

THINGS ABOUT AUSTIN YOU MAY NOT KNOW

1. Doris Lessing, WorldCon GoH of 1987 and winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2007, has her archives at the Ransom Humanities Research Center at The University of Texas at Austin.
2. Austin was named after Stephen F. Austin, who, along with his father, is thought of as the father of Texas. He was also not the best of friends with the great-grand-uncle of one of the people attending SMOFCon 25.
3. Austin is located at the intersection of four major ecological regions and is mostly a temperate-to-hot green oasis, but has some characteristics of the desert, the tropics, and of a wetter climate.
4. Austin is known as the Silicon Valley of the South as well as The Gay Place and the City of the Violet Crown from an O. Henry Short Story.
5. O. Henry lived in Austin for a short time, but spent most of it in jail for embezzlement.
6. It is legal to go topless in Austin.
7. Due to its location between the big three cities in Texas, Austinites are fans of the Dallas Cowboys, San Antonio Spurs and Houston Astros. (And the Dallas Stars, but it's only hockey.)
8. Austin is now the 16th most populous city in the United States.

AUSTIN, TX SMOFCON 27 BID

Proposed theme

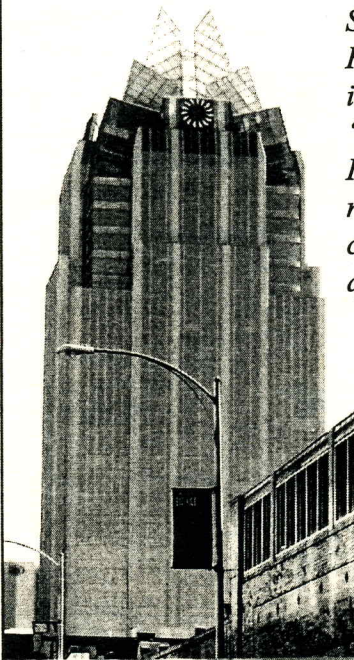
Too Much, Too Little, Too Late

Exploring time and conventions.

Possible programming items could include:

- ⌚ When should you build a timeline?
- ⌚ How do you manage your time before, during and after a convention?
- ⌚ Prioritizing with time restrictions
- ⌚ How does time fluctuate between individuals, committees and conventions?

Some say the Frost Bank Tower is actually the "Fortress of Solitude." It was the first high-rise building to be constructed in the U.S. after the 9/11 attacks.



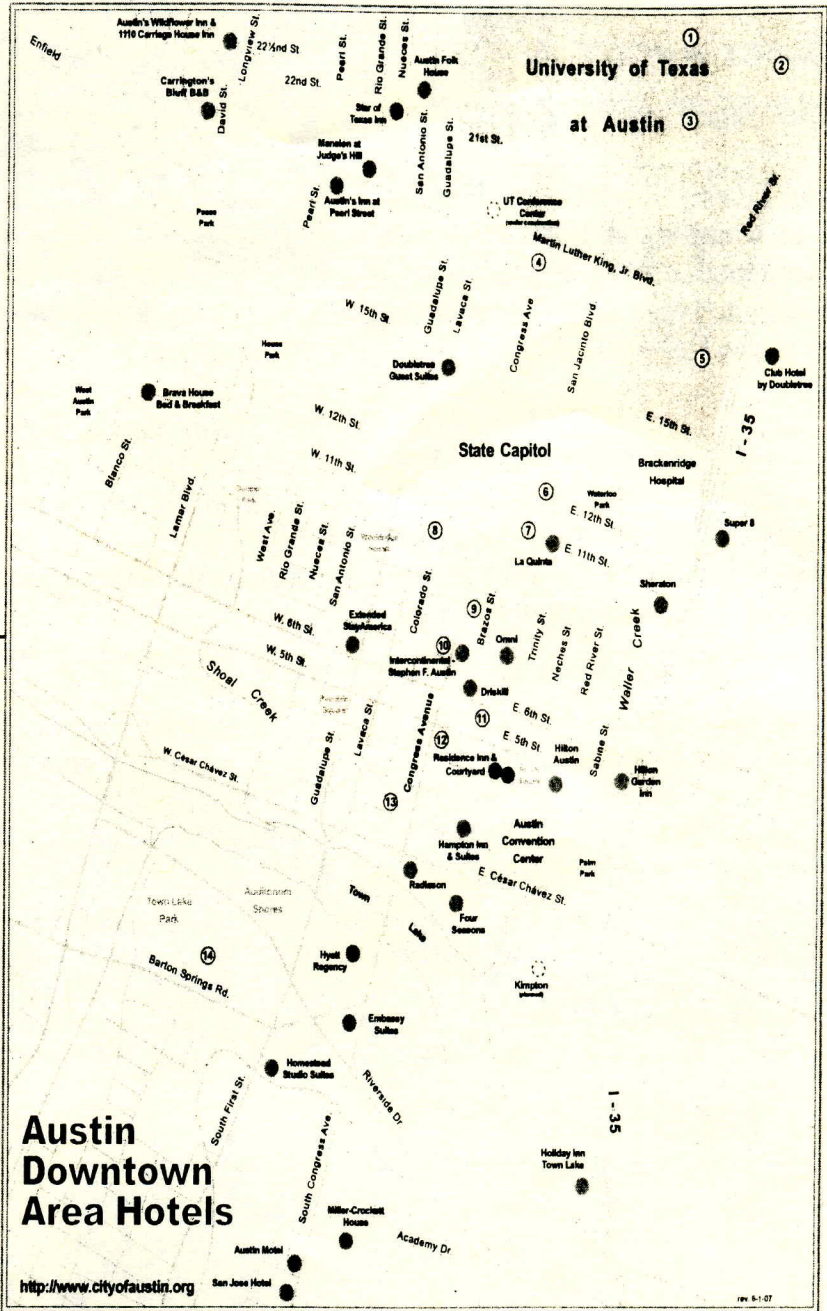
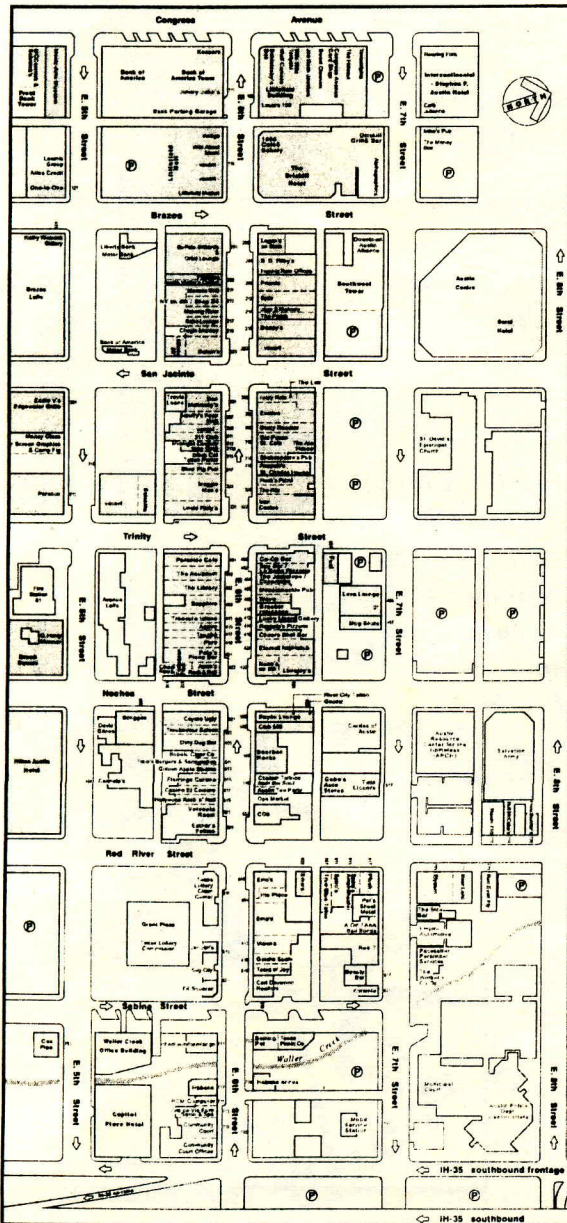
AUSTIN, TX WEATHER

Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
HI 65	HI 66	HI 65
LOW 44	LOW 44	LOW 43

Austin, Texas

Key Attractions

- ① Texas Memorial Museum
- ② Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library
- ③ Darrell K. Royal - Texas Memorial Stadium
- ④ Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum
- ⑤ Frank Erwin Center
- ⑥ Texas State Library & Archives
- ⑦ Capitol Visitors Center
- ⑧ Governor's Mansion
- ⑨ Austin Museum of Art
- ⑩ Arthouse at the Jones Center for Contemporary Art
- ⑪ Austin Visitors Center
- ⑫ Mexic-Arte Museum
- ⑬ Austin Children's Museum
- ⑭ Lester E. Palmer Events Center



E. 6th St. / Red River St. Entertainment Area

- Nightclubs, Restaurants, Museums and Retail
- Hotels
- Public Parking
- One-Way Street

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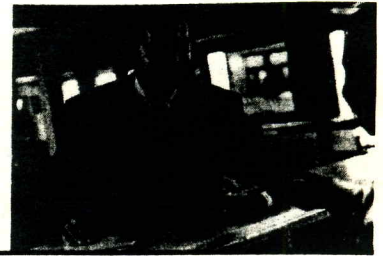
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Located in the heart of downtown Austin, this uniquely designed hotel combines the distinctive comforts of two Marriott brand hotels with 449 oversized guest rooms and suites, with shared professional meeting and recreation facilities, plus on-site Champions Restaurant & Sports Bar, Courtyard Café and Starbucks® Coffee Shop — all within steps of the adjacent Austin Convention Center and the city's famed 6th Street.



By business travelers, for business travelers.

Showcasing a contemporary new design package, our guest rooms are clean, comfortable and perfect for both business and pleasure travel in Austin.

- 270 guest rooms and suites
- 6,600 square feet of flexible meeting space
- Complimentary in-room high-speed and wireless internet access
- All rooms feature separate seating area and work space with a large desk, no-glare lighting and an ergonomic chair
- In-room coffee and tea, hairdryer, iron and ironing board
- Two telephones with multiple lines, data ports and voicemail
- "The Market" for all of your sundry needs
- Complimentary self-service business centers
- Bountiful breakfast buffet served daily with a complete selection of hot and cold items
- In-room dinner delivery
- Guest laundry



All suites. All the comforts.

The perfect extended stay location. Room to relax, room to work & room to breathe. Our spacious suites are ideal for travelers away from home more than a night or two.

- 179 guest suites with fully-equipped, full-sized kitchens
- 6,600 square feet of flexible meeting space
- A range of floor plans to choose from, including studio, 1- and 2- bedroom suites
- All suites have separate areas for living, working, eating and sleeping, plus large work desk with ergonomic chair, hairdryer, in-room coffee and tea, iron and ironing board
- Complimentary in-room high-speed and wireless internet access
- "The Market" for all of your sundry needs
- Complimentary self-service business centers
- Complimentary hot breakfast buffet each morning
- Complimentary Manager's Reception (Mon. - Thurs.)
- In-room dinner delivery
- Pets welcome (pet fee applies)

Meeting and Banquet Space

With approximately 6,600 square feet of meeting space encompassing seven meeting rooms and a boardroom, the hotel facility accommodates meetings and groups up to 275 people with on-site catering for special events.

Restaurants and Lounges

Champions Restaurant & Sports Bar, Courtyard Café, Starbucks Coffee Shop, 24-hour pantry.

Recreation

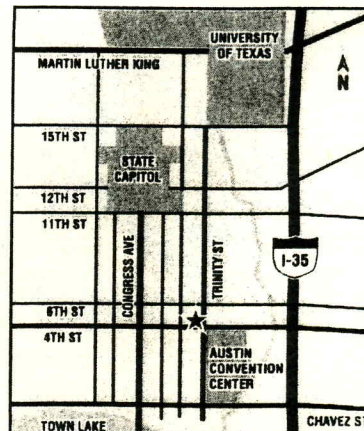
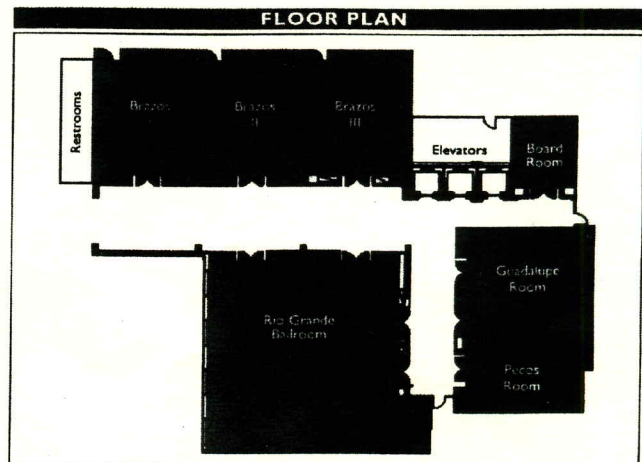
Heated indoor pool and whirlpool, large fitness center.

Local Attractions

- Austin Convention Center – adjacent
- Austin Museum of Art – 1 block
- 6th Street Entertainment District – 1 block
- Mexic-Arte Museum – 2 blocks
- Austin Children's Museum – 4 blocks
- Town Lake – 4 blocks
- Arthouse at the Jones Center for Contemporary Art – 5 blocks
- New City Hall – 6 blocks
- State Capitol – 7 blocks
- Governor's Mansion – 8 blocks

MEETING FACILITIES					
Meeting Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Banquet	Theatre	Classroom	Reception
Rio Grande Ballroom	2485	250	275	150	275
Rio Grande Salon A	1242	90	140	70	150
Rio Grande Salon B	1242	90	140	70	150
Pecos Room	430	40	50	30	50
Guadalupe Room	980	80	100	50	100
Brazos I	820	80	90	50	90
Brazos II	776	70	85	40	85
Brazos III	875	80	100	50	100
Board Room	295	10 people in Board Room			

Ask about our Rooftop Terrace



Location

Located in the heart of downtown Austin, the new Courtyard and Residence Inn by Marriott Austin Downtown are an easy walk to the city's most famed attractions including the 6th Street entertainment district with over 100 restaurants and lounges. Located a convenient 8 miles from Austin Bergstrom International Airport.

To reach the hotels, exit I-35 at Cesar Chavez and go west to Trinity Street. Turn north and go 4 blocks, the hotels main entrances are located at the corner of Trinity and 4th Street.

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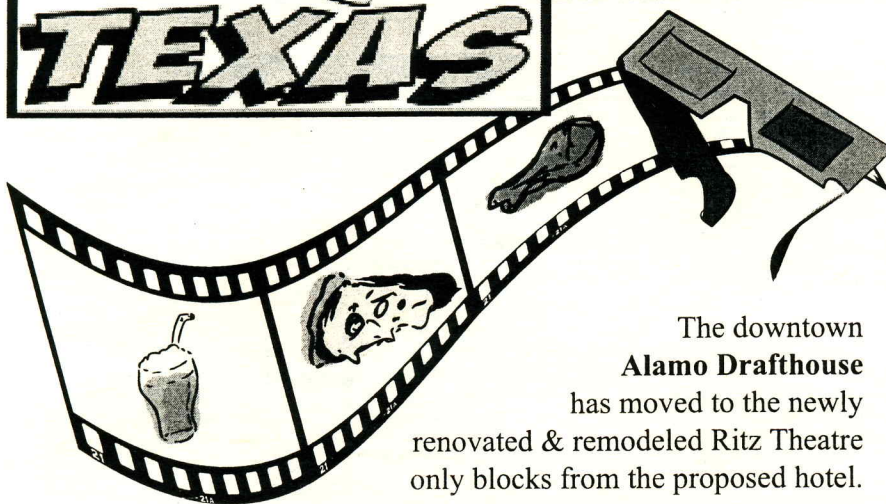
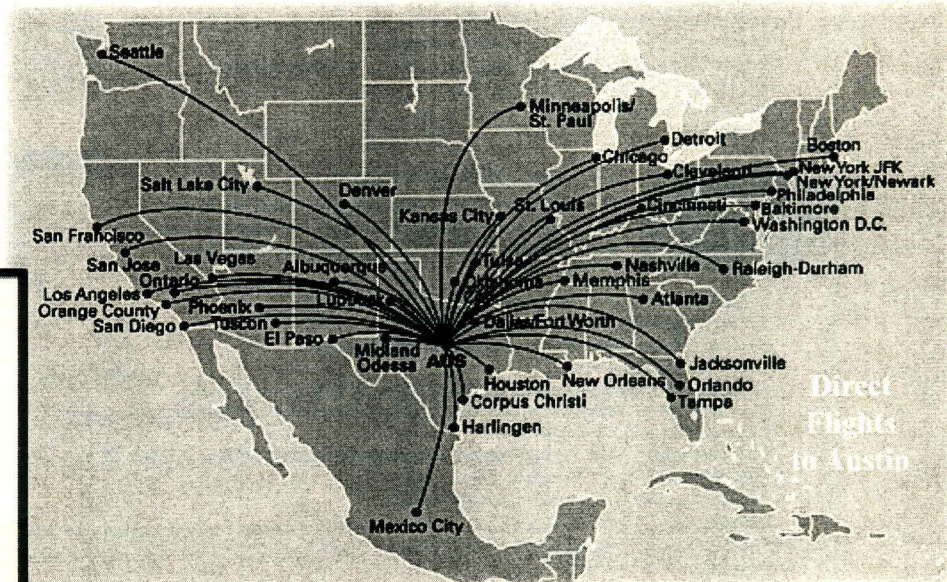
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