about twice as large, but found that it did not have the required population density, as Helotes remains a ranching center.

In addition to Rev. Henderson, the incorporation committee includes Wayne Chauffe, Tom Hopper, Mrs. Leo Seitz, Hal Etter, Joe Schaeffer, Dr. Ted Kniker, Dr. Bob Demski, Richard King, Tom Beaty, Harvey Crawford, Mary Stiles and Paul Kime.

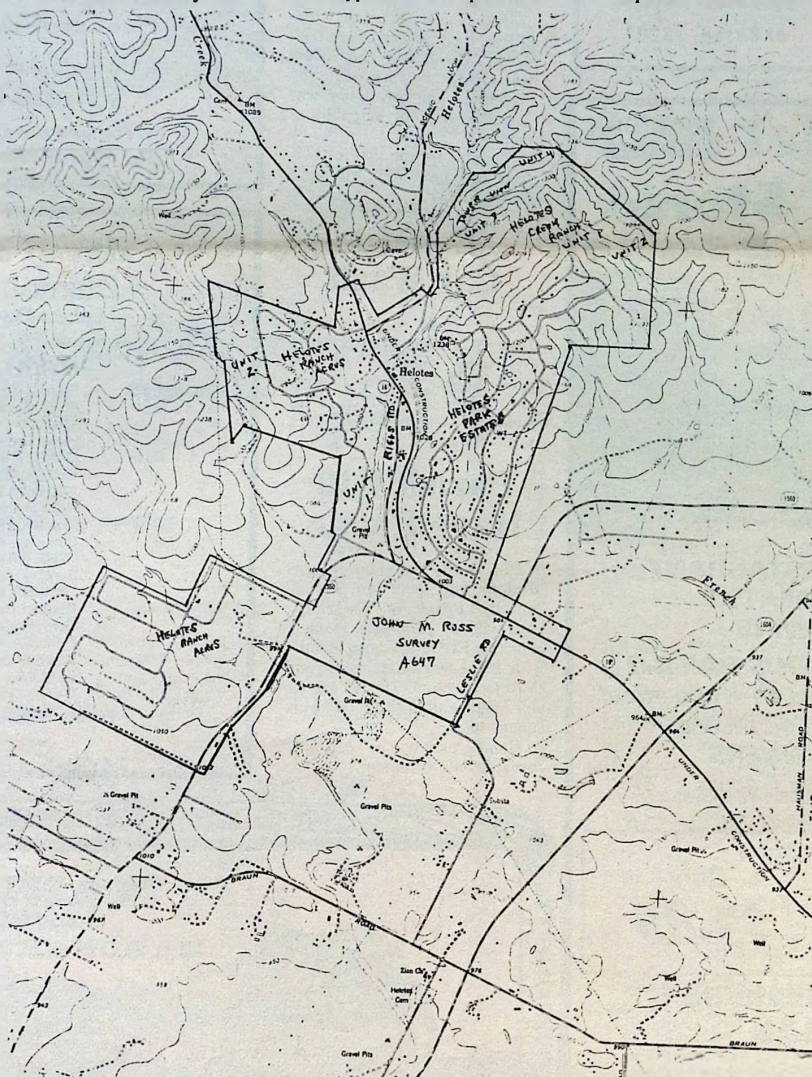
In the letter to the San Antonio city council, Rev. Henderson said:

"As you are undoubtedly aware, Helotes is a community with a unique history and an established identity. However, this community has never undergone the formal requirements to establish itself as a legally recognized municipality.

"For many years Helotes was comprised of a small group of residents without demanding requirements from an organized community government. In the last 10 years, however, there has been substantial growth in this area and this situation has been radically altered."

If San Antonio turns down the request for an election, the committee may then seek special legislation in Austin or file suit for a court-ordered election.

Helotes, one of the oldest towns in South Texas, with a proud frontier and ranching history, has had a post office since before 1873—more than a century.



The proposed incorporated town of Helotes includes the built-up areas adjacent to the center of the community. As shown in the map above, it would spread out from Bandera Road to take in Helotes Ranch Acres, Helotes Park Estates, Helotes Creek Ranch, and an area between Leslie and Galm Roads. The committee for incorporation has asked the San Antonio city council for permission to hold an election so the area residents can vote on whether or not to incorporate under state laws. An answer from the San Antonio city council is expected this fall.

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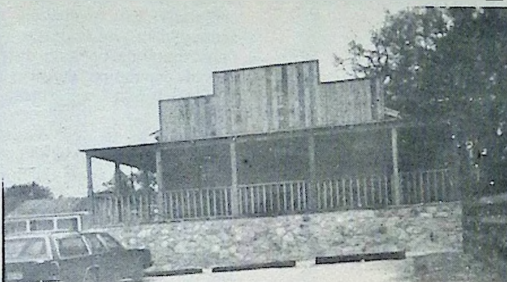
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Bustamante has been chosen as the honoree for the association's first Roast because of his

important contributions to the field of mental health at the community, state and national levels.

Logan Stewart, current Key Fee and popular radio newscaster, will be the master of ceremonies. Roasters will include Judge Blair Reeves, a former County Judge, Councilman Henry Cisneros, County Clerk Bob Green, and Tom Fordyce, chairman of the Bexar County Hospital District.

Reservations for the "Roast Boostie" evening are available through the Mental Health Association, phone 222-1571.

**Work Begins
 On Culebra**

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation has announced that improvements will be made to a 2-mile section of Culebra Road (FM 1957) from Potranco Road to FM 471.

Improvements will include widening the existing roadway to provide 4-foot wide paved shoulders and an asphaltic concrete pavement overlay for the finished roadway. Left turn lanes will be placed as needed at the major intersections and school entrances.

The project will be completed by mid-October.

**Cornyval To
 Host Helpers**

The Helotes Spring Festival Association will host its free Appreciation Barbecue for all workers in Cornyval '80, at the Braun Station East swimming pool, Saturday, Aug. 16, beginning at 6 p.m.

Incoming Festival Association President Jerry Robertson said all persons are invited who participated in the Cornyval Parade, worked in booths, helped on the nightly clean-up operations, served on any committee, took part in the special events, Coronation and Indian Ceremony, association members, and any other who helped either out in public or behind the scenes.

Planning for the 1981 festival, to be held next May, will begin in September.

**Benefit
 Car Wash**

A car wash to benefit the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon will take place August 23 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Stop N Go locate at 10008 Broadway. Cars \$2.50—Trucks \$3.50.

**Parish Will
 Have Picnic**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will hold its Parish Family Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Raymond Russell Park on Fredericksburg Road.

A meal will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 10.

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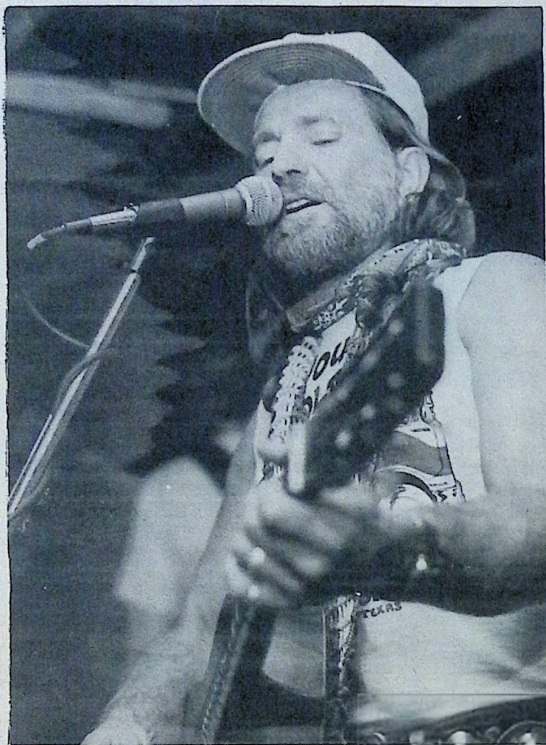
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"Absence sharpens love; presence strengthens it."
Thomas Fuller

Aquifer Wells Holding Own

Water well levels throughout the Edwards Underground Water District stabilized in July following record-breaking drops in June. Tom Fox, EUWD general manager, has announced.

However, spring flow at New Braunfels and San Marcos declined significantly, and Fox continued to stress the need for prudent conservation practices.

The Dodd Field index well in San Antonio showed a reading of 642.2 feet on July 29, down 2.4 feet from the June 30 level. Index wells in Medina County rose during the month with Hondo showing a 5.6-foot increase, which Fox attributed to reduced pumpage.

The index well in Uvalde dropped five feet, somewhat greater than its usual fluctuation of only one or two feet from month to month.

"The readings at the end of July," Fox said, "indicate levels are stabilizing in the major pumping centers, but the current dry cycle still points to the importance of developing alternative sources of water and continuing the practice of using our water wisely."

He went on to say, "The sizable declines in spring flow in Comal and Hays Counties coming a month after well levels dropped in Uvalde, Medina and Bexar Counties also underscore the need for prudent conservation practices."

While Fox said there is no

cause for alarm, he declared the EUWD is concerned because of four significant effects brought about by reduced water levels. These, he said, are:

First, spring flow diminishes and eventually stops. At approximately the 615-foot level in the Dodd Field index well in San Antonio, Comal Springs cease flowing, and at the 575-foot level San Marcos Springs dry up.

Second, pumping costs increase (costs are a function of lift, amount of water pumped and type of equipment used).

Third, some wells in the upper areas of the Edwards Aquifer may experience reduced yields.

And fourth, it takes more

recharge to bring the water levels back up.

Fox stated the effect of increased pumping costs is being felt now and pointed out, as an example, that some municipal water systems currently are lowering water well pumps.

Register

Registration for the Northside District G.E.D. (high school equivalency) and Community Education programs will be held Sept. 2-4, at the Central Office, 5900 Evers Road, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., and in the libraries of John Jay and John Marshall High Schools, from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information call Dick Pipes, 681-0330, ext. 219.

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Ruling Hits Aquifer Use

The directors of the five-county Edwards Underground Water District meeting in emergency session this week voted to file suit this week against the U.S. Department of the Interior to seek to void the Fish and Wildlife Service's designation of San Marcos Springs as a critical habitat for four species of plant and aquatic life.

Fish and Wildlife on July 14 issued its final rule regarding the critical habitat to become effective Aug. 14. The designation protects Texas wild rice and the fountain darter, both on the endangered species list, and the San Marcos salamander and San Marcos gambusia.

The entire region of the district would be affected by the designation, including all persons or businesses that pump water from the Edwards Aquifer, municipal governments, federal agricultural agencies, military bases, water resource development projects and the like.

I'll Drink To That



In honor of the UTSA Alumni Association's annual meeting Aug. 20, Athletics Director Rudy Davalos accepts a glass of wine from alumni association member Sarah Garrahan. Davalos and the new head basketball coach, Don Eddy, will be at the meeting to discuss UTSA's basketball program. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a wine and cheese reception in the university's John Peace Library. A plaque also will be presented to the alumni association's first alumnus of the year. All UTSA alumni, former students and interested persons are invited to attend. For reservations, phone Shirley Wills, 691-4550, or Jane Duckworth, 691-4150.

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Security Has New Phone

Those having business with social security can now take care of almost everything by telephone, according to Frances B. Alford, acting district manager for the San Antonio Social Security office. A person can call social security to:

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- (8) Get help with Medicare forms.
- (9) Arrange for direct deposit of checks.
- (10) Get benefit estimate.
- (11) Request statement of earnings record.
- (12) Get help in requesting review of decision made on a claim.
- (13) Arrange for a social security speaker or film for groups.

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Tickets for the ballet are \$3.50 to \$15.50 and are available at all Joske's (227-0096). Park and Ride will be available at \$2 per person round trip from Cappy's (828-9669) and Avery's (733-9103).

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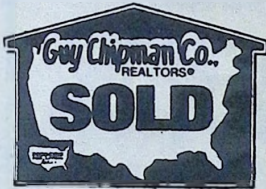
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7th International Miniature Print Exhibition continues at Koehler Cultural Center, 310 W. Ashby Place, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission free. The exhibition will end Aug. 27.

Annual Play Day of the Medina County Riders, Hondo Roping Arena, 4 p.m. Competition open to two age groups, 13 and under and 14 and over. Entry fee \$3. All proceeds to the Medina County Association for Exceptional Children.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Association for Former Military Spouses will meet, St. Matthews Catholic Church Gym, 10703 Wurzbach Road, 2 p.m. Pending legislation affecting military spouses will be discussed.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

San Antonio Bobbin Lace-makers exhibit will open, Westfall Branch Library, IH-10 at Vance-Jackson Road, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission free. The exhibit will continue through Sept. 18.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Publicity clinic for public relations chairmen of clubs, organizations and agencies, Ruth Taylor Concert Hall, Trinity University, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by Women in Communications, Inc. Speakers will include newspaper, radio, television and college professionals. Registration fee \$7.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Castroville's annual St. Louis Day Celebration, Koenig Park, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sausage and barbecue dinner \$3 per plate. Dance 3 to 7 p.m. with music by The Kustoms. Games, rides, auction, food and drink booths.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Make Today Count Group will meet, Cancer Therapy Center, 4450 Medical Drive, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Annual Fall Festival of St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, 4222 S.W. Loop 410, 11 a.m. Barbecue beef and sausage dinner, old time country style auction, free dance, games, live entertainment.

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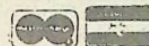
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Grange Wins State Prizes

Sixteen members of the Leon Valley Grange, headed by Grange Master Bill Maskew, attended the Texas State Grange session recently in Hamilton and came back with numerous awards.

There Leon Valley Grange members were re-elected to offices in the State Grange. They are Jim Kiles, re-elected to the executive committee; Ruth Lampman, re-elected secretary; and Mary Maskew, re-elected Flora of the State Grange.

First place award winners were:

Freida Weimer, for a crocheted bedspread; Mary Galm, baby quilt; Mary Maskew, three firsts, for an embroidered table cloth, embroidered pillow slip, and needlepoint; Ruth Lampman, home decorations; Ruth Lofgren, knitted sweater; and Tom Dodson, black and white photo.

Second-place awards went to: Thelma Schweppe, baby quilt; Marvin Schweppe, knitted afgahan; Mary Maskew, two awards, for an embroidered pillow case and latch hook rug; and Bill Maskew, color photo.

A third-place award went to Mary Whittaker for an embroidered pillow case.

Wesley Wise Dies at 39

Wesley Wise, 39, of San Antonio, died Aug. 7 in an automobile accident, and was buried Aug. 12 in the Catholic Cemetery in Helotes after services at the North Park Mortuary.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Paula Wise of Helotes; three sons, John, Jason and Jimmie of Dallas; a stepdaughter, Leslie Brown of Helotes; a stepson, Robert Brown of Helotes; his parents; six sisters; and numerous other relatives.

Wes was well-known in Helotes, where he and Paula formerly were employed by El Chaparral Mexican Restaurant.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends.

Jose Vara Dies at 53

Jose Vara, youngest brother of Mayor Manuel Vara of Grey Forest, died Aug. 7 at his home in San Antonio at the age of 53. He was an administrator with the South San Antonio Independent School District. His survivors include his wife, daughter, mother, one sister, and four other brothers in addition to Manuel Vara.

The funeral mass was celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, and burial was in San Fernando Cemetery on Monday, Aug. 11.

Sympathy is extended to Mayor Vara, other members of the family, and Jose Vara's friends.

Gordon Van Winkle Dies At Age 52

Gordon F. "Rip" Van Winkle of San Antonio died Tuesday, August 5, at the age of 52. He was a native of Houston and had lived most of his life in the San Antonio area. He was a member of the Blue Bonnet Lodge No. 1219, AF & AM, and of the San Antonio chapter of Scottish Rite.

He is survived by his wife, Jerinelle Van Winkle; daughter, Linda Helmle; and sons, Leslie Van Winkle, Thomas Van Winkle and Donald Van Winkle.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 7, at

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, with interment following at Mission Burial Park North. Graveside services were under auspices of Blue Bonnet Lodge No. 1219.

Mr. Van Winkle had many friends in the Helotes area, and sympathy is extended to his family in their loss.

Church Adds Service

An 8:30 Sunday Service has been added to the regular schedule of the Helotes Hills United Methodist, Rev. Bill Henderson, pastor, has announced. The Children's Choir will be heard at this service. Church School follows at 9:45 a.m. The other Worship Service is held at 11 a.m.

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