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Budgetary Fantasies

Analyzing elections - like budget-cutting - is a lot harder than it sounds

BY LOUIS BLACK

Given the current political atmosphere, it is hard to tell who is more out of touch with reality: a good chunk of the American people or the media pundits who analyze the public's political behavior in order to explain what those actions mean.

Or at least what it is the pundits think they mean. The latter, in assessing the former, have lent a far greater depth of meaning to the tea party movement as well as imbued the recent elections with far more ideological motivation than either merits. Since political pundits' partisan prejudices seem to be the most important factor in their analyses, they offer up a widely disparate range of suggested meanings, from insisting that the vote was against those in power regardless of party or that there is a right-wing resurgence to maintaining it was a repudiation of Democrats in general and of President Obama in specific or that it was a demand for lower taxes and smaller government ... and so on.

It seems far more likely that the recent elections evidenced neither great ideological depth nor votes based on long-held, rock-solid political beliefs. Instead, it seems more reasonable that the major motivating factor was the short-attention-span frustration of people who are angry at the government. Sometimes this anger is due to very specific actions, but often it represents a far more general dissatisfaction. In their indignation and even genuine anger, they've ignored any positive contributions from the government in addition to their own roles and responsibilities as citizens. Ordinarily I would shy away from such generalizations, but there is no other way to talk clearly about the current state of the nation.

Let me put this out there right away: As I've said before, I think the overwhelming problem is not overtaxation but that most U.S. citizens don't want to pay for the quality of government that they expect and require.

They deny, of course, that they want anything from the government. What they insist that they want, in fact, is less government – much less government. They want to cut the budgetary fat and stop the corruption and expensive inefficiencies that plague every federal program. The worst indignity that these taxpayers face is that honest, hardworking American citizens are heavily taxed in order for the government to support their lazy, unproductive, welfare-cheating neighbors. Not only that, but they claim that the government treats illegal immigrants better than American citizens.

The reality is very different. Many who are dependent on the federal government either don't realize it or don't think about it. The government serves all of us in one way or another, even if we aggressively deny it. Government activities include everything from a broad range of safety regulations, such as those ensuring the country's food supply is healthy, to defense and transportation. In the recent indignant outcry over Obama's health care legislation, it was not uncommon to find out that one enraged protester was on government disability while another was carried on her husband's government health care coverage.

Any serious budget-cutting is going to hurt, because there is not a lot of loose flotsam and jetsam to be easily skimmed. It is easy to talk about cutting government spending, but actually finding cuts – especially ones that yield substantial savings – is not easy at all. Further, it can be guaranteed that some of the most

militant anti-big-government activists will be unimaginably outraged when cuts that are made end up directly or indirectly affecting them.

During media coverage of the recent campaigns, any number of Republican members of Congress were asked how they reconciled their demand for cutting government spending with their insistence on extending the

Bush tax cuts for all taxpayers. A common question was along the lines of: "What specific federal programs would you cut to pay for keeping those tax cuts in place, estimated at around \$700 billion over 10 years for the richest Americans?"

Almost no one answered that question directly. Rather than face the difficult question of what to cut, many instead attacked the premise: that these tax cuts were awkwardly large, especially for the highest-earning Americans. Arguments frequently insisted that it would not be "reinstating tax cuts," but since the lower rates are currently in effect, it would instead be "raising taxes."

Without embarrassment, many cited the most bogus arguments in favor of keeping the cuts. The first was the typical misleading feint – eliminating the tax cuts would do the most damage to small businesses. As William G. Gale wrote in the Aug. 1 *Washington Post*: "As Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) recently put it, allowing the cuts to lapse would amount to 'a job-killing tax hike on small business during tough economic times.'

"This claim is misleading. If, as proposed, the Bush tax cuts are allowed to expire for the highest earners, the vast majority of small businesses will be unaffected. Less than 2 percent of tax returns reporting small-business income are filed by taxpayers in the top two income brackets – individuals earning more than about \$170,000 a year and families earning more than about \$210,000 a year.

"And just as most small businesses aren't owned by people in the top income brackets, most people in the top income brackets don't rely mainly on small-business income."

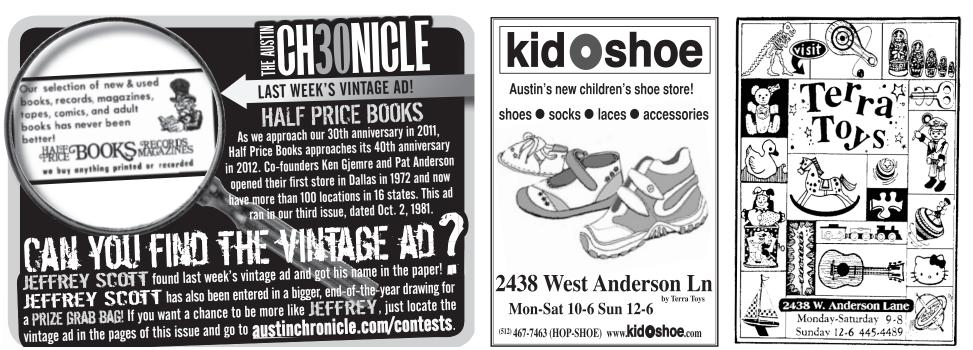
The other argument is that getting rid of the cuts would effectively raise taxes, which would hurt the already weak economy. During most of the Bush administration, many of the long-offered Republican bromides for the health of the economy were put into practice. These included tax cuts for the very wealthy, less regulation, and even less enforcement of existing regulation. The driving idea was the less government is involved in the economy, the better it is for everyone. Unfortunately no one told the economy – because despite many Republican legislative triumphs, it tanked in a major way during the last two years of the Bush administration.

In the two-step shuffle over tax cuts, usually specific cuts aren't mentioned, but there are two notable exceptions – congressional earmarks and federal farm subsidies.

The swirling controversy over earmarks is low-budget political theatre. Some of those earmarks do represent hard-to-defend projects or disguised political paybacks that legislators are trying to slip through. Many of the earmarked projects, however, would still get fully funded even without them; the "earmarks" are simply spending that has already been approved (e.g., for roads) and is being directed by legislators to specific projects. Keep in mind that all earmarks do not represent unnecessary spending; often they're in place simply to get the legislation passed quickly. Calling me all kinds of names while insisting every earmarked dollar emanates from the most corrupt motives doesn't actually change much and saves essentially no money.

Government farm subsidies are nearly impossible to defend in any imaginable way.

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Even granting all this, in 2009, earmarks were about \$15.3 billion and farm subsidies were about \$15.4 billion. Combined. that's a bit more than \$30 billion - or roughly 1% of the federal budget.

The 2011 federal budget is three trillion eight hundred billion dollars (\$3.800.000.000.000).

Most of that goes to entitlements: 20% to Social Security, 19% to Medicaid, another 17% in mandatory spending, and 4% for TARP; 5% goes to pay interest.

The 2011 federal budget kept discretionary funding flat from the 2010 budget. Discretionary spending accounts for only about 37% or 38% of the overall budget. In 2011 that will add up to about one trillion four hundred billion dollars (\$1,400,000,000,000).

This amount, however, includes the military/defense/security budget, which at \$895 billion is far more than half of all discretionary funding. Whereas overall discretionary funding remained flat, the budget for military/security was increased. Nonsecurity spending had been about \$553 billion in 2010, but that amount was cut to \$520 billion. The most significant portions of that funding go to health and human services (\$84 billion), transportation (\$76 billion), education (\$46.8 billion), housing and urban development (\$43.6 billion), and agriculture (\$25 billion).

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Discretionary nondefense spending makes for good sensational headlines, but there really is precious little of it being done.

The mandatory spending is not for education or extensive social programs. It is money for you and me, for our families and our children. Money paid in over the years. During the Bush years, much of the budget that went to the social safety net was slashed. Yet the amount was relatively insignificant, neither affecting the growing debt nor helping balance the budget. The cutting was a political gesture by Republicans ideologically opposed to social programs.

In sum, overall discussion over taxation, the budget, and the deficit is a shadowpuppet play in which those complaining the loudest deny any culpability for the problem. The out-of-control spending by Republicans during the Bush administration, the still-costly involvement in two wars, the overly generous tax cuts, as well as strong pro-business policies, long crucial planks in the Republican platform - that left the economy devastated - are almost never brought up. Sorry, but the current horrendous deficit and accompanying tax burden is at least partially due to the way more-conservative, often Republican, citizens of the republic voted during the last decade. Blaming it all on liberals and/or illegal aliens is really just fantasy.

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LIBERALS ARE THEIR OWN WORST ENEMY

Dear Editor.

So we can add Michael Ventura ["Letters at 3am," Nov. 19] to the list of disenchanted liberals who are piling on Barack Obama after his midterm drubbing? If you don't think things can get any worse, then you have a very short memory: Iraq invasion? Secret energy meetings? Dick Cheney? I'm not surprised that Obama has turned centrist; in fact, I expected it. He got through a health care reform bill that just a couple of years ago everyone was clamoring for. He got through a stimulus package that, for all its flaws (and considerable resistance from the Mitch McConnells of the world), kept our country afloat and saved GM from bankruptcy. Instead of abandoning Mr. Obama, why don't we for once act like Republicans and support our president that we elected? I doubt that Mr. Ventura or any of the numerous commentators from the left or right have the stamina or intelligence to actually deal with the drudgery of making the laws in this land. As usual, the liberals are their own worst enemy. Russell Scanlon

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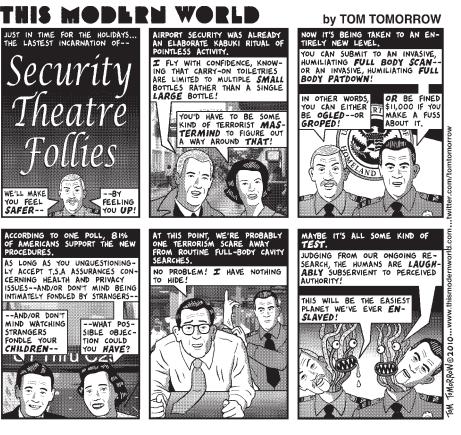
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REALITY?

Dear Editor,

Michael Ventura's Nov. 19 "Letters at 3AM: The Palin-Obama Convergence" is lacking. So Palin and Obama are typical politicians who lie and dissemble. And so? It would be infinitely more important for Mr. Ventura to objectively discuss how their respective ideologies, i.e., Obama's leftism and Palin's conservatism, affect us.

Indeed, while he touched on the war in Afghanistan and corporations and Obama being in bed and Palin's resigning as Alaska's governor, and so on, he never explores their ideologies. Why not? After all, that's what will determine whether America and the free world become cultural anachronisms or thrive.

So allow me. First, a clear definition of these ideologies is necessary. And then a description of what each dogma means for America is appropriate. After that, Mr. Obama and Ms. Palin must be identified with their associated ideological makeup.

Leftism advocates equality of cultural value and economic outcome be dictated by government in the name of subjective leftist defined "social justice." Conservatives believe cultural importance and economic success be driven by objective individual liberty – not government. Leftism restrains liberty. Conservatism champions it.

A leftist America would no longer be the world's leader. A power vacuum would form and be filled most likely by authoritarian China, Russia, and tyrannical Islam. America would be relegated to former superpower status. The U.N., the UK, Europe, Japan, Canada, India, Brazil, and so on would become economic colonial spheres of interest for the new powers. The free world would be fundamentally undone. Humanity would be subject to the tender mercies of the new feudal lords. Conversely, a liberty-centric conservative America would retain its leadership role. Liberty and the free world would be protected from those dark forces. Prosperity would soar.

Barack Obama is a leftist Democrat. Sarah Palin is a conservative Republican. Choose. That's reality!

Vance McDonald

AN EXCEEDINGLY POOR UNDERSTANDING OF SCIENCE

Dear Editor,

Re: The review of *Cool It* [Film Listings, Nov. 12]: "Clear-eyed" no; "commonsensical" maybe, based on the public's disconnected understanding of climate science, "poleaxed by the fear ... that we are, in effect, immobilized" hardly. These three comments from the *Chronicle*'s movie reviewer sum up the disinformation being propagandized by nonclimate scientists today, whether their interests are vested in money, false authoritarianism, ego, innocence, or ignorance.

The nonscientists are outnumbered 30:1 to 45:1. The vast majority of scientists do not know how to speak in plain English and will not talk to the public (the opposite of the *Cool It* crowd). They are exceedingly conservative. Publish or perish is real. If scientists are wrong, the academic journals will not publish their work.

Academic publishing is more stringent than a murder trial. One can be put to death based on circumstantial evidence. Circumstantial evidence is, by far, not allowed in academia.

For nearly a decade, climate has been at the bottom of America's priority list. The time frames are too long, the changes perceived to be small, and the conflict perceived to be large. There is no incentive, especially when our leaders are just as apathetic.

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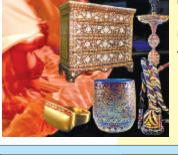
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Bruce Melton

VOICE NOT HEARD IN PEASE PARK DEBATE

Dear Editor,

Wow, I can't believe the Chronicle used Richard Craig's statement for half of the article ["Planting a Place in the Shade," News, Nov.

12]. He doesn't speak for me ... and I am a friend of Pease Park.

There has been a huge oversight of the fact that the park department has failed for years in the mainte-

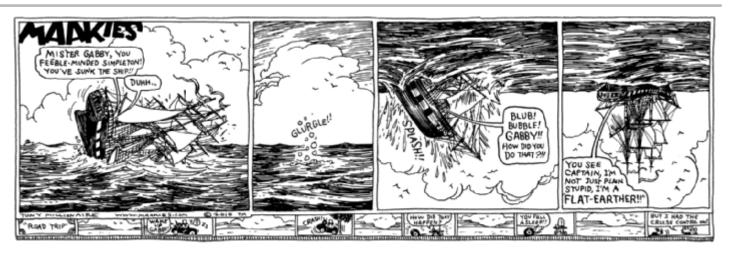
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nance of Pease Park – no, emptying trash cans doesn't count. I mean regular ground maintenance associated with a park that has huge traffic numbers - no aerating of turf, no temporary pulling of baskets during wet weather or the lack of, no fertilization of the heritage oaks.

Yes. I have heard the parks department cry about lack of money, yet it's so willing to whore out Zilker in the name of a music fest that a lot of people can't afford. On a side note, why is the city so willing to let corporate money fund our park maintenance? Whatever happened to judicious budget management?

As a landscaper with a degree in horticulture, I can appreciate the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's assessment of the park. but let's not take it as gospel - half of the

disc golf course is in a flood plain that gets saturated with litter not associated with the disc golf traffic. The other half is inundated with cedar trees and invasive species.

As for Mr. Craig's statement about a herd of elephants at a golf course, that's irresponsible.

Pease is a public place that lets everybody use it for free, not one that caters to people of Mr. Craig's financial background. Disc golf is a sport that is affordable for everyone, not just white-collar workers. If anything should happen, how 'bout firing the upper levels of park management and getting some competent, down-to-earth people to run it?

Yes, let's pull the course and let the park heal, but let's bring it back in some form and put in a course at Roy G. Guerrero Park, too.

Jon Burpee



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Headlines

- City Council has slipped into a turkey coma this week and will convene for a special-called meeting Dec. 2 to consider an incentives deal for SunPower Corporation, then meet for a regular session Dec. 9. Its last regular meeting of the year is Dec. 16. See "City Hall Hustle," p.18, as well as "All Rolled Up in Formula One," p.20, and "WTP4: Council Takes a Swig," p.24.
- Austin-Bergstrom International Airport is bracing for some of its busiest travel days of the year, with Wednesday, Nov. 24, and Sunday, Nov. 28, expected to be particularly heavy. The Transportation Security Administration's Advanced Imaging Technology, aka "porno scanners," aren't installed at ABIA; an airport spokesman says the agency's controversial enhanced pat downs/gropings are used as a secondary screening, after metal detectors.
- Little news in the way of filings for spring City Council elections, with the three incumbents – Laura Morrison, Chris Riley, and Randi Shade – having filed for re-election. Josiah Ingalls, last seen garnering 0.69% of the vote in the 2009 mavoral race.



has appointed a campaign treasurer to run for Riley's Place 1 seat.

- Dozens of Austin ISD teachers on Monday appeared before the AISD board in a show of opposition to possible changes to teacher workloads and the prekindergarten program as the district braces for state budget cuts and the expiration of federal stimulus funds. For more AISD news, see "AISD: Balancing Teachers and Tech," p.20.
- Dan Neil, the Travis County Republican who narrowly failed to dislodge Democratic Rep. Donna Howard in the Nov. 2 election, has requested a recount. Neil, who lost by 16 votes, filed a formal challenge with the secretary of state; the recount is expected to begin next week.
- On Nov. 20, House Appropriations Committee Chair Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, told a group of tea party voters in Ellis County that the Legislature is considering dropping out of Medicaid in

order to help fill the state's projected \$28 billion deficit. If that happens, he admitted, "We will have to throw some people out on the street."



- As the Chronicle went to press Tuesday, Travis County jurors were set to reconvene Wednesday to continue deliberating money-laundering charges against former congressional leader **Tom DeLay**. See "DeLay Trial: Jury Hanging Fire," p.22.
- In the market for a utility? The Lower Colorado River Authority wants to unload its 32 rural and suburban water and wastewater utility systems, including several in and around Austin, to sharpen its focus on its original mission – providing water, flood management, and electric power to a growing region.



Austin's first transit-oriented affordable housing development, M Station, is one of the few projects under construction in the city's transit-oriented development zones across town. This one, a project of the nonprofit Foundation Communities, is under way at Martin Luther King Boulevard and Alexander Street, near the MLK MetroRail station. For more, see "Not So Hot TODs," p.26.

A Thanksgiving Miscellany

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Counting our blessings in a corrupt and hypocritical time

BY MICHAEL KING

Still lying: In his memoir *Decision Points* – in addition to lifting uncredited passages from other sources – ex-President George W. Bush resumes his reflexive habit of telling whoppers. As David Corn recounts in *Mother Jones* ("Bush's Biggest WMD Lie?" Nov. 19), Bush claims he was "shocked" and "angry" when the invading U.S. military forces

found no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, and that he had a "sickening feeling every time [he] thought about it" and its devastating effect on U.S. credibility (and his own). The supposed presence of WMDs, of course, was the Bush administration's primary justification for the invasion, even though the evidence reflected that Iraq had no such weapons or even development programs.

Yet if Dubya was so sickened, writes Corn,

why did he turn the missing weapons into a comedy routine at the annual Radio and Television Correspondents' Association Dinner, held on March 24, 2004? At the event, Bush narrated a slide show that featured him searching the Oval Office – gazing out the window, hunting under the furniture – while insisting, "Those weapons of mass destruction have got to be somewhere." Corn continues: "Bush was actually joking about the missing weapons of mass destruction. He was making fun of the reason he had cited for sending Americans to war and to death, turning it into a running gag. His smile was wide and his eyes seemed bright, as the audience laughed." Before a sycophantic audience of Capitol reporters, Bush was happy to

laugh away the invasion as well as the carnage that followed. As Corn wrote at the time, "I wondered what the spouse, child or parent of a soldier killed in Iraq would have felt if they had been watching C-SPAN and saw the commander-in-chief mocking the supposed justification for the war that claimed their loved ones."

Of course, it's not worth recalling those tens of thousands of Iraqi families who also

lost loved ones and watched their country blasted to rubble. Then again, very few of them attend D.C. correspondents' dinners or read presidential memoirs. They wouldn't get the jokes.

Traitors to Their Class

On a recently created website (FiscalStrength.com), a group calling itself "Patriotic Millionaires for Fiscal CONTINUED ON P.19

Of the WEEK



"Will Democrats ever recover the congressional seats they lost in 2003? Not in my lifetime."

 Steve Bickerstaff, author of Lines in the Sand:
 Congressional Redistricting in Texas and the Downfall of Tom DeLay, addressing the Central Texas Democratic Forum on Monday

Naked City

- PUTTING STRAUS IN ORDER The machinations to remove Joe Straus as speaker of the Texas House continue. Establishment conservative Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, and tea party favorite Ken Paxton, R-McKinney, are both trying to tap into conservatives' dissatisfaction with Straus' strictly by-the-rules management style. Their supporters pushed for the House Republican Caucus to select the new speaker itself and then foist its pick upon the Democrats. On Nov. 15, the caucus held a straw poll of its members about adopting that approach: While the full results were not published, the caucus firmly rejected the idea, instead sticking to the tried-and-tested method of a floor vote among all members. Enter Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, who offered to host a face-to-face meeting in Austin on Nov. 23 with the three candidates. All agreed to attend; however, it's unclear how the rest of the House will react to having a second-term senator inject himself into the affairs of the lower chamber. So far, the numbers remain on Straus' side. with 74 Republicans and 49 Democrats still pledged to him, from a total of 150 members. Richard Whittaker
- ROUND TWO, ENERGY-EFFICIENT BOOGALOO The state comptroller's office released details this week on the second round of rebates going to Texans who buy energy-efficient appliances. First made available online last April, the initial rebate offering proved so popular it was gone in a day - and for many people, that day was spent simply trying to access the application form on the comptroller's overloaded website. This time around, participants must first buy the new appliance. install it, and recycle (or "properly dispose of") the old appliance before applying for the rebate via snail mail (complete with documentation proving completion of all the required steps). The \$10 million in funds will then be rewarded on a first-postmarked, first-served basis. The program doesn't begin until Dec. 20 – appliances bought before then will not be eligible - but given the program's popularity, anyone hoping to cash in should consider crafting a game plan now. While the program is shaping up to be different (with hopefully fewer kinks) from last spring's, the prized rebate form itself, much like that day in April, remains elusive. As of press time, it had not vet appeared online, but the FAO section declares simply that it will be available "before the start of the program" and recommends that you "sign up for e-mail notifications" and follow the program on Twitter. If you're old-fashioned, you can simply check www.texaspowerfulsmart.org for details. Nora Ankrum
- > GREEN CHOICES ABOUND For those who may be worried after reading "Austin Energy's Wrinkle in Time" (Nov. 12) that Austin Energy's green power options might be dwindling, you can put your mind at ease. We've since spoken with Karl Rábago, AE's vice president for distributed energy services, to clarify what changes in the market might mean for AE's climate-conscious customers, and he said, "I always plan to have an option for customers who want to do more." Nonetheless, he said, he wants to "change the way we do GreenChoice." Rather than offering another "batch-based" product in which customers subscribe to power coming from a single wind farm, he plans to mix it up a little. "We're going to have some solar coming in; we're going to have biomass coming in. ... We can blend together lots of different products with lots of different features, and we can manage that so they can deliver ... that firm fixed-price guarantee." While he envisions a special portfolio of green products and services for those "customers who want to do more to be climate-responsible and renewable-friendly," he also said, "I do dream of a day, hopefully sooner rather than later, in which it's renewables [that are] the rule and more polluting resources are the exception." - N.A.

IN THE HISTORICAL ZONE

If only the Pequot had filed for landmark status ... before the massacre by wells dunbar

Come Thanksgiving, one's thoughts inevitably drift to history: to past family gatherings around the bird, to misty (and perhaps imaginary) memories of successful Dallas Cowboys seasons, even to that initial autumnal gathering in the New World at which the American Indians and pilgrims candied apples together. (Thanks to tea party historians, of course, we now know that first feast in fact celebrated the triumph of unfettered capitalism going Galt over prematurely Stalinist socialism – take that, Squanto!)

It's fitting then that last week's City Council meeting also dwelt in the past, including suddenly controversial **historic district zoning** for Hyde Park, recommendations related to the more-controversial-still historic landmark zoning program, and even the odd historic zoning requests. Someone could've pushed a Swiffer through council chambers, such was the dusty, musty stench of history!

In contrast to the city's historic landmark zoning, which rebates large portions of a homeowner's tax bill, historic districts are far less costly. Unlike landmark zoning, which sets a 100% city tax exemption on the structure and 50% on the land essentially ad infinitum as long as the place is maintained, properties in a historic district are eligible for only a seven-year abatement on the added value of their historic rehab, as long as rehab totals 25% of the property's pre-improvement value. (Say a \$400,000 house in Hyde Park spends \$100,000 on historic rehab, and when finished, it's appraised at \$550,000. Once approved by the Historic Landmark Commission, property taxes on that extra \$150,000 are abated for the next seven years.)

Of course, there's more to historic districts than just abatement, including the Historic Landmark Commission paying more attention to building demolition, relocation, and remodels. For instance, the design standards laid out in the Hyde Park application note, "Demolition of all structures, including noncontributing structures, is strongly discouraged under all circumstances." For remodels, front doors can't be enlarged, altered, or relocated; front porches can't be screened in; new construction and "contemporary design" is allowed, "as long as it fits 'the architectural patterns of the neighborhood and its immediately surrounding structures,' with concerns including 'finished floor height, floor-to-floor heights, roof heights and pitches, fenestration pattern, porch size and location, setbacks, and an overall scale that reflects neighborhood patterns."

With the stage set for a showdown between preservationists and property-rights advocates, last week's meeting didn't disappoint. One skeptical Hyde Parker went so far as to say the submitted plan was in fact a bait-and-switch. **Kevin Heyburn** asked council to postpone action until January, alleging "the plan now before council is not the same plan that was circulated in the neighborhood when the **Hyde Park Neigh-** **borhood Association** originally gathered signatures in support of the historic district over the summer."

Called to address Heyburn's claims was the HPNA's **Karen McGraw**, who conceded "in the last few months, many, many other things have happened. The city postponed in May and held another meeting where they notified everyone. The city asked for various changes. The neighborhood had a few changes. All of these were posted to the neighborhood website and voted upon at regular neighborhood meetings."

Ultimately, the council proceeded with an approval vote on first reading, 6-0, with Hyde Park resident **Bill Spelman** abstaining. But the next and possibly final vote, set for Dec. 16, may face an additional wrinkle: Just prior to the meeting,

Heyburn had submitted a petition in opposition to the district, and at the meeting, staff was sorting through the signatures to see if they reached the 20% benchmark that would force a supermajority vote

for approval – meaning with Spelman's abstention, the remaining six council members would all have to hang together for final approval.

If that wasn't enough, passing on consent that morning – likely robbed of further scrutiny by the one-two punch of Water Treatment Plant No. 4 and

Formula One that took up much of the meeting (see "All Rolled Up in Formula One," p.20) – was an item from Council Members Spelman and **Laura Morrison**, extending the time for City Manager **Marc Ott** to make recommendations on the city's existing historic preservation program and its economic impact; originally, Ott had until year's end to issue them; the item stretches his deadline to the end of March.

And capping it all was a historic landmark zoning proposal for the **Warner Stewart House**, a residence in historychoked Pemberton Heights – this one once occupied by the early head of the **Austin Housing Authority** (and sitting pretty with a \$981,000 appraisal). "I believe that we have a lot of Georgian revival or colonial revival houses in Pemberton already on our list," said Spelman. "It's in good use, and it's not threatened in any way, so I'm not sure what public value is going to be accomplished by getting a historic zoning."

After a little more conversation, **Chris Riley** issued his "usual note" accompanying most requests "that we are not only working on criteria for historic zoning but the benefits associated with historic zoning, and there may well be changes to those benefits in the future. And I would expect those changes would apply to this case as well as any other cases that we zone historic in the future." Nevertheless, the proposal failed, historically, on second and third reading, 2-5, Riley and Morrison providing the lonely yeas.

After all, the city can gobble up only so many exemptions. ■ Stuffing delicious commentary into 140 characters: It's @CityHallHustle on Twitter.

res publica for more details and events, see **community listings**, p.62.

THURSDAY25

THANKSGIVING FEASTS AROUND TOWN Hoping to dine out this year? See who's serving up family fare for the holiday at **austinchronicle.com/thanksgiving**.

SATURDAY27

WESTCAVE PUBLIC TOURS Here's the perfect antidote to the post-Thanksgiving mall rush: Take the family on a trip to this pristine Hill Country nature preserve, open to the public through guided tours only. Saturdays & Sundays, 10am, noon, 2, & 4pm. Westcave Preserve, 24814 Hamilton Pool Rd., 830/825-3442. \$5 (\$2, kids).

MONDAY29

CAP METRO MEETING Stop by one of two meetings Monday night to discuss proposed changes to Cap Metro's policies regarding the **Americans With Disabilities Act**. 6-7:30pm. Austin Community College South Austin, 1820 W. Stassney; Goodwill Community Center, 1015 Norwood Park Blvd.

CREATION NOT INCARCERATION Save Our Youth, the Ex-Pinta Support Alliance, and the Hutto Visitation Program host a discussion with **Prison Creative Arts Project** founder Buzz Alexander, who will read from his new book, *Is William Martinez Not Our Brother?: Twenty Years of the Prison Creative Arts Project.* 6:30pm. Resistencia Bookstore, 1801-A S. First, 416-8885.

TUESDAY30

SEN. KIRK WATSON gives an overview of the upcoming Lege session – if you can bear to hear it – as a part of the Texas Politics Speaker Series. 3:30pm. UT campus, Dorothy Gebauer Building, Rm. 3.312, 471-7095. Free.

WEDNESDAY01

HIGH NOON TALKS Documentarian Patrick Fries discusses In the Shadow of the Blade, which explores the stories of Vietnam War veterans and the families who waited for them back home. Noon-1pm. Texas State History Museum, 1800 N. Congress, 936-8746. Free.

JAMES BRADLEY The author of Imperial Cruise: A Secret History of Empire and War explains why the blame for World War II, the Korean War, and Communist China should rest with Teddy Roosevelt and William Taft. *7pm. BookPeople*, 603 *N. Lamar*, 472-5050.

MOPAC OPEN HOUSE Surely you've got some ideas for improving mobility along the MoPac corridor – if not, you can come up with some next time you're stuck in traffic somewhere between Cesar Chavez Street and Parmer Lane. *6-8pm. 0. Henry Middle School, 2610 W. 10th, 832-7218.*

THURSDAY 02

A CONVERSATION WITH REP. DAN BRANCH The Texas Tribune hosts a talk with the Dallas Republican. 7:30-9am. The Austin Club, 110 E. Ninth. RSVP to rsvp@texastribune.org.



Strength" has issued an open letter to President Barack Obama, asking him to "stand firm against those who would put politics ahead of their country" and allow the tax cuts in favor of those making more than \$1 million a year to expire as scheduled at the end of 2010. The undersigned – among them musical luminary Moby, ice cream magnate Ben Cohen, and Waco insurance tycoon and Democratic funder Bernard Rapoport – write that they have done well in recent years and declare, "We don't need more tax cuts, and we understand that cutting our taxes will increase the deficit and the debt burden carried by other taxpayers."

It's a noble if utterly quixotic effort, not just because the letter features all of 45 signatures, rather a tepid percentage of the 375,000 Americans (the page notes) who have annual incomes of more than \$1 million (it's lonely at the top). No doubt thousands more millionaires will soon line up to add their names, and Billionaires for Economic Justice will not be far behind.

More illuminating than these fancies are the statistics the millionaires provide:

• Between 1979 and 2007, incomes for the wealthiest 1% of Americans rose by 281%.

• During the Great Depression, millionaires had a top marginal tax rate of 68%.

• In 1963, millionaires had a top marginal tax rate of 91%.

• In 1976, millionaires had a top marginal tax rate of 70%.

• Today, millionaires have a top marginal tax rate of 35%.

• Among members of Congress, 44% are millionaires.

• Letting tax cuts for the top 2% expire as scheduled would pay down the debt by \$700 billion over the next 10 years.

If you're not doing quite so well yourself, note that percentage of congressional millionaires (including more than half the Senate), consider how many Washington media hotshots earn at least \$1 million a year – and don't spend your holiday wondering whether there will be a D.C. groundswell of Winter Soldiers for Fiscal Fairness.

Still Following the Money

If patriotic millionaires are insufficient to fill you with seasonal spirit, consider instead Texans for Public Justice. During his closing argument in the Tom DeLay trial Monday, DeLay attorney Dick DeGuerin denounced TPJ's Craig McDonald (as well as campaign finance expert Fred Lewis) as "highly partisan ideologues" for having the gall to bring charges and testify against DeLay. Travis County Assistant District Attorney Gary Cobb responded angrily that McDonald and Lewis "are about as nonpartisan as you can get, and when they found evidence of a crime, they did what you would want any citizen to do – they went down to the courthouse and reported it."

The exchange returned me to TPJ's website (www.tpj.org), where I found the group's recent research report, "Governor Perry's Patronage." It records the staggering amount of money the governor has collected over the years in "campaign contributions" (i.e., political kickbacks) from his thousands of official appointees.

A few highlights:

• From January 2001 to February 2010, Perry nominated 3,995 appointees, 5,662 times, for hundreds of state agencies, boards, and commissions.

• Perry's campaign received \$17,115,865 from 921 of these appointees or their spouses. In all, Perry's appointees accounted for 21% of his \$83.2 million raised since 2001.

• The highest roller was Wendy Lee Gramm, appointed to the A&M board of regents and the Texas Tax Reform Commission; in 2002, the U.S. Senate campaign of Gramm's husband, Phil, transferred \$610,000 to the Perry campaign.

• Peter Holt and T. Dan Friedkin, both appointed to the Parks and Wildlife Commission, gave more than \$450,000 apiece; in all, Perry received more than \$2 million from P&W (\$118,477 per appointee).

• The next-best givers were A&M regents: \$113,127 on average.

• Next were Inaugural Committee appointees: \$102,194 on average.

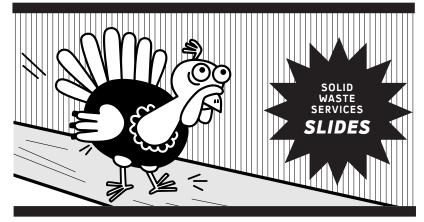
• By comparison, University of Texas regents were a tea-sipping fourth, averaging only \$83,463.

No doubt Gov. Perry will continue dunning and rewarding his deep-pocketed friends. The rest of us will just have to give thanks for the good folks at Texans for Public Justice, doing their diligent and valiant part to document who really rules Texas.



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TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH CARE PANEL Local experts gather for this week's installment of the Concordia fall speaker series. *11:30am. Concordia University*. *1400 Concordia University Dr.*

MOPAC OPEN HOUSE (See Wednesday.) 6-8pm. Murchison Middle School, 3700 North Hills Dr.

ONGOING

AUSTIN ENERGY LOANS/REBATES For a limited time, AE is providing zero-interest loans and rebates that can be used on top of federal tax credits and Texas Gas Service rebates to fund home energy-efficiency improvements. *Deadline: Dec. 20.* www.austinenergy.com.

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ered to LifeWorks by Dec. 12. 735-2475.

AISD: Balancing Teachers and Tech

Students' test scores are up, but there's room for improvement: That was the message at the heart of **Austin Independent School District** Superintendent **Meria Carstarphen**'s second State of the District Address. Yet a key part of her solution – to integrate technology deeper into the curriculum – could create new recurring costs just as the district is contemplating personnel cuts.

The Nov. 18 address was intended primarily to release the district's annual report and its new score card, both available at **www.austinisd. org**. But the center of Carstarphen's talk was the joy of educational technology. After the last notes of the All City Band's rendition of "Thus Spake Zarathustra" died away, she explained to the invited guests gathered in the UT Alumni Center that she regards improving students' interest and scores in math and science as pivotal in preparing them for a global economy. Using one of the district's new classroom "Innovation Stations," Carstarphen gave a multimedia presentation before fielding questions from the audience posed via iPod

Touch. There was even a teleconference by Skype with the rocket science class at Akins High. The next day, the district announced the delivery of 7,500 netbooks as part of the

Computers on Wheels program; it will be the first round of a total of 20,000 new computers scheduled to hit district classrooms by spring break 2011. AISD board President **Mark Williams** said, "The emphasis [of the speech] was

primarily on some of the opportunities that we have going forward, particularly as it appertains to technology and creating this concept of changing with the world."

Education Austin co-President Rae Nwosu had a mixed response to Carstarphen's speech. "It was good for people to hear where we've made gains," she said. However, she added, "I didn't hear what I thought I was going to hear, which is how do we move from here, and how do we fix where we are now."

Carstarphen barely mentioned the district's looming budget problems until 50 minutes into her hourlong presentation. When she did broach the subject directly, the numbers were



galling. Carstarphen said the district currently faces a \$50 million to \$60 million shortfall in the next academic year, and so far staff and the board have only identified \$20 million in savings. "What she didn't do," said Williams, "is frame that conversation about how nasty will it be, and is it reasonable to maintain the same expectations we've had all along, when the reality is that the resources are going to be constrained."

For Nwosu, the speech didn't quite reflect where the district's priorities really are at the moment. Both in the boardroom and the classroom, she said, "you're not hearing a lot about the technology and how it's getting to the kids, although that's a part of it that we heard a lot about today. The most important thing is what are we going to do with the budget deficit and jobs over the next year or two."

Historically, AISD has paid for IT equipment such as classroom computers with bonds – that's how the district raised \$70 million in 2008 for such systems as the new netbooks

> and the Innovation Stations like the one Carstarphen used to deliver her address. If the district is going to integrate more classroom tech into the curriculum, that means more staff will be required to maintain it and more equipment will become obsolete and require replacement – all of which might be better funded with recurring operational spending rather than one-off bonds. If such a shift were to occur, technology

investment would represent a major new component of regular spending, which could require some creative thinking about shifting the tax rate or finding alternative investment.

Figuring out how to pay for a tech-savvy school system isn't a new conundrum. Back in 2008, members of the citizens' bond advisory committee voiced concerns that the bonds would pay for new computers but not the staff to support them. The district currently only has 28 computer technicians to handle all its support work, including maintaining classroom and administration machines. At the time, committee member **Rudy Montoya** warned the board, "You



AISD Superintendent Meria Carstarphen picks up the beat of the All City Band last week before delivering her State of the District address, which drew mixed reviews from Education Austin co-President Rae Nwosu.

wouldn't buy buses and not hire bus drivers." (See "Citizens' Committee Shuffles AISD Bonds," Jan. 18, 2008.) A year later, the board was divided over whether bond money – generally intended for concrete infrastructure like buildings and buses – should really be spent on quasi-disposable technology like the new netbooks (see "AISD Working Out Technology Costs and Kinks," July 10, 2009).

Williams said he hopes that by emphasizing Austin as a tech center, the district can attract more philanthropic involvement from computing companies, as well as additional volunteering and student mentoring by their staff. Corporate donations like the 50 Young Explorer stations donated by IBM to East Austin elementaries last year could become pivotal in implementing Carstarphen's techfriendly future, especially since the state has its own projected deficit - currently standing at \$25 billion - to deal with. Since the state's technology allotment is one of the few parts of education spending that is discretionary, it could be one of the first line items cut. Williams said, "We're still trying to sort out what the implications are, both of

what we need to do from a planning standpoint and what the implications of the Legislature's actions are going to be."

Nwosu was also concerned that costly technology investments may come at a time when the district is forced to lay off staff. The trustees are scheduled to discuss a potential declaration of financial exigency in January that, if adopted, would give them the power to make sweeping program changes and cancel employee contracts. Education Austin is already protesting plans to change the school day. Currently, the district allows teachers two 45-minute planning periods per day, but the district is considering cutting that to the state-required minimum of one. Nwosu warned that requiring teachers to take on extra classes, along with increased class sizes, could threaten the strength of teacher-student relationships, and that's something technology cannot replace. She said, "A person who says that teacher-student ratios don't matter, that's the person that needs to go and sub in a high school where there [are] 40 kids in a classroom." - Richard Whittaker

All Rolled Up in Formula One

Austin's **Formula One** project has passed its first big planning vote, with council voting unanimously to reimburse the developers for laying water and wastewater pipe in the area. However, the vote was predicated less on the track project itself than on getting water into southeast Travis County.

On Nov. 19, council voted 7-0 to approve a service extension request that will reimburse the project up to \$13 million to build 24- and 36-inch water mains and a 30-inch wastewater pipe to the area around the proposed track in Elroy. While public commentary for and against the proposal was lengthy, the council decision was uneventful. Even the two most vocally critical council members – **Bill Spelman** and **Chris Riley** – voted for the reimbursement. Their questions to staff were mostly about the structure of repayments and whether the city gets to keep the pipe afterward. Yes, it does, **Austin Water** assistant director of planning **David Juarez** told them, adding that reimbursement gives the city better power to engineer and fund the infrastructure than if they took a piecemeal approach as construction demanded it.

Spelman even seconded the motion to support the reimbursement when it was brought forward by **Laura Morrison**, who said it was not a vote on Formula One but "a vote on whether we control the water system where Formula One might be." Since the project is within both the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction and the desirable development zone and the city is legally obligated by an agreement with the state to provide water in the area, this pipe work would have had to go in eventually. Currently, **Sheryl Cole** told her fellow council members, "The infrastructure is not in place for the [SH] 130 corridor, and we have been struggling with how we are going to do that for almost the entire time I have been on council."

It was a key vote for the F1 project, which added another pivotal component on Nov. 22 by announcing that **HKS Inc.** – the firm responsible for Dallas' new **Cowboys Stadium** – will serve as the facility's lead architects. Now the developers plan to return to council in early December to seek approval for a cut-and-fill variance. This application, recommended by both the **Environmental Board** and the **Zoning and Platting Commission**, will allow them to start the grading and landscaping necessary to start building the track. If approved by council, expect to see earth moving in Elroy before the year's end. - R.W.



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Tightening the Noose on Defendants

It's been a busy couple of weeks in Texas' appeals courts – including at the state's highest criminal court, the **Court of Criminal Appeals**. In separate rulings, the CCA has tossed a death sentence, concluded that life without parole is appropriate for youthful offenders, and ruled that the "implied bias" doctrine – relating to a criminal defendant's right to an impartial jury – doesn't exist. Here's a roundup of recent and notable news from the court:

WITHHELD EVIDENCE = NO DEATH SENTENCE

On Nov. 17, the CCA overturned the capital murder conviction of Roderick Newton, who was sentenced to die for the 1999 kidnapping and murder of 20-year-old Jesus Montoya in Dallas in connection with a robbery gone wrong. Newton was facing execution last year when prosecutors reviewing all of Dallas County's death row cases discovered a statement - given by Newton's co-defendant to police - that was never turned over to Newton's defense. Newton argued that the statement, which did not match statements the co-defendant made in court, was exculpatory material that was required to be made available to him. As it turned out, Dallas County prosecutors agreed; last week, so did the CCA, which vacated Newton's conviction and sentence and kicked the case back to the trial court. The ruling does not mean that Newton will be a free man. In fact, in exchange for prosecutors removing the specter of execution, Newton agreed to plead guilty to Montoya's death, as well as to the attempted murder of a police officer, allowing the state to stack two life sentences. If Newton were to get parole on the first offense, he would have to serve the second before any possible release.

LIFE WITH PAROLE FOR MINORS

Also last week, a majority of the CCA concluded that life without parole is a suitable punishment for youthful offenders – that is, juveniles 16 and younger. The seven-judge decision came in the case of **Chris Meadoux**, convicted for the 2007 double murder of **Luis Martinez** and **Johnny You**. Meadoux was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole but argued on appeal that the sentence violates the constitutional ban on cruel and

unusual punishment. In 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed the death penalty for juve-

nile offenders, and state lawmakers subsequently altered the penal code to take death off the table for juveniles, leaving life as the maximum punishment possible; in 2009, state lawmakers tweaked the code to reflect

that the sentence could mean life with parole. Meadoux in part argued that the change to include possible parole signified state lawmakers were demonstrating an "evolving standard of decency" for juvenile offenders that forbids "the categorical assessment of [life without parole] for juvenile offenders." The court, however, disagreed that Meadoux had met the burden of demonstrating that the sentence was cruel. There is no national consensus that life without parole is unacceptable for juvenile murders and even though a vouthful offender may have less moral culpability than an adult, the "moral culpability is still great," Judge Charles Holcomb wrote for the majority upholding Meadoux's sentence. (At least on its face, the Holcomb opinion meshes with the Supreme Court's reasoning earlier this year in a Florida case in which it struck down life without parole for juveniles charged with offenses less serious than murder. Whether

that means life without parole is appropriate for all juvenile murderers remains to be seen; court watchers expect the issue will continue to be a point of

appeal for years to come.) Judge **Larry Meyers** disagreed with the ruling, authoring a dissent joined by Judge **Cheryl Johnson**. When the Supremes outlawed death for youthful

offenders in 2005, Texas did not yet have a life-without-parole option on the books, and all those juveniles on death row had their sentences commuted to life with a chance of parole; effective Sept. 1, 2009, lawmakers changed the maximum sentence simply to life, giving flexibility for life either with or

without a possible future release. Meadoux was caught in between the 2005 and 2009 changes to the law and should be afforded a new sentencing hearing in order to have a jury individually decide the merits of his punishment, Meyers wrote.

NO IMPLIED BIAS IN WRONGED JUROR

In a third case decided last week, the CCA considered the limits of the so-called "implied bias" doctrine and the Sixth Amendment's guarantee of an impartial jury. In this case, defendant **John Uranga** was on trial for possession of a small amount of methamphetamine. During his punishment hearing, Witchita County prosecutors introduced to the jury a handful of other deplorable acts by Uranga – including a 2006 incident in which he drove his car onto someone's yard in an attempt to evade police. As it happens, when the jury saw video of that particular incident, one juror realized that he was viewing his own

yard. He told the judge, who, over defense objections, allowed the juror to remain on the jury and denied a defense motion for a mistrial. The jury later concluded that Uranga was a habitual offender and sentenced him to life in prison. Uranga appealed on Sixth Amendment grounds, arguing in part there was "implied bias" and that the judge erred in failing to acknowledge the bias and grant a mistrial. Uranga lost, with a majority of the CCA, led by Judge Paul Womack, finding no actual bias and no reason to impute some more nebulous question of "implied" bias to Uranga's case. In a strongly worded dissent, Judge Tom Price (joined by Holcomb) argued that the court has "without fanfare" announced that there "is no such thing" as the doctrine of implied bias, first described by former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. "The whole thing is apparently a figment of Justice O'Connor's imagination," Price wrote, going on to remind the court that "sometimes a prospective juror's own ability to objectively gauge his impartiality may be impaired, or he may even have a motive not to disclose it." In such cases, the courts have a duty to and have recognized that the Sixth Amendment requires more stringency than just a juror's assurance to a judge that he can be fair. (Indeed, Price notes that even the 5th U.S. Court of Appeals a notoriously conservative venue – has overturned a death case based on implied bias.) In this case, Price wrote, he would grant Uranga a new punishment hearing, without the possibly tainted input of the one juror.

In related news, U.S. Attorney General **Eric Holder** announced his reversal of a Bush administration policy that denied post-conviction DNA testing for defendants who had entered into plea deals with federal prosecutors. The so-called "DNA waivers" were used only in plea agreements and prevent the defendant from ever requesting DNA testing. In Texas, which leads the nation in DNA exonerations, more than 40 individuals have been freed from prison based on the results of DNA testing. – Jordan Smith

political – "We prosecute Democrats as well as Republicans," he said – and argued that the money-laundering was caught only because of a one-time requirement that PACs report their corporate contributions to the Internal Revenue Service. "One thing we learned from AI Capone and the Untouchables," said Cobb, "is that you don't mess with the IRS."

Cobb's vigorous attempt to portray DeLay as a common criminal (the charges are thirddegree felonies, eligible for as much as life in prison) made a strong impression in the courtroom - DeLay later said that it proved the case is simply "political" - but it's not clear he persuaded the jurors. In a written inquiry to the judge, they asked, "Can it constitute money laundering if the money wasn't procured by illegal means originally?," suggesting that despite the prosecution's arguments, at least some were wary of concluding the money swap was criminal if the original contributions were legal. Over the prosecution's objection but with the approval of the defense, the judge declined to answer, simply referring the jury to his formal instructions. - Michael King

DeLay Trial: Jury Hanging Fire

As the *Chronicle* went to press Tuesday on its early Thanksgiving schedule, the jurors in the money-laundering and conspiracy trial of former U.S. House GOP honcho **Tom DeLay** had gone home without a verdict, after informing the judge they were "making progress." During deliberations that began Monday afternoon, the jurors had posed questions to the judge that suggested they were divided or confused on the basic legal issues. The judge declined to answer beyond pointing to his formal charge on the law, delivered to the jury before closing arguments.

DeLay's nearly monthlong trial ended Monday with closing arguments by prosecutors and defense attorney **Dick DeGuerin**, who described the charges as purely political and his client as a "figurehead" and "headliner" who was barely aware of the activities of **Texans for a Republican Majority**, the political action committee that in 2002 sent \$190,000 in "soft" (corporate) money to the Republican National State Election Committee in return for \$190,000 in "hard" (individual) contributions sent to seven GOP candidates for the Texas House. Direct or indirect corporate contributions to candidates are illegal in Texas, and trial testimony turned on whether the "money swap" was a common, legal political practice (as the defense claimed) or an unprecedented attempt to circumvent 100-year-old Texas campaign finance law (as prosecutors charged).

On Monday prosecutor **Beverly Mathews** opened with a detailed recounting of the steps in DeLay's alleged conspiracy to launder the corporate money, replaying sections of DeLay's 2005 taped admission that he knew of the exchange in advance, as well as his statement to *Statesman* reporter **Laylin Copelin** last week that he "could have stopped" the exchange before it occurred. That seemed to contradict DeGuerin's insistence that DeLay had very little to do with TRMPAC, and both Mathews and Assistant District Attorney **Gary Cobb** cited evidence from DeLay's calendars that reflected direct involvement in TRMPAC meetings, including at the time of the exchange. Moreover, asked Mathews, "Do you think it's just a coincidence that virtually every corporation that contributed to TRMPAC got a meeting with Tom DeLay?"

In closing, DeGuerin reiterated his refrain that the two contributing streams were "not the same money," holding up to the jury an apple and an orange and insisting that an orange given to one person is not the same as an apple that person passes to another. "I believe it was lawful," he said in comparing the money swap, "because it's not the same money."

Responding to DeGuerin's insistence that "no corporate money went to candidates in Texas," Cobb responded acerbically, "because it was laundered." His closing was blistering, comparing DeLay to common "street criminals" who commit crimes by proxy while obscuring the evidence, and pointing to detailed calendars (produced by the defense only late in the trial) that confirm DeLay's meetings with TRMPAC principals. Cobb rejected DeGuerin's claim that the charges were

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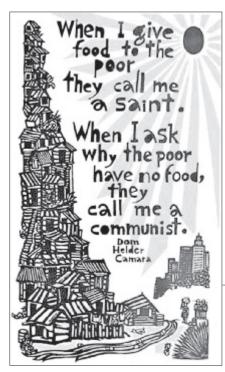
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Fans of Austin arcana should steer their browsers to the **Texas General Land Office**, where some 38,000 maps are housed online. And high quality reproductions are available for purchase for a veritable pittance of \$20. We're particularly partial to the 1939 "Roster Austin Chamber of Commerce" map of the city (Map/Document #452), although it's tough to beat the 1839 map laying out Edwin Waller's original downtown grid (M/D #4500). To see the collection, visit **www.glo.texas.gov** and enter "maps collection" in the search box. – *Wells Dunbar*

PICKING

COTTON

JENNIFER THOMPSON-CANNING

RONALD COTTON

Let There Be Peace on Earth Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino, Ronald Cotton, and Erin Torneo

St. Martin's Press, \$25.95 This stunning memoir by rape

victim Jennifer Thompson-Cannino and the man she falsely accused of the crime, **Ronald Cotton**, unfolds as a tale of two lives tragically intertwined. But surprisingly, this tale – told in equal parts by the two victims, accuser and accused – has a happy ending that too few miscarriages of justice can boast: After more than a decade behind bars, Cotton was proven inno-

cent by DNA testing. Yet more surprising, he and Thompson-Cannino are now friends. The tragedy that befell Cotton and Thompson-

ers remains to be seen." **Chris Riley** homed in on the scope of work, vis-à-vis lingering questions about whether the \$300 million would include construction of the Forest Ridge transmission main, which the utility hasn't spent much time addressing, having focused its attention on the Jollyville transmission line (the component necessitating the controversial Spicewood Springs shaft). Assistant City Manager **Rudy Garza**'s short

the controversial Spicewood Springs shart). Assistant City Manager **Rudy Garza**'s short answer: "If we can build it within \$359 million" – the \$300 million plus \$59 million previously appropriated – "yes." "There are still judgments to be made about whether, in fact, we will need that

about whether, in fact, we will need that main," said Riley. "In fact, the action today will enable you to build it – as long as they are under the \$359 [million] figure, they can build it without any further action on the part of the council. I think that it's inappropriate for us to defer those decisions."

However, any hope the added financial consideration might tip the long-running 4-3 vote in favor of the plant didn't come to pass, as the appropriation passed along

Cannino is not entirely unique. According to the **Innocence Project**, there have been 261 post-conviction DNA exonerations nationwide; Texas has the dubious honor of leading the pack, with 42 DNA exonerations to date.

Mistaken eyewitness identification has been implicated in more than 75% of those exonerations (make that 80% within the state of Texas). For those who believe that these kinds of things happen to "other people" – or that perhaps the occasional mistake is just a reality we have to accept – this memoir serves as a reminder that not only do mistakes have far-reaching implications, they in fact threaten the foundation of our entire system

of criminal justice. *Picking Cotton* is a fast, compelling read and a meaningful gift for anyone interested in the real price of justice. – *Jordan Smith*

traditional lines, with Morrison, Spelman, and Riley voting no. Sheryl Cole, the chair of council's Audit and Finance Committee, seemed most likely to peel off; she prefaced her vote with a lengthy discussion of her concerns, peppered with questions for staff. But after establishing that regular reports would be delivered to the Audit and Finance Committee, along with other city boards and commissions, she again voted in favor. "I put in place directives to ensure that we will have quarterly reporting to Audit and Finance, and the project reports will go to Water and Wastewater committee," Cole said afterward. Echoing remarks she made on the dais, she said, "The fact we approved the budget on all three readings on 7-0 is a strong statement that even though we might disagree on policy issues, when it comes to the ultimate finances of the city, we stand united."

Despite the funding approval, one more big WTP4 debate looms before year's end; at the meeting, council scheduled a Dec. 16 hearing and vote on the use of parkland for the Spicewood Springs shaft. – *Wells Dunbar*

All the Way Home You'll Be Warm Looking Up at the Bottom Line: The Struggle for the Living Wage! by Richard R. Troxell

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founder **Richard Troxell** not only illuminates his organization's work – and the author's personal struggle with homelessness – but also serves as an alternative history of the city, recounting Troxell's struggle over the years to address homelessness and advocate for a living wage. All proceeds go toward HTH's efforts. Available at local retailers and online at Amazon. – *W.D.*

WTP4: Council Takes a Swig

The funding spigot for **Water Treatment Plant No. 4** has opened from a steady trickle to full blast, with City Council authorizing lump-sum funding of \$300 million to build the controversial plant in a move opponents say strips construction of oversight, while proponents claim it will help bring the plant in on time and on budget.

The item changing funding from a perproject basis to an overall appropriation consumed the first half of the council meeting, prompting speakers in favor (business and booster types, including developer Terry Mitchell, and speakers from the Austin Chamber of Commerce and Austin Board of Realtors) and against (the Save Our Springs Alliance, the Austin chapter of the Sierra Club, and speakers from the **Spicewood Springs neighborhood**, where a plant-related underground shaft is slated for construction). While many speakers trod familiar ground – essentially arguing for water security vs. cost and the perils of promoting growth – the nature of the onetime, \$300 million appropriation to the construction manager-at-risk contract with **MWH Constructors** reframed the conversation. **Austin Water** Director **Greg Meszaros** said the funding would give the manager greater flexibility when looking at bids, while opponents feared it removed oversight provisions. "We have been told at every turn, because of citizen involvement and oversight from the boards and commissions, that this project has been improved, and this would take that out of the equation," said the Sierra Club's **Roy Whaley**.

Laura Morrison argued the funding decision defers "completely to staff," which was "not a comfortable position" for her. Bill Spelman joined her, saying: "I'm not clear that this particular approach is going to improve value for taxpayers. But I'm persuaded that it probably will be more flexible. Whether that flexibility actually works to the advantage of the water utility and the taxpay-

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BY JIM HIGHTOWER

HARD TIMES, SOFT HEADS

A recent **New York Times** headline used the word "soft" to describe today's economy. On what planet do the *Times* wordsmiths live? "Soft" implies cushions and comfort, while the economic reality that most Americans are experiencing is one of unrelenting hard times.

Indeed, the article itself reported that **national economic growth** this summer was pathetically weak. Tens of millions of people remain unemployed or underemployed, with millions of them having been mired in joblessness for nearly two years. Even those with jobs have seen their hours cut or wages slashed, so the nation's income growth was an abysmal 0.5% – and the bulk of that went to the richest Americans, who enjoyed a nice rise in their stock portfolios.

The way out of this, according to a flock of economic gurus roosting on their lofty theoretical perches, is for consumers to spend more. Yoo-hoo, wise ones – spend what? The *Times* conceded that, with the incomes of the masses plummeting, consumer demand remains "flaccid" (yet another word for soft). As noted by **James K. Galbraith**, a down-to-earth economist grounded in reality, "The problematic factor is that consumers remain fundamentally insolvent."

Still reaching for a silver lining in a dark and stormy cloud, the *Times* noted that American families are at least shedding some of their consumer debt. Good! Except that much of this is the result of millions of hard-hit families having to default on their credit card bills, student loans, mortgages, and other debts they can no longer pay.

The only things that are "soft" in today's economy are the heads of economists who keep blaming consumers rather than fingering the big bankers and corporate CEOs who continue to knock down America's wages, the middle class, and America itself.

WALL STREET'S RESILIENT GREED

It appears to be a truly amazing feat of magic. Right before your eyes, this thing rises into the air on its own, with no wires or mechanical devices giving it lift, and it hovers there effortlessly.

But it's not magic, for magic is an illusion, and this gravity-defying phenomenon of perpetual levitation is real. What is this "it" that keeps floating up, up, up? It's the **annual bonuses** paid to **Wall Street**'s top bankers.

By the laws of economics, if not physics, bonuses should fall to Earth this year, because the bankers have performed poorly. Trading is down, profits are flat (despite a boost of trillions of dollars in nearly interest-free money from the feds), firms are firing lower-level employees, and banker greed has ruined the public reputations of the financial giants.

"Who cares?" shriek the big shots. "It's bonus time, baby, so grab all you can!" The CEOs of **Goldman Sachs**, **Citigroup**, **JPMorgan Chase**, and others have set aside billions of dollars to flood their executive suites with bonus cash at the end of the year – money that should go to shareholders. Their claim is: "We deserve it, for we took low pay during the crash of 2008-2009." For example, **Lloyd Blankfein**, Goldman Sachs' boss, was paid a mere \$9 million last year, so this year he wants that "sacrifice" to be made up to him.

However, lest you worry that poor Lloyd's family needed food stamps to make ends meet in that tough \$9 million year, note that he had a bit of a cushion, having pocketed a record Wall Street payday of \$68 million in 2007 – even as his bank was crumbling.

One executive pay analyst says he assumed that bonuses would go down this year. But, he said, "I underestimated the industry's resiliency." By "resiliency," I assume he was referring to the industry's incurable greed.

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Not So Hot TODs

Sputtering rail, sputtering economy – the uncertain fate of Red Line development

BY LEE NICHOLS

Well, we finally got the transit – more or less – so where's the development?

Longtime followers of the MetroRail Red Line saga may remember that the Capital Metro train was supposed to deliver more than passengers. Local planners – both within City Hall and the transit agency – hoped it would also attract a dense mix of retail, offices, and residents, which in turn would create even more passengers.

To support this goal, in 2005 the city created special development zones around most of the Red Line stations (as well as one bus transit center) that not only encouraged such uses but in some cases mandated them, while prohibiting other uses not seen as transit-friendly – a concept called "transit-oriented development." The city of Leander created a TOD as well. (For the full background, see "Here Comes the Train," Jan. 28, 2005; for the broad list of potential TODs, see "TODs and Their Zones," p.28.)

Five years later, Austinites can survey the land surrounding the rail stations they paid for and proudly point to ... a whole lot of nothing.

Okay, that's not entirely fair. There are a few somethings occurring in the TOD zones around the stations, but certainly not nearly at the level of fully realized visions. There's a nice brewpub. And some mixed-use residential/retail, including a project that has just broken ground. But more common are wide expanses of open grasslands and vacant lots. And strip mall retail. And warehouses. And a moribund mall. So what happened?

Hard Times

There are a number of plausible reasons: The rail line started two years late; it's not on a very good route; maybe the TOD concept isn't as great as urban planners think. But the strong consensus explanation among those whose business it is to work on or monitor the TODs is the most obvious one: It's the economy, stupid.

"I think we've got a really bad case of timing," says Molly Scarbrough, the city of Austin's

of the area around the MLK Station.

lead planner on TOD issues. Scarbrough says the city performed station-area planning on three of the nine TOD zones in Austin – Plaza Saltillo, East Martin Luther King Boulevard (near Airport Boulevard), and Crestview (North Lamar at Airport Boulevard) – with the plans being officially adopted in late 2009 and early 2010, "and that's pretty much when the bottom fell out of the development market. ... We continue to have a lot of conversations with developers that have interest in the areas – but, like all over town, it's just difficult for developers to get funding right now to do their projects."

That's pretty obvious at the Crestview, Lakeline, and MLK stations – all feature enormous swaths of undeveloped fields. For now, there are outside factors governing all the other TOD zones: Saltillo's development is being driven more by its proximity to Downtown than by rail, and the others are not on a rail line; some don't even have zoning boundaries yet, and in the case of the potential Highland TOD, nothing will happen until the mall gurgles its final death rattle. But at Crestview, Lakeline, and MLK, city planners and local developers had real hopes and plans for the TOD zoning.

A Closer Look

Crestview: On initial observation, Crestview appears to be distinct from the other zones – anyone who has traveled up North Lamar has noticed Midtown Commons, the colorful development that replaced the Huntsman Chemicals testing facility. Looking closer, though, one can see emptiness there, too – in the retail space.

Trammell Crow got a head start on the process, actually beginning construction before the Crestview Station plan was finalized (but with a site plan that conformed to TOD concepts). The buildings went up, and the residential component has been a success – the company says the apartments are full. But a long row of large retail spots sits empty, save for the southernmost one, occupied by Black Star Co-op Pub & Brewery. Some smaller storefronts have found tenants, but many are



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- City planner Molly Scarbrough

empty. Trammell Crow's Art Lomenick, the project's managing director, says only 20% of the retail and 35% of the office spaces have been leased.

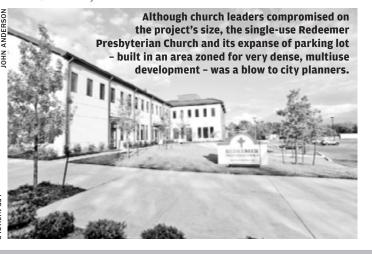
"The commercial [space] has struggled, with the predominant reason being the market we've been through in the last two years," Lomenick says, "a time when retailers, most of that whole world, were not looking at moving space or expanding to new locations. Everybody was kind of on a fortress mentality: 'We just kind of need to hang on and see how this thing is going to play out.'"

Cap Metro's delay in starting up rail only aggravated the effect, he said. "Also, the train delay caused us – we really weren't able to start leasing in earnest until earlier this year, I guess in March and April, when the Cap Metro train started running," Lomenick added. "That delay [meant] we couldn't really get anybody to consider that location when it wasn't really a TOD."

Lakeline: "It's hard to tell if the delayed launch affected our development plans or not," says Jeff Pace of Simmons Vedder Partners, which owns 70 acres adjacent to Lakeline Station. The land is empty except for an office park that doesn't seem to fit the TOD concept (and is only 30% leased), but SVP does have TOD-style plans (**www.thecrossingsatlakeline.com**) for the areas closest to the station. (There is also a midsized apartment complex about three-quarters of a mile from the station, or half a mile if one cuts across SVP's vacant fields.) "Certainly it would have been better to have the rail start in 2008 versus 2010, but the biggest issue related to the development of our site – and probably all the sites – is that the credit crisis and the recession we've been in has shut down any new development anywhere."

TODs have also gotten kicks in the gut by decisions of landowners to simply refuse to participate. The *Statesman* reported in September that Bill Savage, who owned a 326-acre tract near Lakeline slated for massive development, changed his mind after business deals fell through. Now, rather than hosting 2,700 homes, it will continue being a cattle ranch.

MLK Boulevard: On a smaller scale, Redeemer Presbyterian Church cited its religious status in 2006 in refusing to comply with TOD zoning when it bought land near the MLK station. The church instead built a single-use building with a large parking lot the exact opposite of what city planners wanted, although Redeemer did make some compromises on size. Time will tell what effect that initial deviation from the TOD concept will have on the rest of station area development, but the M Station affordable housing project next door to Redeemer appears to be a happy exception to this story's thesis – a rare spot where construction is moving at a furious pace and will ultimately result in a dense development affordable to low- and middleincome families. Still, there's no discernible action toward the dense commercial center originally foreseen for the area immediately around the station.



Progress is being made on M Station, an affordable housing

project being built by the nonprofit Foundation Communities,

and the densely packed bungalows of Chestnut Commons were

finished some time ago, but dirt has not been turned on most

To TOD or Not To TOD?

Could the problem be the TOD concept itself? Randal O'Toole certainly thinks so. He's a researcher with the libertarian Cato Institute and a darling of Austin's anti-rail crowd. He lives in Portland, Ore., but does not share the New Urbanist philosophy that his transit-happy town has embraced, especially when it comes to rail.

In a March policy paper titled "Defining Success: The Case Against Rail Transit," O'Toole slammed the notion that rail drives economic development and said TODs usually need incentives such as tax breaks, below-market land sales, and direct subsidies to achieve the appearance of success. (Scarbrough says Austin has generally not provided such goodies, but M Station is a tax-credit-funded development intended to encourage below-market rate housing - a "housing project," to use the old vernacular, built by a nonprofit - as opposed to a giveaway to a for-profit developer.)

"[S]urveys consistently show (and people's behavior confirms) that the vast majority of people aspire to live in single-family homes with large yards," O'Toole wrote. Unsurprisingly, government planners and development sources don't share this view, nor do some analysts elsewhere who have considered the question. Austin's TODs, they insist, just need a better economy and, just as importantly, time. "The economy is just absolutely terrible," says Armando Carbonell, of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, based in Cambridge, Mass. "Generally, conditions are terrible everywhere." He also points to Phoenix and Denver as areas where rail has attracted development. And in any economic climate, Carbonell continued, "it does take time for development to reorient itself to new infrastructure. It takes five years for development to respond."

"Transit-oriented development doesn't just happen instantly, because a lot of the Sun Belt cities are in their infancy with multimodal transit," says Lomenick. "It's got a long way to go for the marketplace to understand it."

The Local Conditions

Could the problem be specific to the way Austin has done its TOD?

Charles Heimsath, president of Austinbased Capitol Market Research, a real estate analysis company, agrees that economic factors are mainly to blame for the TOD stasis, but says, "It's my sense that the TOD ordinance, with significant requirements attached to density bonuses, has been a disincentive for developers to do anything within those areas.

"What they're trying to do is encourage mixed-use development," he says, "but you also have affordability requirements that make it more challenging to make the project work from an economic perspective. So you start with a challenging economic environment to begin with, and then you layer on additional requirements for affordable hous-



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TODs and Their Zones



1 LAKELINE/NORTHWEST PARK & RIDE (town center)

One office park; otherwise, all empty fields

2 TECHRIDGE/NORTH I-35 PARK & RIDE (town center)

Not on a rail stop but centered around a bus park & ride. A dense apartment complex exists in the southern part of the zone; otherwise, it's open fields and office park/strip mall hell.

4 HIGHLAND MALL (town center)

Boundaries and zones to be determined during station area planning.

6 PLAZA SALTILLO (neighborhood)

Already transitioning to denser development as a consequence of proximity to Downtown but still has a lot of warehouse-style light industrial businesses

7 CONVENTION CENTER (downtown)

The city's TOD website says "Station Area Planning will be handled through a separate consultant-led downtown planning process."

(8) OAK HILL (town center)

After Capital Metro selects a transit center site, boundaries and zones will be determined through a neighborhood planning process. Not on the rail line.

(9) SOUTH I-35 PARK & RIDE (town center)

Not on the rail line. Park & ride is yet to be constructed.

A total of nine transit-oriented development zones have been created by city of Austin, six of them around MetroRail Red Line stations. Leander has also established a TOD around its Red Line station. And while Kramer Station is not officially a TOD zone, the city of Austin's North Burnet/Gateway Master Plan calls for transit-oriented development in that area.

The TOD ordinance creates four classifications of zones: "neighborhood centers" (lowest density, buildings no higher than four stories), "town centers" (moderate density), "regional centers" (major commuter or employment center), and "downtown" (high-rise development). So far, none of the zones have been labeled as "regional." See more information at the city's TOD website: www.cityofaustin.org/planning/tod.

5 MLK (neighborhood)

• Mostly empty, but three blocks of dense bungalows (Chestnut Commons, pictured, p.26) have been built to the southwest of the MLK Station, completing part of the low-density planning area (in yellow).

• An affordable housing project, Foundation Communities' M Station, is under way on a stretch of property at MLK and Alexander in the designated TOD mixed-use areas (in brown).

• Redeemer Presbyterian Church, north of the affordable housing project, cited its religious status in refusing to comply with the TOD zoning.

• The remaining area shows existing city parkland (green), planned live/work spaces (blue), and medium- (orange) and highdensity (pink) residential development on busy roadways within the TOD zone.



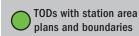
3 CRESTVIEW (neighborhood)

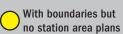
• This zone has seen the completion of Midtown Commons, a mixed-use retail, office, and residential development north of the station (part of the TOD mixed-use package in brown). Residential is full, while retail and office are lagging.

• Home to Blackstar Co-op Pub and Brewery, conveniently located mere steps from the rail station.

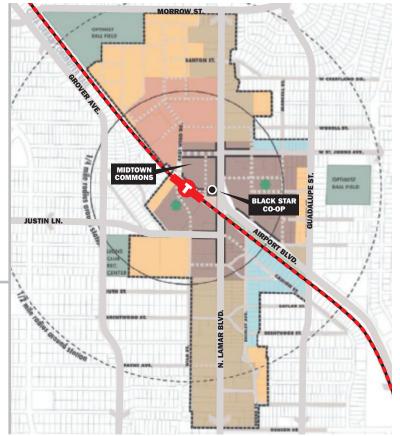
• Other features will include live/work flex spaces (blue), medium- and high-density residential (in orange and pink, respectively), and mixed-use development (light brown).

STAGES OF PROGRESS:





No boundaries, no plans





"The biggest issue related to the development of our [Lakeline] site – and probably all the sites – is that the credit crisis and the recession we've been in has shut down any new development anywhere."

- Jeff Pace, Simmons Vedder Partners

ing and other things and make the development more expensive. People take a look at it and pull out their pencil and calculator and start working the numbers, and it doesn't make sense."

And then there's the problem that is the rail line itself. The most frequently heard complaint about the Red Line, whether from the bloggerati or people on the street, is that "it doesn't take people where they want to go." The inbound trains terminate in the southeast corner of Downtown, well away from Central Austin's major employers. Nor does the line extend to any of the city's other major destinations; passengers heading into town by rail ultimately must board shuttle buses to reach the University of Texas, the Capitol, and other parts of the business district. Ridership has reflected this predicament. Cap Metro originally projected the Red Line would have 1,700-2,000 boardings per day by now; instead, it's been averaging about half that. Since a boarding usually only represents half of a round-trip, the line is, at best, probably serving only about 500 individual riders per day.

Of course, that's also a chicken-or-egg question: Could TOD be lagging because of low ridership, or is ridership low because of lack of development around the line? Cap Metro planner Todd Hemingson claims it's the latter. Echoing many others, he says the economy is "100 percent" to blame for TOD's difficulties. "There is no doubt in my mind, or I think many people's minds, that this is going to work," Hemingson says. "It's just that the timing was terrible. ... We did an analysis, in fact, that said had the developments that were slated to happen in 2007 actually happened, ridership could be at least a third higher than it is now. All the market signs point to TOD being a huge part of the future for Austin."

The real problem with the Red Line, says Hemingson, is that Cap Metro's first attempt at rail currently stands alone. Austin needs to build a full and fully multimodal system, he says. The Red Line "can't work by itself," says Hemingson. "That's why we think urban rail is a critical factor." City Council considered putting an urban rail system on the recent bond measure that passed earlier this month but decided too many unresolved questions remained and punted it for at least another year. "When the Red Line was envisioned in 2004, it was known that within the Downtown and central city you needed some kind of collection/distribution function," Hemingson says. "Long term, it's gotta be a network of systems working together, not just one line."

The long term – that's also where the developers have to look, as they ride out the economic lull. "Most of the so-called experts are predicting that Austin's going to lead the country in population and job growth," says Pace. "We're hopeful about that, and the recent interest in the site seems to support the idea that companies and development will start looking up for the general Austin area."

"I'm a huge fan of [TODs]," says Lomenick. "I just know how long they take to evolve. A few of them I was involved with 20, 25 years ago, so I've gotten to see how they grow up. It's absolutely the right thing for a city. It's just a very complex thing to deliver from the private sector, because the private sector has to think in terms of maybe three- to sevenyear horizons, whereas a city's got to be thinking in terms of decades and centuries. So it's all the right thing, it's just that it's going to take a generation before you're really going to see it be truly functional, truly a 'you don't need a car' kind of place."



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Those Lazy, Crazy Days of Winter

A holiday out beats a holiday in

BY MARION WINIK

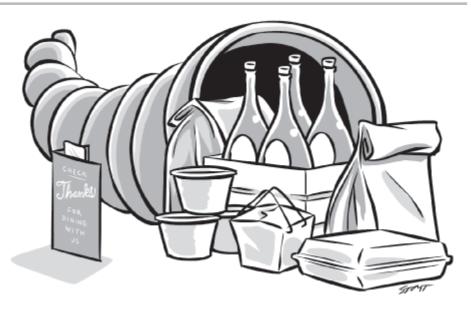
As the writer of the monthly advice column for one of our nation's most venerable women's magazines, I am available to rule on any personal question my readers face. Yet often it seems the issues on which I am most qualified to hold forth do not arise. Like, which is better: a gay husband or a straight husband? (If only one could have both.) During which month of pregnancy are you most likely to get away with a shot of grappa? (Never before the eighth.) What can you do about teenage children who punch holes in the dining room walls? (Send kids to anger management counseling; hang framed artwork over holes.)

Now, as the leaves drift to the ground and Jack Frost nips the air, the mailbag fills with inquiries related to the holidays. Too many guests at Thanksgiving. Too much cheer at Christmas. The impossibility of finding a babysitter on New Year's Eve. But here's the question I'm not seeing: My mother died, my husband left me, I just moved; I was diagnosed with cancer, then laid off at work; my son got expelled, my daughter's in rehab, we have two mortgages, and there's mold in the basement. Everyone is counting on me to make the holidays festive, but I don't feel like cooking or shopping. What should I do?

I wish I didn't know, but I do, Blanche, I do. And while there is an argument for the comfort of ritual in the face of chaos and crisis, this argument is usually made by those not responsible for producing these rituals. Often, the bereaved, the abandoned, the ill, and the otherwise beleaguered are tired. Very tired. Too tired to spell the word ritual much less enact it. Also, you'd be amazed at how absent people are when their actual chairs are empty, or how many tears you can cry into your dead mother's favorite creamed pearl onions, all of which is why I'm saying, change it up.

Once upon a time, it was November of last year: the beginning of my first holiday season in the proud city of Baltimore, to which I had moved in the wake of various unexpected and not very positive life changes. Not only had I lost my mother and my second husband in a row (first one died, second one quit). I was having my premiere post-divorce holiday experience and understandably enough, Thanksgiving was not my day. The idea of waving farewell to my 9-year-old daughter on Turkey Eve sucked out any oomph I had left. Meanwhile, her 19- and 21-year-old halfbrothers, who would be flying home from college to the empty nest for the occasion, consider Chik-fil-A and cheesesteaks to be the height of gustatory ecstasy, and they don't pay much attention to fine wine selections or napkin-folding. Mainly, they are just hungry. Was I gonna cook for three days and clean up for another two with a 20-minute break for dinner in between? Well, maybe not.

I seemed to remember hearing they serve Thanksgiving dinner in restaurants. I looked on the Internet, and by God, it was true.



I seemed to remember hearing they serve Thanksgiving dinner in restaurants. I looked on the Internet, and by God, it was true. When I called to make the reservation, I was nervous about it, like I was getting away with something. Thirty-plus years of roasting turkeys and mashing potatoes is a hard habit to break. I fear I may have given the reservation clerk a little more backstory than was required.

But then Thanksgiving day arrived, and there we were on a soft leather banquette at a big round table with a bottle of Beaujolais Nouveau smack in the middle. All I had to do was plop my lazy ass down, eat, drink, and give my credit card to the waiter. I sat there with my two boys for almost three hours talking. We talked about past Thanksgivings, about our relatives and friends. We talked about food and wine and the difference between hotel restaurants and regular restaurants. We talked about college and travel and various pet projects. We talked about the spinach-jalapeño casserole I usually make for Thanksgiving dinner. That seemed to be the only thing anyone was missing. I said I'd make it later in the weekend. It would be my pleasure.

Pleasure! Wow! Weird! We, like, totally forgot to have a huge blowout argument and punch holes in the wall!

The holidays can mean a crazy amount of work for parents, particularly the female variety of parent, and I guess I've run this hamster trail about as hard as anyone. After all, I have to prove I love my family, right, and that I am a decent human being, and for many years I seemed to have believed these things were measured in ergs. But after my super lowenergy Thanksgiving Day, I was hooked. I got right back on that Internet and booked us all two nights in a hotel on the beach in Florida, arriving Christmas Day! We had Christmas dinner from a Subway we passed on the way to the hotel, then opened our shared gift, Trivial Pursuit Family. We played it until the sun rose over the Atlantic, which we couldn't actually see from our discount room, but no one seemed to mind. We just went outside.

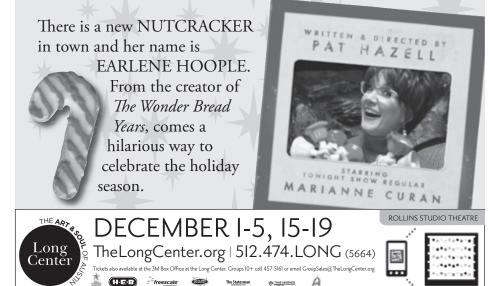
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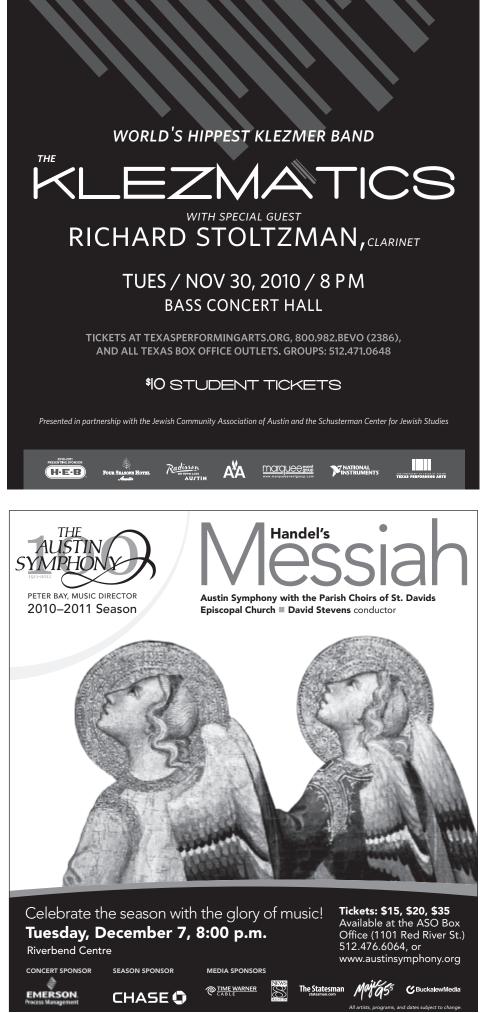


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ARTRODUCTION TO AUSTIN

'Strides' for the win

Congratulations to Austin glass artist Morgan Graff on winning the ARTroduction to Austin competition sponsored by Hanger Orthopedic Group. The honor comes with a \$10,000 commission and the opportunity to have her work displayed in the gallery at Hanger's headquarters at the Domain for two years.

Hanger launched the contest in connection with the move of its corporate headquarters from Bethesda, Md., to Austin. Central Texas artists were invited to create work on the theme of Moving Lives Forward, in line with Hanger's mission of providing services and products that enhance physical capability. More than 60 of them submitted entries, which were reviewed by a panel composed of Hanger President and CEO Tom Kirk, artist and Hanger patient Max Brenner, Austin Museum of Art Senior Director of Education Judith Sims, city of Austin Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager Megan Crigger, and this reporter. The panel selected the following 10 finalists: *Back to Life*, by Bryan Dubreuiel, Round Rock; *Life*, by Montena Fink, Austin; *Strides*, by Morgan Graff, Austin; *Creation*, by Cody Hooper, Austin; *Full Speed Ahead*, by John Howell, Round Rock; *Wave*, by Seth Hudson, Jonestown; *Scenes in Motion*, by Liza Shadrin, Austin; *Three Ring Circus*, by D.L. Tolar, Wimberley; *Aqua U's*, by Leigh Taylor Wyatt, Austin; and *Untitled*, by Sydney Yeager, Austin. Each finalist received \$500. To see the works, visit **www.artroduction.com**.

On Nov. 16, Hanger hosted a reception for the finalists, at which more than 250 community leaders and Hanger employees got to see the art in person. Then, on Nov. 18, Hanger announced that *Strides* had taken top

side my apartment, Dumpsters in scrap yards

with heavy machinery and scrap metal. Cuts

created by a forklift serve as brush strokes.

Flaking layers of paint add texture and color.

So when choosing a Dumpster to photograph.

I look for an interesting combination of these

painterly qualities - something that approach-

es the aesthetic feel of an abstract painting.

AC: Are these all in Austin, or have you been

CF: Since I got to know the Dumpsters around

small towns in between. Along the way, Google

shooting Dumpsters in other communities?

Austin pretty well, I had to branch out to

Houston and San Antonio, as well as some

Maps sent me on a number of wild goose

chases to scrap yards that either don't exist

AC: Anything unusual happen to you when you

CF: For a guy who has spent a lot of time on

think I'd have some interesting stories. But I

can't think of anything off the top of my head.

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"Charlie Ferguson: Wasted Expressions" runs Nov.

his hands and knees around Dumpsters, you'd

anymore or never existed in the first place.

were making any of these images?

information, visit www.Inowlingallery.com

Rust caused by weather becomes paint.

have character from years of constant collision

honors. Graff, the owner of Glass Blowing Austin, proposed a series of glass globes of varying sizes and shades of amber, with each containing a photograph from some point in Hanger's history. The globes are to be hung in an upward sweep across the wall and past windows in the space so that they refract light and cast shadows on the wall. The suggestion of motion in their placement and in the progression of Hanger's achievements in the photographs speaks to the theme of Moving Lives Forward. Eventually, *Strides* will be auctioned, with the proceeds from the sale benefiting a local nonprofit.

In addition, the work *Back to Life* won the Employee Choice Award, for which all of Hanger's 4,000-plus employees nationwide could vote. The 24-inch-by-48-inch acrylic painting shows a runner with a prosthetic leg in silhouette breaking past a jumble of colored lines. Artist Bryan Dubreuiel, a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, says he was inspired by the "incredible people [who] sacrifice their lives to provide freedom and peace, only to come home missing part of their physical body." He will receive \$1,000. – *Robert Fair*es



'CHARLIE FERGUSON: WASTED EXPRESSIONS'

Dumpster diving for abstract art

The bold streaks of color across vivid geometric fields suggest the work of a midcentury master abstract expressionist. But rather than paint applied to canvas in deliberate, anti-figurative gestures, this is the chance work of nature: scratches, rust, and flaking paint on the sides of metal industrial containers. Self-taught photographer Charlie Ferguson has been training his lens on these accidental artworks, and now he's captured a series of them that can be seen in his exhibition "Wasted Expressions," opening this week at L. Nowlin Gallery. The Austin artist spoke with the *Chronicle* about how he discovered abstract art on Dumpsters. -R.F.

Austin Chronicle: What was the "aha!" moment when you first saw one of these artistic images on the side of a Dumpster? Where were you, and how did you come to be looking at a Dumpster?

Charlie Ferguson: My previous series, Street Impressions, captured details of urban decay in Buenos Aires, Argentina. So when I moved back to Austin, I continued searching for interesting images hidden in the banal. The "aha!" moment for this series occurred when I stumbled upon a beat-up Dumpster sitting outside Austin Metal & Iron on East Fourth Street. What caught my eye were violent slashes of rust that cut across the Dumpster's gray-blue facade. The free-flowing gestures had a painterly quality reminiscent of Jackson Pollock. After finding that Dumpster, I delved into the project. AC: How do you go about finding new Dumpsters to photograph - or at least that have the qualities that make them worth adding to your series? What are you looking for, in terms of color and texture and the like? CF: The majority of the Dumpsters photographed in this series were found in and around scrap yards. Unlike the newly painted green Dumpster sitting in the parking lot out-



'CRUMBLE (LAY ME DOWN, JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE)' Bringin' sexy back down the chimney

If you've had your fill of Ebenezer Scrooge, George Bailey, and the Grinch in your yuletide dramatic fare, how about some Justin Timberlake and Harrison Ford to spice up your Christmas cheer? Both appear as characters in Sheila Callaghan's *Crumble (Lay Me Down, Justin Timberlake)*, a play that takes place at Christmas but may not fit the traditional notion of a Christmas play. Eleven-year-old Janice and her mother, Clara, are still trying to cope with the death

of Janice's dad in an unfortunate holidaydecorating mishap the previous year, and their only tidings of comfort and joy come from Timberlake and Ford, who appear to Janice and her mom, respectively, in visitations that would do Jacob Marley proud. But even the com-

but even the confibined energies of the supernatural superstars can't stop the family's apartment – personified as a feeling, talking character that's embittered by the lack of care it's been receiving – from

plotting its inhabitants' murder. Not exactly the Cratchits around the hearth and "God bless us every one."

No, notes Bastion Carboni, artistic director for Poison Apple Initiative, which is producing the local premiere of *Crumble*. "The only real parallels between this show and *A* *Christmas Carol* are that both involve misdirected energy, 'best laid plans,' and ghosts." However, he adds, "if Christmas means familial difficulty, bittersweet nostalgia, and reminders of disillusionment to you," then it's fair to consider this a "Christmas play." "It's a Christmas show for the rest of us."

Carboni happened upon the play accidentally "while looking for plays by Carson Kreitzer and doing research on Clubbed

> Thumb, where the play premiered. I was sort of turned off by the first couple of pages, but I was in my whole 'give it another shot, it worked out when you reread Suzan Lori-Parks' phase and picked it back up. I thought it was just pointlessly and selfindulgently weird. and it's not; it's one of the most gorgeous, economical

plays I've ever read, and every oddity in the piece has its place. It's a messy, penetrating, and hilarious shock."

So it's a show for people seeking alternatives to the standard Christmas theatre fare? Carboni laughs. "Oh, absolutely. It's got swears." -R.F.

Crumble (Lay Me Down, Justin Timberlake) runs Dec. 1-18, Wednesday-Saturday, 8pm, at the Blue Theatre, 916 Springdale. For more information, visit www.poisonappleinitiative.com.

Weaves of Glass

The art of Markow & Norris

BY WAYNE ALAN BRENNER

Glass breaks if it can't flow. Get it melting, you can conjure all manner of shapes and colorinfused wonderments that will remain when cooled. Work it cold, there are sheets and shards, baubles and balls, for manipulating into leaded frames or arranging intricately sculpturewise. Still: Glass is either in its solid state or its liquid state or, if you're careful, briefly somewhere between. But, regardless, there's no way a person could, like, weave a sort of fabric from threads of the gorgeous stuff. That would be ... impossible, right?

Wrong.

Two men, Eric Markow and Thom Norris, have been doing just that for more than a decade now. The process of woven glass still seems beyond the possible, because the artists are keeping it a secret, and because, if you're a curious engineering sort who's pretty much figured out how it might be done and have attempted to work the stuff yourself, you'll likely call it quits after trying for weeks and weeks to get it right.

Markow and Norris have gotten it right consistently, to the point where they can, with months of preparation and planning and vigorous industry, indulge their creativity in ways never before seen in the world of glass art. It's the height of experimental craftsmanship, and, especially with their new large works – a series of life-size woven-glass kimonos, structured as if inhabited; an anatomically precise (but 5-foot-long) crimson dragonfly – it's pure, unalloyed beauty.

Now halfway through the run of this latest exhibition, Haven Gallery won't be as crowded with people as it was during the posh opening reception. Even though Markow and Norris do only one show annually, the West Sixth Street venue – an emporium sparkling with glass art and rooted au naturel by sculptures of exotic wood and more, now in its fourth year of operation under the guidance of Mindi Partee – will by now be underpopulated enough for you to leisurely take in the art. We recommend such a treat for your eyes' pleasure, especially after your interest is piqued by this interview.

Austin Chronicle: This exhibition isn't only the new kimono and that huge dragonfly, right? Eric Markow: This show is probably the biggest one we've done, and we've got – how many pieces, Thom? – a lot.

Thom Norris: We'll have more than 30 pieces on display; it's the biggest collection we've shown, and it seems like it just gets bigger every time we do a show.

AC: What brought you to Austin's Haven Gallery specifically?

Norris: We've known Mindi Partee since the opening of her gallery. She came to Philadelphia, as many galleries do, to purchase art. And we used to do a show every winter, in February, at the Buyers Market of



American Craft in downtown Philadelphia, and that's where we met Mindi. She really enjoyed the art, and she ordered several pieces and ordered a sculpture, and she's carried our work ever since. She's wanted to do a show with us in the past, but it just had to be the right time, the right fit. So we decided that, after our last show in Washington, we'd go to Austin and look at the gallery. And it's an enormous space, really big and airy, a perfect fit for our sculpture: They tend to require a lot of space. So we hammered out the details in the beginning of the year, and we've been working as hard as possible to get all the sculpture ready. We tend to put a lot of pressure on ourselves. The press release is usually written about what art's gonna be in the show - before we even finish it. AC: Do you do that on purpose?

Norris: Well, it does push us. We know what we have planned, but new things – like our dragonfly – we didn't really have the structure set up, so we didn't know what complications we might run into. But it came together right at the end. We were working on it right up until the night the moving truck came. So, do we do it on purpose? There's sort of a necessity to say a little bit about the new art that's gonna be in the show, but ... I always wish we had another month.

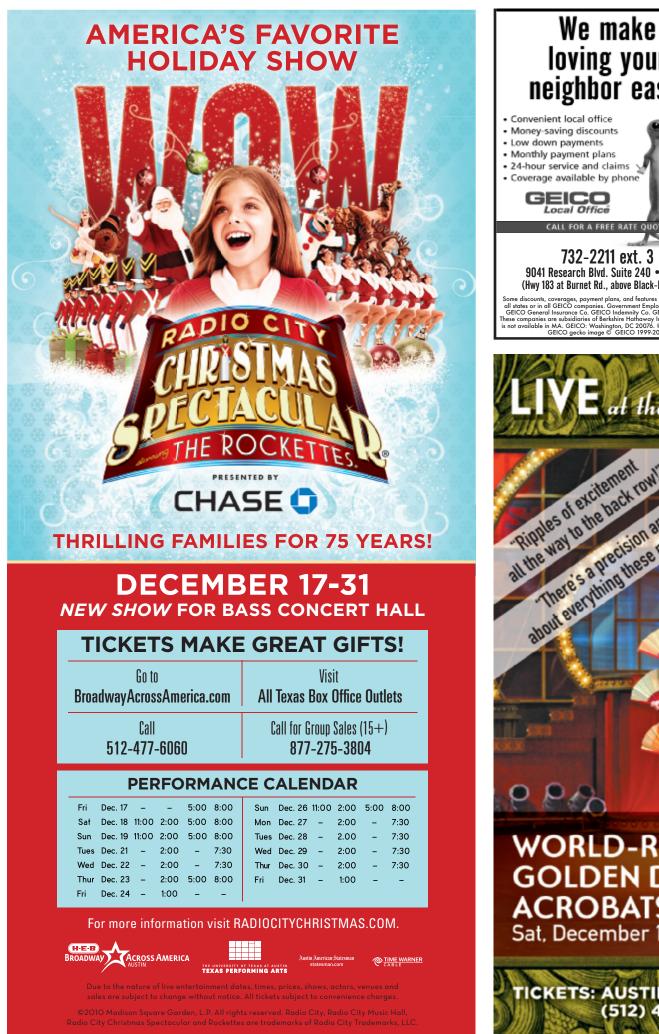
Markow: One thing we knew we were going to do for this show was the *Winter Twilight Kimono*. What we're trying to do with the series is create four kimonos of woven glass that depict each of the four seasons at different times of day. So we did the *Autumn Sunset Kimono* for the Washington, D.C., show, and the one we're debuting at Haven Gallery is *Winter Twilight*.

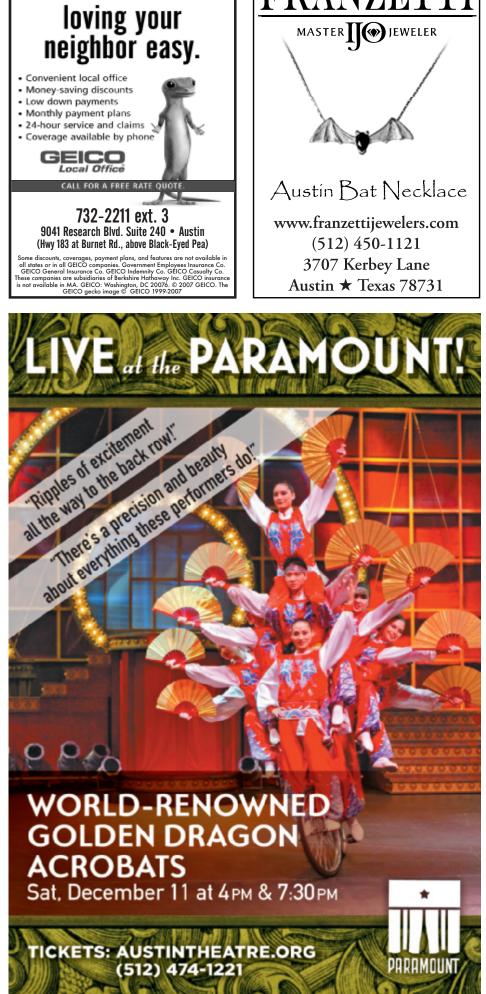


"We wanted to make [the kimono] three-dimensional, like it's actually being worn by someone. So we embarked on that impossible task. And, after we'd made all the glass colors, it took us six months solid to figure it out, to engineer and weave it and get it all put together so it fit nicely and actually look like it's a garment that's on a model."

- Thom Norris

AC: So there's eventually going to be a Spring Day? **Markow:** The next one in the series will be *Spring Dawn.* So it'll be moving from winter into spring and into the early morning hours. And then the last one will be *Summer Zenith*, and of course that'll be high noon, summertime. One thing that inspires us a lot is landscape and nature, and these kimonos are inspired by that. ... There are mountains represented in the kimonos, images that we've produced with the woven glass technique. AC: What led you to choose kimonos in particular? Norris: When we designed our origami series in 2008, it was because we wanted sculpture that varied from our more organic, undulating pieces. We wanted more corners and hard folds, making it look like it had been a folded piece of paper that had been unfolded and things like that. We did the *Peace Crane* at that time. And in our sketchbook for the different pieces we were doing, the last sketch was of a kimono. And we knew that it would be so CONTINUED ON P.36





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complicated that we probably wouldn't be able to finish it that year; we were working on the Peace Crane for the show in Philadelphia. And we knew that, as soon as that show was over, we needed to get started on the kimono. And the way the sleeves hang down, as Eric said, it really gives you a great canvas to create scenery with. We thought, at first, that we could just make a woven-glass kimono that looked the way they traditionally display them: On a rod, where the kimono just hangs flat on the wall when not being worn. But we thought, we already work with glass, and we create our own fabric out of glass, and so we wanted to make it three-dimensional, like it's actually being worn by someone. So we embarked on that impossible task. And, after we'd made all the glass colors, it took us six months solid to figure it out, to engineer and weave it and get it all put together so it fit nicely and actually look like it's a garment that's on a model.

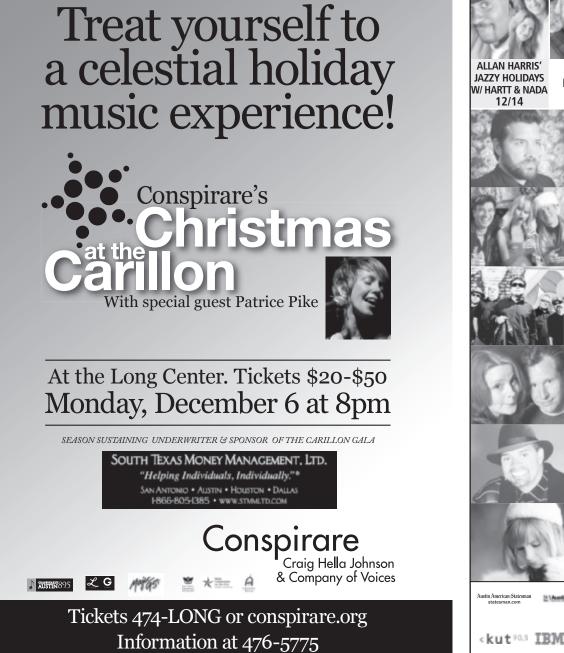
Markow: It's sort of personified in a way: You really feel a presence of this woman standing there. One thing I noticed from our last show is that a lot of people were very affected just by seeing it – for that reason. They could connect to it, because it does end up almost like a statue. And it's just interesting for us to always make things bigger, more intricate and challenging, to push ourselves and go a little further each year.

AC: Y'all seem to have a habit of figuring out what's the most difficult thing you could possibly do next and then moving in that direction.

Norris: [laughs] Well, when we did the kimono, we wanted to change the weave, we're always trying to do that, so that it stays fresh for our customers and for us. Our first weave was just a sort of perpendicular weave, you know, crisscrossing. And then we went into making the weave diagonal, and then a circular weave for our



flowers. And when we did the kimono last year, we wanted to put large pieces of glass *into* the weave, so we'd have bigger canvases for the landscape. So we used large pieces that we wove *into* it, although you can still see the perpendicular weave there. The large pieces were a new element for us,



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hearkening back to our stained-glass days, where you cut out the shape you want and integrate it into the window that you're making. We did the same thing with the kimono, but, with the weave, it's quite, ah, unusual to see pieces that big woven into the fabric. And now we've taken that into the dragonfly, and it's a new technique. You can see the perpendicular weave, and the diagonal weave, and the large pieces, all in the one sculpture.

Markow: You look up close on the kimono, you'll see we were able to produce a painterly effect. We used crushed glass, we used silver powder, different types of elements that react to give different types of effects on the glass. Having such a large canvas allows for a lot of experimentation.

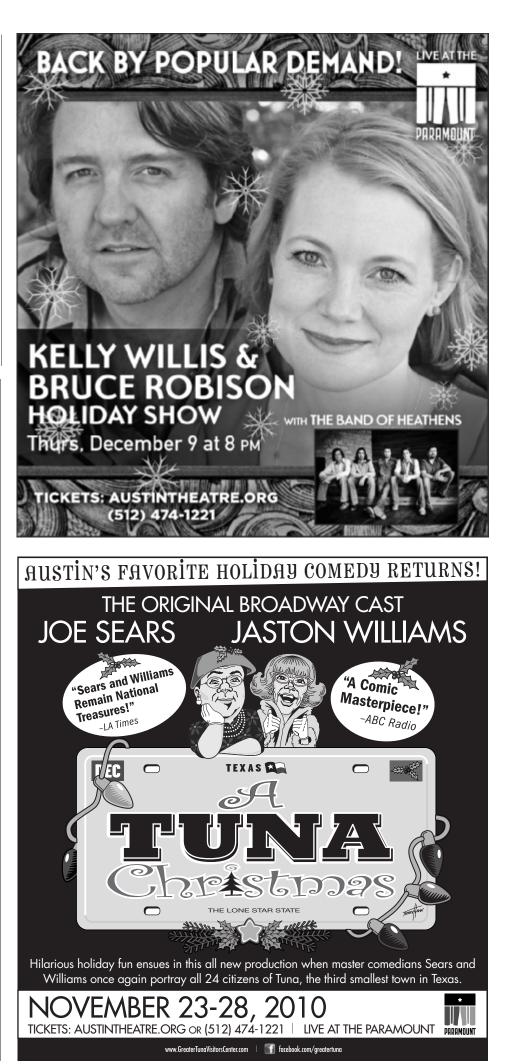
AC: Does woven-glass work have a monopoly on your time, or do you still use other techniques by themselves?

Markow: We do casting as well. Norris: Our Texas Longhorn Skull has a 4-foot-long cast for the horns. And we used a really difficult process with them, too, getting the front of the horns to look like they're sort of covered with, like, crystallized diamonds. It's actually glass, but when we cast it, we had to use some unusual techniques to keep the bottom of the cast from melting completely together ... but the weave is definitely our signature, and once we developed the actual fabric, we moved quickly beyond just a piece of fabric on a table to sculpture. And now they keep changing, keep getting bigger, but the weave is our signature. So, hopefully, no matter where our work is, people can recognize right away that it's our sculpture.

Woven Glass" is on display through Dec. 11 at Haven Gallery, 1122 W. Sixth. For more information, call 477-2700 or visit www.havengalleryaustin.com.



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HER FAIR LADIES

Cristina García's antidote to the 'spicy señorita' BY BELINDA ACOSTA

Novelist Cristina García has surrounded herself with big women: women with the capacity to love large and fall hard, like Celia in García's debut novel, National Book Award finalist Dreaming in Cuban (1993); charismatic women like Reina in The Agüero Sisters (1998); and determined women like Chen Fang in Monkey Hunting (2004). In The Lady Matador's Hotel, her recent and perhaps most lyrical novel. García employs her signature use of interrelated characters, centering the action around one Suki Palacios. While "lady" conjures images of gentility and lace. Suki is no hothouse flower. A matadora who has traveled from Los Angeles to an unnamed Central American nation to become the first champion of the Lady Matadors in the Americas, Suki is breathtaking in her serene fierceness - much like García herself.

Barely clearing 5 feet, with a girlish voice and a friendly smile, García nods in agreement during a recent Austin meeting when asked about the dynamic women she's created in the course of writing five novels.

"I love these Amazon women," she laughs lightly. "I always have at least one woman [like Suki] in my books, a woman who owns her sexuality."

But García's women are not the "spicy señoritas" of pop culture. Suki in particular

is highly self-possessed, a strong woman functioning effortlessly in a male domain while maintaining an arresting female sensuality. That sensuality is as matter-of-fact as the conversations Aura, another character in the book, has with her dead brother.

"Do all Latino writers have to use magical realism?" an audience member asked García with a slightly challenging tone at a recent event for the Big Read, a project of Austin Community College. García had just read a "ghost" scene from *The Lady Matador's Hotel*. "Latino writers are not the only ones that

use ghosts or the fantastic," she said. "Shakespeare used ghosts. Look at Kafka's The Metamorphosis."

García speaks with candid forcefulness, something her students at the University of Texas must appreciate. This semester, she's been a visiting professor of fiction at the University of Texas' Michener Center for Writers, teaching a first-year Master of Fine Arts seminar on political literature. Since *The Lady Matador's Hotel* release this September, she's divided her time between teaching, book promotion, and weekend getaways to visit her husband, who teaches in the music department at Texas Tech University. Next spring, Lubbock will be García's new academ-



ic home base; she's accepted a teaching position in Texas Tech's creative writing department, where she will teach each spring semester, leaving her free to travel (she still has a home in New Mexico) and write – a dream scenario for any working writer.

The Lady Matador's Hotel is García's fifth novel, the latest in a series of books that explore Cuba and Latin America as a place, as a political hotbed, as memory, but mostly as an omniscient character with a nonspeaking role. Family is another recurring theme, something García examines with deep and startling clarity in her first book of poetry, *The Lesser Tragedy of Death*, released last spring by Black Goat. The particular challenge for García in writing the poems was expressing the reality of living with her emotionally troubled brother. *The Lesser Tragedy of Death* may be her most astonishing work to date, yet it is the work she is least willing to talk about.

"I've been low-key about it," García admits. "The poems are deeply personal. When I sat down to write them, I decided to write as if there were no one looking over my shoulder."

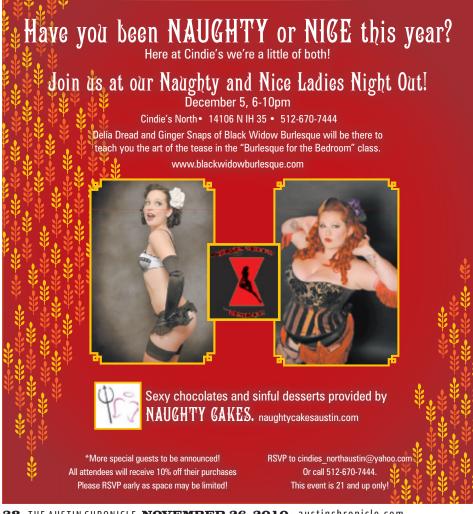
The resulting poems are unflinching and emotionally harrowing, yet breathtakingly beautiful. García says the act of writing them filled her with both anxiety and relief – a dichotomy that is reflected in the experience of reading them.

"The anxiety comes from wondering if I've betrayed my brother and my family, if I'm unfairly trafficking in family secrets." But the relief comes in knowing "that everything I wrote is emotionally true."

Still, that did not quell her unease when her father returned two of the poems she'd inadvertently left behind on a visit.

"I assumed he read them. Would he be angry, shocked?" she recalls wondering. "When I asked him if he read them and how he felt, he said, 'We did the best we could.'" And García could say the same.

Cristina García will read Thursday, Dec. 2, at 7:30pm in the Avaya Auditorium (ACES 2.302) on the University of Texas campus.







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THE ARTS STYLE

after a fashion by stephen MacMillan Moser

GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME Recently, I had a deeply personal and emotional experience online that drove home once again that technology can be as awesomely beautiful as it is dangerous. One of those ubiquitous **Classmates.com** e-mails got me thinking about someone with whom I'd attended Jackson-Keller Elementary in fifth and sixth grades in San Antonio, 1967-1969. She was named Sandra Singer, and we were classmates through seventh grade at Nimitz Junior High. She was the class clown, a quirky, cute, funny, and adorably outgoing Jewish girl. I loved the way she looked and dressed – an early fashion obsession of my disturbed mind. We weren't especially close, but after tracking her down on Facebook, it turns out that I also left an indelible impression on her. Those years were some of the worst of my life. I was a fucked-up kid, not unlike so many others, but I was way different from anyone else in school. I never had to "come out of the closet." I'd been gay since the day I was born. Everyone else knew I was gay long before I had any idea what it meant. All I knew was that I thought girls were fabulous and I was fascinated by all feminine accoutrement. I did not like sports and was usually injured when forced into them. I liked drawing flowers and making Barbie dresses - secretly. At school, I was the butt of a lot of jokes due to my natural propensity toward more feminine pursuits and my distinct lack of any sort of interest in typical male activities. I was bullied regularly, harassed verbally and physically by schoolmates, and my teacher seemed to hate me. But what parent on Earth is going to listen to a child whine, "My teacher hates me"? Mine certainly didn't. I pleaded illness regularly to avoid going to school, but not very successfully. My parents both worked, and I was too young to stay home alone. Not that home was a sanctuary for me anyway. There was a lengthy period during which I was beaten by my older brother, Scott, on an unpleasantly regular basis. I'm sure I was an embarrassment to him, not that that was any excuse. I was deeply scarred psychically, but my brother asked for and received my forgiveness many years ago. I've never written about this before, but the fact remains that it was simply one facet of the reality of my life at the time. School was another, and between the two, I felt like the most worthless, miserable fuck-up that God ever created. I wanted to die thousands of times but didn't know how. I have felt like pretty damaged merchandise ever since then - not that the situation that was occurring at the time continues to occupy my every waking thought, but I am indeed haunted by it. And then I found irrefutable proof of the nightmare online written by someone I'd never ever forgotten. On the Jackson-Keller page, Sandra posted our sixth-grade class photo and she and another classmate tagged everyone. And there was our teacher, Mrs. Hunt, in the picture. Another schoolmate mentioned that she didn't remember Mrs. Hunt but that she looked very young.

My friend replied: "You're lucky you didn't know Hunt. She looked good, but what a mean rotten person. She was worst to Stephen Moser – she was physically and emotionally abusive to him. I felt so sorry for him." I was stunned to read this and saw that it had been written in November 2009. I could not believe that another human being had written that about me. But it was the naked truth and a very dirty little secret to me. I was so profoundly touched that I posted a message thanking Sandra for confirming some of the shattered missing pieces from my childhood. She wrote that she had many memories of my mistreatment at the hands of our teacher because she, too, had suffered for being the class clown (an act that hid the damage that she was suffering silently at home). She wrote about Mrs. Hunt smacking me so hard with Sandra's ruler that it broke because I was having a hard time with Spanish. And another time I was punished for some transgression by having to hold a stack of dictionaries in my arms. When they became too heavy and I started to cry, she stacked even more on. It's a small part of what I remember. Sandra wrote me and delicately crossed into even more personal territory by saying that she remembers me being mercilessly teased by my classmates. "All these years, I've been living with the shame of not having done anything about your abuse, and it's been awful. I never thought I would have the chance to tell you how sorry I was that I wasn't stronger then. But that shame was also very motivating, and I've spent my life standing up for people who needed support." All of this was happening concurrently with the recent tragedies of kids committing suicide over the reality or perception of being gay. When I saw the video of Joel Burns of the Fort Worth City Council make his heartrending plea for more understanding of this, I felt like I had been struck by a bolt of lightning. When I was told I was going to die three years ago, I pretty much lost the will to live. And now? I'm still alive, damnit, so I'd better get back to living again. I have to try to recapture some sort of passion in life - something to care about spiritually. There is an incredibly wonderful campaign called the It Gets Better Project (www.itgetsbetterproject.com) meant to give hope to young gay kids who are going through the things I went through. It gets better. Maybe. Maybe not. It would be hard to deny that the damage was permanent - it's still affecting me now. And it still affects Sandra. I want to use my experiences to help make it better for someone else. I don't know what else I really have to give that could be more meaningful. Having found some healing in all this is an unexpected gift, and, yes, it does make it better. Even if just a little. Happy Thanksgiving.



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Old World or New World: Holiday Wines for Everyone From Carnivores to Vegans

Here's the dilemma: People overeat during the holidays. The question is, do you want your wine to perform its traditional task – to cleanse the palate with its acidity and please the taste buds and nose with its fruitiness – or do you want something bold enough to be a dominant part of the meal? Is your wine's most important role at the table with the meal or as an aperitif before the meal? Or maybe both?

Making this decision (known among sommeliers as the Old World or New World question) can help you determine the best wine for your get-together. **Old World wines** – those from Europe – are meant for the dining table. By themselves, Old World wines are often considered too acidic and dry for standing around chatting at a party. **New World wines** are usually more generous in their fruitiness and restrained in their acidity.

The other conundrum is which wines to serve with what food. Carnivores have it easy, with a huge range of wines for every taste. Vegetarians can be tougher to accommodate, because many cooks try to amp up the flavors with additional spices or sweeteners, both of which play havoc with the more delicate Old World wines. But **vegans** have it worst, because most wines use egg whites to remove colloids from the wine so it doesn't look cloudy. Some wines use a vegan-friendly clay called bentonite for fining the wines, but they don't always let retailers know. Here are some recommendations.

One type of wine works for everyone: Champagne. It's a great aperitif and the single best matchup with food in the whole wine world. While these two Old World versions are a bit expensive, both **Bollinger** Special Cuvée (\$55) and **Piper-Heidsieck** Cuvée Brut (\$32) are vegan-friendly. For everyone else, **Gruet Blanc de Noirs** (\$14) could easily be mistaken for a \$35 bottle of champagne. Ditto for the J Vineyards & Winery Cuvée 20 (\$19), a very delicate and elegant wine.



The old saying about white wine with white meats has some limited use, but not during the holidays, when meals are heavy and deserve the extra oomph of a red wine. My favorite Old World red grape for the holidays is the Gamay, the grape that makes Beaujolais in the Burgundy area. Most people with any knowledge at all of Beaujolais came to it through the wretched Nouveau wines released the third Thursday of each November. Historically, these wines allowed people to get a WINE barrel sample and make an educated guess at how the vintage was going to be. In the last two decades, Beaujolais Ne marketers have hyped the release as a celebration of a wonderful taste experience, but the plan has backfired because Nou-

veau is generally awful, and now consumers think all Beaujolais tastes similarly bad. Nothing could be further from the truth.

There are 10 areas in Beaujolais, called "cru," producing stunning wines at ridiculously low prices. Three of them – **Fleurie**, **Morgon**, and **Moulin-à-Vent** – are even better than some of their big-brother Burgundies and a fraction of the cost. Try one of each from such renowned makers as **Louis Jadot, Georges Duboeuf**, or **Joseph Drouhin**, from the same location, and see how different they taste. Expect prices in the \$15 to \$25 range. These wines make absolute magic with a roasted turkey and a tart cranberry sauce. Remember, all Beaujolais should be drank cool, at about 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Unfortunately, I'm not aware of any vegan Beaujolais.

The other great red wine for the holidays is **Merlot** from the New World. Pay no atten-

tion to those silly rants in *Sideways*. Merlot is now and always has been a wonderful wine. The side benefit to *Sideways* is that Merlot prices have dropped nicely. At the lower price range, vegans will love **Peter Lehmann Clancy's** (\$15, sometimes much

less), which is a blend of Shiraz, Cabernet, and Merlot. The folks at Lehmann are sticklers about being

vegan-friendly, they make a whole range of wines, and there's not a bad one in the bunch. At the high end, **Newton Unfiltered Merlot** (\$45) is prime wine for vegans. For the rest of us, **Columbia Crest** makes three delicious versions. **Two Vines** (\$7) is a light, easy sipping wine, while the **Grand Estates** (\$12) is a quantum leap up. The **H3 Merlot** (\$17) is an elegant bottle of wine easily worth twice its price.

All of these wines are available from better wine shops all over town. Happy holidays! - Wes Marshall

food-o-file

BY VIRGINIA B. WOOD

Kudos to local dessert purveyor Tracy Claros for the fabulous success of her six-year-old Sticky Toffee Pudding Co. After winning a gold medal at the National Association for the Specialty Food Trade's summer Fancy Food Show and having her products recognized among the Top 5 Specialty Food Trends of 2010, Claros was invited to show her signature puddings at a preholiday presentation for the national food media earlier this month. All the national recognition has allowed Claros to increase the distribution of her delectable sweet treats to more regional outlets of both Whole Foods Market and Costco stores. Local fans can stock up for the holidays at Whole Foods, Central Market, or order online at www.stickytoffeepuddingcompany.com... Claros will present a hands-on \$60 class featuring British holiday desserts at Central Market Cooking School (4001 N. Lamar) on Sunday, Nov. 28, 11am-1:30pm. Make necessary reservations at www.centralmarket.com

Another great holiday dessert idea is the newest seasonal flavor from **Blue Bell: Spiced Pumpkin Pecan ice cream** is chock-full of candied pecans and a cinnamon-honey praline swirl. It was quite a hit at the office recently. This new flavor would be the perfect companion to pumpkin or pecan pie – or what about a Spiced Pumpkin Pecan ice cream pie in a crunchy gingersnap crust? Simple and delicious.

We've just been advised that the well-loved **Bouldin Creek Coffeehouse** (1501 S. First) is closing on the evening of Nov. 24 but will reopen in the next few months in a bigger space currently under construction at the corner of South First and West Mary. The new venue will include a larger kitchen that can turn out an expanded food and drink menu, more indoor seating with the potential for table service, and a bigger parking area. What's not to love? We'll keep you posted on the opening date.

Two popular Downtown eateries have recently announced plans to open for weekday lunches. **The Good Knight** (1300 E. Sixth, 628-1250, www.thegoodknight.net) is now serving a menu of sandwiches made with house-cured meats paired with hearty soups, weekdays from 11am to 2pm. Farther west, **La Condesa** (400 W. Second, 499-0300, www.lacondesaaustin.com) will begin serving lunch on Dec. 1: a sophisticated Mexican bistro menu in the \$8-15 price range, 11:30am-2:30pm weekdays.

Speaking of La Condesa, it was one of eight local restaurants included in Texas Monthly's list of the 50 Best Mexican Restaurants in Texas. After a team of critics conducted exhaustive Mexican food marathons in all of Texas' major metropolitan areas, TM published the results and Food Editor Patricia Sharpe's conclusions about them in the December issue. Sharpe opines that the culinary dominance of traditional Tex-Mex food may be a thing of the past - that "as dishes from Mexico's heartland apply for permanent residency in Texas at an ever-increasing rate, we're on the threshold of a new culinary era: the time of Mex-Tex." In addition to La Condesa, the local eateries on the TM list are: Fonda San Miguel (in the Top 5), Curra's Grill, El Mesón, El Naranjo, Garrido's, Manuel's, and Takoba.

Event Menu Nov. 25-30

- The whole family can work up a healthy appetite for Thanksgiving dinner by participating in the **20th annual** ThunderCloud Subs Turkey Trot. This year's race begins at the Long Center and follows a new route. Participants can choose the chip-timed five-mile run, a one-mile walk, or the Stepping Stone School Kids K and will generate charitable donations for Caritas of Austin in the process. All registrations include a souvenir T-shirt with contest-winning art by Mike Haggerty. Complete registration details at www.thundercloud.com. Thursday, Nov. 25, 8am.
- If running through Downtown Austin is out, what about an invigorating 5K run through the Gruene Historic District to whet the holiday appetite? The run begins and ends in front of historic Gruene Hall; proceeds benefit Comal County charities. Register at www.comalcopsforkids.org. Thursday, Nov. 25, 8am.
- Artisan Fair and Post-Thanksgiving Lunchtime Feast at Fall Creek Vineyards near Tow (www. fcv.com) offers a Hill Country road trip, artisan booths, live music, and a delicious holiday buffet (11:30am-1:30pm) for \$24 per person. Reservations: 325/379-5361. Saturday, Nov. 27, 11am-5pm.
- Cornucopia (1914 Guadalupe, 477-2676, www.austincornucopia.com) invites customers to enjoy free popcorn and a last chance to place Christmas orders at 20% off. Tuesday, Nov. 30, all day. – V.B.W.

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Books for Cooks 2010

Need help making that Black Friday shopping list? Here's a selection of great cookbook ideas with something to delight any foodie you know.

THE ESSENTIAL **'NEW YORK** TIMES' **COOKBOOK:** CLASSIC **RECIPES FOR A NEW CENTURY** by Amanda Hesser W.W. Norton & Company, 932 pp., \$40



Unlike most compendium-style cookbooks. The Essential 'New York Times' Cookbook does not set out to instruct the reader on how to cook every dish or foodstuff imaginable. The focus of this book is quite different; it is a collection of the best and most beloved recipes ever published in The New York Times. Rather than looking at how we cook right now, it presents a fascinating look, in recipe form, at the history of cooking trends, styles, and techniques. spanning the last 150 years.

Author Amanda Hesser asked NYT readers to nominate recipes for inclusion, then spent a year testing the more than 400 requested recipes. In the last 50 years alone, the Times has printed recipes from such luminaries as Julia Child, Maida Heatter, Nigella Lawson, Tom Colicchio, Daniel Boulud, Jamie Oliver, Mark Bittman, and Craig Claiborne, among a host of others. After winnowing out the gems of the last 50 years, Hesser turned her attention to the Times archives to discover what forgotten culinary triumphs have been lost to the passing of time. She tested another 1,000 recipes during the next four vears. The Times has been publishing since 1851, so these archives contain recipes and foodways that predate the Civil War.

Accompanying the text, Hesser has created timelines to put the recipes into historical context. The timelines include such major events as Prohibition, the invention of the refrigerator, the first Devil's Food Cake. Robert Mondavi's first wine, and the debut of the Swanson TV dinner. Each recipe notes the date of publication, and each section is in chronological order.

Of course, the book is only incidentally a history of cooking in this country: primarily, it is a compendium of great recipes that transcend their respective eras. From the earliest recipes submitted by housewives and sea captains to the "standards" penned by Claiborne and Bittman. The Essential 'New York Times' Cookbook is wonderfully diverse. It also faithfully reflects the ever-changing demographics of New York with recipes from literally around the world: there is not another cookbook like it. It is a fitting addition to any collection.

Kate Thornberry

WHAT TO COOK & **HOW TO COOK IT** by Jane Hornby Phaidon, 416 pp., \$39.95

If you are a culinary neophyte, one glance through the pages of this book will have you convinced that you can actually pull this off. I've been cooking for 40-plus years, and I was immediately



drawn to author Jane Hornby's method of illustrating every step of a dish's production with clear photographs (there are more than 850 photos in the book). Each recipe has prep and cooking times, yield estimates, and ample headnotes to reveal the secrets. Combine these with the photos, matched with authentic, concise, and practical instructions explaining every step of the recipe simply and logically, and you have a near foolproof cookbook for the reluctant chef. Hornby even starts you off with the necessary basic equipment and pantry, as well as basic techniques in photographed detail.

What struck me next as I cruised through the 100 recipes was how many of the dishes Hornby selected were things that I might actu-

> ally cook - and better yet, would enjoy eating. Starting with breakfast and brunch through lunch and simple supper, to food for sharing and weekend cooking, to desserts, Hornby has chosen appealing dishes that are easy to prepare and guests will love to eat. Gooev cinnamon rolls, corn cakes with avocado salsa and bacon, shrimp and mushroom laksa, real spaghetti car-

bonara, roast beef with Yorkshire pudding. Mediterranean fish stew? Perhaps panna cotta with raspberries? What's not to like?

What to Cook & How To Cook It is the ideal gift for the person who has that hesitant chef lurking inside. If ever there were a reliable culinary bible to provide self-confidence, Hornby has written it. It is the simple nudge that will allow your apprehensive scullery mate to blossom into an accomplished cook. - Mick Vann

GOOD EATS 2: THE MIDDLE YEARS by Alton Brown Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 432 pp., \$37.50

To the amusement of my family, when I was about 4 years old, I used to tell them that when I grew up I was

going to be a "chemist chef." Who would have known that years later. I would actually meet a chemist chef: Alton Brown, aka "The MacGyver of the Kitchen." I admit to being a fan of his witty, wacky antics, having followed Good Eats for years as well as enjoying his Feasting on Asphalt adventures. As far as I'm concerned, he is the only Food Network star with real, lasting power and long-term interest.

His latest work in print is a compilation of seasons six through 10 of the successful show.

THE COOKBOOK COLLECTOR: A NOVEL by Allegra Goodman The Dial Press, 416 pp., \$26

Don't be misled by the title - this isn't a story about the amusing misadventures of a hapless but lovable forager for forgotten recipes, nor are any lame mysteries solved by some muffin-making heroine with shrewd insight and a heart of gold.

Nope, this is a beautifully written comic romance, spinning a classic 19th-century-esque tale of human relationships at the end of the 20th century, told within the context of various American societal tropes and cultural values just prior to 9/11. These include the dot-com explosion and immense wealth it created for twentysomething entrepreneurs, the millennial search for religious/mystical resonance, the treehugging radical politics of 1990s Northern California, and the perceived roles of books, literature, history, and aesthet-

ics in an increasingly digital and commercial world.

It's the saga of two endearing, sometimes irritating sisters: Emily (all of 28) is the brilliant, repressed CEO of a successful Silicon Valley software company; younger, spacier, but equally intelligent Jess studies philosophy at Berkeley, volunteers to save the redwoods, and works in an antiquarian bookstore cataloging valuable antique cookbooks while speculating about their enigmatic, dead collector. The siblings are surrounded by a swirling phalanx of friends, lovers, family, spiritual advisers, and business associates, muddling through confusing modern life separately and together.

While this is not a story specifically about food, its power permeates everything, threading through the narrative like a bright ribbon that ties events together, informs human contacts, evokes memories, longings, and seductions. Food appears everywhere from a scarred commune table covered with expectant pie shells to earnest vegans trying to keep straight what they can eat and in pithy letters written by a long-dead mother: "Don't doctor recipes. More is less, and sugar will only get you so far."

There are flaws - too many secondary characters and some ridiculous coincidences - but, regardless, I fell hard for this story of desire, love, regret, and redemption set in territories I know and recognize. - MM Pack

More than a cookbook, it is like an oversized graphic novel or comic book for food geeks, full of goofy behind-the-scenes photographs, trivia, and illustrative line drawings, interspersed with science-of-food information, cooking tips, and recipes. As approachable and light as the book is, it holds loads of useful information, from the characteristics and applications of different types of salt to a primer on basic sauces, to the tongue-in-cheek episode titled "Myth Smashers" in which he dispels a variety of kitchen myths. Open randomly to any page and you'll find something you didn't know before, a useful kitchen tip or a tidbit of trivia to use at the next cocktail party. From a stepby-step guide to making the best pad thai to the secrets of perfect risotto, to a weird homemade contraption for making beef jerky (which Brown calls the Blowhard 3000), everyone can find something interesting in this book's pages. Granted, the huge tome is a little cumbersome for cozy bedtime reading, but it really is a fun and educational volume that will bring smiles to any die-hard Brown fan or anyone curious about how things work - or should work in the kitchen. – Claudia Alarcón

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GROWING TASTY TROPICAL **PLANTS: IN** ANY HOME, ANYWHERE. hy Laurelynn &

Byron Martin Storey Publishing, *in any home, anywhere. 160 pp., \$18.95

(paper) I could not be more excited at my discovery of this nifty little book! The Martins, whose family has owned Logee's Tropical Plants in

Connecticut since 1892, share a century's worth of secrets for growing exotic edibles in containers, covering 47 varieties of fruiting plants. While the book includes common fruits such as citrus, which I have grown successfully in containers and in the garden, it also includes some oddities like the Australian finger lime and Buddha's hand citron, providing careful care guidelines for successful growing. Less common fruits that grow in our area are also covered, such as papaya, pineapple, passion fruit, and pineapple guava (mine finally fruited after seven years, hooray for hand pollination!). Each plant description includes information on plant selection, best varieties, planting, pruning, and maintenance for successful production and harvesting year round. Drawings and full-color photos abound for easy identification and as a guide to shaping your trees for optimal fruit production and specific species aesthetics. There's also ample information on watering, pest control, pruning, fertilizing, and troubleshooting your own indoor orchard.

But for me the fun begins with the really strange offerings like dragon fruit, coffee, and even cacao, miracle fruit, and black pepper. It includes a few recipes to process your tropical harvest and explains step-by-step methods for fermenting cacao beans to make cocoa nibs. curing your own olives, and roasting your own homegrown coffee. This book is the incentive I needed to finally build that greenhouse that's been in the planning stage for years.

As expected, most of the plants covered are available at Logee's nursery, but the book also provides a list of other resources and places across the nation to grant these rare and exciting botanical whims. No doubt this book will be an exciting gift to the avid gardener on your Claudia Alarcón shopping list.



SOUPS + SIDES by Catherine Walthers Lake Isle Press, 272 pp., \$19.95 (paper)

This unassuming book is just the sort that might be overlooked in the avalanches of cookbooks

published every year: It's short, it's sweet, the author is not a "big name," and the subject is a niche one. But it somehow kept floating to the top of my pile.

Soups + Sides presents recipes in pairings of soup and an accompanying dish, such as the classic combination of tomato soup with a grilled cheese sandwich. Of course, either the soup or the side can be made separately, but author Catherine Walthers' nuanced pairings are hard to resist. There are recipes for 55 different soups, each paired with a complemen-

CHEWY GOOEY CRISPY CRUNCHY MELT-IN-YOUR-MOUTH COOKIES by Alice Medrich Artisan, 384 pp., \$25.95 (paper)

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California chocolate maven Alice Medrich was one of the founding mothers of the Berkeley artisanal food movement in the Seventies with an iconic dessert shop called Cocolat. Since that time, her baking and dessert cookbooks have won multiple awards, and well-used (and chocolate-smudged) copies have an honored place in my personal cookbook library. Her new book on cookies is definitely a keeper as well, already destined for repeated use. As the title implies, Medrich provides recipes for all kinds of cookies based on texture preference. Before diving into the recipes, however, even the most accomplished baker can benefit from the book's "User's Guide." Medrich shares a lifetime of valuable baking insights into such things as understanding recipe language, choosing ingredients, the secrets of measuring flour, mixing and handling doughs, pan preparation, and actual baking. The information offered there can help to make anyone a better baker.



tary side, and the results are quite compelling; your fingers fairly itch to break out the stockpot. Thai carrot soup with watercress spring rolls, butternut squash soup with roasted pears and chocolate biscotti, spring vegetable soup with goat cheese and arugula quesadillas, corn chowder with spicy red pepper and crab cakes – these are only a few of the inspiring ideas presented, and yes, they are all that good.

Walthers is a food journalist, private chef, cooking instructor, and leader in the Slow Food movement, heading up Slow Food Martha's Vineyard. She brings an experienced hand (and eye) to this project, presenting new soups and improving old favorites with a modern approach that stresses seasonal ingredients, freshness, bold flavors, and gorgeous, bright colors. The book is replete with stunning photos by food stylist Alison Shaw, one for each recipe, and the recipes themselves are easy to follow and produce fun, nutritious, and memorable meals. – *Kate Thornberry*

I'm a crisp cookie fanatic, so I spent several days on the first chapter, making crispy sticks, *tuiles*, and wafers. The *café de olla* sticks are indeed divine with coffee. Chocolate Wafers 3.0 and Maya's Lemon Thins are two of my new favorite things. Moving on to the crunchy chapter, I made cornmeal and fruit biscotti with fresh cornmeal from Richardson Farms and truly wonderful Great Grahams with Richardson's whole wheat flour and Round Rock Honey. I've yet to make any of Medrich's gluten-free

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recipes, but she's included a few that should satisfy the cookie cravings of celiac sufferers.

The cookie lover on your gift list is likely to treasure this book and will appreciate it even more in combination with a class with the master herself. – Virginia B. Wood

Alice Medrich will teach a cookie class at the Central Market Cooking School, Saturday, Dec. 11, 6:30pm.

BAKE!: ESSENTIAL TECHNIQUES FOR PERFECT BAKING by Nick Malgieri Kyle Books, 224 pp., \$29.95



After 10 cookbooks, it's fair to say Nick Malgieri knows his way around

a kitchen. Bake! is evidence of just that. The sturdy, full-color tome is a well-organized guide to a score of so-called "essential techniques" ranging from puff pastry to meringue buttercream and everything in between. At the beginning of each chapter, Malgieri focuses on a specific technique, and then the subsequent pages offer various iterations of that skill for practice – e.g., an 11-page section on Danish pastry also includes recipes for apple strudels and apricot pinwheels.

In a class he taught at Central Market's Cooking School in October, Malgieri brought several of this book's recipes to life, including a sesame flat bread, a spinach tart, and lemon-ginger bars. As he jumped seamlessly between three or four recipes, he interjected anecdotes and his wry sense of humor, as well as related trivia on everything from geography to geometry. But while it's interesting to know the physics of water and chocolate, the truly indispensable lessons came in watching him work with the different doughs and batters. To bring that same helpfulness to his readers' kitchens. Malgieri took what might otherwise be considered a text-heavy book and broke it up not only with pictures of flawless finished products, but also with close-ups of hands kneading dough and mixer bowls with doughs at different stages of completion so the textures are evident. Being able to see how brioche dough changes after five minutes of mixing is invaluable; there's nothing more frustrating than staring into a KitchenAid bowl and hoping what's there is even halfway right.

Novice bakers and professionals alike can learn a tremendous amount from this pastry master, but a holiday host might want to get an early start with one of the many offerings, sweet and savory, that could find its way to the table. Monica Riese

SEASONAL FRUIT **DESSERTS: FROM ORCHARD. FARM.** AND MARKET by Deborah Madison Clarkson Potter. 288 pp.. \$32.50

I love fruit desserts. And I really love Deborah

Madison's new cookbook. It outlines her straightforward approach to making sweets, which as those of you who are fans of Madison's other cookbooks will recognize, mirrors her earthy approach to cooking in general. She is not a fussy cook. She is not a demand-

ing architect of the plate. Rather, Madison is about fresh ingredients prepared in a simple manner that brings out their flavors naturally.

Seasonal Fruit Desserts applies the same philosophy Madison introduced in The Greens Cookbook and The Savory Way to delicious desserts made with fresh fruit, nuts, and honey. She covers the basics from fruit cobblers and upside-down cakes to parfaits, compotes, fruit sauces, and fruit tarts. Her recipes are unintimidating and easy to follow; as Madison notes in the introduction, they don't require the exactitude of the pastry chef. Desserts such as the soufflé pancake with caramelized apples and aged cheddar or the peach and raspberry parfait layered with sabayon require only fresh fruits and a few simple operations to produce glowing results. The collected recipes are ones that all cooks should have in their arsenals.

Madison is exacting when it comes to sourcing fresh ingredients. She devotes considerable space on the pages of Seasonal Fruit Desserts to nudge the reader toward procuring fruits from local markets and farm stands. Desserts such as the peach-and-frangipane tart or the austere raspberry tart - a sweet crust filled with raspberries - rely largely on the freshness of the fruits themselves. Follow Madison's prescriptions when it comes to using fruit in season, and you cannot go wrong. - Rachel Feit

AND COUSCOUS: **MY SEARCH FOR JEWISH COOKING IN FRANCE** by Joan Nathan Alfred A. Knopf. 400 pp., \$39.95

Jewish cooking includes

a remarkably diverse collection of culinary traditions. This is because Jewish cooking has developed in tandem with local culinary customs throughout the diaspora. In Quiches, Kugels, and Couscous, the grande dame of Jewish cooking tackles, through recipes and narrative, the fascinating pathways and back alleys Jewish cooking has followed in a country particularly famed for its national cuisine. In France, Joan Nathan explains, Jewish foodways are fundamentally French foodways, except that they adhere to Jewish dietary laws.

Many of the recipes, such as the onion quiche or the salmon with sorrel sauce, are indistinguishable from classic French recipes, reinforcing Nathan's argument that most Jews in France consider the food they eat to be fundamentally French. Others, such as the Alsatian fish choucroute with beurre blanc or the French chicken liver pâté, read like delicious Jewish renditions of French classics. And still others, like the cold, creamy borscht or the Moroccan eggplant-and-pepper salad (aptly named salade juive), remind us that modern-day France is also a cultural sponge, soaking up the traditions of its ethnically varied population. Nathan's recipes take us on a guided tour of the many threads that weave the tapestry of French Jewish cooking and Jewish cooking in general.

The book is well-larded (the goose fat variety) with tasty stories of the families Nathan interviewed for the book, as well as her own personal reminiscences of travels in France. Fascinating sidebars introduce you to kosher butchers in the Marais, foie gras producers

Wine Guides, Pure and Simple

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT WINE: **A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO** UNDERSTANDING AND **ENJOYING WINE** by Oz Clarke Sterling Epicure, 200 pp., \$19.95

OLDMAN'S BRAVE NEW WORLD OF WINE: PLEASURE, VALUE, AND ADVENTURE BEYOND WINE'S USUAL SUSPECTS by Mark Oldman

W.W. Norton & Company, 333 pp., \$19.95 (paper)

Writing a guide to wine is fraught with problems, most of them revolving around what you should leave in and what you should leave out. I struggled through these problems with my own book and recently spent a day each with both Oz Clarke and Mark Oldman, where we commiserated on the decision-making process. Each forged his own solution in a completely different way, and both are highly recommended.

Clarke, who has a couple dozen other books out, is England's most widely known wine personality, and his BBC TV show, Oz and James's Big Wine Adventure, has more than 6 million viewers. He's also a veteran actor on the London stage, a bit actor in a few Hollywood blockbusters, a classical and rock singer with several albums out, and a canny psychologist with a degree from Oxford. His cheerful sense of humor leaps off the page in Let Me Tell You About Wine. Clarke's solution to the space/content conundrum is to touch lightly but broadly, covering a bit about everything you need to know about wine without delving too deeply into the useless crannies that make some wine books so dense and uninspiring. And while the recommendations are somewhat Eurocentric, Clarke makes space for a couple of Texas wines.

The tone of Oldman's Brave New World of Wine is exactly like talking to him. He's a wisecracking New Yorker, full of knowledge and primed to answer almost any question about wine. He's had major TV time as one of the judges on The Winemakers (its first season was won by Austin dude Ross Outon). In this book, he sets off to educate his readers about bargain wines that are lesser known. Wines like Txakoli, Aglianico, and Cahors all light his rockets, and all because of supply and demand. The fewer people out shopping for them, the better the price will be. Where Oldman is really helpful is in finding obscure wines that are little-known but of wonderful quality. Maybe people have a hard time pronouncing them, or they're an unknown name. In any case, Oldman is skilled at ferreting out the bargains and makes spot-on recommendations.

Both books are highly recommended for their combination of accurate information, unstuffy knowledge, and delightful prose.

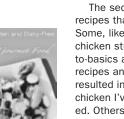
in southwest France, and famed chef Paul Bocuse's kosher banquet room in Lyon. Glossy color photos on nearly every page illustrate not only the foodstuffs in the book but also the people and places written about. - Rachel Feit

LIVING GLUTEN **AND DAIRY-FREE** WITH FRENCH **GOURMET FOOD** hy Alain Braux **Alain Braux International** Publishing, 296 pp.,

\$19.95 (paper) When celiac disease, gluten sensitivity, and/ or dairy intolerance come into your life, your first

response can be to think only in terms of limits - of what you can't eat or think you can't. A corollary thought is that you'll need to resort to expensive, processed, sometimes unappealing alternatives to replace your gluten- and dairy-filled breads, sauces, grains, and sweets. Chef Alain Braux's new book reminds us - and shows us - how we can instead transform our lives through food choices and enjoy cooking, eating, and sharing food more than ever.

Braux is a native Frenchman and internationally experienced pastry chef, but Austinites are likely to know him as the nutritional therapist/executive chef that created the nutritionally responsible delights at the Peoples Rx deli. This book combines his areas of expertise, about which he is equally passionate. The first



sections detail how gluten and dairy products can wreak havoc on some people's health and offer a thorough guide to getting both out of your life, along with lists of food products (often by brand name) that are gluten- and dairv-free.

Wes Marshall

The second part consists of clear, concise recipes that run the gamut of French cooking. Some, like the rosemary lamb chops or roasted chicken stuffed with rice and figs, take a backto-basics approach, with guick, elemental recipes and small but crucial twists: the latter resulted in the tenderest, most flavorful roasted chicken I've ever made, and possibly ever tasted. Others, like the corn bread with herbes de provence or a zucchini soup that doesn't skimp on the slowly simmered onions, add a French twist to old favorites. But the chef also trusts us with his finer pastry and dessert recipes: tarts, soufflés, beignets, flan, His flourless chocolate cake, while requiring finesse, can reach its dense, dark, epic ideal state even in the hands of a moderately experienced baker. These are no 15-minute meals, but they're faster than they look, and - more importantly - they infuse a healing change with zest and fun. You won't even miss the bad stuff. - Cindy Widner

THAI STREET FOOD by David Thompson Ten Speed Press, 372 pp., \$60

This is the follow-up to David Thompson's *Thai Food*, his award-winning magnum opus dealing with all culinary things Thai. Like that first title, expect this one to sweep annual cookbook awards, and justifiably so. Focused

Deborah Madison



sharply on the dishes produced by street vendors all over the country, the recipes are authentic and adjusted for the home kitchen (as much as can be). Rest easy knowing that what a Thai vendor produces from a rickety cart on the side of a busy thoroughfare, you should be able to approximate in a modern kitchen with all of the conveniences.



Thai Street Food begins with a history of Thai mobile food-vending, both as a companion to the food market and later as a convenience for bustling pedestrians. Thompson divides the nearly 100 popular

recipes by the time of day they are typically consumed ("Morning," "Noon," and "Night"), which sheds even more light on the snacking habits of the modern Thai. Most recipes come with highly informative headnotes that provide all of the nuance and historical background of the dish. Dish names are spelled phonetically in Thai, written in Thai script, and also written in descriptive (Australian) English. There's a fine glossary explaining ingredients and basic preparations. Earl Carter's lavish photos are inserted throughout the book, with a photo of each recipe, and in the back is a separate section of caption details on the nondish photos.

I was especially excited to find a recipe for shrimp with glass noodles, peppercorns, and bacon (goong ob woon sen), and the recipes for kao soi, khanom jeen noodles with green curry, and lard na gai all look first-rate and very authentic. The one problem I have found is the index. Thompson's phonetic transliteration seems to get sidetracked by Aussie pronunciation, making it difficult to locate recipes in the index that you know you've seen in the book. If you didn't know that "pikelets" are actually pancakes, you might not find sticky rice pancakes. Talay becomes "tarlae," lard na becomes "raat nar." But Aussieisms and transliteration aside, if you cook Thai, you really need this book. – Mick Vann

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The season's DVD box sets hit the spot

British Invasion

DOCTOR WHO: THE COMPLETE FIFTH SERIES BBC Warner, \$79.98

It took nearly five decades, but it appears Doctor Who has finally arrived. In America, that is: The good Doctor was already a national obsession in his native UK, but only lately has he made a serious dent in the American pop-culture consciousness. How serious? Well, that tony mag The Atlantic not too long ago devoted 1,600 words to say, essentially, that Doctor Who is terrific stuff and, by the by, Matt Smith, the 11th actor to portray the time-traveling Doctor, may be the best yet.

A year ago, that notion might have sounded like blasphemy, back when David Tennant's increasingly brooding Tenth Doctor seemed inextricably linked to the reboot's success. (Yes, former show-runner Russell T. Davies,

who masterminded Doctor Who's return to air after a 16-year dormancy, cast Christopher Eccleston first for a season, but it wasn't until Tennant's tenancy that the show's blend of sci-fi, drama, comedy, and unrequited romance found its rhythm.) But Smith is a natural. With his barely there brows and a baby face complicated by hard angles, he's certainly the most genuinely alien-looking of all the actors to keep time, so to speak, in the TARDIS. (That's Time and Relative Dimension[s] in Space, for newbies; less technically speaking, it's a flying machine fronting as a battered blue police box.) Smith is also the youngest actor yet to take a pass at the iconic character, and it works: He brings a boundless energy and lightly daffy joie de



Make Film, Not War

APOCALYPSE NOW: FULL DISCLOSURE (BLU-RAY) Lionsgate, \$59.99

Thirty-one years after its initial theatrical release in August 1979 - a scant four years after the fall of Saigon - Francis Ford Coppola's lunatic fever dream of the American military engagement in Vietnam is back. The fact that the U.S. is for the foreseeable future mired in not one but two shockingly bloody battlefront quagmires is an irony not lost on the director. (It's certainly not lost on screenwriter John Milius, who began dreaming about the script after washing out of the military in '68 thanks to asthma.)

Apocalvpse Now was at the time of its release and remains a hallucinatory triumph of the anti-war movie genre, due chiefly to Milius and Coppola's pillaging of Joseph Conrad's Belgian Congo head-trip Heart of Darkness, a film adaptation of which had already been attempted, unsuccessfully, by Orson Welles. Not that that put off either writer or director; hubris, hard luck, and horror - real horror, replete with hurricanes, nervous breakdowns, and a gnawing sense of ever-looming catastrophe - were the wearying hallmarks of Coppola's almost comically beleaguered Philippines shoot. The end result proved naysayers (including much of the cast and crew) wrong: Apocalypse Now went

on to be nominated for eight Academy Awards. It won only two, for Vittorio Storaro's haunting cinematography and Walter Murch's near-avant-garde sound design. All this is Hollywood history, but it's worth noting that this particular apocalypse continues to influence young filmmakers at least as much as Star Wars. (Coppola and Milius' fellow University of Southern California alum George Lucas was originally slated to helm, and more recently, Monsters director Gareth Edwards cited Apocalypse as perhaps the key influence on the look and tone of his own genre outing.)

What makes this triple-disc, Blu-ray rere-re-release worth its weight in film school tuition is the sheer wealth of previously unseen, unheard, but always speculatedabout footage (seeing the heretofore unview-



vivre to the part of the Doctor, the last man standing of an extinct race who skips across time and space, endlessly stumbling into sticky jams, typically with a comely female companion at his side. (Here, the companion is Karen Gillan's spitfire Amy Pond, who's

able "Monkey Sampan" sequence for the first time is akin to waking up next to a horse's head). Lionsgate includes here the original 1979 cut, 2001's expanded Apocalypse Now Redux, and the late George Hickenlooper, Fax Bahr, and Eleanor Coppola's gut-wrenching 1991 documentary, Hearts of Darkness: A Filmmaker's Apocalypse. If you're a fan, you've experienced those three cinematic concussions already. What you haven't seen, at least until now, is the mesmerizing "Destruction of the Kurtz Compound" (which had been planned to run beneath

the closing credits), Coppola's short, adjunct film-within-afilm of Marlon Brando murmuring T.S. Eliot's integral poem "The Hollow Men" or the elegantly staged - in HD - new interviews with Milius, Coppola, Martin Sheen, Laurence "Mr. Clean" Fishburne, Frederic "Chef" Forrest, and Sam "Lance the surfer" Bottoms. All of this, and the Doors, in sternum-rattling Dolby

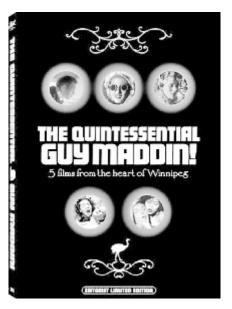
5.1, with a crystalline image that, thankfully, never forsakes the production's controlled utilization of eerily atmospheric film grain in favor of overblown and unnecessary, Lucasfilm-style image upgrades. It's a sorrow that Dennis Hopper wasn't able to be here to add even a few new insights on his freakythrilling performance as Col. Kurtz's wild-eyed documentarian-cum-apologist, but, hey, c'est la guerre. - Marc Savlov

Also Recommended in War Films: The Thin Red Line (Criterion Collection, \$39.95, Blu-ray), The Pacific (HBO Home Video, \$79.98) always angling for a snog; apparently Pond didn't get the instruction manual explaining that the sexless Doctor is all foreplay and no follow-through.)

This 6-disc set collates the 13 episodes of season five, with its temporally elegant story arc that circles back in the finale (appropriately titled "The Big Bang") to where it started in episode one. The set also includes the making-of docs, Doctor Who Confidential, that aired with the original shows, and "The Monster Files," behind-the-scenes looks at the series' signature baddies, the Daleks, the Silurians, and the newly minted Weeping Angels. The latter debuted in last season's standout episode, "Blink," scripted by Steven Moffat, and, as the new show-runner, Moffat smartly brought those supremely creepy stone statues back to life in two-parter "The Time of Angels" and "Flesh and Stone."

Moffat instigated a few other changes - he spearheaded 2.0 remodels of the TARDIS and the Daleks and zinged the opening credits and theme, all to very good effect - but nothing too earth-shattering: a spit-polish, really, that's restored the series' giddy gleam.

- Kimberley Jones Also Recommended in British TV: Sherlock: Season One (BBC Warner, \$34.98), Luther (BBC Warner, \$34.98)



Essential Arthouse

THE QUINTESSENTIAL GUY **MADDIN!: 5 FILMS FROM** THE HEART OF WINNIPEG Zeitgeist Films, \$49.99

The Quintessential Guy Maddin! box set, which will be released Dec. 14, crams as much fog, snow, hiss, and crackle into four discs as possible. And while providing an indispensable survey of one of the most creative directors working today, it also offers a through-line of his obsessions and neuroses - sometimes hilarious, sometimes gruesome (often both simultaneously), and nothing less than pure spectacle. CONTINUED ON P.50



Maddin's signature visual aesthetic undoubtedly commands attention – dilapidated silent film stock, awash in inter-titles and Vaseline-smeared lenses. The evolution of the style, and the director's silent-film fascination, is traced in an accompanying Tom Waitsnarrated doc, *Waiting for Twilight*. But equally powerful is his entirely original, idiosyncratic storytelling sensibility, a Freudian psychosexual snow-blind where repression, longing, and self-delusion inevitably birth madness, disfigurement, and destruction.

It's no accident that two corners of the love triangle at the heart of Archangel (1990), Maddin's first feature, are amnesiacs. (Nor is it surprising that they're both men, as refuted masculine desire, either scorned, registered impotent, cuckolded. or internalized to the homoerotic, figures prominently in the Maddin cannon. Sissy Boy Slap Party, anyone?) It's also in Archangel's tale of a peg-legged Canadian grunt shipping back from the front that we see the trappings that will come to define his work: silents-era World War I conflict, Canadian identity politics vs. those of decidedly more exotic locales (wonderfully utilized in his 2003 breakout, The Saddest Music in the World), and, above all,

the sometimes suffocating bond of family. That topic is deconstructed with a perverse, giddy glee in 1992's *Careful*, the set's harrowing peak of familial and sexual hang-ups. Despite *Careful*'s avalanche of Oedipus and Electra complexes, the tragedy of two Alps families is buoyed by tongue-in-cheek narration and titling; silents-aping, self-consciously stagey direction; and, of course, those timeless smeared sepia visuals. But even these consciously distancing devices, like humor, lend the film momentum – the fascist Butler School that brothers Grigorss and Johann attend initially plays for laughs, until it's apparent their buttoned-down demeanors exemplify the repression that propels the murderous plot forward.

Maddin attempts to transplant his delirious, melodramatic exaggeration into more traditional avenues with *Twilight of the Ice Nymphs*, trading in his forgotten film stock for Techicolor hues. Operating outside his comfort zone, what could have been magical instead feels restrained. His next full-length effort, *Dracula: Pages From a Virgin's Diary*, instead takes a hairpin turn from such concessions, being an entirely silent retelling utilizing the Royal

Winnipeg Ballet to hypnotic, timeless fashion

Produced between Saddest Music and Brand Upon the Brainl: A Remembrance in 12 Chapters (two further refinements of Maddin's style not included in the set), Cowards Bend the Knee is a fitting coda, focusing on the romantic exploits of hockey-playing Canadian every-

man ... Guy Maddin. Entirely silent but untethered from the familiar Dracula narrative, it relies on indelible visual sequences, like a hair salon that doubles as an abortion clinic. Developed as a museum installation piece with each vignette viewed through a separate peephole, it's a perfect representation of the high art/low brow confluence of Maddin's sensibility and the function it, like any other art, provides – to change the way we look at things. – Wells Dunbar

Also Recommended in Arthouse: Charlie Chaplin's Modern Times (The Criterion Collection, \$39.95, Blu-ray); The Complete Metropolis (Kino International, \$29.95)

In the Family Way CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

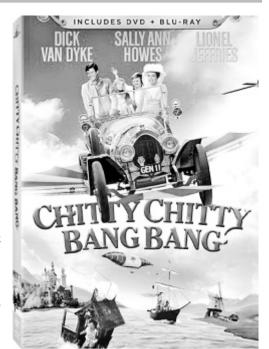
(BLU-RAY) 20th Century Fox, \$34.99

A proto-steampunk *Herbie* Goes *Bananas, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* is a grand paean to the English eccentric. Oddball inventor and single father Caractacus Potts (played by everyone's favorite fake Englishman, Dick Van Dyke) rescues a wrecked 1920s sports car. Of course, being an eccentric sort of inventor, Potts' repairs involve creating a flying, floating, possibly sentient automobile. Cue high adventure involving German spies, dog whistle candy sweets, and a lot of dressing up as life-size toys.

There's a post-World War II, end-of-theempire feel to the whole affair, given a breezy joviality through the Sherman brothers' elaborate Disneyesque song-and-dance numbers. This new release highlights every single hummable note from the Shermans, veterans of the House of Mouse's run of 1960s musical comedies who were fresh off *The Jungle Book*; there's even a plotfree sing-along edit of the film.

For all the cloying-as-clotted cream sweetness, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* is still one of the most delightfully twisted children's movies to escape into cinemas. Consider the sources: James Bond creator and noted misanthrope Ian Fleming wrote the source novel, professional warper of young minds Roald Dahl adapted the script, and Ken Hughes – one of Britain's greatest noir directors – was behind the camera. Seriously, if you ever want to burn stranger danger deep into your children's infant psyches, bolt them to their seats for Robert Helpmann's traumatizing turn as the Child Catcher (sort of like Freddie Krueger without the whimsy).

For owners of the 2003 special edition DVD release, the extras aren't the real selling point $% \left({{{\rm{DVD}}}} \right) = {{\rm{DVD}}} \left({{{\rm{DVD}}}} \right) = {{\rm{DVD}}} \left({{{\rm{DVD}}}} \right)$



here, since you'll have most of them already. As for the Blu-ray upgrade, the restoration job is suitably lush, from the verdant, rolling English hillsides to Benny Hill's candy-colored toy shop (yes, *that* Benny Hill) in the mythical German principality of Vulgaria. The handful of included contemporary promotional featurettes, including a charmingly cheesy homage to prop-maker and Rube Goldberg-esque inventor Roland Emmett, are a charming throwback to a time when studios didn't mind giving children nightmares.

- Richard Whittaker Also Recommended in Family Films: The Sound of Music: 45th Anniversary Edition (20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, \$34.99, Blu-ray); Waking Sleeping Beauty (Walt Disney Studios Home Entertainment, \$29.99)

per and actor/director Ice Cube's Straight Outta L.A. tells of the time when gangsta rappers wouldn't be caught dead without a Raiders lid and when the players on the then-L.A. Raiders were as frightening as some of the lyrics coming straight outta Compton. Run Ricky Run shares the fascinating story of Ricky Williams' "lost years" when he stepped away from football (and a lucrative contract) and into a world free of material and societal restraints. He allowed director Sean Pamphilon almost complete access, which enabled the filmmaker to capture his many contradictions while still painting the soul-searching star running back with a sympathetic brush. Other highlights include No Crossover: The Trial of Allen Iverson from brilliant doc filmmaker Steve James (Hoop Dreams) and Muhammad and Larry from the legendary Albert Maysles (Gimme Shelter). It might be ESPN's birthday celebration, but it's given us the holiday gift with this set. Mark Fagan

Also Recommended in Sports Entertainment: Friday Night Lights: Seasons 1-4 (Universal Studios, \$29.98 each); The League: The Complete First Season (20th Century Fox, \$29.98)



Inspired by its own 30th anniversary in 2009, ESPN tasked 30 (or so) accomplished filmmakers to document a sports story from the past 30 years that had a lasting and significant impact on their lives. These films have been airing on ESPN since October 2009, and many have been screened at prestigious film festivals, including Austin's own South by Southwest. The six-DVD box set 30 for 30: Volume 1 captures the first 15 films of the now-completed series along with plenty of bonus footage for second- (or third-) time viewers, although, disappointingly, some of the films' bonus footage is limited to the directors' statements which aired during commercial breaks on ESPN.

Whether you're a sports fan or not, there is no denying the impact that the games and

the athletes who excel at them have upon our society, and the amazing group of directors assembled here share stories that will have even the most ardent sports-hater in your family/crew fully engaged. Peter Berg's Kings Ransom starts off the series with the tale of Wayne Gretzky's move from Edmonton to Los Angeles, when "The Great One" bolted from the land of hockey for Hollywood, and the effect this had on both cities and the popularity of the sport in general. In The Band That Wouldn't Die, Academy Award-winner Barry Levinson (Rain Man) documents the dread of a city and the resilient marching band that was left behind when the Baltimore Colts literally snuck out of town in the middle of the night. The swagger of the 1980s Miami Hurricanes' college football dynasty as retold in The U is a highlight at 102 minutes (most of the films run 51 minutes) and is deserving of the added length: What was once a college football afterthought, the Hurricanes of the Eighties and their star players (Michael Irvin, Vinny Testaverde) and coaches (Jimmy Johnson, Howard Schnellenberger) created a dynasty by focusing on stellar homegrown Florida talent that brought a bluster to the game heretofore unseen. Former N.W.A rap-

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The Fix Is In

BY BELINDA ACOSTA

David Brancaccio has groupies. It wasn't exactly a mob scene last week at the University of Texas' College of Communication, but when the former host of PBS' *NOW* and special correspondent to American Public Media's *Marketplace* was milling about what is now called "Studio 6A, the historic site of *Austin City Limits*," fan excitement was palpable. He, along with director and UT prof **Ellen Spiro**, had just wrapped up

a question-and-answer session following a screening of Fixing the Future, a NOW special that aired Nov. 18 on PBS affiliate KLRU with a concurrent public screening at Studio 6A. (The NOW series officially ended in April but appears periodically with special programming.) Brancaccio graciously signed autographs, posed for snapshots, and listened patiently as various audience members regaled him with their ideas for future Fixing the Future episodes. He seemed pleased at the excitement the screening had elicited, later quipping that at another screening, a woman had commented: "You're so bright and funny in this show. How come you can't be that way in your other shows?"

The compliment may have been halfbaked, but *Fixing the Future* isn't. The enthusiasm it generated in the audience went beyond the "star power" of Brancaccio: It resulted from the show's presentation of alternative, very real solutions to the economic climate, proposed by people weathering the storm on Main Street, not Wall Street.

"If it's not working anymore, then let's do something else," is the rallying cry heard throughout the hourlong documentary, which travels to Washington state, the Midwest, and finally Austin. *Fixing the Future*'s mission is to discover how people are bending the way things work, not only to make a living for themselves, but to create a more sustainable, *shared* prosperity. In short, what happens when you ask people to be the solution to an economic crisis that seems largely out of their hands?

Austin figures largely in the PBS special, both in front of and behind the camera. Yo Mamas Catering, a cooperatively run business, is featured, as is the Car2Go program. But have you heard of Time Banks? It's a kind of bartering system where you deposit time-shares of your skills and services and can "withdraw" the skills and services you need. In Washington state, Brancaccio tested out how a Time Bank works by depositing an hour to help weatherproof another participant's home. He then got to withdraw an hour's worth of sailing lessons from another Time Banker.



Perhaps it's because of the special's forwardthinking spirit – as opposed to the gloom and doom that usually pervades news about the economy – but the hour flew by. And you could almost see the light bulbs going off above various audience members' heads as they shared what they knew of similarly featured projects elsewhere in the nation.

"This recession offers a 'teachable moment," executive producer John Siceloff said during the Q&A, indicating that the production is seeking an "engagement strategy" to screen *Fixing the Future* elsewhere and create a larger, ongoing conversation on the subject.

Future on-air screenings are planned, according to Spiro, but additional airtimes were not posted at the KLRU/PBS website at press time. TV Eye will do its best to alert you to future screenings, but easier

still – set up an e-mail alert at the PBS website to let you know when another *Fixing the Future* screening will air. Once you've seen it, it's up to you to make some noise – write, call, or e-mail KLRU to let them know you support this kind of programming, and, more importantly, Screening

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What Else Is On?

The Alamo Drafthouse celebrates the premiere of a new reality series starring "friend of the Alamo" Sam Calagione. Founder of Dogfish Head Brewery, Calagione is the new host of the Discovery Channel's **Brew Masters**, wherein the acclaimed craft brewer travels the world in search of new and exotic ways of concocting suds for the discerning palate. As part of the TV at the Alamo series, the premiere episode will be screened Sunday, Nov. 28, at 10:15pm at the Alamo Drafthouse at the Ritz. Admission is free, but a \$5 reservation redeemable toward your food tab is required. For more information, go to www.originalalamo.com.

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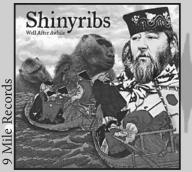
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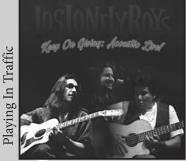


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Family Matters

Acorns might not fall far from his family tree, but that doesn't necessarily mean that country-beat songsmith Kevin Welch pushed his son **Dustin** and daughter **Savannah** down Music Row. "That really wasn't my idea," laughs Welch (see "C&W Maverick Kevin Welch: Square Peg Escapes Round Hole," Aug. 25, 1995), a longtime Nashville boilermaker who moved to Wimberley two years ago to be closer to his family. "At one point, I gave a stab at trying to talk Dustin out of it. It lasted maybe three minutes before I realized I wasn't going to get anywhere. Like any parent, I'd like to see them do something that was per-

haps a little easier and maybe more financially secure, but they're really good at it." That's not mere paternal pride talking, either. Dustin came into his own with last year's cantankerous Whisky Priest, while Savannah leads the Trishas, the lovely, allfemale gospel-folk fourpiece that's only a **T Bone Burnett** credential away from national prime time. Both offspring contributed to Welch's first studio album in nine years, 2010's excellent A Patch of Blue Sky (Music Road). "They're both very particular and exacting," stresses Welch. "I benefit from their input as much as they benefit from mine." Just in time for the holidays, the Continental Club hosts A Welch Family Affair next Wednesday, Dec. 1, a triple-bill revue that the headliner would like to take out on the road: "That's sort of a fantasy of mine."

Here, Here

"Honestly, all of that contract stuff we've done lately has blurred together a little bit," admits Speak keyboardist/singer Troupe Gammage. In his defense, the local band's seen more fine print lately than a subprime-mortgage broker. The new romantics signed earlier this fall to Atlantic Records



imprint Modern Art and just last week notched a co-publishing deal with Warner/ Chappell Music. Originally added to the roster of Austin's Loophole Management while still in high school, Speak's the first act out of the homegrown **U21** movement, fostered by the Chronicle's Margaret Moser, to graduate to the big leagues. The unabashed electro-pop outfit's untitled label debut should land in big boxes in the next six months and will comprise this year's acclaimed Frenchie Smith-produced Hear Here EP and seven additional songs recorded around the same time. "Some of the songs were written when I was 18 or 19, but they don't feel like first efforts for me because we all started so young," relates Gammage, now 22, who cut two albums previously with guitarist Nick Hurt and drummer Jake Stewart under the name Juniper-4. Presently, Speak just hopes to survive its first ever national tour. "We're the first of four bands, sleeping in the van, and driving for eight hours before the show," surmises Gammage. "We've been roughing it, but it's totally worth it."



Sound Grammar

Around the time of Ornette Coleman's last visit to Bass Concert Hall in 2004, a priority package arrived for this particular Longhorn undergraduate - the history of jazz according to OTR's dear Uncle Michael. Beneath LPs by Charles Mingus, Miles Davis, and John Coltrane, among others, laid a copy of Song X, Coleman's 1985 collaboration with guitarist Pat Metheny. "You Are Not Ready" read the cautionary sticky note. Last Thursday night in his lone Texas engagement, Fort Worth's free jazz beacon reiterated that warning with a profound contradiction of elegance and urgency. Leading a quartet anchored by the powerhouse percussion of son Denardo Coleman and sparring bassists AI MacDowell (electric) and Tony Falanga (bowed and pizzicato acoustic), the

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group leader demonstrated his democracy of jazz theory, termed "harmolodic" (see "Equality," Nov. 12, 2004), with a near two-hour set of searing alchemy that included variations on his "Dancing in Your Head" and the avant-blues simmer of "Turnaround" from 2006's Pulitzer Prize-winning Sound Grammar. After all these decades, the 80-year-old alto saxophonist and occasional trumpeter/violinist still confounds, evidenced by his jarring, near-operatic collaboration with Japanese banshee/vocalist Mari Okubo. When Coleman finally broke the romantic reverie of sole encore "Lonely Woman," from 1959's eternal The Shape of Jazz to Come, the audience was so spellbound that you could actually hear him unsnap his saxophone strap.

Random Play

Williamson of the Stooges (see "Shake Appeal," May 28). After responding to the

article, local reader Michael Adams reconnected with Williamson, his former bandmate in the garage band the Coba Seas. The group's 1966 demo recordings, Unreformed, are being released soon by Norton Records. Asked if there's a possibility of a live reunion, Adams responded, "Possibly if Little Steven's Underground Garage Fest were to ask."

Start saving your frequent flyer miles. In conjunction with Lotus Producciones, C3 Presents is taking Lollapalooza international. The two-day outing is scheduled at O'Higgins Park in Santiago, Chile, April 2-3, 2011.

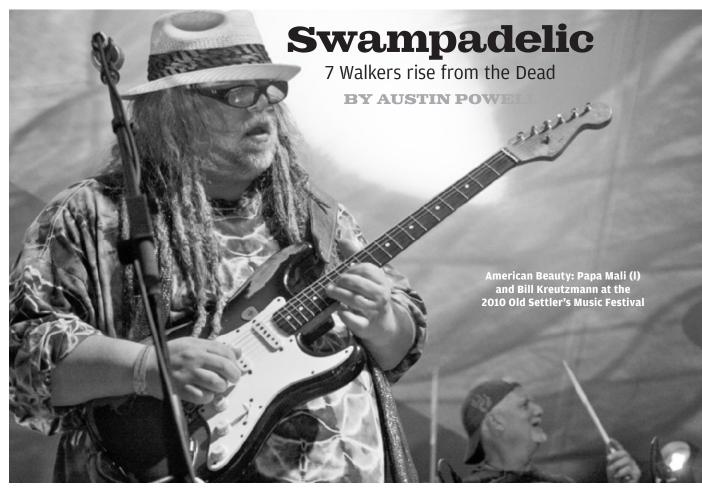
Earlier this month, the patio of the Saxon Pub was officially dedicated to its late dignitary Stephen Bruton by his wife, Mary, and Saxon owner Joe Ables.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Austin's Mother Truckers will be doling out free copies of latest burner Van Tour to every patron of the band's two-night stand at the Continental Club, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27.

Local folk starlet Sahara Smith, who headlines Stubb's on Friday, Nov. 26, with Danny Malone and Ruby Jane, makes her debut on the Late Show With David Letterman tonight, Nov. 24, performing her sultry "The Real Thing."

The Sword has knighted local hardcore drummer Kevin Fender as the replacement for **Trivett Wingo** on the band's rescheduled North American tour, which kicks off later this week. Also new to Fender's résumé is Discography, a retrospective from mathematically minded local bruisers Employer, Employee, which was recorded between 1998 and 2000 and features new artwork from Isis godhead Aaron Turner. roboticempirenews.blogspot.com.





Grateful Dead drummer Bill Kreutzmann and Austin's godfather of funk Malcolm "Papa Mali" Welbourne share the same zodiac designate: Taurus, the second astrological sign, a bull-shaped constellation visible in winter and supposedly ruled by the planet Venus.

That's not a rare occurrence; roughly two of every 150 people share a similar fate. Yet, both artists mention the fact in separate interviews, conducted days apart. It's as if they're seeking some sort of supernatural explanation for the mystical otherness of 7 Walkers, their new project with legendary Meters bassist George Porter Jr. and local keyboardist/producer/multi-instrumentalist and all-around MVP Matt Hubbard.

Make no mistake. The band's new self-titled debut comes as a cosmic revelation, full of amulet charms and shadow rhythms, unfolding with the patience and confidence normally reserved for a veteran band at its pinnacle. Boasting contributions from Grateful Dead lyricist Robert Hunter, 7 *Walkers* bears that band's distinct stamp, though more in spirit than in sound.

"It's a whole other groove," stresses Kreutzmann.

"We want to invoke the ethos of what the Dead embodied, a band that was steeped in all aspects of Americana, from Reverend Gary Davis to Obray Ramsey, but from our perspective, more blues than bluegrass," adds Welbourne. "People are excited to see something from the Dead that's not a cover band. I've never been one of those guys that has posters of Jerry [Garcia] on my wall or tries to play like him, and that's one of the reasons why this works."

Kreutzmann refers to the music of 7 Walkers as "swampadelic," a natural meeting point between his West Coast psychedelia and Welbourne's voodoo-funk. Theirs is a saga of friendship and good fortune, set in the bayou but firmly entrenched in Austin.

Hunter summed it up best to Kreutzmann in an e-mail after hearing the initial demos: "Sounds like you might have found the magic again."

Anthem of the Sun

I feel the pain of others, a blessing and a curse Got the means to heal, citing chapter book and verse

- "7 Walkers"

In the long, strange history of the Grateful Dead, Kreutzmann literally never skipped a beat. Known as one-half of the group's spiraling Rhythm Devils, he co-founded the infamous jam band and played its first show at one of Ken Kesey's Acid Tests in December 1965. He missed not one of an estimated 2,300 live performances that followed.

"If I didn't show up, they couldn't play," laughs Kreutzmann, 64, from a hotel in Hermosa Beach, Calif., humbled by the simplicity of the statistic. "It was a matter of pride, too. I didn't want to be the missing link."

When the Dead was buried along with its guiding light and guitarist Jerry Garcia in August 1995, Kreutzmann retreated to Hawaii, producing an environmental documentary, *Ocean Spirit*, and focusing on his work as a visual artist – anything to take his mind off the void. The drummer tried his hand at several projects, most notably Backbone, a one-off blues collaboration with guitarist Rick Barnett, and toured with Dead offshoot the Other Ones at the turn of the century. He later founded the Rhythm Devils with his three-decade partner in percussion, Mickey Hart, and jazz trio BK3. The former even featured new songs penned by Hunter.

"But there wasn't much holding my interest musically," he clarifies.

7 WALKERS (Response)

An "open love letter" to Louisiana and New Orleans, 7 Walkers' debut is funky, spooky, jazzy. What began as a latenight jam session between local blues shaman Malcolm "Papa Mali" Welbourne and Grateful Dead drummer Bill Kreutzmann blossomed into a supergroup with Meters' bassist George Porter Jr. and Austin multi-instrumentalist Matt Hubbard. Add Dead lyricist Robert Hunter, and you've just been served a bewitching brew. Even Willie Nelson shows up to sing and play on "King Cotton Blues." Still, 7 *Walkers* is all voodoo, with

stretches where Dr. John's trademark gris-gris is piled high, particularly when the mystical, tinkling "Chingo!" segues into the macabre blues "Louisiana Rain." Despite all the Grateful Dead connections or perhaps because of them, there's a looseness about the proceedings, although 7 Walkers never comes across as anything less than a working band. Kreutzmann's percussion is never prominent but always integral – one could even point to Hubbard as the linchpin. His keyboard work, harmonica, and trombone makes each tune distinct. The song that gives the band its name is perhaps the quartet's finest moment, a second-line groove sure to rattle some bones and a melody to raise spirits.

"Papa is such an amazing talent," enthuses Kreutzmann with a tinge of paternal pride. "Everything he touches is musical. He's very reminiscent of Jerry [Garcia] in that way."

That changed at the 2008 Oregon Country Fair. The annual counterculture arts exhibition has maintained a loose affiliation with the Merry Pranksters and the Dead since hosting a benefit concert for the Springfield Creamery, a yogurt company owned by Kesey's family, in 1972. At the behest of his girlfriend, Kreutzmann caught Welbourne's set and was so taken that he introduced himself afterward. The two were inseparable the rest of the weekend.

"That Sunday we closed the fair down," boasts the Palo Alto, Calif., native. "We played from midnight to 4 in the morning, until they finally told us to be quiet so that they could pack out. We've gotten along famously since then."

That camaraderie was plainly evident at the 2009 Austin City Limits Music Festival, where the two held court backstage with the merriment of old friends. Not even the Saturday afternoon downpour dampened their enthusiasm as they essentially laid out the blueprint for 7 Walkers – juke-joint blues, creole funk, and South Austin Americana interwoven with the Grateful Dead canon – during Papa Mali's set on the Austin Ventures stage, closing with a stirring revision of "Friend of the Devil."

"Papa is such an amazing talent," enthuses Kreutzmann with a tinge of paternal pride. "Everything he touches is musical. He's very reminiscent of Jerry in that way, and it's so refreshing to play with someone like that again, because the energy and the creativity involved is just boundless.

"When we were back in our practice studio in California, Jerry would play with his guitar and sing, and you could just tell from that exactly what you should do to complement the song. I get the same feeling from Papa.



He'll frame Bob's lyrics in a way that really holds the picture properly, and I'll know where I'm supposed to take it from there."

Thunder Chicken

Roll away from sorrow, roll away from pain Make myself a home among the gators and the rain

- "Louisiana Rain"

Papa Mali dwells above the garage of Malcolm Welbourne's cozy residence near Lake Travis, a portal into the inner psyche of his Night Tripper alter ego. Decorated with an assortment of voodoo sticks and Mardi Gras relics, the room could pass as an emporium of vintage keyboards and guitars, including a 1961 Stratocaster once used by Hubert Sumlin and a Les Paul given to him by its namesake creator.

Hundreds of vinyl records from every genre and decade – only a third of his collection – line the entrance alongside framed photos of Elvis Costello, Clifford Antone, and Ray Benson, while a Taj Mahal show poster and a "Leon Russell Lifer" sticker claim the wall by the studio console. A box of newly acquired Dead bootlegs and old master tapes of his longtime band the Killer Bees beckon further inspection.

The downstairs kitchen seems a world apart as Welbourne puts the final touches on

a homemade smoked turkey and butternut squash stew. Lounging in a purple Hippie Thugz sweatshirt, he resembles Santa Claus after a long Caribbean vacation, with graying dreadlocks down to his chest and lightly tinted Buddy Holly glasses. A recent thrift store find, Mongo Santamaria's 1970 boogaloo LP, *Feelin' Alright*, spins in the living room, offsetting the otherwise cold, dreary November afternoon.

"It's an extension of my spirituality and musicality," says Welbourne of the nickname he earned from Burning Spear, partly in reference to his six children. "I can't separate the two, though I'm quieter and more introverted when I'm not onstage."

Even before moving to Austin in 1985 at the behest of his former manager and South by Southwest co-founder Louis Jay Meyers, Welbourne's reggae outfit, the Killer Bees, was firmly established locally, often headlining Liberty Lunch. The Bees were one of the first American acts invited to Jamaica's Reggae Sunsplash festival in 1987 and remained a steady draw until the passing of the band's co-founder, Michael E. Johnson, in 2001.

"The deeper I got into it, the more I realized I would always be an outsider," reflects the 53-year-old songwriter, who remains a scholar on the subject and has written liner notes for reggae titans Lee "Scratch" Perry, CONTINUED ON P.56



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"I'm not superstitious, but when you're a really good band, there's a telepathic field around you," posits Hubbard. "They create this energy that you can get inside of and tap into it."

Dennis Brown, and Jimmy Cliff, among others. "It's not my culture. Those aren't my roots."

Raised in Shreveport, La., and mentored by late Delta blues guitarist Johnny "Slim" Campbell, Welbourne's roots remain in the oracular realm of swamp music. Between two solo albums, 2000's *Thunder Chicken* and 2007's *Do Your Thing*, he developed a distinct bitches' brew that pulls equally from the decidedly Southern R&B of Muscle Shoals, Dr. John's gris-gris, and the harrowing Texas songwriting of Townes Van Zandt.

Just as a jazz funeral pays final respects to the deceased with a bereaved march to the cemetery and a celebratory parade upon return, so too did both Kreutzmann and Welbourne find new life in 7 Walkers. The band's debut is based in and dedicated to the city of New Orleans ("A prayer for prosperity and a declaration of gratitude," reads the album inset), and lyricist Robert Hunter tailored the narratives to Welbourne's perspective and his own experiences in the Crescent City.

On paper alone, Hunter's words cast spells – just scroll through the cosmic refrain of the title track or the beautiful poeticism of "Evangeline." He's uniquely capable of finding the devil in the details then twisting the knife, as in "King Cotton Blues," which, not unlike the Dead's "Loser," tells the story of an outcast at the end of his rope, a character voiced by Willie Nelson in the chorus. Just as impressive are Welbourne's interpretations. 7 *Walkers* spans the Dixieland jazz of "New Orleans Crawl" and the swamp rockabilly shuffle "Sue From Bogalusa," with Welbourne's guitar and vocal styling adapting to the mix at every turn.

"Every time [Hunter] sends me lyrics, I sit there and stare at them until they begin to speak to me," Welbourne told the *Chronicle* late last year. "They're so rich in their characters and lively, with dead-on Louisiana references. It's quite a challenge to come up with music that's not only appropriate but worthy of his literary process.

"Bill had an instinct that Hunter and I would work well together. I just have to get inside of the lyric. That tells me what kind of music to put to it. I can't really explain it. It's almost been a mystery to me."

American Masters

King Cotton blues, boys, be it understood Shotgun is too merciful, hanging is too good Drowning is too uncertain, and poison is too slow To snuff a worthless widow's son whose time has come to go

– "King Cotton Blues"

Matt Hubbard plays the wizard both behind and in front of 7 Walkers' curtain. Walking through the living room of Nest Recording in Southwest Austin, the lanky multi-instrumentalist flings both arms toward the vaulted ceilings with endearing enthusiasm.

"This is the atmosphere that people try to re-create digitally," he proclaims during a guided tour of the facility, where 7 *Walkers* was recorded straight to two-inch analog tape last November. "It sounds just like the old Beatles records that we all love."

An electronic music and composition major at Ohio's prestigious Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Hubbard has been a ubiquitous presence in the local scene for the past decade, leading his own Beat-jazz ensemble and regularly backing Jane Bond, Kimmie Rhodes, and the Weary Boys' Mario Matteoli. More importantly, Hubbard's served as Willie Nelson's personal engineer since 1997, when he recorded the Red Headed Stranger – and met his future wife, Martha – while working on Paula Nelson's debut, *Coming Home*. He co-produced the outlaw's last Island outing, 2001's *Rainbow Connection*, and co-engineered Ray Price's 2003 Lost Highway comeback, *Run That by Me One More Time*, both of which earned Grammy nominations.

"There's definitely a high level of expectation for how things are supposed to sound," acknowledges Hubbard, 39, who handles all of Nelson's duets, most recently his contributions to the upcoming *Willie and the Wheel II*. "A great recording isn't as simple as someone having a good voice. There are so many pieces of the puzzle that need to be in place."

Welbourne, who helmed Ruthie Foster's 2007 breakout, *The Phenomenal Ruthie Foster*, served as producer on 7 *Walkers*, while Hubbard engineered, with the help of studio owner and Dertybird guitarist JT Holt. The result's a true 180-gram double LP, perfectly sequenced with attention to detail – the par-

lor game closing crooked Western "King Cotton Blues," the light downpour midway through "Louisiana Rain" – plus sonic and lyrical secrets that whisper louder with each subsequent listen.

For his part, Hubbard sounds like a one-man tent revival. In "King Cotton Blues," one of four songs originally cut at Nelson's studio in Luck, Texas, for Hunter's approval, he layers flophouse piano with brushes of somber trombone and high prairie harmonica. He single-handedly turns "New Orleans Crawl" into a second-line procession.

"I'm not superstitious, but when you're a really good band, there's a telepathic field around you," posits Hubbard. "You can feel it with people like Willie or Bill or even

David Garza. They create this energy that you can get inside of and tap into it. When it's not just about notes but the texture of the music itself, that's when things are happening."

Fire on the Bayou

Stand up straight with your back to the wall Gonna teach you the New Orleans crawl Down to your hands, fall to your knees Go round in a ring like looking for keys – "New Orleans Crawl"

- New Orleans Crawl

Reed Mathis of San Francisco jam band Tea Leaf Green actually handled most of the bass duties on 7 Walkers' debut. His galactic fusion-funk carries "(For the Love of) Mr. Okra," one of several instrumentals edited from nearly seven hours of improvised studio jams. His departure due to the touring demands of his mainstay as well as the Marco Benevento Trio proved a fortuitous setback, opening the door for the arrival of George Porter Jr.

"I like the freeness," offers Porter, a man of few words whose résumé speaks volumes.

As a founding member of the Meters, Porter was an essential architect of New Orleans funk, its gritty splendor and thick king cake party grooves, backing everyone from Dr. John and Allen Toussaint to Patti LaBelle and Solomon Burke. His enchanting hoodoo on "Chingo!" provided the final piece of the puzzle for 7 Walkers – both the band and album. For Welbourne, the transition bridged his two earliest musical inspirations: watching CBS News' "The Hippie Temptation" special on Haight-Ashbury and the Grateful Dead in 1967 and attending a Meters' carnival complete with Mardi Gras Indians – his first live concert – a few years later.

"Both of those events had a profound effect

Skeletons From

the Closet

7 Walkers'

Grateful Dead

repertoire

"Bertha"

"I Know You Rider"

"Turn on Your Love Light"

"He's Gone"

"Not Fade Away"

"Mr. Charlie"

"Bird Song"

"Wharf Rat"

"Sugaree"

"Deal"

"Goin' Down the Road Feeling Bad"

"Friend of the Devil"

"Little Sadie"

"Iko Iko"

"Morning Dew"

"Death Don't Have No Mercy"

on me," he nods. "And if I was writing a movie script, I don't think I could've given it a better ending."

Emerging through the fog like a riverboat on the Mississippi, 7 Walkers took the stage at the Old Settler's Music Festival in April as the waters were still rising in the neighboring creek, the entire Salt Lick Pavilion & Camp Ben McCulloch resembling a swampy marsh. Bolts of lightning streaked across the evening sky as Welbourne's shadow on the canopy loomed large over Kreutzmann's drum kit.

In their only local appearance to date, 7 Walkers pulled out everything in their bag of tricks. Hubbard balanced a juggling act of

barrelhouse piano and trombone, adding haunting harmonies to "Death Don't Have No Mercy." Reworked Dead classics "Deal" and "Turn on Your Love Light" recalled a Southern version of Pink Floyd, propelled by Kreutzmann's powerful percussive ellipsis and Welbourne's space needle slide guitar.

The entire 90-minute set resembled a spirit possession ceremony, an effect that's only been bolstered by the subsequent addition of Porter's boisterous low-end rattle. Six months later, 7 Walkers has already started working on six more Hunter originals for a second LP, with plans to continue touring well through next year.

"I never thought I would find another band that could fulfill me in the way that the Grateful Dead did for 30 years," Kreutzmann concludes. "7 Walkers is doing it in Technicolor. I've never told that to anybody before, and that's because it hadn't happened until recently.

"It's a match made somewhere in music heaven."



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texas platters

BROADCASTS VOL. 18 (93.3 KGSR Radio Austin)

Now that KGSR personality, identity, and Broadcasts architect Jody Denberg has ceded the sound of Our Town to local airwaves still void of his absence, the FM frequency's annual 2-CD smorgasbord of Triple-A chronicling tweaks its formula ever so subtly. More than 21/2 hours of intimate, mostly acoustic performances are sequenced on Broadcasts Vol. 18 no longer chronologically, but vertically - according to live/local/2010 circumstance. KGSR tapes 'em, but 40 different Austin and beyond acts mash up into a communal mixtape. Leadoff Alejandro Escovedo used to fill the



role of ATX's Lou Reed for his self-abusive songwriting, but now he's the Boss thanks to a Springsteen management tie-in and subtle shift from the musically avant-garde (The Boxing Mirror) to declarative rock (this year's Street Songs of Love). "Anchor" lives up to Escovedo's title, especially anticipating the Avett Brothers' echoes of the Band on "I and Love and You." Mississippi hopeful Charlie Mars bridges that opening one-two to a capital city pair as tried and true as Austin City Limits: Joe Ely ("Midnight Train") and Robert Earl Keen, whose vocal sensitivity on "Village Inn" proves his George Strait-like monarchy of Texan songcraft. Blitzen Trapper's campfire indie roots ("Black River Killer") dovetail into the speakeasy twang of young Kiwi Gin Wigmore ("Oh My") just ahead of a stream of sensitive boys - Utah theologian Joshua James ("Coal War) and beguiling gals (Lady Day-kissed local flower Kat Edmonson). Bland (Mat Kearney), overripe (Quiet Company), wretched (the Temper Trap), they come in all stripes. Brandi Carlile stepping up as the old/new Bonnie Raitt warming up the right reverend Billy Joe Shaver ("The Get-Go") lets loose a Lone Star whoop. Cover boys Spoon are "Written in Reverse" off their Austin City Limits taping this summer. Disc two offers the better of the pair: new millennial true grit (Ryan Bingham), crushes (She & Him), discoveries (Aussie Ry Cuming), break-outs (Amy Cook), and even Griffin House's laughably condescending but catchy "She Likes Girls." Hippie throwbacks (Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeros), ancient vox (Citizen Cope), and timeless testifying (Black Joe Lewis & the Honeybears) join perennials (Crowded House), the better with age (Rosanne Cash) and lack thereof (Sahara Smith), and spirit walkers (Texas Tornados). Please go away: Sheryl Crow – guitarist Doyle Bramhall II ought stay. Asleep at the Wheel goes on just before closer Lyle Lovett. Your town. ***

- Raoul Hernandez

ELIZABETH MCQUEEN

The Laziest Girl in Town (Freedom) Forget trying to pigeonhole Elizabeth McQueen. Her first disc, 2003's The Fresh Up Club, was a little bit country and a whole lot of rock & roll. She followed with Happy Doing What We're Doing, a tribute to 1970s

British pub rock. The Laziest Girl in Town is a completely unexpected turn to the world of Ella Fitzgerald and Nina Simone. More surprisingly, McQueen composed seven of the tunes her-



self – not her strong suit in the past - and with the help of some of her Asleep at the Wheel bandmates and local guitar wiz Andrew Nofziger, she swings like crazy. Covering Cole Porter on the title track, McQueen purrs in a way you've never heard her. She

flirts frisky throughout, nearly scatting "Mind of Men" and hints at rockabilly on "Lonely Madman." Hardly the Laziest, McQueen's one of the most talented girls in Austin.

– Jim Caligiuri

for the sake of the song

BY JIM CALIGIURI

DARDEN SMITH Marathon (Darden Music)

Named for the West Texas town near Big Bend, Darden Smith delivers an affecting song cycle about physical and spiritual desolation. A peak in his 25-year songwriting career, the veteran local weaves atmospheric instrumentals with a tableau of folk, jazz, and blues that's equally introspective and hard-hitting. A triumph of simplicity, Marathon and its search for meaning is typified by "75 Miles of Nothing," a metaphor for the Texas desert and the difficulty Smith has had finding his place in the world. $\star \star \star \star$

JIMMY LAFAVE Favorites 1992-2001 (Music Road)

A best-of collection from Jimmy LaFave's tenure on Colorado-based imprint Bohemia Beat, Favorites will be particularly interesting to longtime fans for three re-recordings, including the local Okie's signature tune, "Desperate Men Do Desperate Things." Lauded as a premier Dylan interpreter, his rendition of "Sweetheart Like You" is sure to thrill. At 16 tracks and more than 70 minutes long, Favorites is soon to become just that. ***

DAX RIGGS Say Goodnight to the World (Fat Possum)

The cultish career of Dax Riggs has taken the backwoods less traveled. In the early 1990s, he fronted

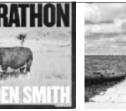
pioneering Louisiana sludge metal outfit Acid Bath, which spawned Goatwhore and the more melodic Agents of Oblivion before reemerging in the blues-rock duo Deadboy & the Elephantmen for 2006's We Are Night Sky. Like labelmate (and fellow C3 Presents client) Erika Wennerstrom of the Heartless Bastards, Riggs ended up in Austin, where he cut his third solo album in four years. Say Goodnight to the World fades to black with gritty punkblues that suggests a swampier Black Keys ("Graveyard on My Blue Suede Shoes," "No One Will Be a Stranger"). His gothic-noir lullabies ("I Hear Satan," "See You All in Hell or New Orleans") are carried by a voice that still conjures the ghost of Layne Staley. In "Heartbreak Hotel," which slows the original to a near-deathbed lament, Riggs proves he's not just howling milk cow blues. - Austin Powell ***

FRANK SMITH Nineteen

Aaron Sinclair draws serrated melodicism through a clenched jaw, an uneasy bitterness lingering ominously behind every

utterance. In the past, Frank Smith exploited its frontman's impulses by shifting between dire alt.country and

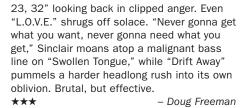
unleashed rockers, the two strains coming together nicely on 2009's Big Strike in Silver City. For the local quintet's eighth album, Sinclair's desperate ruminations remain, for the most part, subdued, which makes them more menacing. Nineteen plays like a disc cut on a late-night drunken binge of reflection and regret, the title track and "5, 10, 15, 21,



ADAM AHRENS

Known for his guitar playing, both as an acoustic finger-picker and on Hawaiian slack key. Austin's Adam Ahrens stretches his style on his third effort. With the assistance of producer Michael Ramos, the nine tunes on Prize Fight approximate Beck meeting Calexico at Tom Waits house as wobbly beats and bubbling soundscapes abound. Few would think of covering O.C. Smith territory and Ennio Morricone in the same set, but Ahrens makes it work with singular aplomb. ★★↓





GHOSTBEARD Stochasticity (C-Side)

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The latest offering from C-Side Records, Austin's revolving door folk-pop family (the Channel, Golden Bear), doesn't stray far from



the label's mellow gold standards. The group asserts the title of the album as a noun first, "the quality of lacking any predictable order or plan," so it feels like they just showed up to practice one day and jammed these seven songs out. That said, as a follow-up to 2009 debut What's the Word Bird?. it feels fuller. thanks to clarinet, violin, trumpet, and a chorus of boy-girl vocals. Some of Stochasticity plays out a bit precious (anti-climatic closer "Ghost Town"), but there's a melodic sense underneath and a duty to the naturalist side of Southern folk ("Appalachia," "See You Again"). Indeed, there's no sense of predictability here, but a little more cohesion would have gone a long way.

Audra Schroeder

BRENNEN LEIGH The Box

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If what passes for country music these days gives you a headache, Brennen Leigh has the remedy. The Box is traditional. No loud guitars or



booming drums, just simple instrumentation, uncomplicated sentiments, and the local's honeyed vocals. The young singer-

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KING FISHER EP

The follow-up to last year's debut, Sweet Tea & Cigarettes, finds King Fisher moving away from its alternative and blues rock musings toward a more rootsoriented vibe. The lead duo, vocalist Val Link and guitarist Catlin Rutherford, offer four songs that lilt by quickly but leave little impression. Closer "Runaway" suggests Pearl Jam without the urgency. **

Prize Fight





instrumentalism

Dubbed to limited-edition cassettes, the Boxing Lesson's Fur State offers a low-budget instrumental affair with an unusually high return. Recorded with a four-track in 2004, the eight-part sequence spins a distant carousel waltz of melody and mood, layering elongated vintage synthesizers and drum machine loops over stretches of acoustic guitar. It's a mellow, delirious listen, though "Three" and "Five," in particular, could pass as unfinished demos for the Lesson's customary space rock. In name only, Digital Antique conjures a similar aesthetic. The local trio employs a revolving string quartet and prefers the cleaner, more sophisticated realm of classical music. The group's eponymous debut unfolds with impressive patience and grace, leaning closer to the cinematic expressionism of My Education than Balmorhea's West Texas landscapes. "Taj Mahaal Monkees" showcases Antique's knack for unexpected right turns. From halfway around the world comes (Professor) Ustad Ghulam Farid Nizami, a 17th-generation Pakistani sitar scholar who's performed for every foreign dignitary from Nelson Mandela to Queen Elizabeth. A Fulbright scholarship brought him to UT in 2008, and Flowers of the Heart serves as his proper local introduction. An exotic, spellbinding collection of ancient Sufi ("Jogi Teri Poongi") and Rajasthani folk songs ("Tilak Kamod") finds voice primarily on sitar and tabla. Flowers proves Nizami could be the Black Angels' Ravi Shankar. - Austin Powell

songwriter has an obvious affection for the Louvin Brothers. Contemporary artists like Patty Loveless and Jim Lauderdale make similar moves, mixing bluegrass and country with deep admiration. Lauderdale even sings harmony on the title track, about mementos people keep locked away either because they want to remember or, more likely, because they don't. Leigh has progressed tremendously since she moved to Austin from Minnesota as a 19-year-old. It's doubtful she could've written "Sleeping With the Devil" at a younger age or delivered it with such plaintive resolve. It's like that inside The Box, songs of wounded characters, hearts broken, and restlessness, all delivered with a touch that's distinctively warm and human. ****

– Jim Caligiuri

WHITE DENIM Last Day of Summer

Austin's White Denim makes the most of every "staycation." Like Workout Holiday, the then-power trio's 2008 European debut. Last Day of Summer was cut between tours and taken from sessions that will comprise







the band's forthcoming third LP for Downtown Records. Despite the circumstances, Summer's actually the band's most consistent work to date. a 12-song collection

of squiggly jazz-pop anchored by the romantic inclinations of singer/guitarist James Petralli, whose layered vocals double in each channel. Drummer Josh Block, bassist Steve Terebecki, and new guitarist Austin Jenkins flex their considerable chops in the opening double-time revision of Fits' "I'd Have It Just the Way We Were" and a pair of puzzlelike instrumentals featuring guest saxophonist Alex Coke. These Mothers of Reinvention dabble in kaleidoscopic bubblegum pop ("Home Together") and Western soul ("If You're Changing"), while landing a certifiable classic in "Tony Fatti." Currently available as a free download with an optional donation feature. Last Day of Summer dials up a bargain at any price. ****

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Sixty minutes of instrumental surf and turf from this Austin metal quartet flies highest on oceanic opener "Helm" and forest-clear-



Raoul Hernandez

DIKES OF HOLLAND (Sundae Records) **THE YOUNG Voyagers of Legend** (Mexican Summer) Like a spitfire punk

version of the Band,

Dikes of Holland takes a Russian roulette approach to songwriting and live performances, trading instruments and lead vocals on nearly every number. That versatility - unapparent on earlier 7-inch singles - works wonders on the local quintet's debut full-length, a grimy chain reaction of psychotic post-punk. Guitarist Trey Reimer heads the most fully formed endeavors: "Sunrise," "No Desire," and "Get Your Shovels Out," the latter recalling the climax to a No Wave Western. Producer John Paul Bohon retreats to the garage for the drunken bop of "I've Brothers Everywhere,"



THE UGLY BEATS Motor! (Get Hip)

In both aesthetic and sound, the Ugly Beats have always kept it real. The whole 1960s revamp has gone limp in lesser hands, but



on its third LP, the local quintet reasserts that, in the right hands, such sounds remain timeless. Motor! is a solid effort, "Harm's Way" and "Through You" balancing the ballad/rocker seesaw, as do the buzzing organ lines of "Bee Line" and follow-up "See," Neil Diamond torcher "You'll Forget" retains some of the original schmaltz but demonstrates what a well-oiled machine the Ugly Beats have become since the teen dance party kicks of 2005 debut Bring on the Beats! In an era when 1990s music is now considered "classic" rock, the fact that these pop/rock scholars can still polish the beat with gusto and poise is a testament to their deep appreciation of the sound, not to mention an era when an album was played in two halves. ****

Audra Schroeder



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LEAD STORY

Surreal Estate: Of the 12 million people of Mumbai, India, 62% live in slums, but the city is also home to Mukesh Ambani's 27-story private residence (37,000 square feet, 600 employees serving a family of five), reported to cost about \$1 billion. According to an October New York Times dispatch, there are "terraces upon terraces," hanging gardens, "airborne swimming pools," and a room where artificial weather can be created. Ambani and his brother inherited their father's textile-exporting juggernaut but notoriously spend much of their time in intra-family feuding. A local domestic worker told the Times (noting that both she and Ambani are human beings) that she has difficulty understanding why the Ambanis have so much while she struggles on the equivalent of \$90 a month.

INEXPLICABLE

Convicted sex offender David Parkhurst, 27, was arrested in October in Palm Bay, Fla., and charged with sexual contact with a 15-year-old girl. According to police, when they asked her about any physical characteristics of Parkhurst's body so that they could substantiate her story, she said only that he had a "Superman-shaped shield" implant on his genitals (which was later verified).

More than 4,450 activities are federal crimes, and 300,000 federal regulations that can be enforced with criminal penalties, according to an October feature by McClatchy Newspapers, and to illustrate its point that Congress has gone overboard in creating "crimes," McClatchy pointed to a Miami seafood importer. Abner Schoenwetter, 64, just finished a six-year stretch in prison for the crime of contracting to purchase lobster tails from a Honduran seller whom federal authorities learned was violating lobster-harvest regulations.

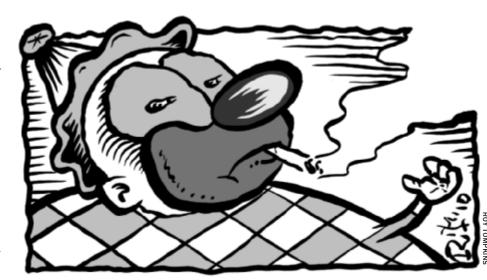
DNA evidence has exonerated 261 convicted criminals (including 17 on death row), but more interesting, according to professor Brandon Garrett of the University of Virginia School of Law, more than 40 such exonerations have been of criminals who falsely confessed to crimes. "I beat myself up a lot," Eddie Lowery told The New York Times in September. Lowery had falsely admitted raping a 75-year-old woman and served a 10-year sentence before being cleared. "I thought I was the only dummy who did that." Lowery's (nearly logical) explanation was typical: Weary from high-pressure police interrogation, he gave up and told them what they wanted to hear, figuring he'd get a lawyer to straighten everything out - except that, by that time, the police had his confession on video, preserved for the jury.

UNCLEAR ON THE CONCEPT

Acting on a citizen complaint, officials in Plymouth, England, ruled in November that Army cadets (ages 12 to 18), who practice precision drills with their rifles, could not handle them during the public parade on Britain's Remembrance Day (Veterans Day). Officials said they did not want to glamorize guns.



BY CHUCK SHEPHERD



Clownmania: 1) Performers in New York's traveling Bindlestiff Family Cirkus protested in October against political campaign language referring to Washington, D.C., as a circus. Said Kinko the Clown, "Before you call anyone in Washington a clown, consider how hard a clown works." 2) Tiririca the Clown ("grumpy" in Portuguese), a professional clown, was elected by resounding vote to the Brazilian Congress from São Paulo in October under the slogan "It can't get any worse." 3) In June, Britain's traveling John Lawson's Circus announced a series of counseling sessions for people who avoid circuses for fear of clowns. Coulrophobia is reportedly Britain's third-leading phobia, after spiders and needles.

In June, the roller coaster at the Funtown Splashtown in Saco, Maine, unexpectedly came to a halt, stranding riders for 15 minutes. Reportedly furious, Eric and Tiffany Dillingham said later that their 8-year-old daughter was so frightened that she had to be taken to a hospital and had nightmares constantly since then. (Since the purpose of a roller coaster is to induce fright, it was not known whether the girl would also have required a hospital visit if the ride had been working perfectly.)

CAN'T POSSIBLY BE TRUE

Stacey Herald, 36, of Dry Ridge, Ky., is 28 inches tall, with a rare condition called osteogenesis imperfecta, which causes brittle bones and underdeveloped organs - provoking doctors' warnings that childbirth could cause the fetus to crush Stacey's lungs and heart (and produce a baby susceptible to broken legs and arms for life). However, to the delight of her husband, Wil, 27 (and 69 inches tall), Stacey recently gave birth to baby No. 3 and promised more. The middle child, 2, without OI, is already a foot taller than Stacey, but the other two are afflicted, with the recent one (according to a July ABC News report) 5 inches long at birth, weighing 2 pounds, 10 ounces.

Prolific: 1) In October, police arrested a man arriving at the Madras, India, airport from Sri Lanka, bringing precious stones into the country in condoms in his stomach. After employing laxatives, police recovered 2,060 diamonds and other gems. 2) William Wright, 54, was arrested in St. Petersburg, Fla., in October and charged with using a hidden camera in a ladies' room to photograph a young girl. Charges are still pending from 2009 when police said Wright had taken upskirt photos of more than 2,300 women.

Safari World, the well-known and controversial zoo on the outskirts of Bangkok, Thailand, has previously stupefied the world (and "News of the Weird" readers) by training orangutans to play basketball, ride motorbikes, and kickbox (while outfitted in martial-arts trunks). In a photo essay in November, London's *Daily Mail* showcased the park's most recent success – training elephants to tightrope-walk (where they prance on a reinforced cable for 15 meters and then, displaying astonishing balance, turn around on the wire).

Visit Chuck Shepherd daily at www.newsoftheweird.blogspot.com (or www.newsoftheweird.com).

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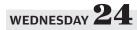
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FERAL CAT CLINICS offer trapping

classes and loaner traps (with a deposit) to help keep the stray cat population under control. Reservations required. Wednesdays & Thursdays, 6:30-8:30am. Austin Humane Society, 124 W. Anderson, 968-7171. Free. www.austinhumanesociety.org.

💥 UT VS. A&M BLOOD DRIVE This doesn't seem very fair, but the Blood & Tissue Center of Central Texas will be pitting UT blood donors against A&M bleeders to see who comes out on top. Let's capitalize on our home advantage by calling for donation locations and making appointments. One lucky donor will walk away with tickets to the big game. Sat.-Wed., Nov. 20-24. 206-1266. www.inyourhands.org.

GAY SENSITIVE AA MEETING You don't have to be a UT student; you just have to want to quit drinking. Meet in the basement of the School of Social Work every Hump Day at lunchtime. Noon-12:45pm. UT School of Social Work, 1925 San Jacinto, 475-8352. hn85@mail.utexas.edu or i.grahovac@uhs.utexas.edu.

TRIANGLE FARMERS' MARKET Fresh, local produce without the early hours of those other farmers' markets. Wednesdays, 3-7pm. Austin Farmers' Market at the Triangle, 4600 Guadalupe, 236-0074. www.austinfarmersmarket.org.

WE HAVE FACES! "Madame is the greatest star of them all." It's not that Mizz Havemeyer hasn't been ready for her close-up, per se (more like the camera has not been ready for her), it's just that she's been practicing these lines all her life. Come see the closest thing to a Rebecca H. biopic on the big screen as Celluloid Handbag screens the epic Sunset Boulevard! 7pm. Alamo Drafthouse at the Ritz, 320 E. Sixth, 476-1320. www.originalalamo.com

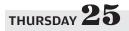
W OCH RETRO NIGHT: BACK TO THE BOATHOUSE

Come for the memories at this veritable class reunion of an old beloved Austin gay bar with all your Eighties tricks, tunes from the times, and drinks for \$1. Not exactly Reaganomics. Thank God. Wednesdays, 10pm. Oilcan Harry's, 211 W. Fourth, 320-8823.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS

(See Film Listings.) Marwencol @ Alamo Ritz, 9:50pm Sunset Boulevard @ Alamo Ritz, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) John McLaughlin & the 4th Dimension One World Theatre The Greencards Threadgill's World HQ



WAYNE'S FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER Share the

holidays with family ... your chosen family. Enjoy a full turkey meal for free. If you wish, bring dessert to share. Or be dessert. This annual tradition is 28 years deep and a delicious way to make community. God bless Charlie's. Noon. Charlie's Austin, 1301 Lavaca, 474-6481. www.charliesaustin.com

TRAVIS COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET Renovated and reopened, this market has all the local meat. veggies, dairy, and crafts you could want. Thursdays, 3-7pm. 6701 Burnet Rd., 821-9221. gems23rd@sbcglobal.net.



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THANKSGIVING EATS Not interested in cooking this year? Think pilgrims aren't worth the oven time? Amen, brothers and sisters! Check out our list of saintly folk who will be open and serving food at stinchronicle.com/thanksgiving.

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Turkey Time Continental Club, Saxon Pub, Antone's, Red 7

FRIDAY 26

🗱 BUY NOTHING DAY You could brave the crowds on this blackest of Fridays, or you could stay at home and pretend that you're taking part of a worldwide protest against consum-

erism, when, in fact, you really just don't like people. www.buynothingday.org.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Commiserate with other locals who are

caring for an ill or elderly loved one. Fridays, 12:15-1:15pm. Hospice Austin, 4107 Spicewood Springs Rd. #100, 342-4784. Free. www.hospiceaustin.org.

SPECIAL BURNT ORANGE

STORYTIME! How did Bevo rise to stardom as the cherished mascot of UT's Longhorns? Rick King reads Bodie and The Burnt Orange Sunset. 6:30pm. Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 10000 Research #158, 418-8985.

LOOSE LIPS: THE REMIX QPOC open mic with sign-ups at 7pm, show at 8pm, and dance with DJ Arghanoa and DJ E.M.T. Every last Friday of the month, 7pm. MonkeyWrench Books, 110 E. North Loop, 407-6925. Free. www.queersol.org.

LAST CHANCE TO CATCH 'RENT' And you know how gay that play is. Plus local diva Ginger Leigh tears it up along with an equally amazing cast. Fri.-Sat., Nov. 26-27, 8pm, Sun., Nov. 28, 2:30pm. Zach Theatre's Kleberg Stage, 1421 W. Riverside, 476-0594

CHURCH! This is the first church we know of where you need confession right after the mass. This altar is where the Glitoris spins sinfully. Fridays. Oilcan Harry's, 211 W. Fourth, 320-8823. www.theglitoris.com

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.) AMOA

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) Terminator 2: Judgment Day @ CM Cedar Park, Tinseltown South, 12mid

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Sahara Smith, Danny Malone, Ruby Jane Stubb's

The Posies, Brendan Benson La Zona Rosa The Golden Boys The Scoot Inn The Mother Truckers Continental Club



🕍 GAY PLACE RUMMAGE/YARD/

GA(Y)RAGE SALE The Gay Place Krewe, some chronic Chronsters, and friends shall sell, sell, sell on this weekend of shop, shop, shop. Furniture, clothes. TVs, records, and more. We're close to Hancock Center. Come rummage us in the parking lot and get up on our junque. No early birds! 8am. The Austin Chronicle, 4000 N. I-35, 454-5766 x129. Free. gayplace@austinchronicle.com, www.austinchronicle.com/gav.

this week's



TURKEY WITH FAMILY Every year for the last 27, Charlie's Austin has hosted and served free Thanksgiving dinner. Last year, we didn't make it because we were on the shore kissing a dolphin, but this year looks like another day of thanks spent on Lavaca with friends, known and new. It's a sweet tradition that we have been enjoying for the better part of our almost two decades in town. Sometimes we bring the kid (he's of tender, legal age); sometimes we meet pals there; sometimes we fly solo. No matter our number, though, new friends always factor into the mix. Charlie's begins serving at 1pm, and all you have to bring is your gorgeous self. If you'd like to bring a dessert to share, there is always a scrumptious buffet table of after-dinner treats, and the more is always the merrier. Send gav bits to cookie (hint, hint). (See Thursday.) gayplace@ austinchronicle.com.

POST-TRYPTOPHAN BLOWOUT Sure. sure. the day after Turkey Day is the sales event of the season, blah blah. It's even earned its own color. And the Black Friday megasales usually stretch across the entire

weekend. Well, the Gay Place Krewe can't resist get-

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ting in on the action, so we are setting up shop in The Austin Chronicle parking lot this Saturday, 8am-3pm for the Gay Place Ga(y)rage Sale. Many Gay Placers, some Chroniclers, and an assortment of fabulous friends will have tables loaded with deals galore. Our building is just north of the campus area and proximate to the Hancock Center, Mueller, the Delwood Shopping Center, and lots of local shopping. We hope you'll come out and say hi! And drop a dead president or inventor/statesman or two. (See Saturday.)

WE LIED So, two weeks ago, we outlined our master plan for the Gay Place Blog (austinchronicle.com/gay), laying out the featured themes of each weekday of

workweek blogging. Since then, we have changed our collective mind. Tuesday is our new day for features about LGBTO allies. Wednesday shall be the new home of 'Mo Music, the homotastic queersplosion of what's in the clubs, on

our 'pods, and in our pads. Please come hang out with us virtually.







L - R: THANKSGIVING DAY (SEE THURSDAY) | AUSTIN TOROS (SPORTS, P.67) | START TREKKIN' (ARTS, P.68) | BURLESQUE (FILM, P.74) | CHIP TAYLOR & CARRIE RODRIGUEZ (MUSIC, P.82)



BY GERALD E. MCLEOD **daytrips**

Just north of downtown Houston, 14 Pews is a community center that got its start in 1924 when the Sunset Heights Church of Christ built the clapboard building on a quiet street in the Heights district.

The venue's new owner. Cressandra Thibodeaux, has plans for the future that include screenings of independent films, workshops for children and adults, musical performances, and other artistic expressions looking for an audience. Already the microcinema and alternative performance space has hosted an experimental Latino jazz band and a foodie blogging event and is working on an It Gets Better Project essay and film festival for gay and lesbian youth and a Younger Than Jesus film festival



with workshops open to filmmakers 33 years old and younger.

Thibodeaux says her goal is to help foster Houston's creative community by giving groups a place for public performances. In the first three months of operation, she has been encouraged by the number of people who want to help.

Andrea Grover purchased the building from the church congregation and founded the Aurora Picture Show there in 1998. Over the next dozen years, the theatre developed a national reputation for showing cutting-edge films, many by regional artists. At the same time, the former sanctuary served as a neighborhood meeting hall. Since Grover put the building on the market in 2009, the Aurora has continued as a nomadic microcinema organization screening films at alternative art spaces around the city.

From the outside, the steep pitch of the roof line offers a clue of the building's former life as a church. Even with the dark red awning accented with white Christmas lights, the theatre blends quietly into the middle-class neighborhood a half block off North Main Street.

On the inside, the two rows of seven pews each are the only hint of its previous life. The bare wood walls and floor give the room a warm, natural feel. "Being a former church, the acoustics are great," Thibodeaux says. "Musicians absolutely love the hall." With space for 98 patrons, it can be a very intimate experience for audience and artist.

A graduate of Houston public schools, Thibodeaux went on to earn a master's of fine arts degree from Columbia University and pursue a career in Los Angeles. In 1996, she made Spamarama the Movie, inspired by the festival dedicated to the canned meat that was held in Austin from 1976 to 2007. The idea for the film started from a poster for the festival she saw in an Austin bar.

After a divorce, Thibodeaux returned to Houston to enter a new chapter of her life. The neighborhood theatre at 800 Aurora St. is an expression of her art and support of the arts community of her adopted home. As the film and art programs develop over the months, the theatre's schedule of provocative and unique events will be posted at www.14pews.com.

1,011th in a series. Collect them all. Day Trips, Vol. 2, a book of Day Trips 101-200, is available for \$8.95, plus \$3.05 for shipping, handling, and tax. Mail to: Day Trips, PO Box 33284, South Austin, TX 78704.

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CHOOSE & CUT A CHRISTMAS TREE Start

a new family tradition or continue an old one by visiting one of the many tree farms in the area that open on the day after Thanksgiving and stay open every weekend up until Christmas for the freshest tree that money can buy. For a list of farms in the area and what they offer, go to one of these websites. www.picktexas.com, www.texaschristmastrees.com, www.pickyourownchristmastree.org.

REGIONAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTING TRAIL Take a tour after dark to see the special lighting displays in Boerne, Burnet, Dripping Springs, Fredericksburg, Johnson City, Llano, Marble Falls, and New Braunfels. Nov. 26-Jan. 1. Texas Hill Country, 830/977-8515. Free. www.tex-fest.com.

HOMESTEAD CRAFT & CHILDREN'S FAIR The kids get to participate in hands-on projects while everyone watches the artisans at work, enjoys the live music, samples the food, and does a little shopping. Fri.-

Sun., Nov. 26-28. Homestead at Brazos de Dios, outside of Elm Mott and north of Waco, 254/754-9600. www.homesteadheritage.com.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK LIGHTED DRIVING **TOUR** Drive through the park to see 150 lighted

scenes, and then enjoy a cup of hot chocolate at the end. Nov. 26-Jan. 1. Municipal Park, Cuero, 361/275-8178. www.christmasincuero.com

DICKENS ON MAIN Stroll the historic business district lined with food and drink booths, costumed vendors, wassail, arts & crafts, entertainment, and Santa. Fri.-Sun., Nov. 26-28. Boerne, 830/249-7277. www.visitboerne.org.

A TIMELESS CHRISTMAS Visit the boyhood home of President Lyndon B. Johnson and the Johnson Settlement to see the buildings decked out in Christmas finery from the 1920s and 1860s. Sat., Nov. 27. Johnson City, 830/868-7128 x244. www.nps.gov/lyjo.

AUSTIN FARMERS' MARKET features fresh organic produce, meats, and cheeses straight from surrounding Texas farms, plus live music every week. Saturdays, 9am-1pm. Republic Square Park, 422 Guadalupe, 974-6700. Free. www.austinfarmersmarket.org.

* AUSTIN UNCHAINED DAY Take a break from the Walmarts and Targets of the world and shop locally, if just for a day. Remember that money spent locally stays local and benefits your community - something the Austin Independent Business Alliance has been saying since Unchained's inception in 2003. www.ibuvaustin.com.

BARTON CREEK FARMERS MARKET Expect local farm-fresh produce that belies its placement in a parking lot. Saturdays, 9am-1pm. Barton Creek Square, 2901 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 280-1976. Free. www.bartoncreekfarmersmarket.org.

REPUBLIC SQUARE WEED 'N' FEED After you've enjoyed the farmers' market, help maintain this popular Downtown park. Tools, gloves, and live music will be provided. 9-11am. Republic Square Park, 422 Guadalupe, 477-1566. Free. www.austinparks.org.

SUSTAINABLE FOOD CENTER FARMERS' MARKET Organic and local meats, cheeses, and produce await you. Saturdays, 9am-1pm. Toney Burger Activity Center, 3200 Jones, 414-2096. Free. www.sfcfarmersmarketsunsetvalley.org.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL The Charles Dickens Christmas tale is brightened up a bit for the kids, but the message is the same: If you're poor, wait for ghosts to haunt a wealthy man, and he will buy you presents. Suitable for kids between the ages of 3 and 7. Through Dec. 12. Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 2pm. Scottish Rite Theatre, 207 W. 18th, 472-5436. \$10 (\$8, children). www.srct.org.

🗮 MAKERS & BAKERS HOLIDAY BAZAAR Yes, there will be the standard vendors and food carts you expect from a holiday bazaar, but this is being billed as a steampunk Christmas, so prepare for performances, interactivity, and a play area for kids including stop-motion-animation stations. Sat.-Sun., Nov. 27-28. 10am-8pm. Community Renaissance Market, 6800 West Gate Blvd., 522-6161. Free. www.makersandbakersbazaar.com

SOUTH FIRST SATURDAYS Indie shops on South First help turn your holiday shopping into a party with entertainment, food, and other special offers. Go online for a list of participating stores and events. Saturdays through Dec. 18. South First between Barton Springs Road & Oltorf. www.ibuyaustin.com.

WESTCAVE PUBLIC TOURS

Only guided tours of this nature preserve are allowed. which keeps the area as pristine as possible. Lucky for you, there are tours every weekend to see all the natural wonders, including a 40-foot waterfall. Saturdays & Sundays, 10am, noon, 2 & 4pm. Westcave Preserve, 24814 Hamilton Pool Rd., 830/825-3442. \$5 (\$2, kids). www.westcave.org.

FOLKS FROM THE PARAMOUNT THEATRE kick

off the holidays with Junie B. in *lingle Bells*. Batman Smells! 11am. Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 10000 Research #158. 418-8985.

TINPLATE TRACKERS TRAIN

CLUB Come watch the choochoos and inspire the next generation to keep this historic hobby alive and well. You might even be allowed to sit behind

the controls if you're kind enough to the tip iar. Saturdays through Jan. 15. noon-5pm. 201 W. Second. Donations appreciated. www.trainweb.org/ttat.

MITCHIE'S STORYTIME This weekly storytime features African and African-American folktales, and each child receives a free gift. (Second and third Saturdays include sign-language instruction.) Saturdays, 1-2pm, Mitchie's Gallery, 7801 N, Lamar Ste. B-148, 323-6901. Free. www.mitchie.com

AMOA PUBLIC TOURS Nothing like a docent-led tour of the Austin Museum of Art's latest exhibition to increase your cultural cachet. Saturdays. 2pm. Austin Museum of Art - Downtown, 823 Congress, 495-9224. Free with museum admission. www.amoa.org.

GRINDR PARTY Touch that app. Watch your Crackberry go bonkers. Or "nuts," as it were. (Though, doesn't doing this in a gay bar kinda negate the whole app concept?) 9pm. Oilcan Harry's, 211 W. Fourth, 320-8823. www.grindr.com.

HARGRAVE ARCADE This month in addition to the house full of vintage video games, live music, and movies on the outdoor screen, your host, Trey Baker, will be donating the lion's share of his copious coif to Locks of Love. Don't have 10 inches of hair to spare? Don't worry all of the money from the door goes to the same charity. 11851/2 Hargrave. \$10. www.hargravearcade.org.

FANTASY LOUNGE Let us make reality of Stanley Rov's fantasy to fill this joint with all manner of fantastical intimacies. Stanley "Fantasy" Roy, DJs Disco Tits and Rad Pitt. Private karaoke rooms (included in cover) for the diva-inclined. 10pm-3am. Above Silhouette Sushi. 718 Congress. \$5. staningly@gmail.com

LAST CHANCE TO CATCH 'RENT' (See Friday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) Terminator 2: Judgment Day @ CM Cedar Park,

Tinseltown South, 12mid The Little Prince @ Alamo Drafthouse South, 11am

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) HAAM Benefit Beerland Mother Falcon, Marmalakes The Parish Pocket FishRmen The Scoot Inn Heartless Bastards, Ume Antone's The Mother Truckers Continental Club



LAURA FREEMAN & THE HEY

LOLLIES combine singing, dancing, and general silliness that's like catnip for kids. 10:30am. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. Free (donations appreciated).

LEGENDARY: THE DRAG BRUNCH You had us at "unlimited bacon." (Not to mention washing

it all down with all those mimosas.) Come get diva'd up on a Sunday with sassy Saffire, Topaz, Tara St. Stone, and Miss Ima Hoot. Brunch, 11am-3pm: shows, noon & 2pm. M Two, 208 W. Fourth, 478-7222. \$20.

👺 CAPOEIRA FOR KIDS

Does your kid like martial arts, dance, or music? What about all three at the same time? If so, this free capoeira class is just the ticket. For kids between the ages of 4 and 17. Sundays, 2pm. Orun Center of Cultural Arts. 1401-B Cedar, 294-7872. Free.

PREEMIE BENEFIT CONCERT

Sony Online Entertainment sponsors a night of live music and karaoke-style sing-alongs to help pay for little Thurston's hospital bills. 5-8pm. Stubb's, 801 Red River, 921-1124 \$15 (\$10, advance). www.biddingforgood.com/thurston.

PTERADACTAL CACTUS

A team of talented improvisers take kids and their families through stories, games, and songs based on audience suggestions. Sundays, 2pm. The Hideout Theatre, 617 Congress, 971-3311, www.flyingtheatremachine.com.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL (See Saturday.)

TAKERS & BAKERS HOLIDAY BAZAAR (See Saturdav.)



MOPAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

OPEN HOUSE (SEE WEDNESDAY)



BUY NOTHING DAY (SEE FRIDAY)

WESTCAVE PUBLIC TOURS (See Saturday.)

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Marcus Rubio Cherrywood Coffeehouse



FELIZ NAVIDAD HOLIDAY MARKET Now

that Black Friday has brightened a bit, enjoy a weekday market with vendors, a silent auction, and music. Proceeds go to the Seton Medical Center Volunteer Scholarship Fund. Mon., Nov. 29, 4-8pm; Tue., Nov. 30, 9am-5pm. Seton Medical Center, McFadden Auditorium, 1201 W. 38th, 324-1590. Free. njmtex@sbcglobal.net.

🗮 CAP METRO POLICY CHANGE PUBLIC

MEETING The Capital Metro board of directors approved changes to its paratransit program (go online for details). To reflect these changes, Cap Metro must alter its Americans with Disabilities Act Plan. Learn more and comment on these changes at one of two meeting locations. 6pm. Austin Community College South Austin, 1820 W. Stassney; Goodwill Community Center, 1015 Norwood Park Blvd. www.capmetro.org/news/news_detail.asp?ld=9055.

CREATION NOT INCARCERATION: CREATIVE ARTS AS LIBERATION Prison Creative Arts Project co-founder Buzz Alexander discusses his work and latest book before local activists take his ideas and put them in a Central Texas perspective. 6:30pm. Resistencia Bookstore, 1801-A S. First, 416-8885. Free. www.resistenciabooks.com.

KABBALAH PRIMER One lecture is all it takes to learn the basic tenets and start on your path toward more fulfilling relationships. Hey, it worked for Madonna. Oh, wait. *8pm. Holiday Inn Austin Midtown, 6000 Middle Fiskville, 888/898-8230. Free. www.kabbalah.com.*

MANIC MONDAYS With a name like that, one might suspect this to be the same ol' Eighties dreck. Umm, no way. XBRMNT (aka Nakia) spins crazy good juxtapositions from classic cunt'ry and R&B to goofy hits. Mondays, 9pm. Chain Drive, 504 Willow, 480-9017. www.facebook.com/ManicMondays.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) Daughter of Deceit (La hija del engaño) @

- MACC, 8pm It's a Wonderful Life @ Alamo Drafthouse Village, 7:25pm
- Monsieur Verdoux @ Alamo Ritz, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Burger City Rock & Roll Party The Grand

TUESDAY 30

OVERVIEW Sen. Kirk Watson gives you the upcoming Legislative session skinny. 3:30pm. UT campus, Dorothy Gebauer Building (GEB 3.312), 471-7095. Free. texaspolitics.laits.utexas.edu.

VICTORIA'S SECRET FASHION SHOW VIEWING PARTY Watch the pros hit the runway on one of the many screens upstairs at The Tavern. Bring heels and show local judges your walking skills for fabulous prizes. 8-11pm. The Tavern, 922 W. 12th, 320-8377. Free. topaustinmodel@gmail.com.

TUESDAYS TOGETHER This month's last-Tuesday-of-every-month event happens atop one of Austin's classic views from the south side of the River. Come get high with HRC. *Tuesday*, 6-8pm. Hyatt Regency Austin, 208 Barton Springs Rd., 289-2198. info@hrcaustin.org, www.hrc.org/austin.

TUEZGAYZ Barbarella is getting too big for her britches. So she got bigger. More room means more glitter. *Tuesdays*, *10pm. Barbarella*, 615 *Red River*, 476-7766. www.barbarellaaustin.com, www.theelitoris.tumblr.com.

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ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.) L. Nowlin Gallery

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

It's a Wonderful Life @ Alamo Drafthouse Village, 7:25pm Jar City @ Alamo Drafthouse South, 7pm

The Return of the Living Dead @ Alamo Ritz, 9:45pm

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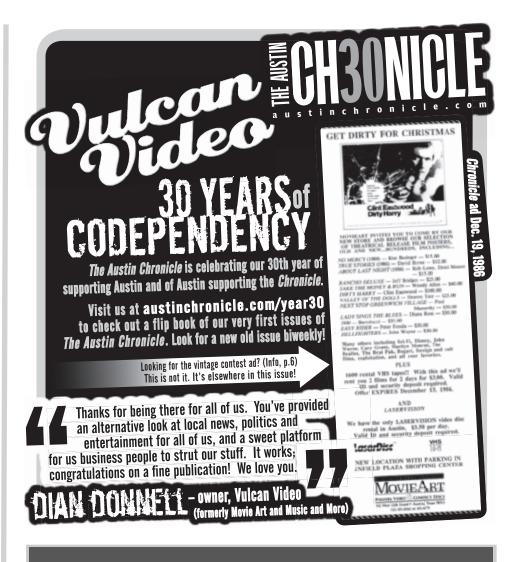
HIGH NOON TALKS Documentarian Patrick Fries discusses his film that tells

the story of Vietnam vets and their families. *Noon. Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, 1800 Congress, 936-4649. Free with admission to museum.* www.thestoryoftexas.com.

PENGUIN PLAYDATE Bring the kids for a special art class, and learn about this college prep school near UT. 2pm. Kirby Hall School, 306 W. 29th, 474-1770. Free. www.kirbyhallschool.org.

LEGO STORY LAB If your kids find reading to be a chore, why not throw in some LEGOs to mix things up? Part playtime, part story time, all fun, for kids ages 10 and older. 4:30pm. Ruiz Branch Library, 1600 Grove, 974-7400. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/library.

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HACA PUBLIC HEARING Got something to say about the Housing Authority of the City of Austin's Annual Plan? Don't we all. Check out the plan online and bring your two cents to this meeting. 5:30pm. Booker T. Washington Terraces, 905 Bedford. Free. www.hacanet.org.

MOPAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT OPEN HOUSE Expand MoPac? Check out the city's research and possible plans for improvements. Then you can give them what you think about it. Let's be constructive. 6pm. O'Henry Middle School, 2610 W. 10th. Free. www.mopacexpress.com.

GATEWAY TO RECOVERY No registration is needed for this two-part class which explains the social, physiological, emotional, and mental effects of addiction. *First & second Wednesdays of the month*, 7-9pm. Austin Recovery, 8402 Cross Park Dr., 697-8500. Free. www.austinrecovery.org.

FERAL CAT CLINICS (See Wednesday.)

GAY SENSITIVE AA MEETING (See Wednesday.)

TRIANGLE FARMERS' MARKET (See Wednesday.)

CCH RETRO NIGHT: BACK TO THE BOATHOUSE (See Wednesday.)

THEATRE (See Arts Listings.) The Dionysium Alamo Drafthouse South

LITERA (See Arts Listings.) Five Things for Free! United States Art Authority

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) It's a Wonderful Life @ Alamo Drafthouse Village, 7:25pm Monsieur Verdoux @ Alamo Ritz, 7pm Zorns Lemma @ Austin School of Film, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Tame Impala Emo's Blonde Redhead La Zona Rosa Chip Taylor & Carrie Rodriguez Cactus Cafe

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

The Austin Chronicle is published every Thursday. Info is due the Monday of the week prior to the issue date. **The deadline for the Dec. 10 issue is Monday, Nov. 29**. Include name of event, date, time, location, price, phone number(s), a description, and any available photos or artwork. Include SASE for return of materials.

Send submissions to the attention of the appropriate writer (see roster below). Mail to the *Chronicle*, PO Box 49066, Austin, TX 78765; fax, 458-6910; or e-mail:

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For FAQs and an online submission form, go to

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Questions? Contact Wayne Alan Brenner, Listings editor, 454-5766 or brenner@austinchronicle.com.

THURSDAY 02

CONVERSATION ON LOCAL HEALTH

CARE Local professionals discuss the need for expanded health care in Central Texas. 11:30am. Concordia University, 11400 Concordia University Dr., 486-2001. Free. www.concordia.edu/speakerseries.

WRITERS' LEAGUE OF TEXAS HOLIDAY PARTY Join your literary friends for an infor-

mal party with the opportunity to go home with prizes. 5-8pm. Writers' League Office, 611 S. Congress #130, 499-8914. \$15 (\$10, members). www.writersleague.org.

MOPAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT OPEN HOUSE Expand MoPac? Check out the city's research and possible plans for improvements. Then you can give them what you think about it. Let's be constructive. 6pm. Murchison Middle School, 3700 N. Hills Dr. Free. www.mopacexpress.com.

TRANS PARTNERS GROUP The trans journey can be so lovely when shared. It can also be a challenge. Here's a new support group for those who are on the quest. Contact Monrovia for pregroup interview. First Thursdays, 7-8pm. Katy Koonce & Associates, 2520 Longview #302, 529-3318. \$25 suggested donation; no one turned away. monroviayh@gmail.com, www.katykoonce.com.

NERD NITE This month, Nerd Nite gathers nerds from around Austin to discuss topics ranging from the tyranny of cool, video games vs. the human brain, and the nerdi-

est high schools in America. 7:30pm. United States Art Authority, 2906 Fruth, 480-9562. Free. www.austin.nerdnite.com. JAVA'S BACHELOR PAD Nothing says "bachelor pad culture" better than barely clothed,

gyrating ladies courtesy of the Jigglewatts. 9pm. ND at 501 Studios, 501 N. I-35, 485-3001. \$15-20. www.thejigglewattsburlesque.com.

FIRST THURSDAY Music, food, and shopping. From the river, south on South Congress. Free.

TRAVIS COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET (See Thursday, 11/25.)

VISUAL ARTS (See Arts Listings.) D Berman Gallery: 10th Anniversary Group Show D Berman Gallery

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.) D Berman Gallery, GrayDuck Gallery

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) It's a Wonderful Life @ Alamo Drafthouse Village, 7:25pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Forbidden Emo's Chip Taylor & Carrie Rodriguez Cactus Cafe



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL IN 3-D Can't make it to your favorite college football games in person? Here's the next best thing: A private media research lab will be showing games in 3-D, and you're invited to watch. More than that, the lab will pay you \$20 an hour to do it. We imagine there will be no shortage of marketing questionnaires to fill out, but who cares? Sign up on the website with the registration code "NCAA3D." *MediaScience Research Lab,* 11904 *N. I-35,* 837-5646. info@themediapanel.com, www.themediapanel.com.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY GRANTS The city's Grant for Technology Opportunities Program encourages local organizations striving to expand the impact of rapidly changing technology to apply online for grants totaling \$150,000. The deadline is *Dec.* 2. www.gtops.org.

EMILYANN THEATRE TRAIL OF LIGHTS As long as the weather is good, there will be 9 acres of illuminated decorations for your holiday gawking. Hot dogs, hot chocolate, marshmallow roasting, and live entertainment round out the festivities. *Nov.* 27-Dec. 31, 6-9pm. The EmilyAnn Theatre, 1101 FM 2325, Wimberley, 512/847-6969. Free. www.emilyann.org.

HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW This local coffee shop has been stepping up its holiday light game for years. Every hour the lights and music explode with the spirit of the holidays. *Through Dec.* 31, 6pm-12mid. Mozart's Coffee Roasters, 3825 Lake Austin Blvd., 477-2900. Free. www.austintexaschristmaslights.com.

MCCOY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY Forty thousand synchronized lights ensure that your holidays are filled with joy ... and possibly seizures. *Through Dec.* 31, 5:30-10:30pm. 8304 *Roan*, 698-6944. *Free.* www.mccoylights.com.

MEXICAN PEOPLE IN INDEPENDENCE &

REVOLUTION EXHIBIT This exhibit gathers books, prints, photos, manuscripts, and other ephemera to tell the story of Mexico's history from independence (1810) to revolution (1910). Benson Latin American Collection, UT campus, Sid Richardson Hall, Unit 1, 2300 Red River, 495-4520. Free. www.lib.utexas.edu/benson.

MEXICAN-AMERICAN TRAILBLAZERS EXHIBIT

features photos and bios of 32 local individuals who paved the way for future generations. *Through* Jan. 16. Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe, 974-7498. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/library/ahc/ trailblazers.htm.

PROJECT HOLIDAY HELP Perhaps the holiday season should be more about giving than getting. I think the *Peanuts* gang said that already, but it's true. LifeWorks helps make it a reality by pairing individuals with a child or family in need this year. You'll receive a wish list and be asked to spend between \$75 and \$150 per individual. Wrapped and tagged gifts are to be delivered to LifeWorks by *Dec. 12.* 735-2475. holidayhelp@lifeworksweb.org, www.lifeworksaustin.org.

RAINBOW NIGHT For Bobcats (and friends) who swish and sway to a different beat. Sadly, no bar will commit to this weekly night, but Silvia and pals are hanging in there, trying to build LGBT community in SM. Stay tuned to their FB page for news. When it happens, we'll let you know. Somewhere in San Marcos ... Bueller?. www.facebook.com/rainbownight.

SANTA'S RANCH Santa's tired of waiting for global warming to catch up to the North Pole. He's spending most of his time among the 1.5 million lights of Santa's Ranch. Get in the car and join in the festivities. Through Jan. 2, 6-10pm. 9561 N. I-35, New Braunfels (two miles south of Tanger Outlet Mall), 830/743-1293. \$20 per car. www.santasranch.net.

SUPPORT FOR ANTHONY

GRAVES who was exonerated after spending 18 years on death row. The Texas Moratorium Network is collecting funds to help him get on his feet while he navigates the long legal process to receive compensation from the state of Texas. www.anthonygraves.org.

TALK TIME features conversation practice for English-language learners hoping to fine-tune their skills in a nonthreatening atmosphere. Call or go online for a schedule of times and locations. 974-7400. www.cityofaustin.org/library.

VICTORY TUTORS NEEDED Get paired up with a student (first through 12th grades) and tutor him or her once a week for a semester. No experience necessary; all volunteers will be trained. Call or go online for more info. 974-7317. laurie.madsen@ci.austin.tx.us, www.austinisd.org/victory.

WHERE'S MY TAX REFUND? Did you move without leaving a forwarding address? Perhaps your stalker made you go off the grid. Whatever the reason, if you haven't received your refund check from the Man, then you should call or go online and see if your name is on one of the 9,800 checks waiting for Texans. 800/829-1954. www.irs.gov.

WHO WANTS TO NAME A BUILDING? Rosewood Park in East Austin will soon have a structure to house youth programs, but not before someone gives that building a proper name. Go online for a submission form, or you can pick one up at the Parks and Rec office (200 S. Lamar). The submission deadline is Dec. 13. 974-6716. www.cityofaustin.org/parks/ namingform.htm.

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CANCER CONNECTION VOLUNTEER

TRAINING is for cancer survivors and their loved ones who are interested in providing emotional support to patients currently battling the disease. Apply online at www.thecancerconnection. org. *Fri.*, Dec. 3, 5:45-9pm; Sat., Dec. 4, 8:45am-4pm. 342-0233. \$25 (scholarships available).

CRUISIN' FOR HOLIDAY SWINGERS Climb aboard this U.S.S. Holiday Swing gala. Have you seen the gorgeous poster for this year's swing? It's stunning. Like Erté on a sea cruise. Project Transitions annual holiday folderol takes to the high seas and will feature the sounds of the Sentimental Journey Orchestra and the Studebakers, as well as performances by Austin Samba School, United Court of Austin, and Tapestry Dance Company. Sat., Dec. 4, 7pm dance lessons, 8pm party begins. Dell Jewish Community Center, 7300 Hart, 735-8000. \$75 (\$60, advance).

www.projecttransitions.org/events/holiday-swing.html.

LARISSA NESS TEASES Live preview of Mz. Ness' new album, with special guests Young Mischiff from NYC and V.J. Koma. They will be shooting for a video, so dress to impress. Tacos & Tequila and Deep Eddy Vodka provide the nourishment. *Thu., Dec.* 9, 8pm. Phoenix Nightclub, 409-B Colorado. www.purevolume.com/LarissaNess.



Got a sporting event you'd like to see listed in The Austin Chronicle? Submit your sporty happening online at austinchronicle.com/commform.

Austin Toros Home Openers

For those unfamiliar, the Austin Toros play in the West Conference of the NBA D-League and are affiliated with the NBA's San Antonio Spurs. This season marks their sixth year of existence and their first as full-time residents of the Cedar Park Center. While I don't really enjoy trekking out to Cedar Park, I am a big fan of the CPC. Opened in September 2009, it plays host to the American Hockey League's Texas Stars as well as performances from Tool, Wilco,



and more recently, Austin's own Ghostland Observatory (see "The Man With Two Brains," Music, Oct. 22). It's a top-notch facility with nary a bad seat in the house. The Toros started their season on the road, splitting two games with the Maine Red Claws, and they get their home campaign under way this weekend with the first 1,000 fans through the gates on Saturday receiving free cowbells. Keep an eye on Toros guard Carldell "Squeaky' Johnson, who not only has the best hair on the team, but also is second in scoring (15) and leads in assists (3.5) through their first two. Vs. Rio Grande Valley: Sat., Nov. 27, noon; Sun., Nov. 28, 5pm. Cedar Park Center, 2100 Avenue of the Stars, Cedar Park, 512/600-5000. \$5-100. www.austintoros.com.

BY NICK BARBARO SOCCET watch

Congratulations on another great season for the St. Edward's women soccer team. It ended on Saturday, one game short of the NCAA Final Four, as UC-San Diego scored on the only shot on goal of the game by either team. The Hilltoppers (17-2-2) had gotten to the Elite Eight by upsetting unbeaten, untied Central Missouri 3-2 on Nov. 18.

The **Colorado Rapids** won the **MLS Cup** on Sunday, beating Dallas 2-1 in overtime, with the winning goal coming off the foot of Senegalese striker Mac Kandji, who played in Austin with the Atlanta Silverbacks.

A couple of surprises in European Champions League action Tuesday: Roma had a stunning three-goal, second-half comeback to beat Bayern Munich, 3-2, and close in on a spot in the final 16; Arsenal gave up two late goals in Portugal to put their celebration on hold. More games today (Wednesday), and the last group stage games are Dec. 7-8.

The U.S. women beat Italy 1-0 on Saturday in the first leg of a playoff for a spot in the 2011 World Cup; the return leg is this Saturday, Nov. 27, in Chicago. The crucial goal on the road for the U.S. came in the fourth minute of extra time from late sub Alex Morgan, the youngest player on the roster.

It only happens twice a year: Monday, Nov. 29, 2pm, is El Clásico, Barcelona hosting Real Madrid, live on ESPN Deportes, GoITV. and ESPN3.com.

And remember, a week from Saturday is the meeting that's been called to discuss building another pro soccer team in Austin: Dec. 4, 2-4pm at Mister Tramp's Pub, 8565 Research. More info at www.chanticosarmy.com and/or www.austinphoenixsoccer.com.

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THE MAIN EVENT

THUNDERCLOUD SUBS TURKEY TROT In its 20th year, this race is expected to draw 15,000 participants, with all proceeds benefiting Caritas of Austin. In addition to the 5K (9:30am), there will be a Stepping Stone Schools Kids K (8:45am), and a one-miler immediately following the 5K start. Thu., Nov. 25. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside. www.thundercloud.com.

THE HOME TEAMS

TEXAS STARS For more on the Stars, see Chronicle Sports blog the Score. Vs. Milwaukee: Fri., Nov. 26, 7:30pm. Vs. San Antonio: Sat., Nov. 27, 7pm. Vs. Oklahoma City: Tue., Nov. 30, 7:30pm. Cedar Park Center, 2100 Avenue of the Stars, Cedar Park, 512/467-8277. \$10-50. www.texasstarshockey.com.

🗰 UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS Football Vs. Texas A&M: Thu., Nov. 25, 7pm. Memorial Stadium, 405 E. 23rd. Men's Basketball Vs. Rice: Sat., Nov. 27, 3pm. Vs. Lamar: Wed., Dec. 1, 7pm. Frank Erwin Center, \$8-40. Men's and Women's Swimming/Diving Texas Invitational: Dec. 2-4, all day. Jamail Texas Swimming Center. www.texassports.com

ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY Men's Basketball Vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville: Mon., Nov. 29, 7pm. Women's Basketball Vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State: Sat., Nov. 27, 2pm. www.stedwards.edu/athletics.

HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY Men's Basketball Vs. Texas College: Sat., Nov. 27, 7:30pm. Vs. Jarvis Christian College: Mon., Nov. 29, 7:30pm. Women's Basketball Vs. Texas College: Sat., Nov. 27, 4pm. Vs. Jarvis Christian College: Mon., Nov. 29, 5:30pm. athletics.htu.edu

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY Men's Basketball Vs. Texas-Tyler: Thu., Dec. 2, 7:30pm. Concordia Fieldhouse, 11400 Concordia University Dr. \$3-5. Women's Basketball Vs. Texas-Tyler: Thu., Dec. 2, 5:30pm. Concordia Fieldhouse. \$3-5. athletics.concordia.edu.

TEXAS STATE Men's Basketball Vs. North Texas: Sat. Nov. 27, 4pm. Strahan Coliseum. Women's Basketball Vs. Jackson State: Sat., Nov. 27, 2pm. Strahan Coliseum. www.txstatebobcats.com

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY Men's Basketball Vs. Wisconsin-River Falls: Fri., Nov. 26, 3pm. Roberston Center. www.southwesternpirates.com.

RECREATION & FITNESS

HILL COUNTRY OUTDOORS Learn about Austin's most active outdoors and social club. More than 40 events a month: hiking, biking, sports leagues, socials, and more. Mon., Nov. 29, 6:30pm. Free. Opal Divine's Penn Field, 3601 S. Congress. www.hillcountryoutdoors.com.

RUNS, WALKS, & RIDES

SETON'S IGNITE WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM Seton's run/ walk training program gets started with a meet and greet with the coach and a warm-up run. Sat., Nov. 27, 9am. Brushy Creek Park, 3300 Brushy Creek Rd., Cedar Park, 512/324-4086. \$40 registration fee.

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{CRITICAL}}$ $\ensuremath{\textbf{MASS}}$ Bicyclists have been "subverting the paradigm" in Austin since October '93. Let's keep it civil, everybody. Held the last Friday of each month. Fri., Nov. 26, 5pm. Meet at the UT West Mall (Guadalupe between 22nd & 23rd). www.critical-mass.info/austin.html

BOSTON TO AUSTIN RUN Austin's Rusty Tolliver and two of his buddies from Great Britain are running from Boston to Austin raising money for Salute America's Heroes and Young Texans Against Cancer, Their grueling adventure ends this Saturday, Sat., Nov. 27, US Army Reserve, 4601 Fairview Dr. #1. www.2000milerun.com.

WILD CARDS

'MADDEN NFL 11' TOURNEY Ballers 12 years of age and older are encouraged to get their Madden on in this tourney with limited registration day of only. Tue., Nov. 30, 6:30pm. Milwood Branch Library, 12500 Amherst. www.cityofaustin.org/library.



Vince Young is out for the year due to thumb injury. Jeff Fisher couldn't care less. Colt McCoy has a possible high ankle strain that hopefully won't derail an impressive run. Texans continue to find new ways to lose. Cowboys won two straight! Longhorns: Well, at least they beat FAU.

Read more "Football Watch" online at austinchronicle.com.



your sport or learn about a new one! The Expo will be held at the PALMER EVENTS CENTER (900 Barton Springs) SATURDAY 12/4/10 from 10am-5pm and is **FREE** to attend. www.AustinSportsExpo.com





Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886 Through Nov. 28 Running time: 3 hr.

Baal



One of the problems with writing criticism is that many times, people want a critic to come out and say, "It was good" or "It was bad" about a show. But some shows, like Paper Chairs'

production of Bertolt Brecht's *Baal*, won't let one do that. The best assessment I can provide for *Baal* (pronounced "bail") is that it is difficult.

To demonstrate, I'll pull from the English major's bag of tricks and use some readerresponse theory, in which the meaning of a text is dependent on what the reader brings to it.

Person A is a graduate student in philosophy and is delighted to go to the theatre instead of working on her thesis for a night. She is fascinated by the story of a wastrel poet named Baal (Gabriel Luna) who spurns the support of the literary world and rejects all polite society, choosing instead to thrive on manipulation and filth, living only for himself. Obsessed with freedom amid the natural world, he deflowers a string of young women, quickly abandoning them to their fates, and later murders his only friend. That there continue to be people who insist on loving Baal seems perhaps a critique of the societal romance with the antihero. Also, the sexual politics are layered with complexities: is it anti-feminist to show the villain who mistreats these women ultimately punished?

In short, the graduate student thinks, "Brilliant!"

Person B is a well-meaning guy who thought he'd show off his cultural know-how to a girl he met last week and take her to see *Baal* on a first date. After all, Paper Chairs has a great reputation for creating cool theatre. Right now he's thinking: "Damn. Bad choice."

Person C is an actor who has been in a show with some of the cast members of *Baal* before. He recognizes the excellent ensemble work. Each performer has committed to director Dustin Wills' vision, which incorporates some of Brecht's later stylistic ideas on presentation. It's tight work, and it relies on great character acting and physical technique to enliven the challenging material.

Right now, the actor is thinking: "These actors are working hard! Almost as hard as that time we were in a show together."

Person D is a freelance theatre critic who has come to see Baal after a long week and is still recovering from being sick. (Sorry about the cough; I swear I took a cough drop.) The critic sees that the design team (unlisted in the production program) has immense talent. In particular the costumes, made of visible period undergarments over which the actors pile on different clothing for each character, support the show's bawdy vision of an illusion-in-the-making. The lighting designer has used a lot of awesome tricks, although the critic is from the school of thought that literal darkness can be overused, and it would be nice if there had been, well, more light.

Moreover, *Baal* is one of Brecht's earliest plays, and it doesn't quite match his later style of narrative and political discourse. *Baal* is very much an antihero play of the German tradition, but at the same time it wants to turn on that tradition, and watching a play like *Baal* requires some real thought to take in the less-than-savory subject matter. The show's greatest scenes involve the entire cast performing Brecht's music, because at these times one is impressed again with the talent and commitment of every actor on stage.

The theatre critic thinks, "This play is difficult." – *Elizabeth Cobbe*

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OPENING

SANTALAND DIARIES The classic David Sedaris holiday treat returns, this time with Zach's original star, Martin Burke, as the beleaguered and snarky elf Crumpet. And of course the sonic and visual loveliness of Meredith McCall, accompanied by the expert ivory-tickling of Jason Conner, directed by Dave Steakley. When we called this a *treat*, we weren't just whistlin' "Jingle Bells." Recommended. *Nov.* 26-Dec. 31. Wed.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 2:30pm. Extra shows: Sat., Dec. 11 & 18, 4pm. Zach Theatre, 1510 Toomey, 476-0541. \$39-48. www.zachscott.com.

THE DIONYSIUM This iteration of the popular "thinking person's carnival of wine-soaked debauchery" at the Alamo is all about the music, including a debate (**Resolved: Musicians are poor judges of music**), a handpicked cartoon introduced by **Lance "Fever" Myers**, and more tuneful teachings and treats than you can shake a baton at, presided over by that delightful duo known as **Deyo & Buzzfunkel**. Wed., Dec. 1, 7pm. Alamo Drafthouse South, 1120 S. Lamar, 707-8262. \$8. www.dionyslum.com.

A KODACHROME CHRISTMAS This new holiday comedy presents "cable-access TV hostess Earlene Hoople, the self-proclaimed Queen of Rural Media, as she tapes her first Christmas special in front of a live audience." Written and directed by Pat Hazell, the one-man retro dynamo of The WonderBread Years. Dec. 1-5 & Dec. 15-19. Wed.-Fri., 8pm; Sat., 3 & 8pm; Sun., 3 & 7pm. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside, 474-5664. \$34-39. www.thelongcenter.com.

CRUMBLE (LAY ME DOWN, JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE) The Poison Apple Initiative's newest is a weird comedy by Sheila Callaghan, directed by Bastion Carboni, in which Janice (inspired by visits from J. Timberlake) and her mother, Clara, fight against an apartment that is, literally, plotting to kill them after the death of the paterfamilias. See "Crumble (Lay Me Down, Justin Timberlake)," p.33, for more. Dec. 1-18. Wed.-Sat, 8pm. The Blue Theatre, 916 Springdale. \$15 (pay what you can, Thursdays). www.poisonappleinitiative.com. **SO MUCH TO GO CRAZY (THE SHOW MIGHT GO**

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CLOSING

RENT Ah, the Pulitzer winner. The Tony winner. The modern take on *La Bohème*, right? Directed here, in all its spectacular kinesis and musical exuberance, by Dave Steakley – with musical direction by Allen Robertson and a talented local cast, with the Big Apple's East Village pretty much exploding to full vibrant life onstage. *Through Nov. 28. Wed.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 2:30pm. Zach Theatre, 1510 Toomey, 476-0541.* \$20-57. www.zachscott.com.

CIRQUE DREAMS The show features world-class acrobatics and style, kinetic exuberance adorned with a kaleidoscope of colors, and heroic derring do in choreography that not even Anna Pavlova or Rudolf Nureyev would've attempted without new Kevlar spines. *Through Nov.* 28. *Fri.-Sun.*, 2 & 7:30pm. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside, 457-5100. \$22-64. www.thelongcenter.org.

BERTOLT BRECHT'S BAAL It's a play within a play: The slightly intoxicated, morally bankrupt patrons of the Night Cloud cabaret are staging a theatre piece about their idol, Baal, that will "drag its audience deep into a body of youthful desires and complete moral abandon." This show's got a killer cast and is directed by Dustin Wills from the 1922 Peter Tegel translation. Recommended. See review, left. Through Nov. 28. Wed.-Sun., 8pm. Note: No performance Thanksgiving Day. Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886. \$15-30 (pay what you want, Wednesdays & Thursdays). www.paperchairs.com.

A TUNA CHRISTMAS All those quirky characters from the third smallest town in Texas come to life again this holiday season, with every one of them, male and female, young and old, performed by Joe Sears and Jaston Williams with perfect timing and crowd-pleasing panache. Through Nov. 28. Fri.-Sat., 2 & 8pm; Sun., 2 & 7:30pm. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress, 472-5470. \$27-55. www.austintheatre.org.

ONGOING

WAIT UNTIL DARK Frederick Knott's capery thriller about con men in Greenwich Village is directed by Christien Bumpus for the Way Off Broadway Community Players. Through Dec. 4. Fri.-Sat., 8pm. 11880 FM 2243 W, Bldg. 4, Leander. 512/259-5878. \$20 (\$15, students, seniors).

www.wobcp.org.

THE TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL Horton Foote's heartwarming classic about the power of home is directed by Don Toner for Austin Playhouse and features Mary Agen Cox, Tom Parker, Scotty Roberts, and others. *Through Dec.* 18. *Thu.*-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 5pm. Austin *Playhouse*, 3601 S. Congress, Bldg. C, 476-0084. \$26-35. www.austinplayhouse.com.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS Barry Pineo directs Robert Harling's wise and wisecracking Southern comedy classic for City Theatre. *Through Dec.* 19. *Thu.-Sat.*, *8pm*; *Sun.*, 5:30pm. *City Theatre*, 3823-D *Airport*, 524-2870. \$10-25. www.citytheatreaustin.org.

MORNING'S AT SEVEN Different Stages presents this Paul Osborn comedy about the longstanding rivalries among four aging sisters. Directed by Karen Jambon and starring the prodigious talents of Jennifer Underwood, Lana Dieterich, Bobbie Oliver, and Kathleen Lawson. Through Dec. 5. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 7pm. Note: No show on Thanksgiving. Bonus show: Wed., Dec. 8, 8pm. The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd., 478-5282. \$15-30. www.main.org/diffstages.

AUDITIONS

NIGHT OF THE IGUANA This classic Tennessee Williams drama will be directed by Norman Blumensaadt for Different Stages at City Theatre next spring. Needed: women (ages 20-45) and men (ages 20-45). Call for appointment. Dec. 4-5. Sat., 10am-noon; Sun., noon-2pm. Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Rd., 444-3303. www.citvofaustin.org.

Salon Vanguard: A Benefit Soiree

Ah, now here's a swellegant night in support of the many good works of Salvage Vanguard Theater, held not at the theatre itself but in Eponymous Gardens, a fine private home. SVT's Adriene Mishler, directing savant Dustin Wills, and Westen Borghesi

of the White Ghost Shivers are your hosts for this evening of fancy catered noms, expertly made cocktails, and intimate performances from Austin artists Owen Egerton, Margery Segal, and PJ Raval. Also, the



Church of the Friendly Ghost presents a jazz trio on the back patio, and there'll be group songs, parlor games, and, basically, people partying like it's 1928. *Thu., Dec.* 2, 7-11pm. 1202 Garden. \$50 (\$80 per couple). www.salvagevanguard.org.

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Capital One Bank PRESENTS **EVENING WITH** MICHAEL POLLAN DECEMBER 10, 2010 8:00 PM BASS CONCERT HALL JOIN US at 6:30 for the Farm Direct Showcase featuring local growers, producers, food artisans, non-profits, and businesses YOU ARE WHAT WHAT YOU EAT EATS" MICHAEL POLLAN - THE OMNIVORE'S DILEMMA PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BOOK PEOPLE & EDIBLE AUSTIN EAT LOCAL WEEK TICKETS at texasperformingarts.org, 800.982.BEVO (2386), and all Texas Box Office Outlets. Groups: 512.471.0648. \$10 STUDENT TICKETS 2010-2011 Radisson AA NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS <u>marqueesses</u> **Book People** klru 🕐 *edible* Austin TEXAS PERFORMING ARTS (H·E·B) AUSTIN

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Austin Symphony Orchestra: Mexico's 200/100

Dell Hall at the Long Center



The year 2010 marks a double anniversary for Mexico: both 200 years of independence and 100 years since the Revolution. The latter also coincided with the birth of the Austin Symphony, which, as part of its centennial season, presented a full program

of Mexican classical music this past weekend to honor the traditions of our neighbors to the south.

Following renditions of both the Mexican and U.S. national anthems, the concert began with Blas Galindo's *Sones de mariachi*, a delightful, if not memorable, meld of three well-known mariachi tunes. The ensemble was at times cohesive and at times unfocused and muddy, making for a slightly underwhelming opener.

Next up was the night's featured soloist, up-and-coming violinist Francisco Ladrón de Guevara-Finck, who took the stage to perform Manuel Ponce's sprawling *Violin Concerto*. Written in 1943, late in Ponce's life, the concerto is evidence of the international style that the composer developed in his multiple stints abroad, but decidedly Mexican in its inspiration.

It wasn't an easy piece to love, with its dense, modal stretches and leaping rhythmic material that relied heavily on tiny, ambiguous melodic cells. In its intimate moments, however, as well as in the exciting final movement that evoked the festive chaos of street life, the piece shone through momentarily. The same can be said for Ladrón de Guevara-Finck's performance. Though the soloist's tremendous technique came through clearly in the concerto's most exposed moments - particularly during the impressive coda, where Ladrón de Guevara-Finck seemed most at ease - the overall performance was oddly diminutive for a major solo debut. Ladrón de Guevara-Finck's work was routinely overshadowed by the orchestra, which in other cases might point to balance issues or a lack of restraint. Here,

though, I found myself consistently wanting more from both, and in many moments the soloist and ensemble seemed diffident.

After intermission, maestro Peter Bay introduced Silvestre Revueltas' suite from the 1936 film *Redes*. The invigorating piece brought the orchestra to better form and featured a fantastic ASO brass section throughout, chiefly the ensemble's powerful French horn section. I'd defy anyone to listen to Revueltas' setting of "the fight" in part two of the suite and not hear a direct line of inspiration to Leonard Bernstein's fight scenes in *West Side Story*, written decades later. The fight movement was followed by the melodramatic but ultimately satisfying "Return of the Fishermen With Their Dead Friend."

Bay concluded the performance with Arturo Márquez's iconic *Danzón No. 2* and José Pablo Moncayo's *Huapango*. The performance of the *Huapango* was lovely and delicate, its soulful duple vs. triple meters giving the ensemble a chance to let down its guard. Kudos to the graceful percussion section for driving the piece and to the winds for fantastic work throughout.

It was during Marquéz's *Danzón No. 2*, though, that the symphony seemed finally to come alive. The performance was tight and balanced, a vigorous and electric salute to the multiple anniversaries being honored. That this was a departure from the overall quality of the night's performance is unfortunate. With an exciting and varied centennial season ahead of them, let's hope that this is just a bump in the road for one of Austin's oldest performing arts organizations. – *Michael Kellerman*

comedy

IN THE CLUBS

CAFE CAFFEINE 909 W. Mary, 447-9473. www.cafecaffeine.com.

Comedysportz Competitive improv? Yes, a vigor ous battle between skilled improvisers – sort of like *Highlander* but unscripted – and maestro **Les McGehee** and his talented friends bring it in full force each weekend to one of the sweetest little coffeehouses in the 78704. *Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30pm.* \$7.

CAP CITY COMEDY CLUB 8120 Research #100, 467-2333. www.capcitycomedy.com.

Rachel Feinstein Sure, if you were the daughter of a civil rights lawyer and a blues musician and you had hella talent with the show biz, maybe you, too, would wind up writing for *The Onion* and *Heeb Magazine*, doing voicework for *The Venture Brothers* and *Samurai Love God*, and knockin' 'em dead at comedy fests across the country. But you don't have to, because this funny Feinstein's already doing it, and here she is at Cap City with Jonathan Pace opening. *Nov. 26-27. Fri.-Sat., 8 & 10:30pm*. Mitch Fatel When the judges at HBO's annual comedy festival in Aspen crown someone "Best Stand-Up Comedian," you know that they – judges and comedian alike – aren't messing around. Thus, this feller being all over your TV set and now here in the ATX, with Gary Cannon opening. *Dec. 1-4. Wed.-Thu., 8pm; Fri.-Sat., 8 & 10:30pm*.

COLDTOWNE THEATER 4803-B Airport, 524-2807. www.coldtownetheater.com.

The Week in Coldness: Rapture the Flag promises to make good on ColdTowne's sketch-supremacy agenda. *Fri., 8pm*. Live at ColdTowne is the house flavor of stand-up comedy, featuring some of Austin's best. *Fri., 10pm.* **Speakeasy** dunks another performer in the brewski, and one of our fave new troupes, Turn of the Century Paris, brings the mighty sketch-based hijinx. Fri., 11:30pm. Stool Pigeon features some Austintatious celebrity types jump-starting the night with a thrice-told tale. Sat., 8pm. Cage Match Two improv teams go all lucha libre on each other for your grins and giggles. Sat., 9pm. Stone **Cold Improv** ain't kidding with **Venn Diaphragm**. Sat., 10pm. **The Late Night Show** sizzles with Midnight Society and, yes, the everlovin' Frank Mills. Sat., 11pm. Oh, and there are Free Shows on Sunday Night! Check them out, citizen. Sun., 7 & 8pm. Also, the Monday Night Mash happens each week, also with free admission, and can *you* guess the night on which it occurs at 8:30pm? ESTHER'S POOL 525 E. Sixth, 320-0553.

www.esthersfollies.com.

Esther's Follies Esther's popular jesters, now in their 35th season on Sixth Street, bring the laughter this weekend, because it's time for "Midterm Election Rocky Horror Picture Show" with the Tea Party Girls!, "Craigslist the Musical," and Consumer Watchdog Kerry Awn's "Green Products We'd Like To See!" There's musical comedy, a political satire revue, and Ray Anderson's magical illusion – The Impaler! – to end the night with a gasp. Reservations highly recommended. *Thu., 8pm; Fri.-Sat., 8 & 10pm., \$20-27 (discounts available Thursdays & Fridays for seniors, students, military).*

THE HIDEOUT THEATRE 617 Congress, 443-3688. www.hideouttheatre.com.

Friday: The weekend's first show is Harry Potter and the First Six Movies, in which the intrepid Duo Infractus performs the entire cinematic sextology, live, in one hour, before your muggling eyes. More fun than playing Quidditch on X! 8pm. \$10. Next, The Spectacle! features Parallelogramophonograph and a! Special! Guest! 10pm. \$10.

Saturday: Austin Secrets returns, the clandestine hilarity all flavored in a holiday sort of way. *8pm.* \$10. **Maestro** is a fierce, elimination-style battle for supremacy among improvisers, scored by *you*, the audience, sure to bring out the wackiest. *10pm.* \$10.

Sunday: The Weekender Just a five-spot gets you into the perfect capper to your steady two-day vacation: sketch comedy somewhere between pure silly and near brilliant from one of Austin's up-and-coming troupes. *Tpm*.

VELVEETA ROOM 521 E. Sixth, 469-9116. www.thevelveetaroom.com.

Mack Lindsay "If one were able to gut himself on stage, spray all that was inside onto those sitting in the audience, and still make it funny, that person's name would be Mack Lindsay." 'Nuff said. Joe Faina and Russell Urias open. Fri.-Sat., Nov. 26-27, 9:30 & 11:30pm. \$5.

BUT WAIT - THERE'S MORE!

KICK BUTT COMEDY Open Mic Comedy Bring it or have it brought to you, clever citizen. *Wednesdays*, *8pm. Kick Butt Coffee*, 5775 Airport #725, 454-5425.

TIKI TUESDAYS @ CHERRYWOOD Local funnyman Seth Cockfield hosts an open mic where *anybody* can do a short set, but some of the city's top comedy talents break in their new material. *Tuesdays*, *10pm. Cherrywood Coffeehouse*, *1400 E*. 38½.

MOTHER PLUCKIN' COMEDY OPEN MIC Mike Navarrete and Chance Royce host this free-for-all, and they're offering prizes for funny people. *Mondays, following Monday Night Football. Pluckers,* 9070 Research #201-C. 533-9464. Free. www.pluckers.com.

START TREKKIN' The Hideout's comedy "away team" boldly invades the Alamo's HighBall lounge with their improvised version of old-school *Star Trek*, their uniforms bright, their roddenberries snug in UFP regulation undergarments, their phasers set on Crack Your Ass Up. Also, live improvised dubbing of classic *ST* movie clips, a James Kirk impersonation contest, and more. Fascinating ... and recommended. *Sun.,* Nov. 28 & Dec. 5, 8pm. The HighBall, 1142 S. Lamar, 383-8309. \$9. www.thehighball.com.

THE NEW MOVEMENT Acclaimed comedy instructors **Chris Trew** and **Tami Nelson** execute their brand of hijinks with talented friends and disciples. You want *comedy*? See the website for details, but also check this: **The Megaphone Show** puts a local celeb onstage to spin tales of true truth before being interviewed and instantly improvised upon. Wednesdays, 9:30pm. Free. **Aggie Invasion** Fri., 8pm. **The Main Event** Competitive improv and joke wrestling. Fri., 9:30pm. \$5. **Aggie Invasion** Sat., 8pm. **Aggie Invasion**. Sat., 9:30pm. New Movement Theater, 1819 Rosewood. www.newmovementtheater.com.

dance

BUENOS AIRES CAFE: UNA NOCHE

PORTEÑA Tango and folklore singer Daniel Montserrat performs weekly. Thursdays, 7:30-10pm. Buenos Aires Cafe, 1201 E. Sixth, 382-1189. Free. www.buenosairescafe.com.

KATHY DUNN HAMRICK DANCE COMPANY: HERE. ME.NOW. The company's latest evening-length original production explores how to be heard amid the digital hubbub that is crowding out (live) human contact. Put down that iThing and take in some live art, as nine collaborating dancers connect with the audience in the Here. And the Now. Dec. 2-11. Thu.-Sat., 8pm. Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 934-1082. \$15 (\$12, seniors, students; \$10, Dec. 2). www.kdhdance.com.

classical music

OPENING

ST. CECILIA MUSIC SERIES: LAWES HARP

CONSORTS He may have lost his head, and we all know spelling back then was challynged at beste, but King Charles I called Lawes the "Father of Musick" and with goode reason: This most prolific composer of chamber music left a remarkable number of choral consort sets, all 11 of which are performed by Becky Baxter (harp), Alan Austin (violin), and Michael Leopold (theorbo), with Jane Leggiero and James A. Brown (violas da gamba). *Sat., Nov. 27, Tpm. First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa, 345-8866.* \$15 (\$12, seniors and students). www.stecelliamusicseries.org.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY JAZZ BAND

Compositions written by Jelly Roll Morton, Wayne Shorter, Freddie Hubbard, and Wynton Marsalis, and the premiere of a piece commissioned for the band. *Tue.*, *Nov.* 30, *Tpm. Alma Thomas Theatre*, *Southwestern University*, *Georgetown*. 512/863-1504. *Free.* www.southwestern.edu/boxoffice. THE KLEZMATICS The "world's hippest klezmer band" (oy vey!) performs with guest clarinetist Richard Stoltzman. Tue., Nov. 30, 8pm, Bass Concert Hall, 23rd Street & Robert Dedman Drive, UT campus, 477-6060. \$10-32 (discounts available for UT faculty & staff. seniors, and military). www.texasperformingarts.org.

CAROLING AT NOON Seasonal music and Christmas caroling, followed by an optional lunch. Free parking in church garage at Eighth and Trinity. This week: **The** St. Stephen's Madrigal Singers. Thu., Dec. 2, noon. St. David's Episcopal Church, 301 E. Eighth, 610-3500. Free (\$8, with lunch).

www.stdave.org/site/music/cat/concerts

ONGOING

NOONDAY CONCERT This weekly series features local professionals, students, and guests. Lunch follows (reservations required by 10am on day of the concert; if e-mailing, write "lunch" in the subject line). Thursdays, noon. Central Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Eighth, 472-2445. Free (lunch: \$5, adults; \$3, children). www.cpcaustin.org.

visual arts

EVENTS

ACC STUDENT & FACULTY HOLIDAY ART SALE Thu., Dec. 2, 9am-3pm. Austin Community College, 1212 Rio Grande. 223-3263.

OPENING

CHAMPION GALLERY: THREE ARTISTS

New works by Dan Rushton, Chris Sauter, and Richard Mosse. Reception: Thu., Dec. 2, 7-10pm. 800 Brazos, 354-1035. www.championcontemporary.com.

AMOA: 20 YEARS OF FLATBED PRESS

Now here's a terrific way to spend some time Downtown: The Austin Museum of Art's celebrating a double-decade of local fine-art print powerhouse Flatbed Press with a retrospective that features work by Julie Speed, Trenton Dovle Hancock, Terry Allen, Michael Ray Charles, Melissa Miller, James Surls, and others. Finally, a higher-profile show of what brilliance Flatbed has generated for so long. Recommended. Nov. 26-Feb. 12. 823 Congress, 495-9224. www.amoa.org.

L. NOWLIN GALLERY: CHARLIE FERGUSON In Wasted Expressions," the photographer's painterly abstractions comprise parts of metal recycling centers, construction and demolition sites, and random street corners. See "Charlie Ferguson: Wasted Expressions," p.33, for an interview with the artist. Reception: Sat., Dec. 4, 6-8pm. Exhibition: Through Jan. 8. 1202-A W. Sixth, 626-9301. www.lnowlingallery.com.

GRAYDUCK GALLERY: DRAWN TOGETHER Allen Brewer's drawings mix text and images on used documents to create strange palimpsests; Pamela Valfer reorganizes taxidermy and the kitschiness of flocked animal banks into something altogether different. Reception: *Thu., Dec. 2, 7-9pm.* Exhibition: *Through* Jan. 9. 608-C W. Monroe, 826-5334. www.grayduckgallery.com

FASTFRAME'S PRICKLY PEAR GALLERY: FIVE AUSTIN ARTISTS Featuring Kim Brill's kiln-formed glass, Amy Hillenbrand's still-life oils, Nancy Michalewicz's wildlife oils. Debbi Smith Rourke's landscapes, and Paula Simpson's edible chocolate paintings. Yum. Reception: *Thu., Dec. 2, 5:30-8pm.* Exhibition: *Through Dec. 24. 4301 W. William Cannon,* 288-8825. www.austinfastframe.com.

D BERMAN GALLERY: 10TH ANNIVERSARY GROUP SHOW Oh, hell, we're excited about this! Many of the works can be bought for less than \$1,000, and the people responsible for them are Malcolm Bucknall, Ellen Berman, Cynthia Camlin, Jimmy Jalapeeno, Lance Letscher, George Krause, Lauren Levy, Marjorie Moore, Joseph Phillips, Beili Liu, Jana Swec, and, wow, even more. Those few gal-leries in town equal to the best art venues anywhere in the country? This is one of them, and this is why. Reception: Thu., Dec. 2, 6-8pm. Exhibition: Through Jan. 22. 1701 Guadalupe, 477-8877. www.dbermangallery.com.



THE IMPROV COMEDY OF START TREKKIN' BRINGS INTERPLANETARY HIJINX TO THE HIGHBALL THIS SUNDAY.

CLOSING

DOMY BOOKS: MONSTER SHOW 5 Scary monsters, evoked by scary-talented artists from all over the country, including Esther Pearl Watson Souther Salazar, Trenton Doyle Hancock, Deth P. Sun, Kozyndan, Jenny Hart, Travis Millard, Jade Walker, Mat Brinkman, and many others. Through Dec. 2. 913 E. Cesar Chavez, 476-3669. www.domystore.com. RUSSELL COLLECTION: RAY DONLEY The popular artist's newest show, "Terminal Confessions," features enormous digital photographs next to his mysterious

figurative paintings. Through Nov. 30. 1137 W. Sixth, 478-4440, www.russell-collection.com

NORTH HILLS GALLERY: AUSTIN PASTEL SOCIETY This annual show is juried by Eve Larson. Through Nov. 29. 7050 Village Center, 345-1743.

BUTRIDGE GALLERY: TELOS ART This local group of artists uses thickly textured oil paint, recycled windshield glass, and free-pour bronze to explore what it is to be human, as informer and informed. See review p.72. Through Nov. 28. 1110 Barton Springs Rd., 974-4000. www.cityofaustin.org.

LORA REYNOLDS GALLERY: TONY FEHER As if the Bakkers in the main space weren't enough, the tony gallery's Project Room hosts an exhibition of artworks by New York-based Feher, Through Nov. 27. 360 Nueces #50, 215-4965. www.lorareynolds.com

AUSTIN DETAILS: CELEBRATE MEXICO This show showcases the beauty of Mexico and its people. Through Nov. 27. 106 E. Eighth, 391-0999. www.austindetailsart.com.

L. NOWLIN GALLERY: MAGNUM PHOTOGRAPHER BRUCE DAVIDSON Images by one of the most influential photographers of the 20th century, known for his powerful documentation of the civil-rights movement and countless other major works. Through Nov. 27. 1202-A W. Sixth, 626-9301. www.lnowlingallery.com.

CHAMPION GALLERY: DEEP END Sonya Berg's new show features huge graphite drawings and tiny oil paintings depicting empty swimming pools and majestic waterfalls. The photography of Mike Osborne illuminates the venue's back room. Through Nov. 27. 800 Brazos, 354-1035. www.championcontemporary.com

WALLY WORKMAN GALLERY: JANEL JEFFERSON 'Reflective Portraits of Prosperity" is the first solo show of this artist's mixed-media works that pay homage to the lost images of a remarkable people. successful African-Americans of the 1800s. Also,

Ellen Heck's "Plus a Century" exhibition opens in the upstairs gallery. Through Nov. 27. 1202 W. Sixth, 472-7428. www.wallyworkmangallery.com

ONGOING

DIBONA STUDIO Oil paintings and "sculptural tattoos" by Joyce DiBona. 404 W. Milton, 851-2646. www.iovcedibona.com.

ART IN A NUTSHELL Ismael Cavazos, creator of "The Old Man in the Peanut," features his creations involving scribbles, drip paintings, rocks, inkblots, and clouds. 2209 S. First, 436-6551. www.ismaelcavazos.com.

EYE CONTACT ART showcases the work of Joshua Garcia and others. 12400 Amherst #102, 825-8577. www.evecontactart.com.

ACCESS GALLERY HOLIDAY SHOW New work by 25 Texas artists with disabilities. Closing reception: Sat., Dec. 4, 6-8pm. 3701 Guadalupe #103. 323-66226. www.vsatx.org.

GALLERY AT MUSEO: ABOUT FACE Works by Lisa Bussett, Nicole Jeffords, and Maria Lyle. Through Jan. 11. 11266 Taylor Draper. www.museoliving.com

STUDIO L: METAL ART STUDIO SHOW Behold the work of nationally known copper sculptor Daryl G. Colburn. Also, pieces in diverse metal media by Jacob Colburn, Erin Waters' photography, silver jew elry by Rita Marie Ross, and Sandy Muckleroy. 2309 Thornton, 577-3479. www.darylgcolburn.com.

TESTSITE: FULL FOREGROUND This collaboration between artist Rob Verf and writer and poet Roberto Tejada features a video installation in which language plays a determinate role. *Through Dec.* 19. 502 W. 33rd. www.fluentcollab.org/testsite.

CORONADO STUDIOS The Serie Project, a nonprofit Latino arts organization hosted by Coronado Studios, produces, promotes, and exhibits serigraph prints created by diverse artists. 6601 Felix, 385-3591. www.serieproject.org.

360 GALLERY: HARVEST ART SHOW & CONTEST Local artists depict sunrises and sunsets around the world. Through Dec. 28. 6720 Capital of TX Hwy. N. 522-6098. www.multiculturalartfestivals.org.

YARD SHOW Based on the book Yard Art and Handmade Places by Jill Nokes and featuring photographs, stories, and installations from people who have turned their personal property into sanctuaries, sculptural fantasies, and cultural landmarks. Through Dec. 5. Two Locations: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse; Texas Folklife Gallery, 1317 S. Congress. 441-9255. www.texasfolklife.org.

DUMONT GALLERY Linda Dumont: cityscapes, abstracts, and portraits. Call for appointment. 815 E. 52nd. 698-1890. www.lindadumont.com

STENSRUD ART STUDIO: HOLIDAY TIME Visit this working artist's studio during the holidays, and you can have a family portrait done in one hour. Call for

appointment. 1601 Eva. 694-9207. www.carolstensrud.com. DECOLA & EUSEBI GALLERY Stained and leaded glass and mosaics. 701 Tillery Ste. A-11, 389-2266.

www.decola-eusebi.com

ARTAMICI FINE ART GALLERY Artists from Argentina, Mexico, Chile, and Peru; paintings by Augustina Rodriguez, Oscar Riquelme, and Pablo Taboada; drawings by Gilberto Ramirez; and metal sculpture by Augusto Brocca. 78 San Marcos St., 457-0171. www.pablotaboadastudio.com.

ARTHOUSE This newly remodeled stunner of a visualarts venue has a sweet array of exhibitions and artists' talks to delight and inform and confound you. Cyprien Gaillard: Cities of Gold and Mirrors Through Dec. 5. James Sham: "Close Caption" Through Dec. 5. Mequitta Ahuja: "Automythography II" Through Jan. 2. Ryan Hennessee: The Specious Present at 700 Congress Through Jan. 2. Jason Middlebrook: "More Art About Buildings and Food" Through Jan. 16. 700 Congress, 453-5312. www.arthousetexas.org.

AUSTIN ART GLASS This glassblowing studio and gallery offers functional and decorative glass art, classes, and more. 1608 S. Congress, 916-4527. www.austinartglass.com.

AUTHENTICITY GALLERY: LUMINESCENCE Lighted

plexi towers designed and built by a local team, featuring Kokopelli by Kathi Herrin and Luminescent Vines by Greta Olivas. Through Dec. 31. 910 Congress, 478-2787. www.authenticitygallery.com.

BLUE MOON GLASSWORKS Handmade glass art and jewelry. 108 W. 43rd, 380-0770. www.austinbluemoon.com.

CLAYWAYS An array of work by local potters. Through Dec. 24. Tue.-Fri., 10am-6pm: Sat., noon-5pm. 5442 Burnet Rd., 459-6445. www.clayways.com

DAVIS GALLERY: CAPRICE PIERUCCI. DAVID EVERETT, AND DAVID HEFNER Three artists with distinct but strangely complementary styles brighten

and complicate the walls of this fine gallery. Through Dec. 31, 837 W 12th 477-4929 www.davisgalleryaustin.com.

JCC GALLERY: ARTHUR ROTHSTEIN Historical images from the famous photographer of the 1920s and 1930s. 7300 Hart, 735-8000. www.shalomaustin.org.

GALLERY BLACK LAGOON: SYNTROPHY Assemblage and sculptural works by Jamie Spinello and a new installation by Kristen Van Patten. Through Jan. 1. Wed.-Fri., 3-7pm. 4301-A Guadalupe, 371-8838. www.galleryblacklagoon.com.

HARRY RANSOM CENTER: THE LANGUAGE OF **PHOTOGRAPHY** The Gernsheim Collection's hold-ings on display here highlight photography's first 150 years, including work by Lewis Carroll, Alfred Stieglitz, Man Ray, and others. 300 W. 21st, 471-8944. www.hrc.utexas.edu.

HAVEN GALLERY: WOVEN GLASS Glassmaking savants Eric Markow and Thom Norris, who do only one show a year, present new works created with their internationally acclaimed (and damnably secret) technique. See "Weaves of Glass," p.34, for more. Through Dec. 11. 1122 W. Sixth, 477-2700. www.havengalleryaustin.com.

LAUGHING CARDINAL GALLERY: RELIQUARY BOX An exhibition of works new, old, rediscovered, and reclaimed by Kelly Mae Newhouse. 2503-A E. Sixth.

MITCHIE'S FINE BLACK ART presents an eclectic selection of African and African-American artwork. 7801 N. Lamar Ste. B-148, 323-6901. www.mitchie.com

MUSEUM OF NATURAL & ARTIFICIAL EPHEMERATA:

UNDERGROUND What goes on underground, whether culturally or geologically? Discover it in a charming display from Austin's most quirkily delightful gallery. Curator-led tours: Thursdays, 4-7pm; Saturdays, 1-4pm; and by appointment. Through Nov. 30. 1808 Singleton, 320-0566. www.mnae.org.

REVERSE GALLERY: WORKS OF SPRING Michael Bacon paints abstracts on the back of clear vinyl, and his works are viewed through the untouched side. 612 Brazos #100, 592-0219. www.michaelabacon.com.

SCANLAN GALLERY: FLORA & FAUNA Thematic work by Melissa Miller, Linda Ridgway, Liz Ward, Nance Friese, and Madeline Irvine. 2900 Bunny Run, 327-1213. www.sstx.org.

'Telos'



Butridge Gallery in the Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Rd., 974-4000 Through Nov 28.

It's pretty easy to see that this show isn't just three artists whose work happened to be available for exhibiting at the same time, so, what the hell, let's do it. No, this is the Telos

collective of Steve Dubov, Heather Tolleson, and Shawn Camp, and the pieces on display are perfectly complementary. Of course, such complementing alone isn't sufficient to recommend a show; after all, one could have a shitty show, where pieces of, say, dog shit complement pieces of cat shit, and so on, which would be anathema to all but the few coprophiles lurking among us. No, what complements, what resonates in compelling harmony in this Telos display is the sense and the look of raw materials. Also, let's mention it here at the get-go, the deep beauty therein.

Dubov has taken panels of automotive windshields – spiderwebbed with cracks – reclaimed from junkyards, and he's folded them to gorgeous effect, like giant abstract origami in post-apocalyptic glass. You can easily imagine someone doing this sort of thing wrong and how lame it would look. Imagine such a thing being done as right as possible with stainless steel frames or supports and (at times) weights and hoses and bolts added for visual effect and implied narrative; your imagination might get near to the excellence of this work. These could be streamlined Euclidean objects dreamed of by the characters of J.G. Ballard's *Crash*.

Tolleson presents her sculptures of bronze, but they're not figurative or even orchestrated abstracts. Tolleson free pours much of her molten material – letting it scatter and splash like so much precious bodily fluid, then gathering it, solidified, and arranging it alone or in tandem with cast pieces. Polished, gleaming like pieces of a river frozen in midflow, mounted on a pedestal or sprayed, her sculptures look as if they were something a certain Dexter Morgan might scrutinize against a white wall.

And Camp, you've seen other works in this expansive series of his: immense oil paintings, abstracts with a thickness of colors like high aerial photography of barren earth, bisected by lines as sharp and geometric as the planes of Dubov's manipulated glass, riddled with meandering ribbons of metallic paint like braids of glass, like glades of brass, as if Tolleson's snakier free pours have invaded the seen-from-above almost landscapes.

This is an exhibition in the lobby of a community arts center? This is one hell of a lucky city. – Wayne Alan Brenner

VISUAL ARTS CENTER UT Art Faculty Exhibition Recent work by UT faculty artists in Studio Art, Art Education, and Design span the East Gallery and the Mezzanine Gallery. *Through Dec.* 18. Anthropogenesis Curators Ariel Evans and Lauren Hamer present a show of new art – by Kelly Rae Burns, Kristina Felix, Margot Holtman, Jules Buck Jones, Jonathon Keats, and Jill Pangallo – in which animals and animal behavior are considered as an artistic source. *Through Dec.* 18. 23rd and Trinity, 471-1108. www.utvac.org.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK: AMERICAN DREAM Without ever revealing a face, photographer Lupita Murillo Tinnen creates powerful portraits of undocumented students. *Through Jan.* 6. 1710 Lavaca, 477-1064. www.omenandtheirwork.org.

YARD DOG FOLK ART: TWO GUYS FROM READING Antiques dealer (and former Austinite) Mike Miller lacerates vintage photos to create his silhouette collages; Dave "Big Dutch" Nally goes to town with colored pencil, acrylics and watercolor, and jewelry from found metal objects. *Through Dec.* 19. 1510 S. Congress, 912-1613. www.yarddog.com.

SPACES

RUSSELL'S BAKERY: NORMAN GARRETT Photodocumentation of brides and their weddings. 1601 W. 38th, 619-9633. www.thanksforthememories.biz.

MATCHI'S SHIFTING OF CONSCIOUSNESS Mon., Nov. 29. 382-0882. Free. www.matchiart.com. CREATIVE ARTS SOCIETY FINE ART EXHIBITION Thu., Nov. 25. Free. www.creativeartssociety.org.

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

CITY GLASS: WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES Glass blowing? Yes, and much more, in this longtime professional studio. *1105 E. Sixth*, *584*-9323. **www.cityglass.us**.

PEOPLE'S GALLERY: CALL FOR ARTWORKS The city of Austin currently seeks artworks in all mediums created by Austin-area artists or on loan from Austin galleries, art organizations, or museums for the 2011 Austin City Hall "People's Gallery" exhibition. See website for details. Application deadline: Dec. 12. 301 W. Second, 974-9313. www.cityofaustin.org/aipp/cityhall.

BLUE MOON GLASSWORKS: CLASSES This Hyde Park epicenter of everything silica-based and lovely offers instruction on glass fusing, leaded glass, precious-metal clay, and much more. See website for details. 108 W. 43rd, 380-0770.

www.austinbluemoon.com.

MACC: ART CLASSES Sculpting, working in clay and paper pulp, painting with acrylics: many opportunities for learning a craft here. See website for details. 600 *River,* 478-6222. www.maccaustin.org.

AUSTIN FIGURATIVE GALLERY Art Seen Alliance presents a live model painting and drawing session. Poses are for 15 minutes each, except on the third Monday of the month, when the entire session is of one pose for two hours. Bring your own supplies. *Mondays*, 7-9pm. 2906 *Fruth*, 480-9562. \$5. www.artseenalliance.com.

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READINGS, SIGNINGS, AND PERFORMANCES

RIO REVIEW RELEASE PARTY The newest issue of Austin Community College's literary magazine is celebrated. Wed., Dec. 1, 7pm. ACC Gallery Theatre, 1212 Rio Grande. 223-3226. Free.

JAMES BRADLEY The author's *Imperial Cruise* posits the real cause of World War II, the Korean War, and Communist China as belonging to Teddy Roosevelt and William Taft. *Wed.*, *Dec.* 1, *7pm. BookPeople*, 603 *N. Lamar*, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.

HRC'S POETRY ON THE PLAZA: BOB DYLAN The Ransom Center presents "Harmonica Bob: The Poetry of Bob Dylan." UT's Thomas G. Palaima is the featured reader. Wed., Dec. 1, 1pm. Harry Ransom Center, 300 W. 21st, 471-8944. www.hrc.utexas.edu.

FIVE THINGS FOR FREE! It's a holiday gift to you:



Join storytellers Shannon McCormick, Susannah Breslin, Mike Graupmann, Mary Miller, Stephanie Noll, and your hosts Amelia Gray and Stacy Muszynski, as they conjure this night about family-based embarrassments. The whole thing starts off with live music from John Vinyard. Recommended. *Wed.*,

Dec. 1, 7:30pm. United States Art Authority, 2906 Fruth, 480-9562. Free. www.fivethingsaustin.com.

THOMAS KIDD offers a novelistic take on some of the religious implications of the American Revolutionary War in his God of Liberty. Mon., Nov. 29, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.

CREATION NOT INCARCERATION Join Save Our Youth, the Ex-Pinta Support Alliance, and the Hutto Visitation Program for a plática/discussion featuring Buzz Alexander, co-founder of the Prison Creative Arts Project. Alexander reads from his new book, Is William Martinez Not Our Brother?: Twenty Years of the Prison Creative Arts Project. Mon., Nov. 29, 6:30pm. Resistencia Bookstore, 1801-A S. First, 416-8885. www.prisonarts.org.

RON FRANSCELL presents his *The Crime Buff's Guide to Outlaw Texas*, the first travel guide to the many sites in Texas related to its Wild West past. *Sun., Nov. 28, 2pm. Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 10000 Research #158, 418-8985.* **store-locator.barnesandnoble.com.**

WRITING/BOOK GROUPS

WRITE BY NIGHT Write, read, collaborate, or just kick back and dream: It's the place you've been looking for. See website for details. 322-5242. www.writebynight.net.

AUSTIN WRITERS WORKSHOP meets to write, read, and discuss screenplays. *Mondays*, 6:30pm. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 444-4357 or 328-3155, 444-4357 or 328-3155.

Underground Connections

is heading this way. The showcase features artists of all mediums at the United States Art Authority, sure, but it's streety as fuck: live graffiti by Sloke One and Wake; screenprinting on-thespot from Industry Screenprinting; new work by Niz, Laci Mosier, Tyler Booker, Emma Margaux, Jade Mandrake, Kevin Greer, SMUT, Failure, Jater, Tara Carr, Zuzu Perkal, and more; with sonics added by DJ Syko, Luis Banuelos, DJ Fbom, and more. *Thu., Dec. 2, Tpm-2am.* 2906 *Fruth, 480-9562. Free* (\$5, after 11pm).

www.facebook.com/undergroundconnections.



CALENDAR (COMMUNITY SPORTS ARTS FILM MUSIC) LISTINGS



WOMEN'S STUDIES BY JULIE SPEED IS AMONG THE MANY GORGEOUS PRINTS FROM FLATBED PRESS AT AMOA'S NEWEST EXHIBITION.

BOOKWOMAN Discussion of the Nebula and Lambda award-winning Slow River by Nicola Griffith. Tue., Nov. 30, 7pm. BookWoman, 5501 N. Lamar Ste. 105-A, 472-2785. www.ebookwoman.com.

BOOKPEOPLE Not Just Another Teen Book Club for readers 13-18. Amy & Roger's Epic Detour by Morgan Matson. Sat., Nov. 27, 2pm. Voyage Out: Ask the Dust by John Fante. Sun., Nov. 28, 5pm. I Read Banned Books: A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess. Sun., Nov. 28, 7pm. New & Noteworthy: Await Your Reply by Dan Chaon. Mon., Nov. 29, 7pm. Rewritten History: Shout at the Devil by Wilbur Smith. Wed., Dec. 1, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.

SHAKESPEARE ALOUD Austin Shakespeare reads an entire play aloud (about an act each week) and stops often to discuss the images, characters, and story. Sundays, 5-7pm (except major holiday weekends). Greater Austin Creative Alliance, 701 Tillery, Box 9, 247-2531. \$5. www.austinshakespeare.org.

OPEN MICS

BORDERLANDS COMMUNITY OF POETS hosts an open mic, hosted by Deb Akers, to close out its reading series for the year. Regular reading series will resume again in January. Sun., Nov. 28, 4pm. Barnes & Noble South, 5601 Brodie, 892-3493. Free.

CAFE CAFFEINE'S NEW NIGHT Projections on the screen are improvised by Gordon the White Rapper and anyone present. Hosted by Julian Enoch Bruno, Chris Corsbie, and Patrick Boswell. *Wednesdays*, 7-9pm. Cafe Caffeine, 909 W. Mary, 447-9473. www.cafecaffeine.com.

FAIR BEAN Hosted by Amy Zamarripa. *Fridays*, 5-7pm. Fair Bean Coffee, 2210-I S. First, 444-BEAN. www.fairbeancoffee.com.

GENUINE JOE Thursdays, 7:30-10pm. Genuine Joe Coffeehouse, 2001 W. Anderson, 220-1576. www.genuinejoecoffee.com.

THE HIDEOUT is hosted by Thom Moon Bird. Featured: OriginAL from Dallas. *Mondays*, 7-10pm. The Hideout Theatre, 617 Congress, 476-0473. \$2 (or canned food for Poets Pantry). www.hideouttheatre.com.

HOT MAMA'S Sundays, 4-6pm. Hot Mama's Espresso Bar, 2401 E. Sixth, 476-MAMA. www.hotmamasaustin.com.

SPOKEN & HEARD ASL interpreter available. Hosted by the Crew. Sundays, 7-10pm. Kick Butt Coffee, 5775 Airport #725, 454-5425. www.kickbuttcoffee.com. THE AUSTIN POETRY SLAM Mike Henry and a rotating group of slam ninjas captain the speech-rocking crew. Next up: Individual World Poetry Slamoff. Wednesdays, 8pm. ND at 501 Studios, 501 N. I-35, 485-3001. \$5 (21 and older). www.austinslam.com.

RUTA MAYA POETRY Hosted by Melanie Rose. New rules allow children to perform and verse to be sung. Poems are still uncensored. Tuesdays, 6-9pm. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. www.rutamaya.net.

FIRST WEDNESDAYS WITH THOM Hosted by Thom of the Myriad Names. This one features Tom Doyal. Highly recommended. Share stories, poems, and songs: 7-9pm. South Austin Bar & Grill, 1003 Barton Springs Rd., 482-8484. www.southaustinbarandgrill.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

MORE POETRY! (he asked who taught the stones to sing to urge out & up & round the empty way: make holes in the air spend days decades eons to polish the bones of wanting rain & fire carbon hard soft the music of breathing stars) or how the heart stone wing beats its red breasted cry the waves crashing slowly as we let go. Namaste. Sing!

HOLIDAY BOOK DRIVE The Women's Storybook Project collects donations of new books so an incarcerated mother can connect with her child through literature. *Through Dec.* 25. *Barnes & Noble Arboretum*, 10000 Research #158, 418-8985. www.storybookproject.org.

POEM OF THE ISSUE

she paints out back

and I see her

head tilted filling in small details with her brush

I can't see them

and then I see that hip sashay left, then right

constrained jazz in shorts

- Guy Thomas, from "study in clare"



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BREAK KE BAAD D: Danish Aslam; with Deepika Padukone, Imran Khan, Sharmila Tagore, Lillete Dubey. (NR, 113 min., subtitled)

Not reviewed at press time. In this Hini rom-com, two lovers who have been a couple since childhood undergo a separation in order to discover each other once again. - Marjorie Baumgarten

Tinseltown South

(PG-13, 100 min.)

BURLESQUE D: Steve Antin; with Christina Aguilera, Cher, Eric Dane, Cam Gigandet, Julianne Hough, Alan Cumming, Peter Gallagher, Kristen Bell, Stanley Tucci.

Not reviewed at press time. Aguilera makes her screen debut in this musical costarring Cher as the operator of a club that presents neo-burlesque showgirls. Screen Gems declined to make the film available to Austin critics. – Marjorie Baumgarten Alamo Drafthouse South, Arbor, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gold Class, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

FASTER D: George Tillman Jr.; with Dwayne Johnson, Tom Berenger, Billy Bob Thornton, Carla Gugino, Mike Epps, Michael Irby, Oliver Jackson-Cohen. (R, 95 min.)

Faster goes a long way toward dispelling the memory of *Tooth Fairy*, but it also serves as a nagging reminder that Billy Bob Thornton hasn't had much meat on his résumé since the Polish brothers' weird and wonderful *The Astronaut Farmer* four years ago. Despite bearing a title that practically begs for low expectations and is apropos of nothing in the actual movie – presumably more suitable,

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single-worders like Vengeance. Thief, Killer. and Angry were already taken – Faster turns out to be a better-than-average vendetta film with enough forward momentum to keep audiences glued (Elmer's, not Super) to their seats, especially if it's Thanksgiving night and they're already sick of football. Johnson plays Driver: fresh out of prison, sound of mind, and of single intent. He means to kill each and every one of the snitches who killed his brother and made off with the spoils of a past robbery. Carrying a list of names in his pocket and a really big revolver in his hand, he covers a lot of ground between California and Nevada while culling the scumbag herd in his cherry '65 Chevy Chevelle, leaving behind burnt rubber and bloodstains. The former "Rock" plays it wicked straight throughout, as does everyone else involved, including Thornton, playing the junkie cop with a dark secret on Driver's tail. Thornton is a savvy casting choice. He's always looked a bit like he's spent some time riding a rough road on a china-white horse, but here, twig-thin and angular, he's a downright scarecrow of a man. His character keeps mentioning that he's only got 10 days to go before retirement, but from the looks of things this guy died 10 days ago. Tillman Jr. keeps things moving at a speedy clip and never, ever deviates from the story's stated goal. This is meat-and-poatoes (and bullets) action filmmaking, although, really, that - Marc Savlov title's got to go. ★★ Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park. Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Gold Class, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST D: Daniel Alfredson; with Noomi Rapace, Michael Nyqvist, Lena Endre, Anders Ahlbom, Georgi Staykov, Annika Hallin, Jacob Ericksson, Sofia Ledarp, Niklas Falk. (R, 147 min., subtitled)

I do not envy American Rooney Mara, who, amid much speculation and consternation, was finally named as the luckless actor cast to play Lisbeth Salander, the heroine and titular "girl" of the Swedish action/conspiracy/psychological trilogy that exploded into the global pop-cultural zeitgeist with the posthumous publication of Stieg Larsson's phenomenal clutch of paranoiac Svenska-noir novels. The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest is the concluding chapter in Larsson's epic story arc (following The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo in 2009 and The Girl Who Played With Fire earlier this year). These last two were directed with a bracingly smart sort of Swedish self-assurance by Daniel Alfredson (who, in a rather charming bit of cinematic savoir faire, was revealed as the elder sibling of Tomas Alfredson, director of 2008's celebrated, undead adolescent romance, Let the Right One In). Neither follow-up can quite live up to the visceral, chilly, black-leather Europunch of director Niels Arden Oplev's original film in the trilogy, but at a combined running time of well over seven hours, the very fact that American audiences have taken to the cinematic adaptations of Larsson's books is, in a word, heartening. Which brings me to the core reason, I think, for such manifestly giddy embrace of the author's work, which spans not just two artistic media but also two entire continents, subtitles be damned. And there's Noomi Rapace, who so utterly embodies the character of Lisbeth Salander as a sort of forcibly detached, hideously scarred - mentally, physically, emotionally force maieure that it's inconceivable, for now. that any actor would have the brass balls to place herself at the center of the forthcoming. inevitable Hollywood remakes. (David Fincher will direct.) My condolences in advance to Ms. Mara, who may well be excellent in the role. One thing she won't be, however, is Noomi Rapace, who by now defines the character of Lisbeth Salander, a genius-level hacker who single-handedly raises the fetishistic accoutrements of the BDSM underground to an entirely new level of hot couture while simultaneously emasculating all manner of amoral, wealthy, wizened white males while astride her Yamaha WR250X Supermoto. Salander is assisted in all three films' sprawl-

ing anti-corruption campaign by crusading Stockholm journalist Mikael Blomkvist (the sturdy Nyqvist, to be played by Daniel Craig in the remakes), editor of the imperiled muckraking mag Millennium. If The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest lacks a measure of the sexually turbocharged torque of its precursors, the fault lies not with Rapace or Nyqvist, but with a concluding storyline that breathlessly attempts to weave all those loose ends from the previous films into a cunningly crafted hangman's knot. Salander, horrifically bloodied by the end of Fire but tenaciously unbowed as Hornet's Nest revs up into the crimson redline, eventually receives her day in court, both figuratively and literally. Can this truly be the spiky-smooth consummation of Salander and Blomkvist's epic yet edgy partnership? Rumor has it the late Larsson may have one more trick left in his laptop. For now, it's enough to see Rapace's Salander smile, however tentatively, however briefly, however unlikely. Those white teeth framed by black-onblack everything? They bite. - Marc Savlov ★★★ Arbor



LOVE & OTHER DRUGS D: Edward Zwick; with Jake Gyllenhaal, Anne Hathaway, Oliver Platt, Hank Azaria, Judy Greer, George Segal, Jill Clayburgh. (R, 112 min.)

Not reviewed at press time. A pharmaceutical salesman with devastating charm and a woman who has no interest in settling down gradually discover that love is the best drug of all. Twentieth Century Fox declined to make the film available to Austin critics. – Marjorie Baumgarten Alamo Drafthouse Village, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

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Burlesque (PG-13)		Love & C	Love & Other Drugs (R)			
Faster (R)		Tangled	Tangled (PG)			
**** ****	As perfect as a movie can be Slightly flawed, but excellent nonetheless	**	Mediocre, but with one or two bright spots			
***	Has its good points, and its bad points	*	Poor, without any saving graces La bomba			

THE NEXT THREE DAYS D: Paul Haggis; with Russell Crowe, Elizabeth Banks, Ty Simpkins, Olivia Wilde. (PG-13, 122 min.)

Maybe taking a cue from his namesake dish, that much-maligned Scottish pudding concoction made with sheep innards and root vegetables, Haggis presents a mishmash of genres in this redo of Fred Cavayé's 2008 French film Pour Elle. Working with such familiar - and potentially dramatic - ingredients as jailbreaks, the wrongly accused, and femmes fatales, Haggis culls the least interesting bits from these scenarios to make a fatally confused film. A lumbering, sleepily engaged Crowe stars as literature professor John Brennan, whose wife, Lara (Banks), is abruptly accused of murder in the film's opening minutes and carted off to jail; with all the evidence against her, Lara is swiftly convicted and sentenced to life in prison. That's the last three years; the next three days mark the time John has to bust Lara out of jail before she is moved out of county to a more secure correctional facility. Long stretches of the film give way to detailing Brennan's careful assemblage of a plan - necessary in orchestrating an actual prison break, sure, but not the most scintillating thing to watch. Along the way, Haggis tosses in everything from mild puzzlers (what the hell are Liam Neeson, Olivia Wilde. Daniel Stern, and Brian Dennehy all doing in go-nowhere bit parts?) to real plot headscratchers (how did Brennan advance from "where do the bullets go?" to a shoot-'emup at a meth lab in a matter of scenes?). There's only one psychologically intriguing character in the film, and she spends most of it behind bars: Banks, who usually restricts herself to comic parts, is a fiercely coiled enigma as Lara, a diabetic with rage issues and flattened platinum-blond locks (a terrible weave) who morphs in jail, along with her natural brown frizz, into something wilder still. She looks like she'd bring a palmed knife to a fist fight without a flutter of conscience, but the film is hardly interested in her. She pulls a doozy of a move in the third act - again: intriguing - but it only makes sense in the context that Haggis, fond of freeways (see Crash), had an action budget to burn. Despite his many accomplishments in TV and film, Haggis may go down in history as the helmer of the Academy's most notorious misstep. It's certainly not his fault that his ham-fisted Crash beat Brokeback Mountain for Best Picture in 2005, but, still, you'd think he'd aim higher. Haggis - the dish - now comes canned, and Haggis - the director - has made a film that feels about as fresh. - Kimberley Jones ★ Harton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Gateway, Gold Class, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

TANGLED D: Nathan Greno, Byron Howard; with the voices of Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi, Donna Murphy, Ron Perlman, M.C. Gainey, Jeffrey Tambor, Brad Garrett. (PG, 92 min.)

The venerable Disney animators have climbed aboard both the CGI and 3-D bandwagons for their latest holiday release, which is billed as the studio's 50th animated feature. The story reworks the Brothers Grimm fairy tale Rapunzel, though a title update to Tangled reflects Disney's desire to appeal to a broader audience (in other words, girls and boys) with its latest "lost princess" legend. The classic hallmarks of Disney animation are all here: stunning attention to the details of nature and the inclusion of an evil mother figure as a trigger for the storyline. This version of the fairy tale posits Rapunzel as a bona fide princess who is stolen by Mother Gothel immediately after her birth. Rapunzel's flaxen hair has magical powers to heal injuries and reverse the signs of aging, which is exactly what the old hag Mother Gothel has in mind. She stashes Rapunzel in an isolated tower in the forest, where her only

companion is a wordless but expressionrich chameleon. Approaching her 18th birthday, Rapunzel longs to partake in the outside world despite the warnings from her "mother" of all the dangers that await her there. So when Flynn Ryder (voiced by Chuck's Levi), a handsome young thief on the run, plops into her forest hideaway during an escape, the capable Rapunzel coldcocks him with a cast-iron frying pan and then ties him to a chair with her 70-footlong mane. Rapunzel's hair should be listed as one of the story's main characters, so intrinsic is it to the film's appeal. (Ancillary sales should go through the roof: Not since Barbie and My Little Pony has there been a product that appeals so directly to kids' urges to comb and groom.) As voiced by Moore, Rapunzel is a spunky gal, capable of defending herself and singing sturdily. She's a delight in a particularly unusual scene in which she vacillates between thinking she's having the best day ever and that she's the worst daughter ever. Tony Award-winner Murphy brings stage showmanship to her musical interludes as Mother Gothel, which drip with sarcasm and biting wit. The songs by Alan Menken and Glenn Slater are fun but unmemorable, however. Even though the sight of Rapunzel's shimmering hair and scenes of flickering lanterns across the skyline are visual wonders, the biggest reactions to the animation seemed to come from scenes of classic physical comedy, as when Maximus, Flynn's horse and sidekick, behaves like a dog or climbs onto a tree branch that breaks under his weight. Tangled is a serviceable kids' picture and marks a milestone in the history of Disney animation, but it's splitting hairs to characterize it beyond that. - Marjorie Baumgarten ★★ Alamo Drafthouse South, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

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> An asterisk (*) before a title means that no passes or

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CINEMARK SOUTHPARK MEADOWS 9900 S I-35, 800/FANDANGO. Cost for 3-D shows is regular ticket price plus a \$3.50 premium. Call theatre for auter price prise a \$3.50 premium. **Call theatre for Dec. 1-2 showtimes.** * **Burlesque:** Fri-Sun, 10:20am, 1:10, 3:55, 6:40, 9:35pm; Mon-Tue, 1:10, 3:55, 6:40, 9:35 Molride, 1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9:35 Metropolitan Opera: Don Pasquale: Wed, 6:30pm Due Date: Fir-Sun, 10:00am, 12:30, 3:00, 5:40, 8:25pm; Mon-Tue, 3:00, 5:40, 8:25 Mon-lue, 3:00, 5:40, 8:25 *Faster: Fri-Sun, 10:35am, 1:00, 3:25, 6:25, 9:15pm; Mon-Tue, 1:00, 3:25, 6:25, 9:15 Mon-Tue, 1:00, 3:25, 6:25, 9:15 ***For Colored dirs:** Fri-Ue, 9:40pm ***Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1:** Fri-Sun, 9:45am, 10:45, 11:45, 12:45, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:45, 6:45, 7:45, 8:45, 9:45pm; Mon-Tue, 12:45, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:45, 6:45, 7:45, 8:45, 9:45 ***Love & Other Durgs:** Fri-Sun, 10:15am, 12:55, 3:35, 6:30, 9:20pm; Mon-Tue, 1:25, 3:36, 6:30, 9:20 ***Megamind** (3:D): Fri-Sun, 10:05am, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05pm; Mon-Tue, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05 Monring Giory: Fri-Liue, 9:50pm ***The Next Three Days:** Fri-Sun, 10:30am, 1:50, 5:05pm; Mon-Tue, 1:05, 5:05 **Red:** Fri-Tue, 10:10pm ***Skvine:** Fri-Sun, 10:10am, 1:15, 3:40, 6:15pm:

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La Razón de la Culpa: Tue, 7:00pm

Fiskville, 467-7305. No one under 18 will be allowed in the theatre on Friday or Saturday after 7pm without

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GATEWAY THEATRE 9700 Stonelake, between Capital of Texas Highway and Highway 183 in the Gateway shopping center, 416-5700 x3808. Discounts daily before 6pm and all day Wednesday. Cost for 3-D shows is regular ticket price plus a \$3.50 premium. **Call theatre Grouplete Nov. 27-Dec. 2 showtimes. Due Date:** Fri, 12:50, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:35 **Faster:** Fri-Mon, 11:40am, 2:40, 5:25, 8:10, 10:40pm **'Harry Potter and the Deathy Hallows:** Part I: Fri, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:20, 6:50, 7:20, 7:50, 8:20, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 **Love & Other Drugs:** Fri-Mon, 11:30am, 2:10, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20pm **Megamint (3-D):** Fri, 11:5bam, 4:55, 7:45, mo **Morning Glory:** Fri, 11:5bam, 1:455, 7:45, mo **Morning Glory:** Fri, 11:5bam, 1:455, 7:40, 9:10pm **The Next Three Days:** Fri, 1:2:40, 3:50, 7:05, 10:10 **Tangled :** Fri, 11:15bam, 1:45, 4:20, 6:40, 9:10pm **'Insteg disc**, Fri, 11:15bam, 1:20, 2:00, 7:30, 9:55pm **Unstoppable:** Fri, 11:2:00, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:25 shows is regular ticket price plus a \$3.50 premium.

GOLD CLASS CINEMA 3225 Amy Donovan Plaza

GOLD CLASS CINEMA 3225 Any Donovan Plaza (the Domain), 568-3400. Burlesque: 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Due Date: 1rH45m, 2:104, 6:45, 9:00pm; Tue, 11:45am, 2:00, 6:45, 9:00pm; Wed-Thu (12/2), 11:45am, 2:00, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00pm; Wed-Thu (12/2), 11:45am, 2:00, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00pm; Wed-Thu (12/2), 11:45am, 2:00, 2:15, 3:15, 5:30, 8:45, 9:45pm; Sat-Thu (12/2), 11:00am, 12:00, 2:15, 3:15, 5:30, 8:45, 9:45pm The Next Three Days: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

IMAX THEATRE Texas State History Museum, 1800 N. Congress, 936-IMAX. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1: 1:00, 4:00,

Harry Forter and the Dealing Failows, Part 1: 1:00,4:00 Fri200, 10:00 Hubble 3D: Fri-Sat, 11:30am; Mon-Thu (12/2), 11:30am Legends of Flight: 10:30am Forsas: The Big Picture: Fri-Sat, 9:30am; Mon-Thu (12/2), 9:30am

LAKELINE STARPORT Lakeline Mall at Highway 183 & RR 620, 335-4793. Discounts daily before 6pm and

a rhr 020, 333-435. Discuttis daily before optimatio all day Wednesday. Burlesque: Fri-Sat, 11:35am, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20pm; Sun-Thu (12/2), 11:35am, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40pm Faster; Fri-Sat, 12:05, 2:25, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55; Sun-Thu (12/2), 12:05, 2:25, 4:50, 7:25 *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1: Fri-Sat, 12:45, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1: Fri-Sat, 12:45, $\label{eq:starter} \begin{array}{l} \label{eq:starter} \text{Harry Potter and the Deathy Hallows: Part 1: Fn-Sat, 12:45, 4:00, 7:05, 10:10; Sun-Thu (12/2), 12:45, 4:00, 7:05, Sun-Thu (12/2), 12:45, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25; Sun-Thu (12/2), 12:20, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25; Sun-Thu (12/2), 12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:35, 9:50; Sun-Thu (12/2), 12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:00; Sun-Thu (12/2), 12:35, 4:10, 7:10, 10:05; Sun-Thu (12/2), 12:35, 4:10, 7:10, 4:35, 7:00; Sun-Thu (12/2), 11:45am, 2:10, 4:35, 7:00; Sun-Thu (12/2), 12:10, 2:30, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; Sun-Thu (12/2), 12:10, 2:30, 4:55, 7:15 \\ \end{array}$

METROPOLITAN South I-35 & Stassney, 447-0101. Discounts daily before 6pm and all day Wednesday Cost for 3-D shows is regular ticket price plus a \$3.50 premium. Burlesaue: Fri-Sun, 11:00am, 12:00, 1:45, 3:15, 4:30, 7:00,

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Unstoppable: Fri-Tue, 12:05, 2:00, 2:30, 5:25, 7:25, 8:00, 10:35; Wed-Thu (12/2), 12:05, 2:00, 2:30, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35

MILLENNIUM THEATRE 1156 Hargrave, 472-6932.

Located within the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex. Adults, \$6; children, \$4. Complex. Adults, \$6; Children, \$4. For Colored Girls: Sat, 11:00am, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00pm; Wed, 11:00am, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30pm; Thu (12/2), 11:00am, 1:30, 4:00, 7:00pm

TINSELTOWN NORTH North 1-35 & FM 1825 512/989-8540. Cost for 3-D shows is regular ticket price plus a \$3.50 premium. *Burlesque: 10:30am, 12:00, 1:25, 2:55, 4:20, 6:00, 7:15,

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 Metropolitan Opera: Don Pasquale: Wed, 6:30pm

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 Harry Porter and the Datethy Hallows: Part 1: 10:00am, 10:35, 11:40, 12:10, 12:45, 1:20, 1:55, 3:05, 3:35, 4:10, 4:45, 5:20, 6:30, 7:00, 7:35, 8:15, 8:45, 10:00, 10:25pm

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TINSELTOWN SOUTH South I-35 & Stassney, 326-3800.
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 \$10"special event" ticket prices apply to Indian films.

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WESTGATE 11 South Lamar & Ben White 899-2717 Discounts daily before 6pm and all day Wednesday. Cost 6r 3-D shows is regular ticket price plus a \$3.50 premium. Burlesque: 11:30am, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30pm Due Date: 12:30, 2:50, 5:52, 7:55, 10:15 Faster: 11:50am, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05pm Faster: 11:50am, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05pm *Hary Potter and the DestMty Hallows: Part 1: 11:25am, 12:10, 2:40, 3:30, 6:40, 7:10, 9:45, 10:20pm Love & Other Drugs: 11:10am, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10pm *Megamind (3-9): 11:40am, 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30pm Morning Glory: 11:35am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50pm The Next Three Days: 12:45, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50 *Tangled (3-D): 11:20am, 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35pm Unstoppable: 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00

> Changes may sometimes occur; viewers are encouraged to call theatres to confirm showtimes.

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ALPHA AND OMEGA D: Anthony Bell, Ben Gluck; with the voices of Justin Long, Hayden Panettiere, Dennis Hopper, Danny Glover, Larry Miller. (PG, 88 min.)

What a curious beast this kiddie flick is, with its two wolf packs turf-warring over a prime feeding ground for caribou but played out with an almost comic bloodlessness. Wolf cubs Kate (voiced by Panettiere) and Humphrey (voiced by Long) - she the tart alpha, he the court-jester omega - talk big about how delicious caribou tartare would taste but snack onscreen only on blueberries and cupcakes and the occasional bone licked clean of anything remotely resembling dead meat. Alpha and Omega is also something of a dirty bird: Two wolves howling at the moon is code for the mating dance. And, yes, they do in fact dance - and sing, too. The 3-D angle is the only one I can identify to justify Alpha and Omega not going straight to DVD, but it's a double-edged sword: While DreamWorks' team of animators produces quite painterly landscapes, the inflated ticket price exacerbates the sting of this film's dogged banality. (09/24/2010)- Kimberlev Jones ★★ Movies 8

DESPICABLE ME D: Chris Renaud, Pierre Coffin; with the voices of Steve Carell, Jason Segel, Russell Brand, Julie Andrews, Miranda Cosgrove, Dana Gaier, Elsie Fisher, Will Arnett, Kristen Wiig, (PG, 95 min.)

Everyone knows that the villains are usually the most interesting characters. So the filmmakers were wise to give the megalomaniacal Gru (voiced amusingly by Carell) his own animated movie. The world of Despicable Me is reminiscent of The Incredibles, where superheroes and supervillains fully participate in suburban life. blending in unnoticed by ordinary folk. Then, snotty new-villain-on-the-block Vector (Segel) pulls a stunt that bumps Gru from his No. 1 supervillain ranking. Gru retaliates by plotting to steal the moon. Part of his plan involves the adoption of three orphaned sisters (Cosgrove, Gaier, and Fisher), through whose demands for him to accompany them to ballet class and read bedtime stories - as well as some flashbacks that reveal him to be a villain with justifiable mommy issues - Gru discovers his sensitive side. Gru's Minions - yellow, pill-shaped, bespectacled beings that gurgle in some sort of fractionally understandable language - are the movie's ultimate scene-stealers.

(07/09/2010) Mariorie Baumgarten ★★★ Movies 8



Daughter of Deceit (La hija del engaño)

Daughter of Deceit (La hija del engaño) (1951) D: Luis Buñuel; with Fernando Soler, Àlicia Caro, Fernando Soto. (NR, 79 min.) Cine las Americas and the Consulate General of Mexico in Austin: Luis Buñuel en México. This rarely screened drama tells the story of a father who abandons his daughter after his adulterous wife spitefully informs him that their daughter is not his. @MACC, Monday, 8pm; free.

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 *Tangled: Fri-Sun, 10:10am, 12:50, 3:30, 6:20, 9:10
 *Tangled (3-D): Fri, 11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20pm;
 Sat-Sun, 11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:40pm; Mon-Tue, 2:10, 4:50, 7:40 "Unstoppable: Fri-Sun, 9:55am, 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35 10:00pm; Mon-Tue, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00

Cine las Americas: Daughter of Deceit (La hija del engaño):

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Monsieur Verdoux

Monsieur Verdoux (1947) D: Charles Chaplin; with Chaplin, Mady Correll, Allison Roddan, Martha Raye. (NR, 124 min.) **Big Screen Classics.** Chaplin directs and stars in this late-period black comedy as a bluebeard who, in order to support his beloved family, marries rich widows and kills them for their money. His comic parable about the ulterior workings of the world bombed in America. The Chronicle's Editor Louis Black will introduce the film. @Alamo Ritz, Monday and Wednesday, 7pm.

DEVIL D: John Erick Dowdle; with Chris Messina, Geoffrey Arend, Logan Marshall-Green, Bojana Novakovic, Jenny O'Hara, Bokeem Woodbine. (PG-13, 80 min.)

Devil is, apparently, the opening salvo in M. Night Shyamalan's incoming The Night Chronicles series, and it would have made more of an impact if it just cut the cable and let the whole claustrophobic affair plummet into the abyss. In short, five strangers with unknown ties to one another are trapped in an immobile elevator, and, no surprise, there's something else in there with them. Fear, mounting anxiety, and a lack of Xanax are the rules of the game, and when the lights go out, bloodshed enters the fray, considerably upping the paranoiac ante. Dowdle, who helmed Quarantine, does manage a few moments of well-calibrated terror, and Shyamalan's trickery with audience expectations is decidedly in effect, but it's not enough to merit a full 80 minutes. In the end, Devil feels like an ingenious short film pumped up for theatrical release. Shyamalan's story is sound, but the execution dragged me to hell and left me there. (09/24/2010) Marc Savlov ★★ Movies 8

DUE DATE D: Todd Phillips; with Robert Downey Jr., Zach Galifianakis, Michelle Monaghan, Jamie Foxx, Juliette Lewis, Danny McBride, RZA, Matt Walsh, (R. 95 min.)

Due Date is the comedy delivered by director Phillips in between his breakout success, last year's The Hangover, and its coming-soon-to-atheatre-near-you sequel, which is already in production. Galifianakis, whose comic man-child schtick gets a full workout, plays Ethan Tremblay, gauche and rotund, against Downey Jr.'s Peter Highman, who is just trying to make it home to Los Angeles in time for the birth of his first child. Phillips steers this road-trip movie through a wicked variety of setpieces and celebrity guest cameos. The problem with Due Date is that it is less funny at 95 minutes than it is in its succinct trailers. In between the jokes, the darker moments of Due Date emerge and deflate some of the froth. Nevertheless, in its best moments, the film's duo of Galifianakis and Downey Jr. remind us of a bickering Laurel & Hardy digging themselves out of another fine mess. And we're happy to be along for the ride. (11/05/2010) - Marjorie Baumgarten $\star \star \star$ Alamo Ritz, Alamo Drafthouse Village, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Gold Class, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

EASY A D: Will Gluck; with Emma Stone, Penn Badgley, Amanda Bynes, Dan Byrd, Aly Michalka, Patricia Clarkson, Stanley Tucci, Lisa Kudrow, Thomas Haden Church, (PG-13, 93 min.)

Is it just me, or is the long arm of the Internet informing all our entertainment these days? Easy A, like so many recent films, riffs on social media's Big Brother-like shadow: when a rumor kick-starts about the devirginizing of its heroine, high school senior Olive (Zombieland's Stone), it spreads like a virus via text and Twitter. This is high school sexual politics in the app age, but director Gluck offsets his take on The Way We Live Now, Thumbs a-Go-Go Edition with overt references to the days of John Hughes-era hookups and their quaintseeming conundrums of class, clique, and taste. The loose inspiration here is The Scarlet Letter, that old chestnut about a passionate woman undone by her community's unthinking castigation. Easy A is a surprisingly warmhearted examination of hypocrisy and social insecurity, unlikely camaraderie and stutter-stepped formation of adult identity. And Stone is, irrefutably, a knockout as the husky-voiced, recalcitrant Olive. It's a keeper. (09/17/2010)- Kimberley Jones ★★★ Movies 8, Tinseltown South

FAIR GAME D: Doug Liman; with Naomi Watts, Sean Penn, Sam Shepard, Noah Emmerich, Bruce McGill, David Andrews, Ty Burrell. (PG-13, 105 min.)

Were it not for the fact that Sean Penn and Naomi Watts turn in a pair of top-notch performances as columnist/politico Joseph Wilson and his wife, Valerie Plame, a covert CIA field operative, Fair Game would have all the gripping suspense of an Urdu 101 class at Langley. Think The Spy Who Was Publicly Outed by Morally Bankrupt Partisan Ideologues. That's what happened to Plame when conservative columnist Robert Novak, acting on a tip from Bush's White House, penned a column about her husband in The Washington Post on July 14, 2003. Cutting between Plame's doomed covert ops in Iraq and the war of words on the home front. Liman keeps things moving along at a frantic pace. Still, Fair Game, which both fascinates and infuriates. comes across as little more than a footnote in an ever-lengthening list of the Bush White House's sordid, potentially treasonous actions leading up to and beyond the invasion of Iraq. Marc Savlov (11/05/2010)

★★★ Arbor, Tinseltown South

FOR COLORED GIRLS D: Tyler Perry; with Kimberly Elise, Janet Jackson, Loretta Devine, Thandie Newton, Anika Noni Rose, Kerry Washington, Tessa Thompson, Phylicia Rashad, Whoopi Goldberg, Macy Gray, Michael Ealy, Hill Harper, Omari Hardwick. (R, 134 min.)

What at first sounds like an awkward fit - artistically ham-handed filmmaker Tyler Perry adapting Ntozake Shange's "choreopoem" about black women's identity – becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. For Colored Girls, Perry's first film that doesn't sport his name in front of the title, signals his ambition to expand his creative palette. Perry has brushed up his directing skills, though his plainspoken, unsubtle aesthetic is an uncomfortable match for the fragil ity of Shange's poetic monologues. Still, Elise, Newton, Devine, Rose, Washington, and Rashad find the pulse of their characters and are able to convey something of their emotions, even when they lack clarity and backstory. There is a lot of turmoil captured in these vignettes: date rape, infanticide. promiscuity, back-alley abortion, pathological religiosity, and AIDS, to name but a few. Even though For Colored Girls had the second weakest opening weekend for any Perry release, his choice to revive and recalibrate Shange's classic work is a good thing - Marjorie Baumgarten overall. (11/12/2010) ★★★ Southpark Meadows, Millennium, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South

FOUR LIONS D: Chris Morris; with Riz Ahmed, Arsher Ali, Nigel Lindsay, Kayvan Novak, Adeel Akhtar. (R. 102 min.)

Quite probably the world's first Islamic terrorist comedy, Four Lions is set in Sheffield, 150 miles north of London, and details the bumbling efforts of a group of radicalized Muslims who dream of becoming suicide bombers. Faisal (Akhtar) is softspoken and maybe soft in the head; Waj (Novak) is dim but eager to please; Barry (Lindsay), a white convert, is a bilious fanatic; and Hassan (Ali) is a wannabe rapper just looking for a community. But leader Omar (Ahmed) is a genuinely politicized and embittered young man with a wife and son. Four Lions is a riot of physical comedy, and much of the dialogue is sneakily hilarious in its sheer banality. Director Morris, in his first feature film, imperceptibly shifts from pure satire to accommodate a more complete and, ves, humanizing portrait of the conflicted jihadis. This is provocative stuff, to be sure. A comedy of errors and terrors? Who woulda thunk it? (11/05/2010) Kimberlev Jones ★★★ Alamo Drafthouse South





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Zorns Lemma

Zorns Lemma (1970) D: Hollis Frampton. (NR, 60 min.) Austin School of Film: Cinemaker Transmission. One of the classics of the American avant-garde cinema, *Zorns Lemma* is a masterpiece of structuralist filmmaking. One by one, the letters of the English alphabet are displayed with images; the cycle continually repeats until the letters have been entirely subsumed by images. Scott Stark will introduce the film and lead a post-screening Q&A. Doors open an hour before screening. @Austin School of Film, Wednesday, 7pm.

GUZAARISH D: Sanjay Leela Bhansali; with Hrithik Roshan, Aishwarya Rai. (NR, 135 min., subtitled)

Not reviewed at press time. In this Bollywood film, a paralyzed man petitions the court to allow his mercy killing. (11/19/2010) – Marjorie Baumgarten Tinseltown South

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 1

D: David Yates; with Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Ralph Fiennes, Alan Rickman, Helena Bonham Carter, Julie Walters, Bill Nighy, Imelda Staunton, Tom Felton, Rhys Ifans, Jason Isaacs, Helen McCrory, Peter Mullan. (PG-13, 146 min.)

The first half of a two-film adaptation of J.K. Rowling's final book about the battle between the damaged boy-wizard Harry (Radcliffe) and the dark Lord Voldemort (Fiennes), Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 is, as a whole, the finest Potter film yet. From the superlative digital effects and original score to the saga-scoped camerawork, Deathly Hallows is all business - taut, fraught, and fearsome. When Voldemort's minions, the Death Eaters, storm the Ministry, Harry and best friends Hermione (Watson) and Ron (Grint) go underground to find and destroy the remaining Horcruxes, talismans in which Voldemort safeguarded splinters of his soul. Deathly Hallows is still truthful to the spirit of these decent, sometimes goofy kid-characters, whom we've watched grow up in the course of 10 years. They remain fundamentally the same, only now with jaws set hard from troubled times. They've been through something epic, and for the first time, truly, so have we. (11/19/2010) Kimberley Jones ★★★★ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse South, Alamo Drafthouse Village, Barton

Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Gold Class, IMAX Theatre, Lakeline, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

INCEPTION D: Christopher Nolan; with Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ellen Page, Tom Hardy, Ken Watanabe, Dileep Rao, Cillian Murphy, Marion Cotillard. (PG-13, 149 min.)

Inception, Nolan's first film since the eye-rollingly overpraised *The Dark Knight*, is a mind-bender and surely the most intellectually and viscerally engaging action film in years. DiCaprio plays Cobb, the leader of a crew that traffics in a unique kind of corporate espionage in which they design a dreamscape, then trap, say, a CEO into said dream in order to extract highly sensitive, highly profitable information. But, early on, they are hired to do the opposite: to plant an original idea in the head of an heir to an energy conglomerate (Murphy). You can't discount the novelty and dazzling invention of Nolan's premise, and DiCaprio's blend of unflappable cool and spittlesob emotiveness is irresistible. What endures, though, is *Inception*'s sense of desperate tumult as worlds collapse, multiple ticking clocks go off, and a broken man tries, badly, to make reparations. (07/16/2010) - Kimberley Jones **** Movies 8

INSIDE JOB D: Charles Ferguson; narrated by Matt Damon. (PG-13, 120 min.)

These days, everyone is talking smack about the United States economy. Most of us have painful evidence that the whole system is in the toilet, yet few can explain how or why. Director Ferguson (No End in Sight), however, illuminates the situation with this detailed vet engaging documentary analysis narrated by Matt Damon. Inside Job uncovers little that hasn't already been reported elsewhere, but Ferguson does an excellent job of organizing the presentation and showcasing his clear-eyed perspective of the American people as the victims of Wall Street insiders who are themselves victims of their own greed and inflated self-worth. Inside Job is divided into five digestible sections: How We Got Here, the Bubble, the Crisis, Accountability, and Where We Are Now. Ferguson's provocative, incredulous questioning is one of the greatest lessons of Inside Job. That and his demonstration that the current economic crisis is definitely not too difficult for us to understand - and correct. (11/05/2010) - Mariorie Baumgarten **** Arbor

JACKASS 3D D: Jeff Tremaine. (R, 94 min.)

The cunning stuntwork of Jackass' motley band of jackanapes is marginally less shocking this time out, even when we're presented with scenes so bile-risible that the cameraman pukes on his own camera. Stomach contents and an outflow of redolent porta-potty effluvium rule the day, while testicles and taboos are smashed flat with equal abandon. Jackass is 10 years old this year but thankfully evinces no more maturity than when it first premiered on MTV. In between Johnny Knoxville getting rammed senseless by a buffalo and tooth extraction via Lamborghini (an inspired bit, in theory), there are moments of comic brilliance that, cleverly, don't make you want to hurl. Jackass continues to rock on like your older brother's crazy best friend with the creepy gleam in his hooded eyes, only now you can pull up YouTube and see that sort of thing 24/7, should you feel the uncontrollable urge. (10/22/2010) - Marc Savlov ★★ Tinseltown South



Jar City

Jar City (2006) D: Balthazar Komákur; with Ingvar E. Sigurðsson, Ágústa Eva Erlendsdóttir, Björn Hylnur Haraldsson, Atli Rafn Sigurðrson. (NR, 93 min.) Austin Film Society: Fire Beneath the Ice – Films of Iceland. A worn-out police dectective must solve a 30-year-old crime in order to unravel the murder confronting him in the present. @Alamo Drafthouse South, Tuesday, 7pm; \$8, AFS members free.

MEGAMIND D: Tom McGrath; with the voices of Will Ferrell, Tina Fey, Jonah Hill, Brad Pitt, David Cross. (PG, 95 min.)

The DreamWorks Animation team devotes its extraordinary attention to 3-D visual detail in Megamind - most commonly to the illustration of such mayhem as death rays vaporizing steel and whole buildings turning to rubble. It's a lot of Sturm und Drang that quickly grows repetitive; I'd trade 90% of the action for a few more of those tight close-ups of blue-hued Megamind (voiced by Ferrell). Megamind is a self-professed supervillain, an alien who was orphaned young and crafted an identity in counterpoint to another foundling who fell to Metro City, USA, on the same day - the buff, boffo Metro Man (voiced by Pitt). But what's a big baddie to do when his nemesis and prime motivator takes an extended vacation? Megamind gets existential, but only in blips, and while it is never anything less than vibrant and exceedingly clever, it is also a rather slight thing for such mega-sized proportions. (11/05/2010)- Kimberley Jones ★★★ Alamo Drafthouse South, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Gold Class, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

MORNING GLORY D: Roger Michell; with Rachel McAdams, Harrison Ford, Diane Keaton, Patrick Wilson, Jeff Goldblum, John Pankow. (PG-13, 102 min.)

Morning Glory aims for a mix of comedy, romance, and working-woman woes. Morning-show producer Becky (McAdams) is a little bit hunchy and bedraggled, but adorably so. Hired to turn around the disastrous ratings of a national morning show, Becky in turn hires a seasoned newsman, Mike Pomeroy (Ford), to co-anchor the program with sugar (oncamera) and spice (off-) Colleen Peck (Keaton). Mike is hell-bent on sabotaging what he rightfully consid- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{ers}}$ to be a gig way, way beneath him, and the bulk of Morning Glory is spent tracking Becky's uphill battle to convince Mike to play nice for the camera. "Play nice" may very well be the mantra of Michell (Notting Hill), a director of excessive sentimentality and empty stylishness. Well-acted and ingratiating, with at least one howlingly funny sequence, Morning Glory had the capacity to be a smarter, tarter picture, though it's not bad as is. (11/12/2010) Kimberley Jones ★★★ Alamo Drafthouse Village, Barton Creek Square. CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Gateway, Lakeline, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

127 HOURS D: Danny Boyle; with James Franco, Kate Mara, Amber Tamblyn, Treat Williams, Kate Burton, John Lawrence. (R, 94 min.)

Calm, cool, and tear-your-hair-out exciting, 127 Hours is an archetypal tale of man vs. nature vs. himself. Danny Boyle adapts Aron Ralston's "trapped in the wilderness" memoir with gripping aplomb. Ralston, after a morning of mountain-biking and cavorting in underground swimming holes with a pair of newbie female hikers (Tamblyn and Mara), falls from nature's grace and lands in an horrific situation: His arm is crushed and unable to be freed, he's low on water, and absolutely no one is aware of his plight. It's a bad trip in every sense of the phrase. 127 Hours is an unrelenting tour de force but it's also an unforgettable examination of the human spirit under extreme duress. The fact that Franco gives the performance of his career is the icing on the cake. Fair warning, oh squeamish ones: 127 Hours does not shy away from Ralston's ultimate method of obtaining egress from his predicament. Which is exactly as it should be. (11/19/2010) - Marc Savlov ★★★★ Alamo Drafthouse South, Arbor

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 2 D: Tod Williams; with Brian Boland, Sprague Grayden, Molly Ephraim, Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat, Vivis. (R, 91 min.)

Believe the hype: Paranormal Activity 2 is exactly what you think or hope it is. I loathed the first film, but its cheap shocks and wait ... wait ... wait ... gotchas were a box-office cash machine. Paranormal Activity 2 is something of a prequel to Oren Peli's initial film. But, most importantly, does it scare the hell out of you? Well, yes, it does. As it turns out, the new pair of victims, Kristi and Dan (Grayden and Boland), are related to the previous couple by blood ties. Plus, they have a child and a German shepherd in tow. The entire production is faux cinema verité, captured remarkably via security apparatus and nanny cam. That's the pitch, really: Supernatural stuff happens, and the audience gets to view it in edited real time. Granted, this inevitable follow-up is considerably spookier than its predecessor, but only in terms of the amount of jump-out-of-your-seatiness. It's not hell, but it's close. (10/29/2010) – Marc Savlov \star Tinseltown South

RED D: Robert Schwentke; with Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman, Helen Mirren, John Malkovich, Mary-Louise Parker, Karl Urban, Rebecca Pidgeon, Ernest Borgnine, Brian Cox, Richard Dreyfuss. (PG-13, 111 min.)

Proof that the artistic collision between the aging baby boomers and their comic book-obsessed progeny makes for some strange, but entertaining, bedfellows, Red features four leads with a combined age of 257 – add the grand. Methuselean Borgnine and you get a round 350 - who alternate between waxing eloquent on the ephemerality of youth and resuscitating said salad days by blowing shit up real good. Yee-haw! Willis plays a retired CIA badass named Frank Moses who, when the Agency decides to clean out the old guard, is forced to round up his Cold War "associates" - Freeman's rest-home-residing Joe, Cox's bearish ex-Soviet Ivan, Malkovich's paranoid comic foil Marvin, and the elegant Mirren as ex-MI6 operative Victoria. Red is, at its heart, a rom-com, guns 'n' bombs mash-up that poses serious questions about the role of the aged in a youth-mad, globalized system and then answers them with a smirk and a whole lot of terrifically choreographed action set-pieces. (10/15/2010) - Marc Savlov ★★★ Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Metropolitan

SKYLINE D: Colin Strause, Greg Strause; with Eric Balfour, Scottie Thompson, Brittany Daniel, Donald Faison, David Zayas, Crystal Reed, Neil Hopkins. (PG-13, 94 min.)

"Don't go toward the light" is the advice given to patients trying to resist death's embrace. The advice might also prove wise for the characters in Skyline, an effects-heavy thriller about an alien invasion of Los Angeles. I'd use the term science fiction to describe Skyline but the movie decidedly lacks both science and fiction. The effects in this new movie are, indeed, quite stunning. However, Skyline, directed by the Brothers Strause, is the kind of movie in which the characters make so many dumb moves and repeat the same trite exclamations that audiences love to watch them in order to yell mocking comments back at the screen. Logical questions arrive with almost every new sequence. Most curious of all, however, is how the filmmakers could pass up the obvious joke opportunities about Angelenos being done in by their "brainless" inability to resist bright, shiny objects. Don't make the same mistake: Don't go toward the light. (11/19/2010) Mariorie Baumgarten CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Tinseltown North. Tinseltown South

THE SOCIAL NETWORK D: David Fincher; with Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield, Justin Timberlake, Armie Hammer, Rooney Mara, Max Minghella, Joseph Mazzello, Rashida Jones. (PG-13, 121 min.)

Fincher's blisteringly entertaining The Social Network touches down in the calm before the storm, before social media rewrote the rules on how information moves. We first meet the eventual founder of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg (Eisenberg), in a bar, having drinks with his girlfriend (Mara). He is callous, socially inept, and ravenously ambitious - the boy who would be king, not yet fixed on what the kingdom will look like. The Social Network cuts with ease from flashbacks of Zuckerberg's undergraduate days to depositions related to two concurrent lawsuits brought against him. Although the legal proceedings provide a handy framework for the film, who did what to whom, when, and with how much premeditated bloodlust is of ancillary concern to the film's



It's a Wonderful Life

It's a Wonderful Life (1946) D: Frank Capra; with James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, Thomas Mitchell, Henry Travers, Gloria Grahame. (NR, 129 min.) **Digital Classics.** This sentimental perennial is a holiday chestnut, now spruced up for highdefinition. A man learns what he means to others and an angel gets his wings. (*) @Alamo Drafthouse Village, Monday-Thursday, 7:25pm.

layered examination of an asshole. (That's the filmmakers' word, not mine.) History as we know it is still unfurling, and *The Social Network* is that rare film that has something – not yet definitive but certainly provocative – to say about it. (10/01/2010) – *Kimberley Jones* **** Arbor, Barton Creek Square

TAKERS D: John Luessenhop; with Chris Brown, Hayden Christensen, Matt Dillon, Michael Ealy, Idris Elba, Steve Harris, Tip "T.I." Harris, Jay Hernandez, Johnathon Schaech, Paul Walker. (PG-13, 107 min.)

The problem with Takers, a routine, patchily engaging heist thriller, is that it takes itself way too seriously - director Luessenhop seems to think he's assembled a sort of hip-hop Heat, even aping Michael Mann's fondness for cool color palettes. The L.A.-based Takers takes great pains to split the narrative between cops and robbers alike. Dillon plays a down-on-his-luck detective trying to figure out who engineered a thrilling midday bank heist. The audience knows, of course - the opening minutes detail the job done by Elba and his crew – but it takes a while before any of these robbers' personalities emerge. Pity: The cops are a bore. It takes its time getting there, but Takers has a nice-riding middle section as the team plans its next big heist (it's a doozy). But it takes way, way too long to take its final bow, in the process burning off any residual good will. (09/03/2010)- Kimberley Jones *** Movies 8

THE TOWN D: Ben Affleck; with Affleck, Jon Hamm, Jeremy Renner, Rebecca Hall, Blake Lively, Chris Cooper, Pete Postlethwaite, Titus Welliver. (R, 125 min.)

Affleck touches down again in Boston, for his second time behind the camera, following 2007's well-received Gone Baby Gone. The title's town is Charlestown, a kill-or-be-killed stretch of land notorious for hatching bank robbers like chickens do eggs. Ingrained violence and OxyContin addiction are casual facts in Charlestown, but Doug MacRay (Affleck) is trying to leave both behind, opting instead to knock over banks. Doug runs a crew with his childhood friend James (Renner, scary and rabid), and in a tight, fierce opening sequence, we see just how good these men are at their jobs. In that same sequence, Doug meets a woman named Claire (Hall) and, through her, begins to imagine a life outside of Charlestown. The tenderness of Affleck and Hall's scenes together elevate the routine one-last-job-and-l'm-out plot. Most of the film embraces a sort of moral ambiguity, but the climax - a well-staged series of calamities - and its sunset coda unsettlingly whitewash that complexity. (09/17/2010) - Kimberley Jones ★★★↓ Movies 8

TOY STORY 3 D: Lee Unkrich; with the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Joan Cusack, Ned Beatty, Don Rickles, Michael Keaton, Wallace Shawn, John Ratzenberger, Estelle Harris, John Morris, Jodi Benson. (G, 102 min.)

While the first Toy Story triumphantly announced Pixar's arrival back in 1995, the franchise has never felt on par with the studio's later, more overtly lyrical pieces (WALL-E, Up). Toy Story 3 doesn't attempt the kind of narrative artistry of those films, but that doesn't mean it's unsophisticated: In its own unassuming way, it says as much as *Up* did about the often-uneasy transition from one stage of life to the next - and all the more ingenious, then, that it's the life cycle of a pliable, plasticine doll we genuinely worry over here. At the film's beginning, the toys including series regulars Sheriff Woody (voiced by Hanks) and Buzz Lightyear (Allen) - are confronted with the question of their own continued usefulness when owner Andy packs up to go to college. The 3-D format is well-used but never intrusive, and one of the essential pleasures of the piece is its toy-sized perspective. (06/18/2010) - Kimberley Jones ★★★★ Movies 8

UNSTOPPABLE D: Tony Scott; with Denzel Washington, Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson, Ethan Suplee, Kevin Dunn, Kevin Corrigan, Lew Temple, Jessy Schram. (PG-13, 98 min.)

Unstoppable is a lot like speed. Not the movie, the amphetamine. It's manic and wearyingly predictable, and as soon as it begins, you know exactly how it's going to end; with a hard, fast crash (and the requisite yakkety epilogue). Oh, but what a fun pitch meeting it must have been: "There's this unmanned train, see, powered up at full throttle, see, and it's headed toward population! And Denzel Washington plays a heroic motorman who recently lost his wife to cancer! And that new Captain Kirk guy's the rookie conductor, and he has a broken heart! How can it miss?!" How indeed? Unstoppable is interminable, especially for connoisseurs of the action spectacle. They will recall with fondness such far better films as Runaway Train or even Von Ryan's Express, Director Scott tosses the occasional foreign object onto the track from time to time, but in the end Unstoppable is derailed by its own one-track premise. (11/19/2010) - Marc Savlov ★ Alamo Drafthouse South, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline,

YOU AGAIN D: Andy Fickman; with Kristen Bell, Jamie Lee Curtis, Sigourney Weaver, Odette Yustman, Victor Garber, Betty

Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

White, James Wolk, Kristin Chenoweth, (PG, 105 min.)

Bell is an appealingly tart, wheels-always-turning kind of actress, and someday she'll find a film role that suits her as well as her star turn on TV's Veronica Mars did. We get sparks of the same spitfire here that make one long for a director who knows how to harness her innate screwball physicality. Bell plays Marni, a former high school loser who has remade herself as a successful public relations exec. That reinvention is threatened, however, when she returns home to discover her big brother (Wolk) is about to wed her high school nemesis, Joanna (Yustman). Almost as an afterthought, You Again poses an interesting question what if our long-ago bullies were just as psychically scarred by the tormenting as their tormented victims were? - but that curveball is buried under a lot of gunk: dance-offs, sing-alongs, awkward exes, and a dirty-talking Betty White blasting through, I'm afraid, the last bits of her novelty. That again? (09/24/2010) - Kimberley Jones ** Movies 8

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Orange (2010) D: Bhaskar; with Ram Charan Teja, Genelia D'Souza, Shazahn Padamsee, Brahmanandam, (NR, 160 min.) New Telegu film. @Tinseltown South, 11:45am, 3:10, 6:30, 9:45pm.

Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)

D: James Cameron; with Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton, Edward Furlong, Robert Patrick. (R, 137 min.) Cult Classic. This one hails from back in the day when James Cameron and ILM still had something to prove. (*) @CM Cedar Park, Tinseltown South, 12mid; \$5.

SPACES

Dirty Dancing (1987) D: Emile Ardolino; with Patrick Swayze, Jennifer Grey, Jack Weston, Cynthia Rhodes, Jerry Orbach. (PG-13, 100 min.) Interactive dance party during movie. (*) @Blue Starlite Drive-In, 7pm.

The Year Without a Santa Claus Holiday Art Market grand opening. @Blue Starlite Drive-In, 9pm.



The Blind Side (2009) D: John Lee Hancock; with Sandra Bullock, Quinton Aaron, Tim McGraw, Kathy Bates, Jae Head, Lily Collins,

Ray McKinnon, Kim Dickens. (PG-13, 126 min.) Master Pancake Theater. Doesn't Sandy have enough problems these days without these jokers raking her Oscar-winning performance over the coals? (*) @Alamo Ritz, 7, 10pm.

The Little Prince (1974) D: Stanley Donen; with Richard Kiley, Steven Warner, Bob Fosse, Gene Wilder, Joss Ackland, (G. 88 min.) Kids Club. This musical is based on the story by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. (*) @Alamo Drafthouse South, 11am; free.

Orange (2010) @Tinseltown South, 11:45am, 3:10, 6:30, 9:45pm. (See Friday.)

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) D: Jim Sharman; with Richard O'Brien, Barry Bostwick, Susan Sarandon, Tim Curry. (R, 95 min.) Austin fans have been dressing up and doing the "Time Warp" thing live for more than 30 years straight. For more info, see www.austinrocky.org. @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 12mid.

Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)

@CM Cedar Park, Tinseltown South, 12mid; \$5. (See Friday.)

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Planes, Trains & Automobiles (1987) D: John Hughes: with Steve Martin, John Candy, Laila

Robins, Michael McKean, Kevin Bacon, Dylan Baker. (R, 93 min.) See www.austinstarvingart.com for more info. @Blue Starlite Drive-In. 6:30pm.



Brew Masters TV @ the Alamo. @Alamo Ritz, 10:15pm.

Road House (1989) D: Rowdy Herrington; with Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch, Sam Elliott, Ben Gazzara. (R, 114 min.) Zzang! With David Schmader. Swayze plays an itinerant Zen bouncer. The Stranger's David Schmader will present. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

The Secret to a Happy Ending D: Barr Weissman. (NR, 101 min.) This film about the Drive-By Truckers documents three critical years that the band spent touring and recording. @Alamo Ritz, 10pm.

The Walking Dead TV at the Alamo. @Alamo Drafthouse South, Alamo Drafthouse Village, 10pm.

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Dexter Watch Party @Jo's (Downtown), 8pm: Free

Teen Wolf (1985) D: Rod Daniel; with Michael J. Fox, James Hampton, Jay Tarses. (PG, 91 min.) See www.austinstarvingart.com for more info. @Blue Starlite Drive-In, 6pm

Teenagers From Outer Space and I Was a Teenage Werewolf See www.austinstarvingart.com for more info. @Blue Starlite Drive-In, 8pm.

MONDAY 29

It's a Wonderful Life (1946) See p.79. Monsieur Verdoux (1947) See p.77.

Purple Rain (1984) D: Albert Magnoli; with Prince, Apollonia Kotero, Morris Day, Olga Karlatos, Clarence Williams III. (R, 111 min.) Music Monday With David Schmader. The Stranger's David Schmader shares his thoughts on what it sounds like when a dove cries. @Alamo Ritz, 10:15pm.

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Daughter of Deceit (La hija del engaño) (1951) See p.76.

Stars Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983) D: Richard Marquand; with Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher. (PG, 135 min.) ND at 501 Studios: Big Screen Mondays. Free. @ND at 501 Studios, 8pm



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (2010) D: David Yates; with Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Ralph Fiennes, Alan Rickman, Helena Bonham Carter, Julie Walters, Bill Nighy, Imelda Staunton, Tom Felton, Rhys Ifans, Jason Isaacs, Helen McCrory, Peter Mullan. (PG-13, 146 min.) See review. (*) Thu. (11/25)-Thu. (12/2), 1, 4, 7, 10pm.

Hubble 3D (2010) D: Toni Myers; narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio. (NR, 45 min.) This breathtaking documentary follows NASA's May 2009 mission to repair the Hubble Space Telescope. (*) Thu. (11/25)-Sat., 11:30am; Mon.-Thu. (12/2), 11:30am.

Legends of Flight (2010) D: Stephen Low. (NR, 42 min.) One hundred years of aviation history are explored in this 3-D film, which also looks to the future of commercial airline travel. Thu, (11/25)-Thu, (12/2). 10:30am.

Texas: The Big Picture (2003) D: Scott Swofford; narrated by Colby Donaldson. (NR, 39 min.) Panoramic shots of Texas grace the screen as the state is shown to be a land capable of producing everything from grapefruit to microchips. Thu. (11/25)-Sat., 9:30am; Mon.-Thu. (12/2), 9:30am.



TUESDAY **30**

Giee TV at the Alamo, @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 9:45pm

It's a Wonderful Life (1946) See p.79. Jar City (2006) See p.78.

The Return of the Living Dead (1985)

D: Dan O'Bannon; with Clu Gulager, James Karen, Don Calfa, Linnea Quigley, Jewel Shepard, John Philbin, Beverly Randolph. (R, 91 min.) Terror Tuesday. O'Bannon wrote and directed this take-off on George Romero's original Night of the Living Dead. Return proposes that the U.S. government has locked up the zombies in underground canisters until, of course, they get out. @Alamo Ritz, 9:45pm.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (1990)

D: Steve Barron; with Judith Hoag, Elias Koteas, Robbie Rist, Kevin Clash, Brian Tochi, David McCharen, Corey Feldman. (PG, 93 min.) Pizza Party. All-you-can-eat pizza; all ages welcome. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

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La Razón de la Culpa (1943) D: Juan José Ortega; with Pedro Infante, Maria Felix, olores Del Rio. (NR, 96 min.) Austin Parks & Recreation: Cine de Oro. This drama from Mexico's Golden Age shows that love is blind to mistakes made by the beloved. @MACC. 7pm: free.



Big Guns (1973) D: Duccio Tessari; with Alain Delon, Richard Conte, Carla Gravina. (R, 90 min.) Weird Wednesday. This is a stylish but violent Italian crime film. @Alamo Ritz, 12mid.

Don Pasquale (2010) (NR, 194 min.) The Met: Encore Presentation, Anna Netrebko performs opposite Matthew Polenzani, Mariusz Kwiecien, and John Del Carlo in the title role. Music Director James Levine conducts. @Arbor, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, Metropolitan, Southpark Meadows, Tinseltown North, 6:30pm.

It's a Wonderful Life (1946) See p.79.

Master Pancake's The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring Master Pancake Theater: KOOP Benefit. In their special one and a half-hour edit, the Pancakers mock for a worthy cause, @Alamo Ritz, 10pm.

Monsieur Verdoux (1947) See p.77.

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Zorns Lemma (1970) See p.78.

THURSDAY 02

Indie Darlings Sing-Along Action Pack. @Alamo Ritz, 9:45pm.

It's a Wonderful Life (1946) See p.79. NBC Thursdays @Alamo Drafthouse Village,

10pm. (See Thursday, 11/25.)

Zoolander Quote-Along (2001) D: Ben Stiller. (R, 90 min.) Action Pack. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

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The Last Man on Earth See www.austinstarving art.com for more info. @Blue Starlite Drive-In, 7pm.

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THE POSIES, BRENDAN BENSON La Zona Rosa, Friday 26

A double bill sure to tug at powerpop heartstrings, the Posies and Brendan Benson team up for a night of endless hooks and towering harmonies. Both the Jon Auer/Ken Stringfellow-led Posies' latest, *Blood/ Candy*, and Benson's *My Old, Familiar Friend* tend toward mood and space, but backing each other should draw them into the bright and jangled light. Aqueduct opens. – Jim Caligiuri

HAAM BENEFIT Beerland, Saturday 27

Offering a punk rock alternative to the more mainstream acts of September's Health Alliance for Austin Musicians benefit day, Beerland represents the Red River contingent while helping a good cause. Locals the Hex Dispensers, the Young, Shitty Beach Boys, and Cruddy start a ruckus. – Audra Schroeder

MOTHER FALCON, MARMALAKES The Parish, Saturday 27

On the list of young Austin acts that offered promising 2010 debuts, Mother Falcon and Marmalakes warrant billing near the top. The Falcon's ensemble cast garnered raves for its orchestral pop well before the release of debut EP *Still Life*, while the latter's initial disc, *Wonder Winds*, spiked the trio's folk-pop with dexterous wit. Space punk starlets Frontier Brothers glam up the dance to start. – *Doug Freeman*



Tiptoeing through the **Posies** at austinchronicle.com/earache

BURGER CITY ROCK & ROLL PARTY The Grand, Monday 29

Monday nights at this Airport Boulevard dive have become a regular gathering place for vinyl nerds and rock & roll misfits. DJ Ben Blackout and a host of others spin the punk/rock classics for your dancing and drinking pleasure. Tonight, go out kicking and screaming. – Audra Schroeder

TAME IMPALA Emo's, Wednesday 1

Tame Impala made its local debut in August at Stubb's opening for MGMT, but it was obvious then the Australian guartet needed more time to space out. That finding's reiterated by this year's excellent Innerspeaker (Modular), a paisley pastiche of late-1960s acid psychedelia with mellow vibes and consistently retro grooves on par with early Dungen. Flaming Lips co-conspirators Stardeath & White Dwarfs keep Oklahoma weird, and ex-Whigs/ MGMT member Hank Sullivant pops off as Kuroma. - Austin Powell

BLONDE REDHEAD La Zona Rosa, Wednesday 1

It's easy to forget that NYC's Blonde Redhead – brothers Amedeo and Simone Pace and singer Kazu Makino – has been putting out albums for 15 years. They've taken time with recording, polishing their guitar-led atmospherics across eight LPs. The trio's first album in three years, the synthheavy *Penny Sparkle* (4AD), is its most minimal yet. Icelandic enchantress Ólöf Arnalds opens with tales from latest *Innundir Skinni. – Audra Schroeder*

FORBIDDEN Emo's, Thursday 2

The new-millennium reunification of thrash's last cavemen to the fire, Forbidden, has produced Omega Wave (Nuclear Blast), the Bay Area quintet's first since 1997 and fifth overall. Scrawny 1988 debut Forbidden Evil has fattened into a pleasingly bulbous new era ("Adapt or Die"), clean vocals boosting original gargoyle Russ Anderson - with foundational Forbidden stringers Craig Locicero and Matt Camacho - into the realm of Queensrÿche. Evile, Gama Bomb, Bonded by Blood, and Birth A.D. scream first. - Raoul Hernandez

BY AUDRA SCHROEDER **SOUNDCHECK**

THE MOTHER TRUCKERS Continental Club, Friday 26 & Saturday 27 Start the holiday season with a

kick in the honky-tonk.

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Scoot Inn, Friday 26/Saturday 27 Two nights of local disregard for day jobs and livers. The Strange Attractors open Friday; Hug opens

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Antone's, Saturday 27

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MARCUS RUBIO

Cherrywood Coffeehouse, Sunday 28 San Antonio sound-arranger gets deep with Oceanic Tremors.

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Mohawk, Tuesday 30 Atlanta fourpiece goes back to the beach. TV Torso opens.

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Continental Club, Thursday 2 Local pop, soul, and metal make

friends on the dance floor.

WINTER SHOCK HOP

Flamingo Cantina, Thursday 2 A Corpse Vanishes, the Hotrod Hillbillies, Danger*Cakes, and Deadtown get shockabilly.

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the 22-year-old Wimberley native.

On making her first album with

producer T Bone Burnett, Smith

confessed: "I know people that

have struggled a lot longer than

I have, so I do know how lucky I

ences I could have asked for."

split EP Verses, Danny Malone

is bouncing off the walls with

his House-of-Songs energy and

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Having just released the six-song

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Sahara Smith,

Danny Malone,

a nonstop schedule that keeps

his multi-instrumental skills as

sharp as his songwriting. Ruby

Jane Smith just keeps fiddling her

way across stages and festivals

est under-18 performers in town.

CD is killer. It's possible this bill

will one day be spoken of in you-

shoulda-been-there admonition. Why

risk missing it? – Margaret Moser

Here's a bet the 15-year-old's next

as one of the best and bright-

Ruby Jane

Stubb's, Friday 26





L - R: THE POSIES (FRI., 11/26) | MOTHER FALCON (SAT., 11/27) | TAME IMPALA (WED., 12/1) | BLONDE REDHEAD (WED., 12/1)

All poised for success, each of these locals had

a banner year. Sahara Smith's down-home debut,

Myth of the Heart, is still collecting accolades for

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ANTONE'S The Scabs BROKEN SPOKE Roger Wallace

(9:15)

CHEER UP CHARLIE'S DJ Medio Mutante, DJ Condition Issues CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Continental Grafitti (10:00); In "The Train" Hancock (10:00)

THE DRISKILL HOTEL Driskill Bar: Meg Johnson Trio (8:00) ELEPHANT ROOM Jon Blondell

(9:30)FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Troy

Campbell (6:00), Open Mic w/ Lisa Kettyle (8:00) GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Alvin Crow (9:00)

MOMO'S Beckham Bros., the Belleville Outfit, Miranda Dawn & the Lucky Break Horns

RED 7 Thanksgiving Jawbreaker Sing-Along ROMEO'S Brad Higdon, MJ

Torrance, Amanda Hickey, Mark Johnson, Jacon Svendsen (noon)

SAXON PUB Eightysixxed (6:00), Peterson Bros., Nakia, Miss Lavelle White (8:00) **SHENANIGANS** Billy Dee (9:00)

T.C.'S LOUNGE Lisa Marshall (10:00)

TRIPLE CROWN Robbie Doyen & James Thompson (6:00)

FRI 26

THE 512 BAR Rusty Trapps' Midnight Ramble (7:00)

ANDERSON MILL TAVERN Ulrich Ellison ANTONE'S Black Bone Child . Dertybird), Jonathan Tyler &

the Northern Lights (9:00) 🚯 ARTZ RIB HOUSE Grazmatics (7:30) BOAT HOUSE GRILL Rip Lorick BOOMERZ Bo Davis & the Dreamers BOUT TIME DJ Element

BROKEN SPOKE Dance Lessons. Gary P. Nunn (8:00) BUDDY'S PLACE Son Geezinslaw.

Glenn Collins (8:00) cactus cafe Jimmy LaFave (8:30)

CAROUSEL LOUNGE Greatest American Heroes (9:00)

CEDAR STREET Trent Durham (6:00), Herdsmen Trio (9:30)

CENTRAL MARKET NORTH Bruce James Soultet (6:30)

CENTRAL MARKET SOUTH The Flvin' A's (6:30)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Paul Cauthen

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Mike Flanigin Trio w/ Jimmie Vaughan (9:00); In the Club:

The Blues Specialists (6:30); Ricky Stein & the .44's, the Mother Truckers (10:00)

COTTON CLUB Mark Richey (8:30) CYPRESS CREEK CAFE Cari Hutson &

Good Company DELI WERKS Jennifer B.

DONN'S DEPOT Donn & the Station Masters

THE DRISKILL HOTEL Driskill Bar: Charlie Hurtin' & the Hecklers, JWW & the Prospectors (6:00)

eddie v's edgewater grille Kris Kimura Quartet (6:00)

ELEPHANT ROOM Red Young's Soul Revue (9:30)

EMO'S Whalers, Northern Paradox,), the Baker Family, Muchos Backflips!

evangeLine cafe Redd Volkaert (10:00)

FADÓ The Blaggards (9:00)

FAIR BEAN COFFEE Open Mic w/ Amy Zamarripa (5:00

FLAMINGO CANTINA Mau Mau Chaplains (9:00)

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Wild Bill & the Lost Knobs (6:00)

FREDDIE'S PLACE Stingrays (6:00)

Cousteau Press, Sphynx, Mohawk

Secret of Boris, Red Eyed Fly **MON 29**

Satin Peaches. Beauty Bar Castro, Notes, Red Eyed Fly Frankie Hernandez, South First Food Court Alex Cuba, Stubb's

TUE 30

Richard Stoltzman, the Klezmatics, Bass Concert Hall

needtobreathe, the Daylights, La Zona Rosa Carnivores, Mohawk Mindi Abair, Rick Braun

Peter White, One World Theatre

Slow Car Crash, Red Eyed Fly

December WFD 1

Chip Taylor & Carrie

LISTINGS ARE FREE AND PRINTED ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS. Acts are listed chronologically. Schedules are subject to change, so call clubs to confirm lineups. Start times are provided where known and are PM unless otherwise noted

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: Music listings deadline is Monday mornings, 9am, for that week's issue, published on Thursday. Please indicate roadshows and residencies. Send venue name, address, phone, acts, and start times to Club Listings, PO Box 49066, Austin, TX 78765; fax, 458-6910; phone, 454-5766 x159: e-mail. clubs@austinchronicle.com

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FRIENDS Swamp Sauce (8:00) GÜERO'S TACO BAR Los Flames (6:30)

HILL'S CAFE Andrea Marie

JAX NEIGHBORHOOD CAFE Too Good Dogs (5:30); Colin Gilmore, LZ Love (8:00)

JOVITA'S Girl Guitar, Shandon Sahm, Rusticators, Rabbit Fist (6:00)

LA ZONA ROSA Aqueduct, Brendan Benson, the Posies 🖓 🚯

LANDMARK TAVERN Ed Kliman (7:30)

LOS REYES MEXICAN GRILL & BAR Johnny Gonzales (6:00)

LUCKY LOUNGE Run Amok (6:00), Jane Ellen Bryant (9:00)

MARIA'S TACO XPRESS | eeann Atherton (7:00)

MOMO'S James Hyland & the Joint Chiefs, the Band of Heathens, Wisehird

NEWORLDELI Joel McColl & Tony Airoldi

NORTH BY NORTHWEST RESTAURANT & **BREWERY** Jamie Thomas ONE 2 ONE BAR Alan Haynes

(11:00)POODIE'S HILLTOP ROADHOUSE Fond

Kiser & the Inmates

road*shows*

Rodriguez, Cactus Cafe

Tame Impala, Stardeath & White Dwarves, Kuroma Emo's

Blonde Redhead, Ólöf Arnalds, La Zona Rosa Birds & Batteries, Mohawk Elephant Armor, Red Eyed Fly D-Madness, the Scoot Inn **Chip Taylor & Carrie** Rodriguez, Waterloo Records

THU 2

Weird Party, Beerland Chip Taylor & Carrie Rodriguez, Cactus Cafe Assemblage 23, Elysium Forbidden, Evile, Gama Bomb, Bonded by Blood, Birth A.D., Emo's A Corpse Vanishes, Flamingo

Cantina Los Lobos, Gruene Hall

AWOL Nation, the Parish Gentlemen Rogues, Milk Thistle, Red 7

FRI 26

Rosa Spindrift, Mohawk Tish Hinojosa, Momo's

Moving Castles, Guns of Zest of Yore, Red 7 Majestic 12, Red Eyed Fly Frankie Hernandez, South First Food Court

SUN 28

Legends, Amen, Emo's

Jonathan Tyler & the Northern Lights, Antone's The Posies, Brendan Benson, Aqueduct. La Zona Rosa Zenith Fuzzbomb, Red 7

SAT 27

John Brown's Body, C-Money & the Players Inc., La Zona

Navarone, ND at 501 Studios

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Transco Empire, Suburban



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CALENDAR (COMMUNITY SPORTS ARTS FILM MUSIC) LISTINGS

CLUB LISTINGS FROM FRIDAY

- RED 7 Zenith Fuzzbomb, Ode to
- Oscillator, Neon Cobra, Not in the Face 🚯
- Aviana, Unspeakable Things

- Carter, Joanna Ramirez
- RUTA MAYA Old Gray Mule (6:00)
- sam's town point Texas Love Band w/ Breck English (9:00) SAXON PUB Earl Poole Ball & the
- the Goods (9:00) THE SCOOT INN All in the Golden
- (9:00) 🗘
- (9:00)
- (9:00)
- STARDUST CLUB Sam Bentley
- COCKTAIL LOUNGE T-Flow (8:00)
- **sтuвв's** Ruby Jane Smith, Danny Malone, Sahara Smith **⊘**
- III FORKS Blue Mist (7:00)
- WAREHOUSE SALOON & BILLIARDS
- (6:00)

- Dawn Maracle
- (7:00), Amy Cook, the Heartless Bastards, Ume (9:30) 🖸
- (7:30)
- Michael Goss (10:00am)
- Beach Boys, Cruddy, the Young, Hex Dispensers 🗘 BOAT HOUSE GRILL Kimberly
- BOOMERZ Jeremy Miller
- ബിത്രങ welcome **Music Line-up** Thur 11/25 Closed - Thanksg Fri 11/26 Closed 11/27 Closed Sat Tues 11/30 Sand & Sunnie 12/1 Mark Alan Wed Thur 12/2 Idgy Vaugn 5001 En Ben White 512:444:2020

- BROKEN SPOKE Dance Lessons, Dale Watson (8:00) **CAROUSEL LOUNGE** Mike & the
- Moonpies, Country Willie, El Pan (9:00) **CEDAR STREET** Radiostar (9:30)
- CENTRAL MARKET NORTH Stephen Doster & Bill Carter, Erik Hokkanen (6:30)
- **CENTRAL MARKET SOUTH** Jonas Alvarez (6:30)
- CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Justin Haigh
- **CHERRYWOOD COFFEEHOUSE** Agatha Christie, Snares of Love CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Mike
- Flanigin Trio w/ Jimmie Vaughan (10:30); In the Club: Redd Volkaert (3:00);
- Deadman, the Mother Truckers (10:00) 🗘 COTTON CLUB The Debonaires
- (9:00)CYPRESS CREEK CAFE Fat Cracker (9:00)
- **DELI WERKS** Stooch
- DONN'S DEPOT Albert & Gage
- THE DRISKILL HOTEL Patricia G. (8:00)
- EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Lucky Strikes (8:00)
- EMO'S Burning Avalanche, Black Bone Child♪, Big Dirty Shakedown
- EVANGELINE CAFE Libbi Bosworth (10:00)
- FLAMINGO CANTINA Toast, Moving Matter (9:00)
- FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Beth Lee, Ray Prim, Kalu James (6:00)
- FREDDIE'S PLACE Pete Minda (6:00) THE GHOST ROOM DD Dagger, ↓, Li'l Cap'n Travis (9:30)
- GÜERO'S TACO BAR Ponty Bone & the Squeezetones (6:30)
- HILL'S CAFE Opie Hendrix
- JAX NEIGHBORHOOD CAFE Lindsay Wells, Union Specific (8:00)
- JOVITA'S Girl Guitar, Erin Ivey & the Finest Kind, Moonlight Towers (6:00)
- LA FUENTES RESTAURANT & TEXAS BEER GARDEN Hoodygoode (7:00)
- LA ZONA ROSA C-Money & the Players Inc., John Brown's Body, the Expendables (
- LATITUDE 30 Jabarvy (9:00) LOS REYES MEXICAN GRILL & BAR
- Johnny Gonzales (6:00) LOVEJOYS TAPROOM & BREWERY
- The Vitamins, the Drunks EP Release (9:00)



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Daniels Band (8:30) RILEY'S TAVERN Turbo 350

- ROMEO'S Stephen Doster & Bill
- Strangelove (5:00)
- (6:00), Classic Rock Open Jam
- Cosmic Americans (6:00) Seth Walker, Warren Hood &
- Afternoon, the Strange Attractors, the Golden Boys
- shenanigans Dewayne Davis
- SHOOTERS BILLIARDS The Crush
- star bar Bruce Smith (7:00)
- STOMPIN' GROUNDS COFFEE &

- TRIPLE CROWN Pepper's Blues (6:00), Scott H. Biram (9:00)
- Jo Hell & the Red Roosters



ANDERSON MILL TAVERN

- ANTONE'S Carolyn Wonderland
- ARTZ RIB HOUSE Manchaca All-Stars
- AUSTIN FARMERS' MARKET DOWNTOWN
- BEERLAND HAAM Benefit w/ Shitty
- Connelly & Lonesome County
- BOUT TIME DJ Element (9:00)



- LUCKY LOUNGE Fatty Monk, DJ Crues (9:00)
- MAGGIE MAE'S Jeff Banks (7:00) MEAN-EYED CAT Graham Wilkinson (9:00)
- MOHAWK Smoke & Feathers, Spindrift (9:00) 🚯 momo's Tish Hinojosa, Suzanna
- Choffel), Ukemi) ND AT 501 STUDIOS Guns of
- Navarone, Moving Castles, Love at 20, Quiet Company (9:00)
- NEWORLDELI Mark Viator & Susan Maxey
- **ONE 2 ONE BAR** Baby Atlas, Dertybird ♪ (9:00)
 - ONE WORLD THEATRE Bob Schneider (7:00, 9:30)THE PARISH Marmalakes, the
 - Frontier Brothers, Mother Falcon (9:00) POODIE'S HILLTOP ROADHOUSE Kelly
 - Kenning **RED 7** December Boys, John Wesley Coleman, Beta Rhythm,
 - Zest of Yore (9:00) RED EYED FLY Tex Offenders, AfterMath. Bad Mickevfickev.
 - Tump, Majestic 12 🚯 RED FEZ Gabe Hayes, Tje Austin 🎝
 - (10:00)

Ramblers (8:00)

Pocket (7:00)

SATELLITE BISTRO & BAR In the

THE SCOOT INN Zero Skills. Gav

RENAISSANCE HOTEL Lobby Lounge: Rich DeMarco (6:00) **RILEY'S TAVERN** Bo Porter

ROMEO'S Bryce Clifford, Steadfast

SAXON PUB Guy Forsyth, Bill Carter & the Blame (8:00)

Sportscasters, Hug), Pocket

SENGELMANN HALL Mark Jungers

SHOOTERS BILLIARDS Matt Begley &

shenanigans Rae Rae (9:00)

Bitter Whiskey (9:00)

Hernandez (4:00) 🚯

STARDUST CLUB Johnny Tequila

STUBB'S The Frigid Coats, Full Service CD Release (9:00)

THREADGILL'S WORLD HQ Junior

III FORKS Kris Kimura (7:00)

TRIPLE CROWN Robbie & the

Robots, the Organics (10:00)

waterloo ice house Charlie Mason

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for complete listings.

Brown (9:00)

(10:00)

south FIRST FOOD COURT Frankie

Fishrmen CD Release (9:00) 🗘



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sun 28

ANTONE'S Michael Holt & the Trophy 500's Chris Duarte (8:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Eddie Collins (6:30)

BB ROVERS Open Mic (7:00) B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Irish Tunes

Session (9:00) BEALE STREET TAVERN Blues Brunch

(10:00am) BEERLAND Inches to Pixels, Well-

Dressed Thieves BLUE MOON ROCK & BLUES BAR RUSTV

Trapps' Midnight Ramble, Kevin & the Krawlers (8:00)

BLUE VELVET Fractals (8:00) BOUT TIME A.J. Kline (8:00)

CEDAR STREET Soulution **(9:30)**

CHERRYWOOD COFFEEHOUSE Marcus Rubio 🖸

continental club Gallery: James McMurtry, Mike Flanigin Trio (8:30); In the Club: Junior Brown & Tanya Rae (7:00); Heybale! (10:00)

COTTON CLUB Can't Hardly Playboyz (7:00)

EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Kris Kimura Ouartet (7:00)

EL SOL Y LA LUNA Enlaces Latinos (noon) ELYSIUM Regression: Retro Eighties w/ DJ Pumpkin Spice

EMO'S Amen, Suburban Legends, Transco Empire

See austinchronicle.com for complete listings.

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Christy Haves, Mo McMorrow, Karen Mal, Brandy Zdan, Dave Quanbury (6:00)

FREDDIE'S PLACE Bob Floyd (5:00) FRIENDS Open Mic Blues Jam (9:00)

GREEN PASTURES RESTAURANT

Jacques Vilmain (11:00am) GÜERO'S TACO BAR Chicken Strut (3:00)

HOT MAMA'S ESPRESSO BAR Open Mic (4:00)

HOUSE WINE David Webb (6:00) JOVITA'S Jerry Sires (6:00)

LUCKY LOUNGE Soul Kitchen

(10:00)MEAN-EYED CAT Deadeye (7:30)

монаwк Mobley), Sphynx, Cousteau Press, Sip Sip

(9:00) 🚯 MOMO'S Greg Schroeder, Mike Kelly, Arielle Nicole

NUEVO LEÓN Mariachi Relampago

(1:00)NUTTY BROWN CAFE Java Jazz (11:00am)

RED EYED FLY Against the Archaic,

Secret of Boris, Band of Hypocrites, Charlie Whitman 🔞

RED FEZ DJ Kurupt, DJ Cauze-One (10:00)

RILEY'S TAVERN Open Mic w/ Glenn Allen

RIO RITA DJ Mike Hooker, Scotty Upton (10:00)

ROMEO'S Brian Hudson (6:00)

& CoCo Carmel, the Resentments, Monte Montgomery, Jay Thomas SHENANIGANS Billy Dee (9:00)

SAXON PUB Bobby Whitlock

stubb's Wesley Bray & the Disciples of Joy (noon) TRIPLE CROWN Open Mic w/ Grant Ewing, Holly Aiken, Nate Hinds

waterloo ice house Will Dunlap's Jam (7:00)

z'tejas Trés (6:00)



ANTONE'S Austin Blues Society (8:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Danny Britt (7:30) BAR 141 Robbie's Open Mic (9:00) B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Open Mic (7:00)

BEAUTY BAR The Fledglings), Satin Peaches (10:00)

BLUE MOON ROCK & BLUES BAR Southside Ramblers, Franklin

Wells (8:00) 'BOUT TIME A.J. Kline (9:00)

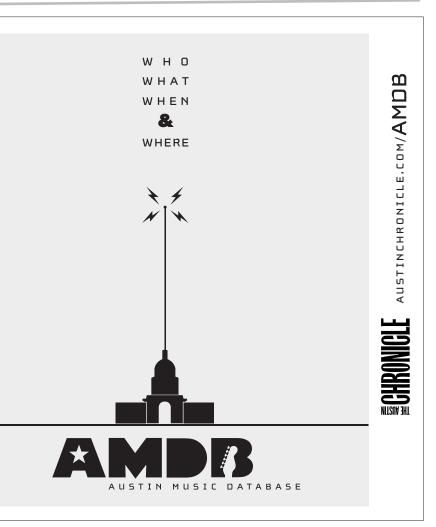
CEDAR STREET Jordan Tanner (6:00), Open Mic w/ Jordan Tanner (9:30)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Jeremy Steding

CHEZ ZEE Rich Demarco (6:30) CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: James

Robinson (10:30); In the Club: Continental Graffiti (6:30), Dale Watson & His Lone Stars (10:00)

DONN'S DEPOT Chris Gage





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CLUB LISTINGS FROM MONDAY

Castro 🚯 RED FEZ DI Cauze-One & DI Taco (10:00)

RILEY'S TAVERN Nathan Hawkins **SAXON PUB** Matt the Electrician **↓**, Bob Schneider, Jeff Plankenhorn, HalleyAnna (7:00)

RED EYED FLY Notes), Homeroom,

south first food court Open Mic w/ Frankie Hernandez (7:00)

SPEAKEASY She's Knott Grimey (10:00)

STUBB'S Alex Cuba (10:00) 🚯 III FORKS Bruce James (6:00)

TRIPLE CROWN Bruce Curtis (6:00), Electric Mayhem (10:00)

victory grill Open Pro Blues Jam w/ Matthew Robinson. Harold McMillan (9:00)

vino vino Blue Monday w/ Mike Flanigin (9:00)

WHIP IN Rick Henderson, Michelle Alany, Jason McKenzie (7:00)

TUE **30**

ANGEL'S ICEHOUSE Troubadillos (6:00)

ANTONE'S The Peterson Bros. (8:00), Blue Tuesday w/ Derek O'Brien, Malford Milligan (9:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Texas Old Time Fiddlers Jam (7:30)

BASS CONCERT HALL The Klezmatics w/ Richard Stoltzman (8:00)

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BASTROP SENIOR CENTER The Kitchen Pickers (6:30) B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Suzanne Smith (7:00)

BLUE MOON ROCK & BLUES BAR Birdleg, Catfish & the Hushpuppies (8:00) 'BOUT TIME A.J. Kline (9:00)

BROKEN SPOKE Debra Peters' Accordion Roundup

CAROUSEL LOUNGE Dana McBride, Lili & Walter (7:00)

CEDAR STREET Mark Gibson (6:00). the Initials (9:30)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Midnight River Choir (9:00)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Red Young & Brannen Temple (7:30); In the Club: Toni Price (6:30); the Coveters, the Finest Kind (10:00)

DONN'S DEPOT Donn & the Station Masters

THE DRISKILL HOTEL Danny Britt & Marvin Dykhuis (8:00)

EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Scotty B. (7:30)

ELEPHANT ROOM Stanley Smith w/ Jon Dovle (6:00), Brannen Temple's Underground (9:30)

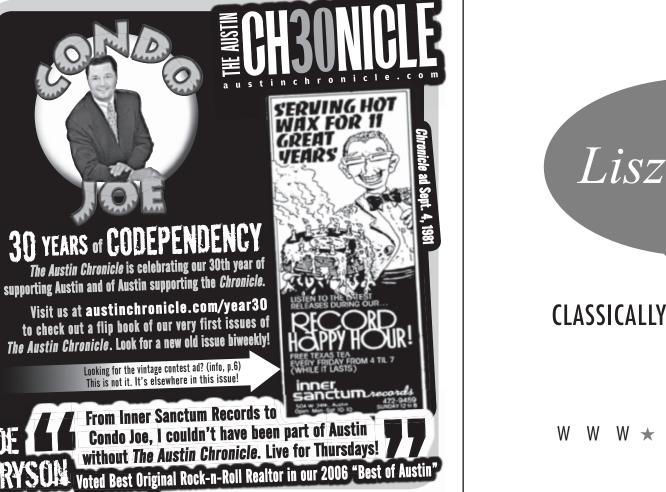
ELYSIUM Nineties Night w/ DJ Boba Fett, DJ Minimus

EVANGELINE CAFE Brennen Leigh (6:00), Kevin Gallaugher (8:00)

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Erik Hokkanen's Laboratory (9:00)

HILL'S CAFE Singer-Songwriter Night w/ Jon Burklund

HYDE PARK BAR & GRILL Jimi Lee



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Th 11/25 - CLOSED for Turkey gobbling

the Woods, Hot Crush - 10pm

Sa 12/11 - KOOL KEITH - 9pm

M 12/13 - Kadets Pink Sugar - 10nm

11/26 - No Cover, Drink Specials All Night!

Sa 11/27 - Spindrift, Cartright, My Education - 10pm

W 12/1 - tba, Birds & Batteries, The Authors - 10pm

Sa 12/4 - Million Young, Teen Daze, tba - 10pm

Su 12/12 - EARLY: Anarchy Pro Wrestling - 5pm LATE: Sunglasses, The Shears

Tu 12/14 - HAPPY HOUR: Mike and the Moonpies - 5pm

Su 11/28 - Sip Sip, Costeau Press, Sphynx, Mobley - 10pm

Tu 11/30 - HAPPY HOUR: Mike and the Moonpies - 5pm LATE: Carnivores, TV Torso, tba - 10pm

Th 12/2 - Moonlight Towers, Watch Out for Bockets, tha - 10pm

M **12/6 - FREE: Revenants**, Parking, Watching the Moon, The Anchor, The Stampede - 10pm

Tu 12/7 - HAPPY HOUR: Mike and the Moonpies - 5pm

F **12/10 - Refused Are F*cking Dead**, Art vs Industry, Spanish Anchors (first show) - 10pm

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CLUB LISTINGS FROM TUESDAY

LA PALAPA Baby Dallas

LA ZONA ROSA The Daylights, needtobreathe (7:00)

MEAN-EYED CAT Eagle Eye Williamson (7:30)

MOHAWK Mike & the Moonpies ↓ (5:00); TV Torso, Carnivores (9:00) €

(9.00) (9.00) momo's Mauricio Callejas, Gina Chavez, Hard Proof Afrobeat

ONE 2 ONE BAR The Jitterbug Vipers, Dahebegebees (8:00)

ONE WORLD THEATRE A Peter White Christmas w/ Rick Braun, Mindi Abair (7:00, 9:30)

PARADISE CAFE Rusty Trapps' Midnight Ramble (8:00)

PATSY'S CAFE Sand & Sunnie (7:30)

RED 7 Post Society, Burly Boys, Blotter

RUTA MAYA Poetry Open Mic, Music Open Mic (6:00)

SAM'S TOWN POINT Open Mic w/ Michael Welch (8:30)

SAXON PUB Milkdrive, Bruce Hughes & the All-Nude Army, Chris Brecht, Kurt BoDean (6:00)

SHOOTERS BILLIARDS Ember (9:00)

TOM'S TABOOLEY Open Mic (7:00) TRIPLE CROWN Stephanie Briggs

(6:00), Funkotron (10:00) VICTORY GRILL East End Jazz Jam (8:00)

vino vino Son y No Son (9:00)

waterLoo ICE HOUSE Will Dunlap & the Unwilling (7:00)

WHIP IN Odd Tuesday Open Mic w/ DC Bloom (8:00)

z'tejas Tameca Jones (6:00)

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ANDERSON MILL TAVERN Mike Milligan & the Altar Boyz

ANTONE'S Wade Ashley, Chris Gates, Clay McClinton♪ (9:00) ARTZ RIB HOUSE The Flvin' A's

(7:30) B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Brooke Avid

(10:00) BEERLAND Kester & the Clydes, MTN, Comanche Club

BROKEN SPOKE Billy Garza, Dance Lessons, Dale Watson (6:00)

CACTUS CAFE Chip Taylor & Carrie

Rodriguez (8:30) CO CAROUSEL LOUNGE Soulphonics, Goldy Locks (7:00)

CEDAR STREET Josh & Jason, the Spazmatics (6:00)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Kent Finlay's Songwriters Circle (9:00)

CHEZ ZEE Jacinta (7:00)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Jon Blondell, Trube, Farrell & Sniz

(8:30); In the Club: Stone River Boys (6:30); Kevin Welch, the Trishas, Dustin Welch (10:00)

DONN'S DEPOT Frank & the Station Masters

THE DRISKILL HOTEL Driskill Bar: Bruce Smith (8:00)

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EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE James Speer (7:30) ELEPHANT ROOM Jazz Pharoahs

(6:00), Magnificent 7 (9:30) **ELYSIUM** Mid Wave w/ DJ Pumpkin Spice, DJ Edminister

EMO'S Kuroma, Stardeath & White Dwarves, Tame Impala 🕄 🔞

FLAMINGO CANTINA Mau Mau Chaplains (9:00)

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Matt the Electrician ♪, Southpaw Jones ♪ (8:00)

THE GHOST ROOM Children of a Feather, the Hearts & the Minds, Oikos (9:30) 🕄

GRUENE HALL Willie Nelson, Ponty Bone (7:00)

Jovita's Tex Thomas & the Danglin' Wranglers, Lucky Tomblin (6:00)

KEY BAR Jukebox Heroes (8:00)

LA PALAPA Acoustic w/ James

LA ZONA ROSA Ólöf Arnalds, Blonde Redhead **C**

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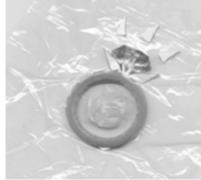
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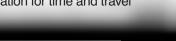
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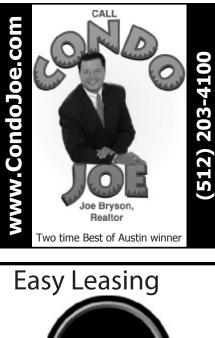


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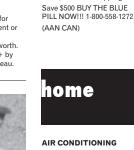
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "It's not that some people have willpower and some don't," said physician James Gordon. "It's that some people are ready to change and others are not." That's why you may soon appear to the casual observer, Capricorn, as someone who's able to call on enormous reserves of willpower. According to my reading of the astrological omens, you are now more amenable to change than you've been in a long time. In fact, I suspect that in the coming weeks, you'll be willing and even eager to initiate transformations that seem heroic to people who are addicted to the status quo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): All belief systems, ideologies, philosophies, and religions are mostly wrong, even though many of them have chunks of useful information that contribute to the common good. Said another way, absolutely no one has the whole truth, but pretty much everyone has a part of the truth. Now it so happens. Aquarius, that your little fraction of ultimate wisdom is currently clearer and stronger than usual. That makes you especially valuable to your gang, family, or tribe. It doesn't mean you should be the supreme arbiter of correct thinking forever, but it does suggest that right now you should exert extra leadership with forceful grace.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Think back over the course of your life and identify any worthy ambitions that got irretrievably blocked or frustrated or squandered. Once you've named those lost chances, do a ritual in which you completely let go of them. As much as possible, give up all regrets. Flush the sadness. Forgive anyone who interfered. Wipe the slate clean. Only by doing this can you open the way to an opportunity that's lurking just outside your awareness. And what exactly is that opportunity? Even if I told you, you wouldn't know what I was talking about. Your ability to find it requires you to do the preliminary work of purging your remorse for missed opportunities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Should you rely on hard facts or soft feelings? Would it be advisable to trust your tried-and-true medicine or else a potion brewed from the tongue of a snake, the feather of a crow, and a mandrake root? Can you get better results by mingling with staunch allies or with rebel upstarts who have a knack for shaking things up? Only you can decide on these matters, Aries. My opinion? You'll probably generate more interesting developments by going with the feelings, the mandrake root, and the upstarts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): "We cannot have any unmixed emotions," wrote poet William Butler Yeats. "There is always something in our enemy that we like, and something in our sweetheart that we dislike," I hope that's OK with you Taurus. In fact I hope you regard that as a peculiar blessing as one of the half-maddening, half-inspiring perks of life on Earth. The fact is, as I see it, that you are in the thick of the season of mixed emotions. The more graciously you accept that - the more you invite it to hone your soul's intelligence - the better able you'll be to capitalize on the rich and fertile contradictions that are headed your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Louisiana porn star Stormy Daniels considered running for a U.S. Senate seat in 2010, although she eventually dropped out because it was too expensive. I admired one of her campaign strategies: She went on a "listening tour," traveling around her state to hear what potential constituents might want to tell her. I encourage you to embark on your own listening tour in the coming weeks, Gemini. It will be prime time for you to find out about everything you don't even realize you need to know. Adopt a mode of maximum receptivity as you ask a lot of questions. Wipe your mind clean of assumptions so you can get all of the benefits possible from being innocent and curious.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): I love astrology. It excites my imagination and helps ensure that my relationship with the world is never too literal or prosaic. It anchors me in the paradoxical insight that although many things are out of my control, I have huge amounts of free will. My study of the mysterious meanings of planetary omens provides guidance, keeps me humble, and is a constant reminder that poetry provides an understanding of reality that's as useful as science. On the other hand, astrology sometimes feels oppressive. I don't like any system, even one as interesting as astrology, to come between me and the raw truth about reality. I aspire to see the actual person who's in front of me, not to be interpreting everything she does through the lens of her horoscope. Now I urge you to do what I've just done, Cancerian: Express your appreciation for something in your life that provides beauty and power, even as you also critique its downsides

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Bees pollinate apples. Butterflies perform the same service for lilies, and moths do it for tobacco. Horse chestnut requires the help of hummingbirds to pollinate, wild ginger needs flies, and oak trees depend on the wind. The world's largest flower, the rafflesia, can be pollinated by elephants' evebrows as the beasts use their trunks to search for nectar. My point is that in the natural world, fertilization is species-specific. Bees don't pollinate lilies and butterflies don't pollinate horse chestnut. A similar principle holds true for you, Leo. Can you name the influences that fertilize you? Now's a good time to get very clear about that, and then seek out a more focused connection with those influences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Native Americans took care of the land better than the white people who appropriated it, but they were by no means masters of sustainability. Recent research reveals they had a sizable carbon footprint, pumping lots of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere as they cleared and burned forests. (More info at www.tinyurl.com/nativecarbon.) Taking a cue from that little shock, I'm encouraging you to see if there are aspects of your personal past that should be reinterpreted. The astrological omens suggest that you'd be wise to revise some of the stories you tell about what happened to you way back when.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): British engineer John Reid wants to translate dolphins' speech into human language. For years, he has been working on the CymaScope, a machine that will help him analyze the basic patterns of dolphin grammar and vocabulary. I encourage you to be inspired by his efforts, Libra. It is now an excellent time for you to devote your ingenuity to improving the way you communicate with alien species like black sheep, fallen angels, feral mavericks, your mother-in-law, odd ducks, co-workers who resemble raccoons and bears, and zombies who don't share your political views.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An African proverb says: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." I think that sums up the choice you have before you. There is something to be said for going fast; it may be that you can get as far as you need to go by starting immediately and speeding along by yourself. On the other hand, the distance you have to cover may be beyond your ability to estimate in the early days. If you think that's the case, you might want to opt for the slower-paced power of a joint operation

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> CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF LO BUTLER PITCHFORD De-ceased, No. C-1-PB-10-001865 in Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas. RICHARD PITCHFORD and RICHARD PITCHFORD and all The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on No-vember 16, 2010, an Appli-cation to Determine Heirship and Application for Letters of Independent Administration in the said estate and request(s) that said Court de-termine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said and only heirs of the said LOIS BUTLER PITCHFORD, Deceased, and their respec-tive shares and interests in such estate. Said application will be heard

said application will be hear and acted on by said Court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of then days from date of publication of this ci-tation, at the County Court-house in Travis County, Tex-as.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to ap-pear before said Honorable Court at said above men-tioned time and place by fil-ing a written answer contest-ing such application should they desire to do so. If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be re-turned unserved.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Travis County, Texas, on November 16, 2010.

Dana DeBeauvoir County Clerk. Travis County, Texas PO BOX 149325 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78714-9325 By Deputy: /s/ O. RUIZ

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS THE STATE OF TEXAS CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-10-006210 To: JAMIN ROBERTO MENDO and to all who it may concern, Respondent(s); GREETINGS: YOU HAVE BEEN SUBED. You may em-ploy an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and peti-tion, a default judgment may be taken against you. YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear and a swer before the Honorable District Court, 98TH JUDI-

CIAL DISTRICT COURT, Tra-vis County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Austin, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the ORIGI-NAL PETITION IN SUIT AF-FECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP AND TRAVIS COUNTY STANDING ORDER of YERICA VERE-NICE CPILIOPET ORDER of YERICA VERE-NICE CRUZ LOPEZ Petitioner(s), filed in said court on NOVEMBER 10, 2010, against JAMIN RO-BERTO MENDO Respondent(s), and said suit being entitled "IN THE INTER-EST OF BRANDON JAMIN MENDO AND BRYAN RO-BERTO MENDO, CHILDREN", be nature of which suit is a the nature of which suit is a request ORIGINAL PETITION

IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATION-The Name, Birth Date, and Place of Birth of said is as follows: BRANDON JAMIN MENDO

NOVEMBER 3, 2010 UNKNOWN BRYAN ROBERTO MENDO MAY 28 2010 UNKNOWN

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judg-ment or decree in the chil-dren's interest which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the deter-mination for the parent mination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Austin, Texas, No-vember 10, 2010. AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MENDOZA

Travis County District Clerk Travis County Courthouse 1000 Guadalupe, P.O. Box 679003 (78767) Austin, Texas 78701 By /s/ COURTNEY MOREAU, Deputy REQUESTED BY: JOSEPHINE MARY MARGAGLIONE

2003 S LAMAR BLVD STE 4 AUSTIN, TX 78704 BUSINESS PHONE: (512) 215-4439 FAX: (512) 532-6085

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL PERSONS INTER-ESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ELEANOR H LAIN Deceased No. C-1-PB-10-001869 in Pro bate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas. STEPHEN LAIN and all The STEPHEN LAIN and all The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on November 17, 2010, an Application for Ap-pointment of Independent Administrator and Determi-nation of Heirship in the said estate and request(s) that said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the heirs and only heirs of the said ELEANOR H LAIN, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application will be heard Said application will be hear and acted on by said Court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this ci-tation, at the County Court-house in Travis County, Tex-as

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above men-tioned time and place by fil-ing a written answer contest



a pet cat to run loose without a taillight.

they desire to do so. If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Travis County, Texas, on Novemb 17, 2010. nbei

Dana DeBeauvoir County Clerk, Travis County, Texas P.O. BOX 149325

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78714-9325 By Deputy: /s/ O. RUIZ

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-10-005715 To: DARREN THOM 005715 To: DARREN THOM AS STONE and to all who it may concern, Respondent(s); GREETINGS: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may em-BEEN SUED. You may em-ploy an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and peti-tion, a default judgment may be taken against you. be taken against you. YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear and an-swer before the Honorable District Court, 2015T JUDI-CIAL DISTRICT COURT, Tra-vis County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Austin, Texas, at or before 10 o clock A.M. of the Monday next after expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the PETITION there to answer the PETITION FOR TERMINATION AND ADOPTION OF STEPCHILD of KELLY DIANE KANNEMAN Petitioner(s), filed in said court on OCTOBER 19, 2010, against DARREN THOMAS against DARREN THOMAS STONE Respondent(s), and said suit being entitled "IN THE INTEREST OF DAW A CHILD", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship and for adoption. The Name and Birth date of said is as follows: DARCY ANNE WESTHOFF APRIL 9, 2001 The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judg-ment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding on you, including the termi-nation of the parent-child re-lationship, the determination of paternity and the appoint-ment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Austin, Texas, No-vember 17, 2010.

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MEN-DOZA Travis County District Clerk Travis County Courthouse 1000 Guadalupe, P.O. Box 679003 (78767)

Austin, Texas 78701 By /s/ COURTNEY MOREAU, Deputy REQUESTED BY:

SUSAN R LITTLETON 2509 S. 4TH STREET AUSTIN, TX 78704 BUSINESS PHONE: (512) 472-0600

FAX: (512) 478-6514

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF GREGO-RY JOHN TOMCZYK De-ceased, No. C-1-PB-10-001894 in Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas,

RENAE NOEL CAYTON and all The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on No-vember 19, 2010, an Appli-cation to Determine Heirship and for Letters of Independ-ent Administration in the acid ent Administration in the said estate and request(s) that said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said GREGORY JOHN TOMCZYK, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after expi-ration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Travis County, Texas. All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to ap-pear before said Honorable Court at said above men-tioned time and place by fil-ing a written answer contest. ing such application should they desire to do so. If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be re-turned unserved. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Travis County, Texas, on November County, 19, 2010.

Dana DeBeauvoir

County Clerk,

Travis County, Texas PO BOX 149325 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78714-9325 By Deputy: /s/ O. RUIZ

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

AUSTIN DIVISION UNITED STATES OF AMER-Plaintiff,

MILBURN RAY VERNOR et

Defendants Case No.: 1:10-cv-00613-SS

SUMMONS In the name and by the au-thority of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Divi-

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

TO: MILBURN RAY VERNOR and BRENDA VERNOR MCCURDY

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought against you by the United States of America in a Com-plaint filed on August 18, 2010, styled United States of America v. Milburn Ray Vernor et al., Civil No. 1:10-cv

AV1222 POUND SALE

NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IMPOUNDED BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 683.011 ET SEQ., TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, REGULATING THE IMPOUNDING AND SALE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES BY DELEGATE OR PERSONALLY.

THE PURCHASER SHALL TAKE TITLE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS AND CLAIMS OF OWNERSHIP AND IS ENTITLED TO REGISTER THE PUR-CHASED MOTOR VEHICLE AND RECIEVE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

I WILL PROCEED TO SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, THE FOLLOWING DE-SCRIBED MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN REDEEMED BY THE OWNERS. THEREOF TO WIT;

DECEMBER 22, 2010 @ 9:30 AM @ SOUTHSIDE WRECKER, 8200 S. CONGRESS, **AUSTIN, TX 78745**

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READER MAY BE ALLERGIC TO TUNE-UPS

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a 2003 Subaru WRX that has recently been "sneezing" at irregular intervals. The sneezing sound is accompanied by what feels like a loss of power. The sound seems to be coming from the driver's side, under the gas pedal. It is quite audible from outside the car as well. Sometimes it occurs when I'm just pulling out, other times when I'm well under way. It doesn't seem to matter what gear I'm in, and it doesn't happen with any consistency. Got any ideas what might be wrong? - Lucy

TOM: Sounds like it's allergic to something, Lucy. Have you tried putting Claritin in the gas tank?

RAY: Actually, it sounds more like you're allergic to something, Lucy: tuneups. What you're experiencing sounds like a classic engine misfire.

TOM: Intermittently, one of your cylinders is not firing, and that creates a brief interruption in power. You feel that, and you also hear the engine chug a little bit. Or sneeze, if you like that description better. When Kleenex decides to sponsor our column, we'll start calling it a sneeze, too.

RAY: Since the spark plugs and sparkplug wires on this particular car are really crammed in there and hard to reach, my guess is that they haven't been changed in a long time, if ever. And they're the most likely cause of an engine miss.

TOM: Eventually, this condition will trigger your "check engine" light to come on. But even if it's not on yet, have your mechanic scan the car and see if the computer has stored any codes. If there's a code in there, it'll tell you which cylinder is misfiring.

RAY: But even if it's only one cylinder that's misbehaving, it's probably time to change all the plugs and wires. If one's gone bad, they're all ready to go bad.

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Auto repairs can be costly! Save money by ordering Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Ruin, PO Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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00613-SS (DC WD Texas, Austin Division), The United States seeks to declare the 'UCC FINANCING STATE-"UCC FINANCING STATE-MENT" (the "Lien") filed by defendant Brenda Vernor McCurdy, on behalf of de-fendant Milburn Ray Vernor, to be null, void and of no ef-fect, and to direct Hope An-drade, the Texas Secretary of State, to expunge the Lien from the public records. The suit also seeks a permanent injunction prohibiting McCur-dy and Vernor from filing any other liens against federal by and vernor nonning any other liens against federal employees. The United States also seeks an Order for McCurdy and/or Vernor to disclose any other lien filings they may have made to cloud title, hamper credit, or cause financial harm to fed-eral employees

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to file an answer to said Complaint and defend such suit to file an answer to such suit to file an answer to first (do) days from the date of issuance hereof, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin, Texas, at the United States Scourt-house, 200 Western District for the Austin, Texas 78701, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered to ex-punge the Lien from the puberal employees.

shall not be rendered to ex-punge the Lien from the pub-lic records, that a permanent injunction of McCurdy and Vernor from filing any other li-ens, that McCurdy and Ver-nor disclose any other lien fil-ings they made, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, this 5th day of November, A.D., 2010. /s/ William G. Putnicki Clerk United States District Court Western District of Texas

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES Pursuant to Texas Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, the following vehicle(s) will be sold at Public Auction if not claimed within 72 days. Garagekeeper: A&A WRECKER AND RECOVERY LLC

2963 MANOR ROAD AUSTIN, TX 78722 PH: (512) 670-7578

1. 1993 Jeep/ Liberty(green) LP: GL981D (GA) V.I.N#: LP: GL981D (GA) V.I.r 1J4FJ78SXPL550153

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES PURSUANT OF TEXAS ABANDONED MO-TOR VEHICLE ACT. THE FOLLOWING WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE UNLESS CHARGES ARE SATISFIED WITHIN 30 DAYS.

GARAGE KEEPER: SOUTH-SIDE WRECKER, 8200 S CONGRESS, AUSTIN, TX. 78745. 1999 TOYOTA JT2DG02T2X0057744 2006 YAMAHA MC JYARJ12E56A008063

day, December 14, 2010 at 9:00AM starting at the Hwy 290 East #285 location, im-

mediately there after, auction proceeds to the next listed location.

Uncle Bobs Self Storage #285, 9717 US Hwy 290 E. Austin, TX 78724

Diane Jones-Veal - Hsld gds

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In accordance with the pro-visions of State Law, there being due and unpaid charg-es for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner's lien of the goods herein-after described and stored at the Uncle Bob's Self Storage location(s) listed below.

Leon Cadieux-Hsld gds,Boxes,TV/Stereo Equip; And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties Justin Lewis-Hsld items,beds,computers,etc.; property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time speci-fied in such notice for pay-ment of such having expired, the goods will be sold at public auction at the below stated location (s) to the high-est bidder for cash or other-wise disposed of on Tues-day December 14. 2010 at Kevin Thompson-Furn,Boxes,TV/Stereo Equip; Ryan Alderete-Hsld gds,Furn;

Kelli DAgostino-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes,Tools,AppIn Tina Slade-Hsld gds,TV/Ster-eo Equip;

Uncle Bobs Self Storage #197

75547 McNeil Dr. Austin, TX 78729 Mark Higgins Hsld gds, furn, boxes, tools, applnces, tv/ boxes, tools, stereo equip Rachel Rebecca Hsld gds, furn, boxes, sprtng gds,

appInces, office equip Sharon Coats Hsld gds, box-es, tools, tv/stereo equip. John O. McCoy Hsld gds, furn, boxes, tools applnces, tv/stereo equip, off mach/ equip acctng rcrds Lucy Gunter Hsld gds, furn, boxes, spring gds, tools applnces, tv/stereo equip, off furn, off mach, cnstrctn equip, Indscpng equip, acctng rcrds, colletible Christopher Tropiano Hsld gds. boxes Jesus Amezcua Hsld gds, furn, boxes, applnces, tv/ stereo equip, off furn Shannon Smith Hsld gds, furn, boxes, ty/stereo equip

Bruce Emery- Hsld gds, Furn, Tools, AppInces, Off furn Miriam Castillo- Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes, Sprtng gds, TV/ Stereo Equip

Halley Brooks- Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes

Austin, TX 78745 Melissa Dickeson-Box-

es,AppInces Thomas Loera-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes,Sprtng gds,Tools,AppInces,Tv/Ster-eo Equip,Off furn Jimmy Alexander Perez-Hsld gds,Furn,Tv/Stereo Equip,Bags of Clothes Elizabeth Neal-Furn Lisa Williams-Hsld gds,Boxes,Tv/Stereo Equip

NOTICE OF NEW TRAFFIC NOTICE OF NEW TRAFFIC REGULATION Notice is here-by given that Travis County, Texas, proposes the approv-al of the following traffic reg-ulation: SET MAXIMUM PRI-MA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ON AGUA VISTA LANE IN PRECINCT THREE.

Any resident of Travis County, Texas, aggrieved by this proposal action may make written request for a mandatory public hearing. Such request must be ad-dressed to the Transportation and Natural Resources De-partment, Travis County, Tex-as, 78767, and must be re-ceived within seven (7) days of this notice.

NOTICE OF NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS Notice is hereby given that Travis County, Texas, proposes the approval of the following traf-fic regulation: PLACE STOP SIGN ON MANTLE DRIVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF SIGN ON MANTLE DRIVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF TORO CANYON RD AND SET MAXIMUM PRIMA FA-CIE SPEED LIMIT ON MAN-TLE DRIVE IN PRECINCT THREE.

THREE. Any resident of Travis County, Texas, aggrieved by this proposed action may make written request for a mandatory public hearing. Such request must be ad-dressed to the Transportation and Natural Resources De-partment, Travis County, Tex-as, PO. Box 1748, Austin, Texas, 78767, and must be received within seven (7) days of this notice.

NOTICE OF NEW TRAFFIC REGULATION Notice is here-by given that Travis County, Texas, proposes the approv-al of the following traffic reg-ulation:

STOP SIGN WARRANT ON WEIR LOOP CIRCLE AT THE MICHAEL DALE & VIK-KI TERRACE INTERSEC-TION IN PRECINCT THREE.

Any resident of Travis County, Texas, aggrieved by this proposal action may make written request for a mandatory public hearing. Mandatory public nearing. Such request must be ad-dressed to the Transportation and Natural Resources De-partment, Travis County, Tex-as, 78767, and must be re-ceived within seven (7) days of this notice.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUC-TION SALE Redeemed Property December 14, 2010 09:00 am

12011 Dove Haven Drive, Austin, TX 78753 Under the authority of section 7506 of the Internal Revenue

Code, the property described below will be sold at public sale on an open occupancy

basis. The United States re-deemed this property under the provisions of section 7425 of the Internal Revenue Code Section 2410 Title 28, Code Section 2410 1itle 28, United States Code on Sep-tember 28, 2010. The prop-erty was deeded to the Unit-ed States on October 01, 2010. The sale will be by a public auction to be held on: Date: December 14, 2010 Time: 09:00 a.m. Bidder reg-

istration begins at 8:30 a.m.; at Place: Travis County Court-house/Pflugerville 15822 Foothill Farms Loop, Pflugerville, TX 78660

HugerVille, 1X / 8000 Legal Description: Lot 19, North Oaks, a subdivision in Travis County, Texas, ac-cording to the map or plat of record in Volume 7, Page 108, Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.

Street address: 12011 Dove Haven Drive, Austin, TX 78753. You may inspect the property

at 12011 Dove Haven Drive, Austin, TX 78753 - drive by only do not disturb tenants Opening bid for the property is \$120,000.00.

The Terms of Payment: A deposit of \$24,000.00 is re-quired when the highest bid is tentatively accepted. When the highest bid is tentatively accepted, the highest bidder must deposit \$24,000.00 with the PALS. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in full no later than 30 calence. in full no later than 30 calen-dar days after the highest bid

is accépted. The highest bidder must de-posit \$24,000.00 within two hours from the conclusion of the sale. The balance of the purchase price is due and must be paid no later than 01/13/2011.

must be paid no later than 01/13/2011. Payment of all required de-posits and the balance of the purchase price must be made by certified, cashier's or treasurer's check drawn on any bank or trust compa-ny incorporated under the laws of the United States. Payment may also be made by any United States postal, bank, express or telegraph money order. All checks and money orders should be made payable to the United States Treasury. If the highest bidder defaults in payment of the bid price, and the property is not sold for at least the amount of the bidder's default. If damages are more than the amount of the bidder's default. If damages are more than the amount of the bidder's default. If damages

the bidder's deposit, the bid der will be liable for excess damages.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw the property from the sale. If you want additional infor-mation about the property and proposed sale, please contact the office at the address below

dress below. Patricia Hall; Property Ap-praisal & Liquidation Spe-cialist; Internal Revenue S vice; 4050 Alpha Road MC 5105 NDAL, Farmers Bran TX 75244; 214-422-7386; anch w.irsauctions.gov

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy land-lord's lien. Sale is 10:30am December 7, 2010. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash at the time of auction. Cleanup and removal deposit may be required. Seller reserves right to with-draw property from sale or not accept any bidder. Prop-erty will be sold in entire conerty will be sold in entire con tents of each individual stor-age unit. Property includes contents of spaces of follow-ing tenants: Heather Wright, Raul Rodriguez, Pedro Carri-zales, Donovan R. Williams, Tanner Curry, J E Mechani-cal, Wade A, Davenport, Tommie Jefferson, Brandon Schuelke, Jacklyn M. Trevi-Schuelke, Jacklyn M. Trevi-no. Property being sold in-cludes the following: Clothes, File Cabinet, Microwave, Luggage, Fumiture, Boxes, Shop Vac, Radio, Tools, Plas-tic Chairs, Bags, Trampoline, Golf Clubs, Vacumn Cleaner, Children's Toys, Paintings, Leather Chair, Music Albums, Electric Fan, Harness, Lights, Trash Can, Safe, Motorized Chair, Dirt Bike, Troiling Mo-tors, Big Tool Boxes, Plastic Tub, Scooter, Inflatable Bed, Television, Ladder, Heater, DVD Player, Entertainment Center. **Contact Lockaway** Storage 9910 Slaughter Creek Dr., Austin, TX, 78748. 512-282-7807

E22 - Fox, Robert Shane All items in unit

Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-

D8 - NUNEZ, JESSE

All items in unit

All items in unit

J34 - Margie Rivera Store

J38 - Rendon Jr, Raymond M

Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics /

Computers; Furniture J40 - Flores, Jose

.177 - mcfall robert

K21 - Rhoades, Murry

Furniture; Tools

niture

K7 - Grigsby, Troy

Bedding / Clothing M6 - Brown, Mamie

Bedding / Clothing; Electron-ics / Computers; Furniture

Electronics / Computers; Fur-

10:30 a.m. Public Storage @ 4202 Santiago, Austin, TX 78745

Tools

E40 - Johnson, Lekisha NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Boxes / Bags / Totes; Elec-tronics / Computers; Furniture PS Orangeco, Inc. hereby gives notice that the property gives notice that the property generally described below is being sold to satisfy a Land-lord's Lien pursuant to Chap-ter 59 of the Texas Property Code, at the time and place indicated below, and on the following terms: All property generally described below will be sold at public sale to the bichest bidder for cash E9 - Greenwood, Jerry Gr Bedding / Clothing; Books / Files / Cabinets; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers; Furniture F23 - Brockington, Jimmie Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers; Furniture will be sôld at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, or credit cards, NO CHECKS, with payment to be made at the time of the sale. Seller reserves the right to re-fuse any bid and to withdraw any item or items from the sold on the 15th of Decem-ber 2010 on or about the time indicated at each self-stor-age facility identified: NO CHILDREN PLEASE. F28 - Tressler, Paul Bedding / Clothing; Tools F32 - Vargas, Hector Boxes / Bags / Totes; Elec-tronics / Computers G17 - Rangel, Jose Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture G22 - LUJAN, ARMANDO Wednesday, December 15th 2010. Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools H41 - Vijarro, Brandie

9:00 a.m. Public Storage @9814 Westgate Blvd, Aus-tin, TX 78748 0119 - Haros, Michelle Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers 0156 - Strother, David Appliances; Furniture; Tools 0168 - Rickey, Robert David Furniture; Tools

Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-0180 - Runnels, Athena J76 - Trevino, Robert Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers; Furniture 0238 - James, Geoffrey All items in unit

0264 - Gibbs, Shana Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture 0312 - Boudreaux, Mark All items in unit 0444 - Whitson, Christy Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-

Furniture

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0453 - Bostick, Joshua Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture 9:30a.m. Public Storage @ 7200 S 1st Street. Austin. TX 78745

102 - Madrid, Yvette B025 - Smith, Margret All items in unit Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture 137 - Donley, Phillip Boxes / Bags / Totes B056 - Castillo, Marv 413 - Ussery, Jesse Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-C063 - Foster, Kenneth 438 - Galvan, Bianca Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture C073 - Brown, Charles 444 - Ruiz, David Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes: Furniture: Tools Appliances; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture

F179 - Perez, Yolanda Cam-551 - Benoit, Danny Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-ture Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools 562 - Allen, Bryce H233 - Higginbotham, Sarah Boxes / Bags / Totes; Toys Bedding / Clothing; Tools 677 - Kirby, David J269 - Deleon, Vanessa Boxes / Bags / Totes; Elec-tronics / Computers; Furniture Bedding / Clothing; Furniture; Tools J277 - Stair, Aaron

701 - Clifford, Sharon Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-ture Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools K288 - Cart, Kimberly 713 - Johnson, Nedra Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni

Appliances; Bedding / Cloth-ing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers L359 - Morales, Noel 730 - Chapa, Katina Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-

ture

733 - Schmidt, Melissa

1011 - Vela, Esther

Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture

11:00 a.m. Public Storage @ 2301 E Ben White, Austin, TX 78741

Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools

2036 - Villasenor, Missy

2061 - Slieter, Russel

Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-ture; Toys

Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools M401 - Caro, Rosemary Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture O447 - Sedillo, Jesse Boxes / Bags / Totes Q516 - Moreno, Doreen Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture R526 - Castillo, Rudy Boxes / Bags / Totes R545 - Hubbard, Stetson Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-ture; Tools U667 - Reves, Joe Boxes / Bags / Totes

D11 - Fernandez, Jennifer

D36 - Peschka, Michael

All items in unit

Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers; Furniture 10:00 a.m. Public Storage @ 7112 S Congress, Austin, 3015 - Collins, Alice TX 78745 Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni C42 - ROSS, JOHN ture Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers; Furniture; Tools

3112 - Joseph, Michael Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers 3210 - Bartholomew, Denisha

Bedding / Clothing; Furniture

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by Tom and Ray Magliozzi

Furn, Boxes, AppInces, TV/ Stereo Equip DJ Loggins - Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes, Applnces, Off Furn Ericka Jackson - Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes, TV/Stereo Equip Rafaela Leal - Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes, Sprtng gds, TV/ Stereo Equip, Acctng rcrds Jose Delacruz - Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes, Sprtng gds. Applnces, TV/Stereo Equip Stephanie Sneed - Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes, Applnces, TV/ Stereo Equip, Other: Bicycle

Patrice Wingard - Hsld gds Torin Archbold - Hsld gds Malissa Rodriguez - Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes, Sprtng gds, AppInces, TV/Stereo Equip, Off Mach/Equip, Acctng rerds Uncle Bobs Self Storage #198, 10307 FM 2222 Aus-tin, TX 78730 Charles Bowers - Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes

Uncle Bobs Self Storage #231, 8227 N. Lamar Blvd. Austin, TX 78753 Nichole Teaney-Hsld gds,

Gruyo Mijulovich-Furn, Box-es, Tools, Off Mach/Equip Uncle Bob's Self Storage #287, 6509 S. 1st St. Leonard Nelson-Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes

Ortiz, David-Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes, AppInces

Brian Bailey-Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes, Sprtng gds, Tools, Applnces, TV/Stereo Equip Danielle Lewis-Furn, Boxes

lan Shell-Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes, Tools, Off Furn, Off Mach/Equip

Boxes

Elizabeth Gomes-Hsld gds,

Leticia Cantu-Hsld gds, Furn, Boxes, AppInces, TV/Stereo Equip

Uncle Bobs Self Storage #276

2830 S. AW Grimes Blvd. Round Rock, TX 78664

Lewis Long-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes,Tools,AppIn ces,TV/Stereo Equip,Off Mach/Equip; Andrea Bailey-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes,Sprtng gds,Tools,AppInces,TV/Ster-eo Equip,Off Furn,Off Mach/ Equip,Cnstrctn

equip,Lndscpng equip,Acctng rcrds; Kevin Slaker-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes,Sprtng gds,Tools,AppInces,TV/Ster-eo Equip., auto;

Bruce Blackwell-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes,AppInces,TV/ Stereo Equip,Off Furn,Off Mach/Equip,Cnstrctn equip,Lndscpng equip,Acctng rcrds,Sales Sample: equip,Ac. Sampls,;

Kasie Thompson-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes,Tools,AppIn ces,Off Furn;

Robert Schlosser-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes,Sprtng gds,TV/Stereo Equip,Off Mach/Equip,Acctng rcrds;

Lawerence E. Williams-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes,Sprtng gds,AppInces,TV/Stereo Equip,Acctng rcrds; Cecily S. Francis-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes,TV/Stereo Equip,Acctng rcrds;

Gregory Bell-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes,AppInces; Dolores Brown-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes,Tools,TV/ Stereo Equip,Lndscpng

Geraldo Juarez-Hsld

gds,Boxes,Sprtng gds,Tools,Acctng rcrds;

Sheree Cunningham-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes;

Lewis Long-Clothes, Tools;

Jerrell Newsome-Hsld gds,Furn,Boxes,TV/Stereo Equip;

equip; Niya Shaw- Furn, Boxes, AppInces;

11:15 a.m. Public Storage @ 5016 E Ben White, Austin, TX 78741

B016 - Martinez, Vicerose All items in unit B032 - Wise, Monte Boxes / Bags / Totes; Elec-tronics / Computers C040 - Britt, Scott Electronics / Computers; Fur-C190 - Anderson, David Electronics / Computers; Fur-C266 - hicks, james Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-C286 - Benton, Kenneth Furniture C315 - Macey, Abbey Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture D007 - Wise, Monte Books / Files / Cabinets; Box-es / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers D009 - Gerhardt, Gerald Vehicle

P4 - Birdsall, Chance All items in unit 11:30 a.m. Public Storage @ 2121 S IH 35, Austin, TX 78741

1080 - Williams Rochelle Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture 2043 - Serrato, Andrew Boxes / Bags / Totes; Elec-tronics / Computers 2103 - Simpson, Jan Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture 3061 - Seymour, Steven All items in unit 11:45 a.m. Public Storage @ 1213 W 6th Street, Austin, TX 78703

1054 - Sustaita, James Books / Files / Cabinets; Box-es / Bags / Totes 2050 - Woolley, Cody Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-

3005 - rana, vidush Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers; Furniture 4040 - egan, cody Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools 12:00 p.m. Public Storage @ 5220 US HWY 290W, Austin, TX 78735

2000 - Nedbalek, Laura

Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools 3130 - hanshew, merick Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers; Furniture

12:15 p.m. Public Storage @ 6726 Bee Cave RD, Austin, TX 78746

1036 - Gillingwater, Barry All items in unit 12:30 p.m. Public Storage @ 3911 Ranch Road FM 620 S Bee Cave, TX 78738

1137 - webb, todd Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Pursuant to Chapter 59, Tex-as Property Code, Slaughter Creek Storage which is lo-cated at 9706 Manchaca Road, Austin Texas 78748 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be-gin at 10:00 o'clock AM on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 9706 Manchaca Road. Austin Texas 78748. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit may be required. Seller re-serves the right to not

accept any bid and to with-draw property from sale. Property in each space will be sold by the space. Property being sold includes contents of spaces of following tenants

Ernest M Rodriguez-unit 1128 Toys, boxes, stereo, desk, lamp NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

U-STORE-IT hereby gives no-tice of Public Sale under the provisions of Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code. This sale will be held on

December 7, 2010 beginning at 9:30 A.M. at the U-STORE-IT located at 610 E. Stassney

Lane Austin, Texas. This sale will continue to each desig-nated address location listed below after the completion of the beginning sale. This sale is being held to satisfy a Landlord's Lien. Everything cold is purchased "as is" Landlord's Lien. Everything sold is purchased "as is" "where is" for cash. U-STORE-IT reserves the right to set a minimum bid, refuse any bid, or to cancel any Public Sale that is advertised. An-nouncements made the day of the sale take precedence over any printed materials re-lated to the sale.

U-Store-It #751 610 E. Stassney Lane Austin, TX 78745 512-441-8300

Michael Delgado, unit 1007 boxes, wood, power washer, crates, 1977 Kawasaki mo-torcycle VIN# K4-534886, 1983 Kawasaki motorcycle VIN# JKAZXDA13DA006919. Nicele Perez, unit 2027 -baby crib, box spring, bed frame, headboard, mattress boxes, chairs, clothing, so-fas, table, TV, baby swing, chect there monitor chest, totes, monitor Ashley Garza, unit 3028 -baby crib, headboard, dryer, ironing board, toys, washing machine, crutches. U-Store-It #753 10025 Manchaca Rd Austin, TX. 78748 512-292-1760

Michael Zamora, unit 750 -boxes, clothing, fishing pole table, tool boxes, shelf, surf board, cabinets, dolly, tele-scope, pool cue rack. AUCTIONEER: KENNETH HIERHOLZER 6568

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TRAVIS Cause: DIGN06001892-2 By virtue of an Order of Sale is-sued by the clerk of the Dis-trict Court 53 Court of TRAVIS Courty, Texas, October 21, 2010, in cause numbered DIGN06001892-2, styled WORLD SAVINGS BANK FSB versus VIOLETTA HENRES-Sersus VIOLETTA HENRES-Sersus VIOLETTA HENRES-VERAND THE VILLAS ON TRAVIS CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOC. on a judg-ment rendered against VIO-LETTA HENRESSEY AND THE VILLAS ON TRAVIS CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOC.; I did on October 22, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., levy upon as the property of VIOLETTA HENNESSEY AND THE VIL-LAS ON TRAVIS CONDO-MINIUM OWNERS ASSOC. the following described real Cause: D1GN06001892-2 By the following described real property:

UNIT 262, BUILDING U. VIL-LAS ON LAKE TRAVIS CONDOMINIUM, A CONDO-MINIUM PROJECT IN TRA-CONDOMINIUM (2000) MINIUM PROJECT IN TRA. VIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AC-CORDING TO THE DECLA-RATION RECORDED IN VOLUME 8799, PAGE 226, AMENDED BY 8866, PAGE 301 AND VOLUME 12720, PAGE 489, AMENDED BY VOLUME 13011, PAGE 1, VOLUME 13043, PAGE 1402, VOLUME 13043, PAGE 1402, VOLUME 13043, PAGE 1402, VOLUME 13043, PAGE 148, VOLUME 13048, PAGE 148, VOLUME 13047, PAGE 4421, VOLUME 13047, PAGE 448, VOLUME 13048, PAGE 148, VOLUME 10048, PAGE 140, VOLUME 10048,

OF 2918 RANCH ROAD 620 N #262, AUSTIN, TX 78734. On December 07, 2010, be-ing the first Tuesday of the

On December 01, 2010, 20

Dated at Austin, Travis County, Texas, October 27, 2010

Bruce Elfant. **Constable Precinct 5** Travis County, Texas

/s/ Alan Redd by SENIOR DEPUTY ALAN REDD, Deputy Notice to Bidders: You are buying whatever interest, if any, the Debtor has in the property. Purchase of the Debtor's interest in the prop-erty may not extinguish any liens or security interests held by other persons. There are no warranties, express or implied, regarding the prop-erty being sold, including but not limited to warranties of ti-tle, merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. Notice to Judgment Debtor: If Notice to Bidders: You are

Notice to Judgment Debtor: If there is any property, real o personal, you want to point out for levy in lieu of the above described property, you must contact this office immediately.

Bidders shall present an un Bidders shall present an un-expired written statement is-sued to the person in the manner prescribed by Sec-tion 34.015, Tax Code, show-ing that the Travis County As-sessor-Collector has deter-mined that there are no delinguent ad valorem taxe owed by the person. In addi-tion, an individual may not bid on or purchase property in the name of any other individual.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WAYNE RICHARD HARKINS. DE-

CEASED Notice is hereby given that in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001766, styled Estate of Wayne Richard Harkins, Deceased, pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, original letters testamentary were issued on November 16, 2010, to John

Marie Harkins Claims may be presented and addressed to the personal representative of the estate in care of her attor-neys at the following ad-dress:

c/o GRAVES, DOUGHERTY, HEARON & MOODY a Professional Corporation Attn: Raleigh R. Johnston

P.O. Box 98 401 Congress, Suite 2200 Austin, Texas 78767-0098 All persons having claims against this estate are re-quired to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 16th day of November 2010 GRAVES, DOUGHERTY, HEARON & MOODY,

A Professional Corporation P.O. Box 98 401 Congress, Suite 2200

Austin Texas 78767-0098 (512) 480-5600 Telephone (512) 480-5827 Telecopier By: Kevin Holcomb

State Bar NO. 09824000 /s/ Raleigh R Johnston

State Bar No. 24070011 ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF KARLY LAY SCHWALL, AN INCA-PACITATED PERSON Notice PACITATED PERSON Not is hereby given that Letters of Guardianship for the Per-son and Estate of Karly Lay Schwall, An Incapacitated Person, were issued on Oc-tober 28, 2010 in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001440 in the Pro-C-1-PB-10-001440 in the Pro-bate Court No. One of Travis County, Texas to Shona Lay McGary, All persons having claims against the Estate of Karly Lay Schwall should present those claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by Jaw to Karl G. Johnson, Jr., Attorney, 704 West dth St., Austin, TX

78701 Dated: November 22, 2010 /s/KARL G. JOHNSON, JR. Attorney for Guardian

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MAX L. EATON, Deceased Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Max L. Eaton, De-ceased, were issued on No-vember 16, 2010 in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001769, pend-ing in Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas to the estate's personal representestate's personal represent-ative: ANN STACEY EATON

Claims may be presented

and it is hereby instructed that claims be addressed to: Ann Stacey Eaton, Inde-pendent Executor of the Es-tate of Max L. Eaton, Deceased, 8107 Meandering Way, Austin, Texas 78759. All persons having claims against the Estate, which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. By: /s/ Theodore E. Comsudi

Attorney for the Estate of Max L. Eaton, Deceased 5806 Mesa Drive, Suite 330 Austin, Texas 78731-3770 512-346-8556

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BILLIE JACK PEARCE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Billie Jack Pearce, Estate or Billie Jack Pearce, deceased, were issued to Lucy Maye Pearce as Inde-pendent Executor on October 26, 2010, Cause No. C-1-PB-Iro-001652 pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas. The mailing address of the Independent Eventor is: Lucy Maya addreśs of the Independent Executor is: Lucy Maye Pearce, c/o Theodore M Fig-ard, 1104 Nueces St., Austin, Texas 78701. All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently be-ing administered, are re-quired to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Theodore M Figard, 1104 Nueces St., Austin, Texas 78701, Attor-ney for Estate.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the Travis (CGSV) Information for Bids (IFB), entitled, TRAVIS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX (TCCC) PARKING LOT ON BALL FIELD CYCLE COVER, #20692 (IFB NO.: B110009-JE, CONTRACT NO. 11K0009-JE, a project consisting of providing and installing and aceptable steel structure with three sides of polycarbonate sheathing and a metal room duilt on a approved foun-dation to support steel up-rights at the designate lo-cation, will be received by Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent, at the Tra-vis County Purchasing Office, 314 West 11th Street, 4th Floor, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78701 until 2:00 PM. CST, December 15, 2010, 2010, then publicly opened and read aloud. Note: The Time-Date Stamp Clock located at the front counter of the Travis County Purchasing Office, will serve as the OFFICIAL TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS County Purchasing Office, will serve as the OFFICIAL CLOCK for the purpose of verifying the date and time of receipt of bids.

You may print the Plans and Specifications from

Specifications from www.bidsync.com or they can be obtained in the Travis County Purchasing Office. Hard Copies (printed) Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Travis County Purchasing Office for a refundable deposit of \$100.00 in the form of a cashier's check money or. cashier's check, money or-Cashier's check, money or-der, or company check pay-able to "Travis County." The deposit will be refunded if the drawings and specifications are returned in good condi-tion within 21 calendar days of the bid opening. In addi-tion, plans and specifications will be made available for will be made available for viewing free of charge at var-ious Austin-area Plan Rooms indicated in attached list.

Indicated in attached list. AN OPTIONAL PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2010 AT 10:30 A.M., CST at the Travis County Purchas-ing Office, Conference Room, 314 West 11th Street, 4th Floor, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78701.

A bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the to tal bid amount will be retal bid amount will be re-quired. If a copy is submitted electronically through www.bidsync.com, an origi-nal of which and one copy will be due one business day drier online submission by Close of Business. Payment will be made for completed work in progressive pay-ments with the County re-taining five percent (5%) of each payment until final aceach payment until final ac-ceptance of the project. Pay-ments will be made by

check. A Payment Bond is required in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, if the contract amount exceeds \$25,000. A Performance Pard in required in the \$25,000. A Performance Bond is required in the amount of one-hundred per-cent (100%) of the contract amount, if the contract amount exceeds \$100,000. Bidder should use lump sum pricing.

. Historically Underutilized Businesses including Con-tractors, Subcontractors, and tractors, Subcontractors, and Suppliers are encouraged to participate in this project consistent with the goals of the Commissioners Court. Contractors will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportu-nity laws and regulations, all Federal, State, and local reg-ulations for construction safe-ty and health standards. The successful hiddre must

ty and health standards. The successful bidder must commence work upon issu-ance by County of a written Notice to Proceed. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bids received. Bids may not be withdrawn for ninety (90) calendar days after the date on which they are opened.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary of the Estate of Frances C. Poole, Deceased, were is-sued on November 18, 2010 sued on November 18, 2010 in Cause No. C1-PB-10-001799, pending in Travis County Probate Court Num-ber One, Travis County, Tex-as to David R. Poole, Inde-pendent Executor. All per-sons having claims against said Estate are required to present them to Richard Thormann, Attorney at Law, 805 West 10th Street, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78701 within the time prescribed by law.

law. NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is breeby given that original Letters Testamentary, on Sept 14, 2010 in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001309, now pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Tex-as, to Emily Dorothea Clarke. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Patricia Kelly, Attorney c/o Estate of Robert W. Clarke 8650 Spicewood Springs Rd. ¥145 Austin, Texas 78759

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 26th day of No-vember, 2010. By: /s/ Patricia Kelly Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Sylvia Kel-ley, Deceased, were issued on November 18, 2010, in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001270 predicts in the Dra Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001779, pending in the Pro-bate Court No. 1, Travis County, Texas, to: Leslie Diane Lucas, Laura Cathrine Jenkins and Damon William Arbos

Arhos. All persons having claims against this Estate which is against the balance of the second sec c/o Leslie Diane Lucas Lau-

John E. Athey, PC PO Box 202404

DATED November 22, 2010. /s/ John E. Athev Attorney for Estate State Bar No. 01399500 PO Box 202404 Austin, TX 78720 Telephone: (512) 345-8902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Doris Gray, were issued on November

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Rosetta Hall Bozarth, Deceased, were is-sued on November 16, 2010, in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-

The residence of the Inde-pendent Executor is in Round Rock, Texas, but the post of-fice address for notice is as follows: c/o AKINS, NOWLIN & PREWITT, L.L.P. 1516 E. Palm Valley Blvd,B-2 P.O. Box 249

Round Rock, Texas 78680 0249

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 18th day of No-vember, 2010. AKINS, NOWLIN & PREWITT, 1516 E. Palm Valley Blvd,B-2 P.O. Box 249 Round Rock, Texas 78680 (512) 244-0001

FAX: (512) 244-9733 By: /s/ Rick Akins State Bar No. 00962200

ATTORNEYS FOR ESTATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Gladys M. Kouba, Deceased, were is-sued on November 16, 2010, in Cause No. C1-PB-10-001759, pending in the Pro-bate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas, to Erwin F. Kouba Claims may be addressed in care of the representative, as follows: Erwin F. Kouba, Independent Executor 9209 Spring Hollow Drive Austin, Texas 78750 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 22nd day of No vember 2010 /s/ John J. Mial ATTORNEY FOR THE REP-RESENTATIVE

NOTICE IS hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOHNNIE POLK MURPHY, deceased, POLK MURPHY, deceased, were issued on November 16, 2010 in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001688 in Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, to CHARLES WILLIAM MURPHY, Independent Ex-courtor

The mailing address is: JOHN P. MURPHY ESTATE c/o Hal L. Nelson, Attorney P.O. Box 9792 Austin, TX 78766

All persons having claims against the estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law

P.O. Box 9792

ra Cathrine Jenkins and Damon William Arhos

Austin, Texas 78720

Facsimile: (512) 692-3927

for the Estate of Doris Gray, were issued on November 18, 2010, in Docket No. C-1-PB-10-001749, pending in the Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas, to: ROY GENE GRAY

001750, pending in the Pro-bate Court Number One, Tra-vis County, Texas, to Esther E. Fowler. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Representative, Estate of

c/o Walter C. Guebert Walter C. Guebert, P.C. 5900 Balcones Drive, Suite 190 Austin, Texas 78731 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 17th day of No-vember, 2010. WALTER C. GUEBERT, P.C. By: /s/ Walter C. Guebert

ceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS On NOTICE TO CREDITORS ON November 18, 2010, Jared Michael Strohl qualified as In-dependent Executor without bond of the Estate of Carl David Strohl, Deceased, in Cause No. C1-PB-10-0014680, pending in the Pro-0014680, pending in the Pro-bate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas. The address of the Independent Executor is: c/o Donald F. Carnes, 400 W. 15th, Suite 808, Austin, Texas, 78701, and all per-sons having claims against this estate are required to this estate are required to present them to such ad-dress in the manner and time required by law. Jared Michael Strohl

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be accepted by Travis County for the fol-lowing items:

1.Remanufactured Toner Car

Opens: December 6, 2010 @ 1:00 p.m.

Bids should be submitted to: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent, Ned Granger Building, 314 West 11th, Room 400, PO. Box 1748, Austin, Texas 78767. Specificane aen bach

Specifications can be ob-tained from or viewed at the Travis County Purchasing Of-

Travis County Purchasing Of-fice at no charge or by down-loading a copy from our web-site: www.co.travis.tx.us/pur-chasing/solicitation.asp. Bid-ders should use unit pricing or lunp sum pricing, if ap-propriate. Payments may be made by check. The suc-cessful bidder shall be re-quired to turnish a Derfor.

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Rosetta Hall Bozarth, De-

OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

TRAVIS COUNTY. TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be ac-cepted by Travis County for the following items:

1.Election Night Reporting Software Solution, RFP P110047-LC

Opens: December 13t, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m.

AN OPTIONAL PRE-PRO-

DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Proposals should be submit-

POSAL CONFERENCE

ted to: Cvd Grimes, Travis

County Purchasing Agent

County Purchasing Agent, Ned Granger Building, 314 West 11th, Room 400, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, Texas 78767. Proposal Documents can be obtained from or

viewed at the Travis County Purchasing Office at no

charge or by downloading a

charge or by downloading a copy from our website: www.co.travis.tx.us/purchas-ing/solicitation.asp. Propos-ers should use unit pricing or lump sum pricing, if appro-priate. Payment may be made bu check. The suc

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cessful proponent shall be

Bond in the amount of One Hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount award-

STOR SELF STORAGE In

accordance with the provi-sions of Chapter 59 of the

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es for which the undersigned

er's lien of the goods herein-after described and stored at Stor Self Storage locations listed below; And due notice

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owner of said property and all parties known to claim an

specified in such notice for

payment of such having dis-posed of on the following dates. No one under 16 al-lowed. Cash only!

South Lamar Storage & Wine Cellar, 2201 Kinney Road, Austin, TX 78704 512-

December 07, 2010 11:00 AM

Kathleen McAfee - Sealed

Steven Will - Metal futon

frame, cushions, sealed bags

Stor Self Storage, 2508 W. Pecan St, Pflugerville, TX

December 07, 2010 12:30

Randy Thrasher - Mattress.

tool boxes, mini drink dis-

repairs

INSPECTIONS

State Inspector -

Vehicle Inspections

Cars, Trucks, motorcycles, rv's, & trailers

9433 Parkfield Dr, 78758

8-6M-F 10-4Sat.

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penser, massage chair, com-puter, couch, boxes, wicker

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TO PROPOSERS

Independent Executor of the Estate of Carl David Strohl OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE TO BIDDERS TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Dated this 16th day of No-vember, 2010.

Hal L. Nelson, attorney

Austin, TX 78766

State Bar No. 14898000 NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary

for the Estate of Joseph L. Parrish, Jr., Deceased, were Farrish, Jr., DeCeased, Were issued to Grace W. Parrish, as Independent Executor of said Estate, on November 18, 2010, in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001776, pending in Pro-bate Court No. 1, Travis County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered

are required to present them to Grace W. Parrish, Inde-pendent Executor of said Es-tate, in care of her attorney Carolyn Collins Ostrom, with

in the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Carolyn Collins Ostrom

816 West 10th Street

Austin TX 78701

vember, 2010.

Attorneys and Counselors

DATED the 26th day of No-

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Collins Ostrom



I'm 5'5" petite Chicana. Looking for a little late night fun. Love the outdoors and trying new things. Love to be adventureous and daring. hottchica, 30, **101**, **#134242**

LUSTFUL BAD GIRL

Hi!Fun loving sweet girl ready to play. Seeking a hot couple. Love to please and very submissive. Shy about putting up pic. Would love to meet for coffee and more! sweet_submissive_cutie_pie, 28, 27, #134199

CASUAL PLAY+GRINS?

Nerdy Theater/StarWars/D&D geek looking to meet someone with similar sexual interests for fwb relationship. I'm submissive and like roughness. You: dominant and not scared of bruises. See va soon? *grin*. MidnightMaelstrom, 18, 10, #134168

SWEETANDCLASSY

Hello to all the gentlemen my names goldengoddest I'm a 33 year old submissive slave I'm looking for a verv true dominate master please feel free to email me thanks. goldengod-dest, 33, 101, #134002

FUN AND FLIRTY

I'm a very outgoing person I love going out and having fun. I have several tattoos. I'm looking for someone to have fun with and possibly more.

feffa82, 28, 101, #133778 TASTY PIECE

Tasty piece looking for her tasty piece match. Looking for a sexy white or Latin (wo)man that loves their women thick and sweet. 420 friendly. phoenixphenom10, 22, 27, #133164

MAYBE SOMETHING MORE

I am not a thin, perfect Barbie type. I'm looking for an attractive M 25-36 who can keep up. litlred, 32, 🕿, **0** #128782

WANTS A GIRLFRIEND!

I am a 25 year old female. My bf is 27 and is willing to share me. I need a girl I can hang out with in/out of the bedroom! BeautifulGirl713, 25, 101. #134292

HIS FIRST THREESOME

We are an attractive couple seeking a feminine female for his first three some. He is a singer in a band, therefore, we must be discreet. Ema pics. bibigirlie, 40, 01, #134288

SEXYKITTYKAT

Happy, secure, married couple seeking a woman or couple (man and woman) for discreet encounters. He enjoys watching, so let's give him a show he won't forget! **bcknrede4u**, 37. 2. D. #134194

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couple or single bi lady. We are both fit and ready to play. austincouples, 30, **101**, **#134167**

COUPLE 4 PLAYMATE

Him 6'5, I'm 6'; both HWP. We are discreet, Caucasian ISO a woman comfortable in sexuality interested in oining us. Are you the right woman? We'd like to find out, TallOnes, 39, **O**, #134085

COUPLE SEEKS SPICE

hey there, happily married couple seeks a new erotic adventure-add girl. Meet at a local bar.if mutually attracted head to nice hotel. we are in good shape. Have FUN. **austinthree**some, 39, 101, #134000

SWEET, NAUGHTY, ADVENTUROUS

We are a 35/36 year old couple look-ing for a woman to play with. I have never been with another woman. My boyfriend wants to watch and possible join in. naughtygirl, 36, 101, #133960

BIG TITS LOOKING...

We are happily committed looking for a couple or female to play with. She is curvy & is VERY sexy with big tits. He has a thick, vummv cock bigtitsNTexas, 44, 133954

SATURDAY NIGHT SEXTACY

We're looking for sexy, smart nodrama couples and single females Pictures don't lie. We like friendship and fun almost as much as the play. Bodychemistry, 27, 10, #133895

GORGEOUS COUPLE SEEKING

We are a deeply-in-love, playful married couple actively seeking a 3rd in the person of a young woman for fun and fantasy play. Sound like fun? Message us ... hotatxcouple, 31, 101, #133881

AUSTIN'S SEXY COUPLE

We are a happily married black couple in search of Single ladies We enjoy going out and looking for a well rounded woman to join us on ur adventures. BlkAustinCpl, 26, **0** #133842

LEGS, LEGS, LEGS

We are looking for a nice girl or couple...more than anything we are looking for a sweet girl..would love to meet downtown for drinks and o from there.:). cutiepie4u, 36, 🕿 0. #133751

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Sexy young couple seeks the same/ young female. He loves a woman in high heels and would love having you while she watches. We'll share what you share. ripples, 23, 101, #133613

o indicates that a photo is posted online.

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desires. There are no 900 numbers or per-minute

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COUPLE SEEKING ADVENTURE

Married couple seeking new excite ment in the bedroom. Interested in finding a woman or the right couple for some fun. Discretion a must. Safety required. STD Free. Nonsmokers preferred. **sassyncute**, 38,

3. **10**. #133462 **MINOR SEX GODS**

... seek bi-demi-goddess for amusing sexy NSA adventures. He's dead sexy, an artist, and endowed; she's, quirky, bi, and jolie laide. We're brainy and bore-a-phobic. Sense of humor a must. ixchel, 36, 01, #133238

TONGUE PLAY

I am looking for a woman to help me relax. I prefer hispanic or white woman, average size and who are girly. lovelyt, 26, 10, #133370

CUTIEKAILS FWB

Married couple looking for a third. No pressure, get to know eachother first and see where it leads.Looking for a thick lady between ages 21-38. Please no couples, men, or psychos! kailsrocks, 28, 🕿, 🔯, #133277

FEM FEM FEM

I am a bisexual lipstick who is seeking casual female relationships to explore both on my own, and with my man. welovefunatx. 31. 01. #133020

FEMALE FOR ME

Married Hispanic BiFemale, 34 looking for BiFemale for fun encounters. Let's get together for drinks and see what happens? femaleforme, 35, 🕿, **O**, #131835

WILL TRY ANYTHING

I would like to try different things I haven't done before few limitations. I like to give and receive pleasure from different kinds of people. newnopen, 38, **101**, **#134152**

PLAYMATE(S) FOR ASIAN-BEAUTY

AsianBeauty seeks Erotic Play with Woman or Man; couples considered. I'm very open-minded,feel free to suggest your sexual fantasies. Only Inquire if you're STD-Free. Asian-Orchid. 25. 2. 0. #131487

YOUNGNTIGHT

looking for a couple to have some fun with...im young sexy and up for just about anything so if u think u can handle me then let me know....ava 18. bossgurl45, 20, 27, 10, #129789 **NW BI MALE**

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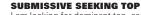
Experienced in oral but hoping for more. Bi guy with hot girl. One or both. Let me know what you want, Want normal and hopefully regular. Mark1225 38 0 #134044

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7-day pass...... \$20.00

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I am looking for dominant top, eager and willing to dominate me. He might have to put up with scheduling problems. I am in relationship. Daytime encounters might be necessary. volcano, 50, 🕿, 🖸, #127424

BOTTOM 4 TOP

Hispanic Bottom,45 years old .. looking for discret encounter with a Top guy, I am discret open to new things, ages between 23 and 50 vears old, preference black or mixed antonio_3638, 46, 101, #118402

JILL2JACK

HI, Its a great pleasure to meet you and chat. As for me Nothing special, just another person looking for love and friendship. **Insight35**, 34, **D**, **#133781**

BLACK HUNG STUD

I am a well endowed black male in Austin. I am looking for single women and couples for hot sex! Discreet and disease free. All races welcome especially latino!! hungblkstud, 38, 🕿, 🔟, #133562

AUSTIN FUN GUY

I am seeking a sexually charged woman or straight couple that is seek-ing a bit of excitingly naughty fun every now and then; prefer ongoing if all agree. blktexan512, 36, 101, #133473

SHARE YOUR KINK.

Scarves. Feathers? Candles. Naughty? Leather. LGBT. Blindfolds. Spanking? Biting? Cuffs? **GWNN**, 50, 0, #133898

CROSSDRESER FOR FUN

Hi, I'm a CD and I am looking to meet other CD's, men, or couples for discrete encounters. I particularly love other CD's. I love porn. alex_boycd, 34, 🕿, 💽, **#132503**

LET'S BE LOVERS

Looking for the fun of a friend and the intimacy of the night, without the formality of a girlfriend. Creativity in the bedroom is a plus. Wakenbaker, 26, **101**, **#134283**

OLDER GALS WANTED

Trim 63 year old single white male with diverse interests desires after noon lunches, lively conversation, and intimate encounters with older women that can still cut the mustard.

razor65, 63, 27, 101, #130579 LOVE NOT WAR

Pretty busy with work, so tough meet-ing hot women-fairly annoying, as am

flesh and blood, not a robot. Whats a guy to do? Thought would give this a go. jimbo, 31, 01, #134218

SINGE MALE SEEKING

Sexually flexible male who can get into a lot of different things (save outright pain/hardcore S&M) seeks females for same. yt235, 40, 01, #134230

BORED, SEEKING FUN

21 swm, looking for a little fun, if u want to know something about me just ask. jdog47, 21, 10, #127469 WELL LET'S PLAY;) I'm a single man looking to play. I

am very giving lover and expect the same. I am open minded to try just about anything under the sun. Gam Game on:), Plavful, 33, 101, #134190 LATINOLOVER4U

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im a cute latino with a nice body, a good sense of humor, romantic, open minded, loves to have fun, dancing, hiking and lots more. im looking for a partner. anthony, 32, 27, 101, #134163

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BeautifulGirl713 Age: 25

I want a GIRLFRIEND!

I am a 25 year old female about 110lbs who wants a girlfriend! My bf is 27 and is willing to share me with a girl :) he would like to join occasionally he is happy just looking.

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Simmer down, Aggies, simmer down. Yes, the rotting corpse smell of the Longhorn football season has you deranged and howling like a pack of starved coyotes, but remember: Like Jesus, the Longhorns will rise again. Texas may be 5-6, but they're still sick with talent. Maybe it has something to do with the fact that the Dixie Chicken, the Bush Library, and the Animal Husbandry Barn aren't the highlights of the Longhorns' recruit-

Barn, which is sort of like the Chain Drive only much bigger, smellier, and freakier.

Needless to say, College Station's quaint charms don't appeal to everyone, so when

the Ags have a respectable season, you have to give them props. It's not easy to

Shanghai decent athletes to College Station - certainly not intelligent ones, so big

ups to Mike Sherman and crew for cobbling together a winning Aggie team this year.

Other than former A&M legend Jackie Sherrill - a true innovator with the insane

brilliance to use livestock castration as a motivational tool - few heirs to the Aggie

coaching throne have shown as much promise as Sherman, whose competence and

sacrifice is rewarded with a paltry \$1.8 million a year contract (the kind of chump

change that Mack Brown keeps next to his toilet). For such a meager sum, it's

amazing Sherman even crawls out of bed in the morning, but somehow this year he

and the Aggies have put together an 8-3 record. That's a complete turnaround from

the Aggies 4-8 season in 2008 when he began his sentence. Fortunately Sherman's

stint as head coach at Green Bay was good training for his return to Aggieland. He

now knows that the bitchiness and petulance of a highly recruited college athlete

are nothing compared to that of an NFL player making 10 times the coaches' salary.

At least you can bully a college kid with curfews, extra laps, and harsh, withering

looks. If it gets really ugly, you can even tell the boosters to stop leaving envelopes

full of cash in his locker (remember, this is A&M) or, worst-case scenario, cut off

his supply of steroids. Whatever Sherman is doing, even if he's hacking the nuts

off a bull before every game, it seems to be having a positive effect. Mack Brown, on the other hand, seems to have spent the last nine months tooling around town in his bling'd out Mercedes, snorting rails of coke off the bare asses of coeds, and

breaking mirrors with his maniacal, high-pitched Appalachian cackle. While it's true that kind of playa lifestyle never hurts recruiting, it can cut into the actual coaching. After a humiliating six-loss season, it's safe to assume that Brown is now back on

task. He may have grown a little soft in the middle - possibly even the prefrontal, but Brown is smart enough to understand that last Saturday's smackdown of

Division I-A powerhouse Florida Atlantic won't satisfy even the most soft-headed of

Longhorn fans. He also knows that if he loses to A&M. DeLoss Dodds will be after his balls with a rusty pair of pruning shears. Even still, there will be joy in Mudville.

Why? Because we're the goddamned live music capital of the known universe. An

average Saturday night in Austin rocks the shit out of College Station on New Year's Eve. This weekend is no different. Saturday you can (and should) catch an awesome

bill at the Parish featuring a homegrown trifecta of musical badasses: folk-pop fun-

sters Marmalakes, party punkers the Frontier Brothers, and orchestral tour de force Mother Falcon. A set by any one of these acts will put a smile on your face that not

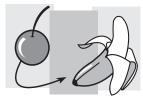
even a gloating Aggie can wipe off.

ing trip. Down on the Forty Acres, recruiting is a bit more of a slam dunk. All Texas has to do to land a Top 10 recruit is to take him to 50-cent wings night at Sugar's. College Station doesn't even have a Sugar's ... or even a Yellow Rose or a Landing Strip ... unless maybe you count the Animal Husbandry

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FUTURISTIC CHICK

I enjoy listening to bands, going out for coffee, or watching movies. I'm looking for an honest, hardworking guy that has been in the Austin area for a while. **geminigirl82**, 28, **101**, **#119250**

LOVE+WAR=ME

Trying to find a true romance. really quirky and energetic. I talk in circles but make perfect sense. I want to be myself around someone thats original and cheesy. **classylikeboxwine**, 23, **I**, **#134238**

SWEET & SMART

Like to talk about ideas - like to relax around a fire - go out for breakfast. Usually found on the East Side. Being kind is most important. franklin, 52, 10, #134229

GOOFY CUTE GIRL

Looking to meet new people and maybe even that special someone.i like to go to concerts, movies, swi mming, kayaking, hiking, shopping, d ancing, dining out, travling, cuddling on the couch, laugh and goof around with good people. MariaFria, 24, [6], #134227

ACITVE AND OUT-OF-CONTROL

Looking for someone that is as passionate for life as I am! Must enjoy outdoors and love dogs! Motivated and Inspired feel free to contact me! **mkissd9m**, 27, **[0]**, **#134221**

ROBOT... BEEP!

I love shows, being successful, and biking. In a partner I fancy eyes, beards, intelligence, and opinions.I'm not into consumerism or big corporations. I like dominance, I seek my opposite. **Euphoria**, 21, 101, #134192

SHY, AWKWARD, BANGIN'!

Shi', AWKWARD, BANGIN'! I like being comfortable! I enjoy foodcurrently craving some seafood, & dessert. I love spontaneous events- I need them! I love a good movie, musicals, and Frank Sinatra! Mmmu brightsmile, 20, IOI, #134135

RAMBLING LITERARY FOOL

I'm a native midwesterner. More than anything I love a good book and I'm not a snob about the genre. I love a good wit. **beetpollen**, 26, **[0]**, #134116

SASSY, OUTGOING, TRAVELER

Been out of the dating scene for awhile and am ready to get back in. I try to live life to the fullest. Looking for someone who feels the same. **liz512**, 35, **CI**, #134081

EVERYWHERE YOU TURN unbelievably delightful looking for same. mary99, 37, 21, #134093

LOOKING 4 LUV am single n looking for the right man.

ladype2009, 33, 101, #133518 FUN LOVING 23

Seeking new friends and open to dates! I love games, movies, camping, all kinds of music, beer, being near water, and I'm currently learning how to grill (help me learn!). darthkellie, 23, 101, #134016

CALI GIRL

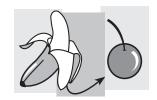
I am a young woman who loves life. I love simplicity. I am very spontaneous. I am originally a California girl.If you wanna know moreshoot me a message:-). caligirl101, 22, Mol., #133990

IS IT YOU?

You need a lot more than 30 words to describe how awesome I am ;). If you have questions, hit me up with a message. frequentflyer, 21, [o], #133988

ATTRACTIVE, FUN, SAINTSFAN

Intelligent, fun, spirited, and active woman seeking a great guy. My interests are varied and many. I value a sense of humor, emotional maturity, and good manners. **AustinSaint**, 43, **IOI**, #133487



ALWAYS A SMILE

I'm nice, honest, and open. Looking to find a sweet girl to share my adventures with. straight_texas, 20, [0], #134285

HOPELESS ROMANTIC...

Hopeless Romantic looking for crazy awesome chick to share in crazy awesome adventures. Anime, cooking, and general geekiness should abound. **Zooberzaiger**, 21, **Col.** #134279

SPORTY AND NERDY

I truly enjoy the little things in life and to get to them sometimes you just have to close your eyes and take a chance. **notbanderas1**, 38, **OI** #134275

ON THE BEACH

I ain't lookin' to compete with you, Beat or cheat or mistreat you, Simplify you, classify you, Deny, defy or crucify you. All I really want to do Is, babybefriendswithyou. wildman79, 30, [20], #134261

OUTGOING AND ENERGETIC

My name is Micah and I moved to this great city in January of 2010. Looking to meet some individuals with similiar interest. **opptimistic365**, 25, **C01**, #134258

HONEST, WITTY MUSICIAN

New to Austin and decided to stop poking fun at people who do this and awkwardly give it a shot. Feel free to be honest with a nice, funny guy. Neuby, 25, 101, #134254

SEMI-INTELLECTUAL COWBOY

SEMI-INTELLECTUAL COWBOY, Entrepreneur, economist, engineer Enjoy post-Keynesian economics, water- snow skiing,tennis, world travel, and quirky/foreign movies. I am looking for world/adventure travel mate, latin-country dance partner, and more. Satchel51, 59, ICI, #134166

NEW WARD ORDERLY Henry looking for June. Blind-

LilShorty, 46, 101, #134127 EASY GOING GUY

I like to relax and enjoy the rain. I love animals, art, music, and learning new things. I'm not in Austin often, but when I am, it feels like home. graphitegraphics, 30, [3], #134246

SUPER COOL DUDE

Painter/Photographer enjoys exploring different cities, country drives, old movies, B-movies, 50s R&B, Rockabilly, good music. Love art museums, travel, dancing. Love Mexican, home cooking. Seeking smart, nice, attractive lady (25-40). Adamcoolbreeze, 46, [2], #134208

PEDAL TOTHE METAL

I live life to the fullest don't back out of a good time because I should be 'resting' for work. I travel often due to a scattering of friends worldwide. Fixingrillz. 31. **NOL** #134231

SMILE @ EVERYTHING

"To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world." **Delmundo** 38, **C1**, **#134228**

BISCUITS N' GRAVY

Hi...I enjoy reading, ocasionally writing, I cook good breakfasts (not great, but good) and I am workin' on learnin' the saxophone. Interested in a live show or din-din? **MangueBeat**, 30, **101**, **#134219**

LIVEFORE THE MOMENT

I'm an outgoing person and VERY fun to be around. **Moseph**, 25, **101** #134212

MUSIC GUY

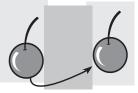
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Looking for a mature, stable girl under the age of 35 for a friendship and/or casual dating. If things go right I would consider something a little more serious. ATXguy512, 29, [0], #134204



HEARTED, SWEET, CARING

i'm a stay at home mommy...looking for someone mature and good head on her sholders.kids are okay. Come cuddle up with me. Even if your just looking for friends. **ShyMariposa**, **27.** [0]. #134222

LAUGH AT LIFE

sooo ive never dated a woman, but want to. live for music, 420, and findin my bliss people tell me im honest and passionate and bourbon makes me grin. **katkins**, 22, **IOI**, **#134157**

SHY, CREATIVE, OUT-GOING

I'm shy when i first meet someone but i warm up pretty fast, I'm openminded and always ready to try new things. **singingpoema**, 19, **10**, **#134146 SHY, CREATIVE, OUT-GOING**

I'm shy when i first meet someone but i warm up pretty fast, I'm

openminded and always ready to try new things. **singingpoema**, 19,

0, #134146

HEY LADIES! I am new to the area and looking for a woman to have a relationship with...either by friends w/benefits or just plain friendship. **BiQt83**, 27, **W** #134115

TMNT RULE :)

I want to find my best friend and lover wrapped into one being. If music, film, theater and art are used on a daily basis in your world, I'm yours. EdensEnd, 25, ICI, #125840



MINORITY WITHIN MINORITY

Native Austinite, not into mainstream gay society, ISO other guys who don't fit the mold. Grounded, sensual, passionate and playful, seeking compatible, compassionate, openminded and understanding. Could this be you? KeepingAustinWeird, 25 Joll #116565

AM SUPA RAD

I am looking for a ganster/skaterish/ emo type. DON'T LIKE FLAMERS. so please be down to earth. i am chill and party alot. No drama for me

please! mp3d3, 18, 01, #133225

GOOD GUY

Tall, reasonable shape, generous with my time and energy. Nonsmoker, drug and disease free, seek same. Environmentally aware, intelligent, international perspective, want to make the world a better place. AustinGoodGuy, 59, **a**, **a**, **#132556**

LONELY ROMANTIC

38vo,Hispanic male, 5'6",200,br/br,very easy going and affectionate,roman tic,spontaneous,ambitious,love the outdoors,travel,would like to find a guy i can spend time with and get to know and see what happens from there. sthaustin/8704, 39, 01,#130019



LahTeeDah Age: 29 buenos dias

fun energy is my character in a nutshell. free spirit, go & do. spend much time outdoors and love the sun. water-baby. I play a left handed fender acoustic...always movin' and groovin...

29 and still love the thrill of skateboarding down a half-pipe.

read the rest of LAHTEEDAH's profile or enter your own profile for FREE online at austinchronicle.com/IOVETSIANE

TRUST ME, GNARLY!!

sooom, 37, 101, #134189

ATHLETIC WOMAN

INTHEMAKING

26, **101**, **#134160**

OUIRKY

0, #134111

PCL DREAM BOAT

You: on a computer looking super cute. Bangs and glasses with a

colorful scarf. Me: grey sweater and dark jeans. Wabbit Season...

November 16. Where: PCL. You: Woman. Me: Man. #905084

BEAUTIFUL CURLY BLONDE.

You: Curly Blondie with blue eyes. Me: Black tee and red beanie. On

the 1 bus headed to UT campus. We saw each other on the bus and

smiled. When: Saturday, November 6. Where: On the 1M/1L bus.

You: Woman. Me: Man. #905083

HANCOCK CACTUS CAFE

Glitch in the system. Please try

again. Hancock concert Thursday

night at Cactus Cafe - end of con

Where: cactus cafe. You: Man.

Met at bonfire. You said I looked like Daryl Hannah and called me

lass. You: tall, Scottish, blue eyes, unforgettable smile. We spent

call? When: Saturday, November

13. Where: Rennisance Festival. You: Man. Me: Woman. #905081

You: brunette, grey p-coat; hadn't

eaten & loadin' up on free snacks Me: grey shirt, tan scarf & a bit

snarky. You finally bought that plant at the checkout. Drinks?!?

When: Tuesday, November 16. Where: North Central Market

~7:45PM. You: Woman. Me:

the night together. To scared to

Me: Woman. #905082

RENN FEST LAD

LOADIN' UP @CENTRALMARKET

Man. #905080

cert. When: Thursday, August 12.

How about some Peter Pan Putt Putt?? :) When: Tuesday,

Hes the BOOGIE WOOGIE Pool Player from COMPANY B. **boeomob-**

First&Foremost, I lost 114 lbs!Yay

me!I love life,swimming,Dancing Like There's No Tomorrow,Nature,

Jogging,Laughing, I'veAlwaysWan

TrueFriend? I'm not only turning a

new leaf I've replanted myself and

grew on a grand new tree. Q2G83,

delightful? maybe but I'm not gonna

say I'm "tons of fun". I'm a good

person who is loval and I would

say I make a pretty good friend. The end ^_^. himichelleis, 26,

tedToPlanElegantTeaParties, MaybeOtherLadiesLooking4TheSameInA-

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lookin for friends, likes= food, music, comic books, cheesy 80's movies, what have you. out. **foodiedude**, 22, **10**, **#134225**



ELYSIUM PATIO

You: Platinum blond hair, black shirt. You bummed a cigarette from some guy then stood next to me at the fence. I was too shy to speak. When: Saturday, November 20. Where: Elysium. You: Woman. Me: Man. #905089

LOOKING FOR BOBBY!

We met at the Home Slice Carnival. You were w/Sara & Lindsay (and baby). Lost you in the crowd, looked for you. I also posted in Missed Connections on Craigslist. When: Saturday, November 20. Where: Home Slice Pizza. You: Man. Me: Woman. #905088

AT THE CHECKOUT...

You were decked out in full camo armed forces duds...I was the blonde with the christmas holly headband...your smile could stop traffic. Drinks, please? When: Tuesday, November 16. Where: HEB@Parmer and MoPac. You: Man. Me: Woman, #905087

LOOKING FOR BOBBY!

I lost you in the crowd when talking to my friend. I looked for

you. Your friends were Lindsay & Sara. Who am I? Where were we?

You seemed wonderful... When: Saturday, November 20. Where:

Somewhere on S Congress. You: Man. Me: Woman. #905086

going to the Elephant Room, then I abruptly departed. Thinking of you

ever since. My Bad, please contact

You: Man. Me: Woman. #905085

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me!! When: Friday, November 19. Where: Casino El Camino.

We met Friday November 19th at the bar. We discussed Jazz,

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