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## City manager finalist selected

By DALTON SWEAT  
 Staff Reporter

After around 14 hours of interviews and deliberations, the San Marcos City Council chose the person they wanted to run the city for the foreseeable future.

Coming into Tuesday, there were five city manager finalists: Karen Daly of Sugar Land, James Earp of Kyle, Chuck Ewings of Longview, Tansy Hay-

ward of Tacoma, Wash., and Jared Miller of North Richland Hills. Now that the city has narrowed the candidates to one, it must start the negotiation process.

Mayor Daniel Guerrero said that there was no specific timetable to have a contract finalized, and once a contract was in place a meeting would be called to announce the decision.

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## Work on IH-35/Loop 82 intersection begins

By DALTON SWEAT  
 Staff Reporter

Construction. In many places, construction is considered a good thing and a sign of growth and investment. In San Marcos,

while those positives are recognized, construction is starting to become a 12-letter bad word.

The old saying "it gets worse before it gets better" comes to mind as the city prepares for a

brand-new concept to be implemented at two major interstate intersections.

Work on Aquarena Springs (Loop 82) and IH-35 starts this week.

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Daily Record Photo by Anita Miller

### Singing for Amigas del Centro

San Antonio-based musician Bianca Sapet performed a selection at Saturday evening's Amigas del Centro dinner at the Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos. The Centro, located in the old Bohnam School on Lee Street, celebrated its second anniversary in September.



SMCISD Photo

SMHS freshman Illeana Garcia and sophomore Samantha Huebner performed in all 10 performances of Ballet San Antonio's "The Nutcracker" last week at the Majestic Theater.

## Starlets of the stage

### Two SMHS dancers perform in San Antonio's 'Nutcracker'

By IRIS CAMPBELL  
 San Marcos CISD

Ballet San Antonio staged Tchaikovsky's masterpiece, "The Nutcracker," from Nov. 29 - Dec. 8 at the city's Majestic Theater. Participating in the seasonal dance tra-

dition were two San Marcos High School students — sophomore Samantha Huebner and freshman Illeana Garcia — who transported the audience magically from the Land of Snowflakes to the Kingdom

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## Austin/SM metroplex named Best Performing Large City

By DALTON SWEAT  
 Staff Reporter

San Marcos, along with Austin and Round Rock makes up the Central Texas metro-

politan area, has been named the Best Performing Large City in American after the Milken Institute rated the top metros in the United States on jobs, wages and technology

trends.

Obviously, the list is largely based around Austin, but San Marcos does make up the southern portion of

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## Henson to run for Chief Justice of 3rd Court of Appeals



Diane Henson

From Staff Reports

AUSTIN — Former Third Court of Appeals Justice Diane Henson announced that she will run for Chief Justice on the Third Court of Appeals in 2014, according to a Wednesday press release.

Current Chief Justice Woodie Jones is retiring at the end of his term in 2014.

Justice Jones is the only Democrat serving on the six-member Third Court of Appeals. Henson was elected to the Court of Appeals in 2006 and has served on more than 2,000 three-judge panels and personally authored more than 700 opinions since 2006.

During her tenure as an appellate judge, she consistently

received high bar poll ratings, and during 2012, she was the top vote-getter in the State Bar's Judicial Preference Poll among four incumbent judges who were up for re-election. Henson was narrowly defeated for re-election due to Mitt Romney soundly winning 23 of the 24 counties in the district.

"A judge must be a steward of

our Constitution, and a judge must speak truth to power. I was proud to be on the panel that ordered the DNA testing in Michael Morton's case that led to his exoneration," Henson said in the release. "We need more judges who are independent, impartial, and fair. We don't need extremists on our courts. We need

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## Municipal court opens new home

San Marcos Mayor Daniel Guerrero and Hays County Judge Bert Cobb recently cut the ribbon at the city of San Marcos Municipal Court's new home at the Hays County Government Center, located at 712 S. Stagecoach Trail, Suite 2233. Pictured from left are Deira Robertson, Justice of the Peace Margie Hernandez, Richelle Vaughn,

County Commissioner Ray Whisenant, Douglas Montgomery, Sheriff Gary Cutler, Judge Cobb, Justice of the Peace Andrew Cable, Municipal Court Judge John Burke, Guerrero, Susie Garcia, Maria Delgado, City Council member Lisa Prewitt, Maria Collins, Constable David Peterson and Christina Alvarez.

## IH-35...

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and when that project is finished, the dirt will turn at Highway 80 and the Interstate.

Both will be outfitted with what is called a "continuous flow intersection." It will be one of the first of its type in the entire state, and since the idea is a foreign concept, it's difficult to explain.

Take Hopkins Street for example. A car is headed east on Hopkins toward the Interstate with the intent to turn left toward Austin, it will enter what would look like a turn lane in the center of the road. A stop light will allow those cars to cross through oncoming traffic

about 100 yards before the Interstate. Those cars would enter a new, offset lane on the left side of the oncoming traffic. That lane will continue towards the Interstate and merge with the U-turn lane underneath IH-35 eventually heading north.

By off-setting the left turns on each street, the left turn signal is phased out of the through-traffic lanes meaning that traffic continuing east or west will be able to travel at the same time for longer periods.

"The reason that it's called continuous flow is because when the light turns, it allows a continuous flow of traffic

from both sides." TxDOT Public Information Officer Kelli Reyna explained. "Traditionally you would see the left hand turn goes first and then the opposite direction has to wait. Here as soon as that light turns both east and west go at the same time. The only way to do that is to move the left turns over to the left side of the road way."

No area in Central Texas has the continuous flow intersection though one is under construction at "The Y" in Oak Hill.

"We are always looking for a better way to do something, and we are looking to maximize our through-put as far as

traffic volumes goes," Reyna said. "You can't put a one size fits all on anything, so you have to continue to look for what fits the need for that roadway."

The two projects combined cost \$4.7 million dollars, and is expected to take nine months. The construction on Aquarena is expected to be finished by April, and then the work starts on Hopkins which should finish in fall 2014.

During construction, TxDOT expects that two lanes will be kept open in each direction during the day on Aquarena. Most of the construction will be done between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.

## City...

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"We had excellent candidates and a very positive process," Guerrero said in a press release. "Our interviews and the public reception Monday with our citizens gave us a chance to get to know our candidates and for them to learn about San Marcos. We are grateful for their participation in this process."

The name of the finalist is kept under wraps in case a contract cannot be reached and a different candidate was selected.

All five candidates were interviewed by the city council and city staff on Tuesday. The meeting began in 8 a.m. and lasted until around 10 p.m.

## Henson...

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judges with substantial experience and who bring a balanced approach to this critical appellate court."

An honors-law graduate, Henson began her career as a federal prosecutor for the Department of Justice in Washington D.C., where she investigated and prosecuted corrupt politicians. In 1983, Henson arrived in Austin and began working for Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody. Within three years, she was named the firm's first female litigation partner.

Since leaving the bench, Henson has been a partner at Ikard Wynne LLP. During her career, Henson has been involved in many significant cases concerning children and their right to participate in scholastic and extracurricular activities. Her Title IX cases opened the doors for

thousands of girls to play sports and to compete for equitable scholarship dollars (and resulted in the University of Texas adding women sports teams in soccer, softball and rowing).

The Third Court of Appeals encompasses 24 counties in central and west Texas: Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Coke, Comal, Concho, Fayette, Hays, Irion, Lampasas, Lee, Llano, McCulloch, Milam, Mills, Rannels, San Saba, Schleicher, Sterling, Tom Green, Travis and Williamson. With more than 25 years of trial and appellate experience in both civil and criminal litigation before taking the bench, and after six years on the intermediate appellate court, Henson says she is uniquely qualified to be elected to one of the State's most important appellate courts.

## Best...

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what Milken considers a large city.

Milken Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan economic think tank that "works to improve lives around the world by advancing innovative economic policy solutions," according to the report.

The area ranked second in job growth from 2007 through 2012 and 11th in wage growth nationwide.

The No. 1 overall ranking was helped by the technology industry.

"The metro is rapidly becoming an important technology center, with the 13th-highest concentration of technology output in the nation," the report says.

The data is collected across the entire market, not individually, so it is tough to tell where San Marcos fits into the equation.

One area that jumps to the front is a growth in multi-family housing.

"This influx of young professionals, who prefer renting or buying condominiums, is also changing the mix of housing construction and causing builders to hire. Multifamily construction permits almost tripled in 2012 vs. 2011, hitting 11,300. Construction employment shot up 7.6 percent from June 2012 to June 2013," the report says, referencing the entire region.

Texas had six other metropolitan statistical areas that made the top 25 in the nation with San Antonio-New Braunfels checking in at 12. The job growth in the San Antonio was based around military medical-related operations and oil and gas exploration in the Eagle Ford Shale.

The other Texas cities on the list were Dallas (7), Houston (8), Fort Worth (16), Corpus Christi (17) and Laredo (22).

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## Dancers...

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of Sweets.

Huebner was chosen by Artistic Director Gabriel Zertuche for the role of "Clara," and she performed that role on Dec. 6-7. Other nights, Huebner was cast in the Russian scenes and as Friends of Clara.

Garcia was cast in the Soldiers, Russian and Friends of Clara scenes. Both ladies performed in all 10 shows this season, and both began their ballet training in San Marcos at the Pointe Dance Studio

with Katherine Grote.

They continued training with Keith Duncan at the Central Texas Ballet Conservatory and now study in San Antonio at the Ballet Conservatory of South Texas with Marieli Guardiola-Pope and Sarah Pautz of Ballet San Antonio.

Huebner and Garcia are full time, pre-AP honor students at San Marcos High School and train in ballet more than 20 hours per week.

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