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Austin Community College wants to build its largest campus, capable of serving 10,000-11,000 students, in eastern Williamson County as soon as possible. The school has already begun land acquisition on University Boulevard and commissioned concept drawings. It is a unique situation because ACC has never purchased property in a community outside of its district.

Since 1980, ACC has offered classes in Round Rock schools, and in more recent years the Round Rock Higher Education Center has acted as a sort of satellite campus by hosting classes. During the All-of-Austin-Annexation in 2005, 33 percent of the Round Rock Independent School District joined the college's district. However, most of the county growth is outside of its district.

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Meanwhile, ACC intends to acquire land near the RRHEC on University Boulevard by purchasing a portion of the 60 acres. The RRHEC is the only facility which might also happen soon since an unnamed group recently announced their decision to begin an annexation campaign effort that would result in a May 2008 election.

If Round Rock Independent School District residents want the largest Austin Community College District campus in their city, then voters will need to approve joining the two-year college's taxing district, according to ACC President Stephen Kinslow. He points to gaining a campus, cheaper tuition and free dual-credit courses for high school students as valuable incentives.

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Pflugerville and Round Rock organizations motivated by community aspirations rely on dedication of leaders and volunteers to improve and sustain local quality of life

BY KARA VAUGHT

Round Rock’s Momentum

While many cities use a half-cent sales tax to fund economic development activities, Round Rock puts its pennies toward transportation infrastructure. Thus, the chamber of commerce in Round Rock officially established Momentum in 2004 as the economic development office's funding arm.

Businesses and individuals join Momentum by committing to contribute funds for five-year increments, and the city matches those monies almost 2-to-1. Momentum already exceeded its goal of $1.25 million raised by 2009
HotSpot on Health

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When a child has been diagnosed with developmental disabilities, behavioral or speech issues, or other learning disabilities, physical, emotional and social therapy can make a big difference in helping the child learn to love. Often, child behavior involves so much of the discussion may be centered around what the child “will never” do. It is important not to discuss such behaviors any further.

- Difficulty concentrating
- Easily distracted
- Anger out of place
- Mistrusts when in crowds
- Some behind in school
- Fear to respond to questions
- Often talks for vocal tone
- Difficulty communicating
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- Does not think out of sequence
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New general manager considers importance of community news

I marvel at the amount of changes that can occur in such a short time.

Before moving to Round Rock two years ago with my husband, we knew little about the area. Our jobs took us here, however, and it was not long before we knew this was a great place to work and raise a family. It is not very often people can live in a nice area and have a commute to work that is less than 10 minutes, but that is true for us here. A few months after arriving, we received the first issue of Community Impact Newspaper, and the story on the toll roads really caught our attention.

We live close by this construction and wondered how long it would take to finish and where the roads would go. We found the information we needed and read each following issue.

Change continues as our story about the possibility of a new ACC campus in Round Rock shows. This paper develops and evolves just as our cities do.

After a year with the newspaper, publisher John Garrett entrusted me with taking over his role as general manager of this publication as he oversees our company’s growth.

I knew I was joining something very special from the beginning, and it has been a joy to see the progress our team has experienced. Every issue, special publication and special guide is more informative and reader-friendly as we learn from each one we produce.

Our mission is to help readers know their community well because understanding more about our cities and ways to enjoy them are the first steps in gaining a better appreciation about the place we call home.

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TriFusion opens headquarters in Round Rock

TriFusion, a managed IT deployment provider with more than 125 employees, celebrated the grand opening of its new headquarters of 80,000 sq. ft. in Round Rock May 18.

“Our new facility brings greater functionality and efficiency to our company,” TriFusion CEO Corey Bell said. “We are in a time of growth and improvement, and we’re proud to be an integral part of Round Rock’s high-tech community.”

Just four years after TriFusion began, the grand opening event of the new headquarters took place at the Tellabs Drive facility. TriFusion’s new facility brings warehousing and IT operations into the same space as the executive team.

Austin-Round Rock metro area best place for relocating

The Austin-Round Rock metro area is ranked No. 5 in the United States among the Best Cities for Relocating Families, according to a national study. Best Cities for Relocating Families, conducted by Primacy and Worldwide ERC®, focuses on the ease with which a family can move to a new city and settle into a new life. Utilizing current data on the 150 most populous metropolitan statistical areas and encompassing nearly 50 factors important to relocating families, the report provides businesses, families and the national media with one convenient resource for detailed information. The study is conducted in collaboration with Bert Spertling’s BestPlaces.

This year’s report puts increased emphasis on the real estate market, which is currently one of the most significant issues in relocation. At the same time, Primacy and Worldwide ERC® have continued to enhance and expand analysis of economic, educational, quality of life, and climate factors. New categories for 2007 include recreation and leisure, arts and culture, air quality, watershed quality, sales tax, unemployment rates, job growth, area educational levels, school expenditures per student, students in public school, SAT/ACT percentile, and population growth.

Jeff Coleman sworn in as mayor of Pflugerville May 24

Pflugerville election results

Mayor
Jeff Coleman: 1,170
Wayne Cooper: 1,356
Heath Doyle: 18

In Round Rock May 24, Council Members Kris Whitfield and Alan McGraw were sworn into office.

“Click it or Ticket” enforcement

From May 21 through June 3, the Pflugerville Police Department will be out in force, along with thousands of law enforcement agencies nationwide, participating in the Department of Transportation’s “Click It or Ticket” enforcement program. People violating the Texas safety belt use and child safety seat law will risk getting a ticket. In 2006, Texas had a safety belt use of 90.4 percent. Failure to use a safety belt or failure to secure a child properly may cost from $143 to $233.
Paul Keiser began his business, Keal Case, in 1983 out of his garage. With $250, he built the first case. Then he put on the only three-piece suit he owned, drove around Austin, handed out his business cards and tried to sell his homemade cases that could hold pretty much anything.

After saving for the first year, Keiser purchased a rivet machine to improve efficiency while adding durability. His company is now the second largest of its kind in the nation, selling the most superior product, Keiser said.

“We supply custom-made cases for anything and everything,” Keiser said. “Our product is a luxury item, and it is worth the money because it will never break. The wheels may wear down or the foam may have to be replaced (because of its chemical composition), but it will always stay intact.”

Before his days with Keal Case, Keiser was a musician in a gospel band, Eternity, playing in 300-400 concerts per year all over the world. It was during these travels that he saw the need for strong, durable cases that could carry anything anywhere without falling apart.

Keiser partnered with Joe Alessi, director of Eternity, to begin making the cases. The name was formed by combining the last names of the two founders. They sold cases to people in the music industry and later expanded to hardware and computer chips.

“Musicians want Keal cases because of the quality. Our customer base is quality-driven, and they do not care about the price. We never compromise quality; our product is the most expensive for the best quality,” Keiser said.

Keiser enjoys giving tours of the plant, particularly to high school students.

“I dazzle them. I tell them how I changed my life and chose to live a better life, one with God,” Keiser said. “They will go on hundreds of field trips and never remember any of them, but they will always remember the day they spent with me, the day they met a successful man who came from nothing.”

In addition to running his own business, Keiser collects Smithsonian trains and is building a working steam engine. For the future, Keiser plans on taking it slow, and spending more time with his hobby.

“I enjoy making things. Railroads and trains are my passion. Building the steam engine is fun, and I am taking my time in completing it,” Keiser said.

WHO USES A KEAL CASE?

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A.W. Grimes update
A.W. Grimes Boulevard from Gattis School Road to Hwy. 79 will open June 13. Minor road improvement will continue to be made after the road is open until the end of July. Completion has been delayed by more than a year due to difficulties with getting permits to relocate the railroad from the Union Pacific line. For more information, visit roundrocktx.gov.

Chiropractic shop opens
Drs. Gerard and Tabitha Liboiron opened Focused On You Chiropractic at 2201 Double Creek Drive, Ste. 1001. Their office specializes in upper cervical care, and is one of three in the state that uses the Blair technique, which includes an X-ray of the neck for specific adjustments. For more information, call 733-8838.

Pampered hair care
Salon Ciao Bella at 1009 S. Mays is now open. The two hair stylists on staff will take the time to offer personal consultations, and give a massage for customers receiving a shampoo. For more information, call 733-2426.

Show time
In May, the City of Round Rock completed a $200,000 project to build a 1,200 sq. ft. amphitheater. Situated behind the McConico Building and the Baca Center, the theater’s grass and balcony area will seat around 2,000 attendees. For more information about use of the facility, call the parks and recreation department at 218-5540.

Learn to dance
Greater Austin Dance Academy, 3810 Gattis School Road, will open June 18 in time for summer classes and camps. The academy will offer instruction in tap, ballet, jazz, hip-hop and musical theater for all ages. Both summer and fall registration have already begun. For more information, call 828-GADA or visit www.greateraustindance.com.

Planning for special events
Essentially Weddings and Events is now serving Round Rock and the surrounding area. The owners of the wedding and event coordinating service relocated their business from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. For more information, call 248-9229 or visit www.essentiallyweddings.net.

Shopping center adds tenants
Several new businesses opened in the Brushy Creek Commons at 15912 RM 620.

Hair style
Hair Tex opened, offering salon services that include haircuts, perms, color, highlights, style and waxing. The owner has operated three previous salons with one in Round Rock. Call for appointments in the morning or walk in during the afternoon. For more information, call 828-4227.

Expanded cellular service
A Sprint-only dealer since opening in June 2006, Hello Wireless announced a grand reopening as they begin to offer more wireless options, including Nextel, T-Mobile, Verizon and Helio products. Hello Wireless also has a full selection of cell phone accessories for all major wireless carriers in stock and a full service computer sales and repair operations with a technician who has more than 20 years experience. For more information, call 671-3888 or visit www.hellowireless.com.

Insurance group
Independent insurance agents Cameron Clint and David Espenosa opened a Farmers Insurance Group. They offer auto, home and life insurance, as well as financial advising. For more information, call 535-0407.

School involvement via the Web
Parents can now access Round Rock ISD Board of Trustee meetings via the Internet. Those interested in watching the board meetings online can go to http://207.193.126.115 and type in rrisd for both the user name and the password.

Medical center
Sundance Family Health Center opened in May at 1000 Hesters Crossing Drive, Ste. 100. Dr. Norma Anderson and Dr. Atsushi Matsubara are board-certified family physicians who service all ages, from newborns to seniors. For more information, visit sundancedoctors.com or call 218-4900.

Athletes coming to town
Round Rock, along with other Williamson County neighbors, will host the AT&T Games of Texas, which is an Olympic-style event featuring a multitude of sports for athletes of all ages. The games will be July 21-22 and July 26-29. For volunteer opportunities, call the parks and recreation department at 218-5540. For more information about the event, visit www.ttaf.com/gamesoftexas.

Dentist relocates
Dr. John Zavala is relocating his office, Old Settlers Dental, in mid-June from Sam Bass Road to 119 E. Old Settlers Boulevard. The office offers a variety of dental services including cosmetics, dental implants and orthodontics, along with modern dental technology such as digital X-rays and diagnostic lasers. For more information, call 310-2444.

Television gem
The Jewelry Channel, owned by the India-based VGL Group, will open U.S. headquarters on Michaelangelo Way, providing 135 jobs. By the fifth year of operations, the 24/7 channel plans to employ 700 people in positions ranging from call services to management. A live television studio will be on-site.

New zip code
Effective July 1, the U.S. Postal Service will add 78665 as a zip code for some current 78664 residents in response to the city’s growth. The additional zip code will allow the postal service to add routes and addresses.

News or questions about Round Rock? E-mail us at news@impactnews.com.
Unique shop strives to ‘dazzle’ with superior taste

by Katherine Kennedy

At Dazzle Coffee, the drive-thru in downtown Pflugerville, customers are greeted with either a smile and a “good morning” or a friendly joke. Because customer service is important to this year-old company, the staff makes a point to form lasting impressions.

“We have a blast with our customers and that is why they are loyal to us,” co-owner Cory Wertenberger said. “We even had people come get coffee during the ice storm after we blocked off our entrance. We have built a great relationship with the city.”

Dazzle sells a variety of coffees, as well as an assortment of other drinks. All natural ingredients are used, and the shop has a super-automatic machine for consistency, to ensure the absence of chunks in drinks.

“We spend a ton of money on our product to ensure its quality. Some coffee shops aren’t as focused on product quality as we are,” Michael Scheschuk, co-owner, said. “Even with a better product, our prices are still comparable or below our competitors’ prices. Customers will get a great product for their money and will want to come back.”

The drive-thru coffee shop is a new idea for the Pflugerville area. Wertenberger came up with the idea to start a shop similar to those he knew from his college days at Washington State University.

“Drive-thru coffee was very popular, but the shops were very small. I wanted something that was larger to support a higher volume of customers and that served a better product with faster service from an exceptionally friendly staff,” Wertenberger said. “The drive-thru offers a more comfortable interaction between the staff and our customers. People don’t have to get out of their cars and disrupt what they are doing to get a cup of coffee.”

After working in coffee shops in Austin, Wertenberger decided it was time to open his own. Scheschuk, who also works at Dell Inc., was looking for an investment at the time and Dazzle Coffee was born. Scheschuk says they chose Pflugerville as Dazzle’s home because of its small-town atmosphere.

“It’s nice to know the names of our customers and know that they truly care about our well-being. We enjoy being a part of this tight community,” Scheschuk said. “About 75 to 85 percent of people who buy our product are repeat customers. Our customers tell their friends about our fun atmosphere and spread the word about our place. We have built a strong bond with the community.”

Expansion is in the future for Wertenberger and Scheschuk, and they hope to remain in the Pflugerville area.

“Be on the lookout for shop number two,” Scheschuk said.

Manager Shelby Parker serves a customer.

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Sweet treat shops
Kaleidoscoops Ice Cream and More opened at 200 E. Pecan St., Ste. 2 in May next to El Rincon and Lone Star Coffee. A national co-op of ice cream shops, Kaleidoscoops offers everything from traditional cones to cakes to “cool dogs,” an ice cream version of a hot dog. For more information, visit kaleidoscoops.com.

Independence Day festival
A year after the opening of Lake Pflugerville, the Pflugerville Community Development Corporation and the City of Pflugerville will hold the first Pflugerville Firecracker Festival July 1. The free event will begin at 3 p.m. and will continue until after the fireworks. Non-profit organizations interested in sponsoring a booth should contact Kathy Ellis at 990-4363 or pfirecracker@cityofpflugerville.com. Visit www.cityofpflugerville.com for more information.

Fishing for fun
The City of Pflugerville Parks and Recreation Department and the Pfriends for Pflugerville’s Pfuture (PF4) will host the first KidFish Foundation Youth Tourney June 2 at Lake Pflugerville. KidFish presents information to children about fishing, conservation and respect for other anglers. Each child, ages 6-16, will receive a degree from Fishing College before the tournament begins. Children are asked to bring their own supplies, as additional fishing gear (rod, reel, bait, tackle) is limited. Free event. For more information, call 251-5082.

Grant for expanded reading
The Pflugerville Community Library received a $5,000 technology grant from The Texas Book Festival to support the self-paced and instructor-led lifelong learning classroom and a $2,500 book grant to expand the Spanish-language collection. For more information, visit www.texasbookfestival.org.

Networking opportunity
The Pflugerville Downtown Association and the Pflugerville Community Development Corporation will host its Annual World Golfing Championship of Pflugerville June 10 at Star Ranch. The networking event draws community merchants, developers, landowners and builders in a fundraising forum. In past years, entry money has gone to the Heritage House and the Fallen Warriors Memorial. Cost is $85 per player. For more information, call David Garlic at 1-800-468-3933 or Dwayne Blakeslee at 251-5611.

Ribbon cutting
ATX Property Management held its ribbon cutting May 31. The business at 203 W. Main, Ste. B. manages property, including both leasing and real estate, for landowners and homeowners. ATX handles more than 300 properties in the Austin area. For more information, call 990-3551.

Firefighters needed
The Travis County Emergency Service District No. 2 is accepting applications for firefighter positions until June 29 at the Central Station, 203 E. Pecan St. For more information, visit www.pflugervillefire.com. Within the next month, the ESD also plans to open its new administration building at 201 E. Pecan St.

A bus shuttle will bring attendees from the Hendrickson High School parking lot beginning at 3 p.m. and will run until after the fireworks. Non-profit organizations interested in sponsoring a booth should contact Kathy Ellis at 990-4363 or pfirecracker@cityofpflugerville.com. Visit www.cityofpflugerville.com for more information.

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by raising $1.6 million, to which the city added $2.5 million. “We’re probably the best example of a city and chamber working together on the same page,” said Joe Vining, vice president of economic development for the chamber.

“We all have the shared vision for the community to succeed by increasing the tax base and decreasing reliance on sales tax,”

Momentum’s first goal is to strengthen existing business because the majority of jobs created in Round Rock are from existing firms, said chamber president Charlie Dromgoole.

A team led by Charley Ayres, the chamber’s director of business retention and expansion, is in constant communication with Round Rock business leaders to determine and address their needs and challenges.

“Sometimes they get really global requests and sometimes it’s as simple as putting up a stop sign,” said Landy Warren, chamber chairperson, former Momentum chair and vice president of First Texas Bank. “Charley and staff are able to take that and get it into the right area for consideration for city hall.”

The Round Rock Higher Education Center, Austin Community College and other higher education prospects in Round Rock, such as a nursing school, breed a qualified workforce and entrepreneurs, Dromgoole said.

While maintaining a strong foundation, Momentum also seeks out new business opportunities by marketing nationally and sending Round Rock representatives to meet with interested industries, legislative delegations and educational facilities.

As a result, Warren said, Round Rock is competing on a national scale.

“There’s very much a can-do attitude here, and that’s what’s driven us beyond other communities near state capitals,” he said.

Successes of Momentum include bringing retail developments such as IKEA, Round Rock Premium Outlets and two hospitals, Scott & White and Seton to the city.

But the economic development team emphasized that they and Momentum were not solely responsible for the growth.

“It’s been a community effort.

“We’re probably the best example of a few projects that involved Momentum

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For more information about becoming a Momentum member, call Charlie Dromgoole at 255-5805 or e-mail dromgoole@roundrockchamber.org

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program, wooden fishing piers at Lake Pflugerville and a memorial to local armed forces members.

With a $5,000 grant from Applied Materials for the summer opportunities program, P4 provided day camps and recreational center memberships for children who would have otherwise been left to care for themselves during the day.

Funds for the fishing piers were donated by neighborhood associations, the Pflugerville Community Development Corporation and private donations, and volunteer labor was donated by many civic and community groups to help complete construction.

The Fallen Warrior Memorial, located in Pfluger Park and dedicated in November 2005, is a life-size depiction of three generations of American armed forces. The names of local warriors who gave their lives are engraved in the memorial’s granite pentagon. Donations for the memorial came from numerous public and private donors.

P4 has also found grants for things such as video equipment to tape and broadcast public meetings, planting trees and upgrading community trails and sidewalks.

Buesing sought the help of the city’s grant writer, Michelle Pundt, as P4’s secretary. She has the task of assem-
Leander, landowners discuss partnership

Development would follow extension of city water service

BY KARA VAUGHN

directions: Select plants. Apply water. Watch growth.

Drastically simplified, this is the formula Leander Mayor John Cowman and outgoing council member Iris Davis plan to use in respect to the Ronald W. Reagan Boulevard corridor.

But Cowman and Davis aren’t planting a garden. They want to create a partnership between landowners and the city of Leander to extend water and wastewater services to business developments on Reagan. The utilities would be part of a package deal that includes a plan for the urban surge expected in the area.

“[Reagan] is a development waiting to happen,” Cowman said. “I’m trying to get these folks to act as one body, so basically we can master plan the whole area and make it harmonious.”

Water and savings

The city annexed land on both sides of Reagan north of FM 1431 and south of Hwy. 29 less than a year ago. Cowman began to gather information about the area eight months ago, and in March he invited 63 Reagan landowners and interested parties to a luncheon to discuss his vision for the corridor.

“I informed them that I would like to work on two things with them,” Cowman said. “One, get them to work as a group and, two, create a development agreement that would lock them in to the current capital recovery fee rate.”

Cities charge a capital water and wastewater recovery fee, the amount of which is determined by an engineer. Leander’s rate is low compared to other cities, Cowman said, so he suspects they’ll soon rise. Locking in the landowners rates now would save them roughly $12 million combined.

The projected cost of extending water services to the corridor is also $12 million, Davis said.

“Instead of not having [city water services] at all and no one developing this place for 10 years or whatever, it’s to everyone’s best interest to chip in and get it done,” she said. “The big deal is the $12 million, and that sounds like a lot, but when you think of the overall income to the city and the savings to the landowners, it’s a win-win situation.”

Country life

At the March information-gathering meeting, some landowners expressed to Cowman and Davis their concerns that the city was moving into an area where people purposefully went to escape it. Davis said she recognizes that position fully, because her home is also near Reagan, but she also knows that the area will be developed at some point.

“We understand that progress happens, and we would rather be in front of the ball than behind it, so to speak.”
New zoning increases density
North Austin neighborhood target of growth

BY RACHEL YOUNGS

Water, and the protection of it, is an important factor in Austin’s comprehensive planning. Policies born out of water protection, such as smart growth, have resulted in major developments and employers choosing to locate in North Austin.

“In short, what we did was separate the city into two segments, and we said the boundaries of the drinking water watersheds are going to be our Drinking Water Protection Zone,” Austin City Manager Toby Futrell said. “Urban and suburban watersheds were going to be the Desired Development Zone. That’s where we were going to have public policies that encouraged managed, good, solid growth. That became the foundation of what we call smart growth.”

Smart Growth: Zone specific incentives

The city has several incentives to encourage development in areas where the drinking water supply will not be damaged by construction. This sliding scale lowers cost the further construction is from the Desired Development Zone’s sensitive watershed.

Zoning, subdivision or site plan application per 1/2 acre: $980

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Source: Austin Watershed Protection Development Review

Smart growth

The Austin City Council adopted the smart growth ordinance in 1997 as a way to link planning to environmental protection. Smart growth is a national trend in planning that aims to prevent sprawl and make cities livable from both an ecological and economical standpoint. When the city began redrawing its comprehensive plan in the 1990s, city officials, including Futrell, created the two regions to protect water quality and create distinct areas where growth would either be fostered or discouraged.

Zone locations

West of MoPac is considered the DWPZ. In this region are sections of the Balcones Canyons and the Jollyville Plateau which contain creeks such as Bull Creek that feed into the Edwards Aquifer.

East of MoPac lies the DDZ, an area dense with buildings and roads. Whereas water in the DWPZ soaks into the land to recharge the aquifer, this area is categorized as an urban watershed, meaning most of it is covered in impervious concrete and water runs off into retention ponds rather than the drinking water supply.

Fostering growth

The real estate trend in the 1990s was to build in the western half of the city, Futrell said, so development had to be lured into the DDZ. That’s why, along with the smart growth ordinance, the city also passed a bond in 1998 to lock up the sensitive land around Barton Springs and then approved incentives giving developers a reason to build in the DDZ.

These incentives resulted in the location of Samsung and the Domain. Austin invested an amount not to exceed $25 million at the Domain and $56.5 million at Samsung over the course of 20 years in rebates and taxes, according to Amber King, economic growth and redevelopment services representative.

In return, the city would gain about 1,600 new jobs and a nearly $106 million return on its investment. The incentives were both a financial investment and a growth investment for the city.

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Events

Pflugerville

1. **Lake Pflugerville Triathlon**
   - Sunday, June 24, transition area opens at 6:30 a.m., race begins at 7:30 a.m.
   - 500 meter swim, 13.2 mile bike, three mile run

2. **Kid Fish Tournament**
   - For more information, call 990-4363 or email questions to kidfish@cityofpflugerville.com

3. **Pflugerville Police Association Annual Golf Tournament**
   - Forest Creek Golf Club, 99 Twin Ridge Parkway
   - June 2, 8 a.m.

4. **1st Lake Pflugerville Triathlon**
   - Old Settlers Park, 300 E. Palm Valley Blvd.
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6. **City Hall Parking Garage, 200 E. Bagdad**
   - Old Settlers Park, May 19, 7:30 p.m.
   - Round Rock Farmer’s Market
   - June 9 and June 23, 10-11:30 a.m.

7. **Parks**

   - **Pflugerville**
     - Pflugerville Park, 515 City Park Road, Pflugerville
     - Basketball court, sand volleyball court, a playground, restrooms and the Pflugerville Hike and Bike Trail loops around the park.
     - Pflugerville Park is located in the park and contains a covered gazebo, concrete tables and benches, a barbeque pit and a grill.

   - **Creekside Park, Settlers Valley Drive – Creekside Subdivision, Pflugerville**
     - A playscape, walking trail, sand volleyball court and bocce court.

   - **Kinningham Park, 1000 Southcreek Drive, Round Rock**
     - A playground, walking trail, sand volleyball court and bocce court.

   - **Falcon Point Park at Mallard Pond, intersection of Mallard Pond and Kennemer, Pflugerville**
     - A playscape, walking trail, sand volleyball court and bocce court.

   - **Rolling Meadow Park, 200 Pecan, Round Rock**
     - A playground, walking trail, sand volleyball court and bocce court.

   - **Frontier Park, 1502 Frontier Trail, Round Rock**
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$15, residents, $20, non-residents
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Water Safety Instructor Aide
$45, resident, $55, non-resident
Teaches to assist with swimming lessons, work with children and gain responsibility. Classes are held Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
10-14 years old

Water Aerobics
$50, resident, $60, non-resident
Non-weight bearing exercise. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m.-9 p.m.

10-14 years old

Adult Masters Swimming
$35/month, residents, $40/month, non-residents
Coaching is offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6 - 7 p.m. and two Saturday mornings per month, 9 -11 a.m.
Contact Katie, 251-5082 for more information.

Round Rock
Lake Creek Municipal Pool, 801 Deerfoot Drive, Round Rock, 218-7030
Children under 18 and seniors - $1, resident, $2, non-resident, adults - $2, resident, $3, non-resident
Opens for summer season May 24. Open Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-8 p.m.

Swim Lessons
Session 1, May 29-June 7; Session 2, June 11-21; Session 3, June 25-July 7; Session 4, July 11-August 1; Session 5, August 2-June 2010
Infant; 6 months; 11:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., $20
10-15 months; Noon, 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m., $20
Preschool, 3-5 years; 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., Noon, 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., $25
Advanced Preschool, already taken preschool class; 11:30 a.m., Noon, 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., $25
Level 1 and 2, 5-12 years; divided by skill level; 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., $50
Level 3: prior level or equal skill; 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., $50
Level 4: prior level or equal skill; 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m., $50
Level 5: prior level or equal skill; 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m., $50
Adult Beginner; 16 years and up; 7:30 p.m., $50

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- Wallace and Gromit, June 9
- Jaws, July 14

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Kids receive inflatable toy sharks

Hawaiian Luau
August 14, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
Free luau, hula hoop contest and Hawaiian music

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301 Deepwood Drive, Round Rock, 218-7090
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Open Wednesday-Monday, 1 - 8 p.m.

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- www.innerspace.com
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  - Memorial Day through Labor Day
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  - July 1
  - 3 p.m. – until after fireworks show
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- **Phase 1**, which is the bowl, was open to use, but temporarily closed while **Phase 2** is under construction.
- **Phase 2**, which is the street portion, should be open by mid to late June.
- All concrete construction, this park is comprised of a bowl and street court for the skateboarding community.
- **Free to the public**
  - Once completed in June it will be open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
  - One of the largest public skate parks in Texas at just under 14,000 sq. ft.
  - Includes lighting for night attendees
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- 251-5082
- roundrocktexas.gov/parksandrec/

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  - Party deck, porch
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YMCA
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246-9622, www.ymcagwc.org

Aquatics Programs
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• Health and Fitness Programs
• Sports Programs
• Teen Programs

Austin Toros Basketball Camp
The Party Image, Round Rock
281-9390, www.thepartyimage.com

Camp Confidence
Tuesdays-Thursdays
8:30 a.m.-Noon
$175
17 years and under

Camp Doublecreek,
Round Rock
255-3661, www.campdoublecreek.com
Opens May 28. Campers can begin any Monday and can continue for any amount of weeks.
Features swimming, horseback riding, sports, miniature golf, baby animals, a vegetable garden, arts and crafts, archery, tennis, tumbling, playground, games and activities.

Kapers and Kids Summer Day Camp
Kinningham Park, 1000 South Creek Drive
July 30-Aug. 24, week-long sessions, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
$90-$105/week
May 29-Aug. 24, week-long sessions, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
$90-$105/week

Rockin’ R Teen Summer Camp
Rabb House, 2109 Palm Valley Blvd.

Supreme Court Basketball Camp
Clay Madsen Recreation Center Gym
June 18-22, Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m.-Noon
8-14 years old

Girl’s Volleyball/Basketball Camp
CMRC Gym
June 11-15, 9 a.m.-Noon, 1-4 p.m.
7-14 years old

Karate Camp
CMRC Gym
July 10-Aug. 3, 8 a.m.-Noon
5 years old and up

Challenger Soccer Camp
Old Settlers Park soccer fields
First Kick
July 10-Aug. 3, 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 6-7 p.m.
3-4 years old

Mini Soccer
July 10-Aug. 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 6-8 p.m.
4-5 years old

Half Day Camp
July 30-Aug. 3, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
6-16 years old

Full Day Camp
July 30-Aug. 3, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
6-16 years old

Girls Volleyball League
RRISD schools and CMRC
$70
7-13 years old

Men’s Basketball League
Men’s Low and Open Leagues.
Clay Madsen Recreation Center
330/team
Wednesday Nights

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246-9622, www.ymcagwc.org

Aquatics Programs
• Child Watch Programs
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The Party Image, Round Rock
281-9390, www.thepartyimage.com

Camp Confidence
Tuesdays-Thursdays
8:30 a.m.-Noon
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17 years and under

Camp Doublecreek,
Round Rock
255-3661, www.campdoublecreek.com
Opens May 28. Campers can begin any Monday and can continue for any amount of weeks.
Features swimming, horseback riding, sports, miniature golf, baby animals, a vegetable garden, arts and crafts, archery, tennis, tumbling, playground, games and activities.

Kapers and Kids Summer Day Camp
Kinningham Park, 1000 South Creek Drive
July 30-Aug. 24, week-long sessions, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
$90-$105/week
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$90-$105/week

Rockin’ R Teen Summer Camp
Rabb House, 2109 Palm Valley Blvd.

Supreme Court Basketball Camp
Clay Madsen Recreation Center Gym
June 18-22, Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m.-Noon
8-14 years old

Girl’s Volleyball/Basketball Camp
CMRC Gym
June 11-15, 9 a.m.-Noon, 1-4 p.m.
7-14 years old

Karate Camp
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5 years old and up

Challenger Soccer Camp
Old Settlers Park soccer fields
First Kick
July 10-Aug. 3, 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 6-7 p.m.
3-4 years old

Mini Soccer
July 10-Aug. 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 6-8 p.m.
4-5 years old

Half Day Camp
July 30-Aug. 3, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
6-16 years old

Full Day Camp
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6-16 years old

Girls Volleyball League
RRISD schools and CMRC
$70
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Registration July 30-Sept. 21. Season begins Sept. 28.

Kinner Camp, Pflugerville
Week long camps beginning May 28 - August 17.
251-5082, www.cityofpflugerville.com

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BY KAREN R. THOMPSON

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**Closer Look**

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“There was a realization that our community was filled with people who needed jobs, but had no skills or education and businesses that needed skilled workers,” marketing/communications coordinator Anna Lamb said. “Our company has since grown to about 25 employees and has supported over 600 graduates.”

The application process for entering the program is used to weed out those not committed to completing the program. Potential participants must first attend orientation, which discusses what the program is and who qualifies. Next, they speak with a staff member to decide what career path to take, establish their level of commitment and sign up for testing to assess basic skills, including education level and aptitude. Then, they meet with a career counselor to identify strengths and weaknesses and discuss the education path involved for particular careers. Finally, they meet with a director who makes a final decision for admission.

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**H1 Timmerman Farm**
This property of approximately 1,500 acres is owned by the Timmerman family. The homestead was built in 1920. Theodore Timmerman farmed cotton on the land since the 1960s until recently when the family changed the crop to maize. The corn is harvested for ethanol production. Theodore Timmerman has made many contributions to Pflugerville. In 1969, he helped found the Manville Water Supply Corporation. The story goes that his wife encouraged him to start the project when she said, “We have seven kids and we need water.”

Manor also was in need of water and so the project came to be called Manville to represent the two cities involved. The Timmerman family sold 130 acres for the project and Theodore Timmerman continued to serve on the board for 21 years. He also served for 21 years on the Pflugerville Independent School District School Board and the Travis County Appraisal Board.

**H2 Heritage House**
Heritage House Museum, which was the early home of the Bohls family, is open to the public on the first Sunday of every month from 1 – 4 p.m. Visitors can discover the history of Pflugerville as a farming community.

Future Land Use

**F1 Cactus Alur**
Tejas Viejo Land Company planned to develop this site as a mixture of retail and commercial use near Toll 130. Although the project is on hold, Pflugerville’s economic development director Charles Simon presents these site plans to developers as one of the area’s attractive potential projects.

- Retail ................................. 389,000 SF
- General Office ............... 1,263,000 SF
- Office Condo .................137,000 SF
- Industrial Flex ............. 74,100 SF
- Multi Family Housing ....... 800 Units
- Live/Work Housing ....... 24 Units
- Townhouses ..................138 Units
- Hotel .........................140 Rooms

Transportation

A joint-funded road-widening project between the City of Pflugerville and Travis County will begin soon. The city is currently in the process of relocating utilities.

- T1 Existing lanes will be widened
- T2 Four lanes, divided with median
- T3 Six lanes, divided with median

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Acresage: 349
Multiple-use recreational area
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- soccer
- basketball
- picnicking
- picnicking
- hiking
- concerts
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Monday – Friday 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
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- Game room
- Walking and jogging track
- Nursery

Historically, this area was the central establishment of the founding families of Pflugerville. Immanuel Lutheran Church, established in 1875, was the gathering place for the German community. Today, this area is undergoing a transformation as developers and retail markets explore its possibilities.
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Local push begins to join Austin Community College

By Christi Snow

At a recent meeting of Friends of the Round Rock Higher Education Center, members announced that a group of local leaders in the next month will make a formal appearance to announce an annexation campaign to bring Round Rock ISD into Austin Community College’s taxing district.

ACC President Stephen Kinslow believes the current campaign looks promising. “We think Round Rock will be successful because once Round Rock decides what they want, they do it,” he said.

Jump starting the process

The activist group that still does not have a name must gather around 4,300 signatures on a petition to initiate an election for the fall. Then they must convince the community that the cheaper tuition rates and the promise of a campus would be a valuable exchange for a property tax increase of nine cents for every $100.

Voters would make the final decision next May if all goes according to the planned timetable. So far, none of the ACC annexation elections have failed.

Kinslow is quick to note annexation efforts must come from within a community, according to ACC policy. Still, even if Round Rock did not join the district, ACC wants to buy more than 60 acres of land near the Round Rock Higher Education Center as an investment.

He said eastern Williamson County needs a campus, and right now land is less expensive and more available than it will be in the future.

The vision and purpose

The Avery family has owned large portions of Round Rock property, including the parcel in discussion, since the 1860s. The RRHEC and the neighboring Seton Medical Center-Williamson were also once Avery land until the family donated 101 acres as a gift to the community and sold the property for the hospital.

One of the Averys, Nelson, works in the medical field in Galveston, while his sister Christina Fell teaches in San Antonio. “Our family had long history with education,” Charles Avery said. “The idea of a medical and educational hub for this area got us excited because it provides a great opportunity for people to educate themselves and pull themselves forward.”

He points to his family’s heritage when they first settled in the Round Rock area.

“There wasn’t much here, but one of the first things they did was build a church and a school with it, which is Palm Valley Lutheran,” he said.

Then in the 1900s, his family also helped start the college Trinity Lutheran on Main Avenue, which is currently a senior residence. Reflecting on the intention and endeavors of their ancestors, the Averys have started to explore options for the rest of the land.

“We look at it as a stewardship,” Avery said. “We could just sell [the land] to a developer who would build a bunch of houses, but we think there is a better use for it than that.”

“I believe the good Lord has a plan [for this land]. We’re not anxious about it. We’re just waiting to see what happens. We’re looking at what we can do with it. We’re trying to build a city out here and we want it to be profitable for Round Rock. We want to have places for education, job opportunities, churches. We want it to be a full community.”

Higher Education Center experiences steady growth

By Beth Wade

Since opening its doors to students two years ago, the Round Rock Higher Education Center has offered students a variety of college course options, including classes from Texas State University at San Marcos and Austin Community College.

Enrollment at the RRHEC is up five percent from last year with 1,600 Texas State students and 800 with ACC. This year introduces two new majors, including mass communications-journalism and undergraduate psychology.

Director of the RRHEC Edna Rebbein remembers when she was working with TSU out of portable buildings near Westwood High School, and enrollment increased 13 to 14 percent.

“Here we are growing more deliberately and a lot more carefully,” Rebbein said.

This year, the center is offering more student services and activities to promote student involvement, along with more community-oriented events.

“The city really wanted us out here for a lot of reasons, and one of them was to be a resource to the community, and we really want to do that,” Rebbein said.

In the past, RRHEC has sponsored forums that focused on social media and immigration. This fall, more attention will be turned toward Round Rock Independent School District by offering more tours and opportunities to students.

The largest event with RRISD involved bringing in 800 students and giving them access to future employers, resume help and interview technique workshops. A similar event for this fall is in the planning stages.
The RRHEC is a partnership of schools that offer business development courses, two-year degrees and four-year degrees.

**Courses offered by Texas State**

**Bachelor’s Degrees**
- Computer information systems
- Computer science
- Criminal justice
- Education
- Interdisciplinary studies
  - Management
  - Mass communication
  - Psychology
- Master’s Degrees
  - Business administration
  - Computer science
  - Counseling and guidance
  - Educational administration
  - Elementary education
  - Interdisciplinary studies

**Courses offered by Austin Community College**

- Accounting
- Allied health science
- Art
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Business administration
- Business management
  - Child care & development
  - Computer information systems
  - Computer science
  - Creative writing
  - Criminal justice
- Reading developmental
  - Writing developmental
  - Drama
  - Economics
  - Education instruction
  - English
- Environmental science & technology
- Fire protection technology
- Foreign language
- Geography
- Geology
- Government
- History
- Human development
- Journalism
- Mathematics
- Management
- Music
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Speech
- Study skills developmental

**Courses offered by the Small Business Development Center**

- Areas of assistance
- Annual business checkup
- Business planning
- Capital acquisition
- Cash flow
- Financial Analysis
  - Government Contracting
  - Home-based Business
  - International Trade
  - Manufacturing
- Marketing and advertising
  - Market research
  - Minority business development
  - Product development/engineering
  - SBA loan guarantee assistance
- SBA 8(a) & other programs
- Strategic planning
- Taxes
- Women’s business issues

**Courses offered at Temple College at Taylor**

- Accounting
- Anatomy & physiology
- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Calculus
- Chemistry
- Child development
- Computer information systems
- Criminal justice
- Drafting (CAD)
- Drama
- Economics
- Education emergency
  - Medical services (EMS)
  - Environmental science
  - Geographic information
  - Systems (GIS)
- Government
- History
- Vocational nursing
- Mathematics
- Medical terminology
- Microbiology
- Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- Reading and study skills
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech

*TC at Taylor classes transfer to the RRHEC, but are not held on campus.*
Future Nursing School to Receive Millions in Funding

Program designed to support need for healthcare professionals

By Christi Snow

When the 80th Texas Legislature ends its regular session May 28, Texas State University – San Marcos expects it will have the money needed to build the university’s first school of nursing, which will be located at the Round Rock Higher Education Center.

The Legislature approved tuition revenue bonds for a second building at the RRHEC campus at the end of a 2006 special session. Once the current House and Senate issue the debt service on those bonds, the school will have $36 million to begin their efforts with $2 million earmarked for hiring faculty and maintenance and operations the first year of the program.

Filling a need

An increasing shortage in the health care profession made the nursing school a priority, said Ruth Welborn, dean of the Texas State University College of Health Professions. Their data shows Texas has 646 registered nurses per 100,000 population compared to the national average of 825.

RRHEC Director Edna Rehbein said the campus’ proximity to healthcare facilities in the area also made it a prime fit for the program. That has not always been the case.

“The city has been talking to Texas State for awhile about getting a nursing program,” she said. “We would tell them, ‘We don’t have any hospitals to work with.’ The next thing you know, the hospital is right here.”

Recently, the city council and Round Rock Chamber of Commerce have directed their efforts toward creating a local healthcare hub. Hospitals and support services have begun to move into the area, including comprehensive hospitals, a rehabilitation hospital, clinics and doctor offices.

Neighboring plans

Next door, Austin Community College also wants to build a campus that would support a two-year nursing program, although plans are still in the early stages. ACC President Stephen Kinslow noted they already have 300 students wanting entrance into their current program, but enough space is not available. Their school would compliment Texas State, he said.

Rehbein said Texas State has wanted to build the school, but would not until they had funds for both building the actual project and then sustaining the program, which will require around 22 employees, along with maintenance and operations.

Future building

The new Texas State nursing school will sit southeast of the existing Avery building. Students will complete their clinical training and rotations at the three area hospitals, which include the almost-open Scott & White University Medical Campus and Seton Medical Center - Williamson, along with St. David’s Round Rock Medical Center.

In response to a $6 million gift to support initial administration and facilities, the school will be named St. David’s School of Nursing at Texas State University-San Marcos. Scott and White added $250,000 for nursing scholarships and Central Texas Medical Center in San Marcos offered another $50,000.

Already, architects have begun initial designs and ground should break by Summer 2008. The school will open in 2010, with around 100 students starting as junior transfers who will comprise the first graduating class two years later.

Concordia moves northwest

By Rachel Youens

After 80 years in a prominent downtown location, Concordia University is packing up and heading north, putting a full-scale university into an area previously served only by community colleges and trade schools.

The private Lutheran university began looking for a new home in 2005 when they saw enrollment numbers rise at their landlocked campus at 32nd Street and IH 35 in Austin.

The university announced plans to relocate, and considered sites in Round Rock and Pflugerville. Then in February, the school unveiled the new site in far north Austin.

Concordia’s new home lies on 389 acres within the Balcones Canyonlands nature preserve, almost 17 times the amount of land the campus previously occupied. The property was formerly owned by the Schlumberger Oil company, which left behind a complex of buildings when they vacated the spot in 1987.

University officials plan to build upon this existing infrastructure, renovating it into classrooms, a library, a cafeteria and student services. Concordia will also prepare for future growth by increasing their dorm capacity and adding new athletic facilities and a performing arts auditorium. While the protected land was a problem for other businesses, Concordia hopes to use the preserve as an educational opportunity to study environmental management and stewardship.

“The Master Site Plan represents a vision for the main campus of Concordia over the next 30 to 40 years,” said Vice President of Student Services David Kluth. “The plan is designed to make the most effective and efficient use of the land at the new location while preserving its inherent beauty and environmental integrity.”

The school saw their largest enrollment ever for the Fall 2006 school year with 1,200 students. By 2010, Concordia expects to grow that number to 1,332. The college is currently in the process of moving and will open Fall 2008.

Closing the Gaps

1. Close the Gaps in participation

By 2015, close the gaps in participation rates across Texas to add 500,000 more students.

A revised target from 2006 requires increasing the overall number of students completing bachelor’s degrees, associate’s degrees and certificates to 171,000 by 2010; and to 210,000 by 2015.

2. Close the Gaps in success

By 2015, increase by 50 percent the number of degrees, certificates and other identifiable student successes from high-quality programs.

The plan specifies the importance of developing health programs, which includes public awareness campaigns, scholarship opportunities and recruitment efforts. A revised target from 2006 cited the need to increase the number of students completing allied health and nursing bachelor’s and associate’s degrees and certificates to 20,100 by 2010 and to 26,100 by 2015.

3. Close the Gaps in excellence

By 2015, substantially increase the number of nationally recognized programs or services at colleges and universities in Texas.

Includes establishment of competitive grants to community and technical colleges and universities to match business contributions for acquiring equipment and software and maintaining high-tech instructional laboratories.

4. Close the Gaps in research

By 2015, increase the level of federal science and engineering research funding to Texas institutions by 50 percent to $1.3 billion.

A revised target in 2006 said to increase research expenditures by Texas public universities and health-related institutions from $1.45 billion to $3 billion by 2015 (approximately five percent increase per year).

Source: www.thecb.state.tx.us
Round Rock & Pflugerville MLS Area

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- Round Rock: 27 homes for sale, 89 days on market.
- Pflugerville: 190 homes for sale, 55 days on market.

Monthly Home Sales

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- Round Rock: 250 homes sold, average price $189,850.
- Pflugerville: 242 homes sold, average price $196,942.

KeyStats

- Round Rock: -$7,092 change in average selling price over last year.
- Pflugerville: +$8,138 increase in average selling price over last year.

- Number of homes sold over last year: -21

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When Jay and Pat Garcia decided to open Casa Garcia’s in South Austin in 1999, they had no idea they would own three successful Mexican restaurants within seven years, including a location in Pflugerville.

Serving up flavors and food from their childhood is now a passion for the pair, and they make sure they have the highest quality food on the market. The couple’s desire for excellence is apparent in the way they operate their business, taste their own foods and spend time to ensure that every item on their menu is authentic and tasty.

On a first visit, the expansive menu can be a little overwhelming and a decision can be difficult to make, but chips and freshly-made salsa are ready and waiting on every table to curb appetites.

One of Jay’s favorite menu items is appropriately named Jay’s Plate ($13.95), a rib-eye steak in ranchero sauce served alongside two cheese enchiladas and the standard refried beans and rice with guacamole salad.

The enchiladas have to be some of the best I have ever eaten. With bold flavors and a wonderful chili con carne sauce, they alone are worth the trip.

Another great selection is the Carne Guisada ($7.50), a classic Mexican dish of beef tips in brown gravy served with refried beans, rice and guacamole salad.

Everything at Casa Garcia’s is homemade, including tortillas hand rolled at the front of the restaurant and also can be purchased by the dozen ($3).

After dinner, a selection of traditional Mexican desserts is available. The sopapillas ($3.75) are made with fresh tortillas, hand fried and sprinkled with powdered sugar and cinnamon.

Some standard American choices, including hamburgers and chicken fried steak, are another option.

The restaurant has a vibrant colorful atmosphere, adding to the dining experience. Bright walls are painted in the Casa Garcia’s signature color that has a deep red hue created especially for the restaurant by Sherwin-Williams with Pat’s help. She knew she wanted a rust color that no one else had seen.

The décor is simple and understated, a compliment to the bold flavors of the menu. Tables surround a fountain in the center of the main dining room, which adds tranquility to the bustling restaurant.

Casa Garcia’s serves breakfast and offers a full bar with happy hour specials on weekdays.

Mariachi band members
Enrique Romero-Trumpet
Felipe Amaro-Guitar
Fidel Aguillar-Violin
Pepe Martinez-Guitar
Bedil Escobar-Viguela

Performing traditional and contemporary Mexican music at Casa Garcia’s for two years.

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Owners Jay and Pat Garcia
Michelle Pundt
Secretary, Pfriends Pfor Pflugerville’s Pfuture

The ongoing joke in Michelle Pundt’s family is that she moved to Austin because she wanted to see something green other than a prickly pear cactus. “My hometown is in a desolate area of Texas,” she said. “I grew up watching people who performed long hours of manual labor or commuted at least an hour each way to San Antonio to earn a living. Both my parents were self-employed, which is why I have initiative, determination and a sense of humor for the obvious.”

Pundt recently received her bachelor’s degree through the University of Phoenix’s online program while working full time as the City of Pflugerville’s grant writer, which led to her involvement in Pfriends Pfor Pflugerville’s Pfuture.

Q. How did you become involved with PF4 and what is your role?
A. David Buesing, the PF4 president, asked me if I would be interested. I began writing grants for the City of Pflugerville and PF4 in 2004. As PF4’s secretary, I keep the board informed of all of the organization’s prospective activities and voting on accepted projects. PF4’s activities include helping coordinate local events as well as writing and submitting grant proposals to private foundations, corporations and local donors. PF4 actively engages local civic and community groups for our approved projects, so public relations, marketing and project management are required to make our collaborative efforts successful.

Q. Describe your perspective on the value of community involvement.
A. Community involvement is a priceless, indescribable opportunity for personal and professional growth. There are tangible things gained by those in need, but there are invaluable rewards reaped by those who volunteer. Moreover, recorded history repeatedly outlines that the number of people involved is not always proportionate to an outcome.

Q. Where do you hope to see Pflugerville in the future?
A. I hope that Pflugerville retains its neighbor-helping-neighbor attitude, and the number of volunteers grows proportionately to the community’s changing needs.

Q. What do you value most about the community?
A. That is an easy answer: the people. There are citizens who care fervently about the community, and those who are very quiet about the tasks they perform. Each person is unique and has different things that motivate him or her. However, the reward of a cohesive group with common, positive goals is invaluable.

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John Avery
Chair, Momentum

John Avery said that any profile of himself must include his brothers Charles and Nelson and sister Christina Fell. “We make all decisions as a family,” he said. The siblings are the family’s fifth-generation of Texan Americans, and credit Swedish ancestors Arvid and Anna Lena Nelson with planting the family in Williamson County in 1854.

Together they manage the land the Nelsons settled, pieces of which were donated for the Round Rock Higher Education Center and future Seton Hospital and Austin Community College campus.

To further his involvement in Round Rock, Avery sits as chair of Momentum, the funding arm of the city’s economic development.

Q. What motivated your family to donate the 101-acres of land for education facilities?
A. [My ancestors] came here 18 years after the fall of the Alamo when there was nothing here, and they managed not only to survive but to prosper. Their property here has been intact since the 1860s and ’70s, and that comes with a special burden if you love history as I do. When you think about the effort and the passion about these early pioneers, you can’t sell that land for tract houses; you have to make it stand out. What better testament to their efforts than a college and hospital?

Q. How do facilities such as these benefit a city?
A. The ultimate test of a city is if the people have pride in it and want to make it better for those here now and those coming. With emphasis on education and medical facilities, we’re able to give our citizens a chance at better health and give our young students and adults an opportunity at a better education here in Round Rock. A better-educated workforce entices business to come here.

Q. Why was the Momentum group created?
A. In most cities, the city handles the expenses of economic development through a sales tax. [Round Rock’s half-cent sales tax is dedicated to transportation.] In Round Rock, economic development falls on the chamber of commerce, so the folks in charge decided to create a separate economic partnership between the city and businesses. The idea is to put funds from the Momentum-member businesses with a matching amount from the city.

Q. What is one thing you love about Round Rock?
A. Some people spend all day driving around town in their car. I park my car at my house and don’t get in it again because I can walk to city hall, to a restaurant and such.

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