Henry Rayburn
October 27, 1944 – January 27, 2009

A light has gone out in King William and indeed in the lives of all who knew and loved Henry. He was the kindest, most generous human being most of us will ever have the good fortune to meet.

Henry grew up on a farm in Alvarado near Dallas. He and I teased each other about being Texas farm boys. He graduated from high school in Alvarado in 1963 and then went on to study architecture at the University of Texas.

After two years with the Peace Corps in Columbia, he worked as an architect in San Francisco and San Antonio. Instead of staying with architecture, where he could make a lot more money, he followed his heart and spent the rest of his life making art.

Roz was touched one day to find a package of notepaper, which Henry had made using photo images from her rose garden, on our porch.

When the Llanas house burned on Cedar, just down the street from his house, he practically wrapped his arms around the burned shell to help save it from demolition. He was among the first to form a committee to decide how the neighborhood could work together to help Liz Llanas save and restore her house. He held a fundraiser selling his own art to raise money. Liz, a professional nurse at Nix Hospital, pitched in to help take care of Henry during his last days.

Henry will be sorely missed, but his kind and gentle spirit will be with us always.

Bill Cogburn

The Extreme Target Sweep Program is well underway and residents have reported seeing numerous City vehicles and work crews in the area. Eleven code enforcement officers have been tasked with visually assessing all properties and asking residents and businesses to voluntarily correct code violations. During follow-up inspections, those who have chosen not to comply, will receive municipal citations. In addition, the Extreme Target Sweep Staff is actively working with the City of San Antonio Fire Department, Health Department, Code Enforcement and City Council to review concerns regarding First Friday events.

Secondly, residents have expressed their interest in the future of the Old Fire Station No. 7 on S. Alamo. The exterior of the building is in need of general repairs and an on-site meeting regarding the issue took place on Friday, February 6. Representatives of the Fire Department were on hand to answer basic questions. The Extreme Target Sweep Staff is looking into partnership opportunities, fiscal sponsors or a Historic Building Preservation Grant in order to improve the building’s appearance.

Lastly, the Community Tool Shed is available for any resident of the City of San Antonio who wishes to beautify their neighborhood or surrounding community. The Community Tool Shed contains tools for gardening, alley clean-up, painting and tree trimming. Please consider contacting an Extreme Target Sweep staff member regarding this useful and cost-free community resource.

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In the spring of 2008 the KWA commissioned Rialto Studios to provide conceptual plans and cost estimates to upgrade the landscape and hardscape of King William Park based upon various suggestions from Board members and neighbors. Rialto is well respected in their field. Their recent jobs include Brackenridge Park and the Pearl Brewery. The result was a four-phase master plan with a total cost of approximately $250,000 (see diagram).

In January of 2009 the City began to install ADA ramps at the park’s three corners. This prompted KWA Board member Curtis Johnson and KWA founding member Maria Pfeiffer to meet with the Parks Department to discuss the master plan for the park. The Parks Department’s Design Superintendent, Bill Pennell, agreed to upgrade the materials used for the corners from poured concrete to pavers, which should ultimately tie into the KWA’s future plans for the park.

Coincidentally, the January KWA Board meeting was attended by Greg Brockhouse, the Special Projects Manager for Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros, to discuss burying utilities in the neighborhood. During the meeting, Mr. Brockhouse was also given an overview of the plans for King William Park. He stated that King William was “way ahead” of other neighborhood organizations requesting park funds from the Councilwoman’s office since we had a plan and cost estimates in hand. He has promised to work with us to get assistance from the City to help make this project a reality.

Curtis Johnson
The Fair simply wouldn’t be possible without people power. The Fair’s major departments are managed by self-less volunteers who form the backbone of KWA’s Fair Committee. Here’s an introduction to some members of the team:

**Admissions:** Alan Cash has a green thumb, which is one reason he manages all aspects of the Fair’s cash handling, from admission and ticket sales to cash counting. With assistance from Bill Cogburn and others, Alan literally weighs returned tickets; it’s faster than counting them.

**Art & Craft:** Kate Ruckman and her team are implementing a new system for selecting the best local and national artisans for our event. Kate is an artist with a special love of old houses and this community.

**Beverages:** Rinda and Ken Miller are returning for their fourth year as managers of beverage sales, a key source of Fair revenue. Rinda is the safety and human resource manager for, and part owner of, Judson-Atkinson Candies. Ken is a contract pilot for the Air Force at Randolph Air Force Base. They love the Spurs, good wine and beer, and big parties.

**Food/Chair Select:** Ruben Cuero is tackling the food department as part of his training to become Fair Chair. Ruben, a former engineer and restaurateur in Austin, consults with other businesses about improving their efficiency.

**Kids Kingdom:** Richard Contreras organizes Kids Kingdom for the Mission Trail Rotary Club, which uses the Fair as a fundraiser. Richard is a graphic artist who helps bring a creative touch to our special Fair venue for children.

**Entertainment:** Former Fair performer and KWA board member, Rudolf Harst, returns to this year’s Fair to manage our entertainment venues. Rudolf is still looking for stage managers who can help ensure seamless operations on Fair day.

**Parade:** Sue Duffy returns for a third year as Chief Parade Wrangler. Sue is active in San Antonio’s creative community and has more than 20 years of Fair experience. Sue enjoys gardening, reading, and music.

**Environmental:** The Fair is committed to becoming the premier “green” Fiesta event. To make that happen, the environmental team is managed by Michael Girdley and Jack Kent Jr. (pictured above). Michael’s the tallest member of the Fair committee and heroically attends meetings in the middle of moving. Jack’s a new board member who’s not as quiet as he looks.

**Operations:** Enumerable details are handled by the Fair’s Coordinator, Zet Baer, and KWA’s Coordinator, Syeira Budd. Without their daily attention to the Fair, the event simply would not happen. Plus, they keep the rest of us in line.

**Fair Chair:** Don’t forget Rose Kanusky, Fair Chair for the third year in a row (actually, the fourth year in a row if you count her role as Chair Select in 2006)! Rose practices law by day, Japanese sword fighting by night, rug hooking in between, and Fair planning ‘round the clock.

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What brought you to live in the King William neighborhood?

Raised in Corpus Christi, but out of state for 40+ years, I was ready to come back home to Texas. However, as others have said, “No Corpus boy ever goes back once he gets away.” San Antonio is South Texas without rusted door panels on your year-old Saab.

What’s the biggest issue facing the neighborhood that you want to address as a Board Member?

Addressing issues is not usually fun, so I’ll just wait until something comes along.

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

A book I read every two or three years is by Tom Wolfe, the one in the white suit, not the one who couldn’t find home. It’s actually two long essays under one cover, Radical Chic and Mau-Mauing the Flak Catcher.

What’s your favorite place in San Antonio to take friends or family who come here from out of town?

The underpass at Highway 90 and S. Presa has some really interesting people, especially one, an horticulturist, whose knowledge and sound advice stands second only to our own Alan Cash.

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

As far as other cities are concerned, I prefer San Antonio’s west side, on the east side of San Fernando Cemetery.

What’s your favorite holiday?

Either Friday or Monday, depending.

Do you canoe?

Since a former wife struck me with an oar while trying to navigate a rapid on the North Fork of the White River, I canoe only in very shallow ponds.
Unfortunately, some people tie out their dogs instead of providing a fenced area for them to move about freely. According to experts (and probably to dogs themselves!), the best place for your dog is inside with you. Dogs are pack animals and want to be “with the pack” in the “den” (your home). Although tying a dog out is not the best arrangement for the animal, there are ordinances that provide for the comfort of the dog if you or your neighbor absolutely must tie their dog outside.

The recently adopted Chapter 5, Section 5-15 city ordinance states “no animal shall be hitched, tied or fastened by any rope, chain, or cord that is directly attached to the animals’ neck. Animals that must be tied, hitched, or fastened to restrain them must wear a properly-fitted collar or harness made of leather or nylon, not the choker type...The tying device shall be attached to the animals’ collar or harness and shall be at least 10 feet in length and must have a swivel device on the anchor and collar end to prevent tangling...An animal that is tethered must have access to adequate shelter at all times...A person shall not chain or tether a dog with a chain or tether that weighs more than one eighth of the dog’s body weight.” In addition, Texas House Bill 1411 defines unlawful restraint as including “Tethering between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am, Tethering within 500 feet of a school, and tethering during extreme heat or cold.” In addition, the same House Bill defines unreasonable restraint as “Using a restraint that is less than 5 times the length of the dog or using a restraint that results in injury to the animal.” According to House Bill 2328, a person commits an offense if they knowingly or intentionally, “Fail to provide necessary food, water, or shelter. Abandon unreasonably an animal in their custody” among other things. Anyone found committing those crimes will be charged with a Class A misdemeanor. If the perpetrator has been charged with two similar crimes, the third charge will be a jail felony.

If you see a citizen or neighbor who has tied out their dog improperly or committed any other acts of cruelty, please call Animal Care Services Cruelty Tip line at 287-2778, 311, or SAPD’s non-emergency line at 207-7273. Anyone who ties out a dog improperly will be fined at least $100 a day up to several thousand dollars PER DAY. Not only is tying out an animal cruel, if done improperly, it’s illegal. You will be fined, may be charged with a crime, and your animal can be seized.

In addition, all dogs must wear dog license tags, or if they are microchipped, wear a tag with the microchip number at all times when outdoors. To be safe, dogs should also wear a name tag with your phone number and a cell phone number if you have one. The few dollars spent getting your pet a collar and an ID tag will be well worth it should your pet become lost. The stress of a lost pet on its owner and children can be unbearable.

You may have noticed that some neighbors let their dogs “self walk” at night. This is not only dangerous for both the animal and for people, but also illegal. Article VII, Owner Responsibility; Nuisances; Impoundment, Section 5-150 Owner Responsibilities states “The owner or keepers shall keep the animal restrained at all times and insure that the animal does not roam or run at large at will.” If an owner does not take the time to exercise their dog by taking it on a walk daily, they probably should not own a dog. Can you imagine spending your life, day in and day out, eating, defecating, and sleeping in the same small area without getting any exercise? If it sounds bad to you, it’s also miserable for an animal, especially for a pack animal like a dog.

Marley Diehl
### What's Happening: KWA Neighborhood Calendar

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**MARCH 2009**

*The KWA office will be closed on March 11.*

3/4  March General Membership Meeting,
7pm at Blue Star Brewing Co.

3/11  April Newsletter Deadline

3/18  March Board Meeting, 7pm at KWA office

3/23  April Newsletter Mail Prep, 6pm at KWA office

3/25  Fiesta Edition Newsletter Deadline

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

4/1  Spring Social, 6:30pm, Location TBA

4/6  Fiesta Edition Newsletter Mail Prep,
6pm at KWA office

4/15  April Board Meeting, 7pm at KWA office

4/25  KING WILLIAM FAIR 2009, 10am-6pm
What's Happening: Community Events

Do you have an upcoming community event to share with the neighborhood? Please email the details using the “what, when, where, more info” format to king.william@sbcglobal.net for consideration. The deadline for inclusion in the April newsletter is March 11.

Basura Bash River Clean Up on March 7
WHAT: Basura Bash, the annual “Adopt a River” event, brings together King William Neighbors, Brackenridge High School Environmental Club, and Mission Trail Rotary Club to clean up litter and brush along the San Antonio River bank, between S. Alamo Street Bridge and Brackenridge H.S. on KW side of the river, and paint out graffiti on culverts. Breakfast tacos provided by Mission Trail Rotary Club.
WHAT TO WEAR: Work gloves and heavy shoes are mandatory. Long sleeves and long pants recommended.
WHEN: Sat., March 7, 9-11:30 a.m.
WHERE: Meet at Blue Star Brewing Co. parking lot, 1414 S. Alamo
MORE INFO: Contact Robin Raquet, Zone Captain, at 224-4541.

Macondo Readers featured in City-Wide Art Festival on March 14
WHAT: Award-winning Macondo writers Gregg Barrios, Liliana Valenzuela and Vicente Lozano will be performing at the second annual Luminaria, a city-wide arts night in San Antonio. The Macondo Foundation—founded by Sandra Cisneros—works with dedicated and compassionate writers who view their work and talents as part of a larger task of community-building and non-violent social change. What unites this diverse group of writers working in different genres is a common commitment to serve under-served communities through their writing.
WHEN: Saturday, March 14
MORE INFO: Time and location not available at press time. Check www.luminariasa.org or www.macondo-foundation.org for full details, including location and time.

The Classic Theatre of SA Presents “Twelfth Night” March 19-29
WHEN: Thursday, March 19, 7 pm; Friday, March 20, 8 pm; Saturday, March 21, 8 pm; Sunday, March 22, 3 pm; Wednesday, March 25, 7 pm (this performance is free to High School students and accompanying teacher); Thursday, March 26, 7 pm; Friday, March 27, 8 pm; Saturday, March 28, 8 pm; Sunday, March 29, 3 pm
WHERE: Jump-Start Performance Co, 108 Blue Star
MORE INFO: Call 589-8450 for reservations.

Irish Lady Jane Featured at Stories Galore on March 15
WHAT: Stories Galore, a free story-swap hosted by Elder Stone for experienced and beginning storytellers and listeners, features Irish flair in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day with “Stellar Teller” Jane McDaniel. Jane’s Irish storytelling is very personal, arising from a childhood surrounded by the great Celtic myths and romances. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear this daughter of the “auld sod!”
WHEN: Sunday, March 15, 5-7 p.m.
WHERE: Commander’s House, 645 S. Main.
MORE INFO: Call Elder Stone at 673-4467.

Hispanic Genealogical Seminar on March 28
WHAT: Los Bexareños Genealogical Society proudly presents Nuestros Antepasados, an historical genealogical seminar with world-renowned genealogists George and Peggy Ryskamp.
WHEN: Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
WHERE: Crown Plaza Hotel, 111 E. Pecan
MORE INFO: Visit www.losbexareños.org and download admission form or call Santiago Escobedo at 260-5322 (reservation deadline is March 20).

Spring Blood Drive at Mission Restaurant Supply on March 13
WHAT: Mission Restaurant Supply is hosting a Spring Blood Drive with the South Texas Blood Bank. Blood donors will receive a free chop-n-chop cutting mat and a Mission Restaurant Supply discount coupon.
WHEN: Friday, March 13, 1 - 6 p.m.
WHERE: 1126 S. St. Mary’s (Blood Mobile in parking lot on S. Presa Street side of store)
MORE INFO: Visit www.bloodntissue.org or call 731-5555.

Macondo Readers featured in City-Wide Art Festival on March 14
WHAT: Award-winning Macondo writers Gregg Barrios, Liliana Valenzuela and Vicente Lozano will be performing at the second annual Luminaria, a city-wide arts night in San Antonio. The Macondo Foundation—founded by Sandra Cisneros—works with dedicated and compassionate writers who view their work and talents as part of a larger task of community-building and non-violent social change. What unites this diverse group of writers working in different genres is a common commitment to serve under-served communities through their writing.
WHEN: Saturday, March 14
MORE INFO: Time and location not available at press time. Check www.luminariasa.org or www.macondo-foundation.org for full details, including location and time.

Irish Lady Jane Featured at Stories Galore on March 15
WHAT: Stories Galore, a free story-swap hosted by Elder Stone for experienced and beginning storytellers and listeners, features Irish flair in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day with “Stellar Teller” Jane McDaniel. Jane's Irish storytelling is very personal, arising from a childhood surrounded by the great Celtic myths and romances. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear this daughter of the “auld sod!”
WHEN: Sunday, March 15, 5-7 p.m.
WHERE: Commander’s House, 645 S. Main.
MORE INFO: Call Elder Stone at 673-4467.
Spring is upon us. Plants are beginning to bud out and the weather has been beautiful and warm. Unfortunately, it has also been very dry. The little rain that fell in mid-February was hardly enough to measure. We are fast approaching strict water use restrictions so please conserve now. Remember, do not water between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. with any type of sprinkler system. If you have an automatic sprinkler system, consider setting it to manual operation and run it as infrequently as possible. This means to put about one inch of water on the lawn about every two to two and a half weeks.

With the dry weather, remember to provide for the wildlife that visit your garden. A birdbath and a pan of water on the ground will provide needed water for most. Also, a birdfeeder containing small black sunflower seeds will attract many kinds of birds. Put both near a shrub or small tree to provide protection from cats.

Bees and butterflies are essential to plant pollination and can be attracted to your garden by planting Mexican heather, lantana, and penta. All are drought tolerant and penta will tolerate some shade.

Another reminder that our latest average freeze is the first week of March. Wait to plant tender new annuals until the possibility of frost is past. I know of two theories of when that is. One is that spring is here when mesquite trees have leafed out. There is one in the side yard on E. Guenther at Barbe on the riverside of the street. Keep an eye out. The other theory is that we can have frost anytime before Easter. This year that is April 12.

Here are two plants to consider when selecting new ones for your garden. At the side driveway entrance to the Steves Homestead at 509 King William, is a Mexican plum tree. It has spectacular white flowers in early spring that last for two to three weeks. You may have to call around to see which nurseries carry them. They are popular and not too easy to find, but worth the search. Another good plant is the nandina. It is evergreen with various colors of leaves through the year, with red berries in the fall and winter. The Compact Nandina is a good selection which matures at about 4 feet. A hedge of nandinas can be seen along the street curb at 151 Crofton.

Here’s a follow-up to the passing of good neighbor and friend, Henry Rayburn. A rose bush was anonymously left on the front steps of Henry’s home, I’m sure as a thoughtful remembrance. The rose has been planted in the rose garden Henry enjoyed so much at S. Presa and Labor.

Garden Note: Despite the gardener’s best intentions, Nature will improvise.
Letter to the Editor
Has First Friday outlived its usefulness?

First Friday was conceived as an art walk – various businesses along S. Alamo would showcase local artists. While showing and selling art, the shops and restaurants would do a nice business in the process. It was fun – neighbors greeting each other and welcoming folks from outside the neighborhood to walk along our streets and in the process, support local artists and eat in our restaurants.

That was then – this is now!

The past two First Fridays have experienced actual street fights – brawls if you will; right on our neighborhood streets. This has nothing to do with art – nothing to do with neighbor greeting neighbor – it’s anarchy!

The city has admitted that they can’t control the problem, the police have made half-hearted attempts; Southtown has washed their hands of the problem, and the neighborhood is left to pick up the pieces – or in this case, the trash and the graffiti.

I think it was a good experiment and in some ways a good experience but like so many good ideas, perhaps it has outlived its usefulness.

What do you think?

Bill Cogburn
New Trash and Recycling Containers Coming to Lavaca/King William This Month

The City of San Antonio is in the third year of a three and a half year conversion to automated garbage and recycling collection. The Lavaca/King William area will undergo the conversion in March 2009. The new 96-gallon carts will be delivered the week of March 9, 2009. The first collection in the new carts will take place the week of March 16, 2009. Recycling in the blue cart will be collected on Mondays. Bagged trash in the brown cart will be collected on Thursdays.

About a week prior to the delivery of the 96-gallon carts, each resident will receive a blue 7-gallon recycling bin containing information on the automated program. This blue bin can be used in the home to assist with recycling.

Tips for your new 96-gallon cart:
- Carts should be placed out for collection by 7:00 a.m. on your designated collection day
- Bag trash in the brown cart in order to keep the cart clean and prevent odors
- Keep your carts in a safe, convenient location, away from public view
- All garbage to be collected must be inside of the cart

Automated customers also receive two no charge bagged leaf collections per year in addition to your regular brush and bulky item collections. Bagged leaves are not collected on regular collection days. Please call 3-1-1 to schedule your collection.

Existing customers have found the carts easy to maneuver and manage. However, if customers with physical challenges are unable to successfully place carts out for collection, there are alternatives for assistance. Please call 3-1-1 for further information.

For more information on Solid Waste Management Department programs, please visit our website at www.sanantonio.gov/swmd.

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Crime Prevention with SAFFE Officer Doyle

Please exercise a heightened sense of awareness and precaution and report all crimes and suspicious persons and activities to the SAPD. The more reports the SAPD receives, the more SAPD patrols our neighborhoods will receive. Please also contact the KWA office with your reports so we can spread the word about recent crimes and suspicious activities via our Weekly Update emails and monthly newsletter.

Here’s how YOU can help make our neighborhoods safer:

- Keep your eyes and ears open!
- Report any and all crimes, suspicious behaviors, ongoing problems, ordinance violations (such as pan-handling, etc.) to the SAPD and to the KWA office.
- Keep your doors and windows locked, keep your car locked, and make sure you have sufficient lighting.
- Participate in the Cellular on Patrol (COP) program. Contact the KWA office to sign up for the next COP class.
- Contact our SAFFE officers to schedule your FREE Home or Business Security Survey.

Contact Numbers:

- Consider entering these numbers into your speed dial or cell phone contacts. Officer Erik Doyle is the King William area SAFFE officer and is on duty Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Officer Ron Strothman is the Lavaca area SAFFE officer and is on duty Monday-Friday, 12 - 8 p.m. Both officers can be reached through the Central SAFFE office at 207-7413 and will respond to King William and Lavaca area calls during business hours.
- Emergency: 911
- Non-Emergency: 207-SAPD (7273)
- SAFFE Officer Doyle: 219-0177 (cell phone) or erik.doyle@sanantonio.gov
- SAFFE Officer Strothman: rstrothman@sanantonio.gov
- Central SAFFE Onit: 207-7413 (M-F, 7am-8pm)
- Central Patrol: 207-7410
- Code Violations & City Services: 311
- Report tour bus violations to SAPD: 207-7482
- KWA Office: 227-8786 or king.william@sbcglobal.net

April Newsletter Mail Prep Volunteers Needed

Please help us prepare our March 2009 newsletter for mailing. Stop by the KWA office, on Monday, February 23, from 6 - 7 p.m. to stick mailing labels on newsletters and visit with neighbors. Thank you!

April and Fiesta Edition Newsletter Deadlines

Please email any April or Fiesta Edition newsletter articles, announcements, photos, advertisements, or ideas to king.william@sbcglobal.net no later than the following deadlines:

- April Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, March 11
- Fiesta Edition Newsletter: Wednesday, March 25

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La Vida Lavaca newsletter enclosed!

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