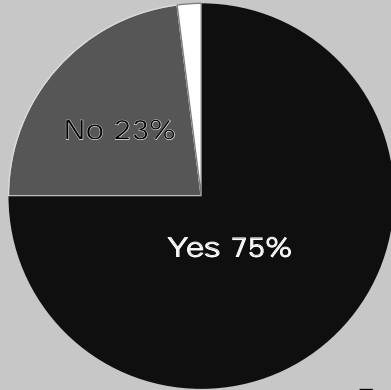


2007 Parking Questionnaire Results and More Parking and Traffic News

**Do you have or observe
problems, inconveniences,
concerns about parking?**



For more than a year the KWA Board requested, through our weekly e-mail update, residents' responses to a proposed Special Events Parking initiative. The details of the Special Events Parking were "to be determined," but the model informally alluded to was that of Lavaca Special Events decal program. Over many months responses were received, with responses both for and against the adoption of parking restrictions. Kit Walker, then President of the KWA, plotted the responses geographically and noted that residents in certain locations favored the restrictions and those on other streets or blocks opposed them. While King William is a community with strong shared interests, it became increasingly clear to the KWA Board that parking problems and opinions are more local; parking appears to be a street by street, block by block issue. Consequently, the KWA Parking Committee (now the Traffic and Parking Committee) decided to do a more formal survey of perceived problems in KW, looking at street and block address and the presence or absence of reported problems. No response whatsoever from residents on a particular street was taken (rightly or wrongly) to indicate an absence of problems.

Many thanks go to all of you who responded to the September 2007 parking survey. (Please note that your opinion continues to matter and there is no deadline for contacting us – e-mail or write the KWA). The survey yielded responses from 59 residences. From many streets and blocks there was no response. One

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The United States Arsenal - Then and Now



The Commander's House

There has been a military presence in San Antonio from the very beginning. In 1718, when Spanish padres came to start a mission, they were accompanied by soldiers who built barracks and established a military post. San Antonio's geographic location has made it a strategic spot for military installations ever since.

In 1858, the U. S. Army chose San Antonio as the location for a permanent arsenal. It would be a facility large enough for the army

to store arms and munitions to supply all the frontier forts and outposts in Western Texas. Up until that time, the army's ordinance department had used rented buildings, principally the Alamo complex to conduct its arsenal operations.

In July, 1858, the army sent Captain R. H. K. Whiteley to San Antonio to select a suitable site for the new U.S. Arsenal. Upon his arrival, he was invited by city officials to inspect a tract of land that was being offered by the city as a potential site. The property, which was located north of the city at the head of the San Antonio River, was not acceptable to Whiteley as it was "subject to flooding, conducive to disease, and being of low elevation, difficult to defend." Twenty-three years later, in 1881, the Sisters of Charity would choose this same location as a place to establish Incarnate Word Academy, now University of the Incarnate Word.

It was not until October 1858 that Captain Whiteley settled on a site located south of the city on the west bank of the San Antonio River. It was actually two contiguous tracts; one being 7¾ acres belonging to ex-governor Thomas E. Bell and the other, 8 acres belonging to Gregory Devine. Bell's acreage was the site of the old homestead of Dr. James Devine, a former city treasurer and mayor of San Antonio.

Whiteley received approval in December 1858 to conclude the purchase of the two tracts but it was almost a year before construction actually began. By then, Whiteley had taken up residence in the Devine house where he planned to live while overseeing the planning and construction of the Arsenal buildings. The following progress report was issued March 22, 1860:

"The Arsenal buildings, under the superintendency of our industrious fellow townsman, John Campbell, are going ahead rapidly and beautifully....all of the materials are of the best quality. The rocks are beautifully dressed and well laid. Capt. Whiteley has had the plans and specifications all submitted to the Department of Washington and approved of, and nothing now stands in the way of their completion. Uncle Sam has a long purse and there is no danger of the bills being protested. Let the work go ahead, we say."

Work, however, would soon come to a halt.

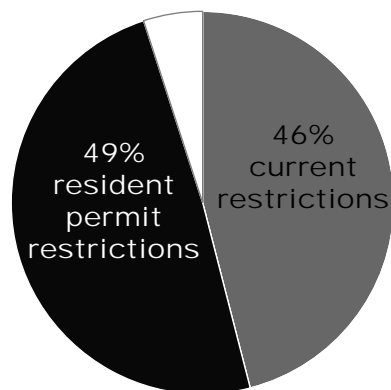
After months of controversy and contentious wrangling, a convention of Texans met in Austin in late January 1861 and voted to secede from the Union in spite of opposition from Governor Sam Houston. The rogue convention formed a Committee of Public Safety to act on its behalf. They sent seven delegates to Montgomery,

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possible inference is that there are minimal or no problems on the streets from which there was no response, while the more problematic streets prompt responses. Distribution was as follows: 20 responses from Madison Street (12 from the 300 block, 6 from the 200 block, 1 from the 400 block, 1 from the 500 block); 11 from Adams Street (4 from 200 block, 4 from

For your street only, please indicate your preference (for restricted special event parking, ongoing restricted parking, or no restrictions other than those currently in effect)



300 block, 2 from 100 block and 1 from 500 block), 5 from King William Street (2 from 300 block, 1 from 100 block, 1 from 200 block and 1 from 500 block), 5 from Mission (4 from 600 block and 1 from 300 block), 5 from E. Guenther (1 response from each of the following blocks – 400, 500, 600, 700, 800). Those streets with fewer than 5 responses were Wickes (3), City (2) and E. Rische (2). There was one response each from S. St Mary's, Cedar, Devine, Stieren, Pereida, and Crofton. From a neighborhood comprising 33 to 35 streets only 14 streets responded. And only 5 streets had 5 or more responses. The good news is that in most of the neighborhood, parking apparently is nothing to complain about.

Of all those who did respond to the survey, **75% answered "yes"** to the inquiry **"do you have or observe problems, inconveniences, concerns about parking"**. **23% responded "no."** 2% had no response. In response to the same question street by street, Madison Street responses were 80% **"yes"** (16 residences,) and 20% **"no"** (4 residences, one in the 200 block, 2 in the 300 block and 1 in the 500 block). The 4 "no" responders identified problems with First Friday or lunch time parking in the comments section of the questionnaire, but they saw the problems as not severely inconveniencing and expressed concern with change which may have negative impact. For Adams Street, 59% (6.5 – one household had two responses which differed) answered **"yes"** to "...have or observe problems..." and 32% (3.5) responded **"no"**. There was 9% (1) **no response**. For King William, 100% (5 responses) responded **"yes"**, although 2 responses identified parking problems on Madison and the cross streets near to S. Alamo, not problems on King William Street. E. Guenther responses were 60% (3) **"yes"** and 40% (2) **"no"**. Mission Street responses were 80% **"yes"** and 20% **"no"**. All other streets combined responded 77% (10) **"yes"** and 23% (3) **"no"**.

Many of the problems noted were identified as resulting from too many cars seeking spaces for on street parking and, consequent, illegal parking – parking up to intersection corners, blocking driveways or parking so close to driveways that visibility to exit is insufficient, blocking sidewalks, parking in front of hydrants and bus stops. Congested streets raised concerns for pedestrian and vehicular traffic safety. Residents noted

broken or absent sidewalks, particularly on Madison Street, and reported that they walk in the streets on blocks where sidewalks are absent or broken. Many noted that "people drive too fast," and this appeared to relate to and interact with the parking congestion. While drivers may or may not be exceeding the speed limits, conditions are such that allowed speeds are excessive. Problems were noted as particularly bothersome during First Friday. In areas within a block or two of restaurants or business establishments, problems were seen as ongoing. Times noted as problematic near restaurants were between 11 am and 3pm and at dinner hours. Respondents noted "spill-over" parking problems from S. Alamo restaurants.

Further, residents with insufficient or nonexistent off street parking reported difficulty in parking near their homes, and feel this situation which makes carrying groceries or a sleeping child particularly challenging. Primarily on streets east of S. Alamo, narrow two-way streets which allow parking on both sides of the street were thought to pose an additional safety problem. An obvious danger is that in the event of an emergency when streets are overparked, residents and emergency vehicles may face substantial delay in entering and exiting the area. Drinking and driving problems, and other issues related to revelers, especially on First Friday, were also noted as problematic by many.

For the question, **"for your street only, please indicate your preference (for restricted special event parking, ongoing restricted parking, or no restrictions other than those currently in effect,"** **27 (46% of the 59 questionnaires) preferred current restrictions only, while 29 (49%) preferred**

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The United States Arsenal - Then and Now- *Continued from page 1*

Alabama to participate in the establishment of the Confederate States of America and then authorized the seizure of all federal property in Texas. That included the arsenal at San Antonio.

U.S. Army Brevet Major-General David Twiggs was commander of the Department of Texas which comprised almost 3,000 federal troops. While San Antonio was the Department's base city, most of these troops were strung out among West Texas' many frontier and border forts. Before dawn on February 16, 1861, Ben McCulloch, a frontier hero and a Colonel of Cavalry, led a force of about 1,000 Texas volunteers into San Antonio. After uniting with Captain William Edgar and his local secessionist militia, they surrounded the three garrison installations which contained about 200 U.S. soldiers.

A detail, which was sent to General Twiggs' house on the outskirts of San Antonio, intercepted him as he was driving his buggy to work. He was escorted at gunpoint to Main Plaza where Ben McCulloch demanded that Twiggs surrender the garrison. At first, Twiggs refused but later agreed with the condition that his troops be allowed to retain their sidearms and be allowed to march to the coast near Corpus Christi for safe passage to the North.

For this act of surrender, General Twiggs was accused of "treachery to the flag" and dishonorably discharged from the U.S. Army. Being a Georgian and a Southern sympathizer, he promptly joined the Confederate service but died of pneumonia six months later without ever having taken an active part in the Civil War. Ben McCulloch rose to Major-General and division commander and was killed in action at the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas in March 1862. He is buried at the State Cemetery in Austin. Governor Sam Houston was deposed after refusing to swear allegiance to a secessionist government. He also died during the war.

The Arsenal complex suffered during the Civil War years. When the Confederates took over, the only structure that had been completed was the office building. Several other buildings were in various stages of completion and those were finished by the Confederates using "rough stone" and "a lesser quality of construction". Some of the buildings added during the Confederate occupation were "built of rough boards, without floors and not waterproof".

In November 1865, the Arsenal was re-acquired by the U.S. Army and placed under the command of Capt. J. W. Todd. Among his first actions was to submit a request to Washington for funds since all the buildings were "very much in need of repair; all the fences have been destroyed and of all the buildings, only the magazine is suitable for storage purposes". The old Devine house needed repairing at once as it was "in sorry condition".

For the next several years, the Arsenal was the primary supplier of arms and ammunitions for Texas forts such as Fort Stockton and Fort Davis. One of the major functions of these frontier forts in the late 1800's was to protect wagon trains making their way to California. In the 1890's, saddles and other horse equipment was manufactured at the Arsenal to outfit Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

The complex continued to be enlarged and by the end of WWI, the Arsenal comprised thirty-eight buildings. During both world wars, it served as a major supply depot. The Arsenal was closed in 1949 but the buildings continued to be used as federal government offices. In 1954, the gazebo which was located near the Commander's House was saved from demolition by being relocated to the King William Park. In 1972, two acres and three buildings were declared surplus and deeded to the City of San Antonio. One of those buildings, the Commander's House, has served as a popular Senior Citizen's Center since 1978.

In 1984, H-E-B bought the remaining ten acre complex and after major remodeling, selective demolition and additions to the existing buildings, a beautiful facility was created to house the grocery company's corporate headquarters. Hartman-Cox, the Architects for the project, received a major award for their work. It is often cited as an excellent example of adaptive reuse.

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2007 King William Home Tour Thanks

Over 600 attendees enjoyed the 2007 King William Home Tour on December 1! Many thanks to the leadership of Home Tour Chair Anne Alexander Pancoast, the generosity of the homeowners who opened their homes for the tour, and the time and energy of the dozens of volunteers who worked as docents, ticket sellers, home chairs, musicians, and more.

Special thanks to the following key volunteers:

Home Tour Chair – Anne Alexander Pancoast

Homeowners – Noble Inns, Anne Alexander Pancoast, Joan Harrell & Robert Hamilton, Jessie Simpson & Bill Hoover, Mary Ann Ohlenbusch, and Portico Residential LLC

Home Chairs – Maria Watson Pfeiffer, Robin Raquet, Carolene Zehner, Erin & Olin Strauss, Joyce Richter, and Roselyn Cogburn

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FOOD NOTES:

**When
Does an
Omelet Become
a Frittata?**

Diane Smith,
Jan Bonugli

chef/co-owner~
SouthTown Café

Though often called an Italian omelet, a frittata is not the same, even though some Italian cookbooks refer to it that way. One Diners' Dictionary calls a frittata an "Italian Pancake," and Craig Claiborne, late noted food columnist and cookbook author, calls it "Frittata Italiana."

However you care to refer to one, it is a dish of great versatility appropriate for breakfast, lunch or dinner. The main distinction between a frittata and omelet is that it is made "open face" style, not folded over. It is usually finished off in an oven, stands up like a quiche and is cut into wedges to serve. It also lends itself to the use of an unlimited number of ingredients.

No question that frittata is Italian. The oldest Italian cookbook, published not many years after Italy became a united country, in 1891 by Pellegrino Artusi, "The Art Of Eating Well," has a lot to say about frittatas, giving a number of recipes. Artusi warns of overbeating the eggs, and calls for good extra virgin olive oil. A hundred years later his book is still in wide use.

Start with eggs and cheese, and almost anything else can be added. You can experiment with ingredients on hand, or even make good use of leftovers.

Consider this as a basic guideline for an Italian Frittata. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Mix 6 eggs with 3 tablespoons of heavy cream, salt, pepper, a pinch of basil and one tablespoon of good, grated Parmesan cheese. Heat one tablespoon of olive oil and one tablespoon of butter in a heavy skillet. Pour in egg mixture and cook over very low heat until mixture is still soft on top.

At this point you sprinkle over the top 4 ounces of cubed or shredded mozzarella, a little lemon juice, another tablespoon of Parmesan cheese and your other chosen ingredients which could be ½ cup sautéed sliced mushrooms, ½ cup of diced cooked ham ... or the equivalent amounts of a chopped plum tomato, cooked spinach squeezed dry and chopped fine, cooked shrimp or crab meat, frozen or canned artichoke hearts halved and drained, sun dried tomatoes, and so on. Your choice, to your taste.

Now put the skillet into the preheated oven for about four minutes, or until the cheese has melted. When done, remove from oven and cut into wedges to serve. While you are enjoying your "art of eating well", give a little thought to Pelligrino Artusi back there in the nineteenth century.

First Friday Concert Series 2008

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is continuing to present their First Friday Concert Series in 2008.

Concerts are held at 12:05 p.m. on the first Friday of each month in the church sanctuary of St. John's church at 502 East Nueva (at Presa Street, across from La Villita). The 30-minute concerts are free and open to the public; limited free parking is available next to the church. Each concert will be followed by a free light lunch in the church hall. The public is invited; no reservations are necessary.

February 1 – Spotlight on Baroque! featuring Mary Ann Winden, Organist, and Stephanie Lamprea, Soprano

March 7 – Trumpet and Organ featuring Michael Palermo, Trumpeter, and Victor Schaper, Organist

April 4 – Chapel Organist featuring Benjamin A. Kolodziej, S.M.U. – Dallas

May 2 – Churchill High School Chorale with Ken Turner, Director

For more information about St. John's or the First Friday Concert Series, contact the office at 210-223-2611 or office@stjohnsroosterchurch.org, or visit www.stjohnsroosterchurch.org.

MaryAnn Blue Featured to Start 2008 Stories Galore

Stories Galore, a free story-swap hosted by Elder Stone for experienced and beginning storytellers and listeners, kicks off it's 14th year on Sunday, **February 17, 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 MaryAnn Blue. MaryAnn is a former Spanish teacher who enjoys telling stories in English and Spanish. Her festive folktales and personal stories have delighted both young and old alike at many venues across the Southwest, including the Texas Folklife Festival. Don't miss the opportunity to see and hear this special person.

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

Basura Bash is Coming

Watch this space for more details on this year's Basura Bash! It will most likely be held in late March or early April. King William and Brackenridge High School volunteers, also known as "River Rats", clean the riverbank between the S. Alamo bridge and Brackenridge High School at this annual San Antonio River clean up event.



More info: call Robin at 224-4541 or email rockinrobinr@sbcglobal.net

Out in the Garden with Alan Cash

According to the calendar, spring starts in mid-March. However, I've always considered February, around Valentine's Day, as the beginning of spring because it is the time to start working in the garden. What we do in February will show results throughout the growing season.

The first thing to do is trim back trees and shrubs as needed. Tree limbs should be cut back to the point of branching. Trim lower limbs to encourage upward growth and limbs growing toward the center of the tree to improve air circulation. Never top any kind of tree. Never top any kind of tree. No, that repeat was not a mistake. Topping is cutting off every limb of a tree above a point. Doing so results in a weak, misshapen plant that may take years to recover. Evergreen shrubs should be trimmed so that they are slightly broader at the base so that all new leaf growth will get plenty of sun. One type of perennial plant includes those that may freeze but return each year from the roots. These include esperanza, lantana, poinsettia, plumbago, Philippine violet, and many others. Even if they have not died back due to the mild winter, they should be cut back to about six to twelve inches to promote new healthy growth. Perennials such as salvias should be cut back by about half.

This is the time of year for major rose trimming. Cut them back by about half, being sure to cut off entirely those limbs growing toward the center of the bush. The only exception to this process is trimming of climbing roses. These should be trimmed after their spring bloom because they bloom on old wood from the previous year.

Other plants that bloom only in early spring that should not be trimmed until they bloom, include bridal wreath, mountain laurel, and flowering quince.

Mulching can be done at any time of the year when it is needed. Mulch decomposes at a rate of about one inch per year. Two to three inches of mulch in a flower bed

will keep weeds from sprouting and keep the soil cool and moist. Three to four inches is good around



trees and shrubs. Keep the mulch about six inches away from the trunks to prevent the bark from rotting. A good organic way to fertilize is to add about one half to an inch of compost over the soil before putting down the mulch.

Do not fertilize lawns until new growth has been cut twice. By that time roots are actively growing and can take up the fertilizer. In our area this will be in early April. There are now several types of granular organic fertilizers available that will not harm the environment and do not have to be watered in immediately to prevent burning the grass. Organic products sometimes work a little slower but over the long haul show good results.

Remember that our latest average frost is about the second week of March. Plants may become available earlier at nursery centers so take advantage of sales and better selections, but wait until the danger of frost is past before planting.

If you bought or received a poinsettia for the holidays, it may be looking a little worn out about now. This is normal after being indoors over an extended time. If you want to put it in the ground, plant it along a south facing fence or wall and keep your fingers crossed. Some take, many do not. If you have more than one, put two or three in one hole. Remember they can get very tall and wide, so plant them where there is room to spread. I have never had good luck with them but one planted along my drive by a previous owner in 1968 is thriving on my neglect. You never know.

Garden Note: We have not inherited the earth from our fathers; we are borrowing it from our children..



Mission Trail Rotary Club Plants More Trees

The Mission Trails Rotary Club is a partner in the King William/Lavaca tree planting project.

In the past, the Club has generously donated funds used to purchase several trees planted in both neighborhoods. The Saturday before New Year's, Club members again helped out by planting eight live oak trees at the corner of S. St. Mary's and Durango Streets. Now that the trees are planted, Club members have "adopted" the trees and will water them over the next year.



Two other nearby trees were also adopted for a total of ten. Many thanks to Rotary Club President and neighbor, Kyle Contreras, who organized the project. For anyone wishing to take part in Rotary activities, the Club meets every Tuesday morning at 7:30AM at Madhatters Restaurant on Beaugard Street.

The accompanying picture features the following Club volunteers who took part in the planting (left to right): Alan Cash, Dick Davis, Candace Jacobs, Bill Cogburn, and Richard Contreras.

Alan Cash

New Trees for King William Park

Following the collapse of one of King William Park's large red oaks last spring, and the subsequent removal of another tree due to disease, the Parks and Recreation Department promised to plant new trees in the fall. Many thanks to the Parks and Rec staff—particularly Michael Nentwich—for following through! In November, two new red oak trees



were planted—one along Turner Street and another on King William Street. Like other trees planted in the last few years, these were set back from the sidewalk and more widely spaced from older trees to avoid crowding and power lines. The city is watering the trees until they are established and we look forward to seeing them leaf out in the spring.

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4	5 Blue Star Brew: Crimson Jazz Orchestra	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 6 KWA February General Mtg	7	8	9 Southtown: Second Saturday Artwalk	10
11	12 Blue Star Brew: River City Big Band	13 KWA March Newsletter Deadline	<i>Valentine's Day</i> 14 Blue Star Brew: Ed Sherry Big Band	15 Blue Star Brew: For the Love of a Trombonist Benefit Filling Station: Humble Blues All-Stars	16 Blue Star Brew: The Mambo Kings	17 Stories Galore: MaryAnn Blue
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25 KWA March Newsletter Mail Prep	26 Blue Star Brew: Primetime Jazz Orchestra	27 Jump-Start: W-I-P	28	29 SAY Sí: Small Scale Work for A Larger Cause		

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Gerry Gibbs & Thrasher Big Band, Saturday 2/23, 7 & 9:30pm

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El Chuco y La Che, Sunday 2/3, 2pm

W-I-P, Wed. 2/27, 7pm

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Southtown First Friday

226-0888, southtown.net

First Friday Artwalk, Friday 2/1, 6-10pm

Southtown Second Saturday

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476-8801, southtownartwalk.com

Second Saturday Artwalk, Saturday 2/9, 2-4pm

Stories Galore

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MaryAnn Blue, Sunday 2/17, 5-7pm

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2/6 **February General Meeting**, 7pm at Blue Star Brewing Co.

2/13 **March Newsletter Deadline**

2/20 **February Board Meeting**, 7pm at KWA office

2/25 **March Newsletter Mail Prep**, 6pm at KWA office

Looking Ahead...

3/5 **March General Meeting**, 7pm at Blue Star Brewing Co.

3/12 **April Newsletter Deadline**

3/19 **March Board Meeting**, 7pm at KWA office

3/24 **April Newsletter Mail Prep**, 6pm at KWA office

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

Compiled by Bill Cogburn

...about 202 Madison's infamous past. When I moved in next door in 1979, Cecil Reynolds, the owner, told me that it had once been a brothel. He invited me down to the half-basement which had a long hallway down the middle with rooms 1 through 6 on one side and 7 through 12 on the other. The numbers over the doorways were in black lettering on green tiles.

Alan Cash

...when we were growing up at our house on W. Johnson Street. Our property backed right up to the river back then. Our Dad had a boat dock at the base of a huge tree on the bank of the river. He had a wooden boat with a Johnson 3 hp outboard motor. We'd cruise up and down the river in that boat. We could go south only as far as the S. Alamo dam, but we could go up river almost to town since the Nueva St. dam didn't exist back then. Dad told us that he could remember a time when he would see guards with guns posted around the perimeter of the U.S. Arsenal (now H-E-B headquarters). The guards would sometimes stop him and make him turn around and go back down river.

When they realigned the river in the late 1960's and took out the bend that went behind the Guenther Mill, we no longer had the river at our backyard. Our mother was sad for a long time. Not only did they take away our part of the river but they cut down that magnificent tree.

Marco Botello

...when Pioneer Flour Mill would have enormous trailer trucks lined up overnight with their motors running waiting to deliver grain to the mill. They would line up on King William, Main and Guenther. That was before they purchased and developed the area behind the mill.

Carolene Zehner

Don Lee

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Long after most gas station attendants stopped cleaning your windshield and checking your oil and tires, Don Lee continued to provide these services at his Gulf station at the corner of King William and S. St. Mary's. Don was understandably alarmed when the big, new Exxon station went in just across the street at the corner of Durango and S. St. Mary's (current site of the medical rehab clinic). It had a new feature which was destined to become standard – a self-service island. Don told Carolene Zehner that he was shocked when he first saw a woman pumping her own gas! Don continued offering full-service to the end, which is probably why he was able to survive the competition. He finally closed in the mid-1990's after thirty-three years at that location.

Carolene remembers that Don had breakfast every morning at El Mirador. He wanted toast with his eggs but toast wasn't on the menu. The cook agreed to let him bring in a loaf of white sandwich bread about once a week so he could have his morning toast.

Don could not turn away a stray dog. Maggie Egan said he kept a mental record of King William neighbors who might be able to take one of his strays and when yet another found its way to his station, he knew just where to place it. Maggie should know since she was the recipient of several of his orphans over the years.

Don's gas station seemed to be a magnet for homeless dogs. Without realizing it, he and Karen Orsinger found themselves feeding the same "stray". "This big yellow dog would hang around the station during the day where Don would feed him and then after the station closed, he would stop at Karen's house for an evening meal," says Carolene. "He answered to two names – Marybell and Chula and grew to an enormous size."

Don died January 3rd at age seventy-seven of prostate cancer.

Bill Cogburn

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resident permit restrictions. 3 (5%) did not respond to this question. A somewhat different picture emerges when results are grouped by street. Current restrictions only were endorsed by all responses (each street had one respondent) from Crofton, Pereida, Devine, S. St. Mary's, Cedar and Stieren. The two responses from City Street (2) endorsed resident permit parking restriction. All other streets had mixed results. 15 responses (75%) from Madison favored resident permit parking, with 5 (25%) favoring current restrictions only. For King William Street 3 (60%) indicated preference for resident permit parking and 2 (40%) current restrictions only. For Adams street, there was an even division, with half (6) endorsing resident permit parking and half (6) endorsing current restrictions only. Mission results were 2 for resident permit parking, 1 for current restrictions only and 2 no response. E. Guenther had 3 responses for current restrictions only, 1 for resident permit parking, and 1 no response. In short, the only street with a sufficient number of responses to give a strong indication of preference was Madison Street, and there a clear majority preferred some type of restricted parking.

The comments made by all those who responded to the questionnaire, their descriptions of problems and potentially useful solutions were of much value to the committee. Studying these results and other surveys that were conducted in 2003, the committee has noted that for a number of years the same problems have been of concern. While where to start is a somewhat arbitrary decision, the committee found compelling the heavy response from the 300 and 200 Madison Street blocks, followed by the near S. Alamo Adams Street responses, citing congestion. Of equal concern were reports of significant safety issues -- such as problems with visibility for corners and driveways, driving too fast for street conditions, as well as narrow streets with two way traffic and both sides of the street parking which can compromise vehicular accessibility (particularly problematic for emergency vehicles). The committee has gathered data to further study each of these problems. While there have been consultations with City Public Works and Councilwoman Cisneros and her staff in the month of December, actions and remedies are still in the identification or solution planning stages. Proposals will be identified in the newsletter, the weekly e-mails, and, for those who would be impacted by any change, written requests for approval of the proposal. We are not yet at that point but hope to suggest some concrete proposals soon. The Traffic and Parking Committee, composed of Johnny Heidelberg, Jim Nelson, Maria Pfeiffer, Molly Shafer, Mike Schroeder, and myself look forward to any comments that you may offer.

Susan Erickson

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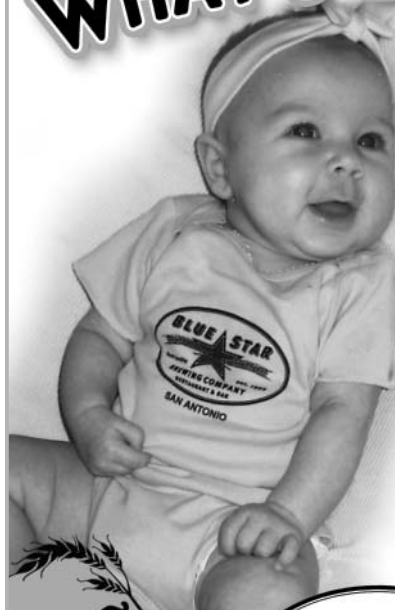


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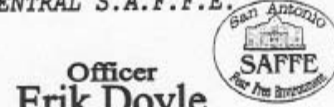


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