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Quorum Report Publisher and News 8 Austin Political Commentator Harvey Kronberg to Address the Hutto Community

Notable Texas political commentator Harvey Kronberg will be the featured speaker on July 9 at the monthly Hutto EDC Power Breakfast. Please join us at the [Holiday Inn Express](#) at 7:30am to hear this renowned speaker give his perspective on the 81st Texas Legislature and the upcoming special session.

For more insight, click on the [illustration](#) below.



What Others Have to Say About Harvey Kronberg...

Texas Monthly: "Who reads Harvey Kronberg's dispatches from the State Legislature? Everyone. The nexus of political gossip right now isn't the Cloak Room, the Austin Club or any of the dark-whisky soaked haunts where politicians wile away their evenings. It is the precise location, at any given time, of Harvey Kronberg."

Houston Press awarded Quorum Report "Best Source for Texas Political Info".

Former Lt. Governor **Bob Bullock:** "The Capitol's most astute observer".

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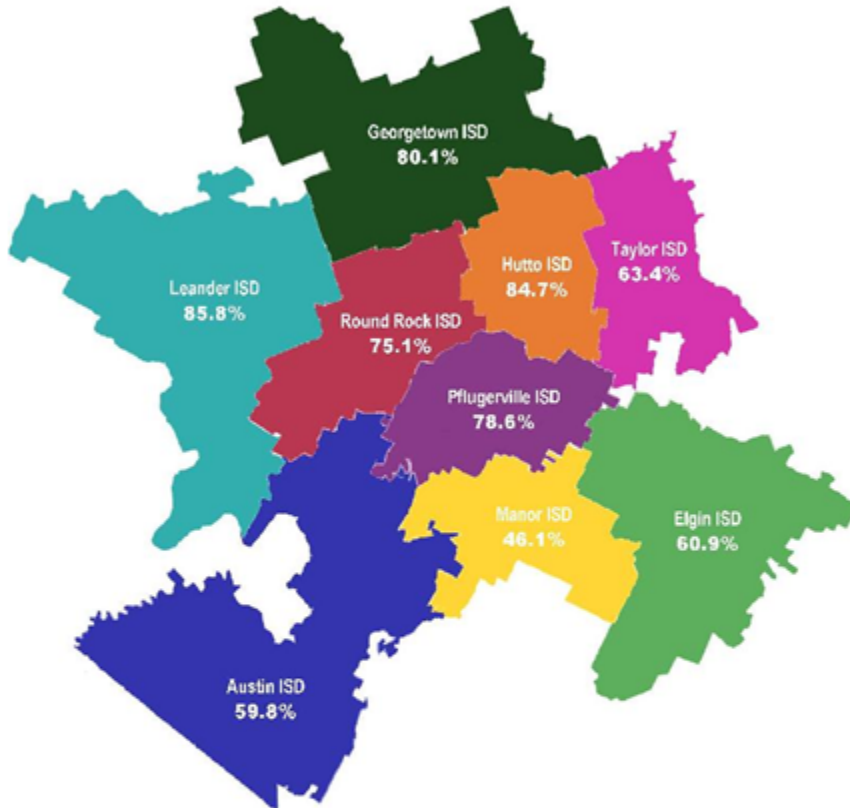
... that
8 colleges & universities
enroll over
118,000 students
in the Austin Region?



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Central Texas Graduation Rates

Recent study shows Hutto ISD to be among the highest in Central Texas graduation rates



Earlier this month, *Diploma Count 2009*, a study which contains the latest original analysis of high school completion, was published. This study, conducted by the *Editorial Projects in Education Research Center*, collected data from all school districts across the nation in order to calculate graduation rates at a national, state, and local level.

The national graduation rate was 69.2%. Many Central Texas School Districts, including Hutto ISD, were well above this average. Hutto ISD was found to be among the highest in the area with a graduation rate of 84.7%. For further data regarding Central Texas School's ratings, [click here](#). If you would like information regarding the study conducted, please [click here](#).

Hutto EDC partners with Hutto Baptist Church to facilitate Career Resource Fair

CAREER RESOURCE FAIR

**Career Resource Fair
Held in Hutto - Event a success**



The Hutto Economic Development Corporation partnered with Hutto Baptist Church and Texas Workforce Solutions to host a Career Resource Fair, which was held on Friday, June 26th. Community involvement and event attendance surpassed expectations, planners Christi Russell and

Kristen Parkhurst stated.

The Career Resource Fair was designed to equip community members with career search and interview enhancement classes, as well as showcase local businesses looking to hire. Educational breakout sessions led by Workforce Solutions, coupled with an abundance of available resources made this event a successful and convenient way for job seekers and hiring companies to network. All who attended considered this first annual event a success.



Hutto Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Scott Martinez stated, "The planning and execution of this event was phenomenal. Christi Russell and Kristen Parkhurst along with all the other volunteers from Hutto Baptist Church made this event a

success. The Hutto EDC was pleased to partner with Hutto Baptist Church on this worthwhile endeavor. We are already looking forward to the second annual Career Resource Fair."

New Hutto Fire-Rescue Chief Speaks at June Power Breakfast

Chief Kerwood Addresses the Hutto Community

On June 11, 2009, Chief Scott Kerwood with Hutto Fire-Rescue was the featured speaker at the June Power Breakfast.

Chief Kerwood addressed the community on his experiences, what brought him to Hutto, and his hopes for the Hutto Fire-Rescue in the community. For more information on Hutto Fire-Rescue, [click here](#).



Dr. Glenda Barron to Speak at August Power Breakfast

President of Temple College to address the Hutto Community



On August 13, 2009 the Hutto Economic Development Corporation is pleased to announce that Dr. Glenda Barron of Temple College is to be the featured speaker at the August Power Breakfast.

Please be sure to check the July 2009 Newsletter for more information regarding this upcoming event.

Austin Job Growth Holds Up in May

Information provided by Austin American Statesman

Austin's job market continues to hold up in the recession, with a job growth rate of 0.5 percent in May, up slightly from 0.4 percent in April, the Texas Workforce Commission said today.

That translates to 4,200 more jobs than in May 2008, for a total job count of 781,400.

Unemployment rose to 6.1 percent from 5.8 percent a year ago. Economists have said that partly reflects the fact that people continue to move to Central Texas, expanding the workforce.

Statewide, the unemployment rate rose to 7.1* percent from 6.6 percent in April. The state had 24,700 fewer jobs than in May 2008, a 0.2 percent decline.

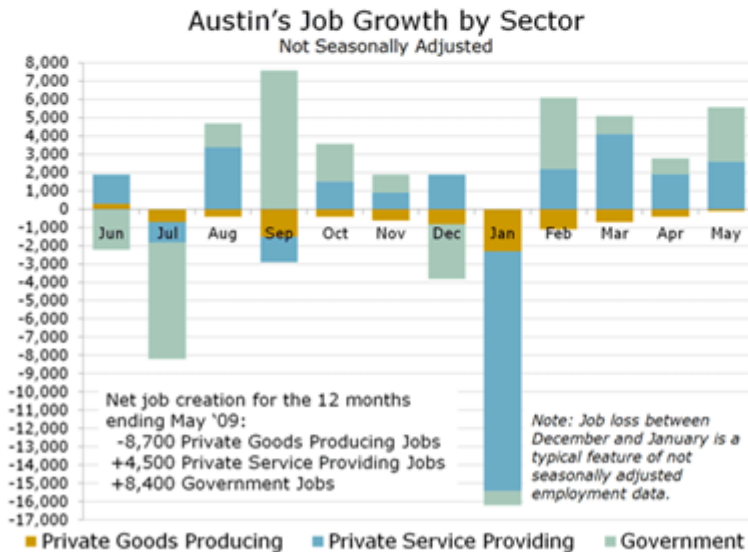
In Central Texas, hiring by government agencies and in the broad services sector accounted for most of the job gains. The region continues to lose construction and manufacturing jobs.

**Rate shown is seasonally adjusted.*

Central Texas Economy In Perspective

Information provided by the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce

The release of May 2009 workforce numbers showed that the Austin metro, on a year-over-year basis, has once again dodged the prevailing trend of net job loss. Metro Austin's nonfarm payroll jobs total 784,400 in May, a gain of 4,200 (0.5%) over May 2008. Texas has 222,400 fewer jobs (-2.1%) than one year ago and 5,523,000 jobs (-4.0%) have been lost nationally over the last 12 months.



Source: Texas Workforce Commission, Current Employment Statistics.

City of Hutto - News



City Considers 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Plan

On June 2, the City Council held a joint planning session with the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider projects for the City's five year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). The CIP outlines major capital projects for the next five years including streets and drainage, water, wastewater, parks, and facilities. Because of Hutto's high growth, the City has numerous capital improvements underway in various stages including the Northwest Water Storage Tank, Cottonwood Trail Phase II, Hutto Lake, and Farley/Taylor Street improvements.

The City first adopted a CIP in 2006. The plan is updated annually as part of the budget process. Hutto citizens are invited to attend a CIP Open House on July 7 from 6-7pm in the City Council Chambers to learn more about upcoming projects. The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a meeting immediately following the Open House to discuss the proposed plan in which citizens will be allowed to make public comments.

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Rezoning Request Approved for Hutto Homestead Development Site

During their June 11, 2009 meeting, Hutto City Council unanimously approved the first reading to re-zone the site of the future "Hutto Homestead" development from B-2 General Commercial to SmartCode. Hutto Homestead, located along Highway 79 and just east of Old Town, is the first development to opt into the newly adopted SmartCode.

This past April, staff held a design workshop with the property owner of the tract formerly known as the "Weiss Tract" and "Parkside." The property owner hired architect/planner Marley Porter to help the Community Development staff design the neighborhood. Staff members from Finance, Parks, Public Works Departments as well as the City Manager were also present as key stakeholders.

The team facilitated the workshop as a typical charrette - first outlining goals, visiting the site, identifying key attributes on the site, and breaking into two groups to begin the design process. The teams worked with the property owner creating a traditional neighborhood design that will benefit the owner and the city economically, while providing a cohesive mixed-use neighborhood that meets the requirements of the SmartCode.

The framework has been set that includes a radial and grid roadway design, an alleyway network, strategically placed parks and green space, and the actual transect zones that will allow various land uses including residential, retail, medical offices, and more.

Community Demographic Information

4A Economic Development Sales Tax Allocation

Fiscal Year	May	June	Total
1997/98	\$ 4,708.08	\$ 2,379.65	\$ 40,417.02
1998/99	\$ 2,656.78	\$ 2,028.37	\$ 32,045.20
1999/00	\$ 3,890.78	\$ 2,910.75	\$ 35,093.61
2000/01	\$ 3,017.39	\$ 4,071.69	\$ 50,940.93
2001/02	\$ 6,470.99	\$ 4,153.68	\$ 58,299.83
2002/03	\$ 8,043.02	\$ 5,970.33	\$ 73,572.84
2003/04	\$10,416.63	\$ 7,935.77	\$ 98,841.25
2004/05	\$24,661.05	\$20,642.09	\$ 216,990.28
2005/06	\$30,865.78	\$29,367.63	\$ 336,629.05
2006/07	\$39,226.88	\$35,149.51	\$ 376,036.41
2007/08	\$47,942.38	\$38,806.92	\$ 481,309.64
2008/09	\$50,393.59	\$38,574.17	\$ 371,939.82*

*Cumulative Year-To-Date Data

Single Family Building Permit Requests by Month

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<i>January</i>	63	93	71	64	18
<i>February</i>	51	70	49	49	15
<i>March</i>	56	101	84	47	14
<i>April</i>	67	91	75	46	48
<i>May</i>	53	66	37	29	22
<i>June</i>	58	68	44	22	
<i>July</i>	61	56	34	32	
<i>August</i>	78	70	25	41	
<i>September</i>	67	66	24	28	
<i>October</i>	65	58	51	5	
<i>November</i>	49	37	60	9	
<i>December</i>	46	46	7	12	

May 2009 Unemployment Rates

Area	Rate
<i>Austin/Round Rock MSA</i>	6.1%
<i>Williamson County</i>	6.8%
<i>Texas</i>	6.9%
<i>National</i>	9.1%

Data Provided Not Seasonally Adjusted.

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