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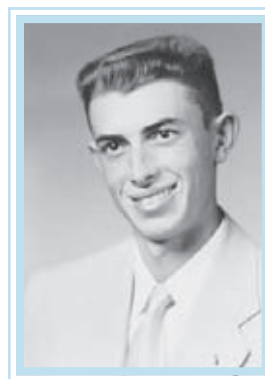
Did the **Austin City Council** unwittingly oust a municipal wunderkind?

On Jan. 10, the City Council announced it had selected the finalists for departing **Toby Futrell's** city manager position — two external candidates who are complete unknowns to Austin's folksy political scene. The announcement late in the afternoon at the City Council meeting caused some stunned reaction and a little huffing. Assistant City Manager **Laura Huffman**, Futrell's heir apparent and a favorite for the position, reportedly left council chambers after the finalists were named.

With this latest move, some high up in city hall are saying Huffman is almost certainly likely to leave after Futrell's exit in May, and will be courted heavily by cities around the country.

■ Jean Kwon

SAYING GOODBYE TO CALCULATORS AFTER 50 YEARS



A familiar face at **Wells Fargo Bank** in downtown San Marcos will say goodbye this month after 50 years of service.

Senior Vice President **John Ferguson**, 71, will retire Jan. 31. The bank will host a reception

for him from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 18.

"It's something that you always look forward to," he says. "Now that it's here, it seems like it's gotten here in a hurry."

Ferguson started his career in 1957 as a bookkeeper for the **First National Bank** of San Marcos. He worked his way up to be president of the downtown bank.

He remembers calculating the loan payments by hand — no calculator — using a large chart. Computers arrived at the bank in 1967.

"I enjoyed helping my customers with their financial needs and helping the economy of San Marcos and our area," he says.

He plans to spend more time on the golf course and take trips with his wife of 52 years, **Bonnie**.

"She said that I couldn't retire, I'd mess up her routine," he jokes.

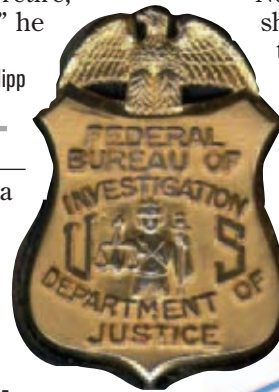
■ Laura Hipp

TOP SECRETS

The **FBI** is launching a program in cities across the country, including Austin and San Antonio, to protect business and university technology and trade secrets.

The **Counterintelligence Domain Program** will work to help businesses and universities identify sensitive research, technologies and information that could be at risk, and develop security or protection programs to monitor the information.

"This is a risk [that] 10 or 15 years ago we didn't think about," says **Jim Poage**, president and CEO of the **San Antonio Technology Accelerator Initiative**. "Today, it is a real risk and few of us understand



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how to deal with it and how much of a risk it is. This is where the government can play a good role and advise businesses when there is a risk."

The **Defense Security Service**, **Army Counterintelligence**, the **Naval Criminal Investigative Service**, the **Air Force Office of Special Investigations' Counterintelligence Field Activity** and the **Department of Commerce** are also partnering with the **FBI** in the education effort.

■ Kate Harrington

IMPACT AUSTIN MAKES AN IMPACT ON MEMBERS

Impact Austin, a local philanthropic foundation for women, has hit a major milestone — more than 500 members.

"We've worked five years to get that [membership goal], and this is the icing on the cake," board President **Rebecca Powers** says, referring to the money raised in 2007.

This year, the foundation will be distributing more than \$500,000 in grants to five local nonprofits.

Powers came up with the idea for **Impact Austin** after realizing that women gave differently than men.

"There is a huge number of savvy, wise women. They are busy raising families and running businesses and may not know how to get connected," Powers says. "This is a big population that flies under the radar of traditional fundraisers who do not know who these women are."

Powers wanted to encourage women to give by arming them with knowledge about the issues facing the community.

Impact Austin asks each member to contribute \$1,000 a year. That money is pooled together and then distributed to nonprofits in the community that meet one of its focus areas: education, environment, family and health and wellness. Members vote on the recipients.

Impact Austin has grown its membership largely by word of mouth. The organization has retained about 75 percent of its membership since its inception.

But Powers says she has no problem with membership turnover, especially when those members leave to get more involved in a nonprofit that they learned about through **Impact Austin**.

Now that they've reached their membership goal, Powers' objective is to keep that number stable and members engaged.

"We want to look at creative ways of funding our different focus areas," Powers says. "We want to be innovative. We are going to ask our members, 'How would you like for us to do this?'"

■ Sandra Zaragoza

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