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Wife of late Dr. Allen speaks during memorial walk

Amy Allen, wife of the late Dr. Monte D. Allen, speaks to supporters outside the Northtown Professional Plaza during the Monte D. Allen Memorial — No Stomach for Cancer Walk on Saturday morning.

LHA search for WWII items

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Laredo Housing Authority is currently renovating its administration building, located in Colonia Guadalupe, as a revitalization of the city's public housing history.

This building, originally completed in 1940, will become a meeting space for the organization and the veteran community. To commemorate the initiation of public housing, LHA is looking toward the community to decorate the space with photographs and artifacts of local World War II veterans and Laredo in the 1930s-40s.

Items can range from photographs and medals

The public housing initiative began as a part of the New Deal in the 1930s and expanded during World War II in an effort to provide affordable housing during the Great Depression and to soldiers returning to their home after war to build a new life

to clothing and weaponry.

"Showcasing the veterans of our community is a beautiful way to show our respect for their service," said Julia Orduña, planning and community affairs specialist for LHA. "Anything that is loaned to the Laredo Housing Authority will be insured for protection and

can be returned to the family at any time."

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velopment in Laredo, Colonia Guadalupe represented a sizable economic boost and improvement in housing conditions for the City of Laredo.

To donate or lend items for the display or for more information, contact Julia Orduña at jorduna@larha.org or (956) 722-4521.

The Laredo Housing Authority was established in 1939 and provides affordable housing options for communities in Laredo, Zapata and Asherton. Currently, LHA owns and manages 994 public housing units in eight different locations and provides voucher assistance to 1,390 families in the private rental sector.

BLOTTER:

On the web @ social.lmtonline.com/gallery

EVADING ARREST

▶ Brandon De La Rosa, 17, was arrested at 3:24 a.m. Saturday in the 2400 block of Baltimore Street on the charge of evading arrest, detention with a vehicle or watercraft.

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE

▶ Jose Nava, 19, was arrested at 4:15 p.m. Saturday in the 2500 block of East Travis Street on the charge of credit/debit card abuse.

ASSAULT

▶ Jorge Sandoval, 31, was arrested at 11:53 p.m. Saturday in the 6300 block of Sinatra Parkway on the charge of assault causing bodily injury, family violence.

ACCIDENT INVOLVING DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE

▶ Alberto De La Rosa, 32, was arrested at 1:07 a.m. Sunday in the 3400 block of Sheffield Street on the charge of accident involving damage to a vehicle.

PURCHASE/FURNISH ALCOHOL TO A MINOR

▶ Victor Villarreal, 18, was arrested at 12:58 a.m. Sunday in the 2300 block of Ugarte Street on the charge of purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

▶ Juan Rodriguez, 25, was arrested at 3:49 a.m. Sunday in the 300 block of East Clark Boulevard on the charge of DWI

Relocations on hold for Corpus Christi bridge

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CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Plans have been suspended for some Corpus Christi residents to get government financial help to move or sell their homes to make way for a \$1 billion bridge because of a dispute over whether some landlords also deserve monetary assistance.

The Austin-based Texas RioGrande Legal Aid sent a letter to several state and federal agencies on Friday saying the decision by the Texas Department of Transportation would affect scores of residents of the Hillcrest neighborhood near the span, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported Sunday.

The group said the decision was unacceptable and violates a settlement

reached in December that included the relocation assistance. The settlement was reached to enable a \$930 million project to replace the 1959 Harbor Bridge. Crews broke ground in August for the new span, which will have higher clearance for larger cargo ships, and construction is expected to be completed in 2021.

The grassroots organization Citizens Alliance for Fairness and Progress said it was told several weeks ago that the months-long dispute had been settled over whether some non-occupant owners could also qualify for state-funded relocation assistance.

But during a community meeting on Thursday, representatives residents that the relocations had been put on hold.

Blood donations scheduled

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center wants to make sure everyone who needs blood during the holidays will get it.

"Patients' need for blood never ends, even as we enjoy family time and festivities," the center says in a news release.

Donations typically decline from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day because of changes in work and vacation schedules, and the drop can lead to shortages for patients in need across South Texas. New and existing donors are encouraged to make one

more donation for 2016.

Blood donations help a wide range of people, from those involved in major automobile accidents to those undergoing cancer treatments.

Here are drives in Laredo in November:

Alexander High School
▶ Nov. 9-10
▶ 3600 E. Del Mar Blvd.
▶ 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Martin High School
▶ Nov. 10-11
▶ 2002 San Bernardo
▶ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cigarroa High School
▶ Nov. 15-16
▶ 2600 Zacatecas
▶ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nixon High School

▶ Nov. 16
▶ 2000 Plum
▶ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Laredo Early College High School

▶ Nov. 17
▶ 5201 University Blvd.
▶ 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Mall Del Norte

▶ Nov. 25-26
▶ 5300 San Dario, Suite 206 C
▶ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

L.B. Johnson High School

▶ Nov. 28-29
▶ 5626 Cielito Lindo
▶ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All donors must present identification. Anyone

who is 16 years old and weighs at least 120 pounds (with a parental consent form), or 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds, and is in good general health may donate blood. Learn more about blood donation and schedule an appointment at www.southtexasblood.org.

About the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center: The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center (STBTC) is a nonprofit community blood center providing blood, plasma, platelets and other blood components to hospitals in more than 40 South Texas counties.

Molina Foundation seeking volunteers

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Teams of "Book Buddy" volunteers are needed by The Molina Foundation on Nov. 8-9 to assist with the sorting and packing of free new children's books that will be distributed to schools and nonprofit groups that serve low-income, high-need communities in the Laredo area.

A total of 60,000 colorful storybooks, activity books and work/study-books — enough to fill a library bookshelf nearly a half-mile long — from a variety of publishers and authors will be given away. The books, in English & Spanish, cover learning levels from preschool to high school.

There are 57 schools and nonprofits in Webb and Zapata counties that have been pre-selected as the book recipients. These organizations will

send trucks, vans and other vehicles to pick up the books at a business warehouse in the Crossroads area. The Molina Foundation, based in Long Beach, CA, needs help at the warehouse and is issuing this "call for service" to find 40 good volunteers as detailed below.

When & Where:

▶ Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

▶ Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016 — 9 to 4 p.m.

▶ L&F Distributors, Main Warehouse, 410 Crossroads Ave.

At least 20 "Book Buddy" volunteers are needed for each day to assist with sorting/packing of book boxes and "drive-thru" loading of vehicles. Refreshments & lunch will be served.

Who & Why:

For more information about the distribution and how to serve as a volunteer, please contact:
▶ Dawn Bayer, Volunteer & Distribution Coordinator

▶ Tel: 310-375-6813 ext. 3003; Cell: 562-577-8020
▶ Email: dawn.bayer@molina-foundation.org

The distribution is part of Launch Into Learning for Laredo (Lanza de Libros para Laredo), a literacy campaign by The Molina Foundation to help give local children an academic boost this fall season.

Research shows that the South Texas region continues to have significant academic achievement gaps, including competency in basic reading skills, between children in poverty and their better off peers.

VOTE FOR WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONER

JOHN GALO!

"Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your County Commissioner. We've faced many challenges but many more lie ahead. We must continue working together to meet them! Please join me and let's make Webb County accountable to all of us!"

"I respectfully ask for the opportunity to continue serving you, the taxpayers of Precinct 3, and all of Webb County. Please remember to cast your vote on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8.

"God Bless you and your entire family."

-- Commissioner John Galo

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for County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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