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April, 2004

**President's Message
April 2004**

Chilly Spring Greetings to all!

I'm going to cut this President's Message short to make space for an educational bit from Hal Katz about the Travis County Hospital District. The hospital district article is offered for information purposes and has not been endorsed by WANG.

Holiday House, aka "Six Napkins"

But before we go there, I will take the liberty of re-printing a short e-mail about the status of the Holiday House. This comes from our very own native resident and WANG Board member, Stephen Griffith:

Yesterday evening my wife was busily planning our summer vacation on the internet. It fell to me to provide dinner. No problem, standard operating procedure is...call the Holiday House on Exposition. I dialed the number I know by heart. Nobody answered. I let it ring 20 times, and nobody answered. My blood ran cold. Check the watch, 6:30 p.m. ... Wednesday. They should be there. I tried again... nobody answered. Could it be IT has already happened? They always said May. It's still April! May is not here yet. May is still in the future. It's not now. How could I continue to deny it will happen at all when nobody answered?

Well, probably they are just extra busy tonight. I called the Bee Caves location. Nobody answered! In desperation, I called the old Airport location. Someone picked up the line. The person said, "Six Napkins, may I help you?"

Six Napkins?! Immediately I asked to talk to the manager. There must be some mistake. Ron, the manager, broke the news. He said over the weekend the Holiday House on Exposition closed. And not just on Exposition, the one Bee Caves as well. He says his Airport location is now under his ownership. Bottom line? The whole Holiday House business has gone belly up. It's all gone.

But don't despair. Ron said he intends to keep the exact same menu at Six Napkins that the previous Airport Holiday House had. He even has retained some of the old Holiday House cooks. They also have the same phone number - 452-3136. He said he wants to work with Holiday House attorneys to try to buy the Holiday House name. And here's the kicker. He plans to expand into Tarrytown. He and his wife will be scouting out our neighborhood this weekend for possible locations.

I told him that as a member of the WANG board, I can safely say WANG wishes him the best of luck in his new business. Maybe we could put our heads together and do more than that? Maybe we could suggest various possible locations or put him into contact with a local commercial real estate broker? Let's think about it. And let's hope!

Heritage Homes Tour 2004 to Showcase Old Enfield Neighborhood

On May 8, 2004, the Heritage Society of Austin's 12th annual Heritage Homes Tour 2004 will take place in historic Old Enfield, one of Austin's oldest and most beautiful central-city neighborhoods. This year's tour includes homes in the southern portion of the Old West Austin Historic District (OWAHD), which spawned residential development in the area in the early 1920s. The Homes Tour will be conducted as a walking tour from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and will feature six historic homes in Old Enfield, which is bounded by Mopac Expressway to the west, 24th Street (Windsor Road) to the north, Shoal Creek to the east and Enfield Road to the south. Homes appearing in the tour will be 1505 Windsor Road, 1706 Windsor Road, 1710 Windsor Road, 2211 Windsor Road East, 1504 Marshall Lane and #3 Niles Road. Tour headquarters sit on the grounds of the Pease Mansion, now undergoing restoration by owner Jeff Sandefer. Advance tickets to the tour are \$15 for HSA members, \$20 for nonmembers, and \$15 for children 13 and under. Ticket prices on tour day are \$25 for adults, and \$20 for those 13 and under.

That's all from me for now. As always, please feel free to contact me on matters of neighborhood concern.

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**Creation of the Travis County Hospital District
A Step Toward Improving Healthcare in the
Community**

By Hal Katz

Increases in the need for trauma services, emergency room capacity, and indigent care have forced our community to focus on available solutions, which includes the creation of a hospital district. Hospital districts are constitutional creations that serve as a vehicle for communities in the delivery of healthcare to its population. Once created, hospital districts have the sole authority to raise funds and provide healthcare to

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