# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION JUNE 22, 2015 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2015-0492 2507 BLUEBONNET LANE

#### **PROPOSAL**

Demolish a house of unknown vintage.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, L-plan house with a prominent front-gabled section containing a recessed segmental-arched entry and a battered exterior chimney, all clad in stone veneer; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

## RESEARCH

There are no listings in city directories for this address prior to 1955, but there is a water service permit for this address dating from 1948. It is clear that the house is older than a 1950s construction date would suggest, and could date even from the late 1920s, judging from its architectural style and details. Further research will be necessary to determine the history of this house prior to its listing in city directories.

From the mid-1950s through the mid-1970s, the house was owned and occupied by Tex and Margaret ("Margie") Vanzura. Tex Vanzura was an accountant, and had previously played baseball for Texas A&M University. In the late 1960s, he opened the Pink Lizard Lounge on Guadalupe Street. He and Margie divorced in 1969, and the 1973 directory shows Margaret Vanzura as the owner of the house. She worked as a mail clerk for the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. In the mid-1970s, the house was owned and occupied by the Vanzuras' daughter, Brenda, and her husband, Bobby Brady, who was a switchman for the telephone company.

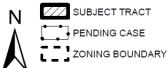
# STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey, and Sanborn maps through 1962 do not show this area of the city.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Postpone this case to the next scheduled meeting of the Commission to further investigate the pre-1955 history of this house in order to present its full story so that the Commission can make a fully-informed decision about its potential for landmark designation.





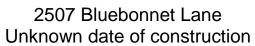
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1" = 200'

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# OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2507 Bluebonnet Lane

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office June, 2015

| 1992    | Thea address is not listed in the directory.  |  |
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| 1985-86 | William V. Reaves, renter<br>No occupation listed   |  |
| 1981    | Vacant  |  |
| 1977    | Bobby and Brenda Brady, owners<br>Switchman, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company  |  |
| 1973    | Margaret S. Vanzura, owner Mail clerk, Texas Rehabilitation Commission Also listed is Breda Vanzura, an office secretary for HEB Grocery stores.  |  |
| 1968    | Tex M. and Margie Vanzura, owners<br>Proprietor, Pink Lizard, lounge, 2610-B Guadalupe Street   |  |
| 1962    | Tex M. and Margie Vanzura, owners<br>Accountant, Elgin-Butler Brick Company, 400 East Avenue.   |  |
| 1959    | Tex M. and Margie Vanzura, owners<br>Accountant, Elgin-Butler Brick Company, 400 East Avenue.   |  |
| 1957    | Tex M. and Margie Vanzura, owners<br>Accountant, Frazer & Tarbet, accountants, 810 Brown Building.  |  |
| 1955    | Vacant NOTE: Tex M. and Margie Vanzura are not listed in the directory.   |  |
| 1952    | The address is not listed in the directory. There is nothing listed on this side of S. Lamar Boulevard, and no indication of an alternate street name that follows through from Bluebonnet Land on the west side of Lamar to this area. |  |

# **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

Tex M. and Margaret E. Vanzura were married in 1953 and divorced in 1969.

## Tex Mann Vanzura

# **Obituary**

Tex Mann Vanzura, son of the late Rudolph and Mabel Vanzura, died in Wellington, Nevada on December 3, 2003, after a period of declining health. He was born October 19, 1933, in Houston, Texas, and was a long time resident of Austin. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1955 with a degree in Accounting and owned several small businesses in the Austin area. A life-long sports enthusiast, Tex played baseball while at A & M. He was the winning pitcher in the Southwest Conference title game in 1955 against SMU. He also enjoyed golf, playing his entire life with his father, sons, daughters, and grandchildren. Tex was preceded in death by his brother, Bruce. Tex is survived by his wife, Linda; and their children,

Glenn, Casandra Concepcion and husband, Richard; and step-son, Kenneth Long and friend, Elizabeth. He is also survived by six children from a previous marriage: Brenda Brady and husband, Bobby, Lester and wife, Janice, Shirlene Ball and husband, David, Mike and wife, Tracy, Carol Evans and friance, Gary Haldeman, Pat and wife, Karen; along with 15 grandchildren. The family will be receiving friends from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Evans, 2311 Kinney Rd. on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of choice. Gig 'em.

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Water service to Mrs. Claude S. Bible for this address (1948)