

August 2004

# UPDATE

ALAMO HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Historian to give chamber 'sage advice' on commerce

Living historian and local attorney Tom Jackson plans to tell the Alamo Heights Chamber of Commerce about the Ten Commandments of Texas Business when he addresses the group at its August luncheon.

Jackson, who dresses in period attire for his living history presentations, said he'll come dressed as an Old West cowboy to offer chamber members "sage advice" about their business practices.

"It's simple, common-sense, every-day things," he said, spiced up with a retrospective of Texas history.

If people think they have problems today, he explained, they should be reminded of the hardships endured — and serious challenges overcome — by their forebears who fought in the Texas Revolution or raised and drove cattle for a living.

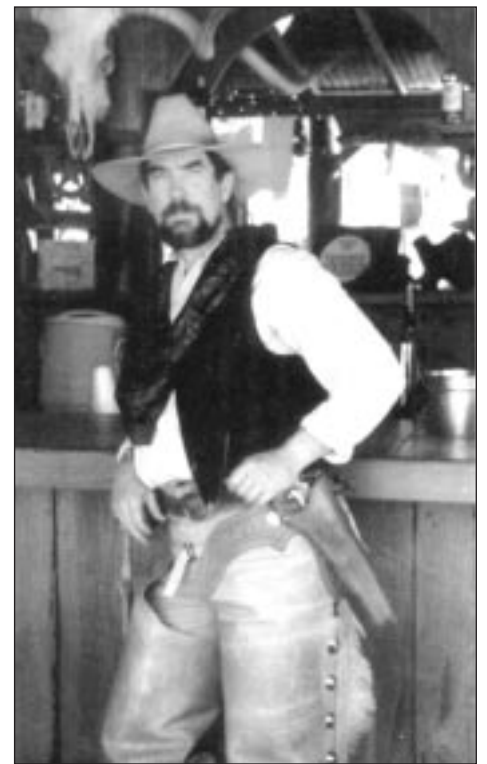
The luncheon is at Water Street Oyster Bar on Wednesday, August 4. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. with the luncheon and Jackson's address to follow at noon.

Jackson gives his educational and entertaining living history presentations to trade groups, conventions and school children around San Antonio and the state.

A sixth-generation Texan, Jackson counts among his ancestors a fighter in the Storming of Bejar battle of the Texas Revolution and cattle ranchers/trail drivers based in the Lytle area.

He graduated from Alamo Heights High School in 1971 and followed the footsteps of relatives into the construction field.

He went to law school in 1981 and currently practices general civil law with a focus on construction matters.



*Tom Jackson of the Old West*



### ***Hard Time***

*Chamber President Debbie Myers shows remorse during her 'arrest.' But she raised the \$200 bail for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and was soon back on the streets.*

## ***One tax delayed, another repealed***

By Ruth Chislett, CPA

The State Comptroller's Office has announced it is delaying implementation of legislation meant to require retailers to collect and remit local use taxes to jurisdictions regardless whether they operated in those jurisdictions. Scheduled to take effect July 1, the law was intended to require a retailer who provides taxable services to collect tax based on the location where the service is performed or otherwise delivered to the purchaser.

Because of concerns expressed by several

members of the Texas Legislature, as well as many business owners in Texas, implementation of the law is being delayed indefinitely.

For businesses in the City of San Antonio, the additional city sales and use tax for Sports and Community Venues is repealed effective July 1, 2004. This means that the total sales tax rate for businesses located within San Antonio City limits will be 7.75% effective July 1, 2004. This repeal does not affect sales tax rates for businesses within the cities of Alamo Heights, Olmos Park, or Terrell Hills.

# Southsider shares success stories



*Terry Negley with South San Antonio Chamber President Cindy Taylor, whose group is thrilled with the coming of not only Toyota, but other high-profile businesses*



*Steve Wilson chats with a group from Rennert Travel: Jean McGarry, Tammy Skorbarcek and Kathleen Todd*



### Network Special

*Above, Carol Phelps, right, with Peggy Bayne*

*Near right, Gina Boggs and Debbie Chiechi*

*Far right, Michael Flores visits with Robin Cantera and Rick Cantera*



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# Chamber adds 2 new members

Please welcome the chamber's two newest members:

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*Patti Gunter, Diana Doyle and Carol Phelps*

## Boardwalk Bistro

Broadway eatery brings out its finest while hosting the chamber's July Mixer. Many thanks!



*Jessica Saucedo and Paulette Smith*



*Vivian Seyfarth, Ligia Hernandez and Jeff Truitt*



*Bob Burney*



*Lynette McClaran and Kathy Ripp*



### Grand Openings

Two members of the chamber celebrated grand openings last month with open houses and warm hospitality. At left, chamber officers joined staff and friends of Rennert Travel for the ribbon cutting at their office across from Alamo Heights City Hall.

Below, Pat Mansell and Debbie Myers helped Michael Flores and Charles Gerdes cut the ribbon at the open house of Huntleigh at Home, a medical equipment provider for home health care-givers.



# — AHCC Calendar —

— August 2004 —

## Monthly Luncheon

Wednesday, August 4  
Water Street Oyster Bar  
Speaker: Tom Jackson  
Networking at 11:30 a.m.;  
Lunch at noon  
RSVPs requested by 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 3 @ 822-7027  
or [info2004@alamoheightschamber.org](mailto:info2004@alamoheightschamber.org)

## Board Meeting

AHCC Board Meeting at  
Debbie Myers' house  
5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 11

## August Mixer

Thursday, August 19  
Alamo Barber & Beauty Supply  
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

— September 2004 —

## Monthly Luncheon

Wednesday, September 1  
Water Street Oyster Bar  
Speaker: Angelina Musik  
Networking at 11:30 a.m.;  
Lunch at noon  
RSVPs requested by 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 31 @ 822-7027  
or [info2004@alamoheightschamber.org](mailto:info2004@alamoheightschamber.org)

## Board Meeting

AHCC Board Meeting at  
Debbie Myers' house  
5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, September 8

## September Mixer

No mixer  
Taste of the Heights 7-10 p.m.  
Thursday, September 30  
Witte Museum: Tickets \$30  
in advance; \$35 at the door

## Alamo Heights Chamber of Commerce

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