

WEEK AT A GLANCE

The Alamo

The Alamo, that ingrained symbol of San Antonio's cultural identity, has launched its first-ever audio tour to help more tourists gain an appreciation of the city's most prominent landmark.

In order to gear up for the busy traveling season, the Alamo has created a way for tourists to rent a hand-held player for \$5 to listen to a 50-minute tour as they walk through the historic site. The tour incorporates stories about the battle and a narration of some of the accounts from Alamo survivors.

The Alamo holds the distinction of being the most visited destination in Texas with more than 2.5 million visitors annually. The Battle of the Alamo took place in 1836 when about 180 Texans seeking independence from Mexico held back several thousand Mexican soldiers before being massacred. Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie were among those who died.

McNay Art Museum

The McNay Art Museum has successfully reached its goal of raising \$50.8 million in its capital campaign.

The museum will use the money to pay for the renovation of the McNay residence, increase the museum's endowment and cover the costs for the Jane Arthur Stieren Center for Exhibitions.

The 45,000-square-foot Stieren Center is set to open during a weekend of public festivities on June 7 and 8.

Tom C. Frost, chairman of the McNay Board of Trustees and chairman of the museum's capital campaign made the announcement.

"The success of our campaign was made possible by community leadership and generosity in the tradition of Marion McNay," Frost says. "As chair of the campaign, I extend my gratitude to all our supporters."

Donors include The Tobin Endowment, AT&T Inc. (NYSE: T), The Ewing Halsell Foundation, the Semmes Foundation Inc., The Brown Foundation Inc. of Houston, the Kronkosky Charitable Foundation, Valero Energy Corp. (NYSE: VLO) and many others.

Frost also says the board has also formed a Completion Committee to raise at least \$5 million more in its endowment to support the continued expansion of programming and rise in expenses.

McNay officials are projecting a growth in attendance of 40 percent throughout the balance of 2008 and at least 30 percent in 2009. As many as 100,000 adults, teachers and students visited the McNay in 2007.

Westin La Cantera

The Westin La Cantera Resort has earned a spot on Conde Nast Traveler magazine's latest "Top 100 Golf Resorts" list, making it one of the top golf destina-

tions in the world.

The list appears in Conde Nast Traveler's June 2008 issue. The Westin La Cantera has been on the list for the past four years. It moved up to No. 19 from 41st last year to become the top-ranked golf resort in Texas.

"We are very pleased to receive recognition from the readers of such a well-respected publication in the travel industry," says Anthony M. Cherone, general manager of The Westin La Cantera. "And we're happy to be part of the effort to make San Antonio a major golf destination. With our \$10 million room renovation project scheduled for completion in the spring of 2009, we look forward to continued success as a premier golf destination."

The Westin La Cantera Resort offers 26 holes of golf, 508 guestrooms, five outdoor pools, two hot tubs, a kids club, an on-site fitness center and spa services.

The property is owned by Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. in White Plains, N.Y.

Edward Whitacre

Former AT&T Inc. chairman and CEO Edward E. Whitacre Jr. has joined the board of directors of Exxon Mobil Corp. in Dallas.



Whitacre

Whitacre retired from San Antonio-based AT&T (NYSE: T) in 2007. Whitacre became chairman and CEO of SBC Communications Inc. in 1990, at the time the smallest regional Bell operating company, and oversaw its growth and transition into the nation's largest under the AT&T banner. SBC bought AT&T in 2005 under Whitacre's leadership.

With Whitacre's election to the Exxon Mobil (NYSE: XOM) board, the oil corporation now has 11 directors, 10 of whom are non-employee directors. Exxon Mobil has been making national headlines this week over a shareholder fight led by members of the Rockefeller family. One of the proposals shareholders considered at the company's annual meeting on Wednesday would have created separate chief executive officer and chairman roles at Exxon. Those titles are now both held by Rex W. Tillerson.

That proposal was defeated today.

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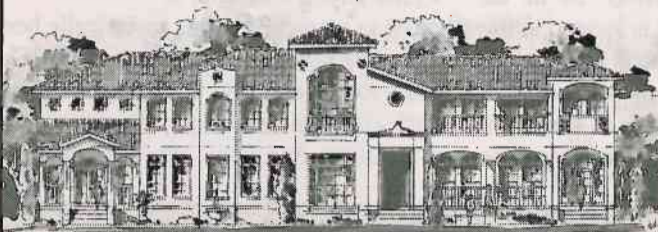
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In a recent San Antonio Market Report ad, we stated that the City of San Antonio and other economic development organizations are launching a campaign called "Dream It! Do It." The campaign, is in fact, spearheaded by the San Antonio Manufacturers Association. We regret the error.

- Dr. Eugenio Aleman, Wells Fargo economist