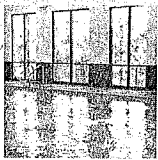


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Far West growth

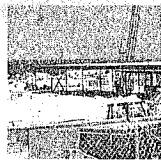
Could it be any harder to keep up with what's happening in far West San Antonio? More than 30,000 employees and college students head there each day, and builders have identified 65,000 lots for future homes. The Real Estate Council of San Antonio toured the area near Highway 151 this week, and here's a look at a small slice of what they saw.

— Jennifer Hiller/ Express-News Business Writer



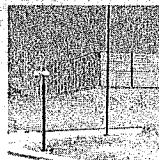
Hill Country Retreat by Del Webb

- 55-and-up community in Alamo Ranch development
- 28,000-square-foot activity center opens Monday



Microsoft data center

- 470,000 square feet — almost as large as the Alamodome
- To open September 2008



Lowe's

- 100,000-square-foot data center
- \$60 million investment
- To open in November



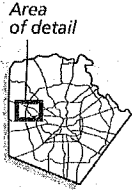
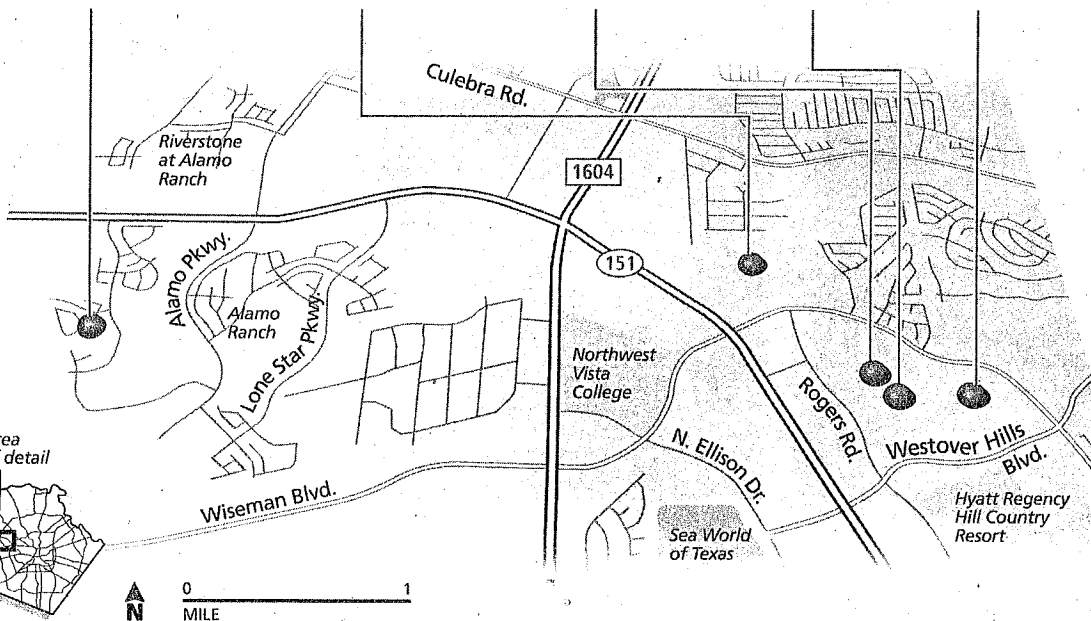
Myers & Crow Co. Ltd.

- 102,000-square-foot spec office development
- Opening in summer 2008



Capital Group

- Parent of mutual funds company American Funds
- Adding new building designed by I.M. Pei to its campus



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S.A. lender offices shut their doors

One of the 3 shuttered Countrywide offices specialized in subprime

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Thursday, Sept. 20, Countrywide Financial Corp. refused to comment on the shuttering of its offices.

Beleaguered Countrywide Financial Corp. has shuttered three of its San Antonio offices, including one that specialized in subprime lending.

The Countrywide Full Spectrum Lending Division on Interstate 10 closed Wednesday, and according to a voice recording and signs posted at the office door, the Austin Full Spectrum Lending office will handle any pending loans.

Two other Countrywide Home Loans offices were closed, on one Datapoint Drive and one on Agora Parkway in the Forum at Olympia Parkway, which has a disconnected phone number. It was unclear whether those offices shut down recently or had moved to new locations.

That leaves three Countrywide Home Loans offices, which are the retail offices for the national lender, still open in San Antonio, with locations on Loop 1604, Northeast Loop 410 and Northwest Loop 410.

Repeated calls to Countrywide's corporate offices in Calabasas, Calif., went unreturned.

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