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S. Main Avenue at a Crossroads

In September the King William Association received a Special Project Canvassing Sheet from the City of San Antonio seeking approval or objection and comments on HEB's request to close S. Main Avenue between Cesar Chavez Blvd. and Arsenal St.

Before voting on HEB's request, board members Max Martinez, Jim Johnson and Paula Cantrell, along with other concerned neighbors and our County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, met with Todd Piland and Dya Campos, HEB's executive vice president for real estate and public affairs officer, respectively. We went to this meeting with a list of questions and concerns regarding HEB's proposal. HEB's representatives answered most of our questions by stating that details were not yet available. The board members who attended this meeting reported to the full board before the vote on KWA's response to the canvassing letter was taken.

At a special meeting on September 25, after two hours of animated discussion and debate, the board of directors rejected the street closure request by a vote of 9-3 (see complete response to the canvassing sheet on page 7). In summary, the general consensus of the board was:

1. Everyone wants a downtown grocery store. The majority agreed the store should be large enough to provide a shopping experience comparable to that enjoyed by subur-

ban shoppers, appropriate to its urban context.

2. Majority agreed a grocery can be built without closing S. Main Avenue.

3. Everyone agreed a complete traffic study, including the impact of rerouted traffic on King William area streets, is imperative.

4. Majority agreed the current HEB proposal lacks detail on critical issues, including future access to the Commander's House; the long-term operation of the grocery store (a five year commitment to stay open was offered); and the impact of closure on pedestrians and transportation modes (bicycles, buses, trolley).

5. All agreed that HEB is a generous partner to our neighborhood and the city. The KWA hopes HEB will begin to involve our association and other interested stakeholders in meaningful dialogue seeking an outcome beneficial to all.

The KWA Board of Directors understands the controversial nature of this issue and that not every member of

the KWA holds the same view. There will be more to follow on this.

Make yourself heard. Submit a letter to the KWA office or email info@ourkwa.org by November 15 for the board to review at the regularly scheduled board meeting.

- Jim Johnson, Jr. and Paula Cantrell,
Community Concerns Committee



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Max Martinez

It is fundamentally important that we remember. The freedoms that make our country what it is have not come easily. Countless women and men have served our country throughout its history to uphold the values that make the United States what it is today. From the sands of Iwo Jima to the beaches of Normandy, to the jungles in the Philippines and Vietnam, and most recently in the deserts of the Middle East, members of our armed forces have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

To serve one's country in defense of liberty and justice is a calling that many men and women of all races and creeds have answered, many of whom have given the ultimate sacrifice. It is this service to the United States that we honor on Veterans Day, and salute them for the sacrifices they have made. Veterans should be recognized as the heroes they are and given the respect they deserve.

While November 11 is the official day to celebrate and honor all those who have served in the armed forces, we would be remiss to remember their service just one day of the year. The United States would not be what it is today without the service of our veterans, and as such, we should honor their service by thanking them throughout the year. The freedoms that we hold dearly as Americans have come at a great cost; those who have served know this first-hand. On this Veterans Day, I hope we will all take some time to seriously reflect upon the importance of their contributions.

We have many veterans that we call neighbors. Some I know, including Deb Mueller, Danny Carvajal, Ed Beck, Jim Johnson Jr., Dr. Ralph Wells and Raymond Garcia; many I have yet to meet. But the King William Association salutes each one of them.

As you sit at the table to break bread with family and friends this Thanksgiving Day, please remember that some of our troops are still in harm's way. Keep them in your thoughts and close to your hearts. Have a safe, joyous and bountiful holiday.

Just one last word: I want our membership to understand that we are still in a dialog mode with HEB regarding the closure of S. Main Ave. We consider HEB to be an model corporate partner to the King William Fair and we greatly appreciate their generous support for many important community needs throughout San Antonio. We are also optimistic that the important issues of the proposed closure of S. Main Avenue and the downtown grocery store will be resolved through open communication and that we will be able to reach solutions that are of mutual benefit to all stakeholders

KW Cultural Arts District Receives Grant

The Texas Commission on the Arts awarded the King William Association a \$1,500 Arts Respond grant at its September board meeting for the production of a new walking tour brochure. We are very pleased to have been awarded this competitive grant.

The KW Public Art Committee is spearheading this effort with the brochure subcommittee, whose members include Jose DeLara, chairman, Patricia Duarte, Maureen Brown and Janis DeLara. The new brochure will cover the eastern side of the historic district, and include homes that the subcommittee members have researched.

- Molly Shafer



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Thoroughfare, Artery or Opening – Access is Vital

When the U.S. Army declared the arsenal surplus property at the end of WWII, civic and business leaders saw an opportunity to negotiate

to acquire the use of the buildings and grounds and to provide better connections for the south side to downtown. A proposal published in the San Antonio Light in December 1946 showed both Main and Dwyer extending through the property, together with Martinez extending east-west a bit south of today's Cesar Chavez Blvd. Other news articles of the time showed the keen interest in these proposals:

“Thoroughfare Recommended Through Arsenal Property – The city should go on record now for right of way through the Arsenal property, now declared surplus by the Army, [Fire and Police] Commissioner P.L. Anderson said Wednesday. The Arsenal has long blocked the opening on an efficient thoroughfare to serve the South Side, he said.” - *San Antonio Light*, December 19, 1946

“Kilday Okehs Artery Plan – In a letter to Mayor Alfred Callaghan Saturday, Congressman Paul Kilday said

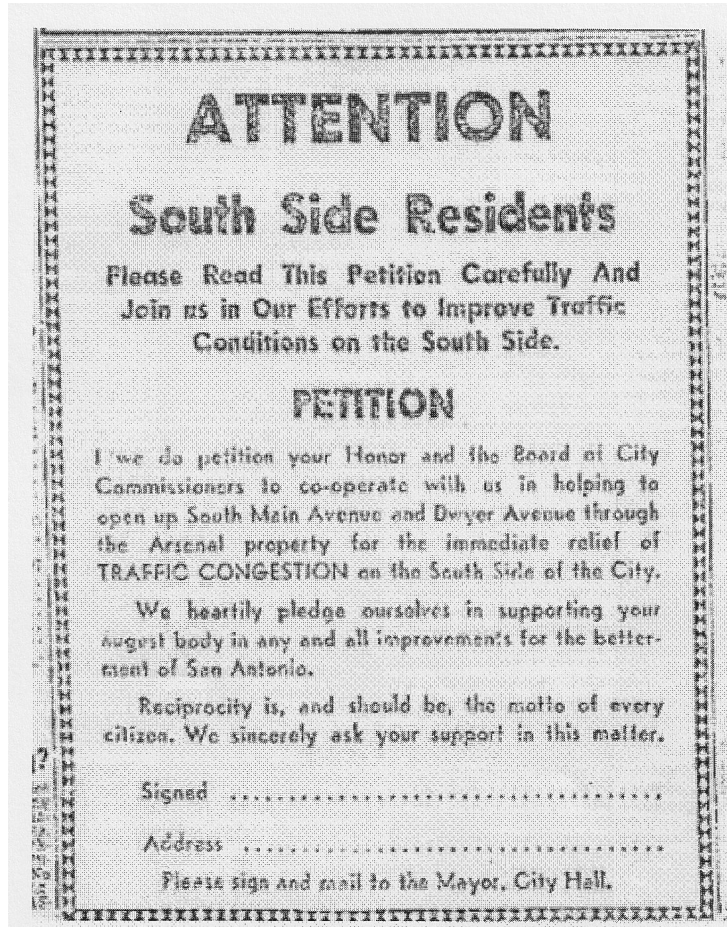
he was in complete accord with the mayor's desire to open Main avenue through the San Antonio arsenal property and provide another South side artery.

“Callaghan said he had little interest in who gets the property, so long as the city is able to cut through a street.” - *San Antonio Light*, June 15, 1947

“Main Avenue Opening Sought – J. Arthur Clark, chairman of the South Siders, Tuesday urged all residents of that section of San Antonio to petition Mayor Alfred Callaghan for the immediate opening of Main avenue through the San Antonio arsenal property.

“Clark said the project was started 25 years ago, adding: ‘We can not sit idly by and pass up the first real chance of opening up such vital arteries as Main avenue and Dwyer avenue for the relief of traffic to the South Side. The traffic conditions on South Flores and South St. Mary's streets

are deplorable.’” - *San Antonio Light*, June 17, 1947
- Susan Athené



From the SA Light, June 17, 1947

Out in the fresh autumn air, Pietro, Becky and Betina raked and swept the yard and walkway. Inside, Granny and the new baby slept.

such peace

“It's only right that we should be as quiet as possible,” Betina exhorted her younger brother and sister. She was known to be wise and considerate beyond her years.

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GRAN TAMALADA

City Lights

I've been asked to write an occasional column, and as most of my neighbors know, I have a problem with that little word "no". Just can't seem to summon it up when desperately needed. Of course, if one is going to write a column, it probably needs to be called something. What to do?



I was ruminating on this while doing what I usually do after a long day, sitting on my second floor front porch in the rocker I inherited from the last owners of my house. While sipping a glass of wine I was looking at the downtown lights twinkling among the silhouettes of the skyline. What I've come to love about my house is that it makes a perfect observatory. It's extraordinarily tall, so the second floor porch is at the elevation of a more typical third story. The front porch not only frames a wonderful view of the Tower Life Building, it also looks toward the Tower of the Americas when the leaves are off the trees across the street.

The back porch, equally high of course, has a panoramic view of the southern horizon. In the foreground, the yellow rectangles of neighbor's windows, in the greater distance, lights atop the Pioneer Flour mill's crenellated tower, the dark shapes of trees along the river, and periodically, the navigation lights on planes slowly spiraling into a landing at Lackland Air Force Base. My observatory is surrounded by city lights.

And so is my beloved neighborhood. Living in King William is like dwelling in the navel of the universe as far as I'm concerned. I like to tell friends that my daily life is lived in a three-mile radius of the Alamo, and that is literally true. I can and do walk or bike to my office, not as much as I'd like, but when I know I don't have to run to a distant client meeting or construction site. When I'm teaching at UTSA downtown, I can make the same distance trip but in the opposite direction. The almost completed Mission Reach of the greatly extended river walk beckons from the back door. The short walk to restaurants reminds me of all the places I've lived and loved before, Philadelphia, Chicago, Rome, Siena, London, Oxford, they all consist of walkable neighborhoods like ours. They tend to function like autonomous villages. San Antonio is a remarkable place and its center city has the promise of becoming a humane and deeply satisfying place to live and work. Tonight I'll be watching the herons skimming the treetops with city lights beneath their wings.

- Michael Guarino

SARA Launches Online Reservation System

The San Antonio River Authority (SARA) launched an online reservation system on October 1 for the general public interested in reserving the River Walk: Museum Reach and Mission Reach trail system for large-scale events, such as 5K run/walks, as well as the five pavilions located along the Mission Reach segment and five wedding locations along the Museum Reach segment. A link to the reservation system can be found on SARA's website, www.sara-tx.org, and the public can already begin making reservations for dates beginning in January 2014.

SARA developed the concept for the online reservation system with the support of the San Antonio River Oversight Committee, particularly the River South subcommittee, whose members also provided direction on the development of the official procedures used in conjunction with the online reservation system. SARA also coordinated the development of the official procedures with assistance from Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, the San Antonio Police Department and Park Police, National Park Service and other stakeholders.

In addition to the reservation capabilities, the site offers descriptions and photos of each of the pavilions and wedding locations and route information brochures of all the available locations for large-scale event requests. The public can also view official procedures and regulations and the fee structure associated with these requests.

Event requests along the Eagleland section of the River Walk will be managed slightly differently than the Museum and Mission Reaches. Reservation requests for the Eagleland section, including proposed route selection, date and time, will be reviewed and approved by SARA and the City in the order they are received and on a case-by-case basis per feedback received from the King William Association during the development of the event official procedures.

- Steven Schauer



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Special Canvassing Sheet

Special Projects 1767, 1771 and 1772

We object for the reasons below (Denial):

A special board meeting of the KWA was called on September 25, 2013 to review the submittal of HEB's request for the closure of Main Avenue. The Board voted against the closure of Main Avenue because of the following objections:

1. Lack of vehicular access to the Commander's House (Lone Star Community Plan page 115-continue to provide senior services and activities at the Commander's House.)

2. Closure of a multi-modal transportation corridor and designated bicycle route

- Main Avenue is a designated bicycle route for north/south connectivity

- Main Avenue is current VIA bus and trolley route

- SA2020 -San Antonio City Center Strategy Framework Plan does not support closure of streets but recommends connectivity and complete street design:

- Improve north-south connectivity - Page 54

- Complete street grids - Page 56

- Most of the streets are designed for cars rather than all modes of transportation - Page 73

- San Antonio Downtown Transportation Study 2012 does not support closure of streets:

- Improve access to/from downtown and provide multi/modal choices (page 3)

- A 20% increase in the Walk Score of Center City neighborhoods (page 4)

- Travel Time index decrease from 1.23 to a ratio of 1.1 and a tripling of the number of miles of Complete Streets (page 4)

- Getting around downtown and enabling downtown growth both state "route clarity" as improvements needed

- Without improvements the intersections of S. Main Avenue at Cesar Chavez would have a Loss of Service (LOS) rating of D and S. Main Avenue at Arsenal Street LOS rating of F (page 15)

3. Lack of a localized comprehensive traffic study analyzing the consequences of this closure to the surrounding neighborhoods and the King William Area in particular. Per the San Antonio Downtown Transportation Study 2012, Near River South is identified as a priority growth area. Estimated Population growth in year 2020 is 4,300 and year 2035 is 6,800 (page 8). Increase in population needs to be considered before the street is closed.

4. The grocery store's proposed square footage is substantially less than requested by the City. The citizens of San Antonio own the street and we are giving away public assets in exchange for a small boutique grocery store that could be closed in five years.



Congratulations to KWA Business Member Steve Newman. Steve was named THE Craft Beer Aficionado in San Antonio Magazine's "The It List" (October 2013, page 73).

Southtown Restaurants Rank Tops

In September the Express-News taste team picked San Antonio's top 100 restaurants. Southtown is home to 10 of those restaurants. Congratulations to the following for making the list: Alamo Street Eat Bar, Bliss, Blue Star Brewing Company, El Mirador, Feast, Fruteria-Botanero, Guenther House, La Frite, Madhatters and The Monterey. No wonder it's so great to live in King William! I have been to each of these restaurants and plan to go again - hope to see you there.

- Cherise Bell

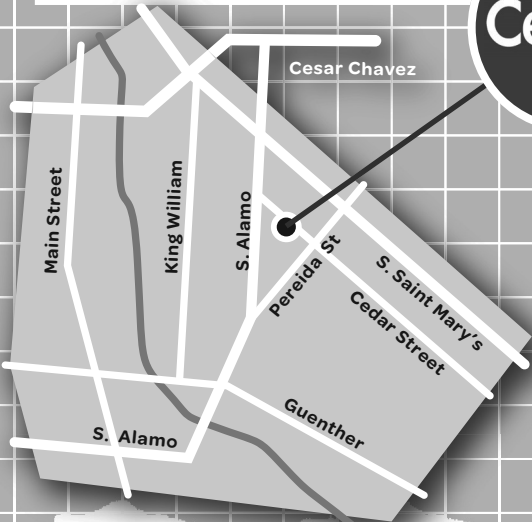


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Landscaping In Historic Districts – Part 2

Here are some more tips from Charles Bartlett, who spoke in September at the River House about historic landscapes and water conservation.

Go native. Rather than using nandina as a specimen plant or hedgerow, use a native alternative whose berries are edible, rather than toxic to birds or pets: dwarf Barbados cherry. Asiatic jasmine isn't bad, but the hard-to-find snake herb is a native alternative that uses less water and requires less trimming. Mountain laurel trees are slow growing but may eventually obscure historic architecture. These trees can be trimmed up to 30% for a better view.

Embrace diversity. For example, if you cover a fence with an evergreen vine, plant a different variety as well. It will be more visually appealing and disease resistant.

Solid walls as fences are not historically appropriate here. They can be improved with cross vine, a native flowering plant that gently adheres to walls and attracts hummingbirds.

For certain flowers, there are no substitutes. Look for Gold Star esperanza, which is a patented plant grown from cuttings, not seed. If you like roses, plant the red variety of knock out rose – the other colors are not as hardy. Trim annually for healthy flowers.

The buildings and trees in King William create microclimates that support subtropical plants, such as palms and the unusual Rangoon creeper vine seen on Beauregard St. Another subtropical that does well here is bougainvillea, especially when planted along a fence that receives little water; it blooms best when under stress. It also blooms on new growth, so bougainvillea should be trimmed frequently. Spring runners should be pinched back at three feet.

Mulch should not be used as a wholesale replacement for plants. Incorporate organic mulch in beds and beneath trees. Avoid mulch along foundations where moisture retention is discouraged. Consider using pecan shell mulch, which is sourced locally at one-third the price.

Neutral-colored rocks can be used in planting beds, especially between the sidewalk and street. Although larger rocks can be added intermittently for interest, the bulk should be golf-ball size or smaller to avoid buildup of leaves and other debris.

- Rose Kanusky

OUT IN THE GARDEN

with Alan Cash

As you find them, now is the time to plant bulbs that will bloom in the spring and that can be left in the ground to multiply over the coming years. These include narcissus, daffodils and paperwhites. Plant so that the top tips of the bulbs are about four inches below the top of the soil. Iris can be divided now. Notice how deep the plant is in the ground. Iris do not have a true bulb and the tubular base does not need to be planted very deep.

Don't forget, now is the time to make a real effort not to waste water. Usage between now and the end of next March is used to determine your sewer charge for the next year. If you look on your monthly SAWS bill you will notice that usually the largest amount charged is the sewer charge.

Putting in a xeric garden can substantially reduce water use since normally about 40 percent is used in the garden. SAWS again has a water saver coupon program that will pay you \$100 for the cost of doing away with at least 200 square feet of grass and replacing it with suggested drought tolerant plants. The current program runs through November 30, 2013. Go to saws.org/coupon for details. To see the results of this program, go by 510 E. Guenther and look at the front garden. Another new neighborhood xeric garden can be seen at 623 Mission St.

Th i s column usually mentions trees, shrubs and flowering plants and perennials. I apologize to you neighborhood vegetable gardeners



who enjoy growing some of your own food. Growing vegetables is an important gardening activity and a good way to get children interested in gardening, since many can be harvested after only a couple of months from the time seeds are planted.

Now is not too soon to start thinking about what to plant in the spring. Most independent nurseries and feed stores have a good selection of seeds and are happy to share their knowledge on what and how to grow plants that give the best return for your effort. One such plant is okra. It can be started from seed in the spring and once it starts producing will provide a rich harvest for months that can be shared with family and friends. It's amazing what a green thumb can accomplish.

Garden Note: Architects cannot teach nature anything. Mark Twain

Application Timeline Change for SAISD Charter Schools

SAISD will be taking applications for its 13 in-District charter schools starting Oct. 2 through Dec. 13 this year, a change to its past application period in the spring. Completed applications need to be delivered to the campus and parents will be notified of admissions in March.

SAISD's in-District charter schools provide a variety of areas of focus and methods of instruction and range from PK-5, PK-8 and grades 6-8 and 9-12. Charter applications, timelines and details about the schools can be found at SAISD www.saisd.net.

Neighborhood Cases Reviewed by the Historic Design Review Commission

September 17:

- 430 Adams – new infill construction
- 631 E. Guenther – 1,458 sf side addition
- 426 Mission – revision of materials/work
- 202 King William – restoration, new garage

October 2:

- 814 E. Guenther – front porch railing
- 221 Pereida – new accessory dwelling
- 422 King William – front yard fence
- 410 Mission – landscaping
- VIA Bus Shelters

Texas Masonic Lodge #8 Fundraiser Saturday, November 9, 2013

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Memories of Early King William

From time to time, the King William office receives a call or visit from a former resident with fond memories of living in our neighborhood. They are always encouraged to share those memories. One such former resident is Jacquie Banks who lived with her mother and grandmother on King William Street from 1943 to 1953.

Growing up in Nana's House

By Sue Ann Jacqueline "Jacquie" Banks

In the early 1940s, my father was in the Navy so my mother and I lived with my grandmother, who owned the houses at 236 and 242 King William St. It was during WWII and San Antonio was bursting at the seams with military families and civilian workers. Nana rented out all of 242 and most of 236 except the rooms where we lived. Since mother wasn't working, I had a great childhood with both my mother and grandmother at home all those years.

I attended Bonham Elementary and walked to and from school. The school grounds weren't even fenced back then. My childhood friend lived one street over on Madison. Her name was Sheila Nichols. We laughed about our last names. I was Sue Ann Banks. Nichols and Banks – get it?

The Joske department store family lived in the corner house just across the street. They were considered royalty and I don't remember our families interacting. What I do remember is that someone in that stately home played the piano quite well. There were two piano concertos in particular that left a haunting memory. Years later, I saw the movie *The Eddie Duchin Story*, with Tyrone Power and Kim Novak, and recognized those same beautiful tunes I heard emanating from the Joske home a decade earlier. They were Chopin's Nocturne in E Flat Major and "Tonight We Love," or Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto #1. They were beautiful!

Upstairs at 236 King William, there was an ancient toilet with a pull chain and a tank near the ceiling that often needed attention. Nana did most of the minor repairs around the house: fixing toilets, replacing faucets and general maintenance. This was an early imprint that women should be self-sufficient and I have carried on that tradition. Nana also had a green thumb. She'd be up at five o'clock in the morning watering her plants. There were lush borders along the driveway – rose bushes, zinnias, pansies and trailing honeysuckle.

I slept with Nana most nights in her big four-poster bed, so tall that I had to use a stepstool. When it was really hot, she turned on the window a/c unit – a swamp cooler. If that

didn't cool us off, she'd take the bottle of water she used for sprinkling clothes before ironing and sprinkle the bed linens. She was clever and resourceful.

On the porch of 236 King William, there were two wooden swings which faced each other. I can still hear the sound of the heavy chains as they lulled me to sleep with my head in my mother's lap. The entry door with its big oval glass led to the foyer that was somewhat dark but always cool and quiet. A round oak table with a doily under a vase of flowers sat in the middle of the foyer, the pump organ in an alcove and straight ahead were French doors leading into the living room – our part of the house. To the left was the only downstairs apartment with its own bathroom off the foyer. Upstairs, there were perhaps three or four more apartments that all shared a common bathroom.



A young Jacquie Banks in the backyard of 236 King William St.

We ate a lot of fresh food – it was cheaper than canned goods. A man with a truck went up and down the neighborhood streets selling fresh vegetables. It was like the Good Humor truck only with vegetables. The milkman left fresh milk and cream at our front door.

In June 2006, I took a good friend through the King William neighborhood. A gardener was working in front of 236 King William so I stopped to ask if the owner was home. John Likovich was gracious enough to show me around the house. With the restoration carried out by John and Susan, the house looks like something out of *Architectural Digest*. Nana would be so pleased. That home represented the best of family times and much of my heart still lies there. I didn't cry until I got back into the car.

- Compiled by Bill Cogburn

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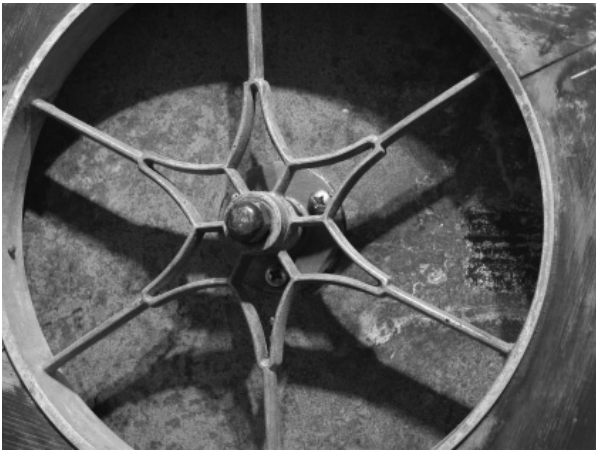


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Artwork of Henry Stein on Exhibit

Native San Antonian Henry Stein has recently bought a house in the neighborhood and has agreed to be our next artist to show at the KWA office.

Stein studied at the Art Students League in New York and holds a BFA from UTSA. He exhibits nationally and internationally and is included in many public, corporate and private collections including: Artpace, the Museum of South Texas in Corpus Christi, the San Antonio Museum of Art and UTSA. Recently he was commissioned by the City of San Antonio for work to be included in the new Henry Guerra Library. He is the recipient of a Mid-America Arts Alliance/NEA Fellowship in Sculpture, and the Julian Onderdonk Award from the San Antonio Art League.

The focus of Stein's work is the reconditioning and reorganization of histories. Found objects are used as historical references in his recycling process. From discarded and obsolete devices, these objects are disassembled and then reassembled into new

Almost anything in the world can become art materials for Stein, whose finished pieces are widely admired and collected. His work has been in every Blue Star Annual Group Invitational and he was honored with a one-man show there in 1991 curated by Dave Hickey.

The list of group and solo exhibitions of Stein's work is too long to include here, as is the list of public and corporate collections including his work (I'm proud to have a piece in my collection!). We will have copies of more complete biographical information at the office when Stein's show opens. The reception will be from 6:00 until 8:00 the evening of November 7. Please join your friends and neighbors for this special event!

- Anne Alexander



As our kids settle into the 2013-14 school year at Bonham Academy and we all rejoice the arrival of fall, Friends of Bonham finds itself in planning mode.

The nonprofit, launched in 2009 to support the three pillars of Bonham's charter – dual language, outdoor science and fine art – aims to bring together nearby businesses, community-based organizations, artists, scientists and others to support those pillars. Since its inception, generous donors to Friends have contributed \$58,200 toward programs and materials.

A new board was elected last year, and is now headed by Henrietta Dominguez, who replaces Jeanne Russell, the group's founding president.

Also last year, Friends went through a visioning process. Unsurprisingly, we receive more requests for donations than we can fund, so the process was a way to make sure we're following a coherent set of criteria for evaluating future requests.

Before that process, Friends of Bonham had asked former principals Janet Perez and Patricia Ortiz and teachers for their top funding requests, and so donated about \$7,600 for guided reading textbooks in English and Spanish and \$1,360 for Springboard English Textual Power Handbooks for the middle school.

A cocktail party fundraiser held in June at King William Manor raised more than \$3,500. A huge thank you again to all those who donated their time, money and services to make the event a success.

Friends of Bonham received an unexpected gift just a few days later when Jody Bailey Newman and Steve Newman of the Friendly Spot and Alamo Eat Bar, along with Dayna De Hoyos and the inimitable Spurs Jesus, announced they were donating a share of the proceeds from a night at the Eat Bar during the Spurs playoffs to the Friends. Together they donated more than \$1,100.

At the beginning of the school year, the new board met with Bonham's new principal, William Webber, to let him know who we are and what we do. He recently announced that kinder registration for the dual-language program at Bonham has been moved up, and is going on NOW. It began on Oct. 2 and runs through Dec. 13. If you are or know the parents of a future kindergartener, please help us spread the word.

For now, the Friends are planning a 5K fun run along the Mission Reach this spring as our main fundraiser of the year. We'll keep you posted as details develop.

If you're interested in getting involved with the Friends, we'd love your help and support. Please drop us a line on Facebook at Friends of Bonham.

- Tracy Idell Hamilton

Brackenridge High School – Striving to Prepare All Students for Success

The mission of G. W. Brackenridge High School is to educate every student to be self-sufficient, strengthen every student to be competitive in all challenges of mind and heart, and nurture every student to value wisdom in a diverse world through multiple pathways that incorporate 21st century skills, a globally sensitive curriculum and service learning.

One such pathway at Brackenridge is the World Languages Magnet Program that is fully dedicated to teaching global proficiencies and competencies through an articulated international studies format and language program that offers French, Spanish, German, Japanese, Russian and Chinese. Currently, this magnet program has one of the largest enrollments as a specialized program, attesting to its draw for students. The only other magnet program in the district and surrounding area that rivals the World Languages Magnet in enrollment is the Media Magnet that, fortunately for our community, is also housed at Brackenridge HS. There are over 900 students enrolled at both programs working daily on their specialized interests.

Anthony Jackson, the Director of the International Studies School Network, an educational agency with which Brackenridge has forged a partnership, explains that in matters of national security, environmental sustainability and economic development, what we do as a nation and in

our everyday lives is inextricably intertwined with what governments, businesses and individuals do beyond our borders. Jackson goes on to write that the United States has invested unprecedented resources in education, betting that our outmoded, factory-age system can be fundamentally transformed to prepare students for the rigors of a global economy.

For Brackenridge HS, this new reality helps us clearly define the role that education must play in preparing all students for success in an interconnected world. With that understood, the resulting mantra for our magnet students is simple: learn to investigate the world, recognize multiple perspectives, communicate ideas and take action.

Following the new charge, Brackenridge students have stepped up. Senior Edward Torres was nominated and awarded a scholarship to attend the Global Youth Forum in Washington, D.C. in November; sophomore Alfonso Carrasco was nominated by People to People and awarded a scholarship to serve as a U.S. student ambassador to Italy, Switzerland, Spain and Austria summer of 2014; and senior Aaron Covarrubias challenged a national Japanese exam and was awarded one of 32 national scholarships that allowed him to visit Japan for two weeks this past summer to meet Japanese students, experience Japanese culture and further study the language.

- Principal Moises Ortiz

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Bike Culture in King William

For the first time, San Antonio was ranked on Bicycling Magazine's 2012 "America's Top 50 Bicycle-Friendly Cities" list.

The bicycling culture of King William and neighboring Southtown communities helped contribute to San Antonio's newfound status as a bike-friendly city.

What makes King William so bike-friendly? For starters, a large percentage of residents use

bikes to get around our neighborhood. We have bike lanes on two of our major thoroughfares: Alamo Street and Main Avenue. Furthermore, nine B-cycle stations are located within and around our community.

A sure sign of King William's love affair with bicycling are the many bicycle shops within and around our neighborhood. Blue Star Bike Shop (1414 S. Alamo St.), for example, has run a flourishing business for the last nine years. According to their manager, Jesse Elliott, the majority of their business comes from selling bicycle parts and bike rentals. One of the types of bikes they rent has an electric motor so you can zoom along the Mission Reach of the river walk without expending too much effort. Elliott let me try one of these bikes out. I highly recommend it! (I also

highly recommend wearing full body armor while riding one of these bad boys ... they definitely move at a nice clip.)



James Rodriguez appreciates the B-cycle station on S. Main Avenue.

As for B-cycle, their director of operations, Daniel Treviño, reports that their busiest station is right on the edge of King William – the Blue Star station. So far this year, even with the construction on Alamo St., the station has had over 6,000 visitors.

B-cycle recently installed two new stations at the intersection of S. Main Ave. and César E. Chávez Blvd. in anticipation of the proposed H-E-B store. However, if the adjacent block of S. Main Ave. is closed, the number of B-cyclists using those new stations will likely drop. Treviño worries about the street closure. "It's been a request by residents for a long time to have a grocery store here, but at what price?" he asks. "Main Avenue is a natural way in and out of King William area."

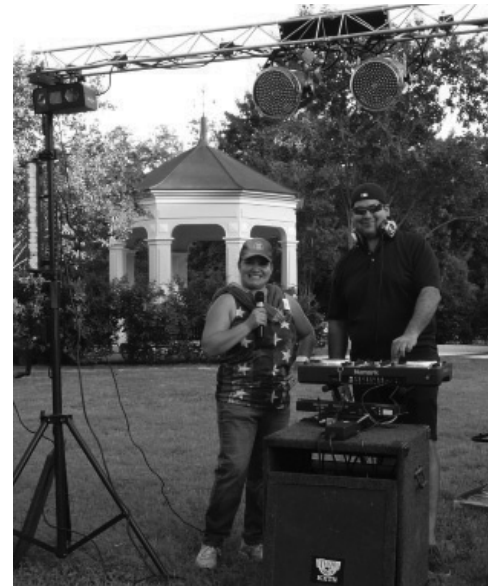
Bicyclists of King William should make their voices heard to protect the only street we have on the west side of the river with a bike lane. Visit www.mainaccess.org for more information.

- Charlotte Luongo

National Night Out 2013!

Thanks to everyone who came out on October 1 for our Neighborhood Night Out, making it a tremendous success. SPECIAL THANKS to Texas Masonic Lodge #8, CPS, H-E-B Plus McCreless Deli, HEBuddy, H-E-B McCreless Loss Prevention, SAPD Police Explorers Post 2459, our SAPD SAFFE Officers, SA Code Compliance, Councilman Diego Bernal's Office, Cub Scouts Pack 765, Girl Scouts Troop 2600, artists and all our volunteers.

- Patty Duarte



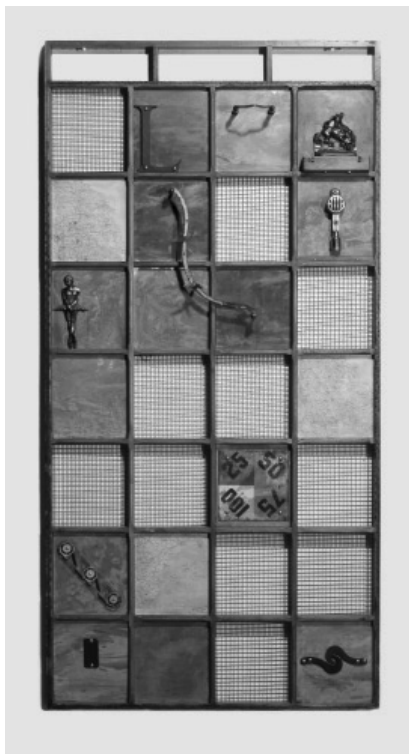
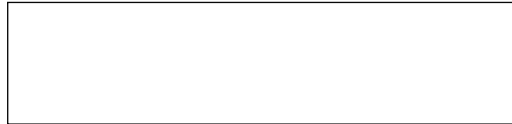


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November Calendar

- 1 Bonham Academy Fall Carnival - 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- 6 KWA General Meeting - Blue Star Brewing Co.
- 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Opening reception for Henry Stein art exhibit
- KWA Office - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- 12 Deadline for submissions for December newsletter
- 20 KWA Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.