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Person-to-Person

The threat of rain only added zest to Boerne's fifth annual Berges Fest held the week-end of June 19-20. It was pronounced the best ever and drew huge crowds for all events.

Mary Langlinais, Marshall High student checks in July 4 for two weeks at the Girl Scout camp near Ten Sleep, Wyoming. Only sixteen girls from this area were chosen for the honor—eight in July and eight more in August. Outstanding scouts with leadership potential are selected from all over the United States to attend.

Mrs. Ethel Schulze, who formerly owned a home in Grey Forest on Lakeshore Dr., has been recuperating in Baptist Hospital from a recent illness.

Mrs. Ruby Rizzo, former Helotes Art Guild president, has opened the Loft II Gallery and the Artist's Colony Club at HemisFair Plaza—in addition to her very successful Loft Art Gallery at Commerce and North Alamo.

After 11 wonderful years living at 107 Scenic Loop Drive, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Pinson have moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, where they will live at 1041 Dolphin Street. Leonard has accepted a position as construction supervisor for Pinson Realty Co., and will be associated with a newly-formed company also as a third partner, the name of which is to be announced formally in a few weeks.

They report that they are saddened at the necessity of leaving Grey Forest; but Corpus Christi is not new to them as they met there 25 years ago.

They are most happy to announce that Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mikel and daughters will reside at 107 Scenic Loop Drive as new owners. Since the latter were interested in "Bent Oaks" prior to the Pinsons purchasing it, it appears a dream has come to pass for the Mikels. Of course, the Pinsons plan to be frequent visitors to this area as their older son and grandsons reside in San Antonio, and they also have many friends in this area.

Bob and Dee Brookes, Jr., from St. Louis visited their father in Kerrville where he is in the Veterans' Hospital.

Visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Komray, in Helotes Park Estates this summer is Danny Perry, 12, of Springfield, Ohio, who arrived by jet and is enjoying his first trip to Texas.

The Greater Helotes Youth Baseball Benefit drew a good crowd June 18 at Floore's Country Store.

MELOTES TO SIX FLAGS

280-Mile Trail Ride Set for July 5th



Photo by Bill Terry

JOHNNY BUSH, a Country & Western star who rides with the best of 'em, is shown in front of Floore's Country Store during the 1971 Bandera Regulars Trail Ride. He was this year's Honorary Trail Boss. He will share the limelight with Willie Nelson for a Big Fourth at Floore's.

Park Estates Elects Whelan

Robert W. Whelan, 10723 Bar X Trail, has been elected president of the Helotes Park Estates Civic Association, succeeding Robert Linder. Other 1971-1972 officers chosen at the June meeting at the Education Building of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church were: Steele Zinser, vice president; Mrs. Annette Zinser, treasurer; and Shirley Hecht, secretary. Mrs. Hecht had been serving as secretary during the unexpired term of the previous secretary.

The group heard a report on the effect on the proposed incorporation of Helotes of the spoke annexation suit then before the Texas Supreme Court, and rejected taking a stand on the suit of the Texas Water Quality Control Board against the septic tank for the Helotes Park Plaza shopping center.

Benefit Nets \$1,971

A total of \$1,971.71 was raised for the Bill Miller Fund at the benefit dance held recently at Floore Country Store, it was reported by Edwin L. Faust. Four bands played, including Johnny Bush and Willie Nelson. Bill is the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller, former Grey Forest residents. His grandmother, Mrs. Lena Blanton, still lives here. At the time of the benefit dance, Bill was hospitalized at Santa Rosa Medical Center, but since has gone to New Braunfels.

One of the biggest trail rides in Texas will get underway from Helotes at 7:30 a.m., Monday, July 5, heading for the Six Flags Over Texas amusement park near Arlington, 280 miles north.

Mrs. Kitty Fischer, trail

boss, has issued an invitation to riders from throughout South Texas. "This is the big one!" she said. "Gather up the wife and the kids and y'all come. We'll have a ball."

The riders are scheduled to arrive at Six Flags Over Texas on July 13. Following the reception ceremony, the 1972 Six Flags Over Texas Trail Ride queen and princess will be crowned. The 1972 queen and princess will be elected at Glen Rose on July 11 during the overnight stop scheduled there. The 1971 princess is Miss Cindy Fischer.

"Mayor" John T. Floore of Helotes will start the riders up the trail from downtown Helotes on July 5. The route will be via Loop 1604 and Highway 281, with overnight stops at Bitters Restaurant, Blanco, Marble Falls, Lampasas, Evant, Hico, Glen Rose, and Joshua. Entertainment has been scheduled at these stops and many daytime stops.

The group already has been invited back to Six Flags Over Texas next year, Mrs. Fischer said.

Fees for the ride are \$50 for riders 13 and older, \$30 for riders 7 to 12, and free for riders 6 years and under.

Included in the fee are designated facilities, including swimming and bath facilities where available, beverages, six dinners, and a coffee and doughnut breakfast each morning.

Riders are urged to bring their musical instruments to help entertain at the various rest stops.

The riders will average 30 miles per day, with the longest day—40 miles—on July 10 as they travel from Evant to Hico.

For further information, prospective participants may phone Mrs. Fischer at 695-3324 or 695-3747.

Fourth To Be Big At Mission Gala

An old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration will be held Sunday, July 4, on the grounds of the national shrine, San Jose Mission. The observance will feature festivities, food and entertainment. Included will be accordion music, Mexican dancing, music by "Sing Out San Antonio," and an art exhibit produced by the University of the Americas.

Barbecue chicken and sausage dinners will be served from 11 a.m. until evening.

The public is invited, along with Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez and key citizens of San Antonio. The mission will be admission-free all day. The grounds are located two blocks north of Military Drive on Roosevelt.

2d Division To Gather At Gunter

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS, June 25, 1971—Veterans of the Second Division, who once called Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio home, will return to the Alamo City for the 50th reunion of the Second Indian-head Division Assn., July 21-24. Reunion headquarters will be the Gunter Hotel.

Officials invite all Second Division veterans to attend.

For information telephone 344-7032, 655-4256, or 732-1662.

Art Guild Elects

Jewel Haynes is the new president of the Helotes Art Guild. Other new officers are Ernest Barrera, vice president; Pam Bell, recording secretary; Betty Via, corresponding secretary; Martha Cave, gallery chairman; chairman; Loraine Robbins, program chairman; Mary Daughtry, ways and means chairman; and Lillian Hurlbut, treasurer. Mary Shoaf continues in charge of the gallery.

Don't Forget
The Lions Club
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WILLIE NELSON, Country & Western great and this year's Coriaval Grand Marshal, is shown singing one of his big-time hits at the Benefit for Bill Miller. Dale Keith and Johnny Bush were there, too. Willie Nelson, back from a recording session, will be spotlighted at Floore's on the Fourth also.

CHAUFFE

John Wayne Chauffe received his master of science degree May 24 from Trinity University. A native of Louisiana, he holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering awarded in 1966 from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette. He is employed at Medina Air Force Base and has served as Fire Chief of the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department. He and Mrs. Chauffe reside in Helotes Park Estates and have two small sons to keep them busy.

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Jeannie C. Riley, who has played practically every big television show, sings her big hit, "Harper Valley P-T-A," during a one-hour performance on the patio of Floore's Country Store. She was accompanied by Freddie Parker and the Freeloaders. The crowd wanted to hear more and asked for autographs.

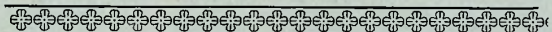


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The popular president of the Saddle Tramps and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moss, dance to Dale Keith's music at the 1971 Helotes Spring Festival street dance. This Friday-night event is held annually on the Helotes Park Plaza and this year was a truly great success. Leon Schueneman was dance chairman.

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These little dancers entertain Miss Helotes 1971, Sharon Gorsuch, on the opening night of the Festival, which traditionally begins with the Thursday night Coronation of the reigning queen. This year's event, held in the gardens of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Norman Bodet with Mrs. Ralph Madia as her assistant chairman. Larry Bergstrom, Jr., played the accordion as part of the entertainment.

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A float that caught the magic of childhood and won honorable mention was this entry by the Brownie Troop of Helotes in the Saturday Cornyval parade. The weather cooperated, and a crowd of 35,000 was estimated to have watched the event.

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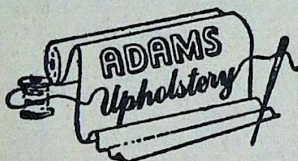
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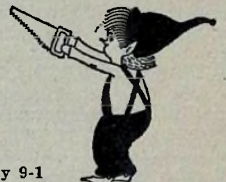
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We're getting ready to open our doors, but come by anyway . . . We're never too busy at the ECHO to see you and talk over the news.

Along Our Route

Dear Mrs. Brown,

I sent a personal thank you note to the following: Mr. Henry Guerra, along with this an apology for the mix up on dates, etc. To Mr. Randy Wood of KITE, in which due to our mix up in dates, judged the parade rather than the (Miss Helotes Contest) Anna and Stephanie Rainey, the two attractive blondes. Stephanie is a buyer for Frost Bros. and Anna just recently was accredited by the American Institute of Interior design. She is with Clegg Co. Also to the two former San Antonio queens who now live in our area, Miss Tuleta White and Mrs. Rudgeley Ferguson. To Mrs. Ferguson's husband a special thank you, for filling in when she became ill. As did Mr. Fred Pizzini when a judge didn't show up. Mrs. Brown, I know you and all the other Helotes Festival Officials will agree with me that all did a fantastic job.

The following merchants came through to lend a hand, or help in anyway they could, and words cannot express our appreciation

for this: Mr. Ray Johnson, owner of the Helotes Lumber Co.—he did a terrific job in building the stage, when at the last few days of planning the coronation, it was decided to have it outside.

Mr. George Ridder, owner of Beckwith Electric Engineering Co., Inc. He and his company loaned us the PA system (George is Mr. Bodet's cousin).

Mr. Cotton Stout, owner of Cotton Mobile Home & Trailer Supply. He was so quick to say YES to Carmen and I when we asked if we might use the wrought iron steps for the queen's throne, that he had on display in front of his business—that I am sure we just stood there several minutes—it is difficult to believe people are so nice to strangers.

The beautiful flowers were loaned to us by the Flower Barn Shop, and if that wasn't enough being neighborly—the owners ended up staying with me till my husband arrived at 12 midnight—because of car trouble, at their nursery where I had delivered the lovely flowers soon after the coronation (two thanks to them).

Last, but not least, to Father Trawalter, for use of Church grounds and Church organ which another thanks goes to Elaine Flores—her professional ability—added that extra sound of beauty to the "gala occasion."

Larry Bergstrom, Carmen Madla, and I could not have put on a beautiful Queen's Coronation without the entertainment of The Little People Dancers, Little Bubu Bergstrom, accordion playing, and the many people who came to our aid—to these and to all others who helped, a big thank YOU, in the nicest way we know—through the HELOTES ECHO.

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visit with the officers at Camp Verde, where the 1860 attraction was the Government's experiment with transportation. Some 75 camels and their Arab trainers were there, in addition to the cavalry.

From Camp Verde he would go through the famed Bandera Pass—now on Ranch Road 689—to Bandera City and look over the country of the upper Medina River and its tributaries. He noted that this lovely region was attracting much attention—and he would not have been surprised to see this century's Medina Lake, where there is now a small State Park. He had good friends on the Medina. He promised to point out Mound League, a 5,000-acre parkland with a central mound and surrounded by grassy mountains, where he noted the land was selling for \$1.50 an acre and might soon go to \$5.00.

A highlight of the tour would be a visit to the rancho on the San Geronimo Creek of one of his old friends—who set a fine table of fried bass or roast kid on occasion. Having finished their

visit, they would take the Bandera Road through Helotes to San Antonio, and back to New Braunfels.

Those who do not have a Jersey wagon or even a saddle horse can go by automobile or motor bike. They could say with Kendall that they have never seen clearer water or more lovely country or breathed purer air anywhere in this old world. There

are endless attractions on the tour—museums and dude ranches, summer theater, and the same kind of good food and friends to make the trip memorable.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez who will be married 68 years in August were married on the Lee Ranch in 1903. They have many children and grandchildren as well as great grandchildren living in this area. Among their daughters is Mrs. E. J. Dunford who owns a business at Helotes Park Plaza.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez have lived on the Sanchez ranch near San Geronimo.

Warning on Snakes

An elderly Colonias North resident died recently from complications following a rattlesnake bite two days earlier. She was Mrs. Agnes A. Billimek, 85, of 10503 Lands Run. The physician who treated her said the snake bite season seems to have started much earlier this year due to the warm winter and long drought.

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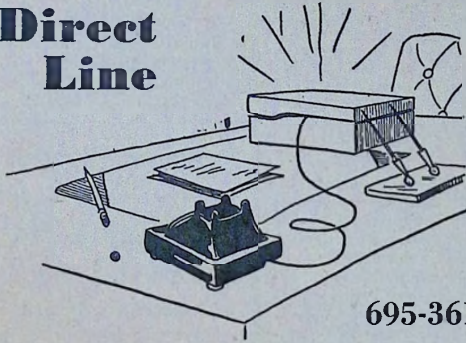
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The school you mention dates from May 29 last year. However, students will not be accepted for a couple of years.

The Board of Regents of the University of Texas announced a site for the UT/SA to be located on a 600-acre site on Highway 1604. The Babcock boundary places the University about five

miles from the Helotes post office. It is due to open its doors to students in September, 1973, although the buildings have just been funded by the recent Legislature. Some 6000 students are due for the first enrollment according to estimates. Plans stress consideration of the existing Latin cultural influences here.



Photo by Bill Terry

Like a sentinel, this slender oak stands guard at the Loop 1604-near Babcock entrance to the campus of the now and future University of Texas. The sign warns that this is the "Property of the University of Texas at San Antonio" and adds "No hunting, no trespassing." Soon activity is scheduled to provide UT/SA with \$50 million worth of buildings to be ready by 1973, and this park will be a shortcut to the halls of learning no doubt.

Woof and Chirp Open for Business

It was a grand opening for Woof and Chirp Pet Shop last month, as owners Martha and Jimmy Buchanan welcomed folks from far and near to see their stock—as entertaining as a trip to the zoo. And the advantage was that—if you happened to like it—you could buy it . . . that is except for the shop pet—a one-year-old Wallaby from New Zealand who answers to the name of "Hopper."

There were monkeys, dogs, cats, birds and fish. Gold fish at most attractive grand opening prices were going home in record numbers. Of course, some preferred supplies for their pets such as dog training sets, or aquarium supplies.

Someone ordered alligators, which they will have shortly. "If we don't have it, we can send for it," is the house motto. And this goes for brand name supplies or such exotic animals as ocelots.

Mr. Buchanan is from Corpus Christi and studied business at St. Mary's University. Mrs. Buchanan is formerly of Miami, but both now call San Antonio home. As a hobby, they raise Maltese and Poodles and have shown them up and down the East Coast.

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The bride's gown was of Venetian lace and her veil of illusion complemented her double-crown of pearls.

Among the couple's attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lancaster. The former who is brother

of the bridegroom was best man, and the latter was matron of honor. The bride's attendants wore blue gowns with ribbons in their hair to match.

A reception dinner was served on the patio of Floore Country Store to the wedding guests.

The bride who was a duchess in the 1970 Court of Miss Helotes, attended Marshall High School.

After graduation from McCollum High School, the bridegroom completed his tour of military duty.

He is employed at Montgomery Ward in San Antonio where the couple now resides.



Mrs. Hedy Twifel was in Helotes taking in the Helotes stores while visiting her son and his family—Melton Twifel of Verde Hills.

Youth Club members chose to plug their upcoming play on their entry in the Cornyal parade. They are, seated left to right, Gail Gorden, Mark Barrera, and Ann Hernandez. Parade chairmen for 1971 were Frank Corte and Fay Martin. Grand marshals were John T. Floore and Willie Nelson.

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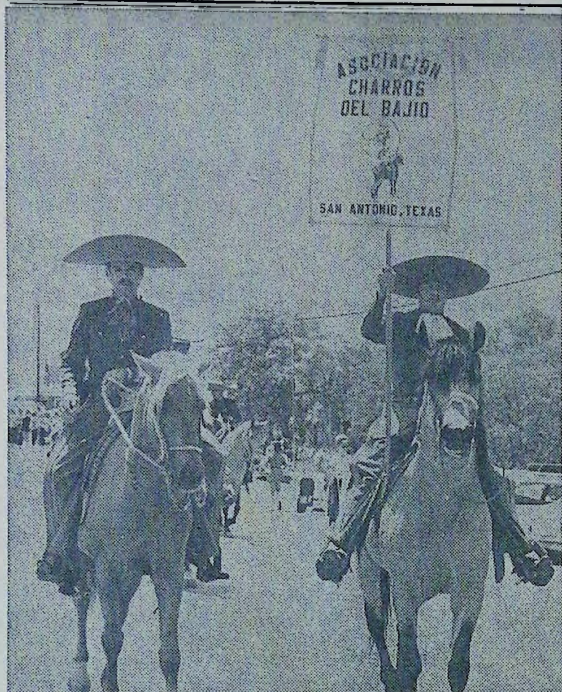
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U.S. Geological Survey, and in cooperation with the Water Development Board and the City of Houston.

According to the publication, wells in the county show evidence of a decline in ground-water levels.

Educational Needs Studied by Public

Medina County Judge Jerome Decker and Bandera County Judge W. O. Hatfield held a public hearing sponsored by the Advisory Council for Technical-Vocational Education in Texas Feb. 18 at the San Antonio Sheraton Inn. Attending were ranchers, businessmen, housewives and educators.

This hearing, one of 14 to be held throughout Texas, provided a public forum on vocational and technical education for citizens of the 25 counties encompassed by the Alamo Area, Middle Rio

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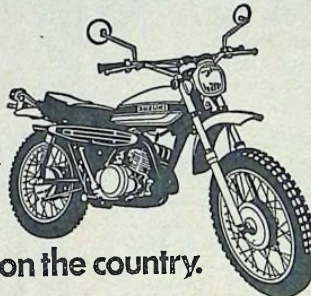
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