

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

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a house of unknown vintage.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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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.

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**RESEARCH**

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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.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house does not appear in any City survey, and Sanborn maps through 1962 do not show this area of the city. In the interim between the June meeting and today, staff has not been able to determine anything further about this house and its history prior to 1955.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. While there is an unknown history to this house prior to 1955, from what staff has gathered so far, the house does not qualify as a historic landmark.

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 200'

CASE#: HDP-2015-0492  
Address: 2507 BLUEBONNET LANE

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2507 Bluebonnet Lane  
Unknown date of construction



## 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.
1985-86	William V. Reaves, renter No occupation listed
1981	Vacant
1977	Bobby and Brenda Brady, owners 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 Proprietor, Pink Lizard, lounge, 2610-B Guadalupe Street
1962	Tex M. and Margie Vanzura, owners Accountant, Elgin-Butler Brick Company, 400 East Avenue.
1959	Tex M. and Margie Vanzura, owners Accountant, Elgin-Butler Brick Company, 400 East Avenue.
1957	Tex M. and Margie Vanzura, owners 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 Lane 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 fiancée, 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.

Published in Austin American-Statesman on Dec. 7, 2003

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SW II **WATER SERVICE PERMIT** **INDEXED** No. 2013  
Austin, Texas

Received of MRS. CLAUDE S. BIBLE JR. Date 9-20-48  
Address 2509 BLUEBONNET LANE  
Amount TWENTY FIVE + 00/100 \$ 25.00  
Plumber \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 10-20-48  
Size of Tap Made 3/4"  
Size Service Made 3/4"  
Size Main Tapped 3"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 2.5'  
From E- Prop. Line to Curb Cock 6.6'  
Location of Meter CURB  
Type of Box LOCK  
Depth of Main in St. 3'  
Depth of Service Line 2.5'  
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 10'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 11-16-48 H. S.

**INDEXED**

No. Fittings	Size	
1	5/8"	Curb Cock
1	3/4"	Elbow
1	5/8"	SCREW
1	5/8"	Bushing
1	3/4"	Reducer
1	3/4"	Pipe
1	3/4"	Lead Comp.
1	3/4"	Nipples
1	3/4"	Union
1	3/4"	Plug
1	3/4"	Stop
1	3/4"	Box
1	3/4"	Lid
1	3/4"	Valves
1	3/4"	Job No. <u>W-323-502</u>
1	3/4"	Req. No. <u>11-16-48</u>

11-16-48

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