

# The OUTLOOK

News for the Residents of The Dominion

## Remembering Dan

*3rd Annual TETCO Dan Cook Memorial Classic Slated for June 13*

Alice Cook Ashton recalls that her dad, legendary sports anchor and writer Dan Cook, loved to play tennis; so much so that even when he was in ill health, the 81 year old was adamant about going to hit the ball at the courts. "Even when there was absolutely no way he could play, he would say, 'Pretty soon I'm going to go play tennis,' and he would go take out all of his tennis equipment," Ashton says.

Although Cook died July 3, 2008, his legend lives on with the 3rd annual **TETCO Dan Cook Memorial Classic starting at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 13 at The Club at Sonterra**. Proceeds benefit SA Youth. Admission is \$225 per player and includes breakfast, goodie bag with golf shirt, lunch, cart and the awards ceremony. To register, visit [www.dancookgolf.com](http://www.dancookgolf.com) or call (210) 223-3131 Ext. 207.

In the early '90s, a San Antonio Express-News colleague told Cook about SA Youth and the financial difficulty and struggles it faced to keep its doors open. After Cook toured the center, he wrote a column about it. Soon after, readers donated \$40,000 to the nonprofit organization. Over the years, Dan raised thousands of dollars for SA Youth's programs. In 2001, its very first center, the



former Downtown Youth Drop-In Center, was renamed the Dan Cook Center.

Incidentally, Cook had a decades-long friendship with Tom Turner Sr., founder of TETCO. "One of the reasons we got involved with SA Youth and the golf tournament is because of Dan Cook, who was one of my grandfather's best friends," says Jon Turner, TETCO vice chairman.

Ashton, who is the youngest of four siblings, remembers the stories her father shared regarding Babe Ruth and Joe DiMaggio, whom he got to know. As a 19 year old, he once stayed out all night with baseball Hall of Famer Dizzy Dean much to the worry of his two aunts, who raised him in his native Houston. "That was back in the day when there were no cell phones," she says with a laugh.

Ashton was grateful for the outpouring of support for her dad during funeral services, which, she says, he would not have expected at all. "It would have surprised him," she says, "because he was just doing what he loved to do – write about sports. He loved the people of San Antonio so much, which is why he never left. Toward the end of his life, he didn't understand why people wanted to use his name in a golf tournament."

TETCO is the title sponsor of the tournament. Other sponsors include KENS5, San Antonio Express-News, Blonde Creative, Silver Eagle Distributors, Anheuser-Busch, Coca-Cola, Valero, Pepsi, Diageo Guinness, GET Electric, MillerCoors, Sarma, generations federal credit union, TekSystems, and Crown Imports.

### ABOUT SA YOUTH

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The Outlook is mailed monthly to all Dominion residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to include information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

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By Juan Soulas

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*Juan Soulas is a conservation planner for San Antonio Water System.*

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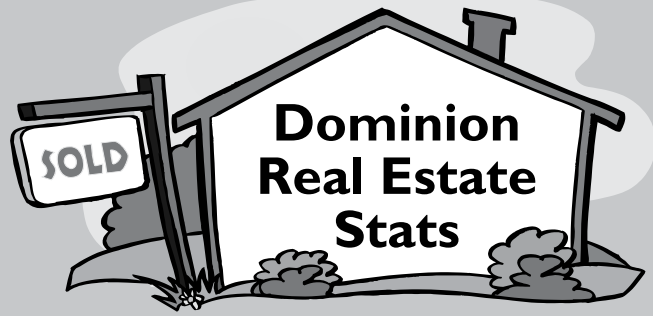
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### *Great news for our neighborhood's Real Estate Market!*

*Prepared by Matthew Resnick, GRI*

*All information provided by MLS & other sources. Buyer should independently verify same before relying thereon.*

Lot sales in Dominion are up approx 50% in first quarter of 2011 over 2010. However homes sales in Dominion are down 12.5% first quarter of 2011 over 2010. Demand has been steady but prices still are slipping a bit down 4.7% to median price of \$138.11 per square foot over \$145 per square foot in 2010.

#### **Date range (year to date)**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 – April 19<sup>th</sup> 2011**

#### **14 Houses Sold:**

Sold Price Range Low \$285,996

Sold Price Range High \$3,000,000

Median Price Range \$615,000

Sold Price per sq.ft. Low \$78.53

Sold Price per sq. ft High \$402.14

#### **12 Houses Pending:**

List Price Low \$507,995

List Price High \$2,049,900

Median Price Range \$749,450

Price per sq. ft. Low \$105.09

Price per sq. ft. High \$286.99

#### **102 Homes Active for Sale:**

List Price range Low \$318,000

List Price range High \$3,999,000

Median price range \$775,000

Price per sq. ft. Low \$105.31

Price per sq. ft. High \$460.14

#### **1 Lot Pending:**

List Price \$125,450

#### **6 Lots Sold:**

List Price Range Low \$155,000

List Price Range High \$348,000

Median Price per sq. ft. \$5.21

## MEET NATHAN

What is life like today for a typical ten year old boy? Skateboards, bicycles, computer games, school with kids he has known since he started kinder garden, neighborhood friends to hang out with, parents that make him clean his room and take a bath on a regular basis, but are always there for him; grandparents that spoil him? For a child in the foster care system, many of these things are missing. And those are the most important, namely the relationships with family and long term friends that tend to build trust and security that help the child develop a strong sense of self and build on self-esteem.

Meet Nathan, an active 10 year old child in foster care. He loves the Texas Longhorns and is a talented football and basketball player. He enjoys school, has lots of friends and is always respectful to his teacher. Nathan has so much potential for the future and in finding his forever home, he is destined to reach all of it!!

Stability of loving relationships and predictability in a safe environment are essential elements to help each child reach their potential. Finding a "Forever Family" for a child like Nathan is critical to his continued growth and development. As long as kids like Nathan remain in the foster care system, they always have the mindset that tomorrow may mean another foster home, another school, another set of parents to adjust to. Could you help Nathan or other children like him to gain the trust and security that comes with having a permanent family?

Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive family support the child or sibling group.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Berka, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, Adoption Coalition of Texas at





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## THE LINCOLN LAWYER

*Matthew McConaughey stars as street-smart attorney Mickey Haller in "The Lincoln Lawyer."*

### STARRING:

**Matthew McConaughey,  
Marisa Tomei, Ryan Phillippe**

### DIRECTED BY:

**Brad Furman ("The Take")**

### WRITTEN BY:

**John Romano ("Nights in Rodanthe")**

As far as courtroom dramas are concerned, you'd be hard-pressed to find something as generic as "The Lincoln Lawyer." Forget about the excitement brewing because Matthew McConaughey ("Ghosts of Girlfriends Past") is actually starring in a film that doesn't require him to remove his shirt or offer up his rugged good looks for an insulting rom com role opposite Kate Hudson or Sarah Jessica Parker – as much as everyone would like it to be, this is not a sequel to 1996's "A Time to Kill." Instead, "Lawyer" is an overrated, underwritten crime schlock that plays like an irritating Dick Wolf-produced legal TV show. Call it "Law & Order: Luxury Sedan."

That title might even be a stretch, since the titular vehicle doesn't make much of an impact in the film besides serving as a shiny prop for the laid-back soundtrack featuring blues, R&B, and old-school hip-hop from artists including Bobby

"Blue" Bland, Erick Sermon, and Marlena Shaw. As a suave, street-smart criminal defense attorney practicing in Beverly Hills, Mickey Haller (McConaughey) is chauffeured around town in style inside his vintage Lincoln Town Car.

Adapted from the novel of the same name by crime-fiction writer Michael Connelly (this is the first of four books in the Haller series), Lawyer struggles to find its footing within a cliché storyline reworked by screenwriter John Romano ("Nights in Rodanthe") and helmed by novice director Brad Furman, whose only other film is the straight-to-DVD armored-truck thriller "The Take."

In "Lawyer," Mickey lands the case of his career when he is hired to defend Louis Roulet (Ryan Phillippe), a spoiled, rich socialite charged with the brutal assault of a prostitute who propositions him at a nightclub. While Louis maintains his innocence (he cries "Set up!" on more than

one occasion), Mickey and his investigator friend Frank Levin (William H. Macy) figure out a way to get their client off the hook even after indispensable evidence seems to mount against them.

From here, "Lawyer" becomes part morality thriller, part courtroom drama with Mickey caught in the middle wondering if he's fighting for a scumbag's exoneration. Despite McConaughey's satisfying performance, none of it is very original. The pool of shallow characters (Marisa Tomei as the ex-wife prosecutor; John Leguizamo as a shady bail bondsman; Michael Peña as an ex-client who is now in San Quentin) don't help us sympathize with our conflicted lawyer, whose character is never fully explored past his slicked-back hair, dog-tired eyes, and vulnerability to the bottle



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