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Cornnyval Rolls Into Town



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Shown at the Coronation ceremonies Wednesday night is Miss Helotes 1979—Lisa Hamilton—second from right. To her right is the new Princess, Brenda Williams. Current Duchesses, to the left, are Marilyn Matthews and Laurie Hoyt.

Lisa Hamilton Named 'Miss Helotes'

In an indoor ceremony Wednesday night at Floore Country Store, Miss Helotes 1979—Lisa Rene Hamilton, who is a 17-year-old John Marshall High School junior—received a new scepter and crown from Lisa Bendele, whose reign as Miss Helotes came to an end during the beautiful ceremony. A jewelled velvet robe—designed by Mrs. Maxine Gautney for this year's pageant—added to the spectacular ceremony.

A welcome was given by Guy Williams, 1979 president of the Helotes Spring Festival Assn., which sponsors the annual Cornnyval now midway through its five-day run.

Princess of the 1978 Court, Robyn Winn crowned the new Princess, Brenda Williams, 18-year-old Marshall senior. Turning over their titles of Duchesses were Sherri Crouse and Jean Wood, who were succeeded by Marilyn Matthews, 16-year-old Marshall sophomore, and Laurie Teresa Hoyt, 18-year-old Marshall senior.

Master of ceremonies were Dr. Philip J. Moorad, Jr., husband of Pageant Chairman Michele Moorad. Assisting

were Mrs. Fran Heathington, Miss Jill Galland, and Miss Perianne Williams.

Entertainment was provided by students of The Arts Academy of Ballet, Tap and Gymnastics.

Music for dancing featured

Ray Garrison, Jr. and Misty Oak Cowboys. The band included Baby Joe, who sings and plays lead guitar; Rusty Mahan on the drums; Louis, guitarist and singer; and two others who sat in, Boogie Allen from Southern Gold Street and

Reggie Dale on the piano.

The new Court will ride on the official float which has a Greek theme in the "Festival of Nations" parade. Greek legends abound in the Helotes Hills and are said to have come down from the Indians here.

U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez UTSA Guest Speaker

U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez will give the keynote address at commencement at The University of Texas at San Antonio, Sunday, May 13. Graduation ceremonies will honor approximately 1,150 UTSA graduates of the summer and fall 1978 semesters and candidates for spring 1979 graduation. Exercises begin at 3 p.m. in the Convocation Center there.

The United States representative from the 20th district of Texas was first elected to Congress in 1961. At that time Helotes and Leon Valley were part of his district.

He is chairman of the International Development Institutions and Finance subcommittee of the House

Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs committee, on which he has served since 1961.

Rep. Gonzalez also is a member of the House Committee on Small Business and has been one of the 20 Democratic zone whips since 1973.

A native San Antonian, the congressman was educated in public elementary and secondary schools. He attended San Antonio Junior College and the University of Texas at Austin. He earned an LLB and a JD degree from St. Mary's University School of Law.

UT Regent Jane Weinert Blumberg (Mrs. Roland K.) will confer the degrees.

The Rev. Patrick Guidon, O.M.I., president of the Oblate College of the Southwest, will

offer the invocation and benediction.

Performances will be given by the UTSA Concert Choir, Dr. Douglas Lyren conducting, and the UTSA Wind Ensemble.



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Saturday Parade Planned

Sundown tonight will find the 14th annual Helotes Spring Festival picking up its tempo with the opening of about 70 food and other booths. There will be two simultaneous free street dances featuring Candee Land and Country Suede in downtown Helotes. Meanwhile Augie Meyers will be playing for a free dance inside Floore Country Store—or hopefully on the patio. Then for those who prefer a beer garden setting, there will also be The Jolly Lumberjacks playing at the Helotes Inn.

Saturday morning at 11 a.m., the three-mile parade—Festival of Nations—will swing down Bandera Road—Highway 16—from Loop 1604 to the downtown intersection of Scenic Loop Road. Entries include bands, horses, clowns, and floats of all types. This will be a big parade, with Jack and Margaret Stephens as parade chairmen.



Grand Marshal for the Parade Saturday will be Jimmie Peters, popular C & W star, who also will play for Saturday night's free dance on the patio of Floore Country Store.

There will be Bexar County Gun Slingers and armadillo races as well as corn, beer, and other contests. The Carnival will be in town. There will be two free Saturday Street Dances—with Country Suede and Bergs Mill Symphony bands. Festival Beer Gardens will be open also. The Carnival featuring Cleo Graves Wide State Shows will have many new rides for all ages.

Booths will have plenty of food, art, crafts, and bargains. A Corn Quilt prepared by the Helotes Hills United Methodist Church women will be available. The Helotes Art Guild has prepared a big art show with guest exhibitors on the Gallery grounds.

Sunday will have many festivities—including an Old Fiddler's Contest. Champions of various Saturday contests will match skills in a Champ-off event on Sunday afternoon. Johnny Lyons and also The Jolly Lumberjacks will appear at local establishments.

North-South Game May 11

Tickets for San Antonio's first North-South High School All-Star Football Game, sponsored by Trinity University, have gone on sale at several local outlets.

The game will be played at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 11, at Trinity's E.M. Stevens Stadium.

Also scheduled to perform at

the game are two of the city's top high school marching units. The bands and dance teams from Southwest and Marshall high schools will provide the halftime entertainment, and music before and during the game.

All tickets are priced at \$2.50, and there are no reserved seats.

They Danced For Queen



Local children performed an acro/gym routine to "A Music Box Dancer," a character dance to "Dance Trepak," and ballet-tap and gym production number to the "Overture" from the Broadway musical "Annie" to open the Cornyval.

Shown at dress rehearsal for their part in the Miss Helotes Coronation Pageant held Wednesday, May 2, are dancers from The Arts Academy Performing Group.

They are, from left to right, in the front row, Kristen Cech, Vicki Reichardt, and Elsa Decker. Second row dancers are Shannon Sharp, Debbie Schimandie, Carissa Meritz, and Jennifer Vitek. In the third row are Michelle Graham and Vicki Watts. In the back row are Abilene Long, Donna Echterhoff, Christie Hall, and Melissa DeSpain.

Dancers not shown here include Chacha Chapa and Christy Lozano. The Arts Academy dancers are taught by Mary Van Bibber.

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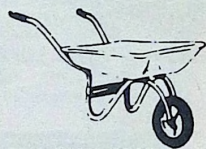
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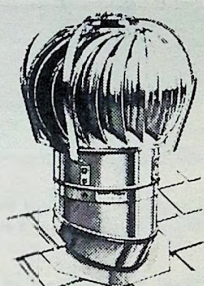
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Mrs. Ardith Beckmann, center, pins an Eagle Scout badge on her son, David, during a recent court of honor for Helotes Troop 401, as David's father, Dr. Charles Beckmann, and Scoutmaster Monty Montez look on. At lower right are Senior Patrol Leader David Poole and Eagle Scout Russell Wilson.

The quarterly Court of Honor of Boy Scout Troop 401, Helotes, held recently, featured an Eagle Scout ceremony in which David Charles Beckmann received the Eagle Scout Badge and Certificate, issued by the national headquarters of Boy Scouts of America in recognition of his achieving the highest rank in scouting.

David is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Beckmann, 14802 Circle A Trail, Helotes Park Estates.

Honor escorts for the Eagle ceremony were two Troop 401 members who had attained Eagle Scout previously, Assistant Scoutmaster Paul W. Allen and Russell Wilson.

The citation of the candidate was performed by James Wilson of Grey Forest, past scoutmaster of the troop. The Eagle Charge and Presentation were performed by Scoutmaster Monty Montez.

In accordance with tradition, David's mother, Mrs. Ardith Beckman, received a miniature Eagle lapel pin from David.

Featured also at the court of honor was presentation of skill awards by Assistant Scoutmaster Allen and merit badges by Billy Johnson, member of the Troop 401 committee.

Merit badges went to Ray Byrd, Don Barker, Eric Beckmann, Mike Brown, Allen Johnson and Todd Smith.

First class scout awards went to Joe Bambeck, Ray Byrd, Allen Johnson, Albert Love, Todd Smith, Larry Montez and Danny Dougherty.

Second class awards went to Mike Brown and Todd Smith.

Progress awards were given to Tenderfoot Scouts Ricky and Tim Poole.

Speaker for the court of honor ceremony was Charles A. Denison, Sr. The ceremony was held at the Helotes Hills Methodist Church. Chairman of the troop committee is Dr. Beckmann.

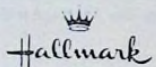
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RAIN HIGH FOR 1979

May arrived Tuesday with threatening skies as the first quarter of 1979 chalked up 15.9 inches of rainfall. That is above half of the average annual rainfall for this area, Henry Brauchle, local weather observer said. Last year, the first quarter's rainfall tallied



As old as the hills almost is this testing of the corn. Before the ancient Corn Festivals, Indian women brought samples to the Chief to test for readiness. Then runners were sent to neighboring tribes to announce "Helotes", the green corn or corn-on-the-cob is ready for the Festival which generally lasted 10 days or until the corn began to be ready for drying.

Depicting the maiden, right, is Lynn Menchaca, who gives Chief-Ray Garrison Sr., in the 1979 version—a sample of the current crop. Pronounced in readiness, corn for the present Festival will be plentiful.

Photo by Leroy Galm, Jr.

9.9 inches.

April this year had 5.3 inches of rain and that followed a rainy March with .3 inch more rainfall.

Cornval Ready

Allen Braun Dies At 54

Allen C. Braun, son of Felix E. Braun of Leslie Road, died Monday, April 30, in San Antonio and was buried Thursday morning in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Allen Braun was 54.

He is survived also by his wife, Mrs. Verna C. Braun; a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Newton of San Antonio; two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Carolan of Shaenfield Road and Mrs. Joyce Teachenor of Aleta, Calif.; two brothers, Daniel Braun of Helotes and the Rev. Ervie Braun of Hondo; and five grandchildren, Allen, Vernon and Susan Trice and Jimmie Allen and Florence Newton.

Until his retirement in 1976, Mr. Braun had been with the Lone Star Brewing Company for more than 25 years.

On the day of his death, Mr. Braun had gone to a hospital in San Antonio for a checkup and died suddenly of a heart attack in the corridor of the hospital.

Sympathy is extended to Felix Braun, Mrs. Carolan and Daniel Braun and to the other relatives.

5 Churches Plan Census

Five Helotes churches will conduct a religious census of the area on Sunday, May 20, and Saturday, May 26.

Cooperating in the evangelism program are First Baptist Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Zion Lutheran Church, Helotes Hills United Methodist Church, and Forest Hills Presbyterian Church.

Volunteer teams will go door-to-door on the two days asking information about the number of residents in each house and delivering invitations from the churches.

Training sessions for the volunteer census takers will be held May 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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Barnett-Cogill Wed In April



Following a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Barnett reside now in Fredericksburg, Texas. The bride is the former Miss Donna Cogill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Cogill of Grey Forest, Texas, and the bridegroom is son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Barnett of Pasadena, Texas. They were married in San Antonio, in a civil ceremony, on April 2, 1979. They have been honored at a series of informal parties.

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Scenic Loop Club To Open Season With Supper, Sale

The Scenic Loop Playground Club will conduct a two-day rummage sale on May 26 and 27 in the Youth Building on Scenic Loop Drive in Grey Forest.

Club President Harry Drought said the sale will go from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both days. Proceeds will be used to improve the club's parks.

During the week preceding the sale, the Youth Building will be open each evening from 5 to 7 p.m. for those who want to donate items to the sale.

Drought is just beginning his second term as president. New officers are Jim Ed Riadon, vice president, and Vivian Cook, secretary-treasurer.

The club will have its quarterly meeting on Sunday evening, May 20. A covered dish supper will follow the meeting.

The officers and directors meet each third Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The club will open its swimming pool on May 15 with Esther Garcia as lifeguard.

Membership in the club is open to residents of the Scenic Loop Playgrounds only. This is the same area is covered by the city of Grey Forest. The club was established about 50 years ago when the area was first subdivided and it served as the administration unit for the residents until the city was incorporated about 12 years ago.

The club owns the swimming pool, a small fishing lake, all the creek banks, a large athletic field used for Little League

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After a potluck supper, the group will see films made by Roy and Orlene Smith of a recent trip to the Yucatan Peninsula.

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Leon Valley Man Picked

Lincoln W. Klemm, president of the Leon Valley Helotes chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, has been named by U.S. Sen. John Tower as one of

two Texans to participate in the 1979 Senior Citizens Intern Program.

Mr. Klemm will go to Washington, D.C., Monday for two weeks to confer with members of Congress on federal programs for senior citizens.

Mr. Klemm, 69 years old, was a civil service logistician for the Air Force for 30 years, at Kelly Air Force Base and an Air Force installation in Memphis. On temporary duty assignments he traveled to Germany, England, France, Belgium,

Spain, Morocco, Italy, Turkey, the Philippines, Okinawa, Thailand, and throughout the U.S.

The other Texan appointee to the two-week program is Robert C. Macnab of Tyler.

Sen. Tower said: "Both men are leaders in their communities and as representatives of national senior citizens organizations in Texas, undoubtedly will bring to

Washington a keen grasp of the issues of interest to retired Americans."

Mr. Klemm lives at 5911 Rimkus Drive in Leon Valley.

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ECHO-LOG

[Note: The Log is a list of selected special interest events which may appeal to some readers. Events that continue more than one day are listed under the opening day only.]

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Women in Communications brunch honoring its four Headliners for 1979, Hotel Plaza Nacional, noon. Author-columnist Liz Smith will be featured speaker. To be honored are Evelyn H. Biery, attorney; Dr. Pearl Zink, physician and volunteer service leader; Gloria H. Kehl, executive director of the Good Samaritan Center; and Leona Pappas, television editor for the San Antonio Express-News. Tickets \$12.50 each. Phone 227-5371, Extension 63.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Incarinate Word College 1979 Commencement, 3 p.m., Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University. Judge Rose Spector will be speaker.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

Edwards Underground Water District directors meet, 3 p.m., Tower Life Building.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

American Diabetes Association presents Dr. William C. Winter in "Update: Diabetes 1979," Main Auditorium, University of Texas Health Science Center, 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

Annual meeting of the San Antonio Area Council of Girl Scouts, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 4222 SW Loop 410, 9 a.m. to noon.

Cancer Therapy and Research Foundation of South Texas' "Make Today Count" meeting, Cancer Therapy Institute, 4450 Medical Dr., 7 p.m. A second night meeting will be held on May 23. A daytime series will be held May 4 and 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Annual meeting of the Bexar Metro Unit of the American Cancer Society, The Bright Shawl, 7:30 p.m. State Sen. R. L. (Bob) Vale will be guest speaker.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

"Own Your Own Business" Show opens at the San Antonio Convention Center, 11 a.m., displaying a wide variety of franchises, distributorships, dealerships and investments in products and services. Continue Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission \$3, children free.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Women's Law Center presents a seminar on "Marital Property Law in Texas," Government Employees Credit Union Building, 9 a.m. to noon. Fee \$7 per person. Reservations at 433-4311.

Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department annual spring barbecue opens. Includes country store bargains and giant cake sale. Continues on Sunday.

First annual San Antonio Winefest, Mehren Estate, 1006 Holbrook (near Salado Creek and Austin Highway), 1 to 5 p.m. Sponsored by Oak Hills Lions Club to support the Texas Crippled Children's Camp and other charities. Admission \$15 (includes gourmet buffet).

SUNDAY, MAY 13

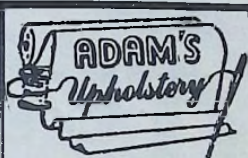
Benefit concert and supper for the Bexar County Women's Center, at the former Crockett Elementary School, 2300 W. Commerce St., 5:30 p.m. Features Vivian Rosales-Wharton and Southern Exposure. Tickets \$5, children \$2.50 (includes baked ham dinner), at all Joske's stores.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Leon Valley Optimist Club's "Spring Fest 1979" opens, Bandera Road at Loop 410, with dances, booths, displays and a carnival. Will continue on Saturday and Sunday. Bands to include the Cross Town Connection, River City Pleasure, and Clifton Janske.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

The Joffrey Ballet opens three-day stand at the Theater for the Performing Arts, HemisFair Plaza. Tickets at Joske's, 227-0096.



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May 5

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Featuring Corn, Beer & Other Contests

2 Free Street Dances 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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8:30 p.m. Floore Store (on the patio)

LINE-UP 10:00 a.m.
AT LOOP 1604 & HWY 16
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Armadillo Races
STARTS 3 P.M.

ARTISTS STREET EXHIBIT

CORNYVAL BOOTHS

WIDE STATE DAY & NIGHT
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Sunday
May 6

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Downtown - Floore Rd.

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Free Dance - Floore Store

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