

STATE BRIEFS

Steam train boosts Burnet economy

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BURNET — The Hill Country Flyer's visits to Burnet are being credited with reviving both the local economy and the mood of residents.

Several downtown buildings have been renovated and new businesses have opened to serve the steam train's 650 passengers who arrive hungry and thirsty after the run from Cedar Park each Saturday and Sunday.

Locals greet passengers with music and skits, and crowds are bolstered by out-of-towners who drive here to see the train.

Martha Pike, owner of The Shoppe on the Square, said the crowds are creating both enthusiasm and increased business downtown.

"The train brings out the kid in people," she said.

Her husband, Marrell Pike, serenades the train passengers during their two-hour layover. "I've had 150 people sitting on the courthouse lawn listening to me play guitar," he said.

The steady flow of passengers since the train began its runs in July has

caught the attention of investors, such as Dallas resident Charles Hayman.

Hayman was in town last week looking for a suitable place to open a "John Wayne-style saloon" and a bed and breakfast.

He considered investing in other communities, but said, "I focused on Burnet because of the railroad, the new detox center, the new hospital and the new golf course."

Hayman was referring to the 500-bed substance abuse center scheduled for construction by 1995, the \$4.1 million Highland Lakes Medical Center that will open Wednesday, and the Delaware Springs Municipal Golf Course that will open Oct. 24.

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice decision to award a substance abuse center to Burnet was a boost for local morale.

Before the announcement in June, Lynette Harman summed up the business climate in Burnet by saying, "Burnet don't have an economy as it is. You're lucky to make minimum wage here."

Although it's too soon for merchants or city leaders to have statistics showing the increase in business brought by the Flyer, no one is questioning the positive impact of the train.

"This is really helping our little town. Everybody is just really thrilled about it," said Billie Blair, who is renovating the downtown offices of her construction business into a cafe and restaurant downtown.

"Ordinarily, the weekend was just dead down here," she said.

Dick McManigle, vice president of the Burnet Chamber of Commerce, said, "The main thing the train does is it helps people discover Burnet. We've been discovered here." He said motels in the region are full.

George Hehr, co-chairman of the Burnet Retail Association, said, "The train has definitely had a very positive impact."

Hehr bought a downtown building in January and is remodeling it into a cafe and mercantile store. "Even the traffic during the week is greater than it was before. People have heard there is something going on in Burnet," he said.

State officials move into new building

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AUSTIN — The first of more than 700 state officials and legislative workers are scheduled to begin moving underground by the end of the month into a new Capitol extension.

"It's Class A all the way — the finishes and the systems, they're all high-quality," said David Stauch, the project's director. "This would leave any average state office building in the dust."

The \$62.9 million extension has lights that turn themselves on and off when someone enters or leaves a room, a

computerized fire-safety system, and miles of fiber-optic cable so that, among other things, lawmakers with laptop computers can plug into the state's mainframes during public hearings.

There are two floors of legislative offices, committee rooms, an auditorium, a restaurant, a bookstore and a gift shop. Electronic card keys will limit some hallways to government officials only, and disguised video cameras will continuously monitor key corridors and office entrances.

Many of the high-tech items are costly. For example, light dimmers in central corridors and hearing rooms cost \$254,000. But officials say climate-control and on-off sensors for office lights alone are expected to yield big energy savings, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

"As state buildings go, this by far will be one of the most efficient and energy-saving," said Dealey Herndon, executive director of the State Preservation Board. That's the agency responsible for the project and the ongoing \$110 million restoration of the Capitol.

In about three weeks, approximately 40 House committee staff members are scheduled to be the first to move into the underground building.

They will be followed by Gov. Ann Richards, Secretary of State John Hannah, Senate and House members and their staffs.

It will be the first time in more than a century that the governor's office will be outside the Capitol, officials said.

Underground fire puts 9 in hospital

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HOUSTON — Nine men working in an underground tunnel were hospitalized Tuesday for treatment of smoke inhalation suffered during an electrical fire, authorities said.

Two of those injured were taken to Ben Taub Hospital, where one was in poor condition and the other was in stable condition, said hospital spokesman Roger Widmeyer.

"They both have smoke inhalation," Widmeyer said.

Seven others were hospitalized at Hermann Hospital. Lisa Fuglaar, a hospital spokesman, said six were being treated for respiratory problems and were expected to be released sometime Tuesday, while the seventh still was being evaluated.

Houston Fire Department spokesman Chris Lyons said the accident occurred around 11 a.m. inside a six-foot wide tunnel that was being drilled for a storm sewer. The tunnel is about 40 feet underground.

"They were using a large drill bit. Something happened, it either shorted out or burned out, but it filled the tunnel with smoke," Lyons said.

The workers had to rush about 1,500 feet to the tunnel's opening, he said.

Creative Encounters

DANCE

- Beg. Country & Western Dance**
Wed. Sept 16 - Oct 14
6-7:15pm or 7:30 - 8:45pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
- Adv. C&W Dance**
Wed. Oct 21 - Nov 18
6-7:15pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
- Balroom Dancing I**
Tues. Sept 22 - Oct 27
7:15-8:30pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent
- Balroom Dancing II**
Tues. Nov 3 - 24
7:15-8pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent
- Beginning Jitterbug**
Mon. Oct 12 - Nov 9
6-7pm
Mon. Oct 12 - Nov 9
7:15-8:15pm
Wed. Oct 21 - Nov 18
7:30-8:45pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

MUSIC

- Beginning Guitar**
Tues. Sept 15 - Nov 3
7-8:30pm
Wed. Sept 16 - Nov 4
7-8:30pm
Thurs. Sept 24 - Nov 12
7-8:30pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent
- Intermediate Guitar**
Tues. Sept 15 - Nov 3
8:30-10pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent
- Suzuki Strings I**
Mon. Sept 14 - Oct 19
6:30-8pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
- Suzuki Strings II**
Mon. Oct 26 - Nov 23
6:30-8pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
- Voice Training**
Tues. Sept 15 - Oct 6
6-9pm
Tues. Oct 20 - Nov 10
6-9pm
\$16/student \$21/nonstudent
- Music Theory**
Thurs. Sept 24 - Oct 29
6:30-8pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent
- Music Appreciation**
Thurs. Oct 8 - 29
8-9:30pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Beg. B&W Darkroom**
Thurs. Sept 24, Oct 1, 8
6-9pm
Thurs. Oct 22, 29 Nov 5
6-9pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent
- Beginning Photography**
Mon. Oct 6 - 27
6-9pm
Mon. Sept 21 - Oct 12
6-9pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent
- Matting & Framing**
Wed. Sept 16 - 30
6-8pm
Tues. Nov 3 - 17
6-8pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

SPECIAL INTEREST

- Writing Children's Books**
Thurs. Sept 24 - Oct 15
6-9pm
Thurs. Oct 22 - Nov 12
6-9pm
\$33/student \$38/nonstudent
- Creative Writing**
Tues. Sept 29 - Nov 3
6:30-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
- Wines of America**
Tues. Sept 22 - Oct 13
7-8:30pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent
- International Wines**
Wed. Sept 23 - Oct 14
7-8:30pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent
- Social Phenomenon of Spiritualism**
Thurs. Oct 1 - 22
8:30-10pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent

Plan Your Own Wedding

Tues. Oct 6 - 27
6-8pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent

Bike Maintenance

Tues. Sept 15 - Oct 6
7-9pm (6-10pm last class)
Tues. Oct 13 - Nov 3
7-9pm (6-10pm last class)
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Bridge

Wed. Sept 23 - Nov 18
6-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Low Cost, No Cost Energy Efficiency

Tues. Sept 29
7-8:30pm
Tues. Oct 13
7-8:30pm
Tues. Nov 17
7-8:30pm
No fee for class. Be sure to register.

Billiards

Sat. Sept 19 - Oct 17
9am-11am
Sat. Sept 19 - Oct 17
11am-1pm
\$28/student \$33/nonstudent

Star Gazing

T/Th. Oct 6 - 29
7:30-10:30pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

How to Purchase a Diamond

Wed. Oct 7 - 21
7-8pm
\$14/student \$19/nonstudent

Woodworking I

M/W. Sept 14 - 23
6-9pm
M/W. Sept 28 - Oct 7
6-9pm
M/W. Oct 13 - 22
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Woodworking II

T/Th. Nov 3 - 12
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Adv. Woodworking

Sun. Nov 8 - 22
6-8pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent



MSC University PLUS

ARTS & CRAFTS

- Stained Glass**
Thurs. Sept 17 - Oct 15
6-9pm
Wed. Oct 7 - Nov 4
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
- Leaded Glass**
Mon. Oct 26 - Nov 23
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
- Etched Glass**
Wed. Sept 23
6-9pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent
- Potpourri**
Tues. Oct 20
6-9pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent
- Flower Arranging**
Tues. Sept 15 - 29
6-9pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent
- Cake Decorating**
Tues. Sept 15 - Oct 6
6-8pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
- Painting I**
Thurs. Sept 17 - Oct 15
6:30-9:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
- Painting II**
Thurs. Oct 22 - Nov 19
6:30-9:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
- Drawing I**
Tues. Sept 15 - Oct 13
6-8pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
- Drawing II**
Tues. Oct 20 - Nov 17
6-8pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

THREADS

- Hand Quilting**
Wed. Oct 7 - 28
6-8pm
\$16/student \$21/nonstudent
- Sewing I**
Mon. Sept 14 - Oct 12
6-9pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent
- Sewing II**
Mon. Oct 19 - Nov 16
6-9pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
- Smocking**
Mon. Oct 19 - Nov 9
6-9pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent
- Puppet Making**
Thurs. Oct 8 - 29
6-9pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

POTTERY

- Pottery**
Tues. Sept 15 - Oct 20
5-7pm
Tues. Sept 15 - Oct 20
7:30-9:30pm
M/W. Oct 5 - Oct 21
5-7pm
M/W. Oct 5 - Oct 21
7:30-9:30pm
Sat. Oct 3 - Oct 31
9:30am-12noon
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
- Advanced Pottery**
M/W. Nov 2 - Nov 18
7:30-9:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

LANGUAGES

- French**
T/Th. Sept 29 - Nov 5
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
- German**
T/Th. Sept 22 - Oct 29
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
- Italian**
M/W. Sept 21 - Oct 28
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
- Chinese**
M/W. Oct 5 - Nov 11
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
- Japanese I**
M/W. Sept 14 - Oct 21
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
- Japanese II**
M/W. Oct 26 - Dec 9
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
- English as a 2nd Language (ESL)**
M/Th. Sept 21 - Oct 22
6-7:30pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
- Russian**
M/W. Oct 5 - Nov 11
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
- Sign Language I**
M/W. Sept 14 - Oct 14
6-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
- Sign Language II**
M/W. Sept 14 - Oct 14
6-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
- Spanish I**
T/Th. Sept 15 - Oct 22
6:30-8pm
M/W. Sept 21 - Oct 28
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
- Spanish II**
T/Th. Nov 3 - Dec 10
8-9:30pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

COMPUTERS

- Intro to Mac Computers**
Sat. Sept 19
9-12am
T/W. Sept 22, 23
6-7:30am
Sat. Oct 10
9-12am
Sat. Nov 14
9-12am
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
- Microsoft Word 5.0 Processing for MAC**
T/Th. Sept 29, 30, Oct 1
6-7:30pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
- Intro to DOS / IBM PC**
M/W. Sept 14, 16, 21
7-9pm
M/W. Oct 5, 7, 12
7-9pm
M/W. Oct 26, 28, Nov 2
7-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
- Windows**
T/W. Sept 15, 16
6-7:30pm
T/W. Oct 13, 14
6-7:30pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent
- Lotus 1 2 3**
T/Th. Sept 15 - Oct 1
7-9pm
M/W. Nov 3 - Nov 19
7-9pm
\$45/student \$50/nonstudent
- WordPerfect 5.1**
T/Th. Sept 22 - Oct 8
7-9pm
T/Th. Oct 20 - Nov 5
7-9pm
T/Th. Oct 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29
6-8pm
\$45/student \$50/nonstudent

BUSINESS

- Stress Management**
T/Th. Oct 6 - 22
6:30-8pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
- Business Etiquette**
Tues. Sept 22, 29
6-8pm
\$10/student \$15/nonstudent
- Basics of Investing**
Tues. Sept 29 - Oct 27
7:30-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
- Job Interviewing**
T/Th. Sept 22 - Oct 1
6:30-8pm
T/Th. Oct 20 - 29
6:30-8pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent
- GRE Success**
M/W. Sept 21 - Oct 8
7:30-9:30pm
\$70/student \$75/nonstudent
- Personal Finance and Banking**
Mon. Sept 21 - Oct 12
7-9pm
No fee required - Registration only
- Time Management**
Wed. Sept 16 - Oct 14
6-7:30pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
- Tools for Success**
Thurs. Oct 8 - Nov 5
7-8:30pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

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