

Designer birdhouse sales aid SAMMinistries

Promoted as the perfect Mother's Day gift, designer birdhouses were donated by local homebuilders to SAMMinistries in an effort to help the faith-based organization raise money for the homeless of San Antonio.

Recently, **SurveySA's** owner and president, **Keith Jimenez**, challenged all area homebuilders to build and/or design birdhouses for participation in a SAMMinistries fundraiser. To support the effort, he solicited an additional \$50 donation from any homebuilder who participated. As motivation, Keith donated unfinished birdhouses for decorating to those who chose not to build their own.

Builders who participated included: **Boscamp Custom Homes**, **Gordon Hartman Homes** and **Wilshire Homes**. SurveySA donated its own birdhouse, deco-

rated by one of the company's executives. From detailed gothic church designs for the spiritual sparrows to hand-painted garden décor feeders, the entries were varied and impressive.

SAMMinistries will sell or auction the birdhouses at an event on May 10th to raise funds for their various charitable efforts.

"We were pleased with the response of the building community," Keith said. "Many said they would assign the task to the architecture department. It didn't surprise me that they would respond so positively."

SurveySA employees picked up all finished bird "shelters" and personally delivered them to SAMMinistries to make sure they met the deadline.



Faster than a speeding bolt of lightning, more powerful than a smashing atom, the City Public Service (CPS) PowerPals have burst onto the scene in San Antonio, bringing powerful safety and conservation knowledge to kids across the greater metropolitan area. From their new headquarters at www.cpskids.com, Wattson (electricity), Gaston (natural gas), and their teammates Sunshine (solar power), Blades (wind power) and Nukleo (nuclear power) are using the new CPS Kids Web site to teach local children about the amazing world of energy.



SurveySA's Keith Jimenez with sampling of designer birdhouses

Green workshop targets homebuilders

What is green building? Find answers at an informational workshop targeted to homebuilders and architects on Fri., May 16th, from 8:30 am to 12 pm, at the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) Board Room, 4700 Tesoro Drive.

Hosted by **Metropolitan Partnership for Energy (MPE)**, **City Public Service (CPS)**, **Fannie Mae** and the **Greater San**

Antonio Builders Association (GSABA), the workshop features presentations about green building, green design, green financing and energy efficiency. Featured speakers include **Becky Oliver**, GSABA Executive Director; **John Freisenhahn**, GSABA President; **Julia Jones**, CPS; **Linda Stone**, Executive Director MPE; **Stephen Colley**, Architect and **Daniel Lopez**, Fannie Mae.

Surveyors conquer River Crossing



First place team!



Second place finishers!

Touted as one of the best tournaments yet, the **Texas Society of Professional Surveyors (TSPS) Alamo Chapter 11** held its 8th Annual TSPS Golf Tournament on March 20th.

The brand new River Crossing Golf Club, in Spring Branch, played host to over forty enthusiastic golfers. At the conclusion of play, a delicious barbecue dinner sated the hungry players as they awaited the distribution of awards.

Tournament results:

1st Place:

Brian Keuhlem, Shawn McGuire, Dave Ellis and Jim Russell.

2nd Place:

Henry Kuehlem, Pat Smith, B. Gaines and R. Medina.

3rd Place:

Noel Nichols, Wayne Brassington, Roy Rosin and Joel Johnson.

Longest Drive #3 and #9:
Joel Johnson.

Closest to the Pin #2:
Wayne Brassington.

Closest to the Pin #12:
T. Zulewski.

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