

New Faces on King William Street

After more than twenty years on King William Street, Bart Nichols, Karine Berghauer, and daughter Sydney have moved on to explore new opportunities. For fifteen of those years, Roz and I have been privileged to have them as next door neighbors and we're sad to see them go.

On many occasions, both Bart and Karine stepped up to the plate to serve the neighborhood in various ways. At least once, Bart served on the KWA Board, served as Fair Chair, managed Fair music stages, and edited the newsletter. Several Fair parades flourished under Karine's expert direction. Karine, happy to say, hasn't moved very far away – just over to Wickes Street, so she'll still be our neighbor.

Now it's time to welcome new neighbors to the cottage at 524 King William Street. As a "welcome to the hood," I set out to write a brief history of the house but after running into one fascinating fact after another, I decided to publish it in the newsletter for all to see. I hope it will be interesting not only to the new owners but neighbors as well.

The Albert Carl Moye House 524 King William Street

Albert Carl Moye was born in Kassel, Germany, on September 19, 1820. He married twenty-year-old Mathilde Wilhamina von Bartheld on October 31, 1841. Four years later, with their two-year-old son, Otto, and infant daughter Wilhamina, the Moyes, along with 214 other German immigrants, set sail for Galveston, Texas, aboard the three-mast barque Neptune. They, along with many other Germans, had been lured to Texas by promises made in the terms of the Fisher-Miller Grant. Prospective settlers were to receive 320 acres (for a married man) plus transportation across the ocean and to their acreage; a house, furnishings, utensils and farming equipment; access to churches, hospitals, roads and general provisions for their welfare.

Unfortunately, the Moyes landed in Galveston in November 1845, just as the war between the United States and Mexico was heating up. This meant that all means of transportation were needed by the Army, leaving the Moye's group and thousands of other German immigrants stranded on the Texas Gulf Coast. Many perished due to exposure to the elements and disease; some made the long overland trip on foot or by wagon to San

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King William Association Awards \$12,000 to New Scholarship Recipients



KWA Scholarship Recipients and Mentors

The King William Association, in conjunction with the Alamo Community College District Foundation and Brackenridge High School, recently celebrated the new, continuing, and graduating KWA scholarship recipients at our 2008-09 Scholarship Awards Ceremony. \$12,000 in new scholarships were awarded to three 2008 Brackenridge High School graduates, two 2007 scholarship recipients were honored for completing their first year of college, and three 2006 scholarship recipients were celebrated for successfully completing their first four semesters of college. Read more about each scholarship recipient on page 2.

The King William Association Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 by Dr. Ralph Wells and the KWA. Additional funding comes from donations from King William friends and residents, as well as annual support from the KWA thanks to the ongoing financial success of the King William Fair. Scholarship recipients are Brackenridge High School graduates who enroll at ACCD campuses. Scholarship recipients are awarded \$1,000 per semester for four semesters.

Many thanks to those who made donations to the Scholarship Fund in 2007-08: Ed and Luz Day, Charles and Marita Emmett, Lazarus Foundation Fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation, Nancy T. Shivers, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wells, and Carolene Zehner.

KWA's Scholarship Committee is very committed to the success of the scholarship recipients. Each scholarship recipient is offered academic and moral support through our Mentorship Program. Many thanks to our mentors: Scholarship Committee Chairperson Noemi Cue, Nancy Diehl, Jim Heidelberg, Johnnie Heidelberg, Jim Nelson, and Beverly Schwartzman.

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New Recipients

Wendy Bermudez

I am going to attend San Antonio College in the fall. After going to SAC, I plan to attend UTSA where I will go to get my bachelor's degree. I plan to major in education and minor in Spanish. I want to be a bilingual elementary teacher because I love kids and I am pretty good at Spanish. I am very happy to have received this scholarship. It really means a lot to me and my family. Thank you!

Esmeralda Moreno

The transition from high school to college can be a scary one but thanks to the King William Scholarship Committee, I feel that I can be a bit more confident in my entrance into college and just focus on the exciting part. Since I was a little child, my mother always pushed me to succeed. She has been a single parent since I was four years old and has always been working very hard to give me the best life she could. My mother has always been supportive of me and always pushed me to do the best I could. As a child, my first language was Spanish and I was put in English as a second language class through third grade, which was another challenge all on its own.

I plan to attend San Antonio College in the fall for two years to take my basics, and then transfer to UTSA where I want to study in the education field. I haven't quite made up my mind on exactly what I would like to teach, but I am thinking about being an E.S.L. teacher. I feel that I can make a difference this way because I know what most kids who are in E.S.L. are going through. I feel as though I have a special connection to the children, and hopefully I can motivate them to aim high

in life. I would once again like to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to take the step into college with more security.

Brandi Rodriguez

I come from a family of five girls and one boy. I am the second to the youngest daughter. I plan to attend St. Philip's College. My goal there is to get an associate's degree in nursing and become a Registered Nurse. After I get my degree, I will continue my education and enter a bachelor's program to prepare for a broader scope of nursing practice. I would like to continue my studies at the University of the Incarnate Word. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

Continuing Recipients

Lisa Balderas

This year was my first year attending San Antonio College. One of the most important things I learned this year is that persistence and hard work pays off. In college it is necessary to manage your time wisely because before you know it, there is a test around the corner. My biggest accomplishment was improving in my math class. With the help of my mentor and her encouragement, I was able to get through all of the obstacles I faced. After this year, I plan to transfer to UTSA and pursue a degree in childhood education. Most importantly, thank you to the King William Association. I am very thankful to be one of the scholarship recipients.

Shawntique Lewis

I didn't find my first year of college so different from high school in the idea of what your goals are, but everything surrounding that is quite different. It's a



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whole new environment. For example, you have countless surveys going on, advertisements, and tons of student activities. A summary of my first year in one word would be "astronomical." I had the best teachers and mentors. I would like to thank the King William Association for making my experience even possible. Like your usual college student, I had my ups and downs, such as having a good GPA and getting dropped from a class because of tardiness.

Here are some tips for the new recipients: use the free tutoring, maximize the full potential of the scholarship, make sure you enroll in classes you can actually attend on time, and find a good faculty advisor.

Graduating Recipients

Erica Contreras

I am known as a hard-working student and parent. I have a two-year-old daughter, Ebonie, whom I am doing all this for; so being a full-time student plus a parent is really hard work. I am currently taking some pre-requisites for nursing. I will finish up all my basics at community college and then enroll in Baptist Hospital's nursing program to become a Registered Nurse. I'm currently an employee at the Baptist Medical Center downtown as a Certified Nurse's Assistant. I have the offer of going through their school with the help of my employer.

I greatly thank the King William Association for giving me the chance to succeed. I was definitely able to get a head start on whom and what I want to be in the future. The reward of the scholarship has opened many doors for me for which I am greatly thankful and appreciative. I thank you for all the support. I would also like to thank my mom, dad, sisters, friends, and even my patients at work for giving me that extra push I tended to need through the hard times. Thank you!!!

Georgianna Hernandez

My first two years of college were made possible with the assistance of the King William Association. I am very

thankful for the donors' generous hearts. I have completed my first two years at St. Philip's College and will continue there for one last year to complete a few more courses before I transfer to the University of Houston to finish my bachelor's degree in biology. Upon completion of my bachelor's degree, I plan on attending optometry school at the University of Houston.

The members of the King William Association have been greatly helpful in my first few years as a college student; they helped make a young woman's dream come true. I enjoyed volunteering at the King William Parade this past year. It was a great way to give back.

My recommendations to future students: try your best in school; if you ever need help, do not be afraid to ask a mentor, tutor, or professor; if you are working while in school, remember what is most important and stay focused; and while planning your schedule, try to include at least one hour of free time during the school day – it is helpful if you need to do homework, study, or take a breather.

Veronica Hernandez

My first two years have actually gone well. To be honest, I was expecting the worst. I am the first in my family to go to college and I didn't want to let my mom down. I had heard the stories about other people failing and getting low grades and I just knew it was going to be me too. But I beat all the odds and have come out pretty successfully! My grades are good and I plan to keep them that way. I have finally decided that I am going to major in radiology. I had changed my major a couple of times, but this time it's permanent!

My advice to other students is to always believe in yourself. Don't think negatively like I did in the beginning, but be optimistic. I have learned that thinking positively will result in a positive outcome. Always say "I can" because you're the only thing that's holding yourself back. Picking my major was a difficult thing for me. I also advise students to try and volunteer in different activities so that it will help you get a feel for what you might want to major in.

King William Park Concert Series

Catie Offerman and
Terry Cavanagh on

Sunday, July 13, at 7 p.m.

Watch out ya'll and clear the road! Catie Offerman, violinist, and Terry Cavanagh, accordionist, will be our featured performers at the next King William Park Concert on Sunday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m. This fun and versatile duo has a big new sound that is magical. Terry's musical savvy and variety of musical styles matched with the musical excellence of fourteen-year-old Catie will provide a fresh and upbeat performance.

Come early and bring a picnic. Ice cream will be provided for dessert! Please let your friends and neighbors know about this wonderful, free event.

Special note: The rain venue for each of our second Sunday concerts will be the large hall at St. Joseph's Society, just across Washington Street from King William Park. We will also have access to their small bar up until 10:00 p.m. after each concert, as well as use of the restrooms. Many thanks to St. Joseph's Society for their hospitality.

Janis De Lara



Tails from the Cat Lady

by Gretchen Garceau-Kragh

Kitten season is in full swing in the neighborhood! Have you wanted to find a humane solution to the cat overpopulation problem in King William but did not know where to start? The first step is making sure that all cats, domestic, stray and feral (wild), are spayed or neutered. This includes the outdoor cats that you might be feeding. There are some very affordable resources in San Antonio to help control the pet population and listed below are the fee schedules and contact information for the low-cost spay and neuter clinics in the city.

Animal Defense League

655-1481 or www.adltexas.org

The ADL clinic is located at 11215 Iota Drive, three miles north of 410 & Nacogdoches. FREE spay and neuter appointments are available only to people who receive federal or state governmental assistance or whose family income is less than \$10,000 a year. If the family income falls between \$10,000 and \$19,000, or the owner of the pet is over 65, the spay or neuter fee is \$25 and the rabies vaccination (required by State law) is \$5.

Animal Resource Center

351-SPAY (7729) or www.animalresource.org

A city run facility, the ARC is close by at 1615 South Laredo. Like ADL, citizens receiving public assistance or making less than \$10,000 a year can obtain FREE spay and neuter services for their pets or pay \$25 for incomes falling between \$10,000 and \$19,000 per year. For others, the fee for a male dog is \$60 and \$75 for a female. The charge for male cats is \$35 and for females is \$50. There is an additional fee for dogs over 50 pounds or animals that are pregnant at the time of surgery. The rabies vaccination costs \$10 and the city license (again, required) is \$5. Due to high demand, there is a limit of two animals per household per month.

Spay and Neuter Assistance Program

673-7722 or www.snapus.org

The latest spay and neuter clinic to open its doors in San Antonio is the Spay and Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) at 6758 Ingram Road. Appointments are available Tuesdays to Saturdays and are readily available. Unfortunately, free services are not available at SNAP, but the prices are extremely reasonable. The fee for a male dog, depending on weight, ranges from \$45-65 and for a female, between \$60-90. Neutering a male cat will cost \$30 and a female, \$45. There is an additional \$20 fee if the animal is pregnant at the time of the surgery. The required rabies vaccination is \$10 per animal, regardless of gender or weight.

Don't forget that King William residents are eligible to receive reimbursement from the KWA for having their animals spayed or neutered. The Spay & Neuter Reimbursement Program maximum reimbursement amounts are: \$50 for neuter of a male dog, \$70 for spay of a female dog, \$30 for neuter of a male cat, \$40 for spay of a female cat, \$10 for rabies vaccination, \$15 for feline combo testing, and \$15 for heartworm testing. Please contact the KWA office at 227-8786 or king.william@sbcglobal.net for a copy of the program's eligibility requirements and guidelines.

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 20th Anniversary Concert on July 31st

King William residents Candace Jacobs and Sandra Smith are co-chairs for Water Street Oyster Bar's "Shell-a-Bration" concert featuring Texas music phenomenon Ruthie Foster. Proceeds will benefit the San Antonio Public Library Foundation.

"Water Street Oyster Bar Presents: The Phenomenal Ruthie Foster" will be held Thursday evening, July 31, beginning at 6 p.m. at Water Street Oyster Bar, 7500 Broadway in Alamo Heights. Tickets are \$50 and include the concert and a mouthwatering seafood buffet.

Ruthie Foster is one of the premier singer/songwriters on the Texas music scene today and is in strong demand around the world. From the Kerrville Folk Festival to Austin City Limits to stages all across North America and Europe, she has won thousands of new fans everywhere she goes, spotlighting her unique acoustic sound deeply rooted in old-school Gospel and blues.

"Ruthie is the perfect choice for Water Street as we celebrate 20 years in San Antonio," says Thurman Love, owner of Water Street Oyster Bar. "In addition to our commitment to serving the best fresh seafood in town, we have always supported and promoted live Texas music right here in the restaurant. We are thrilled that Ruthie has agreed to help us celebrate and to raise money for the San Antonio Public Library Foundation."

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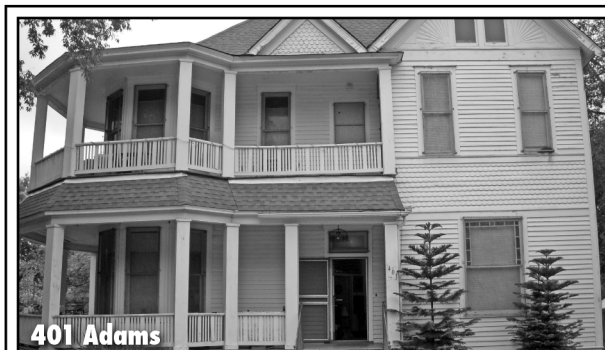
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Recently, a recipe for Texas Eggs Benedict caught my eye in our local paper, sounding so good and so easy, I was hooked. Getting my scissors to do some clipping,

I noticed the attribution: from Sue Blansett at the Brackenridge House B&B.

I did clip all of her recipes and I sent a note to Sue saying how great each one sounded and that when I found my stove, I would cook each of them. A few weeks later, I was invited to breakfast at the Brackenridge House B&B to sample those same dishes!

After thoroughly enjoying a five-course breakfast (!), another guest remarked: Sue should write a cookbook. Within seconds, Bennie magically brought it to the table for us to see. What a nice cookbook it is!

Besides breakfast or brunch recipes, appetizers, main entrees, side dishes and desserts are included. All sound appetizing. There are wheat-free and vegetarian selections as well. Many of the recipes have Sue's helpful hints, such as make-ahead steps or shortcuts to save time. For those who like dishes with a southern, a Texan, or southwest flavor, this cookbook offers a variety of choices.

May I recommend this cookbook to my neighbors? Copies are available at the Brackenridge House B&B on Madison, 271-3442. I think most cooks and eaters will enjoy it. Gift-givers will find it a nice memento from our area.

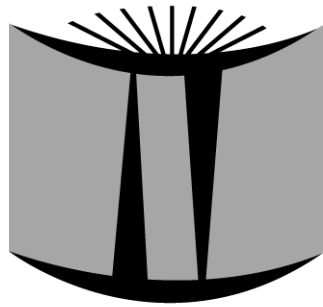
Carolene Zehner

King William Yacht Club's *Annual Fourth of July Regatta*

The King William Yacht Club will hold its Annual Fourth of July Regatta the morning of Friday, July 4th. Anyone who wants to participate is welcome. There will be one class of canoes for those who want to race, and a second class for those who want to enjoy a leisurely paddle along the San Antonio River. A pot-luck party will follow the river outing.

Interested in participating, volunteering to help, or finding out where to rent canoes/kayaks? Do you have a canoe/kayak that you don't intend to use and are willing to lend to another neighbor? Want to RSVP? Please contact Marita Emmett at memmett1@satx.rr.com or 223-2628.

Marita Emmett



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What: Gemini Ink's 2008 Summer Literary festival is a celebration of the literary arts featuring talented authors and offerings such as classes, a Young Writers Camp, readings, and other great events.

When: July 11 - 28

Where: Location varies by event, but many events will be held nearby at Gemini Ink at 513 S. Presa

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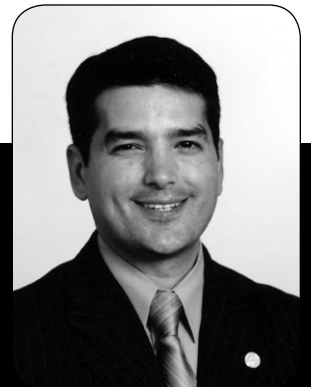
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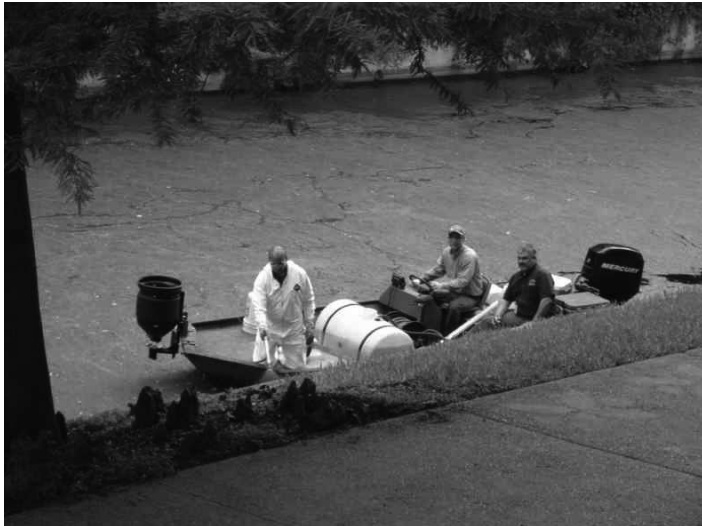


Workshops are free, and refreshments are provided for participants. Please RSVP to Toni Serna at toni.serna@house.state.tx.us or call 734-8937. To learn about other workshops and events, please visit www.leaderslisten.org.

City Takes Measures to Clean Up River Algae

The drought and river construction both up and downstream from King William have resulted in very little river flow. As a result, the river between Nueva and Alamo has been plagued with bright green algae from bank to bank. The ducks are doing their best to eat it but can't keep up with the supply! The City and River Authority have begun experimental spraying of an herbicide to control the algae, but the best solution is improved water conditions. We hope it rains soon!

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Main Plaza is downtown San Antonio's center of activity each Friday. Local farmers display the freshest in vegetables and fruits; candied pecans, wine tasting from various Texas vineyards, and local chef demonstrations are also featured. Locally grown flowers and plantings, fresh herbs and farm fresh eggs are also available.

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The Albert Carl Moyer House

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Albert Moyer House - 524 King William

Antonio, New Braunfels and Fredericksburg. The Moyes were detained for six months in Indianola, the port nearest the Fisher-Miller Grant lands. By the time they finally reached San Antonio, The Republic of Texas to which they were immigrating had joined the Union and the many promises that had attracted them to the Republic had vanished.

A newspaper chronicle of San Antonio's significant events for 1845 lists: "First three-story building, the Plaza House, constructed. Albert Moyer opened first saddler's shop on Commerce Street. Texas admitted to Union." At some point, Albert evidently abandoned his saddlery business and turned to vegetable farming. He became a U.S. citizen in 1852. After arriving in Texas, he and Mathilde had two more children: Emelie born in 1852 and Edward in 1855. In 1858, Albert served San Antonio and Bexar County as Justice of the Peace, tax assessor in 1860 and Alderman in 1864-1865.

During the Civil War, Albert was a Lieutenant and then Captain of Company B, 3rd Texas Infantry of the Confederate Army. The 3rd Infantry, raised in San Antonio, saw limited involvement in the war, being stationed mostly along the Mexican border.

After the war, Albert worked as a foreman then general manager of a lumber company and eventually started a real estate and insurance business, which was located at 10 East Commerce Street. A progressive businessman, Albert had one of San Antonio's earliest telephones in his office. His number was 413.

The 1880 census lists Albert, Mathilde, two sons, Otto and Edward as well as nephew, Wilhelm Keudell, all living in the same household. Both Otto and Edward were listed as "clerk in store." Otto worked for Leroux & Cosgrove, a hardware and general merchandise store on West Commerce. Edward worked for Hugo & Schmeltzer, a wholesale liquor and grocery which was located in the long barracks of the Alamo. Nephew Wilhelm's occupation was "photographer."

In 1881, Albert and Mathilde bought the lot at 524 King William Street from Edward Steves for \$350 and built their house soon after. In the early city directories, the house is described as being "between Johnson St. and Ewell St." Ewell St. was renamed Guenther about the turn of the century. The 1890 tax roles indicated that in addition to the home Albert owned a horse and buggy.

In 1866, daughter Wilhamina married Max Krakauer. The other daughter, Emelie, married Julius Piper in 1870. In 1886, the Pipers built what is now known as The Beethoven House at 422 Pereida. Julius died in 1907 and Emelie in 1912. Two of their daughters continued to live in the house until 1920 when they moved in with their sister, Tillie Piper, Wyse at 111 Wickes Street

Albert and Mathilde's son Edward married Lila Zork in 1881 and moved to El Paso, where Edward became a successful partner in the family connected wholesale hardware dealership, Krakauer, Zork and Moyer. The firm made a fortune in the early 1900s selling guns and

ammunition to smugglers who transported the arms across the border into the hands of Mexican revolutionaries. Their arms dealings were investigated by the FBI, which resulted in charges of "conspiracy to export munitions," but they were eventually acquitted when the courts ruled that it was not illegal to sell arms – only to export them. Krakauer, Zork and Moyer, along with other El Paso arms dealers, continued to prosper for several years by supplying arms to various Mexican factions.

Otto, who never married, died in 1903. Mathilde died in 1896 and Albert in 1899. They are all buried in their family plot in San Antonio City Cemetery #4, also known as the "Confederate Cemetery."

From 1897 to 1900, Werner Wilkens lived at 524 King William while he was employed as treasurer for the Guenther Mill.

When Adolph Guenther Beckman and Mary Milby Giles married in 1915, they moved into 524 King William and lived there for about seven years. Mary Giles was the daughter of Alfred Giles, a prominent San Antonio architect in the late 1800s and early 1900s who designed the Steves Homestead as well as several other houses on the street. He went on to design several Texas courthouses.

Mary's husband, Adolph Beckman, was a grandson of Carl H. Guenther, the mill founder. Adolph's father, Albert Beckman, was married to Marie Dorthea, the second daughter of the mill founder. Being an architect, he designed and built not only his own home at 222 East Guenther but several other houses in the neighborhood and the 1884 Lone Star Brewery, later restored as the San Antonio Museum of Art. Albert died at his home of a heart attack at age 45 when Adolph was only 13 years old. When Adolph's mother died in 1921, he and Mary moved back into the family home where he was born at 222 East Guenther (currently the Beckman Inn owned by Charles and Paula Stallcup).

For the next several years, 524 King William was rented to various tenants until 1947 when it was bought by Robert and Theckla Morgan. Robert was a supervisor at the Nix Memorial Hospital downtown. He died in 1960 at age seventy-seven. His widow, Theckla, lived on in the house until her death in 1969.

Deed records show that Mrs. L. A. Tschirhart owned the house in the 1970s, but I found no record of her ever living there.

Herbert and Veronica Stark moved into the house in 1970 and lived there until 1975. Herbert was the manager of Meny's Paint Store on St. Mary's (current location of Azuca Restaurant). Meny's was where most of the neighborhood house restorers went for paint and advice until it went out of business about six or seven years ago.

About 1976, Isabeth Hardy, a teacher and founder-director of The New Age School, moved into the house. The New Age School was a small, private, non-profit, all-day alternative school for young children. Renamed The Circle School, it continues today on Pershing Ave. near the Witte Museum but without Ms. Hardy. She has gone on to own and operate a fine art gallery in Johnson, Vermont.

Ms. Hardy lived in the house until 1984 when Mike and Betty Yndo moved there. At the time, Betty owned and operated King William Realty. They lived in the house for a year or two until it was purchased by Bart Nichols and Karine Berghauer in 1986 and the rest, as they say, is history.

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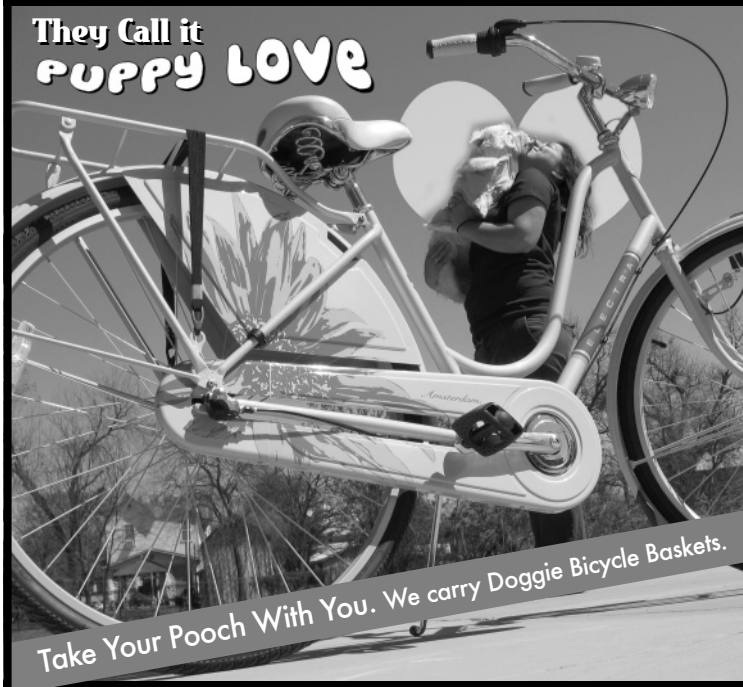
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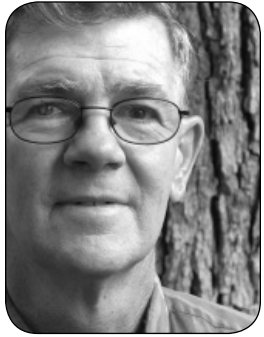
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Out in the Garden

with Alan Cash



With the summer heat there's not much work to do outside except to maintain our gardens and wait for cooler weather. They say a picture is worth a thousand words and the hot weather illustrates the value of shade trees. Although it is hot, it can be very pleasant sitting in the shade with a cold drink. Add a little breeze and summer afternoons outside are very enjoyable. While you are sitting in the shade, you can turn the temperature up a little on the air conditioner and save a little.

On a recent trip to the east coast, I visited the town of Georgetown, South Carolina, which was founded in the 1700s and has a population of around 7,000. The original township area is totally covered with the canopy of large live oak trees. On a tour, the docent pointed out that in 1896 the town had a very heated mayoral

election, and as a reconciliatory gesture, the new mayor made a gift to the City of 1,000 live oak trees. It is unbelievable what a livable environment has been created by those trees. So while we try to survive the summer, I encourage you to plan ahead to the fall, and see if there is a place in your garden to plant a tree when the temperatures drop.

Here are a few practical reasons for planting a tree. Trees provide wildlife food and shelter, remove pollutants from the air, help control erosion from rainstorms, reduce home heating and cooling bills, and absorb carbon dioxide, a prime contributor to global warming.

Want to do a little more to make the world a healthier? A gasoline powered lawnmower can emit as much pollution into the air in one hour as eleven cars over the same time. The next time your lawnmower needs repair, instead of fixing it, consider changing to an electric one.

Garden Note: You don't have a garden just for yourself. You have it to share.

San Antonio's Year-Round Water Restrictions

Even if we finally get some rain this summer, San Antonio has year-round outdoor watering restrictions. It is important that all residents conserve this limited resource.

If you are watering with a sprinkler or an irrigation system, you can only water your lawn before 10 a.m. or after 8 p.m. It is against the law to water at any other time of day! If you're using a hand-held hose, watering can, or bucket, you can water your plants and landscaping any time of day. There are also a few restrictions on car-washing and other water activities.

San Antonio Water System (SAWS) has set up a Water Wasters hotline to report water waste via phone or online. There is no initial penalty for the customer who is reported. SAWS will contact wasters with a phone call, a visit, or by mail and remind them about the water restrictions. Multiple violations result in monetary fines. The water wasters line is 204-SAWS. You may also report wasters online at <http://www.saws.org/conservation/waterwaste/>.

The SAWS website offers a great deal of useful information. SAWS "Kick the Kan" program will replace two water-wasting toilets at your home at no cost. These free toilets are available to anyone with a bathroom built prior to 1992 which does not already have low-flow toilets. Also on the site are lists of native and water-frugal plants as well as information about rebates available to those who landscape their lawns in a water-saving manner. You can also access a home conservation checklist to help discover ways you may be unknowingly wasting water. If you return it to SAWS, they'll send you a free guide to native plants and landscaping. Check it out!

Marley Diehl

Volunteers Needed to Water Trees

High temperatures with no rain are really taking a toll on the neighborhood trees along St. Mary's, South Presa, Pereida and elsewhere. We need volunteers to help us water. Please call the King William office at 227-8786 for more info or to sign-up.



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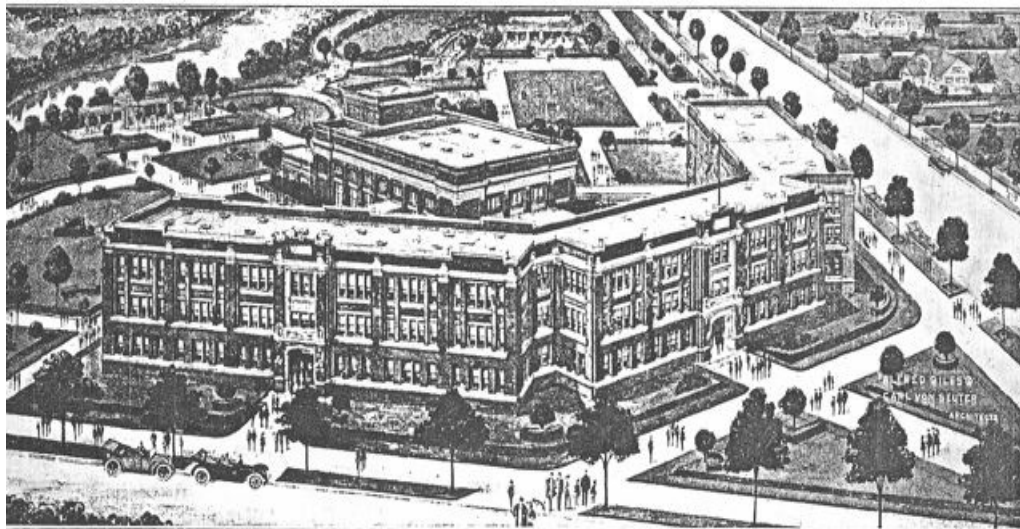
What Has Been Lost

A modern Brackenridge High School sits on the edge of the King William neighborhood at the corner of S. St. Mary's and Eagleland Streets. However, many present residents may not have seen the imposing structure built in 1916 as the George W. Brackenridge High School, which was designed by the well-known American architect Alfred Giles. Its first class graduated in 1918. The accompanying drawing shows a 1917 rendering of the new campus looking from S. St. Mary's Street. The accompanying photo is a 1960 view of the school's main entrance. At some point, the decision was made to demolish the building and construct a new air conditioned school.

It was considered more economical to build new rather than update the existing facility and it was torn down. Also lost were many neighborhood homes between S. St. Mary's and E. Guenther Streets as the school campus was expanded. From



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New Brackenridge High School on Roosevelt Avenue.

an historical viewpoint it is too bad progress sometimes comes with a high price.

At about the same time, another San Antonio District school, the Philis Wheatley High School, was closed and it and Brackenridge were consolidated at the Brackenridge site on S. St. Mary's

Street. There are at least four in the last block of Mission Street, including the collaborators on this story.

*Santiago Escobedo
Alan Cash*

The new school opened in 1974 as Philis Wheatley High School with various aspects of the two former schools incorporated into the new school. For example, the colors were combined but the mascot was the Eagle as at Brackenridge. But the spirit that was felt for Brackenridge survived. For some time, alumni of Brackenridge fought to restore the school, and in 1988 Brackenridge reopened in the new building with the original colors, mascot, school paper, year book, etc. all intact. There are probably many King William and Lavaca residents who are former graduates of old Brackenridge.

Stories Galore: July Stellar Teller is Atheria Scott

Stories Galore, a free story-swap hosted by Elder Stone for experienced and beginning storytellers and listeners, continues on Sunday, July 20, 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 Teller," a person of some renown as a talespinner, is Atheria Scott. Atheria is one of the more prominent Toastmasters in the United States. She has been a featured teller at Stories Galore, the George West Storytelling Festival, the San Antonio Children's Museum, and assorted churches, schools, and businesses. Make this a summer to remember by seeing and hearing Atheria Scott!

For more information, call Elder Stone at 673-4468.

What's Happening: KWA Neighborhood Calendar

July 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Blue Star Brew: Crimson Jazz Orchestra	2 KWA Summer Social & Election of Nominating Committee	3 SAY Sí: Found/Form/Flow & Off the Screen Opening Reception	4 <i>Independence Day</i> Southtown: First Friday Beethoven: SnowByrd Blue Star Brew: Live Music Filling Station: Humble Blues All-Stars	5	6
7	8 Blue Star Brew: River City Big Band Lavaca NA: General Meeting (see insert)	9 Blue Star Brew: Ed Sherry Big Band	10 SAY Sí: TeatroALAS	11 Gemini Ink: Festival Reading SAY Sí: TeatroALAS	12 Southtown: Second Saturday Artwalk	13 King William Park Concert: Catie Offerman & Terry
14	15 Blue Star Brew: San Antonio Jazz Orchestra	16 KWA August Newsletter Deadline KWA July Board Meeting	17	18 Beethoven: Gartenkonzert Filling Station: Humble Blues All-Stars Gemini Ink: Festival Reading	19 Southtown: Art of Fashion Show	20 Stories Galore: Atheria Scott
21	22 Blue Star Brew: Primetime Jazz Orchestra	23	24	25 Gemini Ink: Festival Reading	26	27 Gemini Ink: Young Writers Camp Reading
28 KWA August Newsletter Mail Prep Gemini Ink: A Community Talk	29	30	31	AUGUST 1 Southtown: First Friday Beethoven: Flames of Red Blue Star Brew: Live Music Filling Station: Humble Blues All-Stars Gemini Ink: FF Reading	2	3 Lavaca NA: Summer Fundraiser BBQ (see

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422 Pereida, 222-1521,
beethovenmaennerchor.com
SnowByrd, First Friday 7/4
Gartenkonzert, Friday 7/18, 5pm-12am
Flames of Red, First Friday 8/1

Blue Star Brewing Co.

1414 S. Alamo, 212-5506,
bluestarbrewing.com
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Live Music, First Fridays 7/4 & 8/1, 7-11pm
Ed Sherry Big Band, Wednesday 7/9,
8-10pm

The Filling Station

701 S. St. Mary's, 444-2200
Humble Blues All Stars, Fridays 7/4, 7/18
& 8/1, 7-10pm

Gemini Ink

513 S. Pesa, 734-9673, geminiink.org
Summer Literary Festival, July 11-28
First Friday Reading, Friday 8/1,
6:30-8:30pm

SAY Sí Central

1518 S. Alamo, 212-8666, saysi.org
*Found/Form/Flow & Off the Screen
Opening Reception*, Thursday 7/3,
6-10pm
TeatroALAS Reception, Thursday 7/10,
6pm
TeatroALAS Performance, Thursday
7/10, 7-9pm & Friday 7/11, 2-4pm & 7-9pm

Southtown First Friday

226-0888, southtown.net
First Friday Artwalk, Fridays 7/4 & 8/1,
6-10pm
Art of Fashion Show, Saturday 7/19,

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476-8801, southtownartwalk.com
Second Saturday Artwalk, Saturday 7/12,
2-4pm

Stories Galore

645 S. Main, 673-4468
Stories Galore featuring Atheria Scott,
Sunday 7/20, 5-7pm

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7/2 **Summer Social / Election of
Nominating Committee**,
6:30pm, 401 King William

7/4 **Independence Day**
(Office Closed)

7/16 **August Newsletter Deadline**
7/16 **July Board Meeting**,
7pm at KWA office

7/28 **July Newsletter Mail Prep**,
6pm at KWA office

Looking Ahead...

8/6 **August General Membership
Meeting / Board Nominations**,
6:30pm, Blue Star Brewing Co.

8/13 **September Newsletter Deadline**
8/20 **August Board Meeting**,
7pm at KWA office

8/25 **September Newsletter Mail
Prep**, 6pm at KWA office

SAFFE Officer Doyle's Crime Prevention Info

Officer Erik Doyle is the King William area SAFFE (San Antonio Fear Free Environment) Officer and is assigned to work Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Officer Ron Strothman is the Lavaca area SAFFE Officer and is assigned to work Monday-Friday, 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Both officers can be reached by calling the Central SAFFE Unit at 207-7413.

The San Antonio Police Department offers many programs to help you reduce the chances of being a victim. The following classes and services are available to everyone for free:

- Cellular on Patrol Training
- Personal Safety Classes
- Stranger Danger (geared toward young children)
- Home Security Surveys
- Business Surveys



The following phone numbers may be helpful to you:

- 311 for all City services, other than Police and Fire
- 911 for emergency calls only
- 207-SAPD for all non emergency calls
- 207-7410 Central Patrol
- 207-7413 Central SAFFE Unit
- 207-7482 to report tour bus violations

If traveling this summer, consider taking the following security precautions:

- Call our office for a patrol-by of your house
- Be sure to have your yard maintained
- Have your paper and mail stopped
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- Have a house sitter if possible

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KWA Summer Social & Election of 2008-09 Nominating Committee Wednesday, July 2, 6:30 p.m.

Villa Finale Grounds, A National Trust Historic Site, 401 King William

Celebrate the summer with good food and great company at our Summer Social! Sandra Smith, Director of Villa Finale, will be on hand to share updates about Villa Finale's recent progress. In the meantime, you may visit Villa Finale's new weblog at villafinale.wordpress.com for stories, details, and thoughts about the restoration and preparation of Villa Finale as they work to transition Mr. Mathis's home to a museum.



Photo by Carol Highsmith, Courtesy of Villa Finale

Please bring a main course/side/salad/dessert to share. Beverages, plates, cutlery, tables, chairs, etc. will be provided by the KWA.

Volunteers Needed: We'd love to have your help setting up, serving beverages, and/or cleaning up after the social. Please contact the KWA office at 227-8786 or king.william@sbcglobal.net to help.

2008-09 Nominating Committee Members and Board of Directors Needed

Help shape the future of our wonderfully unique neighborhood!

Nominating Committee members are needed to help identify neighbors who are interested in serving on the KWA Board of Directors.

Board of Directors candidates are placed on the ballot to be elected for a one-year term (September '08 – August '09) and are eligible to serve for three consecutive terms.

Contact the KWA office at 227-8786 or king.william@sbcglobal.net for more information and to get involved.