The eyes of South Austin are upon you

Neighborhood watches help lower crime rates, police say

By Joe Olivieri

Police say Southwest Austin does not have a major crime problem. Residents aim to keep it that way.

Local communities are strengthening neighborhood watches as a way to stay safe. Residents are also joining Nextdoor.com, a “virtual neighborhood watch” and online social network where users can post public safety information.

Barton Hills resident John Luther said residents are banding together to be the solution to reducing crime.

“The reason that people are getting involved is that law enforcement is under more strain and required to patrol more territory,” he said. “They are unable to patrol the neighborhoods with the frequency they did in the past. It is up to the neighborhoods to pick up that slack.”

Crime trends

Community Impact Newspaper defines Southwest Austin as being south of Ben White Boulevard, west of I-35, north of Southwest Austin as being south of Ben.

That area includes APD dispatch districts “David” and “Frank,” although Frank district also includes part of Southeast Austin.

Southwest Austin has a low violent crime rate compared to the rest of the city, Austin Police Commander Todd Gage said.

Southwest Austin had three of the city's 28 homicides in 2013, and the victims were somehow connected to the perpetrators, Gage said.

As for individual robberies, David district had the most, with 28 homicides in 2013, and the victims were somehow connected to the perpetrators, Gage said.

Teacher salaries are a lesson in priorities

AISD numbers at a glance

5,915 teachers
$43,286 starting salary for teachers
$47,303 salary for teachers with 15 years of experience

Teacher salaries are a big slice of the pie that is Austin ISD's

AISD is facing a $32 million budget shortfall for fiscal year 2015 and must send about $169.3 million to the state for recapture, also known as "Robin Hood," through which property-poor districts such as AISD are required by law to send money to the state to be redistributed among districts deemed property-poor.

A draft budget presented to the community at meetings in April shows the district plans to maintain the one-time 3 percent salary adjustment it made for teachers in FY2013 and drop the 1.5 percent salary adjustment employees received in FY2014.

AISD will present a final budget to its board of trustees in June. If it wants to remain competitive in terms of recruiting and retaining good teachers, AISD needs a multifaceted long-term budget solution, Conley said.

The state of teacher salaries

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From the Editor

I was driving home, barely two blocks away from my front door when I saw it.

Someone had scrawled the word "Crip" on a wall of a neighboring subdivision.

The word was repeated nearby with some other words and symbols I did not recognize.

The graffiti seemed more out-of-place than scary. I know there are gangs in Austin, but I never gave them much thought.

What I have thought about, and continue to think about, is what my neighborhood did after the graffiti appeared.

The next day I saw a middle-aged man with a scrub brush. He was slowly erasing the words from the wall. A few days later, there was no sign any graffiti had been there at all. The vandal left a message, and the community replied: "Not here."

Every crime takes place somewhere. Neighborhoods can do their part to make their streets as unfriendly to criminal activity as possible.

In my front-page story this month, I talk with police and learn what the crime trends are in Southwest Austin. I also talk with local civic leaders, ordinary folks who have made the commitment to discourage crime in their area. They are using old and new techniques, from the time-honored neighborhood patrol to Nextdoor.com, an online forum to connect a neighborhood's residents.

The most basic neighborhood watches do not require fancy training or marked cars. It is simply watching your neighbor's back while he or she watches yours. If we all did that, we'd all be safer.

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Community Feedback

City purchases Grey Rock

"It's incredibly disappointing that the city is willing [to spend] $9.6 million to purchase a golf course in Circle C, [which] has a 545-acre municipal park, while North Central Austin, a part of the urban core rapidly becoming developed and dense, is told there is no money to develop parks on the scarce remaining green space."

— Marla Schmitz

"I can't see this being a favor for the course in any way. It may have been appraised at a higher value, but there's obviously a reason why none of the private clubs jumped on it at that price. With no real estate and a full member roster, it will be interesting to see how much the city actually loses on this. [I am] extremely glad I didn't purchase a membership about a year ago when I was considering it. The conditions at the city-owned courses are a complete joke compared to this and the other private courses, and they're already joking about removing water hazards."

— Jestep

"Keep the green fees up, and keep it in good shape!"

— TayKam

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Hancock Golf Course is a nine-hole course, not an 18-hole course.
Now Open

Austin-based business Baucom Behavioral & Educational Services opened in late 2013. Founder Alison Baucom travels to families’ homes to offer applied behavior analysis–based training to parents with children ages 2–8 who have developmental disabilities such as autism, Down syndrome or cerebral palsy. 512-537-3014. www.baucombehavioral.com

Twitter: @baucombehavior

1. Bruegger’s Bagels opened in April at 3425 S. Lamar Blvd. in the same building as The 704 Apartments. Jason Cusick, general manager of the 3267 Bee Caves Road, Ste. 105, location, said the restaurant offers New York–style bagels and Vermont cream cheese in addition to breakfast sandwiches and salads. 512-394-7667. www.brueggers.com. Twitter: @brueggers

2. Eye Level Learning Center opened its south location at 9911 Brodie Lane, Ste. 300, on Feb. 8. The business offers English and math tutoring for students ages 4–14 and works to improve both basic knowledge and critical thinking skills. 512-213-0102. www.eyelevelaustinsouth.com. austinsouth@myeyelevel.com

3. An eco-friendly dry cleaning chain, MW Cleaners, opened March 31 inside seven Austin-area Men’s Wearhouse stores, including at 5207 Brodie Lane, Ste. 135. The business offers in-store service, delivery to a customer’s home or workplace, and a “black tie” same-day service. 512-891-0679. www.mwcleaners.com

4. Internal medicine group Premier Internists opened Jan. 20 at 4534 West Gate Blvd., Ste. 108. Its parent company, Premier Family Physicians, wanted to extend care to Austin’s adult population, especially those with complex health issues, Site Administrator Arthur Martinez said. 512-892-7076. www.pfpdocs.com

5. Regus opened a full-service business center at 7500 Rialto Blvd., Bldg. 1, Ste. 250, on Feb. 18. The center features a meeting rooms, day office amenities, business lounge and a coffee bar. The company offers flexible office space and work space solutions. 512-872-7500. www.regus.com Twitter: @RegusUSA

6. Rent A Tire opened March 31 at 6524 S. Congress Ave. The business sells rims and tires for a variety of different types of vehicles, including cars, trucks and SUVs. 512-279-2277. www.rentawheel.com

7. Online postal mail service Scan Mailboxes opened April 2 at 2028 E. Ben White Blvd., Ste. 240. Managing owners Chris Landry and Ken Brown said the company notifies customers by email of mail and packages. Customers can then choose to have mail opened and scanned, forwarded, shredded and recycled, or put in storage. 512-222-7002. www.scanmailboxes.com. Twitter: @scanmailboxes

8. Stonegate Pharmacy opened Stonegate Pharmacy at the Village on March 31 in the Southwest Medical Village, 5625 Eiger Road, Ste. 150. The traditional and compounding pharmacy offers free delivery throughout Texas on compounds from the location. 512-693-4222. www.stonegaterx.com

9. Owners Bill and Marge Chatterjee opened Zounds Hearing South Austin on April 9 at 4534 West Gate Blvd, Ste. 106. The location is the national franchise’s 100th store and provides free hearing

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**Coming Soon**

10. **Austin Fine Floors** will open a new location at 4301 W. William Cannon Drive, Ste. 100, in May. Vice President Ryan Drouin said the company has been in business for 26 years and carries a variety of nylon and wool carpet, as well as wood, tile and stone flooring for both residential and commercial installations. 512-339-9590. www.austinfoinefloors.com

11. **First Choice Emergency Room** will open its third Austin-area location at 9312 Brodie Lane by the end of May. The 24-hour freestanding emergency room will feature CT scanners, X-rays, ultrasound technology and be staffed by board-certified doctors. www.fcerc.com. Twitter: @firstchoiceer

12. **Get it Girl Boot Camp** will open April 28 at 2110 W. Slaughter Lane, Ste. 145. Owner Nick Garcia said the location will offer metabolic resistance training and meal plans for women. 512-653-5365. www.getitgirlbootcamp.com. Twitter: @NickGarciaatx

13. **Go Dance Studio** will open its third location April 28 at 4477 S. Lamar Blvd., Ste. 530, in the Westgate Shopping Center. The company will host a grand opening celebration with free classes May 2 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. With group classes and private lessons available seven days a week in more than 25 styles, the studio will also host weekly social dance parties. 512-339-9391. www.godancestudio.com

14. **Radio Coffee & Beer** will open a location in mid-May at 4204 Manchaca Road. Co-owner Jack Wilson said the specialty espresso and craft beer bar will host live music, movie nights and trivia nights. Sandwiches and salads will be on the menu, and Veracruz All Natural plans to open a food trailer at the location, he said. 512-217-1160. www.radiocoffeearnbeer.com. Twitter: @RadioCoffeeBeer

15. **Veracruz All Natural** will open its third food trailer location in mid-May near Radio Coffee & Beer at 4204 Manchaca Road. The business offers authentic interior Mexican cuisine and vegetarian options. 512-981-1760. Twitter: @veracruztaicos

**Relocations**


17. **Soccer City** moved Feb. 1 from the Shops at Arbor Trails to 5446 W. Hwy. 290, Ste. 106. Manager Ian Marshall said the specialty retail store’s new location will continue to offer a variety of products including soccer uniforms and accessories. 512-320-8447. www.soccercityaustin.com

**Closings**

18. **Irish tea room Kell Cat Cookery**, located at 601 Old Fitzhugh Road in Dripping Springs, closed in April. www.facebook.com/KellCatCookery

**In the News**

Construction began in April on Hotel Granduca Austin, a joint venture between Houston-based Interin Companies LP and Riverside Resources of Austin. Located near Bee Caves Road and Loop 360, the 194-room hotel will be complete by late 2015. Riverside Resources is also developing a seven-story office building and associated parking garage in conjunction with the project. www.interin.com, www.riversideresources.com

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center will unveil its new Luci and Ian Family Garden at a public grand opening May 4. The 4.5-acre garden aims to connect children and families to the natural world with more than a dozen interactive and educational features. Named after lead donors Luci Baines Johnson and her husband, Ian Turpin, the garden doubles the center’s maintained garden acreage. 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Prices vary. 512-232-0100. www.wildflower.org/family_garden

**Renovations**

19. **Stanley’s Farmhouse Pizza** at 13187 Fitzhugh Road began renovations in late March. Co-owner Chad Nemec said the restaurant is enlarging its patio and bar space as well as enclosing its second oven, which was added a few months ago. The company also plans to expand its Saturday hours to 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m. beginning Memorial Day weekend. 512-900-9079. www.stanleysfarmhousepizza.com

20. **EZPawn** finished renovating its 2219 W. Ben White Blvd. location to be more music-focused, Director of Marketing Adrian De La Garza said. The new EZPawn Music Center opened March 7 and has dedicated half of its inventory to instruments, amplifiers, orchestra equipment and accessories. 512-443-5082. www.ezpawn.com

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Austin Zoo to auction off art at gala
May 10 event to raise funds for animal care, new enclosures

By Kelli Weldon

Local nonprofit Austin Zoo & Animal Sanctuary is gearing up for its first gala fundraiser, scheduled for May 10.

Director Patti Clark said the Austin Zoo Revue and Grand Gala will raise funds for the nonprofit’s emergency veterinary fund as well as a few ongoing projects to support the zoo’s inhabitants.

Located on 14 acres at 10808 Rawhide Trail in Southwest Austin, the zoo works to rescue and rehabilitate a variety of different types of animals. It relies on private donations, admission fees, grants and sponsorships to fund operations.

The zoo is renovating an enclosure for three black bear cubs that will join the zoo sometime this summer, Clark said.

Also in the works is a new enclosure for three genets—a mammal resembling a spotted cat with a long tail, Clark said. Construction began in the fall, and the project is nearing completion, she said.

The gala takes place from 6–10 p.m. at the zoo near the entrance and will feature a silent auction, a catered Gourmet Gals Catering and Events buffet, and a live auction during which the zoo will auction off a dozen animal sculptures.

Patti Clark, director at Austin Zoo & Animal Sanctuary, said the zoo plans to auction off 12 decorated fiberglass animal sculptures at its upcoming gala.

Zoo visitors can vote for their favorite of the 12 decorated fiberglass animals on display, and the People’s Choice Award winner will be announced at the gala.

The event costs $75 per person and will be limited to 250 attendees.

“Tickets are selling quickly. We’re really thrilled,” Clark said. “We’re providing guided tours of the zoo so you can meet our animals. … We get animals from so many different places, and so often when you hear the stories, it’s hard to believe how some of these animals came to live here.”

More information is available online at www.austinzoo.org.

Weber set to take reins with TxDOT
New chief leaves post at A&M

By Amy Denney

Retired Marine Gen. Joe Weber, a vice president at Texas A&M University, was selected April 4 as the new executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation, effective April 23, with an annual salary of $273,000, according to TxDOT documents.

He replaces former Executive Director Phil Wilson, who left in December to lead the Lower Colorado River Authority, replacing outgoing General Manager Becky Motal.

The Texas Transportation Commission—the governing body for TxDOT—voted to approve Weber as the new department head during its April 4 meeting.

“We are thrilled to have a leader with such stature and experience join the TxDOT team and be part of this great organization,” TTC Chairman Ted Houghton said in a news release. “Gen. Weber is the right person at the right time to make a great agency even better.”

Weber leaves his post as vice president of student affairs for Texas A&M. In addition, he has a master’s degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas.

Weber served 36 years in the military and was a lieutenant general in the U.S. Marine Corps where he was responsible for more than 75,000 marines and sailors. His other duties involved training, education and combat readiness of those in the military.

“As TxDOT continues its transformation in becoming a best-in-class agency, Gen. Weber is the right fit for this department,” Commissioner Jeff Moseley said in a news release.
"One particularly bold aide said he did not believe a president should spend his time and power on lost causes, however worthy they might be," Obama said. "To which, it is said, President Johnson replied, 'Well, what the hell's the presidency for?'

Fifty years later, the nation is locked "in the same great debate about equality and opportunity and the role of government in ensuring each," Obama said.

"As was true 50 years ago, there are those who dismiss the Great Society as a failed experiment and an encroachment on liberty; who argue that government has become the true source of all that ails us, and that poverty is due to the moral failings of those who suffer from it," he said.

Obama said he rejected those ideas because he and his family have lived out the promise of Johnson's efforts. "I and millions of my generation were in a position to take the baton that he handed to us," he said. "That means we've got a debt to pay. That means we can't afford to be cynical. Half a century later, the laws LBJ passed are now as fundamental to our conception of ourselves and our democracy as the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

He said that Civil Rights Act's anniversary teaches young people "that with enough effort, enough empathy, enough perseverance and enough courage, people who love their country can change it."

By Joe Olivieri

President Lyndon Johnson believed that Americans can build a fairer, more equal and freer society than the one they inherited, President Barack Obama said April 10.

"He believed we make our own destiny," Obama said. "And in part because of him, we must believe it as well."

The president delivered a half-hour keynote address on Johnson's contributions to civil rights and the nation's responsibility to continue his work at the Civil Rights Summit at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library on The University of Texas campus.

In his address, Obama said Johnson's "Great Society" domestic policies—including the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 and the Medicare Bill of 1965—were inspired by Johnson's own experiences with poverty as a child and later as a teacher.

"Deprivation and discrimination—these were not abstractions to Lyndon Baines Johnson," Obama said. "He knew that poverty and injustice are as inseparable as opportunity and justice are joined. So that was in him from an early age."

Obama praised the former president's mastery of politics and the legislative process. He also praised Johnson's desire to fight for what others deemed as risky political moves.

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Stassney Crossing shopping center

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Source: Retail Solutions

NEWS REPORT

Stassney Crossing construction continues

Update: Some stores in new retail complex could open by this summer

By Kelli Weldon

Southwest Austin residents will soon see more movement at Stassney Crossing, a shopping center being built at the intersection of I-35 and Stassney Lane.

Construction is in progress, and Texas-based brokerage firm Retail Solutions is handling leasing for the site. The preliminary site plan shows a few of the future tenants, including Cricket Wireless and Fred Loya Insurance. The site also includes a few vacant spaces ranging from 1,200 to 12,283 square feet, Retail Solutions Associate Andrew Perkel said.

“I would say by this summer you’ll see the businesses that are on [the map] open,” he said.

Construction will continue on the buildings, and by May the company plans to turn over the sites to the companies that have signed leases so that they can complete the build-out.

“We’re talking to restaurant pad users,” he said, noting the center has potential patio space.

Construction began in June on the second of five buildings in the complex at 1708 E. Stassney Lane. The site consists of a gas station and four retail buildings: one 12,675-square-foot space, a 14,005-square-foot building, a 3,678-square-foot building and a 6,000-square-foot building.

“It’s obviously in a high-growth area in a high-visibility corridor,” he said. “What’s good about this center in particular is it’s very visible northbound, and we have an exceptionally tall pylon sign that’s visible southbound.”

The company is gearing up to present the center’s vacancies to retailers at an International Council of Shopping Centers real estate convention in May, so more tenants will likely be announced later this year, Perkel said.

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City seeks to help aging population
Homestead exemption increased for 65 and older, disabled residents

By Peter McCrady

City officials and community leaders are looking for ways to stem the tide of possible effects of the “Silver Tsunami.” One tool intended to help the 65 and older and disabled demographic was approved March 20 when City Council agreed to increase the city’s homestead exemption.

“In the end I think everyone could agree that our seniors and the disabled need and deserve some tax relief when we can provide it,” Councilman Mike Martinez said.

Councilman Bill Spelman voted against the measure, making the tally 6-1. City Council increased the exemption for those who qualify as 65 years of age or older and those who are disabled from $51,000 to $70,000. The increase matches Travis County’s exemption for the same demographic.

The exemption lowers the taxable value of a qualified property, which in turn lowers the amount of property taxes to be paid.

Ed Van Eenoo, deputy chief financial officer for the city of Austin, said the increase in the exemption will lead to about $3.2 million in lost revenue in fiscal year 2015. The additional exemption will save qualified individuals an average of $95.51 per year and raises the taxes on the owner of a median-value home by $6.79 per year. Martinez said the council can make up the deficit through the yearly budget process.

“I think that’s the kind of hard work that needs to be put into every single budget, and I think that’s what you’ll see so that $3 million won’t necessarily manifest itself in a tax increase on others,” Martinez said.

Other areas of assistance
Martinez said raising the tax exemption for that particular demographic was not an easy decision, and many on council wondered about other ways to assist the elderly and disabled as the need becomes greater.

The Mayor’s Task Force on Aging highlighted recommendations to help the community and city officials address the needs of a growing elderly population. Some recommendations include age-inclusive policies and a focus on affordable housing, healthy living and home-based supportive services.

Jennifer Scott, director of the Area Agency on Aging-Capital Area, served on Mayor Lee Leffingwell’s Task Force on Aging. The expected growth rate of the 60-and-older demographic in the 10-county Capital Area Council of Governments service area—including Bastrop, Travis, Williamson and Hays counties—is 96.6 percent between 2015 and 2030. In Austin, the elderly population is expected to more than double from about 243,000 in 2010 to about 634,000 in 2030.

“Austin is really considered a young city, and it’s not totally prepared for the aging demographic,” Scott said.

Raising more awareness about issues facing the growing elderly population is key to tackling the situation, Scott said.

“My think it’s [important to have] an education for both the general public as well as our advocates that advocate for senior-care issues in order to help drive city policy and county policy,” Scott said.

She also noted the need for more professional and family caregivers as another concern as the elderly population increases.

Another organization serving the disabled and elderly is Meals on Wheels and More. Charles Cloutman, MOMAW vice president of home repair, said it can be much cheaper to help the elderly stay in their homes rather than move them to an assisted-living facility.

“That’s one of the reasons we’ve justified spending so much money on home repair is to keep them in their homes,” he said. “It’s really a very cheap fix to keep their houses from killing them and make their houses accessible.”

Cloutman said there were about 20,000 low-income homeowners in the city of Austin that need home repair. Among MOMAW’s clientele, Cloutman said there are more than 1,300 needing home repairs.

MOMAW is a nonprofit that supports several other programs, including delivering meals, grocery shopping and pet care.

“We really try to bring everything to bear to help someone out,” Cloutman said.

Some other local organizations with an aim of assisting the elderly and those in need include Family Elder Care, Hand of Austin, Austin Groups for the Elderly—or AGE of Central Texas, Capital City Village and The Home Option.
Austin ISD superintendent to leave district
Carstarphen heads to Atlanta; AISD board names interim and begins search

By Kelli Weldon

Austin ISD Superintendent Meria Carstarphen formally accepted a position April 14 as the leader of Atlanta Public Schools, leaving the AISD board of trustees with the task of finding a new permanent leader for the district.

Carstarphen was announced March 27 as the sole finalist for the position in Atlanta, the APS board formally voted April 14 to hire her and she submitted her resignation effective April 23.

In a statement, she thanked the AISD community for its support during the past five years.

“No superintendent does this work alone, and I have been fortunate to work with you toward a common goal: providing a quality education for every student and a supportive environment for our dedicated AISD staff,” she said.

At its April 15 meeting, the board named AISD Chief Schools Officer Paul Cruz as interim superintendent.

The board also approved a request for proposals to find a firm that can help the district in its search for a permanent superintendent.

During citizens communication, a few attendees including Alberto Gonzalez expressed interest in the board hiring Cruz as a superintendent permanently.

“We don’t need a search firm,” Gonzalez said. “We don’t need a national search. We have a wealth of talent here in AISD, and for someone to suggest that we might be potentially rudderless does a disservice of the hardworking leadership we still have in this district.”

AISD board President Vincent Torres said Cruz does not plan to apply for the permanent position.

Parent Celeste Roll said she appreciates AISD’s communication to the public on the search.

“My hope is that in the same fashion the board held meetings at various local high schools with regards to facilities, the same approach would be implemented in outreach for community input regarding the next superintendent,” Roll said.

Torres said the search could take as long as a year.

The board has not yet voted on whether it will conduct an open search or closed search, he said. In a closed search, the board does not have to disclose names of candidates vying for the position to the public, Torres said. In an open search the district can disclose candidates’ names throughout the process or reveal finalists toward the end, he said.

“One of the things that we want to do as a board is to reach out to our community and make sure that we’re in sync with the qualifications that the community wants to have in a superintendent when we go out looking,” he said.

Torres said he wants the district to remain steadfast on issues including its facility master plan and budget, as well as dual-language and social and emotional learning.

Austin is stronger as a result of Carstarphen’s leadership, said Drew Scheberle, the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce’s senior vice president of education and talent development.

“There are [about] 1,000 more students who are graduating college-ready here than when she got here, which is huge,” he said.

Scheberle said he will be interested to see how the November elections tie in with the search for a new superintendent.

“I would be shocked if the board decided to go for an external candidate before the November elections,” he said, noting five of the nine AISD board members’ terms are slated to end in 2014.

Carstarphen spoke about the future of the district April 3 at the chamber’s 2014 Education Progress Reports luncheon.

“arbitrate the politics will be crazy. ... I know that if we just had maybe three more years we’d probably have everybody at 90 percent graduation rates, so whoever ends up being superintendent, you keep holding them to that because our people are working toward that, and we can get there,” she said.

Ken Zarifs, president of local teachers union Education Austin, said a change of leadership could energize both the superintendent and the district as a whole.

“I think she’ll work really well in Atlanta. ... As far as the district goes, I think this is just a great opportunity ... for the city to find a new leader that can address the challenges that we have financially, but also we need to make sure that our campuses that are most challenged have opportunities to grow,” he said.

Updates from the district are available at www.austinisd.org/superintendent-search.

Interim superintendent named

“...We’ve made great strides in improving student performance, but we have work to do, and we know that.”

—Paul Cruz, interim superintendent

Paul Cruz, Austin ISD’s interim superintendent, joined AISD in 2006 and most recently served as chief schools officer.

“In AISD, we can’t miss a beat,” he said, noting increasing graduation rates will be among his top priorities in his new role.

Cruz has been a teacher, school administrator and district leader in Austin as well as Corpus Christi, Round Rock and San Antonio, according to AISD.

“We have hardworking people, and we’ve made great strides in improving student performance, but we have work to do, and we know that,” he said.

Dear Dr. Angela—

I’m expecting my first child. I’m so excited but I’m also experiencing some difficulties. I can’t see my feet. They’ve also started to swell and hurt. What do you recommend?

—*Suffering in South Austin*

hi “suffering in south austin”–

Congratulations on your pregnancy!

As a mother and physician, I can tell you from experience that increased weight gain is normal. Swelling of the feet is also very common. In fact, most first-time mothers will permanently increase shoe size due to the hormones flowing throughout the body. The same way your pelvis expands for labor explains how the arch is widening in your feet. Thus, my best recommendation is to carefully select shoes which support your new size. Think of it as an investment in your future, as most long-term foot problems occur due to shoes of the wrong size or fit.

As I always say, education and prevention is key! Good luck on this next step in life, and for more information, you can always call my office.

—Angela Drury, D.P.M., F.A.C.F.A.S.
Austin chamber releases Education Progress Reports for local districts

AISD sees higher graduation rates, new STAAR, HB 5 changes

by Kelli Weldon

AISD Superintendent Meria Carstarphen said it is a “troubling” time for the nation in terms of public education, and urban education is at the forefront of the fight to make sure children get what they need.

“I have been blessed to be able to build a great team. … We really came together to fight the fight for kids. I’ve been able to hire almost half of the principals in AISD now, and as a result our performance is really reflecting the value system of our school board and of Austin,” she said.

The chamber has partnered with school districts and other Central Texas chambers for nine years to put together the reports, according to Kimberly Reeves, vice president of talent alignment with the chamber. This year the reports cover 12 school districts in Central Texas.

AISD’s report includes K-12 student performance data from the 2011–12 school year as well as 2013 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, results. The school district has seen slight year-over-year increases in graduation rates, post-secondary enrollment, and college and career readiness, but progress during the past few years has been relatively flat.


As school counselors throughout Central Texas help students transition to new Foundation High School Program graduation plans initiated under House Bill 5, part of the message the chamber wants to convey is what opportunities are available for students, Reeves said.

“We are in one of the fastest-growing communities in the country with a lot of high-demand jobs and a lot of mismatch between the jobs that we have and what kids think they want to do,” she said.

The report shows computer- and math-related jobs make up 19 percent of Central Texas job openings, while in the regional class of 2013, computer jobs make up 4 percent of student aspirations, and science and math careers make up 6 percent.

AISD school board trustee Amber Elenz said hearing that local businesses want to help connect students with potential career paths is encouraging.

“That is going to be so important as we move into the HB 5 new endorsement routes,” she said. “It’s critical that [businesses] are partnering with all the school districts.”

AISD’s direct-to-college enrollment rate—the percentage of high school students who actually enrolled in a university, community college or technical school immediately after graduating—was 60 percent for the class of 2012.

“I think being flat is sobering a little bit because you know the work that goes into it,” Elenz said. “But yet, when you look at the realities of the changing demographics, really we didn’t stay flat. We took some kids who have really, really struggled and brought them up. It’s just masked in the overall data.”

The report examines test results of fifth- and eighth-graders, as those students are about to make the transition from elementary to middle and from middle to high school, Reeves explained. Results from the report show AISD fifth- and eighth-graders improved on the STAAR exams, but standards will become even more rigorous in 2016, Reeves said.

AISD Chief Academic Officer Pauline Dow said AISD strategies for STAAR improvement include professional development, holding meetings about instruction best practices and using a framework for curriculum design intended to help students gain a deep conceptual understanding of materials.

“The office of academics and the assessment department collaboratively create benchmarks to measure student mastery of the taught curriculum mid-year, in time for teachers to analyze the assessment data to improve teaching and learning and student achievement,” she said.

Overall the reports give business owners, educators, parents and the community an overview of what is happening in local school districts, Reeves said.

“Even in the face of budget cuts, [school districts] are doing a good job meeting the standards,” Reeves said. “Now the standards are going to change, and they are probably going to be even more challenging. We have to be even more strategic with our decisions when it comes to budgets and programs and policies.”

The reports can be accessed online at www.austinchamber.com/edureports.
The shift in student assessment: TAKS TO STAAR

Since 2012, school districts in Texas have been switching to a new exam for student assessment, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness. Each year, the Texas Education Agency has been phasing in standards for student performance that are set by a committee composed of educators, experts and more.

In the 2013–14 school year, the previous exam, the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, was administered for the last time, and students in grade 12 were the last to take it.

Key changes from TAKS to STAAR

- The rigor of assessment is more difficult on STAAR exams than TAKS and includes questions with more cognitive complexity.
- For the first time there is a time limit on the tests, and English I and II must be completed in five hours. The other tests must be completed in four hours.
- For most grades and subjects, tests have increased in length.
- There are more open-ended questions for students to be able to derive more independent answers for science and mathematics.
- Students are asked to complete two writing tasks instead of one (including personal, narrative, literary, expository, persuasive and analytic).
- Performance standards are now reviewed at least once every three years and are adjusted when necessary for appropriate level of rigor.
- High school students are most affected by the changes in assessment. Under TAKS, students took two tests in ninth grade and four tests in both 10th and 11th grades. A student was required to pass the tests given at the grade level in order to graduate. STAAR now requires five end-of-course assessments, which students will take whenever they take the corresponding course.

What is STAAR?

The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness is a more rigorous testing program that focuses on readiness for grade level advancement, future course subjects, college and careers.

Austin ISD ready for change

New STAAR standards will be put in place next year, followed by final standards in 2016.

AISD strategies to prepare include:
- Middle and high school department chair meetings on best practices
- Professional development
- “Whole child” education approach that includes support for physical and mental health and wellness, social and emotional learning, and fine arts

What the Texas Education Agency is saying

“...we really do believe that if the kids have been in class, they should have been taught everything throughout the year to really excel on this test.”

—Lauren Callahan, Texas Education Agency information specialist

“...this approach helps to raise attendance and reduce discipline referrals which in turn ensures that students have opportunities to learn.”

—Pauline Dow, Austin ISD chief academic officer

Quick Facts

- Out of the 180 annual instructional days, students typically spend two to five days taking state-required tests, depending on their grade.
- 12th-grade students were the last to take the TAKS test in the 2013–14 school year.
- In 2013, the Texas Legislature decided to decrease the number of state-required tests for high school students from 15 to five. This year is the first that students will only be required to take five tests.

Resources

TEA provides information on its website such as:
- Previous versions of the test
- Sample questions
- A full summary of the differences between TAKS and STAAR
- A calendar of testing dates

compiled by Lyndsey Taylor

For more information, visit www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar

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Best use of resources debated
ACC long-term planners not deterred by enrollment dip
By Joe Lanane

Short-term enrollment declines overshadow an otherwise high-growth decade for Austin Community College. Now college officials want to plan for the next two decades of anticipated growth.

ACC’s student body has increased by 38 percent in the past 10 years, said Neil Vickers, vice president of budget and finance. The college particularly benefited from a national trend of students who returned to school or enrolled during the recent recession, he said.

“That wasn’t a sustainable growth rate,” Vickers said.

Sure enough, enrollment has dropped 3.9 percent from fall 2012 to fall 2013 and 3.4 percent from spring 2013 to this semester. The recent decline has not deterred Vickers and other college officials who are making long-term plans in anticipation of the next enrollment spike.

“We don’t know when we’re going to start growing again, but we do know Austin is growing—and growing quite well—which means a pipeline for the future students of this community college is building,” Vickers said.

Future investment
A proposed $500 million bond, which could go before ACC district voters in November—pending board approval—would invest more money at new campuses in Elgin and Hays County as well as the future Highland Campus.

“The bond, whatever amount it may be, is critical to the college in order to reposition ourselves for the coming decades to serve the coming community,” Vickers said.

If approved as recommended, the bond could also allocate $70 million toward the first phase of a 12th campus in Leander, where ACC already owns property near the Capital Metro train station.

Efforts to expand ACC’s footprint have drawn concerns from Full-Time Faculty Senate representatives on the bond advisory committee who voted against the committee’s overall recommendation.

“At this time, we’re not in favor of building more campuses and acquiring new land,” said Terry Thomas, Full-Time Faculty Senate president. “We want to be cautious and take care of the campuses we have already.”

Thomas in January asked board members if ACC is on the path toward becoming “the 7-Eleven of community colleges—a campus on every neighborhood corner.” She cautions that if ACC continues to allocate resources too broadly, student success will eventually suffer. For example, student services at the Pinnacle Campus were relocated because of enrollment decreases at that location.

“What is the point of diminishing returns?” she said. “We’re looking at that right now.”

ACC’s geographically dispersed service area requires the college to have multiple campuses to effectively serve all communities, Vickers said. The challenge is ensuring the college’s resources are proportionally dispersed among the 11 campuses, he said.

“Clearly we’re not trying to rein in—that’s still a balance,” Vickers said. “I think that’s why, relatively speaking, it might look like we’re spending a lot. There’s always challenges with growing.”

Texas community college enrollment is expected to double by 2050, said Steven Johnson, Texas Association of Community Colleges vice president of public affairs, making long-term planning all the more essential.

“I think the concern is, over time as state enrollment doubles, will the state [Legislature] be able to double its appropriation the next 20–30 years?” Johnson said.

Funding investment
The state funded more than 60 percent of community college operations in the mid-1980s, Johnson said. Now state money accounts for less than 30 percent, he said.

As a result, property taxes have been used to offset the budget imbalance, Thomas said. Austin’s rapid growth has helped ACC maintain the lowest taxing rate among Texas urban community college districts. On the other hand, no other big-city community college district in Texas has higher tuition rates than ACC, according to TACC data.

ACC officials declared a hiring freeze in July 2012. Full-time faculty positions can be replaced with proper approval, although ACC administrators last November proposed limiting adjunct faculty hours in an attempt to avoid paying full-time health care costs.

“The proposal drew criticism from faculty members and board members who debated exactly how much health care coverage the college should provide adjunct faculty—and where that money should come from.”

“I will argue during budget [discussions] in support of adjunct,” said Allan Kaplan, a 20-year ACC board member, during a January board meeting. “It’s not only the politically correct thing to do, [but] health care is the major issue of our time.”

Trustee John-Michael Cortez said in March that there is not a huge appetite among board members to increase tuition rates, and he is opposed to some board members’ suggestions that ACC increase its tax rate to accommodate potentially expanded health care coverage.

Both Cortez and the Full-Time Faculty Senate have instead publicly supported hiring more full-time faculty rather than relying so heavily on adjuncts. There are more than double the number of adjunct faculty members compared with full-timers—1,340 to 543—according to fall 2013 figures. Many adjuncts also assist in ACC tutoring labs, said Richard Cutler, Adjunct Faculty Association president.

“It’s about the money—that’s the way the administrators view adjuncts,” he said. “As long as there is a greater supply of adjuncts than demand for them, the school will get the best people they can for the least amount of money,” he said.

Adjunct faculty are promoted to fill half of all full-time vacancies, said Vickers, who estimated in January that it would cost up to $1.2 million to fund increased adjunct faculty health care coverage.

Vickers said the board would need to decide before July’s budget deadline whether adjunct faculty should be allowed to cobble together part-time hours toward reaching full-time status—a practice not allowed at many other state community colleges. “If in fact we’re going to start making contributions to these benefits, we need to have a way to be thoughtful about that expense so we can plan for it,” Vickers said.

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**How does ACC compare with peer schools?**

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Tops considered at Oak Hill Parkway workshop

OAK HILL Toll roads are among the options being discussed as part of the Oak Hill Parkway environmental study to address long-term congestion near the intersection of Hwy. 290 and Hwy. 71.

The Oak Hill Parkway study is the first step in a multiyear Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority and Texas Department of Transportation effort to investigate potential effects of possible transportation projects on Hwy. 290. At a financing workshop March 22, residents learned about funding options for potential construction, said Melissa Hurst, Mobility Authority community outreach manager.

“The Oak Hill community has expressed … an interest into really getting down into this level of detail,” she said.

Attendees advised the team to research options such as public/private partnerships or getting city and county funding and having TxDOT pay back costs over time.

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Post-SXSW analysis approved by City Council

AUSTIN The South By Southwest Music and Media Conference is going to get an extra look from the city of Austin after Austin City Council passed 7-0 a resolution for a post-event analysis at its March 27 meeting.

“It was a difficult South By Southwest, but it’s not just related to South By Southwest,” said Councilman Mike Martinez, the lead sponsor of the resolution. “Austin has just truly become an international destination for many folks in many different times of the year.”

Martinez said the catalyst for the process was wanting to find ways to improve public safety, transportation and capacity issues.

The resolution directs the city manager to conduct an event evaluation that includes stakeholder feedback as well as comments from the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission on free alcohol at events. The analysis will cover issues including traffic management, safety, event sprawl and crowd management.

David King, who spoke at the City Council meeting on behalf of the Austin Neighborhoods Council, said the organization would like to ensure public engagement in the follow-up process.

County approves model for social services

TRAVIS COUNTY Data show that the number of county residents who live outside of Austin has grown, and services have not kept up.

County staff developed a Family System of Care model “to address complex needs of whole families” and create lasting positive change for children, according to county documents.

On April 1 commissioners unanimously approved the care model and directed staff to solicit bids from service providers to implement the plan.

Commissioners have approved allocating $1 million in the 2014 fiscal year and up to $2 million in the 2015 fiscal year for new social services investments.

The model would focus on families with children in outlying areas of Travis County and would address issues such as child and youth development, housing and behavioral health.

County staff held forums to hear stakeholders’ concerns. Residents said infrastructure improvements, community services and housing were priorities.

City talks options for purchased property

SUNSET VALLEY City leaders discussed possible uses for the 6.6-acre Kennedy property during the April 1 City Council meeting.

The city bought the property at 3617 Country White Lane using $875,000 of special “green tax” money that must be spent on water quality protection.

City leaders considered subdividing the property and selling the house already on the land.

The city would preserve part of the property for environmental reasons.

Court chips in $5M to build SH 45 SW

HAYS COUNTY Commissioners voted March 25 to approve an agreement with Travis County and the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority to fund design and construction of SH 45 SW, a 3.6-mile roadway that would connect MoPac to FM 1626.

The Texas Department of Transportation is conducting an environmental study into the project, which some have said will damage the Edwards Aquifer.

If the study supports building the highway, Hays and Travis counties will commit $5 million and $15 million, respectively. The Mobility Authority approved a similar interlocal agreement during its March 26 meeting.

Code amendment for micro-units initiated

AUSTIN City Council members will be considering code amendments relating to removing site area and parking requirements for micro-unit residences after the process was initiated with a resolution at the March 27 meeting.

Councilman Chris Riley, who sponsored the resolution, said micro-unit housing could be a tool in addressing the city’s housing needs as well as affordability.

"The root of the problem is that we have an inadequate housing stock to meet the needs of our community, and that failure to meet those needs [is] manifesting and creating some real strains in our community," Riley said.

The resolution passed 7-0.

A micro-unit is a housing option that is less than 500 square feet in size. The resolution is intended to be a way to encourage that type of development along core transit corridors, future transit corridors and within transit-oriented developments. The minimum site area requirement restricts the number of dwelling units on a site.

Riley said by removing the minimum size area and parking requirements for micro-unit residences, this type of housing could appeal to single individuals as well as seniors who do not need as much space and maybe no longer want to drive, Riley added.

The city manager will come back to council with the code amendment within 120 days.

Meetings

- Austin City Council
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  Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second St.
  www.austintexas.gov/department/city-council

- Travis County Commissioners Court
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  700 Lavaca St., Austin
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25 through 27
Austin Food & Wine Festival
The three-day event features panels, hands-on grilling classes, and demonstrations by local chefs such as Tyson Cole, Aaron Franklin, Jack Gilmore, and Paul Qui. Times vary. $850 (three-day Savor Pass), $250 (Taste Pass). Butler Park, 1000 Barton Springs Road and Republic Square Park, 422 Guadalupe St. www.austinfoodandwinefestival.com

May

01
Oak Hill Business and Professional Association luncheon
The group meets for a member luncheon featuring speaker Beth Ann Ray, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce vice president of regional infrastructure. 11:30 a.m. $20. Mandalay’s Italian Market, 4301 W. William Cannon Drive. www.oahpba.org

01 through 25
‘As You Like It’
The City of Austin, the Austin Parks and Recreation Department and the Beverly S. Zilker Hillside Theatre, in coordination with professional theater group Austin Shakespeare, present the Shakespeare comedy on Thursdays-Sundays. Times vary. Free. Beverly S. Zilker Hillside Theatre in Zilker Park, 2100 Barton Springs Road. www.austinshakespeare.org

25
Founders Day Festival
The city of Dripping Springs’ largest community event includes a parade, music, a carnival, cookoff competitions, and arts and crafts. The event celebrates the founding of Dripping Springs by the Moss, Wallace and Pound families in 1850. The event features food vendors and various forms of art ranging from paintings and sculptures to jewelry. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Free. Downtown Dripping Springs on Mercer Street. 512-858-4725. www.foundersdayfestival.com

03
Spring Fest
The sixth annual event features live music, a silent auction, food, and activities for families. Proceeds benefit the Adventurers Academy of Lifelong Learning, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that offers continuing education, vocational training, and community experiences for adults and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities. 11 a.m.–7 p.m. $10. La Fuentes Restaurant, 6507 Circle S Road. 512-443-4514. www.austinadventurers.org

03 through 04
36th annual spring Pecan Street Festival
More than 275 artisan vendors participate in the biannual Austin tradition on Sixth Street. Items for sale include paintings and jewelry. More than 60 bands perform. Children’s activities include face painting, magic shows and rides. 11 a.m.–10 p.m. (Sat.), 11 a.m.–8 p.m. (Sun.). Free. Sixth Street. www.oldpecanstreetfestival.com

16
Bike to Work Day
Hosted by Bike Austin and the Austin Cycling Association, the event encourages using bicycles instead of cars to commute. To document participation, bikers are asked to sign in at Fueling Stations listed on the website. Times vary. Locations vary. http://biketoworkaustin.org

26
Primary runoff election
Travis County holds a primary election runoff for Republican lieutenant governor, attorney general, agricultural commissioner and railroad commissioner candidates as well as the Democrat U.S. Senate and agricultural commissioner candidates. 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Free. Locations vary. 512-854-4996. www.traviscountyelections.org

Worth the TRIP

14th Annual St. Chubby Golf Classic
The Southwest Austin–based charity hosts the event. Prizes are awarded to the top three teams as well as the longest drives and closest ball to the pin. A dinner, raffle, and auctions are planned after the tournament. 7 a.m. (registration), 8:30 a.m. (shotgun start), $110 per person. Plum Creek Golf Course, 750 Kohlers Crossing, Kyle. www.stchubby.com

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Corazon Latino Dance Studio
Zumba classes aim to help locals get moving

By Kelli Weldon

A high-energy workout timed to Latin music can be a way to relieve stress, learn new dance moves and achieve health goals at the same time, said Mary Bastos, co-owner of Corazon Latino Dance Studio.

“For us, our best reward is to see a customer happy and look fabulous,” Bastos said.

With its focus on Zumba fitness, Corazon quickly outgrew its original location near the intersection of William Cannon Drive and Manchaca Road as women and men came from Austin and surrounding cities as far away as Round Rock and San Marcos to shimmy their way to better health, Bastos said.

“Zumba is a cardio class with Latin rhythm and a lot of repetition, and it’s a lot of fun,” Bastos said.

Bastos and business partner Fanny Gonzalez, who are both originally from Venezuela, opened the business in May 2011 with former partner Maria Fitzpatrick and moved to the current space three months later.

Gonzalez said she has more than 35 years of fitness instruction experience and has continued her education in Zumba.

“Everybody loses weight with Zumba,” Gonzalez said.

The business is also rooted in a goal of doing good, Bastos said. Its first event was a fundraiser for Susan G. Komen, and it regularly offers free scheduled classes for breast cancer survivors and people with diabetes. Both diseases have affected Bastos’ family.

“In our community, the Latin community, the risk is so high [for diabetes]. … And we need to create awareness to move and be healthy,” Bastos said.

In addition to Zumba, the studio offers cardio kickboxing, boot camp, belly dancing and ballet conditioning as well as classes for children.

While getting ready for a 30-minute abs class, Southwest Austin resident Kyla Stephens said she likes the studio’s schedule of classes offered on the hour and the half hour.

“I don’t have to plan my day around it. It’s whenever I get some free time, I can go in and go to class,” she said. “It’s pretty awesome.”

Zumba’s beginnings
Mary Bastos, Corazon Latino Dance Studio co-owner, said she met Zumba Fitness creator Beto Perez when she lived in Miami in 2003.

Perez, a well-known fitness instructor, forgot to bring his regular music to an aerobics class he was teaching one day. Instead, he put on a tape of salsa music to bring his regular music to an aerobics class.

“People loved it,” Bastos said.

The fitness style combines the concept of traditional aerobics with dance steps from a variety of Latin dance styles including salsa and the mambo, she said.

Class pricing
• Corazon charges $8 per class.
• Packages include six classes for $38 and 10 classes for $50.
• Membership is $69 per month for unlimited classes for one month or $60 per month with a six-month contract.
• The Corazon Card costs $85 and allows members to bring one guest to each class for one month.

Get moving
Many people tell Mary Bastos, Corazon Latino Dance Studio co-owner, that they want to lose 20 pounds before going to the gym, but she said she advises against procrastination and being self-conscious.

“I try to teach the people that exercise is not boring, and everybody can do it,” she said.

More offerings
• Corazon classes include Zumba variations such as Zumba Toning, which involves body-sculpting aerobics using weights, and Zumba Sentao, which involves routines using chairs.
• The business sells apparel in its boutique and can provide personal training and nutrition services.
• Bastos, a former massage therapist, also offers massages, she said.
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**PhoNatic Vietnamese Cuisine**

Southeast Asian meets Southwest Austin

By Joe Olivieri

In 2010 Pat Lee noticed that Vietnamese food had not gone mainstream.

He and his wife, Sara, were operating a franchise of a Houston-based Vietnamese restaurant at the time.

They researched opening a fast-casual restaurant with counter service and opened PhoNatic Vietnamese Cuisine on Anderson Lane in October 2011.

“We are different because there are so many stereotypes about getting authentic Asian cuisine,” Sara said. “What we are trying to do is still serve it in a modern atmosphere. The stereotype is that it has to be a hole-in-the-wall [restaurant].”

The Lees opened a location in South Austin in June 2013 and a Cedar Park location in January.

“We have regular customers who drive [to the South Austin location] from Buda and Kyle,” she said.

Pat, who is originally from Vietnam, developed the recipes for the restaurant.

The menu is simple—“It’s either soup or not soup,” Sara said. The soups include traditional Vietnamese pho (see sidebar). Non-soup options include marinated meats over rice, noodles or salads.

The grilled pork and fish choices are popular, she said.

PhoNatic also recently finished construction on a commissary kitchen.

“We want to make sure that no matter how many locations we open, that the food is always perfect,” she said.

The Lees said they hope to eventually take PhoNatic statewide.

Sara said Austin customers will ask if PhoNatic is a national chain because they prefer to eat at locally owned restaurants.

“Well, I’m mom, and pop is over there,” she said.

**Pho**

Pho, pronounced “fah,” is a traditional Vietnamese noodle soup.

Pho is typically served as a breakfast food in Vietnam but can be eaten at any time of day, owner Sara Lee said.

The soup itself is the most important element; the meats simply add to the flavor, she said.

Pho is meant to be hearty in taste but not heavy.

“We really accomplish that by having a good soup stock,” she explained. “We use beef broth to make our beef stock and full chickens for our chicken stock.

The process, start to finish for either soup, is about 10 hours.”

PhoNatic offers versions of pho with filet mignon and ox tail, the latter being very popular for its flavor, Sara said.

PhoNatic is one of the few Vietnamese restaurants in Central Texas to have a truly vegetarian pho with a vegetable-based broth, she said.

Diners also have a build-your-own-bowl option starting at $7.25.

**Menu options**

The Banh Mi Sliders are the most popular item on the menu, owner Sara Lee said. The sliders’ full name is Banh Bao Thit Nuong and they include grilled pork, cucumber, pickled carrots, jalapeños, daikon and cilantro on a steamed Peking bun (three for $5.95). Other menu items include:

- Cha Gio—Fried Vietnamese egg rolls with pork, shrimp, mushrooms and vegetables served with fish sauce ($1.70 for a single egg roll, $3.15 for an order)
- Com Thit Heo Nuong—Grilled marinated pork served with steamed rice and a side of vegetables ($7.95)
- Mi Hoanh Thanh Thap Cam includes pork and shrimp wontons and egg noodles ($7.95 regular, $8.75 large).
- Mi Thap Cam Kho—Dried egg noodle, chicken breast, fish balls, jumbo shrimp, crab stick, ground pork, roasted garlic, onions, green onion, leeks and cilantro served with chicken broth ($7.95 regular, $8.85 large).
- Com Dau Hu Chien—Fried tofu with steamed rice and vegetables ($6.75)
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Meet the professional foodie, a jack-of-all-trades who helps keep local grocery stores on the cutting edge of food trends.

Foodies stay up to date by going to farmers markets, talking with suppliers and even traveling abroad to find the latest and greatest foods.

There is no one path to become a professional foodie. They include self-taught chefs and former grocery store cashiers.

Each admits to being obsessed with food, flavors and ingredients and sharing that knowledge with the public.

H-E-B foodie Chris Bartella said Austin has a savvy customer base. Some shoppers entertain guests in their homes and serve elaborate European-style meals, he said.

- What have you been working on recently?
  I just got back from Italy. H-E-B had sent 25 employees over there. We met with vendors and the principals (at the food companies.) It was a week-long trip. It was an opportunity to enhance my foodie training and deepen my background knowledge of the topic.

- Can you give an example of how you help customers?
  We had a customer who was into making all of her ingredients from scratch. She was looking for [ingredients for] a pesto, and I helped her find them. I also showed her our truffle pesto. She was blown away. Folks respond to quality products. We have our Primo Picks—these are items we have identified as high quality products that we want to let the customer know about.

- Can you give an example of the foodies’ influence on the store?
  We offer in-house coffee roasting. It’s artisan. We spent years building that up, even going all over the world to find the coffee. We cup the beans (a tasting and testing process) and roast them, and they are sold with love. And because of (our purchasing power), we are able to offer them at a lower price that the consumer can afford.

- What does it take to become a foodie?
  We wear green aprons with green stripes. Employees who wear the black aprons are tasting specialists. It can take six months to become a foodie and “earn your stripes,” but it could easily take years. Central Market does extensive training and tests. You also need to be good at engaging the customer while preparing food, like you are on a cooking show.

- What are some foods that are popular/trendy right now?
  Gluten-free is still around. Interest in adhering to a raw food lifestyle isn’t quite what it used to be, though consumers are integrating elements of the raw food diet into what has evolved into more of an emphasis on plant-based, whole-food eating. [The] paleo [diet] has been pretty hot for the past year, and we’re seeing very strong and increasing demand for grass-fed dairy and meat items.

  Fresh refrigerated “functional” juices, especially those consisting [of] blends of greens, are very popular.

  Kate is continuing to spread through the store, showing up in completely new categories. Ancient grains—farro, einkorn, teff and, of course, quinoa—are popping up in more formats.

- Tell us about a food discovery of yours.
  We just [stocked] a hot sauce called Yellowbird Sauce. It’s Austin-based—the company is small but growing. ... You can put the sauce on anything—even sushi.

  They partnered with Red Rabbit [Cooperative] Bakery to put out a limited edition pineapple habañero glazed vegan donut. [It] blew my mind!

- What else is on the horizon?
  I was just at Aqua Dulce out in Southeast Austin. They’re doing aquaponics (using the nutrient byproducts of fish farming to grow other foods.) It is different from hydroponics (growing plants in water) I got to check out their farm and what they are trying to do. It’s all about sustainable practices.
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South Austin Brewing Co. celebrated its second anniversary on East St. Elmo Road on March 2.

South Austin Beer Partners recently bought the brewery and renamed it South Austin Brewery, according to the new owners.

South Austin Brewery has partnered with mobile canning operation Ameri - can Canning and will be offering its beers in cans going forward.

The brewery plans to introduce three new beers in early May: a Kolsch beer, a “Texas Pale Ale” and a Lukenboch. The beers, as well as the brewery’s Six String Saison, are also available in kegs.

The brewery offers facility tours by appointment and joint tours with neighboring business Casa Brasil Coffees.

Applied Tool and Fastener opened in 1996 and was bought by the current owners in 2004.

It moved from Industrial Boulevard to East St. Elmo Road in 2006, Office Manager Marty Belt said.

The business specializes in selling supplies to general contractors such as electricians, machinists, HVAC workers and plumbers, President Karl Krog said.

Applied Tool sells industrial equipment from nuts and bolts to ladders and tools. It can also special order items such as washing machines, grills or lawn mowers.

The business works with True Value Company and is connected to its network of vendors, Krog said.
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Way to keep your home safe

The Austin Police Department conducts site surveys to help residents improve home safety. Commander Todd Gage offered the following suggestions:
- Leave outdoor lights on
- Make it appear as though someone is home
- Trim hedges to expose windows
- Adopt a dog
- Leave a radio or television on
- Leave cars in the driveway
- Take your keys out of your car
- Remove valuables from your car
- Install motion lights on the outside of your house

Types of suspicious activity

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Crime

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had 30, and Frank district had 66 in 2013, he said. By comparison, the East Austin district had 80, the Northeast Austin district had 133 and there were 603 robberies citywide.

Southwest Austin’s property crime rates are trending down, but the area is an attractive target for property crime because of its dense population of homes, Gage said.

APD tracks residential, vehicle and business burglaries and vehicle theft.

“Of all of those categories, 14 to 16 percent of that crime is in [Southwest Austin],” Gage said. “It’s kind of low, but we still have some challenges.”

Neighborhood watches

There is no one type of neighborhood watch—area residents have done everything from holding monthly meetings and designating block captains to conducting patrols, Luther said. Neighborhoods often maintain Facebook pages and mailing lists.

Luther’s neighborhood of Barton Hills was the first in Austin to perform volunteer patrols, he said. Barton Hills has roughly 30 volunteer patrols, he said. Neighborhood watch—area residents have done everything from holding monthly meetings and designating block captains to conducting patrols, Luther said. Neighborhoods often maintain Facebook pages and mailing lists.

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Luther said he partners with police and Travis County constables to train residents. Barton Hills has roughly 30 volunteers who serve as eyes and ears for the police.

“[ุ]ve never armed, and we never get out of the car,” he said.

Every day residents take turns putting magnetic “Neighborhood watch” signs on their cars and driving random routes through area streets. Volunteers’ detailed knowledge about their communities, such as when to expect certain cars in certain driveways, helps them in their patrols, he said.

Luther said volunteers look for open doors and signs of forced entry as well as cars backed into driveways with trunks open.

“We talk to [convicted burglars] who have been incarcerated, and they say when they are looking for a neighborhood to hit, if anyone on the block looks like they are paying attention, they go somewhere else,” he said.

Communities with block captains divide their neighborhoods into blocks. Block captains are residents who pass on their training to their neighbors and help organize heightened awareness on their blocks.

Luther said he also teaches residents tricks to make homes safer. Installing longer screws to strengthen a deadbolt—a $1 renovation—can stop a burglar from kicking in a door, he said.

Nextdoor.com

APD announced in December it would partner with California-based website Nextdoor.

Site spokeswoman Kelsey Grady said the site has a bottom-up approach: Residents draw the neighborhood boundaries, invite neighbors to join, and foster and manage the individual sites themselves, she said.

“We are simply giving Austin and cities across the country an easier way to facilitate neighbor-to-neighbor communication,” she said.

Crime is not the only topic on Nextdoor; contributors can post anything from missing pet alerts to ads that offer handyman services, Grady said.

Police can post messages to Nextdoor and receive responses to their posts, but they cannot browse the site or collect information, Grady said. Police can target specific posts only to an affected part of town, she added.

“This morning there was a lockdown at a school,” she said. “I imagine they would send out that information to everyone in the neighborhood.”

There are more than 160 Nextdoor sites in the seven ZIP codes Community Impact Newspaper considers to be Southwest Austin. There have been more than 1,100 posts about crime and safety in the area, Grady said.

Residents

Two years ago concerned residents started Community Awareness for South Austin, group President Roger Casanova said.

The group promotes communication between residents and police. CASA later changed its name to Community Advocates for a Safer Austin.

Casanova said he was pleased with the level of safety in South Austin.

“We have to look beyond our backyards and front doors,” he said. “We have to look out for everybody and not just our own [neighborhood].”

Westcreek Neighborhood Association President Jennifer Voss moved to the neighborhood for the good schools and proximity to downtown.

Voss said residents started signing up for Nextdoor after APD announced its partnership.

“There had been an uptick in property crime in our part of town, and as you can imagine, residents became interested [in Nextdoor],” she said.

Voss said Nextdoor’s mobile app allows users to quickly post photos.

“The police had told us that people in the area had become complacent and were leaving car doors unlocked,” she said.

Westcreek has a neighborhood watch program, hosts community meetings and posts advice online.

Martin Rodriguez, president of the Meadows at Double Creek homeowners association, said he built his house in the Meadows at Double Creek 2 1/2 years ago. It is a neighborhood in which residents participate in Easter egg hunts and work together on Halloween decorations, he said.

He said Nextdoor is a more social way of connecting to his neighbors.

Rodriguez said his neighborhood’s Nextdoor site counts 35 of the neighborhood’s 125 homes as subscribers.

“I had a neighbor find a lost dog with no tags,” he said. “I said, ‘Let’s put it on Nextdoor.’ Within an hour, someone replied, ‘That’s my neighbor’s dog.’ We had gotten the dog back home in 90 minutes. It was really something.”

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Note: “Frank” district includes part of Southeast Austin. Crime statistics cannot be calculated for only Southwest Austin—as defined by Community Impact Newspaper—by adding together the “David” and “Frank” statistics.

Source: Austin Police Department

APD data is not the official data described in the Texas Department of Public Safety or FBI crime reports.

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last summer, said Dora Fabelo, director of recruiting and staffing for AISD. That’s not unusual because of turnover, promotions and new schools opening, she said.

“With a bachelor’s [degree], we start you at $43,286, but then [after] five years, that’s when we start kind of losing ground a little bit,” she said.

The district will continue looking to hire more teachers and is in “grave need” of more bilingual teachers, Fabelo said. AISD offers stipends for bilingual, special education and National Board Certified teachers.

Parent Kay Wagner, president of the Coving-nton Middle School PTA, said she doesn’t think AISD’s compensation package is enough for teachers, especially those at her child’s school in Southwest Austin.

“I really do not believe that AISD has kept up with the cost of living,” she said.

Much of Covington’s student population is economically disadvantaged, but Covington is not considered part of Title I, a federal program that provides financial assistance to local educational agencies and schools with high numbers or percentages of children from low-income families. Covington therefore does not get Title I funds for programs, and teachers have gone the extra mile in taking on additional roles and working long hours to support students, she said.

“Our teachers tutor during their lunch time. They put in an inordinate amount of personal time for the well-being of the students,” Wagner said. “I don’t believe that our teachers are compensated enough for what they’re put through on a day-to-day basis. I’ve watched our teachers make the absolute most of the budget that the school is given plus … the teachers at our school are [paying for supplies] out of pocket quite a bit, and I know a lot of them cannot afford it.”

Seeking change

Crockett High School teacher David Dupont, who teaches policy and constitutional law and coaches soccer, said in the 17 years he has worked for AISD, teacher salaries have risen slower than the cost of living.

He pointed out that AISD does what it can within the confines of economic difficulty, offering health insurance and stipends for training. Teachers also get an extended number of non-contract days that most people don’t have. He said the problem with teacher salaries extends somewhat beyond AISD’s control.

“I think part of the solution would be to reform the tax structure of the state and to develop an income tax system where they treat every child across the state equally as opposed to property-wealthy districts having more advantages and then being punished with recapture,” he said.

There are three ways a school district can get new revenue to help support teacher salaries, Conley said: changing legislation, increasing the district’s enrollment or average daily attendance, or raising the tax rate with a tax ratification election, or TRE.

Legislation changing is unlikely, so AISD needs to consider a TRE, Conley said. Wagner said she isn’t sure if she would support a TRE in 2015.

“I would really like to see the proposal first,” she said. The district is on the right track, but she would like to see some adjustments made across the board in terms of how money is managed, she said.

Parent Rick Potter said he is in favor of anything that would boost teacher salaries.

Potter has four children who have attended or are currently attending Casis Elementary School, O Henry Middle School and Austin High School. He said one of his greatest concerns since he first became involved with the district in 1997 has been retaining staff, particularly in athletics.

“We were losing coaches and athletic coordinators and trainers that were being constantly hired away from AISD from outlying districts not only in Central Texas but around the state,” he said.

He cited research showing higher graduation rates for children involved in athletics. “Part of it is facilities, but part of it is we need to pay these teachers and coaches commensurate with the marketplace,” he said.

Why teachers stay

Austin’s appeal as a city, innovative AISD programs and benefits such as Social Security are among the reasons teachers remain with the district, Fabelo said.

AISD offers REACH, a program through which teachers can receive stipends based on their students’ performance, Fabelo said.

“The REACH Program has really helped us, but the REACH program is only in certain schools, and they’re hard-to-staff schools,” she said.

Fabelo, a former principal and teacher who has worked for AISD for about 30 years, said the draw of teaching is obviously not the money—it’s helping children learn.

“AISD offers scholarships, unique stipends for certain schools, and they’re hard-to-staff schools,” he said.

“[Teaching] is something that is just so rewarding,” she said. “When I get those invitations to college graduations or master’s [degree] graduations from my students … it’s all worth it.”
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Overview
Build-out year: 2008
Builder: D.R. Horton
Square footage: 1,945–2,443
Home values: $239,900–$299,000
HOA dues (estimated): $37 monthly, mandatory
Amenities: Basketball court, community center, playscapes, swimming pool
Nearby attractions: Southpark Meadows shopping center

Property taxes (in dollars):
- Austin ISD: 1.2420
- City of Austin: 0.5027
- Travis County: 0.4946
- Central Health: 0.1290
- Austin Community College: 0.0949
Total (per $100 value): 2.4632

Homes on the market (As of April 16)
- No. of homes for sale: 3
- No. of homes under contract: 6
- Average days on the market: 45

Annual home sales (April 17, 2013–April 16, 2014)
- No. of homes sold: 47
- Square footage (low/high): 1,826/3,377
- Selling price (low/high): $220,000/$318,000

Schools
- Kocurek Elementary School
- Bailey Middle School
- Akins High School

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3013 Fleet Drive
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10509 Hendon St.
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648 Emma Loop
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Native South Food Park
The food trailer court is located on Manchaca Road and is home to a variety of mobile vendors.

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### Market Data

#### Recent Property Listings

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### Real Estate

**Market Data provided by the Austin Board of Realtors**

- **Recent Property Listings**
  - 1400 Barton Creek Blvd., Barton Creek North Rim
  - 8212 Barton Club Drive, Unit 4, Barton Creek Owners Club
  - 8212 Barton Club 2, Unit 4, Barton Creek Owners Club
  - 9005 Wimberley Cove, Barton Creek West
  - 8532 Calera Drive, Barton Creek Calera Drive at Barton Creek
  - 3206 Sweet Autumn Cove, Estates Above Last Creek
  - 3700 Winding Creek Drive, Estates Above Last Creek
  - 4101 Verano Drive, Verano Drive at Barton Creek
  - 101 Abbey Drive, Belterra
  - 290 Abbey Drive, Belterra
  - 315 Lexington Drive, Belterra
  - 120 Eaton Drive, Belterra
  - 321 Littleton Drive, Belterra
  - 266 Merion Drive, Belterra
  - 283 Merion Drive, Belterra
  - 230 Trinity Hills Drive, Belterra
  - 390 Whispering Wind Way, Highpointe of Dripping Springs
  - 351,760, 2535, 1560 Firetail Lane, Highpointe of Dripping Springs
  - 395,000, 2931, Cherrise Drive, Meridian
  - 444,000, 3758, 4850, 400,000, 2911, 2780, 2700, 2611, 1120, Turtle Mountain Bend
  - 315,000, 2149, 2000, 189, 760, 7300, 5900, 4500, 4000, 3600, 3000, 2590, 2400, 2200, 1900, 1700, 1400, 1200, 1000, 800, 600, 400, 200, 100, 50, 10, 5, 2, 1

- **ZIP code guide**
  - Oak Hill / Southwest Parkway area
  - Oak Hill
  - Circle C area
  - South of Ben White, Sunset Valley
  - Shady Hollow / Manchaca area
  - McPac / William Cannon area

- **3700 Winding Creek Drive**
- **5311 Presidio Road**
- **2116 Turtle Mountain Bend**

- **78735 Oak Hill**
- **78736**
- **78737 Oak Hill**
- **78738 Circle C area**
- **78745 South of Ben White, Sunset Valley**
- **78746 Shady Hollow / Manchaca area**
- **78749 McPac / William Cannon area**

- **Bauer Ranch**
- **2816 Timms Court**
- **3206 Acomac Drive**
- **2029 Serenity Lane**
- **10694 Colonel Winn Loop**
- **10219 Lindshire Lane**
- **6405 Nasoni Cove**

- **Tanglewood Forest**
- **Rancho Alegre**
- **Legend Oaks**
- **Northland Oaks**
- **Hilltop Estates**
- **Oak Valley Park**
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