### Meet Your New District 5 City Councilwoman: Lourdes Galvan

Councilwoman Lourdes Galvan is a life-long resident of District 5. Her love for community and neighbors is expressed



through her 40 years as activist and advocate for better affordable housing, education, civil rights. community development and empowerment. Lourdes

attended Navarro Elementary School and graduated from Lanier High School. While raising her own four children, she attended San Antonio Business College and San Antonio College.

Councilwoman Galvan has extensive experience including First President & Co-Founder of the Lanier Booster Club. First Female President of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) at Kelly Air Force Base, Director of The National Woman's Employment Education Project, and District Director of LULAC District 15. Some of her volunteer experience includes Avenida Guadalupe, La Clinica Amistad Board Member, and Vista Verde Neighborhood Association. She has also served on several City Council committees and projects including the Economic & Community Development Council Committee, Crime Prevention Commission, Inner City TIRZ #11 Board, and Liaison to the Commission on Elderly Affairs.

Councilwoman Galvan's top priorities are increasing economic development and educational attainment levels, promoting safety and security, initiating community building, and protecting the environment.

The Councilwoman is married to Bobby Galvan. She has four children: Henry Rodriguez, Jr., Robert V. Rodriguez, Queta Marquez, and Laura Alvarado. She has eleven grandchildren: Henry, Bianca, Annalisa, Elisa, Diego, Marissa, Amaya, Miguel, Derrian, Carissa, and Teddy.

Councilwoman Galvan may be contacted through City Hall at 207-7043 or district5@sanantonio.gov.



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## King William Home Tour 2007

Tour Texas' First Historic District on December 1, 2007



The Ogé House - Inn on the Riverwalk, 209 Washington

The King William Home Tour, an annual event showcasing the historic preservation and renovation of Texas' first historic district, will be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** 

This year's chairperson is Anne Alexander, who is organizing the tour to feature homes within easy walking distance of each other on Washington, King William, and Madison Streets. Enjoy viewing a variety of architectural influences and hearing the stories of the houses – their beginnings and who built them, and something of the people who lived there throughout the years; for a house is but an empty shell without some tale of those who made it a home.

Ticket prices are \$12 in advance and \$15 on the day of the tour. Advance tickets will be available for purchase beginning November 5, 2007. Please refer to the advance ticket purchase instructions and order form on the next page for more details about purchasing advance tickets. Tickets will be available for purchase on tour day at The Ogé House, 209 Washington Street.

Proceeds from the King William Home Tour benefit the ACCD/Brackenridge High School college scholarship program, local schools, community art programs for children and young adults, and numerous community-wide infrastructure projects.

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#### KW Home Tour 2007

Homes to be featured include (clockwise from top left):

Former Home of Elvira Ramirez, 322 Washington

Home of Mary Ann Ohlenbusch, 243 Madison

The Jack Pancoast House (Home of Anne Alexander), 232 Washington

The Joske House (Home of Jessie Simpson & Bill Hoover), 241 King William

shown on front page: The Ogé House - Inn on the Riverwalk, 209 Washington

### Home Tour Volunteers Needed

Volunteer just two hours of your time and receive free admission! Docents and ticket sellers are needed on tour day from 11 AM-1 PM, 1-3 PM, and 3-5 PM. Contact Anne Alexander at 277-2775 or annealexander@satx. rr.com to sign up to help make this year's Home Tour a success.

# King William Home Tour 2007 Saturday, December 1, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Advance Ticket Purchase Instructions & Order Form

Purchase your Home Tour tickets in advance for only \$12 each!

There are three ways to purchase advance tickets:

- Purchase tickets at the November General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, November 7 (see back page for meeting details).
- Visit the King William Association office at 1032 S. Alamo Street, San Antonio, 78210. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Complete this order form and mail it in with a check and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please send me Home Tour tickets at \$12 each. Tour in the amount of \$ and is enclosed.	My check is made payable to the King William Association Home
[] Please mail my ticket(s) to me in the enclosed SASE.	[] Please hold my tickets for pick-up.*
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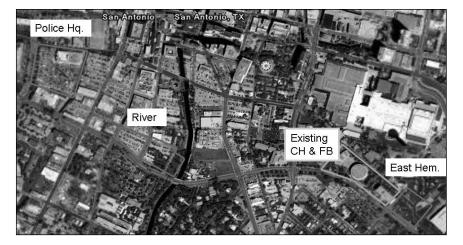
Mail your order form, check, & SASE (if applicable) to:
KWA Home Tour 2007, 1032 S. Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78210
Orders received after November 26th will be held for pick-up on tour day at The Ogé House, 209 Washington

### **GSA Hosting Federal Courthouse Public Meeting**

Selecting a Federal Courthouse site is a significant event for both the Federal Government and the citizens of San Antonio. Consequently, the General Services Administration (GSA) will be conducting a public meeting on **Wednesday, November 14, 2007 from 6-10 PM** in Ballroom B of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

Since 2000 the GSA has been conducting a site selection process in order to determine the location of the future US Courthouse in San Antonio. This Courthouse is necessary due to the expansion and security needs of the Fifth Circuit Courts in the Western District of Texas, needs which cannot be met in the current Wood Courthouse and Spears Training Center. After close coordination with the City government, approximately 18 sites were considered in the downtown area, of which the following three have been chosen as finalists (alphabetically listed):

- -Hemisfair Site east of the current Federal Building on Durango
- -Police HQ Site at Nueva and Santa Rosa
- -River Site at Durango and Dwyer



An Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is currently being conducted for these three sites, and will be completed in early 2008. Although not required for an EA, a public meeting is being conducted to solicit input from the community regarding each of these three sites.

During the public meeting, a short summary of the project and site selection process will be given, and then maximum time will be allocated for public feedback. Written comments may be submitted during the meeting, and these will be referenced in the final EA report.

#### Guidelines for the public comment period are as follows:

- the public comment period will begin shortly after 6 PM, and end when all interested parties have spoken, or by 10 PM, whichever is earlier
- each speaker's comments will be limited to a maximum of 2 minutes (for each site, one owner or owner's representative will be allowed up to 5 minutes for comment)
- all speaker comments will be recorded by an independent recorder
- additionally, written comments, submitted on forms provided at the meeting, will also be addressed in the final EA Report.

The staff of GSA looks forward to hearing from you on November 14th; however, if you are unable to attend the meeting, visit their website at www.gsa.gov/sanantonioch, e-mail your comments to SA.Courthouse.Comments@gsa.gov, or write to: SA Courthouse Comments, GSA/7POB, 819 Taylor St., Room 12A, Fort Worth. TX 76102

King William residents are encouraged to attend this important meeting as some neighborhood residents have expressed concerns specifically about one site under consideration—the tract adjoining the San Antonio River and Dwyer Avenue. Adjacent commercial uses have already created traffic and parking issues in our neighborhood, and there is concern that the River/Dwyer Avenue site will severely compound these problems.



Mary Ann Ohlenbusch

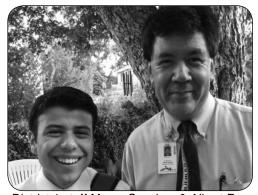
#### **Fall Social Thanks**

Many thanks to the following people for making our Fall Social such a success: Michael Guarino for hosting the event at his lovely home; Manuel & Dora Pena for entertaining us with preview clips of their new film "The Dreamhealer"; Alan Cash, Tina Garza, Brad Shaw, Penny Wiederhold, and Gloria Wrigglesworth for their tireless help with setup and clean-up; and all the neighbors and visitors who showed up to enjoy good food and great company.

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Social to be held on **Wednesday**, **December 5**, **at 6:30 p.m.** at the River House, 509 King William.



Manuel and Dora Pena



District 1 staff Marco Sanchez & Albert Eng

# The Architectural Review Committee of King William

The City of San Antonio preserves its unique cultural heritage by setting aside certain areas as historic districts. The King William Historic District is one of those areas. By ordinance, every resident or business within an historic district must have approval from the San Antonio Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC) before any building or renovation of a property. This includes painting, land-scaping, fences, and signs.

The King William Association Board established the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) in 2007 to assist homeowners, residents, and businesses by reviewing individual projects before presenting their application to the HDRC. The ARC also submits a statement to the HDRC in favor of or against each King William area case on the HDRC agenda. The HDRC has final approval of all submitted projects.

The ARC consists of 9 members selected by the KWA Board. Four are practicing Architects, two others have architectural backgrounds, and three others represent a crosssection of professionals from within the community. The ARC is available to provide professional assistance as well as guidance in avoiding unnecessary delays in the HDRC process. The ARC provides from the combined experience of its members a history of similar projects and offers a professional consensus based on a handson experience in determining which way to proceed on a project.

The ARC will review your project with you before you submit it to the HDRC. We recommend that you bring as much visual information about the project as possible, including photos of the site, plans, sketches, elevations, perspectives, and whatever is applicable in determining its visual implications on the neighborhood.

The ARC will review your project's merits including its appropriateness for the King William Historical District, as well as determining its relationship to its most immediate surroundings and neighbors. The ARC will provide assistance, guidance, and architectural expertise to anyone in King William who is going before the HDRC.

The ARC also wishes to share its collective education concerning the architectural integrity of the community of King William. Our goal is to guide, educate, and enhance the understanding of the applicant. And, of course, to continue to encourage a thoughtful design process for all King William residents and businesses.

The ARC meets at 6:00 p.m. on the Mondays prior to HDRC meetings. Contact the KWA office at 227-8786 or king.william@sbcglobal.net to schedule an appointment with the ARC.

For more information about the HDRC application process, visit www. sanantonio.gov/historic/formsapps.asp.

Henry Rayburn



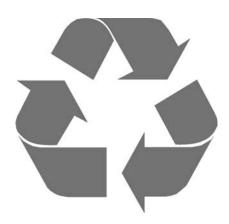


### 33rd Annual San Antonio Marathon of the Americas® Sunday, November 11th

This year's San Antonio Marathon course includes the King William area (see map). Access to our neighborhood will be limited on Sunday, November 11, from approximately 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. The San Antonio Police Department will be stationed at barricades throughout the neighborhood. You may enter and exit the neighborhood only during breaks in the marathon and only at the following approved locations: Pereida at S. Presa; Claudia at S. Presa; and S. Alamo at Probandt. S. St. Mary's will be on the route until approximately 1:00 p.m. – please use S. Alamo to enter/exit the neighborhood.

The KWA Board would like to hear your feedback about this year's marathon. Please share your thoughts with any Board member or by contacting the KWA office.

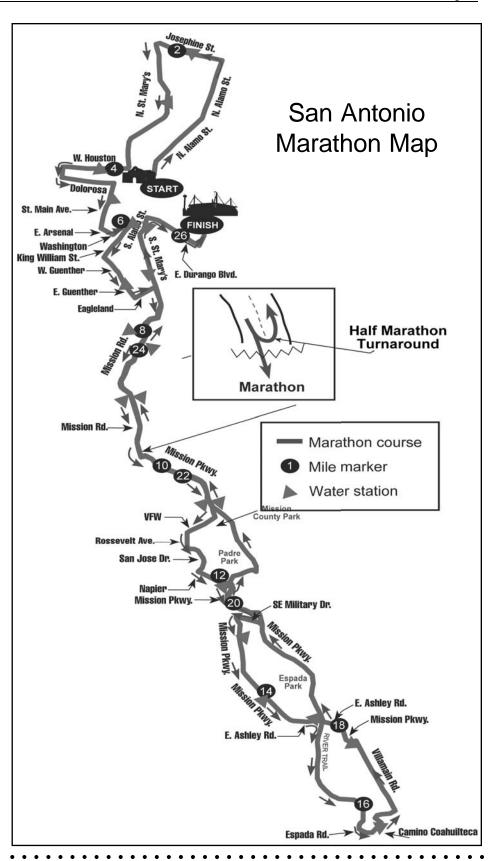
Visit www.samarathon.org for more information.



## Recycle Your Paper at Bonham

Bonham Academy's staff and students are making great effort to protect our environment by recycling their paper every day. Bonham can also be awarded money to benefit their school's environmental protection efforts if they reach their recycling goal by March. Bonham is asking for your support by recycling your paper, magazines, catalogs, and folded boxes in their Abitibi recycling bin located in the back of the Bonham parking lot that is across the street from the Bonham gym at 1023 South St. Mary's.

Please add recycling to your errand route and bring your paper by once a week to help Bonham teach the children about environmental protection and show them how a community works together. Thank you!



## **Delicious New York Style Pizza**

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William and Frederick Bollinger from

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ented in building construction so he

was unanimously elected crew chief.

First they rebuilt the rickety stair, then

Sixteen year-old Ernst Schuchard

236 King William Street.

Readers: Last month's article about the King William Park contained a reference to The Merry Knights of King William. The Merry Knights began as a boy's club in our neighborhood almost one hundred years ago. Some of you were curious to know more about the club - well, a cou-

ple of people anyway, so I'll tell you what I know and more. bc

The Merry Knights of King William

The year was 1909. It was a hot sultry morning in late May when three neighborhood teenage boys gathered in the backyard of 208 King William Street, the home of fifteen year-old Arthur Bergstrom. Besides Arthur, there was Walter Giesecke from 218 Washington Street and Willard Berman from 338 Madison Street.

Bored and with the prospect of a long summer vacation from Bonham School #10, they began casting about for something to do. According to a written account by Arthur's younger brother, Walter Bergstrom, it was Walter Giesecke who suggested the idea of forming a boy's club. Willard Berman is said to have come up with the name for the club - The Merry Knights of King William.

With permission from Arthur's parents, the upper floor of the Bergstrom's carriage house would become the Merry Knight's clubhouse. There was much to be done to make the space suitable for their purpose. The first order of business was to recruit additional members to form a work crew

for the task ahead.

Those new Schuchard lived at 221 East Guenther and Percy Clarkson from 213

Washington Street. Next they brought on Albert and Werner Beckmann from 529 Madison (now 222 East Guenther), George Henyan, 202 Madison Street, Harry Ankerson, also from Madison

added a porch, ing it to anchora big hackberry tree. Next they cut holes in the walls to make windows for ventilation.

The boys scavenged lumber and other building materials from neighborhood construction sites. gathered up mismatched rolls of wall-

In spite of the club's lofty motto, songs, recruits were Ernst secret handshakes and strict membership rules, the only reason for its existence was for fun and camaraderie.

> paper which they glued to the inside walls to seal the cracks. For furnishings, each member was charged to search all attics and cellars. After gathering up a good supply of old

chairs, benches, tables and rugs, the boys were quite proud of their well furnished clubhouse.

The talented Ernst Schuchard was also put in charge of design and construction of club accoutrements. He fashioned grey and red shields and a wooden sword and spear for

> each knight. robes The and candles used for ceremonies and

initiations were likely suggested by the Klu Klux Klan which was popular at the time.

Arthur Bergstrom's mother wisely insisted that the boys stop using kerosene lamps and candles in the clubhouse for fear of fire. Dr. Stonewall Van Wie, who lived next door at 210 King William, came to their rescue by running an electrical line from his back porch to the clubhouse which kept the lights glowing for several years.

As time went on and the popularity of the club grew, their membership began to extend outside the King William neighborhood. Monthly activities also became more diversified to include weekend excursions to member family and friends' weekend homes in such places as Helotes, Medina Lake and Boerne. Another addition to the club's activities was the annual game dinner. For such special occasions, girlfriends were invited to the otherwise strictly male gatherings.

All too soon, the boys were growing up and heading off to college. Then in 1917 when the United

> States entered World War I, many joined the armed services leaving the clubhouse deserted. After the war was over, the boys began returning home and many of them resumed their old club

ties. By then, the Merry Knights had outgrown their old clubhouse on King William Street so they began holding their monthly meetings in the homes of members.

In spite of the club's lofty motto, songs, secret handshakes and strict membership rules, the only reason for its existence was for fun and cama-Friendships formed in the raderie. Bergstrom carriage house lasted all their lives. Obituaries of early club members always proudly mention the deceased's membership in the Merry Knights along with other organizational ties and life accomplishments. The list of pallbearers almost always included two, sometimes three fellow Merry Knights, proof that membership in the old club had produced life-long bonds. The club continues to exist to this day.

#### **Epilogue:**

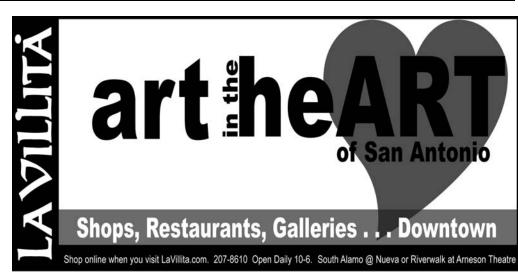
The four Beckmann brothers; Adolph, Albert, Werner and Kurt were all Merry Knights. Albert and Werner were founding members; Adolph and Kurt joined later. They were grandsons of Carl Helmer Guenther, the Pioneer Flour Mill founder. They were all born and raised in the Beckmann home at the corner of Guenther and Madison Streets.

Adolph, after graduating from Washington University in St. Louis, returned to San Antonio and the Pioneer Flour Mill where he worked in every phase of the business for the next forty-seven years. After the death of Erhard Guenther in 1945, he became the mill's third president and general manager. He died in 1954.

After graduating from Texas A&M in 1912, Albert became a rancher-farmer near Charlotte, TX in Atascosa County where he lived until his death in 1951.

Werner graduated from the University of Texas with a law degree in 1914. After serving in WWI in the Judge Advocate's office at Fort Sam Houston, he established a successful law practice in San Antonio. He died in 1962.

The youngest brother, Kurt, received his architectural degree from the University of Texas in 1921. He was first associated with the firm of Giles and Beckmann then later with Ed Steves and Sons Lumber



Company. He was the architect for his cousin Ernst Schuchard's house at 516 King William Street. He went on to design many of San Antonio's churches. He died in 1976.

Ernst Schuchard was also a grandson of the mill founder. After receiving his degree in mechanical engineering in 1917, Ernst returned to San Antonio to work in the Pioneer Flour Mill as Mill Engineer and later as a Director. In 1927, when he built his family's home at 516 King William Street, he designed it so his home office would be on the second floor front "so he could keep an eye on the mill". In 1954, he became the mill's fourth president after the death of Adolph Guenther Beckmann. Ernst Schuchard died in 1972.

Percy Clarkson began his career in the U. S. Army serving first in WWI. In WWII, as a Major General, he became commandant of the 33rd Infantry Division in the Pacific Theatre. He took command of the division in 1943 in Hawaii and led the unit in the battles of New Guinea and Luzon in the Philippines. His unit was the first to enter Japan after the surrender in 1945 where he remained as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Chief of Staff.

In the early 1950's, Gen. Clarkson was appointed director of atomic testing which included the H-bomb series in the Pacific in 1952 and 1954. After retirement, he returned to San Antonio where he died in 1962.

Bill Cogburn

## Letter to the Editor Dear Editor:

I often tell people that the best thing about King William is not the houses—wonderful as they are. The best thing about the neighborhood is the neighbors. I believe that even more strongly since my recent knee surgery.

A beautiful bouquet from the Board of Directors made my hospital room a far more pleasant place to be. As soon as I got home from the hospital, neighbors began arriving with flowers and food, tasty treats and entire delicious meals. (Bill was especially appreciative!) There were concerned telephone calls and humorous cards. A cadre of neighborhood ladies chauffeured me to three weeks of therapy.

King William has got to be the best neighborhood in the City. It is certainly the best neighborhood we have ever lived in!

Roselyn Cogburn

### King William Neighbors Help School Children Learn City's History

Twelve King William and Lavaca neighbors answered the call for help from the San Antonio Conservation Society to guide approximately six hundred fourth graders and their teachers through three hundred years of San Antonio history.

Without Erin Strauss, Marie Ann Smith, Hope Cortes, Anne Alexander, Margaret Leeds, Alan Cash, Edith Stockhardt, Joan Carabin, Karen Pleban, and Ed and Luz Day, the Heritage Tours of 2007 would not have been such a success.

Many thanks to these busy people who gave so generously of their time, energy and love of history.

Roselyn Cogburn

## Out in the Garden with Alan Cash

The year is winding down with fall approaching, but there is always some-



thing to do in the garden. Some of these comments may seem to be repeats but are good reminders.

Plant trees and shrubs now and until about mid-January and feed them with half strength liquid fertilizer all winter so that

roots can become established before spring growth. Be aware of the mature size of what you plant so that it fits the space as it grows. There are free lists of plants adapted to our area in the bulletin board box on the front porch of the King William Association office at 1032 S. Alamo.

A good evergreen shrub to plant as a hedge or specimen bush is Xylosma. It will grow large, 8 feet tall and 5 feet wide, but can be kept trimmed to almost any size. Good examples can be seen at 516 and 503 E. Guenther. The hedge at 516 is several years old and the one at 503 was recently planted. Both are at the front sidewalks. Xylosma is drought tolerant once established, grows well in sun or part shade, and has almost no insect problems. Although its name is unusual, Xylosma can be found at most garden centers.

Fall is the best time to fertilize lawns and shrubs. Use a winterizer or organic type and follow bag directions. Do not use a "Weed and Feed" type of fertilizer. Our climate does not fit the time conditions needed for them to work.

Lawns and ground covers should be watered about every 3 weeks to a month during winter months to keep roots healthy. Put about 2 to 3 inches deep mulch around the base of trees and shrubs leaving a clear space of about 4 inches around the trunks.

We had an exceptionally wet summer this year and everything has grown literally like weeds. Check for low hanging tree and shrub limbs over walkways on your property so that pedestrians can get by. Wait until after Valentine's Day to do any major trimming.

If you need to bag leaves or have debris from trimming remember that the King William Association sells large and strong trash bags provided by the Beautify San Antonio Association. They are a good bargain and the funds go to a good cause.

South Central Texas is a great place to live and garden, and I think the follow-

ing shows it. The other day I was walking along Beauregard St. and was stopped by a woman visiting San Antonio from Maine. She said she was admiring all the blooming plants at this time of year. She wanted to know "if it was because this is Texas". The tour guide in me could not resist and she left knowing what it is like living in our special place.

Garden Note: A good garden may have some weeds

## Meet the Board Janis De Lara

KWA Board Member since 2007

What brought you to the King William neighborhood?

Love of the Historic District and its ambience.

What's the biggest issue facing the neighborhood that you want to

address as a Board member?

Preserve the spirit of the neighborhood through thoughtful, careful management of change.

What book or movie have you recently enjoyed that you would recommend to

others? (Alternatively, what is your all-time favorite book or movie?)

Book: Stormy Weather by Paulette Jiles

Movie: Ingmar Bergman's film--The Magic Flute by Mozart

What's your favorite local hangout (bar/restaurant/gallery/café/park/porch/shady spot/other)?

Madhatters or Taco Haven for dining. Beautiful SA River in the neighborhood for walking it off

If you were in the Federal Witness Protection Program and had to relocate to any other city in the world, where would you go?

**Paris** 

What's your favorite holiday?

Thanksgiving **Do you canoe?** 

Yes - very carefully.







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to time this space mentions the tree planting project sponsored jointly by the King William Association and the Lavaca Neighborhood Association. You may have seen someone dragging hoses and carrying buckets of water to trees growing along the curbs throughout both neighborhoods. That someone may have been Mary Ann Ohlenbusch, a member of the dedicated volunteers who make the tree project work. More trees will be

More About Trees: From time

planted in public spaces. Containers will be provided and it will take only a few minutes each week to water each tree. If you can help, please con-

planted over the coming weeks and

people are needed to water trees

tact the King William office at king. william@sbcglobal.net or 227-8786 Alan Cash

## King William Area Garage Sale Thanks

Thank you to the 67 registered participants who made last month's 17th Annual King William Area Garage Sale day a success! A special thank you to Mary Newsom for working on the advertisements and map. Start collecting items for next year's sale to be held on Saturday, October 11, 2008.

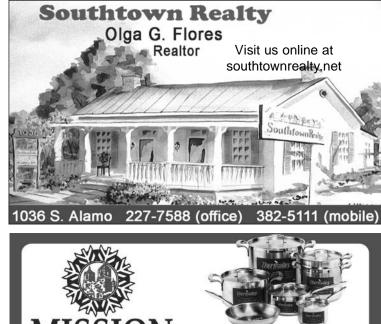
Marie Ann Smith
Consultant, Old House Specialist



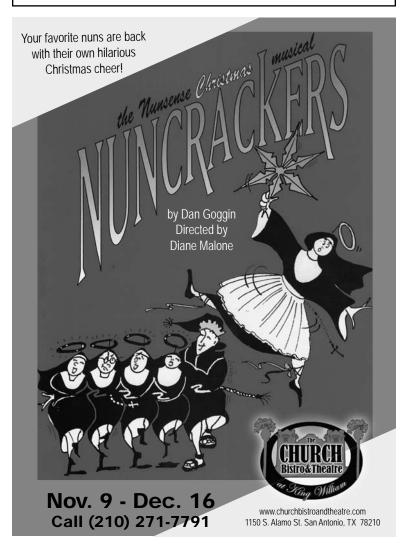
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## What's Happening: KWA Neighborhood Calendar

#### November 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			Slab Cinema: Nosferatu SAY Sí: Dia de los Muertos Fundraiser	First Friday Art Walk Blue Star Brew: Los #3 Dinners Conjunto Heritage Taller, El Sol Studios, & SAY Sí: Dia de los Muertos Events Filling Station: Humble Blues All-Stars Gemini Ink: FF Reading SouthTown Cafe: FF Dinner KWA Office Closed	3 SAY Sí: Dia de los Muertos Events	Daylight Savings 4 Time Ends
5 KW Home Tour Tickets Go On Sale Today! (pg. 2)	Blue Star Brew: Crimson Jazz Orchestra	KWA Nov. General Mtg KWA Dec. Newsletter Deadline	*******	9 ++++++ Church Theatre: N ***** Jump-Start: Rosita's Ja		Veterans Day 11  * * * * * * * * * * *  San Antonio  Marathon (pg. 5)
Veterans Day 12 Observed  KWA Office Closed	Blue Star Brew: River City Big Band Lavaca NA: Nov. General Meeting	KWA Nov. Board Meeting Fed. Courthouse Mtg (pg. 3)	15	Church Theatre: Nuncrackers Filling Station: Humble Blues All-Stars	17	Church Theatre: Nuncrackers Stories Galore: Doc Moore & Tim Tingle
KWA Dec. Newsletter Mail Prep	Blue Star Brew: SA Jazz Orchestra	21	Thanksgiving 22 Church Bistro: Thanksgiving Dinner KWA Office CI	23 ++++++++++ Church		25 ++++++
26	27 Blue Star Brew: Prime Time Jazz Orchestra	28 Jump-Start: <b>W-I-P</b>	29	30 ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++	King William Home Tour	December 2

#### Blue Star Brewing Co.

Call or visit web site for performance info 1414 S. Alamo, 212-5506, bluestarbrewing.com

#### Church Bistro and Theatre

Call or visit web site for performance info 1150 S. Alamo, 271-7791 churchbistroandtheatre.com

#### Conjunto Heritage Taller

Dia de los Muertos, Friday 11/2, 6-10pm 1014 S. Presa, 532-7210, conjuntoheritagetaller.org

#### El Sol Studios

Dia de los Muertos, Friday 11/2, 6-11pm 936 S. Alamo, 226-9700, elsolstudios.com

#### The Filling Station

1st & 3rd Fridays Live Blues, 7-10pm 701 S. St. Mary's, 444-2200

#### Gemini Ink

First Friday Reading 11/2, 6:30pm 513 S. Presa, 734-9673, geminiink.org

#### Jump-Start Performance Co.

Call or visit web site for performance info 108 Blue Star, 227-JUMP jump-start.org

#### Lavaca Neighborhood Assn.

Nov. General Meeting, Tuesday 11/13, 7pm Central Baptist Church, 1226 S. Presa neighborhoodlink.com/sat/lavaca

#### SAY Sí Central

Call or visit web site for event info 1518 S. Alamo, 212-8666, saysi.org

#### Slab Cinema

Nosferatu, Thursday 11/1, 8pm La Tuna Slab, 100 Probandt, slabcinema.com

#### SouthTown Cafe

Destination Dinner, Friday 11/2, 5:30-9:30pm 1127 S. St. Mary's, 224-9811, southtowncafe.com

#### Stories Galore

Sunday 11/18, 5-7pm Commander's House, 645 S. Main, 673-4467

#### King William Association

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Office Closed 11/7 Nov. General Meeting, 7pm at Blue Star Brewing Co. 11/7 Dec. Newsletter Deadline 11/12 Office Closed. Veterans Day Observed 11/14 Nov. Board Meeting, 7pm at KWA office 11/19 Dec. Newsletter Mail Prep, 6pm at KWA office 11/22-11/23 Office Closed, Happy Thanksgiving!

#### Looking Ahead...

12/1 King William Home Tour, 11am-5pm Holiday Social, 12/5 6:30pm, River House 12/19 Dec. Board Meeting, 7pm at KWA office

12/24/07-1/4/08 Office Closed, Happy Holidays!

#### You Must Be an Old-Timer If You Remember . .

....the house that is now the Columns B&B on S. Alamo, until sometime in the late 1990's was a used book store. The house next door, now nicely restored, had a concrete block addition on the front which housed an auto parts store. A fledgling theatre



group eventually took over the space in the late 90's calling themselves Jump Start Theatre. Now, of course, they are a well established and respected performance company located at Blue Star

Alan Cash

....when China Latina on S. Alamo was Rosario's or even earlier when it was a car repair shop. I took Maggie Egan to lunch there one day soon after Rosario's opened and she laughed when she saw that our table was sitting right where the old car lift used to be. When it was a garage, she said it was a constant irritant to the neighbors because, with no off-street parking, they parked cars two deep out front making it impossible to walk on the sidewalk.

Bill Cogburn

....when looking up at the second floor of an adjoining house was an adventure. Madeline Guyer saw a woman pour out the evening's cooking grease and Margaret Larcade saw a man answer the call of nature. Carolene Zehner

....Joan and I have lived in King William since 1976 and we've never felt threatened or bothered in the least by problems that seem to face many inner city neighborhoods. But then, we were not here in the bad old days when this was essentially a red light district and crime was more of a problem.

John Larcade and I did take a walk through the Madison Apts. in the late 1970's and actually saw residents shooting up in the hallway and in one of the rooms where the door had been left open. We reported this to the police and learned shortly thereafter that the chief of police actually owned the apartments at that time.

Thanks to the vigilance and hard work of fellow residents and Walter Mathis' leadership, the police agreed to patrol regularly. Soon thereafter, the ownership of the Madison Apts. changed hands and things began to get better.

Our biggest problem today is the spin-off from first Friday and the trash left over from the Fair. No big deal compared to what this neighborhood was like thirty-five years ago.

Gates Whiteley

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Tim Tingle

with the last session of 2007 on **Sunday, November 18**, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. at the Commander's House, 645 S. Main. Stories must be suitable for families with children and must not be derogatory to any race or belief.

This month's "Stellar Tellers", persons of some renown as talespinners, are Doc Moore and Tim Tingle. Doc Moore is a nationally-known storyteller, a teacher of storytelling, and, in 2004, received the John Henry Faulk Storytelling Award in Denton, Texas. Tim Tingle is a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, authored the book "Walking the Choctaw Road",



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Nature of Call	# of Calls
Disturbance	20
Traffic Violation	13
Criminal Mischief	7
Suspicious Person	6
Burglary	6
Ordinance Violation	6
Burglary Vehicle	5
Fire	4
Vehicle Theft	3
Major Accident	3
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\* This is an excerpt from the SAPD on-line list of calls by neighborhood compiled by KWA member Molly Shafer

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First Friday (p.m.)

Police Calls

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the King William Association is to preserve and maintain the residential nature and historic characteristics of the King William Neighborhood and the diversity of its people; to intercede on behalf of the neighborhood with issues affecting the community by all civic avenues available including advocating for residential status with city; to improve quality of life by building community, promoting cultural endeavors, and providing scholarships and growth opportunities for deserving recipients. (approved 3/19/97)

#### **DECLARACION DE LA MISION**

La misión de la Asociación King William es preservar y mantener la naturaleza residencial y las características históricas del vecindario, así como la diversidad de sus residentes; interceder a favor del vecindario en asuntos que afectan a la comunidad por todos los medios disponibles incluyendo abogar con la Cuidad para conservar el estatus residencial del zona; mejorar el nivel de vida mediente el desarrollo de la comunidad, promoviendo actividades culturales y proporcionando becas y oportunidades de superación a quienes lo ameriten. (aprobado 3/19/97)

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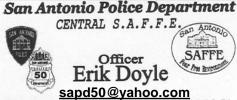
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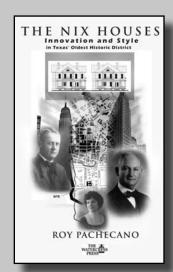
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### KWA November General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 p.m. Blue Star Brewing Co., 1414 S. Alamo

- As part of his national book tour which launched in New York City, author and King William resident Roy R. Pachecano offers the 'story behind the story' about his new release, "The Nix Houses, Innovation and Style in Texas' Oldest Historic District." Come find out things you didn't know and content that was edited out of the book. The subtitle to this book lecture is "Green Development versus Historic Preservation: Collision or Collaboration?" Roy's comments about this important issue facing us all will segue into the Utility Conversion Committee's presentation
- The King William Utility Conversion Committee will present preliminary estimates of the neighborhoodwide program to bury utilities. General estimates of cost, time frames, fundraising requirements, etc will be discussed. Please join us for this exciting proposal. We anticipate a 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. dialogue.



King William Home Tour advance tickets will be available to purchase at the meeting. See pages 1 and 2 for more details.

Please plan to attend this important meeting. Two complimentary beverages per person.