

OBITUARIES

William F. Ross
March 7, 1945 –
September 15, 2021

William Franklin Ross, 76, of Driftwood, Texas, died on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. Visitation will be at Thomason Funeral Home in San Marcos on Friday, September

24 from noon to 2 p.m., followed by a service at 2 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home. For more information and to sign the online registry, please visit thomasonfuneralhome.com.

Carol B. Kuykendall
February 1, 1933 –
September 18, 2021

Carol B. Kuykendall, 88, of Wimberley, Texas, died on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Visitation will take place at Thomason Funeral Home in Wimberley from 1 to 3 p.m. on

Thursday, September 23. A service will follow the visitation at 3 p.m., followed by interment at Wimberley Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home. For more information and to sign the online registry, please visit thomasonfuneralhome.com.



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cuss obtaining an appraisal and advertising the sale of 2.5142 acres of SMCISD real property at 501 S. LBJ Drive where Centro is located during Monday's regular meeting.

Dr. Rosina Valle — a former SMCISD teacher and administrator, and a founding member of Centro — was one of many community members to speak during public comment, asking for the board to reconsider the appraisal and possible sale of the property.

"Take a step back and continue the conversations about what preservation of a historic building does and what its benefits are to the community," Valle said. "I'm here to talk about the preservation. History is our collective memory — a source of wisdom and strength that we can draw in when we need it. Preservation is one of the few things that brings us together as a nation, as a community and as people. I'm actually disheartened that tonight I am here to defend the contributions of our Hispanic heritage, history and culture and Centro."

The mission of Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos is to serve as a community beacon for the preservation, development, promotion, and celebration of the Hispanic arts, culture, heritage, and values.

"What Centro is, is more than the classes and programs we offer. It is the sustenance for the soul and the future of our community," said Gloria Salazar, program coordinator and co-founder of Centro. "The value of Centro's impact on the lives of our community long-term cannot be measured in today's dollars. The opportunities offered to children, especially economically disadvantaged children, those opportunities can change their life course and affect their whole family. The lessons learned, the nurtured creativity, the sharing, the joy of the diversity of our community will surface and be revealed in the caring adults and leaders they become. Every community needs a Centro. Let's work together again to keep our treasure, our Centro, in our community."

The board was set to hold the discussion in closed session, however,

the trustees chose to speak in open discussion following the concerns raised by the community.

Trustee Miguel Arredondo asked when and why the item was placed on the agenda following the board's agenda preparation meeting on Sept. 7. Board President Clementine Cantu clarified that the item was placed on the agenda on Tuesday, Sept. 14. Trustee Kathy Hansen added that the board's central office subcommittee decided to place it on the agenda to appraise two parcels of land — 501 S. LBJ Drive and 11.958 acres at the intersection of Suttles Drive and Hunter Road — to find out the value of both properties.

"We did discuss that we should look into property that we are not utilizing to potentially look into, I guess, to help us with the funding for our central office," said Trustee Mayra Mejia, who's on the subcommittee for central office. "Regardless, we did discuss that our property does need to be submitted for appraisal because it has not been appraised for a couple of years, so it is needed."

District lawyers provided the trustees with a presentation regarding the two properties and offered two possible motions which would state that the properties are "no longer necessary for school district operations and authorize the district administration to appraise the property and advertise the sale of the property with district policy and state law and, if necessary, retain a real estate broker to facilitate the advertisement and solicitation of the bids."

Hansen said both motions went "way beyond" what the subcommittee was looking for.

"We're just asking to know what is the value of both of those pieces of property. Just an appraisal," Hansen said. "We're not looking at any of the rest of the stuff."

The trustees chose to table any further discussion regarding the appraisal of either property.

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Texas murder conviction overturned for improper legal work

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AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' highest criminal court on Wednesday overturned a death row inmate's capital murder conviction because one of the prosecutors in his 2003 trial was moonlighting as a clerk for the judge in the case.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled that the arrangement between Midland County State District Judge John Hyde and then-prosecutor Weldon Petty clearly violated Clinton Young's right to a fair trial. Young was convicted and sentenced to death in the shooting of a man during a 2001 drug-related crime rampage across Texas. Hyde died in 2012, but Midland County prosecutors in 2019 discovered the paid arrangement between the judge and Petty, who had also been working on the side for other district judges for years.

The appeals court noted that as a prosecutor, Petty would oppose defense motions while also drafting

recommendations of denial for judges to sign. As part of the legal team prosecuting Young, Petty drafted the legal motions submitted during the trial and sometimes participated in oral arguments.

Petty's side agreement with Hyde was to perform "legal work" as a judicial clerk outside of his official duties. It paid him more \$9,000 over the time spanning Young's initial indictment, trial and post-conviction appeals, which Petty handled both as prosecutor and as clerk for the judge, the appeals court noted.

"Judicial and prosecutorial misconduct, in the form of an undisclosed employment relationship between the trial judge and the prosecutor appearing before him, tainted (Young's) entire proceeding from the outset," the court wrote. "As a result, little confidence can be placed in the fairness of the proceedings or the outcome of (Young's) trial."

The appeals court ordered

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wished Laue luck in the next round as he aims for finalist standing.

Additionally, five San Marcos High School juniors were honored by College Board.

Cassandra Amaya, Jake Darling, Teagan Korzeniewski, Gael Martinez-Alvarado and Alfonso Salazar were all named to the College Board National Rural and Small Town Scholars

Recognition Program.

Korzeniewski was also named as a College Board National Indigenous Recognition Program Scholar. Martinez-Alvarado and Salazar both earned a ranking as College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars.

Information provided by San Marcos Consolidated ISD

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ber Saul Gonzales.

San Marcos Chief of Police Stan Standridge also provided information about safety precautions relating to roadside solicitation to the homeless.

"Nobody has been arrested for solicitation, nobody has been arrested for camping," Standridge said. "But we have to be really careful stewards with public safety and we can't just concede that persons can walk in and out of the roadways to solicit, that's my only encouragement to you all."

While there was no re-

quired motion to vote on, the council did agree that they were not for criminalizing the homeless.

The topic, as well as funds that will be used to help with homelessness programs, will be discussed further during a work session on Oct. 4.

During the meeting, the council voted in favor of the ratification of the \$.06030 cent tax rate per \$100 valuation. The tax rate will raise more revenue from property taxes than in the previous fiscal year.

Councilmembers also

passed the motion to approve an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. through the Texas Interlocal Purchasing System.

The agreement will entail the lease and maintenance of 35 vehicles and the purchase of miscellaneous equipment and maintenance for use by several city departments over a five-year period with the estimated amount being \$988,836.

In regards to the item about council members receiving event tickets to funded and non-funded

events that the city allocates money towards or supports, a discussion was held to determine if it was necessary. While the council didn't vote on the item, the majority agreed that they would like to have that option.

To view the full agenda and meeting, visit www.sanmarcostx.gov/421/City-Council-Videos-Archives.

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a long connection with the Texas soil, as did his ancestors, who farmed and ranched in North Texas for more than a century. Two of his distant relatives signed the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico.

This familial history has nurtured his love for the vibrancy of Texas culture, both historical and Modern. All these influences came together in the development of a series of brief, often humorous, sometimes dramatic radio vignettes called "Stories from Texas." They are intended to teach, amuse and inspire. In them he seeks to celebrate the Texas character in all its toughness; to showcase poignant passages from the vast literature this land has produced; and to provide

a narrative for Texas pride, entrepreneurial success and Texas mythology.

Celebrating Texas' charismatic culture and revealing the diverse forces that forged it, Stories From Texas airs biweekly on Texas Standard Radio, a daily news program produced in Austin that is carried on 30 NPR stations across Texas. Strong has published two books on Texas — Stories from Texas: Some of them are True and its sequel — Stories from Texas, Volume II.

Sponsors for the museum's Gala include Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of President Johnson, H-E-B, Mayor Jane Hughson, Eleanor Crook, Mike and Nora Linares Moeller, Brent and Ginger Salon, Attorney Brenda K. Smith and Ber-

ry James, Judge Linda Rodriguez, Melissa and Aart Millecam, College of Fine Arts and Communications at Texas State University, Wayne Kraemer, Ed Mihalcanin, Texas State University, and anonymous donors.

Business donors to the silent auction include: Think Horse Studios, Ann Burnette and Rey Garcia,

Plum Creek Golf Course, Kyle Family and Injury Chiropractic, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Cardinal Framing, Kissing Tree, North Carolina Furniture, Skydive Spaceland, San Marcos Art League, and Barefoot Campus Outfitters.

Restaurant donors for the "Best of Dining" drawings include: San Marcos: Palmer's Restaurant Bar & Courtyard, Blue Dahlia Bistro,

the Root Cellar Cafe, Tiff's Treats, Cafe on the Square, Sean Patrick's Brew Pub, Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, San Marcos BBQ, Casa Maria Restaurant Bar & Bakery, Pho Tran88, Ivar's River Pub and El Jefe's Mexican Restaurant Patio & Bar.

New Braunfels: Alpine House, Rudy's BBQ, Gruene River Grill, and Montana Mike's. Lockhart: Loop 'n Lils. Kyle: Texican Cafe. Seguin: A-Tan Sushi & Asian Grill.

To become a sponsor or to purchase tickets, please visit <https://lbjmuseum.com/15th-anniversary-benefit-gala/> or call 512-353-3300 for more information.

Information provided by the LBJ Museum

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4 DAY WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
High - 87° Low - 54° Rain - 0%	High - 87° Low - 56° Rain - 0%	High - 88° Low - 59° Rain - 0%	High - 90° Low - 60° Rain - 0%

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