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Pig Stand owner Mary Ann Hill closed the diner in March 2023 after she had open-heart surgery the previous summer. She had worked there since age 18.

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changed hands. Hill and attorneys for KEM Texas did not respond to inquiries Monday.

The Pig Stand building is slated to be demolished to make way for Broadway East, a mixed-use project GrayStreet and Fulcrum Development plan to build in the area.

But the chain's popularity gradually declined. By 2005, only six of the diners remained.

The Broadway location shut down briefly in 2006 when then-owner Richard Hailey filed for corporate and personal bankruptcy. Hill saved the diner with assistance from an anonymous benefactor and a deal between Hernandez and bankruptcy trustee Vince Liuzza Jr.

When GrayStreet bought the property in 2023, Humberto Chavana, Hernandez's brother who signed the deed as her agent, said property taxes had become too high and rent from the Pig Stand was not enough to cover it.

The Pig Stand was the last remnant of a chain of diners that began in Dallas in 1921.

Jesse G. Kirby unveiled the first location of the "world's first drive-in" with curb service on the Dallas-Fort Worth turnpike.

More Pig Stand diners quickly opened in Texas and other states from California to New York, and the chain had about 130 locations by the 1930s. San Antonio was home to five by 1935, including the Broadway diner.

The Pig Stand's pig sandwich was a must-have for Aurora Greenway in Larry McMurtry's novel

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as the one you canceled called LifeLock Home Title Protect provides alerts for title changes and assistance in case of fraud, and it helps out if anything actually happens. People living in counties without free monitoring should consider a product like that.

I know you canceled the \$100-a-year service to save money, but since you are worried enough about title theft so much that you took the time to submit a question here, the \$8.33-a-month cost may be a worthwhile investment even if you also sign up for Bexar County's free service.

Q: I have one son. Everything goes to him. He is the payable-on-death beneficiary on all of my accounts. How do I give him my house so that he doesn't have to pay taxes on it? Do I need a trust? I hear so many conflicting stories about this, and it's confusing.

A: As far as taxes are concerned, there is virtually no chance he will owe any taxes when he receives the house.

When you die, as long as you are worth less than \$13,990,000, there will be no federal estate taxes. That number will change next year, but whether it decreases or increases depends on what the lawmakers in Washington, D.C., do before the end of the year.

There will likely not be any capital gains taxes should he decide to sell the house soon after your death because his cost basis will be stepped up to the fair market value of the house as of your date of death.

Getting the house to him in a cost-effective manner is important as well. You can use a transfer on death deed, or you can have a will or a revocable trust. You would want to discuss with an attorney which of these options is best for you.

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