

# Spring Festival Set For May 3, 4, 5

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### Person-to-Person

April will be very big this year—with San Antonio's HemisFair opening. Lent closing out, various elections, and following the celebration of Easter Sunday, April 14, a dance to launch the Helotes Spring Festival fund drive April 19, and the Helotes Volunteer Fire Department Dance April 26—both at Floore's.

Of course, April 6 alone has enough activity to stagger a space-age traveller. Try to take in Waco Williams' quick-draw act at a nearby emporium that day, after you've voted, and on the way to the big show downtown. Try also to see the amazing 100 artists of the Helotes Art Guild holding forth at their show on the San Antonio River in a one-gallery show that day or the next.

Speaking of artists, Harry Gore has unveiled his mural, the Pecos River Crossing, showing a wagon train being observed by Indians. This huge canvas, commissioned by Lone Star, will be seen at their HemisFair Pavilion. And Paul Kime has also been designing for the Fair.

Taubes, the artist, came to Helotes and San Antonio, bringing with him the kind of magic that surrounds the excellent of the world. Given the Red Carpet treatment, he also was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Schnuriger, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kime, and Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Hurlbut, not to mention the hundreds who drove out from San Antonio to meet him. Several local collections now house his work and Ruth Black treasures a work of hers which he completed.

Charming infants have arrived in the world—including one, James, born to Mr. and Mrs. Jap Jones on February 12. Then there was the first grandchild, a boy, for grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson. Jean flew all the way to Italy to meet this one, born to their daughter-in-law and son. Postmaster and Mrs. Charlie Davis have also been charmed

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### Rains Raise Water Table

Total rainfall for 1968 as we go to press stands at 13.9 inches, well above average, according to records kept by local Weather Expert Ross Barham. The wells tested by the government stand about three feet higher than at any time for these months recorded in the past six or seven years, he said.

By months, the rainfall recorded was 8.8 inches for January, 2.9 inches for February, and 2.2 inches so far in March.

## Entries Sought For Saturday's Parade

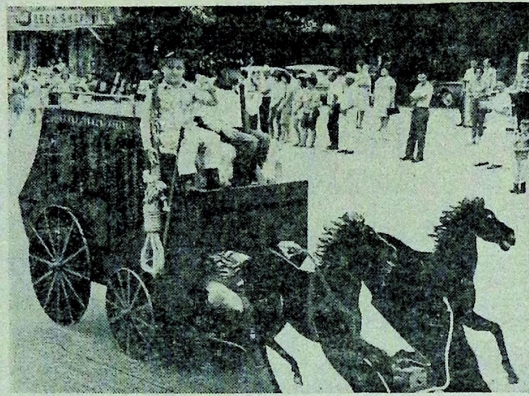


Photo by Dade Rayfield

Stage Coach float—wouldn't you know?—was the entry of Stage Coach Hills in the great 1967 first Spring Festival Parade which had Dade Rayfield as Parade Chairman and Alex Parrigan as Grand Marshall and featured 97 entries. There were posers and clowns as well as bands and the Miss Fiesta and Miss Teen Helotes beauties. As in the first Festival—where Rod Ayres was co-chairman—Jean Gibson was chairman of the second Helotes Festival assisted by the Art Guild. The Lions helped with the first in 1966.

### T. M. Edwards Locates Here

T. M. Edwards, owner of an agency in San Antonio and with 21 years experience in insurance, recently purchased the Davis Insurance Agency here. The Agency was owned by Charlie Davis, whose appointment as postmaster of Helotes was confirmed in the last session of Congress. The insurance office—now known as Village Insurance—has relocated at Helotes Park Plaza in the former water district office.

Mrs. Joyce Faust remains as agency secretary.

Mr. Edwards is a native San Antonian and has an education from the Institute of Economics at St. Mary's University and Southern Methodist University.

### Arrests Follow Quick Detection

Early in the afternoon of March 1, James Stanley—off-duty Sheriff's patrolman, was at Vinck's Garage when a man called there to tell of seeing two men flee from the Scenic Loop home of H. F. Hensley following a break-in.

Stanley then spotted the Volkswagen bus which had been described as belonging to the two men. He gave chase over country roads for 20 miles or more, finally curbing the vehicle on Bandera Road near San Antonio. Sheriff's Investigator Eddie Strelzik first assisted Stanley in the arrest of one of the two men.

Edward Kempf, City Marshall of Grey Forest, then assisted Stanley in the chase, but lost sight of the car in traffic.

The owner of the bus was arrested and booked for burglary of a private residence.

### PATROL TEAM

The City of Grey Forest now has a patrol car manned at all hours by City Marshall Ed Kempf or one of the following of his deputies: H. E. Brown, J. G. McCoy, Sherwood Nelson, and Bill Stubblefield.

Councilman Dick Miller is in charge of law enforcement and Judge Robert Duty presides at corporation court.

### Tax Service Established

Pittman & Pittman, a book-keeping and income tax service, has opened in Helotes, located downtown in the Davis Building, with tax specialist Herbert Rosen of San Antonio in charge.

Attorney and Mrs. Philip J. Pittman and their children reside in McNeil Park. He is a graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law.

Mr. Rosen, who retired from the Air Force in November, 1966, was educated at Bryant College in Providence, Rhode Island. He is married and has a son attending San Antonio College.

### Black Widow Has Dangerous Rival

Hill Country residents have been warned by health authorities—and this applies also for anyone from Texas to Wisconsin—to be on the watch for the Brown Recluse—the insect world's No. 1 danger, replacing the old favorite the Black Widow Spider. Reasons this spider is so dangerous are that it lurks in secret places, doesn't hurt much when it stings, and the sore gets worse instead of better unless properly treated.

The Brown Recluse is fiddle-shaped and not over one-half inch long. It is from fawn to chocolate brown in color, and bites only when disturbed. Since it is likely to lurk in bed clothing or in shoes, the victim can make it

The third annual Helotes Spring Festival will be held here on the week-end of May 3, 4, and 5, it was agreed by representatives of civic, social, and religious groups in a series of meetings held at the Lion's Club. The Art Guild also plans to stage a major show on the same dates.

### Y'All Come

Two big dance dates on the calendar include April 19 and 26—both Friday nights.

On the first date, the Benefit for the Helotes Spring Festival—to raise sufficient funds to stage the May event—will take place at Floore's Country Store with Judy Dean and her Band playing. Tickets will be one dollar per person. Chairmen for this dance are Mrs. Peter LeBoutillier and Mrs. Fred Anderson. They have invited all the community to come make this a success.

On April 26, the Helotes Volunteer Fire Department will hold a big dance as one of the chief fund-raising events of the year. Grand Old Opry star Judy Dean will also play on that night and everyone from far and near can look forward to this fireman's ball.

### School Elections Set April 6 Here

School Board elections for the Northside Independent School District will be held April 6 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following polling places: Lockhill Elementary School, Helotes Elementary, Leon Valley Elementary, Sunset Hills Elementary, and Sam Rayburn Junior High School. Candidates for Place 3 and Place 4, the two up for election this year represent a race in both cases.

Walter Sorensen, of the Lockhill area, is challenging incumbent Henry Howell for Place 3.

Three candidates have announced for Place 4. They are Dick Dixon of Leon Springs, William Thornton of Inspiration Hills, and Jerry Varnon of the Lackland area.

Col. Carl Crane had a full house for the showing of a movie on old-time Airplanes at the Grange on the Social Night recently.

A newly formed Helotes Spring Festival Association is being incorporated to stage events. Named chairman is Ernest Barrera, also Lion's Club president. Dr. Richard Foster is vice chairman. The secretary is Mrs. Homer Taylor. Treasurer is Walter Schuh with Rudy Zepeda as assistant treasurer.

The parade chairman is Larry Bergstrom. He will have as assistants the following: Mrs. Peter LeBoutillier, Mrs. Josephine Wallace, and Mrs. Laurie Stubblefield. The parade will be held on Saturday, May 4 at about mid-morning. Entries will be accepted from all local organizations as well as from neighboring cities. Anyone wishing to enter floats may apply to the chairman for an entry permit. Military and high school bands as well as junior high bands are welcome, and Western riders are expected.

Events planned include street dancing, a shoot-out, a big dance, and may include a coronation. Organizations will have concessions of food and country stores along the main thoroughfare. Those applying for space are asked to check with the committee or reserve space by checking the map of the route which will be kept up-to-date on display at Andrews Grocery in downtown Helotes.

Attorney Philip Pittman is in



Ernest Barrera is 1968 Festival chairman and heads new Association.

charge of applying for the charter for the new organization. His committee includes Rev. M. H. Applewhite, Mrs. Fred Anderson, Mrs. Ike Parrott, Mrs. Taylor, and Mr. Barrera.

All organizations will have individual chairmen. However, the association has hopes that individual citizens will apply for membership and volunteer their services to make the Festival as successful as it has been in the past two years.

There will be some carnival spaces allotted, and artists may apply through the Art Guild to join the festivities.

Law enforcement is under the supervision of Ray Garrison.



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by their first grandchild—Dee-Ann, a little red-headed girl born in Corpus Christi. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis, Jr.

The style show recently put on by Terry's and emceed by Bea Geisler for the Women's Club at Hickory Hut turned out to be a great follow-up to Nell Ochs' Fun Auction, held the month before at the Walter Johnsons.

Al Notzon, of the Alamo Council of Governments, visiting the City of Grey Forest at a Council Meeting recently. Playground visitors included Dick Dixon and Walter Sorensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilson feted recently at their son Ronnie's fraternity house at the University of Texas. Betty packed her shoes—on rather than in—the car. Made a fine excuse for some shopping.

Helen Maney who visited here recently reports that her son, Ted, is back in California after a series of dangerous missions at Viet Nam. His family is with him at his new station.

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## Garden Club Here Elects Officers

New officers for the Helotes Hills Garden Club will be installed at the May meeting. Elected in January to serve as next president was Mrs. Fred Anderson. Other officers will include Mrs. Othel Legg, first vice president; Mrs. W. E. Wordsworth, second vice president; Mrs. W. H. Cave, secretary; and Mrs. Jack Wolfe, treasurer.

The group had Dalton Watson, orchid expert, as speaker at the February meeting held in the home of Mrs. Ralph Wakeley. Mrs. Robert M. Dyer, Jr., was co-hostess.

On March 8, the Club presented two trees and numerous shrubs to the Helotes Elementary School. The plants were purchased with proceeds from a recent cake sale. On hand for the plantings were Les Fulenweder, school principal, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. W. W. Le-Sturgeon, Mrs. Legg, Mrs. Jack Wolfe, and Mrs. Cave.

The club met March 27 at the home of Mrs. Wolfe.

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Words change—get overworked—or lose much of the original meaning and effectiveness as the years go by. Just as in other things, the classical style is the longest lasting and most attractive. Those who follow the rules have the fewest problems, whereas new catch phrases or mod talk becomes easily dated.

In this column, for instance, those two words "you" and "know" have teamed up to make the most useless and annoying cliché—you know—in our language. Almost everyone is troubled with the habit of overusing the phrase. It is heard on prime time television shows as often as it is in Helotes. Even foreign stars who claim to know little English have acquired the useless "you know" habit.

At one time to say "you know" was to pay a graceful compliment to your listener. It still can be charming when used as an answer or when carefully spoken before summarizing facts once known by your listeners but not immediately at hand. But the little darting "you know" four or

five times in a statement says nothing rather poorly. The next time you have a party suggest that anyone can talk until he has said "you know" three times. You can be certain that no one will be talking for very long, and you can bring on the refreshments.

So our tip for this time—take for granted your listener knows—don't bother to tell him—"you know!"

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the City Hall Building, April 6 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting will be for the Mayor and three aldermen. Two other aldermen positions have unexpired terms.

Mayor Jack Nottingham has filed for reelection as has Councilman Richard Miller, Councilman Rimón Ham who was appointed to fill an unexpired term

—when Robert Duty was named Judge—will be standing for election as will J. G. McCoy who is running for the first time. McCoy will seek the position now held by H. A. Mikey who is not seeking reelection.

Referendum issues are the following: Whether the citizens of the area wish to have a state approved central water system; whether they wish to continue operating their city garbage dump; and whether they wish to permit house trailers to be located within the city as residences.

Terms of Councilmen Kurt Schumacher and Dot Parrott are in force until next year.

Northwest San Antonio added parts of three subdivisions to its city limits by action of the City Council in November. Annexed were two parcels totaling 7½ acres in the Rolling Ridge subdi-

vision, less than 10 acres in two parcels in the Shanandoah area, and more than 43 acres in Mountain subdivision. This area of the County has grown rapidly in the past year.

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## Grochoske Passes

Mr. and Mrs. Max Toepperwein have received a letter informing them of the death of Charlie Grochoske on February 13.

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men believe that this is the next big trend in music. 1968 should be the biggest year ever in the history of our business for country music.

Chas. Walker—almost unknown 15 years ago—is right among the top . . . In fact, his Epic recording of "I Wouldn't Take Her to a Dog Fight" is riding high all over the nation and he finds little time these busy days for his favorite hobby—golf . . . He has become one of the leaders in that game and represents the industry in many meets.

We are very fortunate in booking Judy Dean, formerly of Grand Ole Opry, and her Country & Western Band for five weeks—Saturdays at 9 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. for a free dance. Judy is booked ahead for two years and we are fortunate in getting these dates.

Back to Chas. (Poke Salad) Walker. We are very proud of Chas. He spreads the San Antonio spirit all over. Chas. is the proudest poppa in Nashville, spent Christmas in Wyoming with his parents showing off the grandson. On this trip he played Casper, Wyoming; Richmond and Portland, Oregon, and Reno, Nevada.

"Crash" Stewart, president of Alamo productions, and his number one attraction—Willie Nelson—took off for McAllen a recent Thursday in a plane they had chartered. Had to stop at the Great Happy Shahan's Ranch & Alamo Village at Brackettville, but upon landing ran into a tailwind which the pilot could not avoid, and it took them right on down the strip and into a deep ravine. The plane was completely demolished but the four passengers walked away without a scratch.

Willie Nelson is appearing at Bill Hall's Golden Stallion on a Saturday night, and we hope to have him in Helotes in the first part of May. Besides being a wonderful artist, Willie is a great guy and everybody was so glad to know these two—Crash and Willie—came out unscathed.

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