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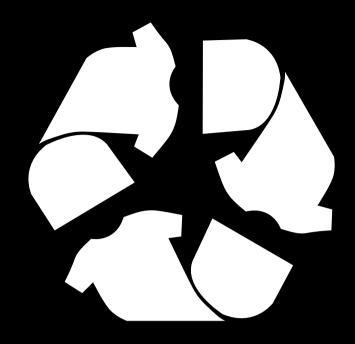
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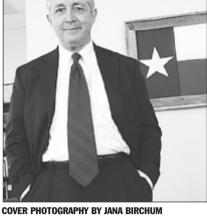
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Righting Wrongs

A position checklist of pragmatic politics

BY LOUIS BLACK

Last week, this column was about the almost bizarre idealism of some right-wingers - certainly of many of the neocons who have convinced themselves that their take is realistic and clear-eyed, unafraid of political correctness, and hardcore. Really not based in much of any kind of reality, this view has consistently proved to be one of nostalgic, utopian fiction. The Iraqis did not welcome us as heroes, greeting us with flowers and kisses in the street. An inordinately large range of government failures clarified that basing hiring on ideological orientation rather than any professional skill plainly doesn't work. Sadly, the nostalgia of this view has more to do with the most depressing America-, Anglo-, and Christian-centric attitude than with any historical realities.

This self-glorifying perception is grounded in the certainty that its holders are neither blinded by rose-colored glasses, restrained by any naively misplaced humanist and/or biblical compassion, nor so weak-willed as to deny the gut-wrenching truths of life involving other peoples' ambitions, desires, unexplained hatred toward us, and, not so rarely, actual evilness. Even more ironically, those characterizations of "what they are not" also define the "crippling" beliefs of liberals/leftists/progressives. A core assumption of many right-wingers is that those on the left are inherently impractical and foolishly utopian - that even admitting to any kind of liberal/ progressive beliefs evidences an unrealistic view of the world and a refusal to understand that people are neither saintly nor all "sisters and brothers."

Amazingly, in the wake of the staggering failures of ideologically based decision making, such right-wingers demonstrate not a doubt or hesitation about their beliefs. The failures are explained away as being due to poor implementation, overt left-wing sabotage, Democratic legislators' stonewalling, or the weaknesses of allowing "humanist" considerations to get in the way of going hardcore conservative enough.

While I in no way mean to suggest that many lefties are not too idealistic and unrealistic, the Bush administration's philosophically based actions not only clearly show that the right has lapped the left when it comes to delusional impracticality but suggest that several new generations of hallucinatory drugs have been developed and imbibed.

Writing a column like this one, for as long as I've written it, I've found that readers are often certain that they know my opinion on something - either from ideological context or because they are sure they've read it in my column. Their convictions are often not borne out by the printed record.

Sometimes this is because some of those with widely differing opinions are convinced that the beliefs of those on the left are monolithic, dogmatic, and universal, and thus easily "known," even by those who don't agree. Sometimes even some of those more sympathetic to the views expressed in this column are certain I've endorsed certain positions I haven't. It is not uncommon to read about my take on global warming (it, of course, being the leftist/Al Gore position), for example, when I've never expressed one. This is because I really haven't done enough reading and study on the topic to have a strong opinion. Certainly there is an enormous amount of reporting, discussion, and debate on this topic, so I'm well aware of the territory - but too much of the information in every direction either subtly or overtly evidences a bias and/or agenda. I suspect my take will be that both extremes - the sky-isfalling, humanity-is-at-an-end true believers and those who know that global warming is a complete hoax being perpetrated by environmentalist/fascist, one-world-government types as another means to rule – are way over the top. Such extremism on all sides distorts much contemporary political discussion.

I've read that I'm a communist and/or a socialist and that I'm an enemy of the free market system, opposed to making money. Again, as I disdain both socialism and communism, there is no way I ever advocated them, nor have I ever expressed any opposition to making money.

Truth be told, I think of my politics as very pragmatic and practical, based less on ideology and more on my real-world sense of things. Obviously strained through my sensibility, they are still just one person's opinions, but I have at least tried to come to my positions less through ideology and more by way of history and contemporary events. Below I will touch on the reasoning behind certain of my positions. Usually in this column, I at least try to cover every minor thoroughfare branching off from the highway of the main idea, mostly to protect the argument I'm making from being dismissed too easily because of a factor not considered or a potential not discussed (of course, many of my ideas are dismissed, so the emphasis here is on the "too easily"). What follows is just a brief checklist on some positions, so no discussion is fully rounded or being too carefully presented.

Iraq: I was against the invasion of Iraq not because I love tyrants or want to sit in a circle with my beautiful Islamic terrorist brothers and sisters singing "Kumbaya," nor am I a coward or a die-hard pacifist convinced that love will triumph. Instead, I found our focus on Iraq was confusing in that none of the 9/11 terrorists was in any way tied to that country, there was no significant evidence of any kind of strong relationship between al Qaeda and Saddam Hussein, and it seemed likely that the sanctions on Iraq were working. Even if there had been proof-positive that Hussein was developing weapons of mass destruction, there was virtually no evidence indicating if, how, and when he would use them. Toppling a sitting government without having lined up any native citizen leadership with the respect and power to replace it is sheer and obvious idiocy. Finally, a Christian nation invading a Muslim one seemed more likely to encourage and fertilize generations of terrorists than to dissuade them (see the end of this column).

The Social Safety Net: I strongly support it, but not because my heart is bleeding or I'm my brothers' keeper. Instead, it is that it is more than obvious that when there is a large socially, politically, and economically disenfranchised lower class that has no vested interest in nor identifies with the greater society, the potential for chaos is extreme. This isn't even speculation. Look at many countries in Central and South America: People live in gated communities and drive in convoys in cars with bulletproof glass. The children of the upper class face the constant threat of being kidnapped, and the easily corrupted, underpaid police leave civil society unbalanced. It is in the best interest of our grandchildren and their grandchildren to strive for an equitable, inclusive society in which opportunity for advancement is routine rather than extraordinary.

Although almost everyone, regardless of his or her own political ideology, may despise this idea, a multiclass society with an extensive and large middle class is inherently healthy in important ways. On the other hand, any society with a pronounced lower-class majority, not much of a middle class, and a distanced, relatively small upper ruling/owning class is almost destined for political chaos. Personally, I'm not as interested in the income gap between the poorest and richest as I am in the relationship of the lower classes' income to their basic needs. Regardless, the inclusion, enfranchisement, employment possibilities, education, and health of the poorest classes must be of concern to all, not for reasons of morality and compassion, but in the most practical way for the healthiest and safest functioning of the society.

Illegal Immigration: Again, no bleeding heart here. Instead, repulsion over a made-up, inherently racist, and unrealistic conflict. If the entire economics of the situation were considered dispassionately and not through the strainers of ideology, I suspect the situation will not be nearly as extreme, unfair, or dire as many suggest. Some state that illegal immigrants are largely criminals, exploitative, and dangerous, rather than useful, contributing members of society. The former view is based on exaggerated, anecdotal evidence, but if you want to see it become all too obviously true, go ahead with the consensus on what to do about illegal immigration. Labeling millions of mostly hardworking people as criminals as a salve to angry but mostly unaffected citizens, without any reasonable hope of or continued on p.8



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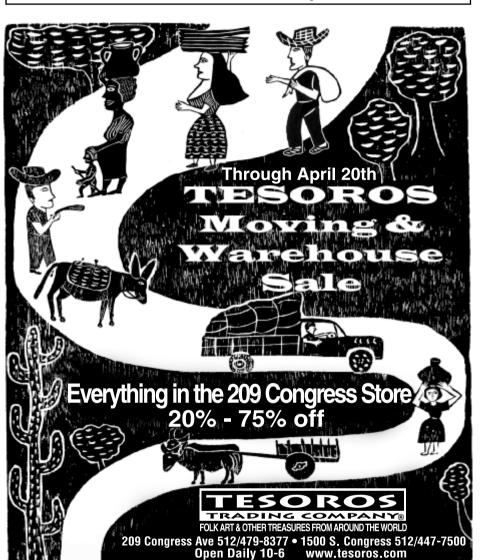
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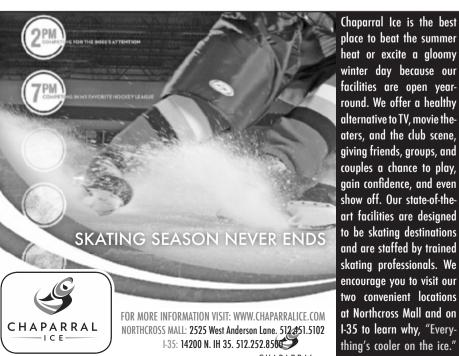
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strategy for deporting them, has no other possible conclusion than to become self-fulfilling. Certainly, some will leave this country, but many will be forced to fulfill the legal recommendation by becoming criminals.

As with last week's column, this one is part of a strategy of exploring certain core ideas. Over the next months, there will be more to come.

I offer the excerpt below not to say "I told you so" or with any personal comfort or satisfaction but simply to argue that what has happened in Iraq was obvious and predictable to almost any observer before we invaded. Even the intense, ideological, bloodthirsty fervor, accompanied by tribal chanting and dancing, of the Bush administration, as well as its sometimes misleading and sometimes false analysis, still should not have been enough to convince so many observers. Yet when we invaded, as much as 75-80% of the population supported the president.

From one of the first "Page Two" columns following the invasion, March 28, 2003:

"The peace, unfortunately, is going to be more deadly and dangerous than the war, even if it were going as planned. The reverberations may well negatively impact world politics for generations to come. Instead of stopping terrorism, it may lead to more. Instead of ensuring our freedoms, it may cause them to deteriorate. Instead of protecting our grandchildren, it may expose them to greater danger. I pray these fears are unfounded. ...

"When I ask the question I keep asking, it is ignored. Nineteen men, most from Saudi Arabia, none from Iraq, boarded four American planes armed with box cutters: their short-term goal, to scar our nation and to destroy our sense of safety; their long-term goal, to bring our country down, to destroy our way of life, and to encourage an epic battle between the modern West and the Muslim world. Less than two years later, the U.S. has invaded two Muslim countries (one under religious leadership, the other secular), compromised our freedoms at home, and created the legislation and a government department designed to further eat away at the principles that define this country. What has happened that wouldn't thrill those terrorists, fulfilling their desires and visions? ...

"As terrible as this war is, the next chapter is scarier. Without even raising questions about Iraq, the Middle East, and the rest of the world, there are so many concerns. Which voices will predominate? What will happen after the next terrorist incident on our soil, and who will be blamed? How much will the war and its aftermath end up costing? How will this affect our already slowing economy, especially coupled with a deficit budget (that barely acknowledges those costs) and massive tax cuts? When the cherished right-wing goal of reducing big government is achieved, the social safety net mostly dismantled, public education and health funding severely diminished, what will the real-world consequences be for most Americans?"

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'Smoking' Law **Unconstitutional?**

As a Downtown business owner and freethinking citizen, I am very disappointed by the recent ruling of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court to uphold Austin's smoking ordinance. The constant scrutinization and rendering of this ordinance has taken an unconstitutionally vague law and made it even more vague. It is impossible to expect people to comply with rules that they do not fully understand and that change on a regular basis. Additionally, I find the smoking ban to be incredibly insulting to the freedom and intelligence of businesses and consumers alike. Here's how I thought it worked: "I run my business the way I choose, and you choose whether or not you want to spend your time and money there." Pretty simple, huh? Wouldn't a more viable solution be to post your smoking policies at the door so that potential patrons could choose whether or not to enter? Or would that require too much free thought?

> Eric Wolf Loveiovs

[Editor's note: For more on this, see Austin Powell's April 4 Music column, "Off the Record."]

He Didn't Start BATPAC

Mr. Black and Mr. King.

I didn't start the Better Austin Today Political Action Committee, and I'd like to add a missing piece to the BATPAC naming/logo issue ["Point Austin," News, March 21].

I can understand how that assumption could be made without full knowledge of the facts. So please consider the timeline of when the things I did do for the group happened, which was well before I ever became a candidate.

Occasionally, I name things for a living, so sent a "names ideas" e-mail to Hope Morrison after she told me the names they were thinking about, which I thought needed improvement.

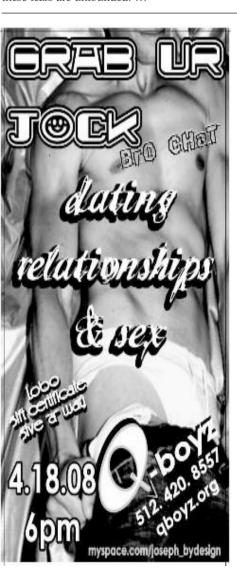
For precision, I went back into my e-mail database to see what involvement I did have with the naming and the logo. I sent my "names ideas" on Monday, July 30, 2007, at 6:02pm.

Hope also knows I know designers, so later on, she asked me to recommend someone, since they needed a logo. I suggested a designer to her on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007

As you know, I launched my run for City Council on Feb. 6. (I filed my paperwork the week before.)

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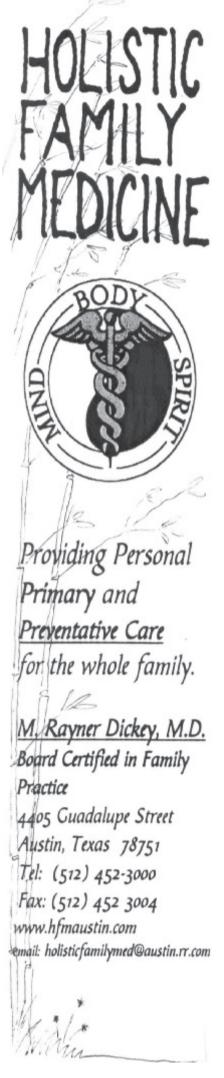
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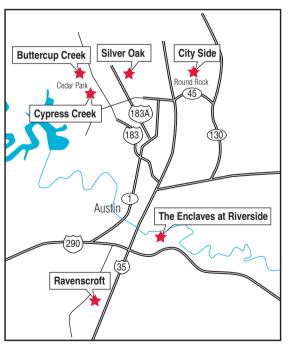








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Other than that. I've never attended a BATPAC meeting and wasn't included with the formation of the group. I did attend their press conference in my capacity as Responsible Growth for Northcross spokesman when they officially launched, as did many others whom did not start the group but were proud that it had formed. I also attended their kickoff party at the Moose Lodge, which I am told Lee Leffingwell also briefly

Endorsements are tricky things and should be taken with a grain of salt. I've been critical of some endorsements my opponent, Lee Leffingwell, has received, such as his endorsement from the public safety unions, which curiously came well before the filing deadline for candidates had passed.

In fact, it would be useful to Austin Chronicle readers to scrutinize that endorsement at least to the level that the Austin American-Statesman did on their editorial page on Jan. 23. Especially since at least 65% of the city's \$593 million general-fund budget is devoted to public safety and growing. Little details like that make taxpayers wonder why those unions picked Lee and Randi Shade and Cid Galindo so early, so fast, and with such unity.

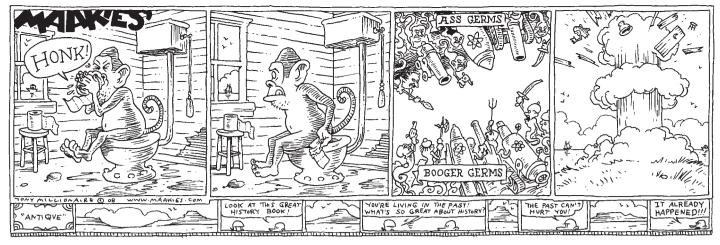
So, did I found the BATPAC group? No.

Did I suggest a name? Sure.

Was I running for office when I did it? Nope. Am I proud to have their endorsement? Absolutely.

I ask you to reconsider your assumption that my endorsement was a shoo-in. I wish it had been, but it was not. I had to earn it, and I ask you to reconsider your assertion that I helped found the group now that I have provided the timeline and details of what I did.

> Sincerely, Jason Meeker



[News Editor Michael King responds: As I've written before in "Postmarks." readers are free to draw their own conclusions about Jason Meeker's relationship with BATPAC, based on his letter here and his posted responses to the group's questionnaire. The entire discussion strikes me as much ado about very little - more precisely, about a twoword parenthetical summation ("helped found") in a column on the dubious reliability of political endorsements. However, in light of Meeker's latest attempt at clarification. I would only point out that he in fact effectively announced his candidacy in the fall - I reported it in October, when he told me, "I intend to put Leffingwell through the rigors of a campaign." BATPAC didn't publicly exist until January. If Meeker now wishes to engage in dueling timelines, he needs to back up quite a bit.]

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Where's Wells?

Dear Editor,

I'm at the League of Bicycling Voters' candidate forum. Where the hell is Wells Dunbar?! He's the best asset your paper has, and we need him out here covering the candidates kissing bicycling babies. Pay him more so he can afford a damn bus pass!

> Appreciatively. Seth Johnson

Laughing Out Loud at Brass

While visiting Washington "la-la land," D.C., last week, I became rather homesick for Austin. Then I remembered that before I left, I stuffed the March 21 issue into my carry-on bag. I casually flipped through the Chronicle and ran across Kevin Brass' "'Statesman's 'World'" article ["Media Watch," News]. What a clever writer he is. There I was in

the capital Hilton in my bed, roaring out loud and bringing myself to tears reading this article. His "it takes some cojones to declare" statement sent me over the edge, and the next day I felt as if I had done about 300 sit-ups, I was hurting so bad!

Please thank Kevin for putting down in written words what my wife and I have talked about ever since discovering that "Show World" was discontinued. Kevin, you made my stay there bearable, and we look forward to reading more of your articles.

Sincerely.

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Rand Quote Distorted

Dear Editor

The Austin Chronicle's article about Avn Rand took one quote from a lengthy Playboy interview with her and drastically distorted it ["Naked

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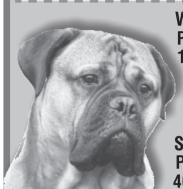
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City," News, April 4]. Here follows the question and answer by the author.

Playboy: Weren't Hitler and Stalin, to name two tyrants, in control of their own lives, and didn't they have a clear purpose?

Rand: Certainly not. Observe that both of them ended as literal psychotics. They were men who lacked self-esteem and, therefore, hated all of existence. Their psychology, in effect, is summarized in Atlas Shrugged by the character of James Taggart. The man who has no purpose, but has to act, acts to destroy others. That is not the same thing as a productive or creative purpose.

If as in the article, you also haven't read Atlas Shrugged, you should know that James Taggart is not a hero in her book.

The Chronicle can do better than that. Please try to have a good journalistic practice. We need a paper to trust in this town. Your readers are smart enough to make up their own minds without any bias one way or the other.

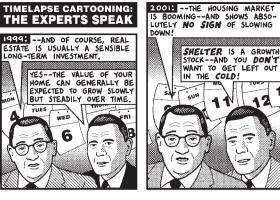
Virginia Hassell

After Their 'Solutions' Go up in Flames

To the editor.

Here's a salute to Louis Black for his ongoing series of columns on illegal immigration in the U.S ["Page Two," April 4]. Meaning, of course, Hispanic immigration for the most part. I admire his realworld perspective on the issue and his tenacity in pressing his case. I encourage him to keep it up, despite the want of support he'll find, in the near term, from mainstream politicians and media hacks. In the longer term, after the mainstreamers and right-wingers have watched their "solutions" go up in flames, Louis Black's position will necessarily gain the broader support it deserves.

Ray Reece







by TOM TOMORROW



When Global Positioning Systems and mobile data terminals are installed in all vehicles, this will provide the ability to track where they are, and this will make scheduling and reassignment of rides much more efficient. The addition of Cap Metro vehicles that can provide transportation for people using wheelchairs as well as more

space for persons with dog guides will decrease

the need for undependable taxis. There are some good drivers out there, and Hannah Riddering is a good example, but people wait for more than two hours and sometimes don't get picked up at all.

A person losing his or her job because he or she arrived at the building one hour before it opened is totally out of line. Mobile data terminals and a commitment to accountability for the scheduling department with consequences for number-crunching without taking into account the effects on customers will be a positive way to address the problem. It is, of course, most distressing that the lady mentioned in your article lost her job.

The reasons cited by the company for dismissal appear to be a possible violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act and deserve further investigation. A conference between Capital Metro officials, customers, and their employers could result in a more positive outcome. Functional assessments are a seri ous problem. It must be made clear that when these are in place, those contracted must be aware of the travel skills of blind persons In other parts of the country, occupational therapists who have no knowledge of how blind people travel have been doing assessments If a trip consists of a Special Transit Service ride to a bus stop and a fixed-route trip ending near the destination, there could be problems with an unsafe path of travel to the destination, including no sidewalks; a large, set-back parking lot to the entrance of a building such as Lakeline Mall; or a temperature of 100 degrees. A functional assessment will not work without a commitment by the city of Austin and Capital Metro to address the safety and accessibility problems of the built environment.

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vehicles and reassign the ride if there is a problem. Cap Metro has committed to not making changes until the GPS and data terminals are

Audley Blackburn

Two Long Centers?

Oh, my God! I had no idea that there were two Long Centers! That's right! Two! There's the one that the Chronicle calls "grand" ["Long Center," Arts, April 4], and then there's the one that stands on Riverside Drive I don't know where the one is that Mr. Faires praises so loudly, but the one on Riverside screams "butt ugly" so loud it is difficult to miss it. To quote a colleague, as we stood on Riverside viewing this monstrosity: "It doesn't come together in any way." Indeed, it seems to be the most confused and misguided architectural venture in recent history. Leave it to Austin to miss a chance to do what Sydney. Australia, and Santa Fe, N.M., have done and create a showpiece that helps put the town on the map internationally. What do we get? A mess with some old columns and stones.

The Palmer Auditorium has more aesthetic appeal than the Long Center. With its sweeping front it at least invites one in. The parking garage next to the Long Center is more pleasant to look at than the Long Center. What a tragedy. Good thing we built two of them.

James Hankin

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QUOTE

"The district attorney is a woman - how cool is that?"

- District attorney candidate Mindy Montford, after her resounding loss to new Travis Co. District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg (p.22).

HEADLINES

- Rosemary Lehmberg captures the Travis Co. district attorney run-off after heated race against Mindy Montford. See "Lemberg Delivers TKO in Final Round," p.22.
- Child Protective Services removes more than 400 children from an Eldorado polygamist sect in the wake of a phone call alleging abuse of young girls; see p.26.
- City Council candidate forums continue as the May elections for Places 1, 3, and 4 loom; see p.27.
- Council takes a gander at the \$27 million Master Development Agreement for the redevelopment of the Seaholm Power Plant site today (Thursday, April 10).

NAKED CITY

As the Austin American-Statesman shrinks, it also grows more expensive. This month, with little fanfare, the paper raised its newsstand price from 50 to 75 cents and bumped all its subscription rates by about 25 cents a week. The announcement was made in a terse one paragraph "note to readers" - no agonized letter from the publisher, no jaunty memo from managing editor (and soon-to-be editor) Fred Zipp promising beefed-up coverage. Just a few lines with the rather weak explanation that the hike "is the first change in the rate in more than 10 years." Circulation Vice President Harry Davis told Editor & Publisher the rate increase was the result of the rising price of newsprint, ink, transportation, and other distribution costs. "I

think you are going to see a lot of papers doing it in the next six months," he said, "Businesses go through cycles and I think this just happens to be one of those cycles." It might also have something to do with the paper's steady circulation slide, which has seen the average Monday-through-Saturday circulation drop from 176,000 in September 2005 to 163,000 in September 2007. But the Statesman's woes are hardly unusual. Last week the Houston Chronicle told Austin subscribers it will no longer deliver in the area, citing the same spiraling "economic factors." But the Houston Chronicle did offer area readers a free trial subscription to its online "e-edition," a "complete electronic replica" of the paper.

- The Travis County Sheriff's Office is promoting a new service called Project Lifesaver, which will help public safety officials keep track of elderly citizens who are prone to wandering due to Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and similar illnesses caused by age. Available to all Travis County residents free of charge, the program provides clients with wristbands equipped with radio transmitters. In the event that the client turns up missing, police can use special transmitters to instantly locate him or her. For more information on Project Lifesaver, go to www.tcsheriff.org/projectlifesaver. Jordan Smith
- Barack Obama took Travis County it's official! (Well, almost: As Hillary Clinton's camp keeps reminding us, delegates can still change their minds before the state convention.) The Travis County Democratic Party has released the full results of its March 29 county/senatorial district conventions. Of the 6.427 signed-in convention attendees, Obama took 4,363 (67.9%) to Clinton's continued on p.19

POINT AUSTIN

Dude, Let's **Go Bowling**

You can tell a lot about newspapers by what they don't cover

BY MICHAEL KING

Glenn Greenwald authors a blog (Unclaimed Territory) on Salon and, as a former constitutional attorney, has written a couple of trenchant books on the vexing relationship between the U.S. Constitution, national politics, and the mainstream media. (His latest, Great American Hypocrites: Toppling the Big Myths of Republican Politics, has just been released.) He's been particularly astute (and aflame) lately on the failings of the U.S. media. Here's an excerpt from a recent posting on the curious preoccupations of our national media ("The U.S. establishment media in a nutshell," April 5).

"In the past two weeks, the following events transpired. A Department of Justice memo, authored by John Yoo, was released which authorized torture and presidential lawbreaking. It was revealed that the Bush administration declared the Fourth Amendment of the Bill of Rights to be inapplicable to 'domestic military operations' within the U.S. The U.S. Attorney General appears to have fabricated a key event leading to the 9/11 attacks and made patently false statements about surveillance laws and related lawsuits. Barack Obama went bowling in Pennsylvania and had a low score.

"Here are the number of times, according to NEXIS [an online media database], that various topics have been mentioned in the media over the past thirty days:

'Yoo and torture' - 102

'Mukasey and 9/11' - 73

'Yoo and Fourth Amendment' - 16

'Obama and bowling' - 1,043

'Obama and [Rev. Jeremiah] Wright' - More than 3,000 (too many to be counted)

'Obama and patriotism' - 1,607

'Clinton and Lewinsky' – 1,079

"And as Eric Boehlert documents, even Iraq - that little five-year U.S. occupation with no end in sight - has been virtually written out of the media narrative in favor of mindless, stupid, vapid chatter of the type referenced above. 'The Clintons are Rich!!!!' will undoubtedly soon be at the top of this heap within a matter of a day or two."

Liars and Statistics

Indeed, because we are so poorly served by our major media, some of the stories Greenwald lists require additional explanation. Thanks to the campaign reporters and the major pundits. I'll take it for granted that most of you are now aware that Barack Obama is a lousy bowler and that this failing is somehow of major public interest. However, to recount only one example, I suspect most of you aren't aware that in late continued on p.18

March the U.S. attorney general, Michael Mukasey, told a San Francisco audience - falsely and perhaps fantastically - that because of legal restrictions on wiretapping, U.S. intelligence could not monitor a phone call from an Afghanistan ("al Qaeda") terrorist cell to the U.S. prior to 9/11. Moreover, Mukasey said, if Congress doesn't grant additional wiretapping powers to the president and award retroactive amnesty to the telecom companies who may have broken the wiretapping law, the terrorists will be able to discover U.S. intelligence methods "in open court." As Greenwald wrote at the time, this is not just a mistake: "Mike Mukasev was a long-time federal judge and so I feel perfectly comfortable calling that what it is: a brazen lie."

Just for fun, I searched the major Texas daily newspapers (Austin, Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, El Paso) for the last month to see how they compared to the overall national media for the stories Greenwald had searched. That small a sample is a little inconclusive (a search through all Texas papers would be more lamentable), but it's still roughly comparable:

column ("When political leaders step in it, E-N reports it") by the paper's Public Editor Bob Richter, Richter stoutly defends the Express-News from a reader's complaint that the daily overemphasizes U.S. military deaths in Iraq (as opposed to all military deaths under the Clinton administration) and specifically from the reader's objection to the paper's Page 1 attention to the 4,000th dead U.S. soldier. Richter corrects the reader's misleading statistics and continues: "Newspapers report such totals for all wars. We should not ignore them. We should highlight them on Page 1. as a reminder that there's a price to pay when the politicians send the troops off to fight."

That's certainly true (as far as it goes), although it bears noting that neither reader nor editor feel obliged even to mention the hundreds of thousands of Iraqis who have died as a direct consequence of the U.S. invasion and occupation.

But another comparative statistic that Richter dug up also caught my eye, and this is where Ms. Lewinsky receives her 14th belated Texas

Thanks to the campaign reporters and the major pundits, I'll take it for granted that most of you are now aware that Barack Obama is a lousy bowler.

Yoo and torture": one mention, in the Houston Chronicle;

'Mukasey and 9/11": no mentions;

'Yoo and Fourth Amendment": one, in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram;

'Obama and bowling": three mentions, two in the Chronicle, one in the Star-Telegram;

'Obama and [Rev. Jeremiah] Wright": 150 citations, led by The Dallas Morning News with 56, the Star-Telegram with 42, and our Statesman contained a relatively paltry 11;

Obama and patriotism": eight mentions;

Clinton and Lewinsky" (a story which you might have thought was very old news): no fewer than 14 references in the last month, nine in the Chronicle, and four in the Star-Telegram.

Counting Couplings

The 14th citation of "Clinton and Lewinsky" occurred in the San Antonio Express-News, in a context that itself unintentionally confirms Glenn Greenwald's argument. In a March 30 notice in the last 30 days. According to Richter, "an archival search [in the Express-News] of 'George W. Bush and Iraq' netted just 963 stories and columns, and a search of 'George W. Bush and Saddam Hussein' referenced only 322 stories and columns.

"Finally, in what comes as no surprise, a search of 'Clinton and Lewinsky' identified 1,494 pieces in the E-N archives about the expresident and his former intern/paramour." Richter considers nearly 1,500 stories on Clinton and Lewinsky's White House dalliance as incontrovertible evidence of a lack of "institutional bias" at the Express-News: "When leaders step in it, we write about it." Yet even allowing for the inadequacies of simple twoword searches, there's that puzzling discrepancy: "Bush and Iraq": 1,000 citations; "Clinton and Lewinsky": 1,500 citations.

Considering just those numbers, which coupling would you suppose has had a greater effect on the history of our time and the future of the republic and the world?

BESIDE THE POINT A Long Way Home



Disclosure time: Among BTP's numerous eccentricities is the fact that he's never had a driver's license, much less a car. (Call it carbon neutral before it was cool.) So when the word came down that charity org Mobile Loaves & Fishes, with an assist from the Real Estate Council of Austin, was building a planned community for Austin's chronically homeless with the lease up for City Council approval today, Thursday, April 10 - my first thought was taking the bus out there, like all the future residents of Park Place Village will do.

Then I looked at the map. Then I got a ride.

Mobile Loaves & Fishes founder and President Alan Graham says the trek to the nearest bus stop is a third of a mile, but trudging through the as-yet-undeveloped site off of ridiculously pedestrian-unfriendly Ed Bluestein, south of MLK - it's apparent this ain't no curbside service (although Graham hopes to integrate service closer into the park upon its completion). Which raises the question: Is a project like Park Place Village immune from criticism? Ultimately, through a combination of "Park Home" tract-style abodes, KOA-esque "camping cottages," and good ol' fashioned recreational vehicles, the project hopes to take 150 of Austin's "chronically homeless" (those who have been on the streets for more than a year) into permanent housing. It's in line with the "housing first" paradigm of homelessness eradication, say ing basic needs like food and shelter must be addressed before any other problems can.

Still, it's a little hard to look at the location on city-owned land, miles from anything approximating a neighborhood - and not feel some mild trepidation. Tim Hendricks, RECA's point person on the project, was refreshingly honest, saying the "issue of isolation" from neighbors was paramount, referring to the dense brush and high overlook of the project as "the buffer from others. (Not to mention the net benefit to RECA of moving 150 homeless souls away from Downtown.) And honestly, in the neighborhood-centric political realm, no one's clamoring to have this in their proverbial back yard.

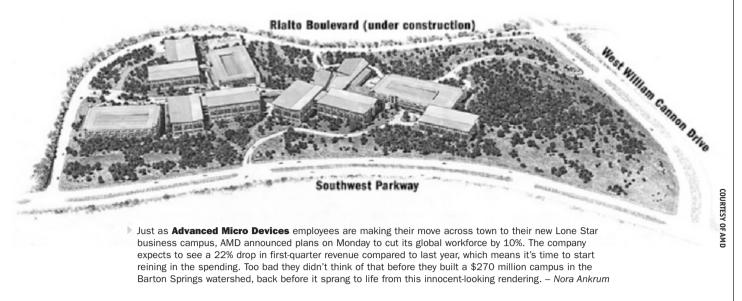
Sponsored by City Council members Mike Martinez and Sheryl Cole, as well as Mayor Will Wynn, the item comes at a time of flux for the city's homeless policy: Recently, the city's Downtown panhandling ban was ruled unconstitutional, yet plans for a councilapproved survey of solicitors is still in place. Paternalist, isolationist impulses or not, the council takes a tangible step toward helping with the homeless today, delivering what Graham calls "a new, very powerful tool to go into the toolbox." But in light of the legal ruling, and the ill-conceived survey, is it time to clean the rest of the toolbox out?

Item 47, initiating the Park Place lease, is the juiciest morsel from council this Thursday, April 10. Lee Leffingwell's measure to slash plastic-bag usage in half, via stepped-up recy cling and reusable-bag promotion, is also on tap, as is a 2:30pm briefing on the Seaholm Power Plant redevelopment. (No RVs there, last we checked.)

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2,064 (32.1%), giving him 383 (to her 184) of the county's 567 delegates going to the state convention. But those delegates break down into two types: precinct and at-large. Due to the complicated mechanics, Obama's 352 precinct delegates only netted him 31 at-large delegates, whereas Clinton's 128 precinct delegates came with 56 at-large. How does that work? The "at large" contingent is intended to fix any disparity between the way the precincts may go and the total votes cast. The state convention will be held June 5-7, at the Austin Convention Center. - Richard Whittaker

- The Austin Police Department received a check last month for \$188,000 in federal funding to create a Juvenile Gang Intelligence Program database for use by APD and the Austin Independent School District as a way to "improve their methods of information sharing to establish a more effective police response to juvenile involvement in gangs," reads a press release from Republican U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, who secured the funds for the local initiative. AISD administrators collect information on suspected gang members in their schools, but the district doesn't currently have a system in place to share the information on a districtwide basis, officials report. The new funds will help bridge that gap and create a new avenue for additional information-sharing with APD. Says APD Chief Art Acevedo, "The database will help us reach out to these kids and identify kids that are headed down the wrong path and ultimately help us intervene in their lives." - J.S.
- The **League of Women Voters** gave special recognition to *The Austin* Chronicle last week for our reporting last year on the 10-year anniversary of the Kyoto treaty to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. Last December, we joined independent newsweeklies across the country in taking a look back at the politics of global warming over the last decade, and to that coverage, we added updates about Austin's own progress toward addressing climatechange issues. The LWV has honored our efforts with their Environmental Awareness Award - go us!
- Yet more green props came our way last week, when sensible-growth nonprofit Envision Central Texas announced that Chronicle writer Katherine Gregor is a finalist in this year's Community Stewardship Awards. She joins two other nominees in the Raising Public Awareness category: Downtown, KLRU's Austin-centric documentary-style television program, now in its third year, and the Hill Country Alliance 2008 Calendar, an awareness- and fundraising project for preserving Hill Country resources; 15 additional finalists will be honored in the categories of New Development, Redevelopment, Pioneer, and Public Planning and Policy. Winners will be announced at the awards luncheon May 2; for ticket info, see www.envisioncentraltexas.org.

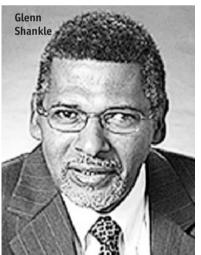
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Watch the Chronicle do it vloggy-style with the inaugural video blog City Hall Hustle. Every Thursday in April, City Hall Hustle will deliver the down-low on the upcoming City Council elections, bringing you profiles and interviews with the candidates all imbued with the inimitable flavas of City Council reporter Wells Dunbar. Catch the entire three-part series online at austinchronicle.com, starting this week with Place 1 candidates Lee Leffingwell, Jason Meeker, and Allen Demling.

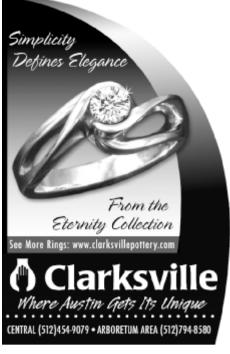
BEYOND CITY LIMITS

Last year. Texas became the fourth U.S. state to pass electronic-waste recycling legislation (House Bill 2714, the "Texas electronic take-back recycling law"), calling for computer manufacturers to provide convenient recycling options for their products. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is now close to approving specific e-waste rules but voted last week to delay the process and officially reopen public comment on the law's environmental standards. An analysis by Texas Campaign for the Environment a local nonprofit that played a key role in creating the law and successfully pushed computer makers like Dell to enact recycling reforms - reported that draft rules "fall short on public education, do not guarantee convenience for residents, and may result in electronic waste being exported to developing countries." In a statement, TCE Executive Director Robin Schneider said, "When the Texas Computer TakeBack Law goes into effect on September 1st, residents need to know that their e-waste will be recycled responsibly." The rules should be finalized by July. The TCEQ estimates that about 162,000 of the 1.5 million computers annually discarded in Texas are recycled - the other 1.3 million units are assumed to be stored or sent to landfills, where toxins inside can seep into the air and water. Through the Reconnect partnership, many Austin-area Goodwills will accept and responsibly recycle old computers. For locations, see www.reconnectpartnership.com. For more e-waste info, see www.texasenvironment.org. - Daniel Mottola

Repeatedly accused of driving policies that were decidedly more protective of profitable polluting than environmental quality, **Texas Commission** on Environmental Quality Executive Director Glenn Shankle announced last week his retirement from the agency. Shankle has led the agency since 2004, after serving as deputy executive director for six years. In a statement, the Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club applauded Shankle's improvements to the Texas **Emissions Reduction Program** and the agency's penalty, inspection, and enforcement policies. However, Conservation Director Cyrus Reed noted that "under Shankle's leadership



the agency frequently accepted industrial demands on air permits that were not in the best interest of public health and that ran counter to recommendations of agency scientists." The Sierra Club found the following Shankle policies particularly eco-offensive: rubber-stamping permits for heavily polluting coal power plants with wimpy pollution-control and monitoring requirements, backing a permit renewal for the profoundly polluted ASARCO copper smelter site in El Paso, and recommending licenses for Waste Control Specialists to bury radioactive waste above the Ogallala Aquifer in West Texas, despite lingering staff uncertainties. "While TCEQ has had the legal authority since 1999 to deal with gases that lead to climate change, they have failed to require even basic reporting," Reed added, calling on the new director to fully report and begin to limit greenhouse emissions, as well as strengthen ozone standards. Shankle will serve until TCEQ commissioners select a replacement, expected this summer.





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CONGRESS FOR NEW URBANISM

Via Video-Message: Can Prince Charles give a beautifully articulated "carbon neutral" speech or what? Last week in Austin, His Royal Highness appeared virtually to accept a 2008 CNU Athena Medal, at the Congress for the New Urbanism. (Global warming having become the chicly apt excuse for not getting on a plane.) CNU recognized the prince of Wales for his sustainable New Urbanism work through the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment - a campaign that Prince Charles noted he's "conducted in the course of personal ridicule for over 25 years." His Royal Highness asked for CNU's partnership in more fully integrating New Urbanism - which focuses on improving the quality of the built environment - with the fight to combat global warming. The common ground: traditional city neighborhoods and urban density. HRH noted that both movements can help create "beautiful, successful, and lively places for people." In Austin, too! (Recognized alongside HRH were Austin's own Sinclair Black and Allan Jacobs. author of Great Streets.) - Katherine Gregor





National planning guru Peter Calthorpe (r) urged Central Texans to tackle two top regional challenges aggressively: getting streetcar transit in Downtown Austin and creating a master plan for the MoKan corridor along new State Highway 130. Calthorpe was the initial consultant on Envision Central Texas: at CNU in Austin last week, he discussed its past and future with ECT board Chair Jim Walker (I). Unless a streetcar is built fast, said Calthorpe, "your commuter rail is going to bring people to Downtown – where they're going to be stranded." He also warned, "SH 130 is going to breed sprawl, if you don't do something about it."

Calthorpe knows Austin, having also helped plan the Triangle and a new Lakeline transitoriented development. He observed: "Whenever you build a freeway, you drive development. If you don't have a master plan to control that growth, and include transit, you're going to get a whole new wave of sprawl." For more, see "Fast-Growing Austin Rallies Behind Gathering as Chance to Control Its Destiny," at www.cnu.org. - K.G.

WilCo, WMI Wrangle Over Waste Deal

Lawyers for Williamson County, Waste Management of Texas Inc., and citizens groups squared off in WilCo District Court Monday to present arguments in a lawsuit WilCo brought late last year against WMI over a contract dispute. The legal question centers on whether the contract is valid; WilCo says it isn't. In the courtroom Monday, the sharply drawn legal battle pitted form against substance, as attornevs for the three parties presented arguments for summary judgment before District Judge Burt Carnes. One angle of the debate is whether the contract should have gone through a competitive bidding process, as the citizens groups and rival Texas Disposal Systems owner Bob **Gregory** claim. WMI maintains that its 2003 landfill operating agreement is exempt from the open bid statute, while opponents insist the contract is a "lease" or "purchasing agreement" and therefore in violation of state law.

WMI attorney C. Robert Heath presented the contract's technicalities as its best defense.

"This form of an agreement simply doesn't fall under the statute," he said, referring to the County Purchasing Act, which stipulates governments hold an open bid process for contracts exceeding \$25,000. "The agreement is one in which the county receives, rather than expends, funds," Heath's motion asserts, further arguing that landfills fall under a lawful public health and safety exception. Invoking the title of the contract, "Williamson County Landfill Operation Agreement," Heath's motion states: "Presumably, if [commissioners] had intended to enter into a lease they would have used the language commonly found in leases."

Plaintiff and protesters slammed Heath's defense as "form-over-substance" posturing. The county's hired gun, **Susan E. Potts** – who ascended to lead attorney when County Attorney **Jana Duty** and an assistant bailed on the case after a "philosophical disagreement" with commissioners over hiring outside counsel - argued that the agreement "constitutes a lease," in

which the lessee "possesses, uses, and enjoys property of others" - the landfill, in this case.

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Early on, the citizens groups that stand opposed to WMI's proposed expansion of the landfill joined the lawsuit as "intervenors" to ensure the claim would be "pursued aggressively," according to a press release from the **Hutto** Citizens Group. Representing the intervenors, James Hemphill sought to bolster the leaseagreement position: "Elevating the substance of the argument ... the county is purchasing landfill management services by paying Waste Management ... revenue generated by a county asset." And, in countering WMI's attempt to bar the intervenors, Hemphill's motion states: "Taxpayers have standing not only to enjoin illegal contracts, but to seek declaratory judgment that an illegal contract is void." And it charges that the defense relies on linguistic "imagined

It's uncertain when the judge will rule on the matter. Patricia J. Ruland

loopholes" to protect its lucrative contract.

COULD CITY LIVING SAVE THE TEXAS YOUTH COMMISSION?

Saying he was "frustrated" by the lack of meaningful reform at the Texas Youth Commission, Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, backs a complete rebuilding of the state's juvenile corrections system, which has been plagued by widespread allegations of physical and sexual abuse. On April 4, after meeting earlier in the week with TYC Conservator Richard Nedelkoff, Whitmire laid out his plan to end TYC's dependence on large rural encampments. "I've been saving since day one, most of what happened is because of where the facilities are," said Whitmire, who chairs the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

The plan, which he hopes to bring to the Legislature next session, involves closing most of the existing TYC facilities and replacing them with smaller satellite facilities, near urban centers, and a single statewide secure facility for violent offenders. Since 90% of TYC students come from Dallas, San Antonio, and Houston, Whitmire argues that putting them near home allows family and community involvement in rehabilitation and gives TYC access to a broader hiring pool for guards, medical staff, and counselors. This access is certainly a real issue: Sheffield Boot Camp in West Texas closed in March because TYC couldn't hire enough employees. It would also allow for easier state inspections and, he added, media oversight.

The proposals follow what is nicknamed the "Missouri model," which has been supported by Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen. Hinojosa, who authored last session's TYCreforming **Senate Bill 103** and has been appointed to the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission in part to review TYC, sees this as part of a long-term change in attitudes. "We were looking in terms of economic development and not in terms of rehabilitating kids," said Hinojosa. "Community-based facilities have been proven to be more effective than just warehousing them."

There have already been major reforms,

with TYC's population shrinking from 5,000 students last year to 2,400 now and several facilities being closed or transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. But with major safety concerns about the Corsicana Residential Treatment Center and Victory Field Correctional Academy, as well as about inherent flaws in the current system, Whitmire argues that the new structure will pay dividends. A 2006 TYC study found that 30% of juvenile offenders held by Missouri Department of Social Services Division of Youth Services were reincarcerated within three years, compared to 50.1% for Texas.

Whitmire was not planning to make his announcement yet, but he was concerned about misinformation being circulated that this would become an unfunded mandate forcing every county to open facilities. "We'll get resistance from TYC administrators concerned about losing their jobs and from rural legislators who have these facilities in their districts," he said. "But my priority is the health and safety of the kids."

– Richard Whittaker

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Rosemary Lehmberg's run-off win over Mindy Montford was thorough. Of the 210 boxes in Travis Co., Montford won only 20. (Low turnout resulted in several ties, though – six boxes deadlocked.) The few boxes that Montford did win either produced only a narrow margin (13 were less than 54%) or inconsequential (her top seven turned out fewer than 100 voters apiece).

Lehmberg, by contrast, both won big and won where it counted. She captured more than 80% of the vote in 11 boxes and took all of the biggest precincts in Austin, including dominating margins in the 10 largest. A telling stat: In Montford's most decisive win, only 19 votes were at stake, whereas one of Lehmberg's top victories came in the whale that is Precinct 342, with 548 voters.

'The district attorney is a woman," Mindy Montford announced to a throng of cheering supporters assembled at her campaign headquarters just after 9pm Tuesday night. "How cool is that?'

Indeed, the run-off race to replace 30-year Travis Co. District Attorney Ronnie Earle featured two female contenders, both assistant district attorneys: 37-year-old whip-smart Montford and seasoned First Assistant D.A. Rosemary Lehmberg, 58. In the end, Lehmberg snagged the prize, with a solid 65% of the April 8 vote. With no Republican in the race, Lehmberg is the presumptive victor and so next year will take office as the first female D.A., the county's top law enforcer.

Over at Montford's HQ, the mood was festive (interestingly, more so than at Lehmberg's election night party - at least early on, according to those who split time between the two campaigns' celebrations), even as election results reflected a decisive lead for Lehmberg, Montford was gracious - she'd called Lehmberg to congratulate her and "wish her well," she told supporters - and said that she was proud of the "positive" campaign she'd run. In the final days of the election, things had gotten a tad tense, with

allegations that Lehmberg's campaign was behind rumors that Republicans - and namely, former Austin state representative turned Tom Craddick parliamentarian Terry Keel were stumping hard for Montford. Still, Montford said that she believed important (albeit unspecified) issues had been raised in the campaign and that she was confident that Lehmberg had been listening and would consider that voter feedback as she moved into the office's top spot. "I think there are good things ahead," Montford said.

There is no doubt that campaigning has taught Lehmberg a thing or two, she said. "I stepped out into the community, and I heard people," she said, including their criticisms. But she never got "defensive," she said, "because I needed to hear them." Now, she said, she'll sit with Earle "and share with him some of the things I heard and with staff as we start to plan" for the future. "Mostly what I think is that the people of Austin want a district attorney that fits and that shares Austin values." Lehmberg said. "And I think that's what has happened."

Farther down the ballot, voters in eastern Travis Co. gave **Danny Thomas** a big win in the Precinct 1 constable run-off. He took 71% of the vote over Janie Serna. - Jordan Smith

Montford's Top Precincts Boxes With Heaviest Turnout Lehmberg's Top Precincts Montford Lehmberg's Lehmberg Total Total Total **Precinct** Winning % Precinct Votes Precinct Votes Votes 274 86.7% 143 411 84.2% 19 342 548 82.3% 354 422 222 64.4% 73 387 63.8% 86.0% 157 235 85.7% 126 402 60.8% 79 256 364 58.2% 250 202 60.6% 66 231 358 85.4% 233 70.1% 342 82.3% 548 58.6% 70 337 358 67.9% 320 437 81.8% 143 200 58.1% 86 237 355 70.1% 136 81.0% 209 53.9% 76 273 347 232 72.3% 332 80.9% 299 334 53.8% 210 242 345 78.3% 218 421 80.7% 53.3% 239 347 75.5% 238 90 208 80.5% 52.9% 41 73.4%

SURPRISE WIN IN RAILROAD COMMISSION RACE

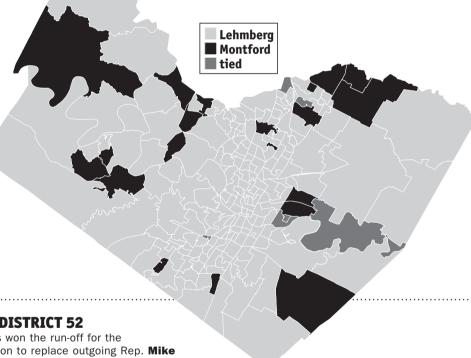
Maybe voters just don't like the name "Dale Henry." Despite having a small but sophisticated campaign operation, some newspaper endorsements, and hands-on experience in the oil-and-gas industry, Henry lost the Railroad Commission run-off to Mark Thompson, an affable political newbie and disability rights advocate who also finished a strong first in the three-way March primary. At the time, Thompson seemed just as surprised as the few pundits who followed the low-profile race. "Most newspaper editorial boards and Democratic clubs gave me the brush-off," he said. "So all I had was my website [www.markfortexas.com], and I just tried to talk to as many people as possible. Plus I talked to a couple of bloggers." Some candidates have all the luck. Thompson says he began studying up on the Railroad Commission in 2006, after a North Texas couple died when their house exploded as a result of a natural-gas leak beneath it. "I don't want people to die because of money," he said. "And I don't want the environment to suffer because of money. My motive [for running] is pure." The Democratic nominee will face GOP incumbent Michael Williams in November. Tuesday's run-off returns gave Thompson nearly 60% of the statewide vote. Although Henry won the election day vote in Travis Co. (where his name was first on the ballot), he lost in the county's final tally by nearly 500 votes.

- Amy Smith

DANIEL TAKES DISTRICT 52

Bryan Daniel has won the run-off for the Republican nomination to replace outgoing Rep. Mike Krusee in Williamson County's House District 52. The director of Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto **Insurance** and onetime staffer to former U.S Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, beat out Assistant County Attorney Dee Hobbs by 7 points, 53.6% to 46.4%. Daniel, who faced criticism for a campaign mailer that accused Hobbs of being "hostile to Second Amendment rights," outspent his opponent in the runoff by more than 4-to-1, dropping \$53,599 into the race. Turnout fell from the March 4 GOP primary, with only 3,088 ballots cast, down from 10,377 a month ago. Daniel will now face Democrat Diana Maldonado and Libertarian Lillian Simmons in November. While Maldonado recognizes Daniel's fundraising abilities, she suggests his short track record in the district poses a challenge for him. "Williamson County, while it's grown at a phenomenal rate, still has that network of small-town togetherness. He'll have to do that work, and not have other people do that for him," she said.

- Richard Whittaker



APRIL 8 RUN-OFF RESULTS

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Railroad Commissioner County

State/District

Mark Thompson Dale Henry

Janie Serna

11,476 51%

117,496 59% 10,986 49% 81,107 41%

District Attorney

County 19,197 65%

Rosemary Lehmberg Mindy Montford

10,243 35%

Precinct 1 Constable County

Danny Thomas

2,525 71% 1,008 29%



Pat Forgione's Last Sales Job AISD Bond Election

With more than \$343 million in bonds for the Austin Independent School District on the May 10 election, voters face many projects that are either mandated or driven by long-established policy. Of the three propositions on the ballot, only Proposition 3 is neither a response to state or federal regulations nor district overcrowding standards. But its projects reflect the external pressures AISD staff faces over investment: The proposed districtwide performing-arts center comes after years of lobbying from parents, while the planned land purchase for a future South Austin high school may redress perceived shortcomings in long-term planning. But while these are elective, other proposals, like bathroom repairs and technology investment, are required to keep the district safe and legal. So the first question has to be: Are bonds the best way to pay for them?

Superintendent Pat Forgione thinks so. Projects paid for by bonds are part of the interest and sinking budget, or I&S, a repayment method designed for managing debt. If the bond is not approved and the district pays for the projects anyway, then costs come out of the regular maintenance and operation budget. "Maintenance and operation is a bean-counter way of saying salaries, utilities, maintenance, building upkeep - the expenses that are necessary to keep your schools open and running," AISD spokesman Andy Welch explained. "Interest and sinking is a fancy way of saying what it costs to get your school open, the capital-intensive building costs."

"With M&O, we have a surcharge of 30 percent because of school finance recapture," said Forgione, who will retire next year. Under Chapter 41 of the Texas Education Code, school districts are classified as property-wealthy or property-poor: Since AISD is classified as property-wealthy, it remits \$100 million a year to the Texas Education Agency to subsidize property-poor ISDs. But that property metric, Forgione argues, is inaccurate. "No one ever thought a big district, and one with poor kids, would be in recapture. But I have 50,000 kids out of my 83,000 living at or under the poverty line," he said. "There's a financial advantage for the Austin taxpayer of putting it on I&S, because we get to keep every dollar" of the money raised from bonds.

While some investments proposed in the bond are sensible or desirable, others are mandatory. More than \$17 million of the \$73 million in Proposition 2, for example, must be spent, or the district risks breaking city, state, or federal regulations. Nearly \$2 million would fund kitchen renovations to meet health codes, and there are essential campus repairs needed for Americans With Disabilities Act compliance. Another \$14.5 million will go on energy-regulating capacitor banks. New standards laid down by the North American Electric Reliability Corp. (NERC, which runs the national bulk power system) require big consumers to run their electrical systems at 97% efficiency. "These are absolute requirements that before were best practices," explained Austin Energy spokesman Ed Clark, "and this equipment will allow them to reach that standard." Not buying capacitors means \$2 million a year in surcharges: avoiding that fee, while saving energy, means the system would pay itself off in seven years.

Another \$12 million goes on low-emission school buses. Although not a district mandate per se, Paul Turner, AISD facilities executive director, calls it being a good neighbor on nitrogen-oxide attainment levels. "The area is trying to meet [Environmental Protection] Agency] standards, and this is a way for the district to get involved," he said. There are also some commonsense investments. "You can still do grades with paper and pencil, if you want," said Turner, but the district would rather invest \$1.5 million in an integrated student-records system to replace the current software that IT firm Pearson School Systems will no longer support after 2012.

Not every investment means savings. Others come from unfunded state mandates, like \$36 million for science labs to meet new high school graduation requirements. "The Lege says, 'We love it; raise the standards," explained Forgione, who supports the change but would have appreciated some state cash. "We have to build two to four science labs in each school, because they're out of date." This doesn't just mean new, state-of-the-art facilities: Higher chemical disposal standards mean older labs may need retrofitting.

Then there's \$70 million for technology. New online testing requirements take effect in 2010, and though not technically mandatory for two more years, AISD staff is concerned about sufficient planning. "In a large district like this, you have to have all your ducks in a row, or you'll have trouble," said Turner. AISD is also having to ramp up its fiveyear equipment-refreshment plan to meet the 1-1 student-computer ratio in TEA's 2020 plan. "The state hasn't addressed how people should approach 1-to-1; it's just going to happen," said Gray Salada, executive director of information services and technology. Rather than buying a machine per child, the district proposes mobile laptop carts. "This 'virtual' one-to-one would probably work as a relatively inexpensive way to adjust," said Salada. Forgione again sees this as an unfunded state mandate. "They give us \$35 a child for technology, and we figure we need \$500," he said. And since the bond only covers physical investment, the district will also have to find more space in the regular budget to support and expand on the 12 technicians that keep its 35,000 computers running.

But even unfunded mandates only set minimums. Part of the district's job is planning for overcrowding. Most Austin schools face this issue, and the district tries to keep them below 125% capacity. But, said Turner, that's "a rule of thumb." Of four elementaries with construction planned with Proposition 1 bond money, only two - Barrington (132%) and Linder (155%) – break that level, and boundary changes drop Linder to 120%. Hart (124%) is on the margin, and Langford (119%), with 36 portables, "has more classrooms outside than it does in the building," said Turner. Even with boundary adjustments, Turner argues, without adding classrooms, those percentages "will start to creep back up."

– Richard Whittaker



High school science labs

Technology upgrades

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Tax rate impact: 0.4 cents per \$100 valuation Special programs and expansion

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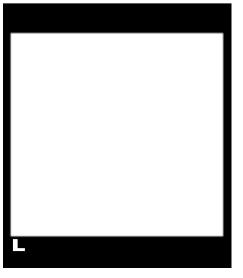
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Districtwide performing-arts facility Land acquisition for South Austin high school Classrooms and renovations at Anderson High

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Hundreds of Children Removed From FLDS Compound

State officials have removed 416 children from the gated Yearning for Zion compound in the West Texas town of Eldorado, home to members of the polygamist Mormon breakaway sect the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Dozens of law enforcement officers with the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Schleicher Co. Sheriff's Office accompanied nearly three dozen Child Protective Services investigators onto the 1.691-acre private compound on April 3, in search of a 16-year-old girl who called a local family-violence shelter last Monday, March 31, to report that she had been "sexually and physically abused at the ranch," said Department of Family and Protective Services spokesman Darrell Azar. The shelter immediately reported the allegation to DFPS, which in turn reported the allegation to the law enforcement officials who coordinated the raid. CPS and law enforcement officers stayed at the YFZ ranch overnight, and by Friday afternoon CPS had begun removing children, ranging in age from 6 months to 17 years old. Among the first removed were 18 girls that CPS investigators concluded "had been abused or were in immediate risk" of abuse, Azar said. By Monday, a total of 416 children had been taken from the compound for further interviews with CPS investigators; by Tuesday afternoon, all 416 - every child investigators could find at the compound had been placed in state custody. One hundred thirty-nine women had also elected to leave the ranch, The Salt Lake Tribune reported. Officials have not said how many men are living in the compound but said that the men have not been allowed to leave it.

Interestingly, however, as of Tuesday evening, the whereabouts of the 16-year-old girl whose call to officials ignited the siege was still unknown. Although CPS and DPS spokespeople have said that the YFZ residents were being "cooperative" with investigators, things reportedly got a tad tense on Saturday night after FLDS members initially refused to let investigators search for the girl inside the large limestone temple that is the centerpiece of the ranch. Rising to an estimated 80 feet high, the temple is the only building on the ranch that is visible to outsiders traveling down the narrow caliche road along the perimeter of the property. This is the first-ever temple built by the FLDS, which has about 10,000 members worldwide, most of whom live in isolated communities scattered across the West, Reportedly, officials sought to search the temple for the as-yet-unnamed 16-year-old; after FLDS members refused, Special Weapons and Tactics officers were brought in, and officials were ultimately granted access to the interior of the temple, the Tribune reported. Still, no girl; in fact, CPS officials cautioned, she may be among those who have already left the ranch but hasn't yet, for whatever reason, stepped forward.

The current situation in Eldorado is the latest setback for the FLDS, whose spiritual leader, the "prophet" Warren Jeffs, was convicted last year in Utah on two counts of rapeas-accomplice and who is currently awaiting trial in Arizona on charges of incest and sexual misconduct related to his involvement in arranging polygamist marriages between young girls and older men who are often mar-



Young girls, dressed in pioneer wear, tend the garden in this photo taken last year.

ried - if not already related to their young wives by blood. As heat brought by investigators simmered in recent years, the FLDS in 2003 purchased the parcel in Eldorado, which church leaders first attempted to pass off to locals as the future site for a hunting retreat. What, exactly, they'd be hunting in Eldorado (aside from deer) wasn't exactly clear - an anomaly that in part piqued the interest of local newspaper Publisher Randy Mankin who, along with his wife, eventually broke the story in their weekly, The Eldorado Success, that the FLDS would become their new neighbors. (For more, see "Meet the New Neighbors," July 29, 2005.) In the intervening years, there's been little in the way of "trouble" coming from the FLDS - the group has paid its taxes (in cash) and has kept to themselves, busy developing the YFZ ranch (named after a song penned by Jeffs). The massive spread is, in essence, a private "town" that includes a public water system that Mankin says is large enough to support roughly 3,000 people. "They're industrious," Mankin told me last year, "but so are fire ants."

The 16-year-old at the center of the sect's current woes is allegedly the mother of an 8-month-old baby fathered by 50-year-old Dale Barlow, to whom she was wed as a "celestial" bride (Barlow's seventh spouse, Azar said). FLDS adherents believe that a man must have at least three wives in order to be exalted to heaven - and that women must submit, with beatific resign, to that arrangement if they hope to hitch along for that final ride. If this polygamist arrangement were strictly among consenting adults, it is far less likely that law enforcement would get involved, but the FLDS' reputation for forced marriages involving underage girls has made the group an obvious target for the prying eyes of law enforcement.

Curiously, it appears that as officials poke around the YFZ for the elusive 16-year-old, her alleged husband. Barlow, is actually living in Colorado City, Ariz., which, along with the twin town of Hildale, Utah, just over the border, makes up the FLDS stronghold commonly referred to as Short Creek - in essence, the sect's headquarters, for nearly 100 years.

Indeed, Barlow pleaded no contest last year to a charge of conspiracy to commit sexual conduct with a minor, and since getting out of jail, he has been under probation supervision. Barlow got a call from officials on Saturday, notifying him of the new allegations. The call reportedly prompted Barlow to phone his Arizona probation officer, Bill Loader, who told the Tribune, "He said the authorities had called him and some girl had accused him of assaulting her and he didn't even know who she was.

Officials have thus far declined to make public any additional details about the girl's phone call, citing a gag order issued by a judge who approved a search warrant for the ranch - which, in part, allows police to look for records that could confirm a marriage between Barlow and the girl. Nonetheless, CPS spokesman Marleigh Meisner assured reporters that the complaint that sparked the current action is, indeed, legitimate: "I am confident that this girl does exist, and I am confident that the allegations that she brought forth are accurate." - Jordan Smith

Did Campaign Ad Cross the Line?

On March 26. City Council Place 1 candidate Jason Meeker asked Rick Culleton to step down as his campaign treasurer because, Meeker says, he was concerned that the business owner was too busy to devote sufficient time to the campaign. That may have been a fortuitous change of staff, because it appears Culleton doesn't know campaign finance law too well. In the April 4 issue of the Chronicle, the regular full-page ad that Culleton places every week for his **Discount Electronics** was in part promoting Meeker's candidacy and may have run afoul of Texas and city of Austin election law.

While most of the ad touted electronics merchandise, the top one-eighth was headlined "It Is Time to Clean Up Austin's City Hall" and contained text both blasting incumbent Lee Leffingwell for accepting money from developer attorney Richard Suttle and other employees of Armbrust & Brown, "the law firm retained by Wal-Mart to represent Lincoln Properties," and urging voters to "Vote for Jason Meeker."

Culleton believes local companies will be threatened by the proposed Wal-Mart at Northcross and has previously used his ad space to support the Responsible Growth for Northcross group, of which Meeker is the former spokesman. But this time, the use of the ad may have crossed several legal lines. Chapter 253 of the Texas Election Code specifically prohibits political contributions or expenditures by a corporation. Texas secretary of state records seem to indicate that Discount Electronics is a subsidiary of First E-Commerce Inc., which is owned by Culleton. However, although the ad was originally booked under Discount Electronics, Culleton then set up a separate account under his own name to pay for the political portion of the ad.

Another possible violation seems clearer. Chapter 255 says that political advertising must contain language specifically identifying as such, and it must contain the name of the person or political committee that paid for or authorized the ad. Culleton's ad contained no such language.

Culleton is out of the country, and the Chronicle was unable to contact him.

Meeker told the Chronicle that he had no knowledge that Culleton was going to promote his campaign in the ad - which, if true, would probably take him out of the legal loop and avoid city requirements that political advertising state whether a campaign has agreed to comply with the Austin Fair Campaign Ordinance, which makes public funds available to campaigns.

Asked if he had concern that his campaign may have violated the law in some way, Meeker replied: "Well, of course I do; I'm extremely concerned that there was any violation, especially since Rick is now my former campaign treasurer. ... I don't want anything done that has anything to do with my campaign that isn't on the up and up. I know if Rick has done anything incorrect, he'll make good on it."

Leffingwell was surprisingly mild in his response to the possible violation. "I won't take action myself," the council member said when asked if he planned to file a complaint. "Something ought to be done about it. because to just have laws out there and people not pay attention to them - I was kind of shocked by it. ... You've got to assume they didn't know what they were doing, because they wouldn't have done something that blatant. But of course, that's no excuse. You have to know what the laws are."

Meanwhile, Meeker is going after Leffingwell on campaign finance issues as well, focusing on ethical rather than legal angles. On Tuesday, Meeker issued a press release calling for the incumbent to return \$9,300 in campaign contributions received from lawyers at Armbrust & Brown. The donations were received Nov. 20-30, 2007, the week after arguments in the RG4N lawsuit ended.

"Accepting this money at the time that he did sends a terrible signal to citizens," Meeker says in the release. "Leffingwell claims at candidate forums to be on the side of neighborhoods. But how can he accept money from the very lawyers who were engaged in a lawsuit against thousands of Austin residents trying to defend their neighborhoods against irresponsible development?

"It's a gross display of profound political tone-deafness. Leffingwell did nothing to stop the lawsuits from going to trial, and the timing of these campaign contributions is very hard to justify. It stinks and he needs to return the money." writes Meeker. The release highlights one donation in particular: \$600 from J. Bruce Scrafford and his spouse. Scrafford was Lincoln Properties' chief counsel in the trial.

"If there's any suggestion of some kind of quid pro quo, I totally reject that," Leffingwell told the Chronicle. "There never has been, never will be. ... My philosophy has always been that when somebody makes a contribution to my campaign, that means they're supporting me, it doesn't mean I'm supporting them."

The City Council election will be held May 10 (early voting runs April 28-May 6); Allen Demling is also on the Place 1 ballot. - Lee Nichols

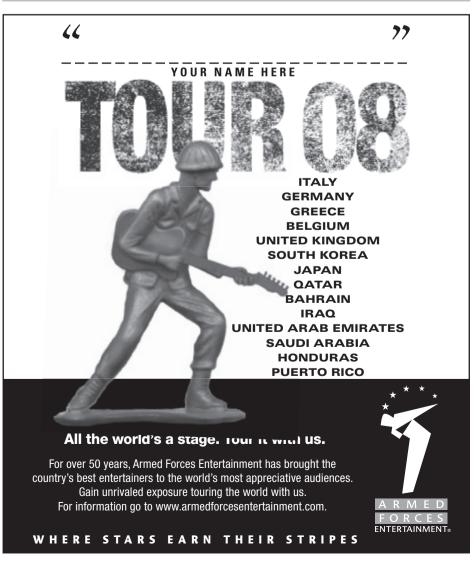
UPCOMING CANDIDATE FORUMS

The procession of City Council candidate forums continues. This week:

- Austin Board of Realtors forum (open to general membership only): Thursday, April 10, noon; Austin Board of Realtors auditorium, 10900 Stonelake Blvd. #100.
- · Austin Center for Architecture forum: Friday, April 11, 5pm; Austin Center for Architecture, 801 W. 12th.
- Tejano Democrats forum: Monday, April 14, 5:30pm; Travis Co. Commissioners Court, Granger Building, 314 W. 11th.
- Austin Arts Alliance forum: Wednesday, April 16, 5:30pm; Nuevo Leon, 1501 E. Sixth.
- Real Estate Council of Austin/Chamber of Commerce forum: Thursday, April 17. 11:45am; Four Seasons Hotel, 98 San Jacinto.
- League of Women Voters/City Ethics Commission forum: Thursday, April 17, 6pm (also on cable Channel 6 through May 10); City Council Chambers, Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second.







HAPPENINGS

For more events, see Community Listings, p.76.

THURSDAY 🛈 🛈

REPRODUCTIVE EQUITY AWARDS Rep. Jessica Farrar will be honored at this benefit for the Lilith Fund for her work toward reproductive freedom in the Legislature. Purchase tickets or learn about volunteer opportunities at www.lilithfund.org. 6:30pm. Mercury Hall, 615 Cardinal, 877/355-1469. \$30.

WHAT'S A POLICE MONITOR? Find out at this community meeting about Austin's Office of the Police Monitor, which oversees investigations into police misconduct complaints. 6pm. Thurmond Heights Community Center, 8426 Goldfinch Court, 974-9090.

SATURDAY 102

CLARKSVILLE CONNECTION: THE PEASE ESTATE & THE BIRTH OF A COMMUNITY But wait ... what does Clarksville have to do with the Pease family? All will be revealed! Hear the neighborhood's story at Sweet Home Baptist Church; groove to gospel music by the irresistible Bells of Joy; snack on goodies at the historic Haskell House; and tour Woodlawn, the Pease family's home for more than a hundred years. 1pm. Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church, 1725 W. 11th. Free.

OBSCENITY STATUTE OVERTURNED PARTY No longer is having more than six dildos in your home illegal. Both Forbidden Fruit locations celebrate with music, drinks, and gifts. Noon-6pm. Forbidden Fruit: 512 Neches, 478-8358; 108 E. North Loop, 453-8090. Free. www.forbiddenfruit.com.

RADICAL URBAN SUSTAINABILITY TRAINING Hosted by the Rhizome Collective, this two-day workshop explores ways of building sustainable communities. Topics include bioremediation, rainwater harvesting, worm composting, activism, and more. Registration required. Sat.-Sun., April 12-13. Rhizome Collective, 300 Allen, 385-3695. \$150-350 sliding scale.

www.rhizomecollective.org/rust.html.

SUNDAY 10

HUTTO: AMERICA'S FAMILY PRISON Bob Libal from Grassroots Leadership and UT filmmaker Matt Gossage screen and discuss Hutto: America's Family Prison. 11:30am-12:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4700 Grover, 452-6168. Free.

www.austinuu.org.

TENTS OF HOPE FOR DARFUR Today's event is part of a yearlong initiative asking people to respond to the crisis in Sudan. Paint a tent, and help shed light on the atrocities in Darfur. Speakers include Reps. Lloyd Doggett and Michael McCaul. The 140-city event culminates in November with a gathering of tents in Washington, D.C. 2pm. Capitol grounds.

www.tentsofhopetexas.org.

WEDNESDAY 🛈 🙃

ROBERT KING OF THE ANGOLA 3, a group that formed the prison chapter of the Black Panthers and organized prisoners to better jail conditions, speaks at this UT event. 7pm. UT campus, GEO 2.324. Free. united_student_activists@yahoo.com.

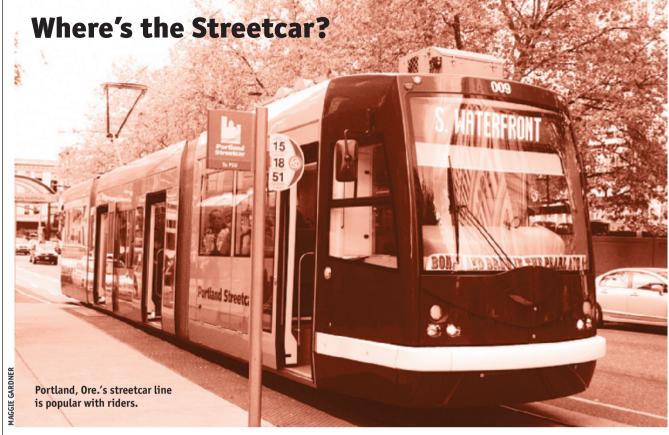
ONGOING

TAX ASSISTANCE AT THE LIBRARY Get tax help from Tax Counseling for the Elderly. Mondays: 11am-3pm (University Hills Library, 4721 Loyola); noon-4pm (Ruiz, 1600 Grove); 10am-2pm (Yarborough, 2200 Hancock). Wednesdays: noon-4pm (Windsor Park, 5833 Westminster). Thursdays: 11:30am-3:30pm (Howson Library, 2500 Exposition); 11am-4pm (North Village Library, 2139 W. Anderson). Fridays: noon-4pm (Ruiz Library, 1600 Grove). Through April 15.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP Keep Texas Beautiful is doing its part for this nationwide initiative giving free supplies to participating organizations. Call or go to www.ktb.org/programs/gac, and ask what you can do. Or recommend a cleanup event. Through May 31. 800/CLEAN-TX.

HILL COUNTRY PHOTO CONTEST The Hill Country Alliance is offering cash prizes and inclusion in their Hill Country calendar for photos that best depict the natural beauty of those rolling hills all around Austin. See www.hillcountryphoto.org for all the details. Deadline for entries is May 31.

FREE TAX SERVICES Nine area Community Tax Centers are providing free tax-preparation services to income-qualifying individuals and households this spring, and they're also offering low-fee, refund-anticipation loans. See www.communitytaxcenters.org for participating locations, hours, and details on income qualifications, or just call 211. Foundation Communities, 3036 S. First. For more info about tax assistance at libraries and other locations around town, see the Ongoing box, p.81, in the Community Listings



Is a November voter referendum for a Central Austin streetcar still a realistic goal?

That's what citizens closely watching the Transit Working Group are now wondering. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Chair Kirk Watson has been facilitating recent weekly sessions to craft a better CAMPO "decision tree" process - toward Watson's oft-stated goals of greater rationality, public accountability, and transparency. But it's slow, deliberate going. This Monday, TWG members and a sizable audience endured overlong citizen presentations unconnected to the critical-path work at hand - a nod to public "inclusiveness" knocked out during a meeting that Watson had to miss.

Meanwhile, five months have rolled by since Mayor Will Wynn called for a fast-track decision-making process leading to a November 2008 voter referendum on an ultralight-rail circulator (streetcar) serving Downtown. (Aligning the required public transit authorization vote with the presidential election is optimal for voter turnout.)

Once a CAMPO process is perfected, the TWG will use it to consider individual transit proposals. Many assume that the Austin streetcar will be job No. 1. But several other regional rail proposals also are under discussion - including a commuter line to Elgin - which could muddy matters and critically delay a decision on a streetcar line. At present, it appears uncertain whether a sufficiently sound and comprehensive streetcar proposal will be ready to present to the TWG once it's finalized a decision tree - which could take until May.

The Transit Working Group's recommendation still must go to the CAMPO board, for another round of decision-making and a vote. Should a streetcar proposal actually make it through and get the green light by July or August, scant time will remain to launch and conduct an effective public awareness and education campaign. Before voting Nov. 11 on a transit proposal likely to cost upward of \$100 million, voters deserve complete information on the need, proposed route, technology, operating and oversight agencies, timeline, and critical - costs and financing structure.

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Both Wynn and fellow streetcar booster Brewster McCracken have indicated that the city is busily working on a detailed route and financing proposal. Let's hope they pull that rabbit out of the hat soon - like at the Monday, April 14, TWG meeting. McCracken said new City Manager Marc Ott has provided informed energy and leadership for assembling the team of city staff and consultants the project will require.

"Yes, I think it is still very realistic that we could have a voter referendum on an urban and suburban passenger-rail plan in November," said Wynn on Tuesday. "Not everyone will agree with me. I think the decision tree will be finished in two weeks. Just in time for ROMA to make their findings and presentation public." The urban designers are working on recommendations to the city for streetcar planning, as an extension of their work on the Downtown Austin Plan. For transit junkies, the next several TWG sessions should make 9am Monday morning at City Hall an exciting start to the week.

- Katherine Gregor

FAREWELL PINKDOME, HELLO (STILL) AUSTIN POLITICAL REPORT

Sad news for the online policy wonk community of Texas: acid-tongued commentators **PinkDome**.com have announced that the blog has come to an end. In the true spirit of such political commentators, back far beyond Boz,

the blogger(s) remained anonymous to the end. On a completely unrelated note, some guy called Charlie Ray now has a blog over at KXAN.

Just mentioning, is all.

However, that doesn't mean that all the local political blogs are disappearing. Some even seem to be digging in for the long legal fight. Yes, even though former state representative and Tom Craddick apparatchik Terry Keel

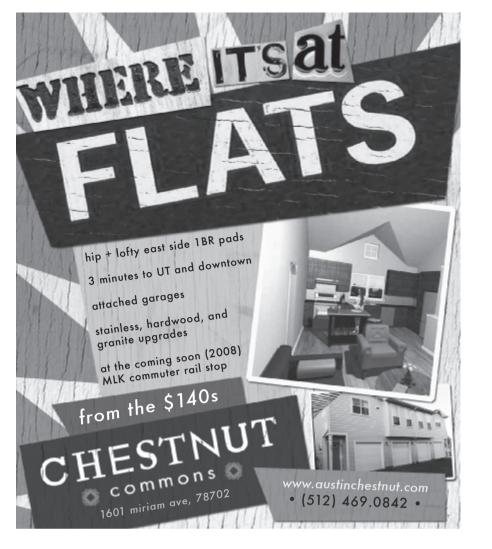
has issued a criminal complaint in the district attorney's race about local political activist and Rosemary Lehmberg campaign operative **Kelly Fero**, his well-sourced online rumor mill, AustinPoliticalReport.com, is still going. Fero

> ran a story that Keel was a secret Mindy Montford booster, and apparently the allegation was a damaging and insulting lie (we're not clear whether the insult was

to Montford or Keel) that violates state campaign laws. Fero has stood by his story, and as of 8:42am Tuesday, there are still no new postings to his site.

Richard Whittaker

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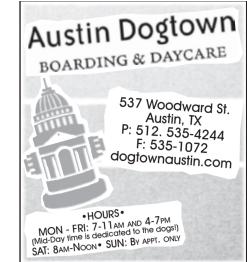
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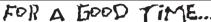


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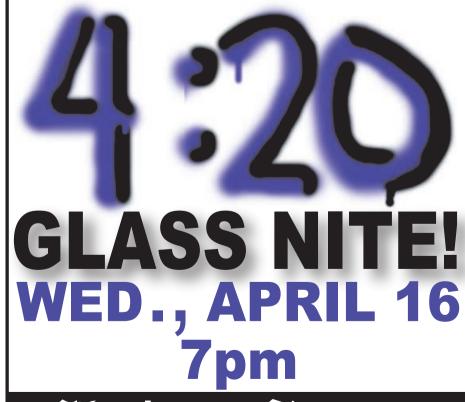
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Pet Sterilization Dogs City and Retailer

Why has Austin taken so long to get nowhere in passing a spay/neuter ordinance?

Though many major Texas cities have either passed or will soon adopt a pet-sterilization measure, an ordinance has yet to come before the Austin City Council, despite years of committee work and community activism. One vague theory for the apparent stalemate is that some officials consider a spay/neuter ordinance to be "political suicide," given the arguments against mandatory sterilization from influential groups such as the American Kennel Club and Responsible Pet Owners Alliance. To be sure. the city remains deeply divided on how to reduce euthanasia rates for dogs and cats, with one camp advocating compulsory prevention. like a spay/neuter ordinance, and the other camp trumpeting volunteerism.

The fierce ideological impasse has certainly fostered longstanding contentiousness, as demonstrated recently by some 50 picketers outside a newly opened **Petland** store in the Southpark Meadows shopping center, Animalrights activists, who plan to continue staging protests at the store, allege that Petland, a national retailer of purebred puppies, kittens, and other small animals, operates on a "puppy-mill" business model of quantity over quality a claim the store management strongly denies. "Protesters are welcome to their opinion," said Daxa Bhakta of the South Austin franchise shop. "We're doing the right thing by the puppies and all the pets in our store." In cities across the country, activists have accused Petland of buying animals from puppy mills that have no regard for overbreeding, inbreeding, veterinary care, or living conditions. Bhakta again denied the allegation, saying the store gets its puppies from USDA-licensed breeders who have been "checked out."

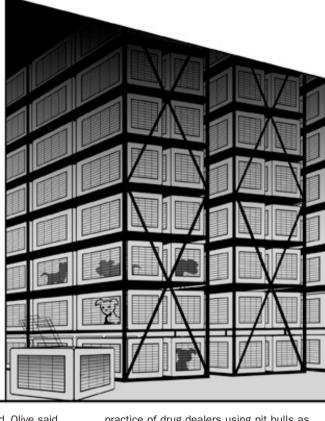
Petland opponents in Austin were surprised to learn that, prior to the store's grand opening last month, city animal-shelter officials had been quietly entertaining overtures from Petland to operate a cat-adoption program out of the store. Town Lake Animal Center Director Dorinda Pulliam finalized the agreement in early March but waited until March 28 - the day before a planned protest at the store - to announce the deal via e-mail to nonprofit animal groups. The news placed protesters in a quandary: "I question the timing - several people wanted to call off the protest, thinking that Petland ... would eventually maybe go with all rescue animals," said activist Delwin Goss. "We all know that is crap."

On Feb. 28, partly to appease the uproar over the imminent arrival of Petland. the council passed a "pet trader" ordinance, which took effect March 10. The ordinance mandates a \$50 "processing fee" for every unsterilized pet owned by "a person who exchanges for consideration" more than 15 dogs or cats, or both, in a year. The ordinance also requires disclosure of "any known disease,

illness, or congenital or hereditary condition," in an attempt to curb pet traders passing along unhealthy animals to unwitting consumers. City staff billed the pet trader ordinance as a "step in the right direction," while activists called it a "baby step," but a good step, nonetheless.

The closest Austin has ever come to getting a spay/neuter ordinance was in 2005, when activists and the Animal Advisory Commission drafted the "Austin Save a Pet" ordinance, emphatically dubbed, "A.S.A.P." But the draft never made it to the council dais. According to former AAC member Cathy Olive, national dog breeders bombarded council with anti-ordinance e-mails, reportedly complaining that Austin's ordinance would ruin business and even threatening to boycott dog shows in Austin. But as Olive noted, show dogs would

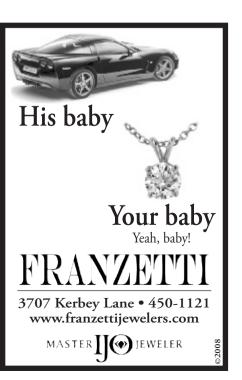




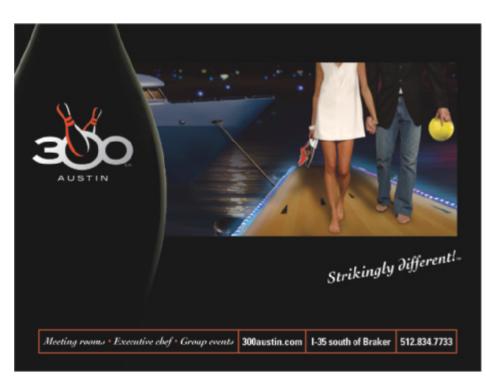
have been exempt. In the end, Olive said, Pulliam "said she wouldn't support the ordinance. It broke my heart. There has to be a change in administration, or she needs to have an epiphany." A popular theory for the ordinance's failure. Olive went on, was that Mayor Pro Tem Betty Dunkerley "talked everybody out of" supporting the ordinance. But current AAC Chair Carol Adams says council members never supported it in the first place.

Pulliam, for her part, said the 2005 ordinance lacked support because it was "poorly worded." As for her critics in the animal-rights community, Pulliam said she doesn't wield as much authority as some people may think. "I implement policy," she said. "I don't set it." Pulliam's current pet projects include working with the Austin Police Department to curb the practice of drug dealers using pit bulls as guard dogs, a program better received than her aim to provide MP3 players to pet owners in high-poverty neighborhoods as incentives to sterilize their pets voluntarily. On the latter, some regard the incentive effort as a somewhat narrow-minded way of blaming pet euthanasia rates on East Austin poverty.

Melanie Sobel, former director of the Williamson Co. Regional Animal Shelter, posits that Austin's political fear of a spay/ neuter ordinance may have grown out of the Texas spirit of "people [wanting] their 'Godgiven right' to do what they want with their property. I always tell people who want to breed their animal or buy one from a pet store, if you're not part of the solution, then you're part of the problem." - Patricia J. Ruland







THE HIGHTOWER REPORT

BY JIM HIGHTOWER

READ THE FINE PRINT

It's time for another trip into the Far, Far, Far-Out Frontiers of the Free Enterprise.

Today, Spaceship Hightower takes you on a perilous journey into the dark hole of commerce known as "fine print." Our intergalactic guide is Consumer Reports magazine, which always reads the fine print and reports on it monthly.

Take a squint at this ad for an exercise device, for example: It depicts before-andafter photos of a guy who has gone from chubby to svelte. It's obvious, however, that they simply superimposed the "before" guy's head on the "after" guy's body. Still, the ad copy tells potential buyers that the two photos are "genuine" and "unretouched." How can that be? A little footnote explains it: "Reader understands that by 'unretouched,' we may mean slightly altered."

Let's move on to a bright star of consumer brand names. Crest toothpaste. The label proudly proclaims, "This Crest is specially formulated to help prevent staining." Excellent, you might say - until you read the tiny type, which informs you that the active ingredient in the tube of tooth goo "may produce surface staining of teeth." Still, the company asserts that this product has a "unique whitening ingredient" to remove stains - apparently including removal of stains the toothpaste causes!

Here's another fine-print twist to cause consumer alarm. Nips candy changed its packaging last year to include a bold box on the front proclaiming, "Value Pack!" Always beware of corporate claims of giving you a good deal. Sure enough, the new package of Nips contains only 4 ounces of candy - 27% less than the old package. The price, however, did not drop even by a penny.

Then there's the coupon offering "10% off" on a service call. Except the fine print reads, "Not valid on service calls." Be careful out there.

TONY MAZZOCCHI

If you live near any kind of factory, chemical plant, or similar facility, you might have noticed curious smells emanating from those places. What is that stuff?

Well, thanks to a guy named Tony Mazzocchi, you and I have a legal right to know in detail what kind of and how much toxic stuff these places are releasing into our air, water, and soil. The national Right to Know program, established in the Eighties, provides precise data on these toxics, and it is invaluable to firefighters, health specialists, environmental monitors, community advocacy groups, and others.

It was not Congress - and certainly not the polluting corporations - that provided the impetus for such an essential public tool. Rather, the spark plug was Mazzocchi. A wiry, savvy, spirited labor leader (one of the best ever), Mazzocchi even coined the phrase "right to know." Around 1970, he began receiving hundreds of complaints from chemical workers about plants that were shrouded in what the corporate bosses dismissively called "dust." Mazzocchi barnstormed across America, publicizing, organizing, negotiating, and lobbying around the issue of the public's right to know about the toxics being so recklessly handled by these profiteers. He helped form grassroots coalitions that passed dozens of state and local right-to-know laws, and they finally pushed through the federal law that has forced cleanups and saved thousands of lives.

However, in 2001, George W. happened, and he's been doing his damnedest to undo Mazzocchi's work. At the behest of corporate executives who hate the pesky public, his regulators have exempted some 3,500 toxic spewers from the Right to Know law.

This is one of the first bits of regulatory monkey-wrenching that Congress or a new president must reverse. If they need inspiration to do the right thing on Right to Know, they should read the book on Mazzocchi's extraordinary life. It's titled The Man Who Hated Work and Loved Labor.

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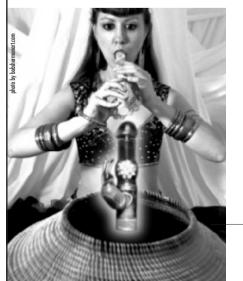


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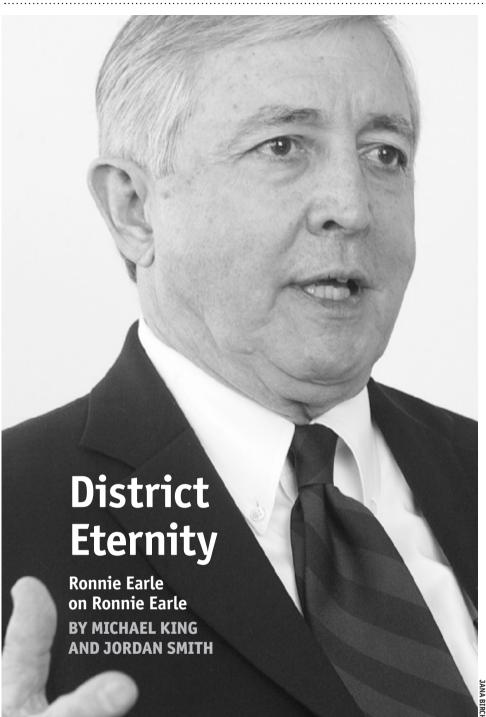
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Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, who in December announced his decision to retire at the end of 2008, likes to tell the story of a waitress who came up to his table some years ago and said, "That man over there wants to know if you're the district eternity of Austin." Earle, 66, will step down at the end of this year, to be replaced by Rosemary Lehmberg, the winner of this week's run-off election. That will complete 32 years in office since Earle's first election in 1976 – not quite eternity but a long enough prosecutorial career to suggest that Earle's local influence on law enforcement and the pursuit of justice will not soon disappear.

Certainly Lehmberg will reshape the office to her own perspective. But the man who is now routinely described as "the most powerful Democratic state officeholder" has built a considerable legacy in his three decades as district attorney, and the next occupant will need to be quite determined to clear a space under Earle's long shadow.

For the last few years, Earle has been best known, especially in deep-blue Democratic Austin, as the man who brought down Tom DeLay. Earle's prosecution of the former U.S. House majority leader and his confederates for campaign finance violations is still in progress – if the court actions last beyond this year, Earle says he will offer his pro bono assistance to his successor. But the most important effect of the DeLay indictments, primarily on charges of using illegal corporate donations to underwrite Texas legislative campaigns, was that it made it finally impossible for the scandal-plagued congressman to continue as a national Republican leader.

It's certainly not the first time that Earle, in his role as ethics law enforcer for the state capital county, has indicted and brought low a prominent politician – he is inevitably quick to point out that he has prosecuted more elected Democrats than Republicans, a reminder that through most of those 32 years,

there were more Democrats in state power than Republicans (see "Ronnie Earle: Prosecutions of Elected Officials," p.36). But the DeLay case is special, not only because of its national prominence but because it is based on a century-old Texas law limiting corporate and union influence on politics. Earle says that tradition has also become the seed of his next public project.

During a couple of recent conversations in his office, Earle said that while he is not certain what he will do once he steps down – and there has been inevitable speculation about a run for higher office – at least part of his public life will be devoted to speaking out on that subject. "I've got some hopes that I can spend some time and energy advocating for public financing of campaigns and against corporate corruption and for universal health care," he said. "Those are three things that I think are the very most important things that we could do to restore democracy, because if democracy depends on money, it isn't democracy – because then the public is frozen out of the process."

But when Earle reflects on his career, he doesn't dwell on the celebrated (or notorious) public integrity cases, the headline battles with prominent politicians. He is much more eager to talk about his particular notions of what a prosecutor is and does, his perspective on the

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nature of justice, and his belief in the communal foundations of ethical behavior. As the ground of that belief, he credits his own upbringing amidst an extended family in the small town of Birdville, outside Fort Worth. "It really informs everything I've tried to do - well. not everything, but most of the things I've tried to do as district attorney, especially the most progressive and innovative things that we have done in this office. And the reason is because the law doesn't teach you how to act. ... What I have come to call the 'ethics infrastructure'

teaches you how to act. And that is in that work of mommas and daddies and aunts and uncles and teachers and preachers and neighbors and cousins and friends — that's where you learn how to act, not from the law."

In a state better known for prosecutors who act out a Hollywood version of the Old West convict first, and ask questions later – Earle has steadily attempted to find ways the prosecutor's office can prevent crime before it happens. He's built programs around the concept of "community justice" - including diversionary drug courts, child-abuse prevention, family-violence prevention, community justice councils, and so on – all of them based on the principle that a web of concerned people and community institutions prevents crime much more effectively than exaggerated law enforcement. "Everything I have done," he says, "is based on that principle: The stronger the community, the less crime. That's my basic. empirically provable belief. We've got a remarkably low crime rate [in Austin], one of the lowest of any major city in the country, and frankly, it's because of the kind of city we are. And a large part of that has to do with many of the programs that we have established out of this office."

The Nature of Justice

Earle describes his own life as an autobiography in learning the meaning of effective justice. He recalls Birdville as a tough town where fistfights over real or imaginary insults were inevitable and frequent and Fifties Fort Worth as the seat of local mob violence. "It was called Little Chicago. ... The mob tried to move into Fort Worth in the Fifties, but they were run out because [local crime] was too well-organized. That was a legend that I assume was true, because there were gangland murders all over the place when I was growing up." He and his friends were no angels, but he believes they were kept out of serious trouble by relatives and elders. "My mother had like ... seven sisters and a brother and several halfbrothers and -sisters. My father had six siblings, two brothers and four sisters. And I had all kinds of cousins, right? And you couldn't throw a rock without hitting somebody I was kin to ... and you couldn't throw a rock without somebody catching you doing it either.

This is where I get my basic concept of the role of community in the regulation of behavior. The regulation of behavior cannot be left only up to the law without sliding into totalitarianism."

At the time, he wanted to become a cop — "the only lawyers I ever saw were like vagrants, hanging around the Fort Worth courthouse" — and thought he might play college football but was a little small for a major college scholarship and instead enrolled at UT-Austin, working his way through. Was it a cultural shift

from Birdville? "I thought I'd come to heaven; I really did. To be here with people who could have an argument without having a fistfight, and I thought that was really remarkable — that you could actually do that. And who thought different things. And I saw people with beards and things."

He arrived in Austin in the fall of 1960, on the cusp of a time when the whole country would change. He had become interested in the law and politics, and a paper he wrote in law school ("The Fire This Time: Urban Riots and Ghetto Violence") somehow caught the eye of the governor's office, and he went to work there in 1967. He also got involved in a city of Austin fair-housing campaign, and that led to an appointment as municipal judge, which he calls "the best job I ever had" – because it enabled him to learn much more about the whole community, ranging from students being arrested in protests to police working homicide details – "what it was like,

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what they were like. I'd known some police officers [back home], and there wasn't a whole lot of comparison. There was a great deal of difference." Moreover, as a judge, he says, he eventually learned that just being "tough" especially on addiction-based crimes like drug abuse and public drunkenness – was not just pointless; it was counterproductive. "So I started looking," he recalled in a 1980 speech, "for another way to do it."

The judgeship led to an appointment on the Texas Judicial Council, working on revisions to the state Constitution. He resigned in 1973 to run for the Legislature and in his single term achieved his first measurable success at ameliorating the most punitive aspects of drug laws. The previous Legislature had reduced the penalty for minor marijuana possession to misdemeanor status but had failed to make the law retroactive for the hundreds of inmates previously sentenced as felons. Earle persuaded Gov. Dolph Briscoe to create Project STAR (Social Transition and Readjustment), which used executive clemency to pardon inmates and help them find employment. "I don't remember the numbers," says Earle, "but I used to have a certificate from the Department of Labor, because this was the most successful ex-offender rehabilitation program in the United States."

In 1976, Earle resigned from his House seat to run for district attorney, he says, because he's always been intrigued by the idea of "justice" - what it means and how to achieve it. "It's a balance - justice is a balance. The law says that 'it shall be the primary duty of every prosecutor not to convict, but to see that justice is done.' It's not doing justice; it's seeing that justice is done." That first election win

was an upset – but over the years since, he's become such an institution that his recent campaigns have been unopposed.

Asked to elaborate on justice in the context of prosecution, he says: "I even have a definition for justice, even though the law does not provide one. I have puzzled over this for

30, well, more than 30 years, because I was puzzling over this even before I ran. ... I have come, finally, to a place where I have a vague idea of what justice might be. And it is the fairness and balance that come from healthy relationships. And so that, of course, raises the question: What is a healthy relationship? And that is one that shares joy, pain, and power."

Rhetoric or Reality

Sentiments like those, expressed regularly in public speeches, have earned Earle both accolades and eye-rolling - and occasionally unflattering nicknames, like "Prosecutor Woo Woo." Earle has plenty of critics, although the loudest have been mostly public officials or former public officials who were targeted by one of his ethics investigations. DeLay famously called him a "runaway prosecutor" engaged in a "partisan witch hunt," to which Earle responded tartly, "Being called partisan by Tom DeLay is like being called ugly by a frog.

The most frequent counterattack - from DeLay, former House Speaker Gib Lewis, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, etc. - is that his decisions to prosecute were "political." The problem with that claim, merited or not, is that it is what any investigated politician is inevitably going to say.

More troubling are the questions about the ultimate effectiveness of Earle's attempts at institutional reforms. To an admirer of Earle's aspirations for community justice, his frequent declarations on the matter can sound like generous, thoughtful, if rather gnomic wisdom. But to more skeptical observers, the grand words can resound too much like unfulfilled rhetoric. Former Attorney General Jim Mattox has personal reasons to distrust Earle, who indicted him in 1983 on a "commercial bribery" charge related to his enforcement actions as AG. Many observers thought it was a strained use of the statute, and Mattox was acquitted ("The jury laughed at Earle and probably would've convicted him instead of convicting me," says Mattox now), and he still believes that Earle was after his job (a claim Earle dismisses out of hand).

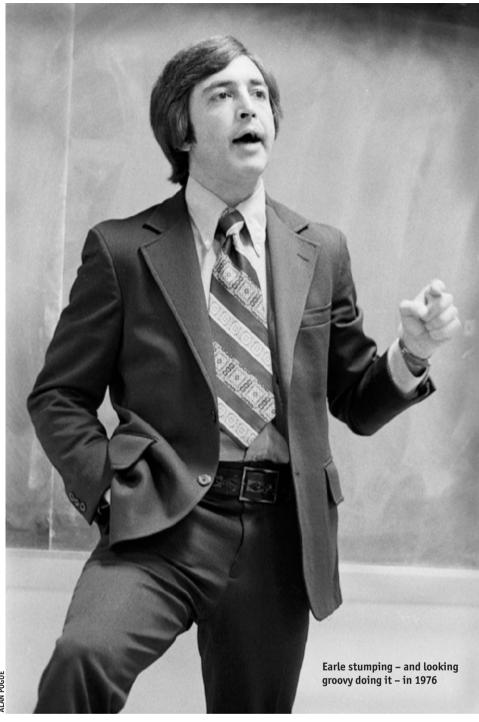
Mattox remains understandably bitter, but the two men have since returned to what both call "professionally speaking terms." Beyond his personal story, Mattox has more general and perhaps more telling criticisms. He maintains that Earle's office, despite its hard-nosed reputation, has not been nearly as aggressive as it should have been in rooting out corruption at the Capitol – especially the cozy relationships between the corporate lobby and favorable legislation - and that while Earle has pursued individual malfeasance like misuse of travel funds, "he has never addressed the hardcore

> issue that truly has our democracy by the throat. I think had I been in his position, I probably would want to more aggressively pursue those interlocking issues."

Equally significant locally, Mattox describes the overall effectiveness of Earle's heralded criminal justice reforms as disappointing. He says: "Ronnie

would probably claim the mantle of being particularly visionary and imaginative in the overall setting of policy for his office, and I think that he has experimented with different kinds of prosecutorial procedures. But I don't think they are any more dramatic than applied in a number of different metropolitan counties." Moreover, while also laying considerable blame at the feet of the Legislature and local government, Mattox believes there has been little progress over the years in improving the situation for those most often targeted by prosecutors. "I think you will find the discrepancy that exists in the prosecution of minority defendants and of poor people in Travis County [is the same] that exists in most other major counties. They're following the framework set up by the Legislature and everything else that causes the lack of success.'

Earle concurs with Mattox to a degree, responding by e-mail, "The Legislature, responding to public fear of crime, the cultural belief that harsh punishment is our best



protection, and the prison-industrial complex, has not always been enthusiastic about giving the justice system the tools we need to solve problems." He said that, in effect, his office is required to work around legislative mandates to address the conditions that cause crime, and he believes he has been successful. He points to the county's "problem-solving courts": "the first drug court in Texas, the first community court in Texas (the fourth in the U.S.), and now mental-health and family drug courts," which both divert people from the criminal justice system and link them up to social services. "All of these courts are nationally recognized as best practices," Earle said, "and we have demonstrated very practical, real results in our community."

Mattox's opinion is echoed by civil rights attorney Ann del Llano, who participated for several years in the Reentry Roundtable established by Earle, aimed at helping former offenders reintegrate into the community. Del Llano

says she was badly disillusioned by the results. "I waited [years] to see what tough, systemwide changes Mr. Earle was willing to make within his office, and to date I have not seen him make any systemwide changes in line with the solutions proposed by the Reentry Roundtable. Ronnie Earle continues to choose to incarcerate nonviolent drug users in the face of clear evidence that that is the wrong solution for our community. He continues to hand the lowestlevel drug users a felony instead of using the misdemeanor option, forcing them into permanently unemployable second-class-citizen status ... and punishing not only the defendants for the rest of their lives but their children and family, as well. The most recent study shows that Ronnie Earle incarcerates drug offenders who have black skin 31 times more often than people who have white skin - a more racist outcome than any other major city in Texas! In this day and age and in this community, there is no excuse for these choices."

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According to the Justice Policy Institute report cited by del Llano, blacks in Travis Co. are 31 times more likely than whites to be incarcerated for drug offenses, a rate much higher than Dallas Co. or Harris Co. The discrepancy is discouraging.

Earle responded in part: "The JPI report is a classic example of a great opportunity for the criminal justice system and community to look at a serious issue from a problem-solving perspective. The issues raised in the report are not just about how we prosecute cases but how we enforce drug laws, including looking at in what neighborhoods we are directing our enforcement strategies." He went on to point at specific, successful projects that have come out of the Reentry Roundtable but argued more generally: "The JPI report says we need to look at the intersection of poverty and unemployment. Poverty and crime are joined at the hip. Poverty not only affects the pocketbook but also the spirit. It sometimes becomes a life in pursuit of the next elevation of the spirit, temporary but deadly, that motivates some drug users, especially of the harder stuff. ...

"So the IPI report points out systemic issues that will require stakeholders (including most of all the public) all across the criminal justice system to address. It would be great if it were just about how we prosecute cases, but it's not; it's how we get out of our silos and get together; now we call that collaboration. I think it is an exciting opportunity to have a great community conversation about these issues. We're ready for it."

Community and Prosecution

Earle is aware of the criticisms, but he believes that he and his office have made significant, visible progress over the years. He undoubtedly has diminished the emphasis upon (and numbers of) death-penalty prosecontinued on p.36



RONNIE EARLE PROSECUTIONS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

1978: Supreme Court Justice Don Yarbrough (Dem): forgery, aggravated perjury, and failure to appear.

1979: Travis Co. Commissioner Bob Honts (Dem): official misconduct and bribery. Pled to a misdemeanor, misapplying county property, in 1984. Ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine.

1980: Sen. Gene Jones (Dem): used state computer to prepare campaign mailings. Pled guilty to misdemeanor charge of official misconduct. Paid \$10,000 restitution and a \$2,000 fine.

1981: Rep. Mike Martin (Rep): pled to a misdemeanor charge of perjury, 1982. Resigned from office and race and paid a \$2,000 fine.

1981: Treasurer Warren G. Harding (Dem): pled to class A misdemeanor, official misconduct. Received one year deferred adjudication. Paid \$2,000 restitution and a \$2,000 fine.

1983: Ronald Earle (Dem): Earle failed to file a campaign finance report on time. He charged himself with the misdemeanor offense and paid the \$200 fine.

1983: House Speaker Gib Lewis (Dem): pled to class B misdemeanor, failure to file financial statement. Paid \$800 fine.

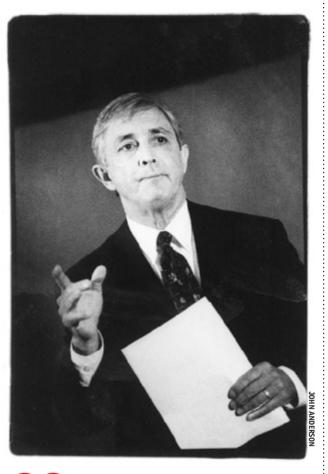
1983: Attorney General Jim Mattox (Dem): found not guilty of commercial bribery.

1983: San Antonio Voter Registrar Marco Gomez (Dem): pled guilty to charges of securing execution of document by deception and tampering with a governmental record. Received 10 years probation, 90 days Travis Co. Jail. Paid \$49,994 restitution and a \$2,000 fine.

1983: Rep. Charles Staniswallis (Rep): pled guilty to charges of theft and tampering with a governmental record. Received 10 years probation, Paid \$8.976 restitution and a \$2,000 fine.

1992: Gib Lewis (Dem): pled guilty to two counts of filing false financial statements. Paid \$1,000 fine on each count.

1994: U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (Rep): indicted for tampering with physical evi-



W web extra **EARLE SPEAKS**

Over the course of his 30-year career as Travis Co. district attorney, Ronnie Earle has delivered countless speeches, written dozens of articles (for the opinion pages as well as for criminal-justice-related trade publications), and participated as a panelist for a number of conferences and conventions. Three examples from the annals of Earle wisdom are posted online with this story, at austinchronicle.com.

dence, tampering with a governmental record, and official misconduct. Following evidentiary hearing, state moved to dismiss charges; court refused to grant dismissal. State (Earle) declined to present evidence; court directed verdict of not guilty.

1995: Rep. Betty Denton (Dem): pled to misdemeanor charges of perjury. Received six months deferred adjudication. Paid \$2,000 fine.

1995: Lane Denton (Dem), executive director of the **Department of Public Safety** Officers' Association: found guilty of second degree (felony) theft and misapplication of fiduciary property. Ordered to pay \$67,201 in

restitution, \$12,000 fine. Received 10 years probation, 60 days jail, and 240 hours community service.

2000: Rep. Gilbert Serna (Dem): pled to multiple charges of theft by public servant. Placed on probation for 10 vears and ordered to serve 90 days in iail and pay restitution of more than \$13,000 and a \$3,000 fine.

2005: U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay (Rep): pending; see "Indictments Pending," p.38. 2007: 365th District Court

Judge (Eagle Pass) Amado Abascal: pled to misdemeanor tampering with government record. Ordered to pay \$14,000 in administrative penalty and a \$4,000 fine.

cutions originating in Austin in comparison with other Texas jurisdictions, seeking capital punishment only for those offenses his office – and its unique Capital Murder Review Committee, which advises Earle in such cases - considers the most heinous. More generally, when he is asked about the measurable success of his broader community justice programs, he points not to conviction numbers or similar courtroom statistics but to the relatively low local crime rate. "The proof in the pudding," he says, "is really the fact that Austin has one of the lowest crime rates in the country - probably the lowest per capita. In 1991 we had 49 murders; last year we had 20-some. And the year before, it was 23 or 24." (Recent FBI statistics posted by the city of Austin show Austin with

a violent crime rate below the national average and a property crime rate above the national average.) For 2005 (the most recent figures available), Austin ranked as the third-safest large city, based on the per capita violent crime rate.

"And so, the reason for that is that we have taken a real proactive approach:

Crime comes from the neighborhoods, so you make the neighborhoods stronger, and you have less crime." Earle relentlessly insists that the whole community is the true foundation of public safety and points proudly to the success of the Community Justice Councils, a structural collaboration among many institutions and officials. "In the mid-Eighties, I got the Legislature to pass a bill creating Community Justice Councils in every community. ... The council consists of 11 elected officials, and then there is a Community Justice Task Force that consists of 18, 19, 20-some-odd appointed officials - like the chief of police, the superintendent of schools, the head of [Mental Health Mental Resources], the head of Child Protective Services ... the people who have something to do with crime.

The elected officials are the ones that you would automatically contemplate - the D.A., the sheriff, the district judge, county court-at-law judge, a [justice of the peace], a member of the City Council, a member of the Commissioners Court, a member of the Legislature, a member of the school board. ... They all contribute in one way or another to the quality of life and the safety of the community. So, anyway, the Community Justice Council in Travis County has been the most active in the state. I have been the chair of it since its conception.

"And I think the primary reason for our success at keeping the crime rate low and protecting the quality of life, and the sense of justice issues, is the result of the extensive collaboration and cooperation that we have been able to

achieve - and when I say 'we,' that's not the royal 'we' - that's all of us, all the people who are in these positions."

Speaking more personally, Earle describes the work of Assistant District Attorney Eric McDonald, assigned as a "neighborhood D.A." to Downtown and the near Eastside. McDonald learned that state-jail

inmates, upon release, were being bused Downtown and dropped off without any kind of follow-up or support system - with a resulting spike in the crime rate, everything from vehicle burglaries to violent assaults. "So, Eric started, on his own; he would go out and meet with these guys before they got released, individually, one on one. And would say: 'You got a place to stay? You got a job?' ... You know, those kinds of things: 'Can we help you? How can we help you?'

"And so, what happened was, the day they'd get out, a police officer pulls up in a police car, and they get in, and the police officer gives them a ride to a halfway house somewhere other than Downtown. And it's the first time, for many of them, that they've been in a police car without

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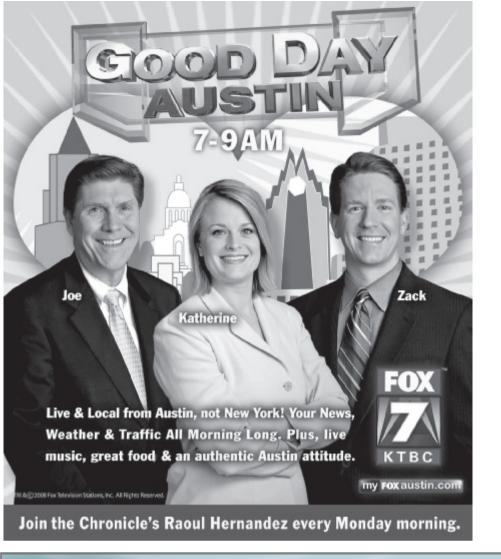
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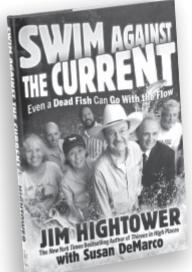
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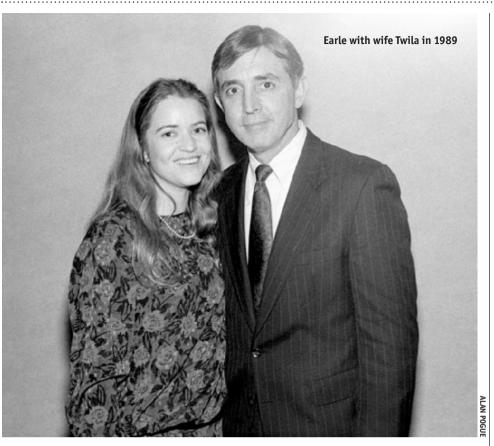


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being arrested. And so the result of that was that the crime rate Downtown just tanked; it went way down. Real simple." (According to information provided by the D.A.'s office, in response to McDonald's efforts and those of his Downtown successor, David Laibovitz, Downtown burglaries of vehicles declined 10% in 2003, 32% in 2006, and an additional 15% in 2007.) "This is what is known as community prosecution," Earle concluded. "We are considered probably the bellwether office in the country for that."

Justice and Community

In short, Earle is quite proud of the record of his office in both crime-fighting and building community, since he believes they are two different forms of the same thing. His conversation inevitably comes around to the relationship between justice, public safety, and freedom and his belief that these are

all interrelated and a question of balance. "My intention has been to achieve the maximum amount of freedom consistent with public safety. Okay? And so these programs have been dramatically successful to the point where they are considered national models, and this office is considered a national model. That's the cart and the horse. The programs are very successful, and because the programs are very successful, this office is a national model.'

On the issues underlying his most famous prosecution, that of Tom DeLay and the corporate funding of campaigns, Earle can still get angry over the 1886 Supreme Court case (Santa Clara County v. Southern Pacific Railroad Co.) that indirectly ended in corporations being granted "personhood" and thus equal protection with citizens under the Constitution. "That was just *dumb*," Earle growls, noting that the doctrine originated in no more than a clerk's note, not a court opinion. "Since then, it has been the law, but it all came about as a footnote. ... Here we are, just blindly following this dumb thing that says corporations are 'persons'. Which is just breathtaking.'

The populist 1905 Texas law under which DeLay was prosecuted was intended to head off expanding corporate influence. "They were

trying to stop the railroads from buying members of the Legislature - that's the short answer," summarizes Earle. "I mean, there's probably much more erudite and therefore obtuse ways of saying that, but that's what the deal was. And it's really not that much different now. ... In those days, it was mostly fights between business and labor, but also a lot was beginning to be fights only between big

businesses – and now that's all it is."

Asked if he believes his personal, communitarian approach to justice in Travis County will survive his retirement, Earle is noncommital. "That is up to the people of Travis County," he responds. "What I've tried to do is to reflect what I thought was the very best of the people of this community. ... I think it is up to the community. It is up to the public to demand of the person that they elect to see that justice is done - because that's what the law says the duty of the prosecutor is. The law says it is the duty of the prosecutor, of every prosecutor, not to convict, but to see that justice is done. So all the public has to do is demand that the prosecutor do his or her job.

"Her job, as it is beginning to be."

INDICTMENTS PENDING

TRMPAC, TAB, AND THE TRAVIS CO. D.A.

The following brief summaries are based upon information provided by the Travis Co. district attorney's office. They describe, in general terms, the current status of legal actions against former U.S. House Majority Leader Rep. Tom DeLay and his associates in the Texans for a Republican Majority Political Action Committee, the Americans for a Republican Majority, other related groups and separate but related legal actions concerning the Texas Association of Business. - M.K. and J.S.

'THE STATE OF TEXAS V. **JOHN COLYANDRO, JAMES ELLIS, AND TOM DELAY'**

In 2005, two Travis Co. grand juries presented indictments charging John Colyandro, James Ellis, and Tom DeLay with, among other things, criminal conspiracy to violate the Election Code and the Penal Code by making illegal political contributions to candidates for the Texas House of Representatives. Colyandro, Ellis, and DeLay successfully moved to quash these charges, contending that they did not allege an offense under Texas law; the trial judge agreed and quashed the conspiracy charges. The D.A.'s office appealed.

In 2006, the 3rd Court of Appeals affirmed the trial judge's decision. The D.A.'s office filed a petition for discretionary review; the Court of Criminal Appeals granted review and, in June 2007, affirmed the 3rd Court's decision upholding the trial judge's decision. The D.A.'s office filed a motion for rehearing, denied last September. This ended the appellate process for the conspiracy charges/indictments against Colyandro, Ellis, and DeLay.

This left the D.A.'s office going to trial on the remaining indictments/charges against the three. However, back in 2005, Colyandro and Ellis had filed pretrial writs of habeas corpus challenging these charges on constitutional grounds of overbreadth, etc., in the 3rd Court of Appeals. That halted prosecution of the remaining Colyandro and Ellis charges. Oral argument on those writs was heard by the 3rd Court of Appeals in August 2006; the court's decision is pending. DeLay's attorney indicated that he might file a similar pretrial writ, so the parties are awaiting the 3rd Court of Appeals' decision before proceeding with the trial of DeLay.

THE STATE OF TEXAS V. THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS'

The first indictment against TAB contained three counts, charging TAB with making prohibited corporate expenditures (one count for mailers, one count for TV ads, and one count for mailers done in the name of the Law Enforcement Alliance of America). After much pretrial debate, in June 2006, Judge Mike Lynch dismissed the first indictment against TAB, and the D.A.'s office did not appeal. The D.A.'s office sought to reindict, including spelling out how TAB coordinated these political expenditures with PACs involved in the election effort (Business and Commerce PAC, Texans for a Republican Majority PAC, and Texans for Lawsuit Reform PAC). A Travis Co. grand jury reindicted TAB on this new seven-count indictment.

A new motion to quash and more pretrial debate followed. Judge Lynch dismissed this new indictment on Aug. 31, 2007. When the D.A.'s office appealed, the 3rd Court transferred the case (for docket reasons) to the 13th Court of Appeals in Corpus Christi. The D.A.'s office filed an appellate brief on Feb. 25, citing four points of error. TAB's defense attorneys have now filed their response with the 13th Court of Appeals - a few days late; at press time, the 13th Court had not yet made a decision to accept the untimely brief.

Another indictment is pending, covering 28 counts charging TAB as a party to the making of prohibited corporate contributions to a de facto PAC, Strategic Partners. Also pending is an indictment charging TAB with making prohibited contributions to their political action committee, BACPAC, by paying Executive Director Bill Hammond's salary with TAB's corporate money while he was doing BACPAC work that involved expressly advocating for the election of candidates endorsed by BACPAC.

INDIVIDUAL CASES PENDING

John Colvandro (executive director, TRMPAC)

Originally indicted on 18 counts; three, involving conspiracy charges, dismissed by judge. Remaining 15 indictments awaiting appellate action by the 3rd Court of Appeals on filing by Colyandro and Ellis in 2005.

James Ellis (executive director, ARMPAC)

Originally indicted on five counts; three dismissed by judge (see above). The other two indictments awaiting appellate action by the 3rd Court of Appeals.

Tom DeLay (U.S. representative, **R-Sugar Land)**

Two indictments; judge dismissed the conspiracy portions of those indictments (see above). Trial on remaining charges awaiting appellate action by the 3rd Court of Appeals.

Warren RoBold (Americans for a Republican Majority **PAC and TRMPAC fundraiser)**

Nine indictments, for violating corporate fund prohibition in Texas legislative elections. Case is pending and awaiting appellate action by the 3rd Court of Criminal Appeals on pretrial motions.

TRMPAC related entities

Indictments of TRMPAC, Alliance for Quality Nursing Home Care, Bacardi, Cracker Barrel, Diversified Collection Services, Questerra, Sears, Westar, and the Williams Companies. Cracker Barrel, Diversified Collection Services, Questerra, and Sears settled and complied with the D.A.'s requirements, and the indictments were dismissed. Westar, Alliance for Quality Nursing Care, Williams Companies, and Bacardi are all still pending, awaiting appellate action on habeas corpus challenge. TRMPAC was charged as an association and has since dissolved; some issues unresolved because the other TAB indictment is still on appeal (see above).



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'Filmcraft'

BY MICHAEL VENTURA

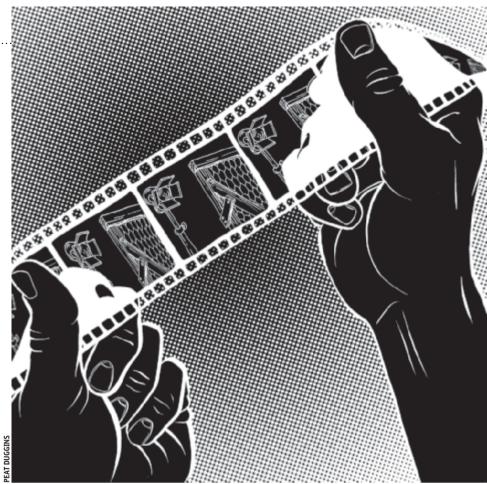
Some years ago in a city by the sea, where dreams turn to stone and lies are made beautiful, I interviewed the great, the near-great, and many a walking anomaly. We talked movies. How to direct, how to act, and what is a movie anyway? I've collected the best of these talks in a volume called Filmcraft (about which, see below). Much of the finest talk is too long for quotation - for instance: Peter Bogdanovich's master lesson on cutting, Peter Falk's fascinating approach to acting, Dennis Hopper on shooting on the cheap, Francis Ford Coppola's unintentional description of his own selfdestruction, and Robert Altman's sly analysis of how he directs by intentionally confusing his actors. What follows are jewellike snippets.

John Huston: "You don't have to be the thing itself to be an actor in the theatre. You don't have to be the real article. This was Olivier. Olivier is not Richard III; Olivier is not Othello. These are not aspects of Olivier. These are the results of extraordinary observation, cunning, invention on Olivier's part, probably the superior of any screen actor's we know. But to be a screen actor, you have to be the real thing. The camera sees behind the eyes of the person, it sees something - it sees deeper into the person than just an acquaintance would. The camera has ... a discerning! If you're sufficiently interesting, why, the camera moves forward, and if you aren't – it pulls away from you. [You should have seen him spin the word "interesting" to mean very much, move forward on "forward," arch his eyebrows on "aren't," pause, then pull away being the point as well as making it.] And this is I think one of the faults of the bad director that he'll have you, the audience, up so close to an actor that it's embarrassing. It's familiarity that's uncalled for. Next thing you know you'll be in a questionable relationship!"

Jack Nicholson: "When I first started, my feeling about acting was that the actor was the most modern writer, the most modern literateur, in the sense that no matter what goes into a film, the product can only become objective through the actor's individuality. You're the person that's going to do this gesture. You can take a scene that says 'I love you' and turn it to 'I want to pick your peaches.' The actor is a writer in that sense. In the area of screenplays, the guy typed, and that was that, and he had his experience of writing, but that's not the product, that's the blueprint. So since most of what is literature today for most people actually comes through cinema, in that sense an actor is a modern writer, because he actually gets it on, objectifies it, and makes final what the concepts are.

"You know, a certain thing in every artist asks, 'Why am I doing this?' After all, there have been quite a few nice books written. Why am I writing another one? And in the era of the Beat Generation, the recommendation was to not. Don't further pollute the presses. If, in the Nietzschean sense, you had something that was going to actually be written in your blood, go right ahead. But other than that, get a job at McCall's. ... But those are just thoughts. I've always approached every job, every character, like I've never done one before. In fact, the anxiety you feel is usually those couple of days just before shooting, when you wonder, 'What is it that I actually do in my work?' And then, in the first 10 minutes that you start, it all comes - like riding a bicycle - it all comes rushing back to you.'

Steven Spielberg: "The best thing I can possibly do [on the set] is communicate what my mind's eye sees. And that's not always easy. Because I usually have a very, very striking image of what I want to do. Whether it's a shot, or lighting, or the way the scene can be paced, or I'm shooting a very strange angle for a reason, there's always a method behind the madness. I think the toughest thing is actually communicating, so everybody who has to be my extension and do those things knows why, and knows how to get it. I mean, communication becomes everything. Directing is 80 percent communication and 20 percent know-how. Because if you can communicate to the people who know how to edit, know how to light, and know how to act - if you can communicate what you want so that what



they're doing is giving you what you have up here [touches his temple], and what you feel, that's my definition of a good director."

Gena Rowlands, asked what advice she'd give to young actors: "I would say not to take anybody's advice, including mine. You should just try to find your own feeling about something, because that's the only thing that separates one actor from another: how she or he feels about character. Not to copy anyone or to hold anybody too high in your estimation that it might intimidate you. Just to think about [the role] until you know it's yours."

Vanessa Redgrave: "One important thing to understand and trust is that each script because it does represent real life, even if it may be a very poor representation of real life or a very distorted representation of real life or bears little resemblance to real life at all – starts as real life, and, therefore, you can find a way to the real life from which it comes, if you let it develop its own life. And it does that automatically through the human beings who are

chosen, usually all good actors. It [the script] starts to take its life through them and through the times they live in and what they knew. The unconscious begins to work. I'm stressing [the script's] own life because it does come from not just one other person's own life, or the producers who chipped in and changed this and changed that, or anybody else, but no matter who got involved - whether they did good work or damaged the thing irreparably - it still has a source of life that it comes from. And in the same way that if you're tuning a radio and you can't get straight on the correct wavelength, it's very distorted. But you search and search, and someone who technically knows how can tune in very fine to it and find the wavelength that the signal is traveling on, and he gets it very loud and clear."

Jeanne Moreau: "Yesterday we were waiting at a red light, and there were about 20 people waiting to cross. What attracted my attention was a man's hand stroking, gently, like this, a woman's back ... she was stretching and yawn-





ing, and he was just patting, like that. It was so lovely, you know. It lasted a few seconds. He was waiting to see the sign go 'Walk,' and he was just doing that [she makes a gentle stroking gesture]. It was beautiful. I haven't seen a moment like that in a movie in a long time."

Louis Malle: "My obsession has always been rhythm. I would ask the actors, 'Well, this take is great. Now I want to have it faster.' They look at me, 'But you said it was right.' I say, 'It's right, but once it will be edited, you never know. You could find out that what seems absolutely right when you see it as a separate piece in dailies and seems perfect, after 45 minutes of film it might be the moment when you get a little impatient or something, it's going to be too slow.' Because, you know, what is so difficult about filmmaking is that you're asked first to be, not a genius, but you're asked to be very talented, every day, for three months, from nine in the morning to six at night! Like going to the office and being at the peak of your talent from nine to seven. Which is absurd. There is no other art where you're asked to be a talented bureaucrat!"

Martin Sheen: "The first dialogue scene I did with Marlon [Brando, in Apocalypse Now] was in the cave there, when I came in and was thrust at his feet. Marlon looked at me and improvised a line that stayed in the picture. ... He said, 'Are you free of others' opinions of you? Are you free of your own opinion of yourself?' That's what he said to me." [This interviewer said, "Brando improvised that?!"] "Yeah. I looked at him, and I thought, 'God damn, I never thought of that."

Candy Clark: "When you're doing it, it's all three-dimensional, and you can look around the back of the set and it's all chicken wire, or the front end of the car is cut off and you have to use your imagination a lot. Or you look up, and you're in a three-sided room and the ceiling's out and there's just lamps up there, and one wall is just gone, and there's all these people out there. There's just so many people that go into this final thing where it's just you up there and your face. And then all you've got is this piece of film that you have to hold up to the light in order to see it. It's just this piece of plastic. That's all you have at the end and it's two-dimensional, not three-dimensional like it was when you did it. It comes out just flat, just this skinny piece of plastic."

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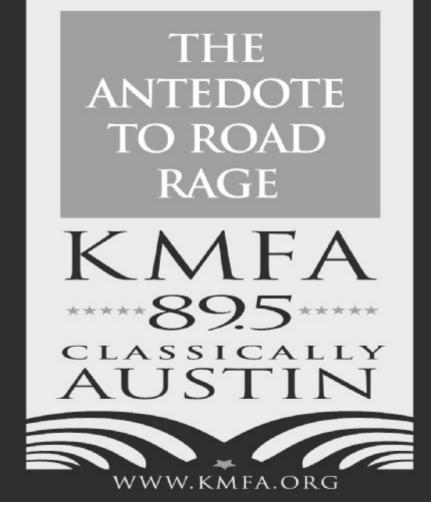


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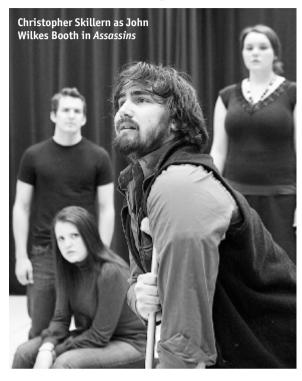
If you seek entertainment of the musical theatre variety in the Austin area, you probably go to Zach Theatre. Or to the Paramount. Or perhaps to Zilker Park for the summer musical. Or maybe even to St. Edward's University. But one place that doesn't come immediately to mind, if it even crosses your mind, is the University of Texas.

Until now. "We've long been having discussions in the College of Fine Arts about whether or not we should be offering a musical-theatre program," says Bob Schmidt, the interim chair of UT's Department of Theatre & Dance. "Putting together a program in musical theatre is a heavy proposition, no small thing in terms of space, faculty money, production resources. What I thought would be really useful for us to do would be to augment the kinds of musical-theatre experiences that our undergraduate students, in particular, have."

Thus was born the two-year Musical Theatre Pilot Project, "There are a number of different pieces to it," says Schmidt. "Officially, the pilot program started this last fall, although we really got a jump on it early last spring when Robin Lewis started teaching dance for musical theatre. Then last semester, we added course work in singing for musical theatre with Lyn Koenning."

The department also tapped former Theatre & Dance professor Rod Caspers to direct the program's initial musical offering of Assassins, Stephen Sondheim's ode to the American penchant for making celebrities out of cold-blooded killers, opening this weekend. Before the auditions, Caspers and Koenning teamed up to offer a series of workshops on auditioning for musical theatre. "I think the focus at UT has certainly not been on doing musical theatre," says Caspers, "and I think they're trying to bring a little of the focus back for those students who want to look at that. They want students to leave here equipped to go out and have a chance to make it."

While Assassins might not seem a natural choice to kick off the production aspect of the program, you wouldn't think so listening to Caspers. "They wanted a piece that offered a large number of students a meaty role, and unlike some musicals where vou've got four or five major roles and then you've got a large chorus, this is a musical that's got eight, nine, 10 meaty roles, all of



which have those elements that they're really focusing on in the project. It's not a huge cast, but everyone in it has something important to do."

And as new work has long been the focus for the department, the project will culminate in the summer of 2009 with the production of an entirely original musical. "It's an experiment," says Schmidt. "There certainly is a lot of interest on the part of our students to have these kinds of experiences as part of the program that we currently offer, and this is an experiment that will help us to determine where we might go next." - Barry Pineo

Assassins runs April 11-20. Thursday-Saturday. 8pm: Saturday. April 19, and Sundays, 2pm, at the B. Iden Payne Theatre, 300 E. 23rd. For more information, call 477-6060 or visit www.utpac.org.

CULTURE ASH!

▶ The story in the April 2 New York Times may have been all about Houston, but the photo that ran with it was all Austin. The image showed our own Margo Sawyer supervising construction of Synchronicity of Color, a major installation of hers at the Bayou City's new downtown green space, Discovery Green. The 12-acre park, opening this week, includes gardens, recreation fields, restaurants, water features, a playground, an amphitheatre, and an underground parking garage. That garage is where Synchronicity of Color will live and what it will enliven. It encompasses both the exterior walls and the interior stairwells, utilizing the artist's trademark panels of vivid color (Austin Convention Center, Whole Foods

Headquarters) to create meditative spaces inside and bold, celebratory space outside. For more information. visit www.margosawyer.com/news.html.

▶ Poet-playwright Sharon Bridgforth has received a \$9,000 National Performance Network Creation Fund Award for her work delta dandi, a cocommission by Women & Their Work in partnership with Center on Halsted and the National Performance Network. The piece combines monologues and chants by actors; music by a gospel choir, a jazz quartet, and drummers; and looped digital images on screens around the audience, in a "score" conducted by Bridgforth. For more information, visit www.sharon bridgforth.com/my-newest-work.

▶ UT Department of Theatre & Dance student Leanne Meyerson won first prize in the first Young Scenic Artist's Award held by The Painter's Journal, a publication for scenic artists. The setdesign major was honored for her painting of the Austin skyline at day and night. She received \$300 and will have her work appear in the journal's spring 2008 issue. For more information, visit www.paintersjournal.com/ content/YoungScenicArtistsAward.aspx.

▶ The 2009 Texas Biennial will be accepting submissions from artists living and working in Texas starting April 16 and continuing through May 31. Artists of all medias are encouraged to submit their work for the group exhibition and the Temporary Outdoor Project, which will be funded by the city of Austin and will award budgets for complete projects ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000. Details on the two components of the project, as well as all information about the call for entry process and submitting materials online, are available on the Biennial's new website, www.texasbiennial.com, due to go live Wednesday, April 16.

Art City Austin

Everything old is new again

The city's oldest art fair is about to become its newest art fair. The annual showcase for visual artists launched in 1956 as Fiesta and known more recently as the Austin Fine Arts Festival has reinvented itself for the new century and this week makes its debut as Art City Austin. Visitors will still be able to find lots of original works of art for sale, but the familiar April event is making some changes, starting with the location, which has shifted south from Republic Square Park to City Hall and the north bank of Lady Bird Lake.

Art City is also seeking to shake up the way the art is shown and how. For starters, producing entity Art Alliance Austin has commissioned installations from area artists to enliven the site: Jackie Young has been taking Polaroid portraits of individuals holding a sign on which they have finished the statement "I am ...," and performance artist Cybil Gustafson is hanging them in a Second Street retail space, at American Apparel on South Congress, and on site; Ian Cion has been working with patients at the Dell Children's Medical Center to cover a pair of Capital Metro buses, inside and out, with art; and Denise Prince Martin is creating some unique topiaries for the First Street Bridge.

Art Alliance Austin has also partnered with the American Institute of Architects Austin and the Austin Foundation for Architecture on the Temporary Outdoor Gallery Space Ideas Competition, in which entrants propose innovative, new ways to show, share, and sell art outside. (The call for entries drew hundreds of responses from more than 20 countries. Finalists and winners were being announced after the paper went to press on April 9.) Winning designs will be exhibited and realized in future years.

Art City Austin will feature treats for the ears as well as the eyes, thanks to a partnership with the Austin Music Foundation; stages will be set up at City Hall and by Seaholm with bands playing all afternoon both days of the fair. Art City Austin runs April 12-13, Saturday, 10am-5pm; Sunday, 11am-6pm. Tickets are \$8 per day or \$15 for both days. (Kids 12 and under get in free.) The schedule follows. For more information, visit www.artallianceaustin.org. Robert Faires

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- 11:45am-1pm The Belleville Outfit City Hall Stage
- 1-2pm Collecting on a Budget Presentation by Till Richter, Art Talk Pavilion
- 1-2:15pm Freddie Steady 5 Seaholm Street Stage
- 1:30-2:45pm The Octopus Project City Hall Stage
- 2:45-4pm Kellye Gray Seaholm Street
- 3-4pm Art + Architecture with
- Lawrence Speck and Margo Sawyer, Art Talk Pavilion 3:15-4:30pm The Mother Truckers Austin City Hall Stage
- 7-10pm Art After Dark Art City Austin artists with music by Del Castillo and fashion vignettes by 2nd Street District shops (\$65)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Noon-1pm **Practice Your Eye** Art Talk Pavilion

12:15-1:30pm Suzanna Choffel Seaholm Street Stage

12:45-2pm Govinda City Hall Stage

2-3pm Best of Art City Austin Judge and jury pick review of winners, presentation by Cheryl Snay (Blanton Museum of Art) and Timothy High (University of Texas at Austin), Art Talk Pavilion

2-3:15pm Opposite Day Seaholm Street Stage

2:30-3:45pm Guy Forsyth City Hall Stage

3:45-5pm Mundi Seaholm Street Stage

4-5pm A Conservation Conversation Presentation by Bill Davis (Davis Gallery), Mark Van Gelder, Cheryl Carrabba, and Lynn Osler, Art Talk Pavilion

4:15-5:30pm Brave Combo City Hall Stage







"I am shy" and "I am outstanding" by Jackie Young

That Was Then; This Is Now

The latest version of 'New Art in Austin' shows how much has changed in three years

BY SALVADOR CASTILLO

In a recent conversation, it became apparent to me that I like cold art. Work that is slick and uses plastic, ink, water, computers, or lights will grab my eye. My aesthetic preference is probably best exemplified by Andrew Niccol's Gattaca, starring Ethan Hawke and Uma Thurman. This film is able to look to both the future and the past while saying something about today in both visuals and commentary. It treats the sterility of theory, grittiness of reality, and the euphoria of transcendence in the way that good science fiction does. I like to throw around the term "sci-fi" as shorthand for this aesthetic. In the fall of 2005, the Austin Museum of Art opened the second exhibit in its new triennial, "New Art in Austin: 22 to Watch." Not only was it sci-fi: it reflected Austin as Lunderstood it. The works shown reflected the diligence of the tech community, the stewardship of our landscape, and the excitement of redevelopment. Maybe Austin's art community wasn't as provincial and insulated as I'd thought. The optimism of moving forward

Three years later, the forecast is slightly different. Austin is still holding anti-war protests, global warming is accepted even among skeptics, growth has succumbed to gentrification, and, although Austin is a relative oasis when considering national woes, it is becoming more of a challenge for artists to live and work here. Not all of the outlook is dire, though. The Blanton Museum of Art, the Mexican American Cultural Center, Salvage Vanguard Theater, Ballet Austin, and the Long Center all opened their doors to new spacious venues. More cultural organizations continue with expansion plans as well, among them Arthouse, AMOA, Zach Theatre, and Austin Children's Museum. Some things change, and some things stay the same, but have the artists in Austin picked up on either?

The artists in this year's "New Art in Austin" still show an interest in the concerns evident in the 2005 version. Technology, preserving natural land, and real estate development are still a part of Austin. It may not be as sophisticated or interactive as Zack Booth Simpson's algorithmic projection of a pond, but Rebecca Ward's tape and video installation is just as playful and uses math to determine its proportions. By using the floor tiles as a unit of measurement, Ward applies vinyl in patterns that resemble blocks from the game Tetris and comfortably situates the projection in the niche provided. The influence of technology and how we view our surroundings is also present in Shawn Smith's work. His campfire sculpture is constructed from wood blocks painted to resemble individual pixels from a digital photograph. It has become a common complaint that today's artists rely too much on the photographic image to create. Smith takes this argument further by inserting the abundance of digital photography into the conversation. It's a little low tech for a hologram substitution, but you get the idea.

Three years ago, both Ledia Carroll's rerouting of water from an outside fountain and Hunter Cross' Post-it notes tree addressed natural resources. This time around, Matthew Rodriguez and Raymond Uhlir express somber reflections on nature translated through children's television programming. Depicted in the form of nightmares, Uhlir's self-portraits place us all at the receiving end of nature's wrath. Bears, wolves, and other carnivorous predators enact revenge for man's encroachment on the wilderness, all in the vivid colors of Saturday morning cartoons. Rodriguez uses the earth itself to express dissatisfaction with man's effects on the environment. A mound of concrete rubble and a house in shambles are both anthropomorphized with simple frowning cartoon faces. A similar effect is achieved as a pile of blankets is given a face and arms with birdseed and decorative birds placed around it. This colorful Muppet maintains an amicable presence, but as

it evokes a bag lady feeding pigeons in the park, it is pitiable. The Sesame Street-style of the work is strengthened by the resemblance of Oscar the Grouch to Christmas-tree character Briar Bush in the accompanying painting. Any perkiness from the colors is subdued when you play Beethoven's melancholic "Für Elise" on the attached music-box instrument.

Austin benefits from a healthy economic outlook and continues to grow. In 2005, Heather Johnson's embroidered drawings and string installation of maps and Peat Duggins' drawings and installation of the mysterious architect's desk most directly discussed city planning and infrastructure. Now, Eric Zimmerman's intricate drawings contain both architectural elements and natural-looking landforms in graphite. Pools of colored ink contrast the controlled mark-making with an organic blob threatening to erase the image. The acknowledgment of the man-made over the natural transforms the inkblots into destructive oil spills. Scott Proctor uses some architecture in his discovery of a forgotten structure. By lifting a temporary wall, he reveals a previously lost framework for what looks like a dollhouse. This revelation of a hidden history within the museum's walls and the perception of oil spills make these works less objective than 2005's somewhere between here and anywhere and The Architect's Desk.

Perhaps the question of objectivity is what differentiates the two latest versions of "New Art in Austin." In 2005, the colder characteristics were present because most of the work took a more theoretical approach and the use of "we" in their arguments: We can use technology for our benefit. We need to take care of our natural resources. We need to provide adequate infrastructure. Even though you can find some similar thematic concerns this year, the perspective shifts to a more personal view, and "I" becomes the subject: I like to use technology. I am concerned about what's happening in the city and to the planet. It is this personal perspective of the artists that contrasts with the older exhibit and gives this version a sense of a random

With this change of perspective comes a sense of questioning, a little bit of trepidation, and maybe some conservative strategies. The ideas may seem separate, but a lot of the artists begin their investigations with themselves. Self-portraits have a strong presence. Photographer Sarah Sudhoff documents a very personal tribulation. It's a drastic event laid out very plainly: Sudhoff unflinchingly stares at the viewer as we watch her during different stages of dealing with cancer. The trio of photos leads you to contemplate larger issues of health, but they begin with the artist. Yoon Cho also works with her own identity. In Haircut, the loss of individuality through marriage was marked by a drastic haircut for herself and a small trim for her husband. Baseera Khan examines her cultural identity. She layers images, bleeds colors, and creates a muddy view emulating her bicultural existence. There is confusion as she tries to pull an identity from these surreal settings. Uhlir does a decent job rendering himself in cartoon format, but we must take Andrew Long's word that the abstracted shapes in Self-Portrait for Change is really a portrait. As each one questions who he or she is, the artists use their personal experiences to give us a more universal understanding.

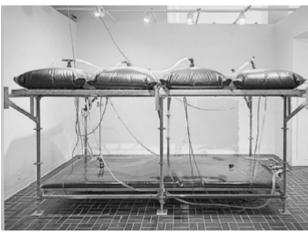
The Jill Pangallo and Buster Graybill pairing becomes a nice fulcrum. Where Pangallo uses herself in a colorful, inviting, commercial representation, Graybill is absent in a cold, industrial, threatening presentation. Pangallo uses her person, while Graybill uses only the scale of a person. As a performance, Pangallo's work depends on the surrounding props to substitute for the absence of the action. Witnessing the mime on opening night was an engrossing experience as the artist, made

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Some things in the city have changed, and some things have stayed the same in the three years since the last "New Art in Austin" exhibition, but have the artists in the 2008 edition picked up on either?





Top to bottom: Sarah Sudhoff, Exam 2, 2006; Yoon Cho, Haircut (still), 2007; Meggie Chou, Incubation Machine No. 3.1, 2008



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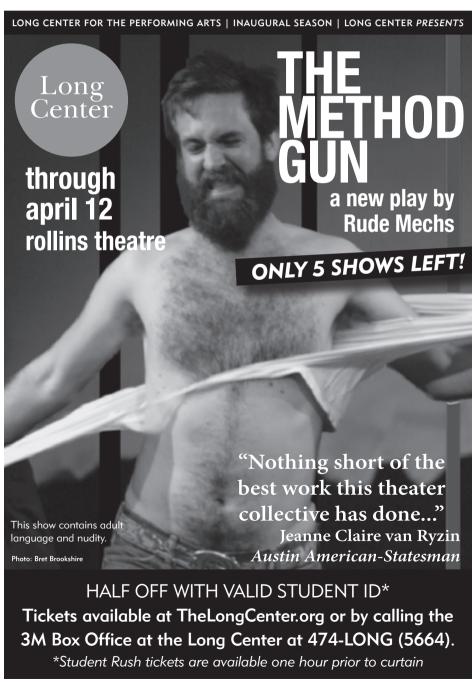


plastic with make-up, stood in a face-off against Graybill's looming inner tubes. The simplicity of Come Along Johnny betrays its effect and presence. Standing between the two was a test of your nerves. Either direction you faced, you could feel the presence of the other on the back of your neck.

Those who don't use their faces at least use themselves as people in relation to their work. Graybill's sculpture is best activated when you stand in close proximity. Meggie Chou's hulking contraption dominates the room and is mechanical like Come Along Johnny. Even though industrial, its relationship is organic as it mimics a circulating cardiovascular system. The cut-paper works of Xochi Solis also look cardiovascular. No one calls them self-portraits, but the titles sound like snippets from a diary. As the Museum of Natural and Artificial Ephemerata, Jen Hirt and Scott Webel borrow four works from AMOA's permanent collection and pair them with displays of their own creation. Julie Speed's medicine cabinet and Willie Nelson's hair sample both use personal effects for added effect to AMOA's works. One of the most powerful effects comes from one of the humblest works. Kurt Mueller provides the intimidation of Graybill's Come Along Johnny compounded by history, race, and politics. Squeezed into a corner between the exit and the Family Lab stands a lone microphone. Speakers and a teleprompter nudge you to stand behind it and sing your heart out to the scrolling text. Almost nobody does. Mueller provides the text for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech, and somehow that renders voices mute. Your mind races and asks: "Am I allowed to say that? Do I have the confidence to perform? Will I be able to tackle the history of whom and what is being read?"

Artist Teresa Hubbard of the 2002 "New Art in Austin," concerned with the marketability of the 2005 group, questioned the local support system

Raymond Uhlir, I was chased to my room where I stacked furniture to save my life., 2007



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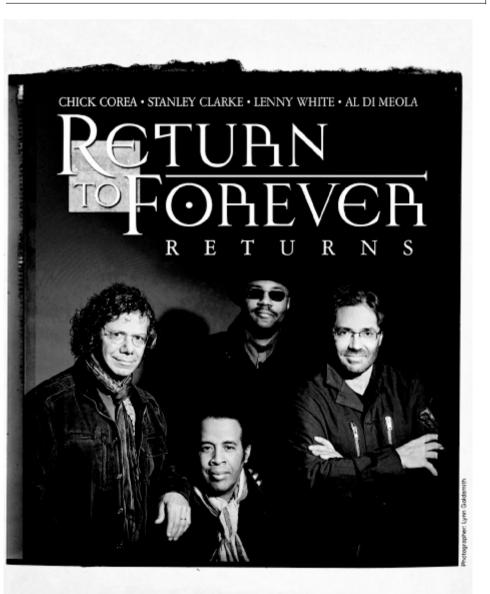
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during AMOA's Self-Portrait symposium three years ago. In 2008, the artists are exhibiting more saleable works in comparison to the large-scale installations that dominated the previous show. Paintings and works on paper are plentiful, as they were in AMOA's "New American Talent: 22" and Mexic-Arte's "Young Latino Artists 12" this past year. Does this suggest a conscious consideration of investment and return on capital? Or is it another example of these artists beginning their studio practice on the basis of "I"? Granted that paintings can and usually do come about in series, but when a large piece is offset by a group of small paintings, you can't help but think of the economics of art-making and -buying. Someone once told me, "You make the large stuff so you can sell the small stuff." With the boom in arts activity, there are bound to be buyers willing to acquire local art, right? But maybe the lack of space forces artists to create intimate-sized works.

"New Art in Austin" paints a new picture of Austin. Instead of a beckoning into the future with idealized outlines and ambitious proposals, the 2008 edition is one on the verge of a newer civilization in which individuals bear the responsibility of guiding us through these changes. They break down our collective aspirations into warmer, more intimate conversations. They are like case studies. The artists become mindful of greater topics by questioning their relationships, and ours, to external forces - not always optimistic but moving ever forward. This exhibition may not be an exact representation of Austin art, but this is the Austin others will see. This is how Abilene, Houston, and San Antonio will understand Austin art.

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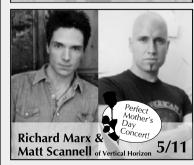




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The Science of Sleeping Together

Mary Roach has taken on ghosts and cadavers. Now she's got her eye on sex.

BY MARC SAVLOV

Mary Roach is the funniest science writer since Samuel Tissot, bar none. Who was Samuel Tissot, you ask? He was the author of Onanism; or, A Treatise Upon the Disorders Produced by Masturbation, a "slim, pernicious work of hyperbolic quackery" published in 1760, which is quoted in Roach's new book, Bonk: The Curious Coupling of Science and Sex.

Describing "the effects of self-pollution on a watchmaker referred to as L.D. [Tissot wrote]: 'A pale and watery blood often dripped from his nose, he drooled continually; subject to attacks of diarrhea, he defecated in his bed without noticing it, there was a constant flow of semen ...' Hello, yes this watch you sold me is all sticky and stuff?'

Austin Chronicle: Your books have the best titles. I imagine it's tough to distill the essence of one of your factoid-dense books into a single-syllable word.

Mary Roach: Well, talking about all three titles, with Spook it was an incredible, insane journey of probably 250 titles. I would submit a list of 30 titles, and then my editor would say, "Mary, none of these really sing for us," and then she'd come up with one like Ghost Hunters, which, of course, sounds like a cheesy Discovery Channel show. We had, let's see, Goosepimples ...

AC: Eek? Yipes!?

MR: Boo! Yeah, we had tons. Coming up with Bonk was a little more difficult. Screw was too vulgar. Shag was too British. There was a big Boink vs. Bonk discussion, not so much with me and my people at Norton but with friends and acquaintances telling me it's "boink" and not "bonk." They actually

did market research at Norton to make sure that people knew what it was about in case Bonk wasn't clear enough.

AC: "Boink" sounds like an onomatopoeia sound effect Mad magazine's Don Martin would've used. MR: Totally. When the eyeball pops out and bounces down the street before the steamroller hits it? "Boink." My editor was very

The original subtitle was Sex in the Laboratory,

which I kind of like better than The Curious Coupling of Science and Sex. It was felt, however, that a laboratory suggested something boring or, like, scientists hooking up after hours. I thought that would've actually worked pretty well.

AC: When you begin researching a new book, where do you start? I like to think of you hunched over some ancient tome of forbidden knowledge at midnight in an abandoned library, reading by the light of a single guttering candle. Or, alternately, with a crowbar, in that vast warehouse at the end of Raiders of the Lost Ark.

MR: I go to my friendly Google. Because when I start out, I start from a place of absolute and utter ignorance. In the case of Bonk, I Googled "Sex ... Research ... Institute ... Facility" and so on. I needed to find out who was out there doing interesting things with sex. In a laboratory setting. Eventually I end up in

Such is the wit and imparted wisdom of the ages that Roach trades in, to great, laugh-'til-you-gag, or vice versa, effect, in not only Bonk but also in her two previous books, Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers and Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife.

With Bonk, Roach manages to render even the squirmiest of sex-research topics (penile flensing, for example) if not palatable then at the very least excellent fodder for dinnerparty icebreakers.

Roach spoke to the Chronicle by phone prior to her upcoming appearance at the Alamo Drafthouse's the Best of Sex Ed show (sponsored by BookPeople) this Monday.

some wonderful, weird archives, but that's further along, before the massive e-mailing begins. I generally only use the Internet, though, to find out where this kind of research is being conducted. I never use it for hard data, although I sometimes use it for footnotes, as in Bonk, where I discovered the hidden history of Pyrex as a shatterproof butt plug on the Pyrex website.

AC: In Bonk, as in all your books, you've really mastered the art of making weird science marginally less weird for a lay audience - no pun intended. That's hard to do - still no pun intended.

MR: Yeah, but I love reading the scientific papers, actually, because they have that wonderful jargon, the 20-syllable words. They've got that wonderful geek quality that I depend on. For a book like Bonk, I'm hitting the [University of California-San Franciscol Medical School library endlessly. There are whole weeks of that at a time. But then a lot of

> time is spent spinning my wheels, carefully writing an e-mail that lets somebody know that I support the research that they're doing, that I'm not writing an exposé, that I'm not out to pull their funding, you know? I'm just trying to write this letter that will win them over and allow me entrance into their world. And then half of those bounce back, or it's an old e-mail address, or they just don't want to have to deal with me. So there's a lot of

wasted time when I'm working on the research portion of a book. I'm not very efficient.

AC: How many people turned you down flat for Bonk?

MR: You know, the sex researchers surprised me, because they are people who have every reason to say no, but nobody did. **AC**: No one? That is surprising.

MR: Initially the Kinsey Institute just didn't respond. And then they responded very curtly. But then when I called, the woman was very nice. As it turned out, they're not doing anything physiological these days; they're doing mostly survey work. But nobody said "No" outright. People said, "Well, you can't watch, because the subjects review committee won't allow it, but you can be a subject yourself." So there was usually a way around it. I got a lot more nos with Stiff, particu-

her new book, Bonk: The Curious Coupling of Science and Sex. larly in England. People are very uncomfortable with cadaver research in Europe. In two or three countries, I got no replies. Then again, maybe I didn't have the right address. AC: Not many nonfiction writers can wield surplus data like you

Mary Roach will be at the Alamo

Ritz on Monday night to discuss

can, via your insanely entertaining and informative footnotes. I might go so far as to say you have a footnote fetish.

MR: I know, I know. I may have overdone it this time. I counted, and there were 116 in Bonk and only 43 in Stiff. But people always tell me my footnotes are the best part, and so I figure that since the footnotes are only 8 percent of the book, I better give people more.

AC: What's the most surprising piece of information you uncovered during your research for Bonk? What was the one thing that really blew your mind?

MR: Oh, God, there were so many. I'll give you three: Women have nocturnal clitoral erections. Who knew? I didn't know that, and it's pretty amazing. Another amazing thing: Some men can have multiple orgasms. Another thing I didn't know. And then on a less explicit level, what I found surprising was just the number of really basic questions about human sexuality that remain unanswered, such as whether orgasm plays a part in upping your chances of conceiving. Tons of debate have gone into that question, and it's still not a closed-book case. There's a lot we still don't know. That's what's really surprising.

Mary Roach will appear at the Best of Sex Ed show at the Alamo Ritz (320 E. Sixth) on Monday, April 14, at 7pm. The show also includes host Owen Egerton's favorite archival sex-education films. For more information or to purchase tickets,

"There was a big Boink vs. Bonk discussion." - Mary Roach



THE STORY OF FORGETTING: A NOVEL

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and Abel's families. There is also the slow unfurling of a myth passed down, like the mutated gene, between generations: a myth about a Vonnegut-ian land called Isidora, a utopia where no one speaks nor retains any memories. ("In a single, busy day, an Isidoran woman might fall in love with fifteen Isidoran men or - if chance will have it - the same Isidoran man, fifteen times.") There are some excruciating passages detailing the slow, many deaths of the Alzheimer's patient (death of memory,

death of motor function, and on and on), but Block's book isn't a relentless bummer. It's too funny, too inventive, too tender and finely written to be reduced to its tragic engine. And while The Story of Forgetting may be about the slow erosion of memory, it's also a monument to memory, to how, long after the objects of our affection forget us, they still live on for us in heartrending, near-tactile detail. - Kimberley Jones

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I lived a number of years in Houston over the course of my life but definitely not the Houston I've spent time in over the last few years. Friday, I entered the gaping maw of Houston High Society - a fascinating mix of nouveau and old-veau - to attend the Houston Grand Opera Imperial Ball. My friends Doug and Jennifer Bosch, owners of the swank Inn at Dos Brisas near Chappell Hill. Texas, had invited me to be at their table for the event, and I jumped at the chance. Of course, I'd be nothing without a photographer following me, so I arranged for my paparazzo, Seabrook, to accompany me. He was shacked up at the residences at the Four Seasons, which truly is the hub of transient luxury in Houston, but I stayed at my hosts' swank River Oaks spread. The dress code for the event was "International White Tie," which meant white tie, white vest, white shirt, black tailcoat, and trousers. But the addition of the word "international" meant that you could also wear the formal wear of your native country. Hmmm, What on earth to wear? Naturally, I couldn't abide some preset dress code, but did I have something grand enough for the occasion? I considered all the glittery **Versace**s, brocade vests, and formal jackets in my closet and wasn't pleased with any of the ensembles I tried. Then I remembered something I'd heard about people actually renting clothes for an evening. Rented clothes? Hmmm. How did I feel about that? Well, I do a lot of shopping for vintage on eBay, so could that be so different? Clearly not, since Al's Formal Wear on Guadalupe and 29th had great service and a kickass white duster coat and pants by **Ecko**, that I restyled into a dandyish riverboat gambler look by wearing black cowboy boots, a black silk shirt, a black jewel at my throat, a large white fan with black Chinese lettering on it, and all the jewelry I could carry. But the coup de grace of the outfit was the pair of Roberto Cavalli sunglasses that Jennifer gave me – huge, dark lenses adorned with jeweled black and silver snakes. They are the sunglasses to end all sunglasses, and suddenly, all doubts about my outfit melted away. Dear friend and former Austinite Mark Sullivan, who

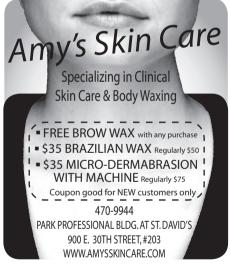
has just left Houston's **Studio Communications** and formed his own On the Mark Communications, was my escort for the evening (he did have the proper attire, of course). Along with our hosts and two other couples, we embarked on the limousine ride from hell. Upon entering the car, the driver was given specific instructions to enter the Wortham Center on the Texas Avenue side. But upon seeing the line of limos debarking Houston's royalty, the driver unilaterally made the decision to drop us at the back entrance to the **Imperial Ball**. Excuse me? Back entrance? Sorry, Rudy, but the point is to be in that line of limos. Rudy then compounded his error by trying to turn around on the Allen Parkway, which meant that we practically had to drive back to River Oaks. But we made our grand entrances at last, and grand they were, with trumpeters in knee breeches, a grand procession, and pretense galore. The lovely **Dr. Carolyn Farb** and her date were at our table - a primo position at the corner of the dance floor, and Mark was sitting next to me. Directly across the dance floor sat Mark's partner, **Ceron** (the hairdresser in Houston), with his escort, Diane Lokey Farb - the other Mrs. Farb. Ah, the complexities of polite society... Dinner was abysmal: They served potpie, and you could practically see the empty Swanson boxes stacked up in the kitchen. The entertainment was interesting and brief, and the afterparty was dreadful except for the desserts. We had a great time nonetheless: sometimes dire circumstances bring out the best in everyone. Not to mention the fact that Houstonians came out of the woodwork to find out who I was. My favorite moment was when the general manager of Saks Fifth Avenue in Houston sent an emissary to fetch me to their table and explain exactly who I was. I loved that, and they loved me. By the end of the night, I'd shaken so many hands, my paw began to swell up, but a late-night party that included the divine chef Robert del Grande of Cafe Annie and his incredible wife, Mimi, ended the evening sublimely. Sunday, we moved on to the Inn at Dos Brisas (www.dosbrisas.com), but we'll tell you about that another time.





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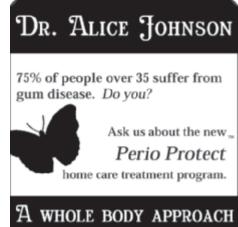


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It's time for the 23rd annual Texas Hill Country Wine & Food Festival! This year's events take place April 10-13 in various venues in and around Austin, culminating with the always popular Sunday Fair. This favorite family-friendly outdoor party will be staged again on the beautiful grounds of San Gabriel Park in Georgetown, rain or shine. Fairgoers will have the opportunity to sample Texas artisan food products, produce from local growers, and signature dishes from participating restaurants, as well as wines from Texas and those from wineries visiting from around the world. There will also be two tents for cooking demonstrations and wine talks, as well as live music featuring Nakia & His Southern Cousins, the Marshall Ford Swing Band, and local fave Carolyn Wonderland. Children's activities throughout the park will keep the little ones happy, too.

This year's new Eat+Drink+Local tent will feature cooking demos from Texas chefs Jeff Blank of Hudson's on the Bend, Paul Petersen of the Gage Hotel in Marathon, and Justin Raiford of 34th Street Cafe. These will be interspersed with interesting wine talks from Stephan Hockey, who will be discussing terroir as expressed in the wines from Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant. and winemaker Jim Johnson from the acclaimed Alamosa Wine Cellars in Lampasas. The wines will be paired with Petersen's spectacular fare. The Cookin' & Cuttin' Up tent features two wine discussions: Organic Practices and Sustainability in the Vineyard, led by Jim Collins of Frei Brothers Reserve and Tommy Oldre of Tablas Creek, and Raised in Texas: Growing **Grapes and Making Wine.** led by Twin Liquors' David Jabour and featuring Texas winemakers Kim McPherson of McPherson Cellars and Mark Penna of Mandola Estate Winery, among others. Georgetown chef Lin Hayashi of Hayashi Sushi & Grill, chef Brian Gibson of Cimarron Hills country club, and celebrity chef Bob Waggoner of the Charleston Grill in Charleston, S.C., will present enticing cooking demos using local ingredients.

- Claudia Alarcón



Bob Waggoner of the Charleston Grill

Tickets are \$50 per person, Children 12 and under are admitted free. For tickets, special packages, and a full schedule of events, see www.texaswineandfood.org or call 685-8428.



THE RETURN OF KATE MACMURRAY

Texas Hill Country Wine & Food Festival-goers fell in love with Kate MacMurray two years ago, when she presented her father Fred's film Double Indemnity along with her MacMurray Ranch Pinot Noir in an event at the Alamo Drafthouse called Film Noir and Pinot Noir. The following year, the crowd overflowed into a larger theatre as she presented her father in The Apartment.

Completing the trifecta of the only movies where Fred MacMurray played a cad, Ms. MacMurray will be back this year with The Caine Mutiny. As always, Kate will provide context along with crowd-pleasing remembrances.

The Caine Mutiny was nominated for seven Oscars, including Best Picture, and was based on the bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Herman Wouk. Fred MacMurray made the movie during an especially poignant time in his life. Filming started June 3, 1953, and continued through the end of August; 17 days after it began shooting, his beloved wife, Lillian Lamont, died after a protracted illness. They had just finished celebrat-.....

ing their 17th anniversary. Even showing up for work was some kind of miracle, yet MacMurray turns in the most perfectly nuanced performance of his career.

Of course, the quality of the wine and food will be a match for the film. We'll have several of MacMurray Ranch's best wines, paired precisely with a five-course meal from guest chefs Aimee Olson (the Texas Culinary Academy's head of pastry), Robert Brady (of the excellent Ventana restaurant at Texas Culinary Academy), and Lawrence Kocurek (chef at Roy's), as well as the Alamo's Trish Eichelberger and John Bullington. After the film, I'll moderate a Q&A session with Kate. During her last two Q&As, we heard a number of tasty Hollywood tidbits. Be sure to ask her about how John Wayne figures into MacMurray's life during the time between Lamont's death and MacMurray's marriage to Kate's mother, June Haver. - Wes Marshall

The event takes place Thursday, April 10, at 7pm, at the Alamo Drafthouse at the Ritz, 320 E. Sixth. Tickets are \$65. For last-minute tickets, call 685-8428.

EVENT MENU, APRIL 11-13

Celebrate springtime at the annual Poteet Strawberry Festival (www.strawberryfestival.com) in the farming community on Texas Highway 16, south of San Antonio. Look for strawberry cakes, pies, shortcakes, ice cream, jam, and lemonade, along with food booths, live music, kids' activities, and plenty of fun. Keep an eye out for the Kansas City Barbecue **Society Great American BBQ**

Tour bus that is making stops at 23 fairs and food festivals from coast to coast this spring. They will offer free barbecue demonstrations and cooking tips plus free samples and recipes galore! Friday-Sunday, April 11-13.

► Enjoy wine, food, and opera with a romantic Italian twist when Torre di Pietra (www.texashillcoun trywine.com) throws a benefit party

for the San Antonio Opera. Dinner will be prepared by Romano's Macaroni Grill, and entertainment will be provided by **Beatriz Aguilar** y Espana Viva Flamenco and tenors William Chapman, Donald Braswell, and Tim Birt from the San Antonio Opera. \$100 per person. Make necessary reservations by calling 830/644-2829. Saturday, April 12; entertainment and wine begin at 5:30pm.

Congratulate the Mays family of Sam's BBQ (2000 E. 12th, 478-0378) on 30 smokin' years of barbecue success at their 30th anniversary party this weekend. They'll be smoking the meats and providing live music - fans can bring their own beer to the party. Saturday, April 12, 1pm until the party is over. - V.B.W.



FOOD-O-FILE

BY VIRGINIA B. WOOD

Spring is here, and new menus are popping up all over town. If you get there before the withering heat returns, the folks at Eastside Cafe (2113 Manor Rd., 476-5858) will be glad to make you an Edible Flower Salad (\$12.95) with romaine lettuce, rainbow chard, beet greens, pansies, snapdragons, dianthus, and grilled gulf shrimp in a lemon-tarragon vinaigrette... If you've made the commitment to eat local (or at the very least, regional), Kerbev Lane Cafes (four locations around town) have the perfect meals for you. Their new spring menu boasts a bounty of fresh vegetables from Oak Hill Farms, various Texas artisan cheeses. grass-fed meats from Loncito's Lamb and Richardson's Farm, plus some tasty new vegan and gluten-free creations... Java Jive on Fifth (Fifth and Neches in the Hilton Austin) has added a line of delectable adult milkshakes, coffee drinks, and ice cream scoops with the spirited addition of your favorite brandy or liqueur for cool, sophisticated treats... All kinds of things are changing Downtown just now. Austin American-Statesman Food Editor Kitty Crider retired at the end of March after 28 years of service to the local daily. She will continue to contribute to the paper as a freelancer from time to time, according to her farewell section... Talented young Executive Chef Josh Watkins has resigned from the Driskill Grill to become the chef/partner in a new eatery projected to open later this year on the street level of the Austin 360 tower (Third and Neches)... Cheese-monger and caterer Ike Johnson is no longer at Grape Vine Market and is busy developing a business venture of his own... After 24 years in the lower level of the JP Morgan Chase Tower (221 W. Sixth), Apple Annies Cafe closes today and will relocate to a much larger space at 319 Congress in September. "We'll have 40 feet of window frontage on the avenue, and the new location will enable us to expand our seating, to offer dinner, and to be open every day. We're also planning a gourmet-to-go prepared-food section and a meal delivery service to the lofts, condos, and hotels Downtown," said Apple Annies' founder Love Nance last week. While renovations on the new space are being completed, Apple Annies' busy wholesale bakery, catering department, and online ordering for free Downtown meal delivery $(472 \hbox{-} 1884, \hbox{\it www.appleanniescatering.com}) \ \hbox{will}$ continue without interruption. "We'll continue to serve our Downtown customers and look forward to making new friends when we open the bigger and better location on Congress in the fall," promises Nance... Look for the newest outlet in Carlos Rivero's stable of successful restaurants to debut any day now in Northwest Hills. The second El Chile Cafe & Cantina (3435 Greystone) is set to open in the former Mesa Hills Cafe location, bringing good Mexican food, margaritas, and spicy micheladas to the neighborhood. And it shouldn't be too long before Rivero's hip and happening El Chilito (2219 Manor Rd., 382-3797) taqueria concept becomes a franchise operation with outlets in other Texas cities. austinchronicle.com | APRIL 11, 2008 | THE AUSTIN CHRONICLE | 53

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Sisters Are Doing It for Themselves ... and Austin, Too!

BY VIRGINIA B. WOOD

This week, the Texas Hill Country Wine & Food Festival showcases the best culinary and viticulture offerings of this region plus the talents of visiting celebrity chefs and vintners from around the world. Members of the Austin chapter of the culinary service organization Les Dames d'Escoffier International (see "A Brief History," p.55) are involved in every aspect of the festival. For example, the popular annual event was founded by Fall Creek Vineyards co-owner Susan Auler, matriarch of the modern Texas wine industry, who joined Les Dames in Dallas in the early 1980s and is now also affiliated with the local chapter. Local restaurant publicist Paula Biehler handles public relations for the event. caterer Quincy Adams Erickson is a former longtime board member, and former festival director Dawn Orsak stayed on this season as a part-time office employee. Chefs Terry Wilson (Aquarelle), Alma Alcocer-Thomas (Jeffrey's), and Aimee Olson (Texas Culinary Academy) are cooking for various components of the fest, and winery coowners Karen Johnson (Alamosa Wine Cellars) and Kathy Gilstrap (Texas Hills Vineyard) are pouring their wines. Austin caterers and cooking teachers Beth Pav and Gina Burchenal are escort-

ing VIP chefs and will coordinate and stagemanage cooking demonstrations at the Sunday Fair. It stands to reason that an organization dedicated to culinary service would be involved with such a glamorous and upscale event as the annual Hill Country celebration. But the festival is only one of many community events where the busy and talented women of Les Dames are lending a hand.

The fast-growing Austin chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier was founded in October 2003 by Joan Wood and Johanna Brown, chapter members from San Antonio who

had relocated to Austin. The two founders recruited a diverse but close-knit group of women that includes restaurant and private chefs, caterers, public-relations women, restaurateurs, recipe developers, artisan food producers, food and wine writers, cookbook authors, chef instructors, and winery owners. Since the beginning, this modern culinary sorority has taken on personal and community projects with equal gusto and dedication. "It's a remarkable sisterhood," Brown said over pizza at Stortini recently. "The networking makes it possible for

us to connect with members in other chapters, support each other's projects, and recommend each other for jobs - that kind of thing. We're all really busy with careers and family, but Les Dames is so important to us, somehow we manage to make time to be involved." The value of networking opportunities can't be underestimated. "Years ago when we first started promoting Fall Creek wines in New York City, it helped that instead of just making cold calls. I was able to contact Les Dames members there who were active in the food press. Carol Brock was very helpful," recalls Susan Auler. Central Market foodie Jane King corre-

sponded with Les Dames members in Australia via e-mail before a vacation Down Under and found their help to be invaluable. "They made sure we knew all about the big Tasting Australia event in Adelaide, showed us around, really made us feel right at home." Networking among

local members delivers positive results, as well.

In fact, the story of Les Dames' involvement with a local meal program for the homeless seems to reinforce the truth to the old adage, "If you want something done, ask a busy woman." Personal chef Pamela Nevarez explains: "We were discussing possible service projects for the group at one of the early board meetings, and I told them about a pamphlet I'd seen about Food Runners, a very successful San Francisco program that distributes excess food from grocery stores, restaurants, hotels, and caterers to programs that

feed the homeless. I was hoping we could do something like that here." That's where Whole Foods Market public-relations team member Cathy Cochran-Lewis came into the picture. Every weekday at Whole Foods, perfectly edible but day-old baked goods and cosmetically unsalable produce are culled from the shelves and picked up by local agencies that feed the homeless. "I noticed that on the weekends, most of the culled food was going into the compost simply because there was no one to transport it to an agency that could use it," recalls



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> Cochran-Lewis. "Pamela and I discussed it. and the more we talked about it, the more we realized we can do this; we can make something happen!" Every Saturday morning since then, rain or shine, two Les Dames members show up at the loading dock of the Whole Foods flagship store at 7:30am to pick up the culled produce and baked goods. One woman makes a delivery to the Caritas kitchen Downtown, and another heads to the campusarea University United Methodist Church.

> The Saturday Outreach Homeless Meal was a well-established UUMC program operated by church volunteers long before Les Dames became involved. Between 80 and 120 people a week were served a menu that usually consisted of peanut-butter-and-jelly or lunch-meat sandwiches on white bread plus a banana. The breads, pastries, fresh fruit, and vegetables Les Dames provided from Whole Foods enhanced the menu and freed up budget funds to purchase better food. Before long, Saturday Outreach volunteers were offering pastries and coffee to the folks waiting in line in the alley, followed by a hot meal complemented by fresh fruit. "This program might have gone under due to budget cuts if Les Dames hadn't come along when they did. Because of them, we can serve better food to as many as 180 people every week. The value of their effort cannot be stressed enough," says regular UUMC volunteer Pam Klinger. Saturday Outreach also serves Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to the homeless, and the entire Les Dames chapter has embraced those meals, as well. The church provides hams and turkeys. Les Dames members and their families complete the meal with side dishes, breads, desserts, and personal service. "My granddaughter and her friends served desserts at Thanksgiving and can't wait to do it again in the fall," reports Auler. The diners are very appreciative of the exceptional food and

warm fellowship. Many Les Dames members relate stories similar to Auler's that reveal making a difference at Saturday Outreach is a soulsatisfying experience for all involved.

In keeping with the international organization's Green Tables initiative, Austin Les Dames are participating in projects that help create a connection between the farm and the table. Several members will be involved with the Sustainable Food Center's Farm to Plate event at the Triangle in May. The chapter also invests time, energy, and grant money in the Horticulture and Food Safety class at Garza Independence High School in East Austin Garza instructor Martha Cason explains that the multidisciplinary class uses gardening to teach not only horticulture but also nutrition, cooking, marketing, and entrepreneurship This year, Les Dames awarded the Garza class a \$2,500 grant to cover the cost of building more raised beds so they could increase both the amount of herbs they sell at the weekly Austin Farmers' Market at the Triangle and the amount of vegetables they deliver to the school cafeteria. Members also purchased tabletop propane burners and cookware for the classroom so students could learn how to cook the harvest from their garden. Les Dames members have been known to help out in the garden, and they also show up once a month to provide cooking instruction or talks on nutrition. "The Les Dames volunteers provide connectivity; they help us complete the circle from planting and nurturing the garden, to harvesting the crops, right through to selling or cooking them. They talk about possible culinary careers, demonstrate how people can give back to the community while modeling positive, supportive adult behavior, something our students really appreciate," says Cason. In addition to projects like Saturday

Outreach and the Garza program, Les Dames

hold an annual fall benefit on the campus of the Texas Culinary Academy to raise scholarship funds. Current female students in the culinary programs at Austin Community College, the Culinary Academy of Austin, and the Texas Culinary Academy can pick up applications for Les Dames scholarships at their respective campuses. Prospective scholarship candidates must be enrolled in a certificate or associate-degree program in culinary arts, baking and pastry, or hospitality and restaurant management. They must have completed at least 20 hours and maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The Les Dames scholarship committee reviews applications and makes recommendations to the board of directors who finalize the awards. The Austin chapter awards four culinary scholarships a year, each in the amount of \$1,000. Applications for consideration for this year's scholarships must be postmarked by

When they aren't raising scholarship money, helping stage upscale events, or volunteering in the community. Les Dames members also find the time to celebrate one another's milestones and provide thoughtful care in difficult times. The chapter gathered late last month at III Forks to fete Austin American-Statesman Food Editor Kitty Crider, a Les Dames member who retired after 28 years of service at the local daily. We're told a grand time was had by all. When local cookbook author and Southwestern herb expert Lucinda Hutson was recovering from hip-replacement surgery two years ago, her Les Dames sisters kept meals coming to the house for several weeks until she was back on her feet. Whether members have experienced a death in the family, are recovering from major surgery, or are battling cancer, the Les Dames sisterhood is there with an outpouring of comfort, support, and great food. Busy women, indeed.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LES DAMES D'ESCOFFIER INTERNATIONAL

"LDEI is an international organization of women leaders who create a supportive culture in their communities to achieve excellence in the food, beverage and hospitality professions. To do this LDEI members: share knowledge, support members, [and] provide leadership, educational opportunities and philanthropic events for the larger community."

- Les Dames d'Escoffier website (www.ldei.org) So, what does a dynamic international organization of women food professionals have to do with a 19th century French chef? Therein lies a tale ... Auguste Escoffier (1846-1935) was one of the

first international stars of modern cooking.

Apprenticed in a kitchen in Nice at 13 and consumed with ambition to become the best, he moved steadily upward in his assigned trade to become "the chef of kings, and the king of chefs." Escoffier worked in partnership with hotelier César Ritz, and his illustrious culinary career included revising the previous chaotic system into the efficient kitchen brigade that remains in place today. He developed and documented thousands of recipes

for Le Guide Culinaire (1903, the bible for professional cooks) and Ma Cuisine (1934, for home cooks). His clientele included heads of state and popular cultural figures such as England's Edward VII, Kaiser Wilhelm II, and Sarah Bernhardt. Less well-known were his concerns for kitchen employees' welfare and his lifelong humanist activities.

In 1936, a group of epicures, many of them protégés of Escoffier, gathered in New York to form Les Amis d'Escoffier Society, a fraternity of dedicated (male only) gastronomes, composed of chefs, hotel executives, and restaurateurs. In 1959, a women's adjunct, Les Dames des Amis d'Escoffier, began in Boston - it was known for spectacular dinners and fundraising events to

benefit food and wine charities. There was, however, no organization for professional women in the industry.

In the early 1970s, Carol Brock, a food writer and editor at the New York Daily News, received a charter for a new, autonomous "ladies' chapter" for professional women only. In 1973, 50 women culinarians created Les Dames d'Escoffier New York, dedicated to raising the image and presence of women in food, wine, and hospitality and to helping women train and qualify as equals to men in the industry. Four additional chapters were formed: Washington, D.C. (1981); Chicago

(1982); and Dallas and Philadelphia (1984). Over the years, LDEI's reputation has expanded along with its size

and scope. Now, with more than 1,200 members,

there are 25 chapters in the U.S., Canada, and Australia (including Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, and Austin). Membership is by invitation, and half of each chapter's annual dues goes to the national organization. Each chapter conducts fundraising projects and awards scholarships that amount collectively to more than \$2 million.

Many scholarship recipients have gone on to illustrious careers, including Amanda Hesser of The New York Times and Sara Moulton of the Food Network. During the past two years, LDEI has launched the Green Tables initiative, where each chapter collaborates with a garden or farm-to-table project in their community.

"Les Dames d'Escoffier is a leadership culinary organization composed of women who have not only achieved success in their profession, but who contribute significantly to their communities. ... [It] has followed its mission to elevate the profession through mentoring members and helping worthy students succeed in their culinary careers. I am very proud to be a member." - Julia Child (2001)- MM Pack



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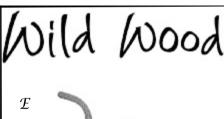


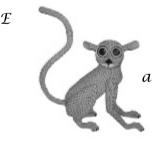
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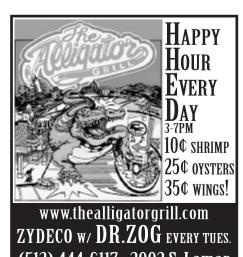
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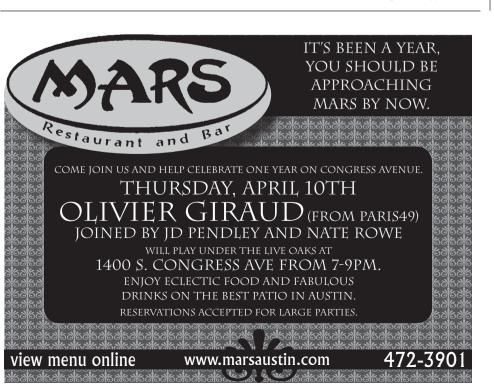
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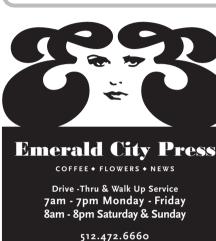
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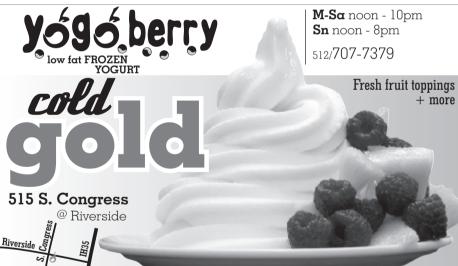


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60 CINE LAS AMERICAS

Sparkle and Shine 'Valley of the Dolls,' still cautionary after all these years

BY STEPHEN MACMILLAN MOSER

"They say I'm difficult. They say I'm drunk even when I'm not. Sure, I take dolls – I've got to get some sleep. I've got to get up at 5 o'clock in the morning and 'Sparkle, Neely, sparkle!"

- Valley of the Dolls

God, she got that right. Can't you identify with it? The line is a camp classic, among so many camp classics in Valley of the Dolls. It's an old story by now, and it was at the time, too. But it's never been shown like this, before or since. You know the drill - three young women from different backgrounds go to the big city and find fame and fortune, some more successfully than others.

Neely (Patty Duke in her first adult role) is a charming young firecracker who, ahem, "sings like a bird," dances and acts, and becomes a big stage and screen star despite a penchant for pills and booze and an ongoing feud with a Broadway gorgon named Helen Lawson (played by Susan Hayward). Helen memorably tells her: "They drummed you out of Hollywood, so you come crawling back to Broadway. But Broadway doesn't go for booze and dope. Now get out of my way; I've got a man waiting for me." This leads to one of the most fabulous scenes in any camp classic, but if you don't already know what happens, then you'll just have to see it to believe it.

Anne Welles (Barbra Parkins, who got top billing) is a sweet girl from Massachusetts who becomes a secretary for an entertainment lawyer whose clients include Neely and Helen. But she is spotted by a cosmetics guru and soon becomes a top model ... before her own little bout with pills and a tumultuous affair with her boss.

Jennifer North (Sharon Tate in her first and last major role) is a naive and beautiful – but talent-free - bosomy blonde. She marries the singing sensation of the moment, but he has a secret illness that destroys him and ultimately her. She eventually makes cheesy French porn, knowing that her body is her best asset. But her body betrays her, and she checks out via pills. I mean, dolls.

Perhaps the biggest joke is the statement at the beginning of the movie, which says, "The producers wish to state that any similarity between any persons, living or dead, and the characters portrayed in the film you are about to see is purely coincidental and not intended." What a crock! The characters are clearly drawn from real life: The "fictional" Neely O'Hara was a dead ringer for Judy Garland, Jennifer North for Marilyn Monroe, and Helen Lawson for Ethel Merman. Authoress Jacqueline Susann was rumored to have had a torrid affair with Merman – I'm so sorry about the visuals that creates - but Susann clearly had an axe to grind with Merman and grinds it to razorlike sharpness with the



Valley of the Dolls: A Salute to Stephen

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ing, and dancing at the show, followed

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ing, visit www.originalalamo.com.

character Helen Lawson. Oddly enough, Judy Garland had been originally hired to play Helen Lawson, but after a falling out (Judy had so many of those), she quit the production and stole the wardrobe that had been designed for her, wearing it for many public appearances. Susan Hayward was then memorably cast in the role, but if Judy had stayed, the camp factor would have gone over the moon.

Then there's that wretched poem at the beginning - "You've got to climb to the top of Mount Everest to reach the Valley of the Dolls." Whatever! And the term "dolls" to describe pills was apparently used only

by Miss Susann, since most people were clueless about exactly what or where the Valley of the Dolls was. ("Dolls the instant turn-on ... for instant love. Instant excitement. And ultimate hell.") It was rated "M" for mature audiences, so I know I

didn't see it when it first came out in 1967 – I was only 9 years old - but I saw it as fast as I could, and it changed my life forever.

It was the first time I heard homophobic terms in a movie. Lines like, "Only in Hollywood do women faint because some queer deigns to design their clothes." Or Jennifer North saying, "You know how bitchy fags can be." And Neely O'Hara telling her husband (Martin Milner), "Ted Casablanca is not a fag ... and I'm the dame who can prove it." Mainly, I was struck because it was the first time (but not the last, obviously) that I heard the word "fag." Homophobia has always been the curious element in Hollywood. Who exactly do they think designs all those gowns, hairstyles, makeup, musical numbers, and sets?

There are two montages in the film loaded with Sixties special effects - one of Neely's rise to stardom and another of Anne Welles' modeling career as the Gillian Girl, which displays faaabulous hair and make-up. In fact, the hair and make-up throughout the entire movie bears close inspection. Lots of fake hair, massive teasing, and an ocean of hair spray make it all work with the heavy eyeliner, false lashes, and spackled foundation. The entire women's wardrobe for the movie is very fun: Jennifer's metallic striped minidress and matching coat, the exquisite

> Sixties couture detailing of Anne's clothes. Neely's clothes, however, are a nightmare. The sweater-and-skirt ensemble that she wears to perform on the telethon is execrable, but definitely keep your eyes on the beads she's wearing during the scene at

all times. They provide an unintentionally funny moment, as does the scene in which she visits Anne at her house and flops down on the sofa - the bow on her shoes pops off across the room.

The special-edition DVD of Valley of the Dolls is what all special editions should be hours of backstory, auditions, a documentary on the debut of the film, a lengthy tribute to Jacqueline Susann, and karaoke for the songs in the movie in which the words are highlighted by bouncing pills.

Anne took the green pills. Neely took the red pills. Jennifer took the blue pills. You can choose your own color so you can sparkle, too.

FILM NEWS

BY JOE O'CONNELL

BRAD PITT AND JENNIFER ANISTON IN A TEXAS 'TREE'

While Brad Pitt is busy filming Terrence Malick's Tree of Life in Smithville and his current mate, Angelina Jolie, and he spend downtime in a 300-acre ranch they are said to have purchased near there, his former paparazzidodging partner Jennifer Aniston is also eyeing Texas. According to Variety, her production company, Echo Films, has The Alamo director John Lee Hancock giving a rewrite to The Goree Girls, an adaptation of a Texas Monthly article by Skip Hollandsworth about a falsely convicted Texas inmate who, back in the Forties, gets the other gals in the prison to form a country & western band. Aniston hopes to star... Back in Smithville, Malick has apparently found the young boy he has been looking for for almost two years as part of casting calls crisscrossing the state for an until recently hush-hush "Hollywood family film." A Wichita Falls Times Record News article says it's a boy from that area, whose family has been required to sign a confidentiality agreement, of course.

TEXAS TV LIVES AND DIES AFTER STRIKE

As we told you last time, Friday Night Lights is back on the NBC schedule for a third year under a deal that has satellite provider **DirecTV** in the mix. What we didn't tell you is it's for only 13 episodes, and DirecTV gets them all first, beginning Oct. 1, on its channel the 101. The show won't air on NBC until 2009. Will we see lots of bootlegs flying around the Web in the intervening months? Expect filming in Austin to commence this summer... Meanwhile, count HBO's Dallas-set (and partially filmed) 12 Miles of Bad Road as an official casualty of the Writers Guild strike. Even with episodes in the can at a reported cost of \$25 million, HBO has nixed the series from Linda Bloodworth-Thomason and Harry Thomason

(Designing Women). The pair sent out copies of the episodes to critics (hey, where's mine?) in an effort to revive the show, which stars Lily Tomlin as a Dallas real estate agent. HBO execs apparently had post-strike second thoughts about a show set in Texas. Oh, and still no word if the Austin-set and titled CW medical show pilot Austin Golden Hour will actually shoot here.

AND THE REST ...

Missed the premiere of Jacob Vaughan and Bryan Poyser's The Cassidy Kids on IFC this past Sunday? You can catch it again throughout this month. The schedule is at www.bside.com/about/choiceindies... Filmmaker Kat Candler (jumping off bridges) is teaching Script to Screen and Teen Filmmaking classes starting in May at the Austin School of Film. More at www.austinfilmschool.org... Reel Women is seeking crew for the soon-to-shoot short "The Listmaker," based on Indiana Adams' winning script in the group's recent contest.

Send tips to filmnews@austinchronicle.com.

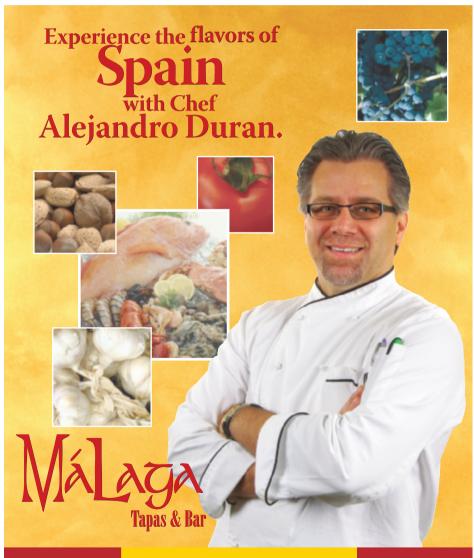








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The Audacity of Promoting **Necessary Cinema**

Cine las Americas International Film Festival

BY BELINDA ACOSTA

Looks can be deceiving. When those graphically pleasing postcards announcing the next Cine las Americas Film Festival arrive, it's easy to assume they are the product of a large, behind-the-scenes art department churning out work on demand. You'd be right about the work, at least. At this time of year, a handful of days before the launch of the festival (in its 11th year), Executive Director Eugenio del Bosque and his core five-person staff expand to include festival staff, interns, and volunteers

working around the clock, attending to the hundreds of details that must be dealt with to execute the festival.

"Our posters and artwork are a mixed blessing," says Jacqueline Rush Rivera, now in her second year as Cine las Americas' director of programming. "When people look at our posters and our website, they assume we have a lot more money than we do. That's why I encourage them to come by our office. I think that puts it all in perspective.'

Cine las Americas' Eastside offices are modest when compared to the strides the organization has made in its short existence. That they've managed to pull off an international film festival - originally four days, now nine days long - in addition to year-round programming, with a bare-bones staff, is no small feat. Still, Cine las Americas has stayed true to its mission by growing "brick by brick," as del Bosque is known to say, even if that means going against conventional wisdom. If that means opening the festival with a documentary, as in this year's Septiembres (see preview on p.64), they'll do it. They're "cool with playing stuff the critics aren't down with," Rush Rivera says, or with showcasing a body of work that is largely unheralded in the U.S., as in the retrospective of Brazilian filmmaker Nelson Pereira dos Santos (see "Papa Brasilia," p.62). It means more work, but it's worth it when you share the passion of the filmmakers you celebrate: socially engaged artists dedicated to the art of film, who are willing to challenge - out of circumstance or imaginative audacity – the idea of what is necessary to make good cinema. So it's only natural that dos Santos, who made his career bringing unseen voices and images to film, appears in this year's festival, as well as three films from an upstart Mexican production company. They, like Cine las Americas, all have one thing in common: They may have started small, but that didn't stop them from thinking big. Not Hollywood blockbuster big. Big in ideas, artistry, approach, a sense of

responsibility, and, inevitably, heart. Of the 83 films in this year's festival, three are from the "upstart shingle" Canana Films. Started in 2006 by actors Gael García Bernal, Diego Luna, and producer Pablo Cruz, Canana has been credited with creating another renaissance in Mexican cinema, one that works outside the narrow circle of filmmakers in an already-insular industry. Canana's mission is to produce films that would not be supported by major studios, as in Cochochi. Co-directed by Laura Amelia Guzmán and Israel Cárdenas, Cochochi is their first feature, and it closes out this year's festival on Thursday, April 24, 7pm, at the Alamo South Lamar.

Set in the luscious Sierra Tarahumara, Cochochi was created with and performed by local, nonprofessional actors, speaking in their native Rarámuri (with English subtitles). Sent on an errand by their grandfather, two brothers find themselves in that universal childhood quandary in which one poor choice seems to beget a litany of larger woes. Cochochi is a road-trip story told in a rarely heard voice in Mexico.

"A film like ours would have been very difficult to shoot without

Canana," the filmmakers said via e-mail. They are currently traveling with their film as it tours the festival circuit, where it has been garnering high praise, including the Diesel Discovery Award at 2007's Toronto International Film Festival. "Canana is worried, like us, to do films that not only occur in Mexico City but to show other faces of Mexico. Probably if Canana was not involved, not even Mexicans would see the forgotten places of Mexico," the filmmakers said.

"There's a really encouraging trend at the moment, with low-cost, socially minded films being funded independently. To me, Cochochi is a good example of that," Rush Rivera says. "Cine las Americas really admires [Canana's] production and distribution model." It's a model built on persistence and ignoring how things "should" be done.

An example of Canana's drive is evident in the creation of Ambulante, Canana's nonprofit arm which is dedicated to promoting docs. The traveling festival was launched as a "rock tour, but for documentaries," García Bernal explained in a 2006 interview in The Guardian. In organizing the tour, García Bernal, Luna, and Cruz found support in the Festival Internacional de Cine de Morelia and Cinépolis, the largest cinema chain in Mexico, which offered weeklong screenings in cities where documentaries had never shown before.

Other Canana films showing at Cine las Americas include directorial debuts from both García Bernal and Luna. García Bernal's Déficit (which screens on both Friday, April 18, and Monday, April 21) is a deceptively simple film about a bunch of overindulged young adults partying at their parent's country home. Beneath the mindless debauchery is a look at how class reveals itself in subtle and not so subtle ways. Luna's IC Chávez (which screens Thursday, April 17, and Sunday, April 20) profiles the Mexican boxing legend as a sports figure whose rise coincides with a particular moment in Mexican politi-

"Our audiences expect a challenge," Rush Rivera says. Like Canana and other upstarts who work against the grain, Cine las Americas has cultivated an audience for the work they want to showcase - vital work that is not experienced elsewhere. While organizing any film festival is never easy, one thing is clear when it comes to Cine las Americas and its like-minded colleagues: It's all necessary work.

The Cine las Americas Film Festival begins April 16 at the Paramount Theater and continues at various venues through April 24. For a full schedule and ticket information, see www.cinelasamericas.org.







AMERICAS

THE AMERICAN (LA AMERICANA) D: Nicholas Bruckman

Documentary Feature Competition, U.S.

Maria del Carmen Rojas is a Bolivian woman working illegally in New York City. After a bus accident left her young daughter in a wheelchair, Rojas - knowing that she would never make enough money in her home country to pay all the medical bills made the long journey to a seedy motel in Tijuana, Mexico, and then, stowed inside a car seat, crossed the border into California to begin her new life as a public enemy of the state, a criminal mastermind in the eyes of the U.S. government, though one barely scraping by vacuuming floors and washing dogs in Madison Avenue boutiques and for various Upper East Side swells. Rojas' story is probably not much different from those of the other 12 million or so men and women currently living illegally in the U.S., and La Americana director Bruckman is smart to set his heroine's story against the backdrop of the intractable political debate over immigration raging in the halls of Congress and on 24-hour cable-news shows, giving his film a sense of weight and historical importance. When you've sacrificed everything for a shot at the American dream, all politics are truly personal. - Josh Rosenblatt

Friday, April 18, 9pm, Metropolitan



BAD HABITS (MALOS HÁBITOS) D: Simón Bross; with Jimena Ayala, Elena de Haro, Marco Treviño, Aurora Cano, Elisa Vicedo New Releases, Mexico

This dark, visually lush film follows the various eating disorders enacted by a wealthy Mexico City family and the pathologies that attach themselves to food and its consumption. Matilde, a young, earnest nun, undertakes an anchoritic starvation in order to alleviate what she perceives to be a second great flood. Elena, her anorexic sister-in-law, torments her chubby daughter with various weight-loss snake-oil treatments in an attempt to achieve princesslike perfection. "No one likes fat people," she tells her only child. "Don't you want to get married and live in a beautiful house?" Malos Hábitos is not only about how women abuse themselves (and others) in service to an unrealistic ideal but also how society both contributes to and is compromised by this postmodern mortification of the body. It's hard to fathom a beautiful film about eating disorders, but Bross evokes the continued on p.62











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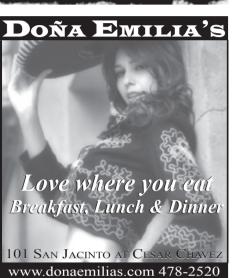


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Nelson Pereira dos Santos Retrospective

BY JOSH ROSENBLATT

It's always a dicey proposition, mixing film and politics - a tightrope act, a thin wire separating filmmakers and their stories from sentimentality and liberal romanticism on the one hand and heavy-handed lecturing and condescension on the other. And then there's the problem of getting filmgoers, after a long week's work, to fork over 2 or 3 or 8 or 10 dollars to sit back and watch directors pick scabs for two hours on a Saturday night. Just ask anyone who's made a movie about the Iraq war how difficult that can be.

The Italian neorealists found a solution to this problem in the middle part of last century. Tired of an empty, escapist national cinema they felt didn't reflect the realities of their world, that small group set out to explore the predicament of the working poor struggling with the social and economic ramifications of a suddenly emasculated Italy after World War II. Through the use of a host of revolutionary filming techniques - including location shooting, the use of nonactors, and the dubbing of dialogue directors such as Rossellini, De Sica, and Visconti were able to build a cinema that was political in its intent and its methods but



not necessarily in its message; story, for them, still came first. It was a brilliant coup - subtle and clever, expanding the vocabulary of film without forgetting its original mandate to entertain.

Flash forward to the mid-1950s, when a young camera operator from São Paulo, Brazil, named Nelson Pereira dos Santos moved to Rio de Janeiro amid the social, economic, military, and political turmoil of that troubled time and enveloped himself in the life of the city's favelas, or slums. Harnessing the social energy of the time and tying it to the populist cinematic tenets of neorealism, dos Santos and a group of young filmmakers formed a collective to shoot a script he'd written about the lives of the poor in a rapidly developing (and vaguely democratizing) country. The movie was called Rio 100 Degrees F. (Rio 40 Graus). With its interweaving storylines mapping the lives of the poor over one extremely hot day in Rio, its use of location shoots and amateur actors, its focus on issues of poverty and social disenfranchisement, and its tone of first-person immediacy, the film revolutionized Brazilian cinema by liberating it from its glamorized Hollywood roots and turning it into a tool of social dissension, all the while expanding the goals of neorealism to include outright political enthusiasm and partisanship. With it, the

Cinema de Novo ("New Cinema") was born, and Brazilian directors had suddenly forced their way onto the film world's radar.

Cine las Americas pays tribute to dos Santos, the "Father of New Brazilian Cinema," with an eight-film retrospective, from the revolution of Rio 100 Degrees F. to 1963's Cannes Film Festival prize-winning Barren Lives (Vidas Secas) (based on Graciliano Ramos' novel about poverty-stricken migrant farmers in the country's harsh northeast region), from 1977's carnivalesque celebration of miscegenation in Bahia, Tent of Miracles (Tenda Dos Milagres), to his 1994 fantasia, The Third Bank of the River (A Terceira Margem do Rio). Over his 50-year career (which is still going, by the way; rumor has it the old master is locked in a room somewhere, working on his newest script - at the age of 80), dos Santos has pushed the boundaries of a whole world of film styles, from the first-person experimentations of the French New Wave to the chaotic anti-colonial films of the 1970s and on to the outright absurd voodoo rambunctiousness of the Eighties and Nineties. In return, his films, with their balance between the personal and the political and their unapologetically explosive visual language, have been the inspiration for some of the most vital and confrontational filmmakers of the last 40 years, from Italian Gillo Pontecorvo (The Battle of Algiers) to Brazilain Fernando Meirelles (City of God), whose debt to dos Santos, both in style and subject matter, is overwhelming.

"Filming was a way of participating," dos Santos once wrote. "My intention, when I began filming, was to participate [in the world], through culture and through politics. Cultural and political participation means making films alongside and with people; not to teach, but to learn with them. ... My intention was not to abandon a political point of view. Quite the contrary. It was my intention to impregnate a cultural activity with political insight." With today's directors drifting further and further away from the briar patch of political filmmaking, the time is ripe for a look back at dos Santos.

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aesthetic of his countryman Guillermo del Toro and has crafted a brutal yet sensitive, wonderfully ambiguous tale in which food and women's complicated relationships with it take on breathtakingly gorgeous dimensions. - Melanie Haupt

Tuesday, April 22, 9:45pm, Alamo South Lamar



CHILDREN OF THE WAR (HIJOS DE LA GUERRA)

D: Alexandre Fuchs **Documentary Feature Competition,** El Salvador/U.S.

Thirteen seconds. That's how long a new member of Mara Salvatrucha - the notorious MS-13 - is beaten as his initiation. While the FBI has called this international gang the biggest domestic safety threat, photographerturned-documentarian Alexandre Fuchs looks beyond the salacious headlines to find out why an estimated 100,000 members worldwide would put themselves through that pummeling. With roots in the El Salvadoran civil war, the group started as a desperate reaction to social injustice. Botched policing strategies across the Americas have accelerated its development into a massive criminal force. It's a brutal tale: Just as Fuchs' lens never turns from the initiation stomping, it never hides

the street murders, prison riots, or executionstyle murders that seem to swirl ever faster around the gang. But the clearest and saddest critique may come from Ernesto Miranda, the founding member who became one of its most insightful critics. - Richard Whittaker

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DOCUMENTARY SHORTS

D: Various

It isn't geography that unifies these short docs: It's matters of life and death. "For Them (Por Mis Hijos)" shows that poverty-driven migration from Latin America has reached Europe, as Norma spends a lonely life as a nursemaid in Spain to feed her family in Mexico. By contrast, "American Girls" is the tale of children like Norma's and what life those sacrifices can buy them. But death surrounds "To Live Is a Masterpiece (Vivir Es una Obra Maestra)," director Gabriela Yepes' sometimes frustratingly uncritical (and un-self-critical) love letter to artist and poet Jorge Eielson. His works and impact upon Peruvian art are ethereal but poignant; by contrast, "Alone and Anonymous (Solitário Anônimo)" is visceral. While Yepes keeps Eielson's name alive, Debora Diniz is confronted with a deliberate enigma, a man who has rejected life and even identity in a contemporary and true Whose Life Is It Anyway? But among all this philosophizing, there is some joyous living being done. "I Love Beethoven (Amo Beethoven)" is the story of a bunch of very average teenagers in Venezuela - who also happen to be part of an all-deaf orchestra and choir and feels like a life-affirming feature-length doc Richard Whittaker

Saturday, April 19, 4pm, Metropolitan

DRAINED (O CHEIRO DO RALO)

D: Heitor Dhalia; with Selton Mello, Paula Braun, Lourenço Mutarelli, Fabiana Gugli New Releases, Brazil

If it weren't for the fact that Drained is in Portuguese, viewers would be forgiven for thinking it's an American indie film from the mid-1990s. It fits the bill perfectly, with its cast of quirky but lovable characters, its modest yet colorful set designs, and its reluctant hero, who, like so many small-movie protagonists of that time, excels at a job that has more than a little symbolic relevance to his psychological state (if you're a veterinarian, for example, you have trouble getting along with your fellow man; if you're the kind of person who can't let go of your past, there's a good chance you own an antique shop). The film follows Lourenço (Mello), a pawnshop proprietor whose obsession with the value of other people's possessions speaks to his detachment from the animate objects of this world and his compulsion to stand in judgment of his fellow man as a way of protecting himself from being judged by them. An objectifier to end all objectifiers, Lourenço even manages to reduce his love for a local cafe waitress to the geometrical appreciation of her posterior. It's grand emotional detachment sublimated in erotic synecdoche.

Wednesday, April 23, 6pm, Metropolitan

THE FISTS OF A NATION (LOS **PUÑOS DE UNA NACIÓN)**

D: Pituka Ortega Heilbron **Documentary Feature Competition, Panama**

With all the controversy surrounding the upcoming summer Olympic games in Beijing



(over Chinese financial patronage in Darfur, social repression in Tibet, etc.), the issue of politics and sport is once again front-page news. In this excellent documentary, director Ortega Heilbron takes us back to the ideological volatility of the late Seventies and early Eighties, when a young, hard-hitting boxing champion from the streets of Panama City named Roberto Duran (nickname "Manos de Piedra" - "Hands of Stone") became a hero and a symbol not only for his country but for all of Latin America as it fought for its independence in the face of mounting U.S. economic imperialism. Duran's classic matches with American golden boy Sugar Ray Leonard became the stuff of legend, not just because of what transpired inside the ring but for what they meant to a world battling on yet another front of the Cold War. Josh Rosenblatt

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Grocery Store

Ethnic Market

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Street food vendor:

Romantic Dinner Spot

Full-Service Bakery/Pastry Shop

Chef (Specify chef's name and restaurant name.)

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MY MEXICAN SHIVAH 'MORIRSE ESTÁ EN HEBREO)

D: Alejandro Springall; with Raquel Pankowsky, David Ostrosky, Blanca Guerra, Sergio Klainer, Sharon Zundel, Emilio Savinni, Enrique Cimet New Releases, Mexico

Mexican-Jewish comedies are as rare as leavened bread in the Sinai, and thus the very existence of My Mexican Shivah is as much a cause for wonderment and head-scratching as was the burning bush or, barring that, the introduction of a mariachi band into World of Our Fathers. The petty, interfamilial squabbles that descend like a series of seriocomic plagues following the death of boisterous paterfamilias Moishe (Klainer) - who died while dancing the hora, no less - make old Abraham's daily grind look tame in comparison. The weeklong Jewish mourning ritual of sitting shivah is fodder here for both spiritual and earthbound redemption. with Moishe's mishpocha - his children, his shiksa mistress, and in particular, his grandson Nicholás (Savinni), a former libertine-fugitive who returns from the promised land a fullfledged Hasid – primed for the sort of giddy, existential free-for-all Ben Stiller can only dream of. Springall avoids the pitfalls of the genre. such as it is (El Mariachis en los Sephardim?), via a vitally mordant and distinctly Latin touch: the inclusion of a pair of magical-realistic angels, Aleph and Bet (Cimet, Kerlow), who kibitz and tally the deceased's just reward. So one of the lost tribes of Israel landed deep in the heart of mi corazón ... who nu? - Marc Savlov

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THE MURDERER AMONG US (EL ASESINO ENTRE NOSOTROS)

D: Daniel Benavides Pinto; with Pilar Loyola Echenique, Estaban Arjel, Rodrigo González, Samuel González, Ignacio Mansilla, Valentina Pedreros

Narrative Feature Competition, Chile

It may be a happy accident that this film borrows the working title of Fritz Lang's child-murder masterpiece M: Both are seemingly small crime dramas that actually take a panoramic view of a society. It begins as the grimmest Movie of the Week ever, as sexually precocious and emotionally vulnerable Chilean schoolgirl Valentina (Loloya Echenique) predicts her own death. Balancing school, bar-hopping, and the odd cokedelivery run with her dealer boyfriend (Ariel), she charms and frustrates. But it's her death that gives the film real purpose and savage power as a bleak social commentary. Her blood lubricates the gears of a corrupt machine of drug dealers, an apathetic administration, and a complicit police force. While Valentina's is only the first death, her specter is pervasive, as everyone works together to hide or ignore what really happened to her, and the cover-up becomes more heinous than the crime. - Richard Whittaker

Saturday, April 19, 10pm, Metropolitan

NARRATIVE SHORTS 1 AND 2

From the twee (the Kevin Smith-aping nerd love of "Back Issues") to the twisted (the crossborder nightmare "Mexican Dream," which hovers between heaven and hell. Mexico and El Norte), these short stories are sometimes fanciful, but there's a solid slab of politics, as well. Sometimes it's overt, like "Ten Reais (Dez Reais)," the La Ronde-style journey of a 10-reais note through the streets of Brasília that shows exactly what can be bought for 5 bucks: a drink, a life, a meal. It's not all didacticism: "From the Roots (De Pura Cepa)," where weak-willed protagonist Sam (Robert Burgos) is forcibly but happily reconnected with his Puerto Rican roots, laces tart commentary with a twist of romance. When the stridency is put to one side in favor of story. like the bittersweet Mexican road trip "Time to Leave (Tiempo de Partir)," the point is more subtly and poignantly made. But the brightest innovation comes from "Underpass." where the migrant experience is not told through the traditional, nowstereotypical lines of Hispanics vs. Anglos but through the eyes of a Cambodian family, dealing with its own problems. - Richard Whittaker

Narrative Shorts run in two programs: see www.cinelasamericas.org for each program's lineup.



NOEL: THE SAMBA POET (NOEL: POETA DA VILA)

D: Ricardo Van Steen; with Rafael Raposo, Camila Pitanga, Lidiane Borges, Flávio Bauraqui Narrative Feature Competition, Brazil

Noel Rosa changed samba. In the early Thirties, the songwriter became the biggest name in Rio de Janeiro due to his Carnaval hit "Com Que Roupa?" Hundreds of social commentaries disguised as sambas would follow, along with drink, women, and illness. Van Steen's narrative debut, based on Rosa's biography written by Carlos Didier and João Máximo, lives in the Rio nightlife of the Thirties – smoky pool halls, radio stations, and cabarets. Rosa's story is that of a stereotypical rock star, replete with forced marriage, extramarital affairs, excessive alcohol. and rapidly deteriorating health. But where others lived the lifestyle only to die forgotten, Rosa transformed Brazil's national music into a conduit. Those unfamiliar with the Brazilian poet from the Rio neighborhood of Vila Isabel might want to do a little research before viewing the film, but even as fiction. Noel: Poeta da Vila entices like Rosa's blend of wit and irony. - Darcie Stevens

Saturday, April 19, 4pm, Metropolitan

NOT BY CHANCE (NÃO POR ACASO)

D: Philippe Barcinski; with Rodrigo Santoro, Leonardo Medeiros, Letícia Sabatella, Branca Messina, Rita Batata, Cássia Kiss, Nev Piacentini Narrative Feature Competition, Brazil

In the style of Crash and the collected works of Alejandro González Iñárritu (Amores Perros, Babel), Barcinski's Não Por Acaso explores the

way a single event can affect the lives of seemingly disparate people and bind them inextricably together. The event in this case is a car crash in São Paulo, Brazil, that leaves three people dead; those affected include Ênio (Medeiros), a middleaged employee in the city's traffic-control center, and Pedro (Santoro, late of TV's Lost), a dashing snooker player. It's clear from the film's early going that both men are obsessed with control - Pedro of his technique at the table and Ênio of the wide and unpredictable labyrinth of avenues and on-ramps that constitutes São Paulo's traffic grid - and that the sudden lack of control they feel in the face of that deadly car wreck is going to force them down previously unexplored emotional passageways toward something approaching maturity. Josh Rosenblatt

Friday, April 18, 9pm, Metropolitan



SAINT DEATH (LA SANTA MUERTE)

D: Eva Aridjis; narrated by Gael García Bernal Documentary Feature Competition, Mexico/U.S.

"The Skinny Girl" is a common moniker for St. Death, whose physical representation is that of a skeleton. Whether the supposed miracle-worker is dressed in a bright-colored dress or a simple cloak, the nickname is apt. The majority of St. Death's 2 million followers lives in Mexico, where the saint's popularity has increased since the Sixties. Aridjis' documentary about this "cult" is frank and nonjudgmental, which is also apt, because much of the saint's adoration comes from her acceptance of those whom the Catholic Church, which does not recognize Skinny as a saint, rejects, among them homosexuals and criminals. Aridjis interviews followers in Tepito, a poor, crime-ridden neighborhood in Mexico City, where many of Skinny's worshippers are sick or in jail and daily visit her altars, praying for protection. A priest explains that these people don't realize they are praying to Satan, that death is punishment for sin. Even he, however, understands St. Death's appeal to the desperate. - Sofia Resnick

Friday, April 18, 7pm, Metropolitan

SEPTEMBERS (SEPTIEMBRES) D: Carles Bosch

New Releases (Opening Night Film), Spain

Every September, we are told, the Madrid prison system picks the best singers from each facility to compete in Spain's annual Festival of Song. Spanish filmmaker Bosch focuses on a handful of men and women chosen, cataloging their songs artfully along with their crimes. Arturo, in for drug trafficking, performs a song called "We're Not Crazy" and pines for his wife and sons. Rudolf, the romantic who's in for counterfeiting, sings "19 Days and 500 Nights" for

his lady waiting on the outside. Song becomes a way to express loneliness and longing, as with Estefania and Aurora, both serving nine-year sentences and both involved with male inmates. Sounds like the plot of an Almodóvar film in reverse, and it's through his subtle character development that Bosch makes Septiembres more about love and connection than competition. The songs are just the medium through which the human story is told. - Audra Schroeder Wednesday, April 16, 8pm, Paramount

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES (CIRCUNSTANCIAS ESPECIALES)

D: Marianne Teleki

Documentary Feature Competition, U.S./Chile

Héctor Salgado was 16 years old when he was arrested for being an Allende supporter in a country newly overthrown by Pinochet. Salgado's entire soccer team was detained; they were just boys who stole some dynamite from a Pinochet supporter. Salgado was tortured, held for three years, then exiled to America - one of 1 million Chileans displaced during Pinochet's reign. A close friend was executed (3,200 were executed or simply disappeared). Decades later and with the borders finally open again, Salgado determines to track down those who tortured him, sentenced him, even ratted on him (he's working off a list of names from "a book of legal documents"; it's never clear how this book came into his possession). It's fascinating stuff, watching the soft-spoken, dignified Salgado find his voice - and give voice to his rage - as he interviews his former torturers, elderly men now who repeatedly brush him off or urge him to let it go. One of his prey, sitting under a portrait of Pinochet, simply shrugs that there are two truths: "Yours and mine." It's not the kind of thumping vindication we'd hoped for, but the simple act of confrontation is catharsis for a man so long in exile.

- Kimberley Jones

Saturday, April 19, 2pm, Metropolitan

XXY

D: Lucía Puenzo; with Inés Efron, Martín Piroyansky, Ricardo Darín, Germán Palacios, Valeria Bertuccelli, Carolina Pelleritti, Guillermo Angelelli

New Releases, Argentina

Upon their first meeting, on a quiet beach in Uruguay, 15-year-old Alex (Efron) tells a slightly older Alvaro (Piroyansky) that she jerks off every day. He doesn't get it - not yet - but she is not referring to clitoral or vaginal stimulation but, in fact, to "jerking off." Alex is a hermaphrodite, the evidence hidden beneath her boyishly baggy shorts. At the start of XXY, two weeks' worth of Alex's prescribed hormones, intended to maintain her body's fading femininity, have accumulated in her bedside drawer, prompting a visit from Alvaro's father (Palacios), a plastic surgeon from Argentina - a butcher, Alex says. Puenzo's script, based on Sergio Bizzio's short story "Cinismo," explicitly portrays the emotional and physical consequences of hermaphroditism but is not vulgar nor overdramatic, evidenced by the movie's lack of a violin-laden score. Instead Puenzo allows her characters to emote in silence. She approaches issues of identity - body acceptance, gender confusion, self-love, and self-loathing - with her bare hands, and the result is moving. - Sofia Resnick

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Someone recently asked me what's good to watch on TV, and I drew a blank – a big, honking blank. What was exciting me at the moment? The answer came clear when I realized I had not watched several recorded episodes of The Riches, which recently returned for its second season on FX.

The premise couldn't sound more preposterous: A family of "travelers" (i.e., con artists) assumes the identity of the Riches after that family is killed in a car accident on the way to a new home in a new community where no one knows them. At first, it's just going to be a short-term "bleed," but Dad (the extraordinary Eddie Izzard as Wayne Malloy, aka Doug Rich) keeps ratcheting it up a notch in his quest to "steal the American dream."

The first season was mostly watching the family work the con - including the kids, who are accomplished grifters, too. There was a mixture of humor and anxiety watching the Malloys/Riches work their way around their fictional lives but, more importantly, trying to fit into the considerably more affluent lifestyle they stumbled upon. It was a sharp learning curve, full of nerve-racking and comically close calls. This season, the series has gotten a little darker. Another innocent person has gotten killed, and the kids are losing patience with the con, eager to leave the "buffer" lifestyle behind - well, only when it comes to school. They love their iPods, Jacuzzi, and warm beds just fine. Doug Rich has managed to convince everyone he's a lawyer – a joke that gains some punch when he manages to wheel and deal with a room of real cutthroat lawyers. Smooth talking, quick thinking, and with a growing desperation to keep up the con, Doug is starting to build a wedge between him and his wife, Dahlia (Minnie Driver), who is also tiring of the con and struggles daily with a substanceabuse problem.

Now into its fourth episode, the second season is picking up steam again. Dahlia suspects that Wayne is not being truthful with her; their son Cael gets kicked out of his elite high school for breaking and entering, while daughter Di Di can't stand her mean-girl classmates. Sam, the youngest, wants to stay put and may end up being the deciding factor when push comes to shove.

Haven't seen The Riches? Not to worry. The first season is now available on DVD. The new episodes of the second season are now showing, free of charge, on Hulu.com. The Riches airs Tuesdays at 9pm on FX.

There was a second gem recorded on my DVR. The very funny Miss Guided. Judy Greer stars as Becky Freeley, who relives her old anxieties as a geeky teenager at her former high school, where she now works as a guidance counselor. Greer has a number of credits, but I still have fond memories of her as Kitty Sanchez, George Bluth's petulant secretary/ lover on Arrested Development (Fox). In Miss Guided, Greer's Becky is perpetually perky as she deals with troubled students and a hostile faculty. Just like in high school, Becky pines for the hot guy (the Spanish teacher), who only sees her as his buddy. The "will he/won't he fall for Becky?" is the least interesting element of this show. How she navigates between the students and the grownup versions of themselves among the faculty is the real hoot. Miss Guided airs Thursdays at 7pm on ABC. Watch past episodes on ABC.com.

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Filmmakers: Boston's WGBH Lab is teaming with P.O.V. for a special election-year project. The Lab has issued a call for pitches for short films about the 2008 election. Selected filmmakers will receive \$2,000 to make their shorts, with possible broadcast on PBS (presumably on P.O.V. the documentary series that airs on PBS). More information can be found at lab.wgbh.org/open-call/election2008.

It's officially official! Friday Night Lights has been picked up for another season. (See "Film News," p.58, for more on the deal NBC struck with DirecTV to keep FNL alive.)

Attention, fans of The Closer: The crime drama doesn't return for a new season until July, but fans are invited to take a behindthe-scenes look at how the show is coming together in a series of specially produced online segments at www.tnt.tv. Launched last Monday, the segments feature interviews with series producers and footage of the writers' room, where you can watch writers and producers discuss story ideas. Call me crazy, but I think this would be a lot more fun if there were actual interaction between those who watch and those who are being watched.

As always, stay tuned.

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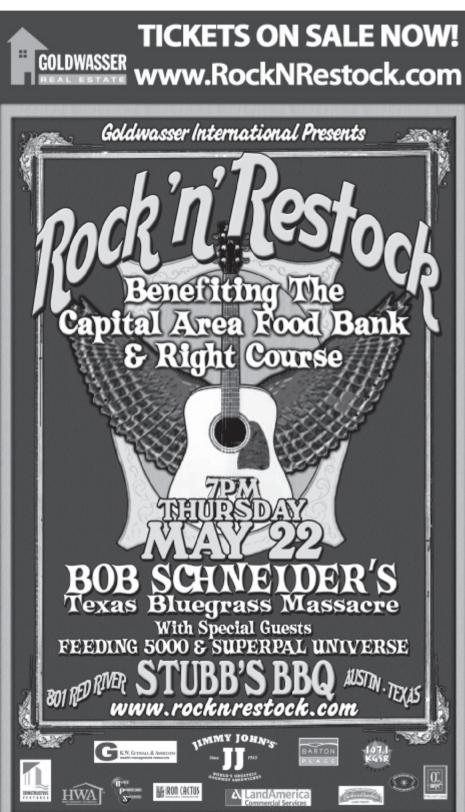
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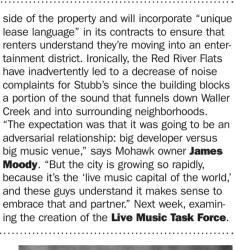
Though long considered a threat to the Red River entertainment district, the Red River Flats across from Club de Ville may actually become a model of coexistence between urban development and live music. The four-story, 120-unit apartment complex, which is scheduled to open in June and will have year leases that range from \$1,400 to \$2,600 a month, has agreed to help fund and construct a 10-foot sound wall that will border Mohawk's fence line, along with installing a canvas overhang above the venue's stage area, similar to Stubb's. Both projects are awaiting approval from the city. According to Greystar developer Derek Brown, the flats have installed dualpane acoustic windows on the south and west

lease language" in its contracts to ensure that renters understand they're moving into an entertainment district. Ironically, the Red River Flats have inadvertently led to a decrease of noise complaints for Stubb's since the building blocks a portion of the sound that funnels down Waller Creek and into surrounding neighborhoods. "The expectation was that it was going to be an adversarial relationship: big developer versus big music venue." says Mohawk owner James Moody. "But the city is growing so rapidly, and these guys understand it makes sense to embrace that and partner." Next week, examin-

DOUG HALL, 1959-2008

Heralded for his elegant and impressionistic pianism, Doug Hall, who shared stages with jazz titans like Dave Liebman, Chet Baker, and Bill Watrous, among others, died on March 23, following a long battle with brain cancer. Born in Dallas to a musical family, Hall, 48, made his orchestral debut with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra at age 9, later receiving a Memorial Composition Scholarship from North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas. He moved to Austin in 1979, performing regularly with his brother Bruce Hall on drums, and held a monthly residence at the **Elephant Room** for several years. "His music was so beautifully sensitive and subtle." recalls local jazz vocalist Suzi Stern. "I've never had the honor of working with a better musician. He was a master of the instrument and content to make music wherever he was." According to Japanese Buddhist texts. JiHi, the title of Hall's last album with his namesake quartet from 2003, means compassion and is formed from two characters: "Ji" (to give happiness) and "Hi" (to remove suffering). Those who knew Hall would struggle to find a more apt summation of his life and music.







THE STAGE NAMES

On Monday, C3 Presents and Perry Farrell announced the official lineup for **Lollapalooza** 2008, taking place Aug. 1-3, in Chicago's Grant Park. Locals Explosions in the Sky, Electric Touch. We Go to 11, and What Made Milwaukee Famous all made the grade, appearing alongside the alternative trifecta of Radiohead, Nine Inch Nails, and Rage Against the Machine. Don't book airfare or accommodations on headliner Kanye West's spiffy new travel site (www.kanvetravel. com) just yet, though. The Austin City Limits

Music Festival uploaded a mash-up this week by Car Stereo (Wars) that previewed 29 of the artists headed to Bat City in September, including Lollapa holdovers the Raconteurs, **Gnarls Barkley, Duffy, MGMT, CSS, and** Austin's Okkervil River and the Octopus Project. If OTR's not mistaken, expect to find N.E.R.D., Neko Case, Robert Earl Keen, Hot Chip. Silversun Pickups, and Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings on ACL's official 2008 itinerarv. which drops next week. Sit tight, and pray Jack Johnson doesn't headline.

GAME THEORY

Philadelphia's the Roots is the only hip-hop group that could hold its own on the jamband circuit. Headlining UT's annual 40 Acres Fest on Saturday, Black Thought and company provided a 20-minute medley and crash course on the history of hip-hop, sampling everything from Biz Markie and Salt 'n' Pepa to the Wu-Tang Clan and Mims, before stripping down to trio



for an enthralling 25-minute interpretation of Bob Dylan's "Masters of War," with drummer ?uestlove and guitarist Kirk Douglas delivering blitzkrieg solos from the front lines.

SING FOR THE LAUGHTER, SING FOR THE TEARS

Not long after the ruling on the Smoking in Public Places Ordinance by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals discussed here last week, Ego's owner Gail Johnson, a plaintiff in the case, turned his beloved venue into a karaoke bar, although he insists there's no correlation. "I've had Ego's about 30 years, and I've had some tremendous music in there," says Johnson, who runs karaoke in three of his other Central Texas venues, the Canary Hut Pub. Canary Roost. and the newly opened In Between. "Hell, George Strait used to be one of my stand-in singers, but business is business. It was starting to lose money. Nothing was going right. Karaoke involves the least amount of headaches." No one in Austin does karaoke like the **Dead Motley Sex Maidens**, who host an evening of Karaoke Apocalypse at the Alamo **Drafthouse Ritz** on Friday, providing live backing and lyric sheets for classic jams spanning Motörhead's "Ace of Spaces" to Pat Benatar's "Heartbreaker." There's also a cowbell contest for those lacking vocal dexterity.

RANDOM PLAY

 Longtime Austin favorite Chris Gaffney of California's Hacienda Brothers has been diagnosed with liver cancer and will soon undergo chemotherapy. A portion of the proceeds from a forthcoming, untitled LP will go toward Gaffney's medical expenses, and a website has been set up for donations: www.helpgaff.com.

The Black Angels let loose their highly anticipated sophomore LP, Directions to See a Ghost, through Seattle's Light in the Attic Records on May 13, but beginning Tuesday, fans can preorder the album and receive an instant download, along with a



limited edition four-song EP when hard copies arrive in stores. The local drone disciples also inked a deal with **Interscope** imprint Suretone, which will handle all future releases.

Chanteuse Suzanna Choffel, who recently participated in the Austin **State Hospital** music series (see "Musicophilia," p.68) and takes the stage at Momo's on Friday, won the FameCast Pop Fenom competition, the

Austin-based, online equivalent of American Idol, worth a cool \$10,000. Choffel will also appear as part of the 15th season of KGSR's Unplugged at the Grove series, which kicks off tonight (Thursday) with the Gourds and the Gougers and includes, among others, **Ruthie Foster, South Austin Jug** Band, Ray Wylie Hubbard, and the **Band of Heathens.**

It goes without saying that Chronicle mascot band **Monroe** Mustang



moves at a slightly different pace than most bands. The local slo-core pop outfit, which has placed four of its five members here at the paper, digitally drops Monroe Mustang, the Imaginary Band, Regretfully Declines, follow-up to 2000's I Am the Only Running Footman, on Tuesday via Jagjaguwar. Plans for some summer shows are in the works.

Musicophilia

Austin State Hospital's therapeutic diversion

BY AUDRA SCHROEDER

It's 6:30pm on a Sunday night in January, and patients from the Adult Psychiatric Services unit begin to file into the hall and sit down in folding chairs.

"Welcome, v'all!"

Allison Thrash, a petite brunette wearing white cowboy boots and a 1,000-watt smile, welcomes the assembling crowd of roughly two dozen with a few more cheery pleasantries before abruptly tearing into some sassy roadhouse blues. Slowly, patients get up and dance, alone and with partners. The ones shaking it solo aren't self-conscious about it; one young woman in an animal-print sweater shimmies and snaps her fingers as if she were in West Side Story.

As the show progresses, an older black man with salt-andpepper hair sits in on a song, revealing his striking voice. A short Hispanic gentleman waves an American flag, cloaks it around him like a cape, and starts reciting a slightly revisionist rendition of the national anthem. Several men stand up and take off their hats.

"Rolling Stones!" a man with flowing white hair calls out

A young woman requests "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," at first too shy to sing it herself. Then, at the urging of her babyfaced dance partner, she picks up the microphone and delivers a beautiful version of the Carter Family standard.

"I sang that song at my grandparents' funeral," she says.

This scene from the Austin State Hospital isn't quite as One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest as you might think. Barbara Kelly, director of community relations at ASH, coordinates a live music performance once a month, integrating Austin's abundant music scene into the hospital and, in return, offering patients a therapeutic diversion.

When Kelly arrived at ASH in 2005, there was already a program, Sparks of Life, created by Volunteer Services Council board member Roseanne Singer.

"She visited a program in New York City that brought music from the community into the hospital," explains Kelly. "The program was conceived as a volunteer program, so there was resistance to paying [musicians] a stipend.'



Kelly met up with local booker and musician Paul Minor, who agreed they would have difficulty selling the idea to local acts without financial recompense. "I agreed with him, as many musicians in Austin have a hard time making ends meet," she nods.

Hired full time in 2006, Kelly talked with the SIMS Foundation more about bringing music to ASH. Summer 2007, she was granted funds for the program, allowing for monthly shows in each service area: Adult, Children and Adolescent, and Specialty. Since late last year, her connections have landed much local talent at ASH: Oliver Rajamani, the Summer Wardrobe,



Sacks also cites Nietzsche's interest in music and physiology and how he spoke of its "tonic effect." Memories of music may be recalled, melodies remembered, minds and bodies mobilized.

That Damned Band, Single Frame, Done Deal, and an appearance during South by Southwest from Seattle's Two Loons for Tea. She's careful to tailor artists to the different wards.

"Yes," she laughs. "Very careful."

Trish Reis and Michael Marcionetti are music therapists at ASH and musicians. Reis plays in Poor Yorick, and Marcionetti currently drums in Samba School. Both know the personal and professional sides of music as therapy. Though what they offer is more personalized for the issues of the individual patient (lyric analysis, songwriting, etc.), they see the music series as a viable and beneficial extension.

'With all the therapy they get at the hospital, the series allows a venue where they can go and socialize with each other," says Reis. "With a lot of our patients, they don't know how to have good leisure time, so [the series] is a place to meet, dance, talk.

"And the musicians feel good about it, too."

"You'll never find a more appreciative audience," Marcionetti adds. "There's a stigma attached to mental illness, but it can affect anyone, so for the musicians who come here - we have a name for it in the drumming world, 'rhythm tithing' – it's giving back."

And what of the historical link between creative types and mental illness? Marcionetti relates the story of an "extremely psychotic" patient who was also a great guitarist.

"He told me, 'The only time the voices leave me alone is when I'm playing that guitar."

It's late March at the Specialty Adult Services unit, and Suzanna Choffel and her twopiece band - scaled down to just drummer Eldridge Goins and bassist Johnny Vogelsang - are setting up on a Thursday night. Whereas Adult Services treats patients with issues like depression, patients here have more severe cognitive disabilities such as brain injuries or are elderly patients with afflictions like schizophrenia.

As the band begins playing, many just sit and watch. A guy in the back taps out imaginary keys in the air during one song; another fellow in a red bandana throws jabs into the air like he's boxing to the beat. A short man in fingerless gloves and a muscle T wheels his walker over to Barbara Kelly and offers an unsolicited tutorial on music and composition, at one point stating, "Rap, well that's crap!"

"This song's about stumbling into something bad and getting back up again," Choffel says, the irony of her words lingering.

There's something else being communicated here as well. Last year, Columbia University neurology professor Oliver Sacks published Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain, a fascinating and curious collection of case studies ("Rock & Roll Books," Nov. 30, 2007). In it, a chapter on music therapy and patients with Parkinson's disease explains how playing music for patients, or letting them play an instrument like piano, allowed many in the study to move less rigidly, more naturally. Sacks also cites Nietzsche's interest in music and physiology and how he spoke of its "tonic effect." Memories of music may be recalled, melodies remembered, minds and bodies mobilized. As seen on this night, Nietzsche was pretty close.

"It normalizes them," Kelly agrees. "It brings them out of their isolation. They're connecting with something. They can express themselves. Music's nonverbal."

Interaction is the word that keeps coming up, Kelly remembering a woman with bipolar disorder who said she'd never danced before a performance at ASH and the extremely withdrawn child who started doing backflips during a set by local hip-hop group Done Deal. With that in mind, Kelly hopes to attract more locals to perform at the hospital, eventually more than once a month.

It's Choffel's first time playing ASH, and at first she looks a little nervous, but she straightens up and subtly charms the crowd. Her trio offers up a cover of "Ring of Fire," but there are still eager calls for "Elvis!" and "Clapton! Do you know Clapton?" When Choffel and company are finished, a few patients come up and shake their hands, telling them, "Great, just great."

'There's no inhibition," Choffel remarks afterward. "It's random people reacting to the sounds ... and it's obviously a lot different than playing in a club. Here, you can see so much going on in their heads.'

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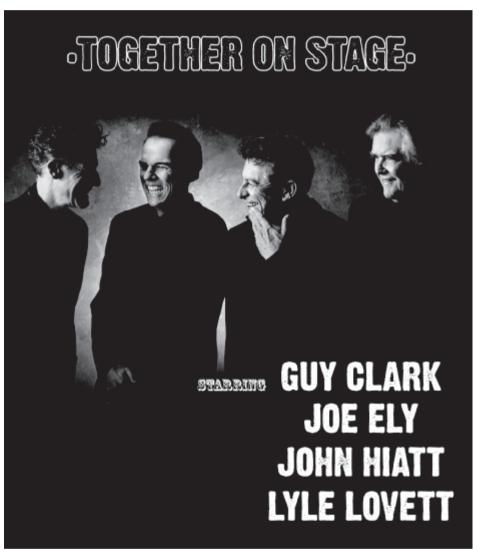
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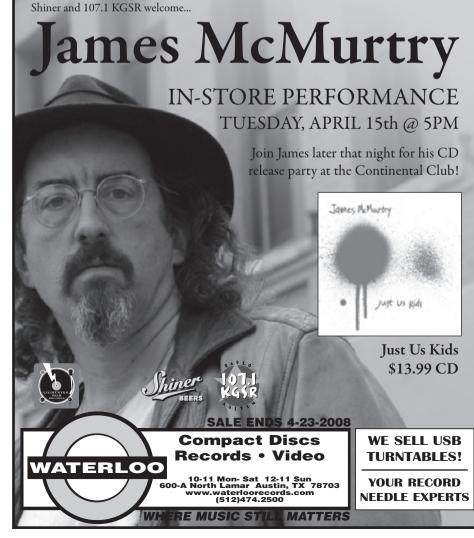
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WHERE MUSIC STILL MATTERS



JAMES MCMURTRY Just Us Kids (Lightning Rod)

James McMurtry continues to count himself among the growing number of Texans not ready to make nice with the Bush administration, which ought to come as no surprise to those who have been paying attention. The veteran Austin singer-songwriter's original "God Bless America," with McMurtry snarling about the GOP and gasoline, has nothing to do with Irving Berlin's patriotic paean, while the blatantly political single "Cheney's Toy" doesn't require much exegesis at all. "You're the man that they're all afraid of," growl the seriously strident lyrics, addressed to President Bush, "but you're only Cheney's toy." For all his roots-rock bombast - his regular band, the Heartless Bastards, enjoys rousing assistance from Ian McLagan on keyboards, guitar from Jon Dee Graham, and harmonica from Pat MacDonald of Timbuk 3 fame - McMurtry doesn't simply pack Just Us Kids with protest songs. That's good, because if his baritone is an acquired taste, McMurtry still deserves wider recognition for his turns of phrase. Katrina-inspired lament "Hurricane Party" (complete with muted trumpet) features a narrator who sits at the end of the world. reflecting on past romances, wondering whether he should look for his "old striped cat." In such stories, McMurtry locates again and again an element of humanity that saves his angriest screeds from easy pigeonholing. Politics may be personal for some, but McMurtry is the rare breed of

the difference, effectively and affectingly. (CD release: Wednesday & Thursday, April 16 & 17, at the Continental Club.) - Dan Oko

musician who at his best finds ways to blur

BRUCE HUGHES

Shorty (Freedom)

The subtitle to the sophomore solo effort from this Scabs and Resentments mainstay proffers it as "an album of momentary



songs." Setting himself to the task of crafting tunes as short as possible (only one breaks the three-minute mark), the "momentary" nature that Hughes invokes unfortunately applies equally to the songs' lasting impact. Shorty revels in defying any coherence of style or thought, driving in endless detours that ultimately lead nowhere. The Beatles-meet-Ben Folds pop of "Kiss Tomorrow Hello" sits uncomfortably beside the lackadaisical soul of "Happy to Help," laptop break beats of "Dear New Girl," and head-scratching hiphop of "Magic 2th." Hughes' trilling falsetto on "Faster You Fall" sounds like a watered-down parody of Prince or Lenny Kravitz. The playfulness of the entire endeavor works best on the blues of "Baby's Bag," while "Daydream" and "Awake to Remember" showcase Hughes' capable songwriting, but those moments only emphasize an overall lack of the same.

- Doug Freeman

JO CAROL PIERCE Dog of Love

At 12 years since Jo Carol Pierce's acclaimed debut. Bad Girls Upset by the Truth. the follow-up, Dog of Love, doesn't exactly arrive according to



Willis Alan Ramsey time, but close. The longtime local, one of the famed Lubbock Mafia, is known for her musical poetry and a bad-girl image, sort of a Patti Smith with West Texas roots, her songs possessing a cabaret air that borrows from the melodramatic side of Tom Waits. Producer Mark Andes, along with David Halley, Blackie White (aka husband Guy Juke), Mike Vernon, and Mary Welch assist Pierce this time with a sound that veers from carnival sideshow ("My Boyfriend") to searing guitar hooks ("Rock in My Shoe"). Pierce's scratchy vocals can be a chore, and there are times that her lyrics are a bit simplistic - nowhere near what she's done before. Still, fans of Texas oddballs will find something to like about this hound. Jim Caligiuri 3 BALLS OF FIRE

Jet Set Guitars (Deep Eddy)

★★★★★ Perfect ★★★★ Great ★★★ Good ★★ Mediocre ★ Coaster

With their latest shaken-and-stirred salvo, local surf-rock institution 3 Balls of Fire takes a more sophisticated tack that



evokes Palm Springs as much as Redondo Beach. Guitarist Mike Vernon and crew prove their endless summer mettle right off the bat with staccato-fueled "Wild Fire," but they also take a cue from venerable instrumental rockers like the Ventures and branch out. The vibraphone-heavy title track cultivates a boozy, adult-contemporary mood that wouldn't be out of place between Les Baxter and Herb Alpert. "1970" acknowledges the hazy echo of psychedelia as a flash-fried drive-in movie score, then p(I)ays tribute to West Texas-bred protosurf rockers the Fireballs with a jaunty version of "Las Vegas Scene" featuring pianist Earl Poole Ball. A wordless cover of the Beach Boys "God Only Knows" sounds cherry-picked from a vintage LP of 1960s instrumental gold. As its title implies, Jet Set Guitars goes to places a surfboard can't take you to.

- Greg Beets ***

JAD & NAO Half Monster (Misc. Music)

Recorded 10 years ago, Half Monster yields a whopping 45 songs, and coming from Manor's Jad Fair,



they couldn't be anything except the disc's title. Joined by Japanese noise artist Naofumi Ishimaru, the Half Japanese co-founder has assembled a jigsaw puzzle of sounds, with the typical fodder: "Frankenchrist," "Godzilla Invades Mars," "Snake Had Legs." A cover of "Roll Over Beethoven" is rendered barely recognizable in Ishimaru's hands, though strangely charming. Appearances from Half Japanese collaborators Mark Jickling and Gilles Rieder give Half Monster its pop edge, Fair staying true to his themes of love and food as well. Also true to the title, the ear-ringing influence of Ishimaru adds a rougher finish, many tracks veering between drone and stream of consciousness under a hubble of twitch and crawl. As individual cuts, there isn't one that stands out; rather,

Half Monster is a whole listening experience, cultural exchange between left and right brain. Audra Schroeder

JOE ELY & JOEL GUZMAN

Live Cactus! (Rack 'Em)

Though Joe Ely has released multiple live discs throughout his career, Live Cactus!



is unlike anything he's ever done. Over the course of an hour, Ely's guitar and voice and the magnificent accordion style of longtime compadre Joel Guzman travel over dusty highways to desolate border towns and West Texas flatlands, romancing an appreciative Cactus Cafe audience with a passion that's palpable. Song choices span from 1978's "Because of the Wind" to last year's "Miss Bonnie and Mr. Clyde," with the requisite nod to Butch Hancock on "Winds Gonna Blow You Away" and Townes Van Zandt on "White Freightliner Blues." The unusual power of the performance comes in part from Guzman's ability to get his accordion to wail like a guitar or flutter like a cool breeze at dusk. The real stars, though, as with all his work, are the stories Ely tells and the magical way he transports his listeners into a distinctive space and time.

– Jim Caligiuri

MARCIA BALL Peace, Love & BBQ

(Alligator) On her first studio

offering in four years, Marcia Ball launches off with the swaggering New Orleans accordion romp



of "Party Town" and surging title track that raises barbecue to spiritual levels. The slight gruff of Ball's voice adds character where it lacks versatility and fervor, but her fingers are magic on the 88s and range through styles with ease, Ian McLagan's B-3 texturing her bluesy runs as do jolts from the L.A. Horns. Cindy Cashdollar's Ionesome slide cuts on "Miracle in Knoxville," which counterpoints the Southern gospel soul of "Where Do You Go?" Mac Rebennack's gravelly moan pairs well with Ball for the delicate iazz flair of "I'll Never Be Free." while "Right Back in It" boogies to the brazen brass blare of "Down in the Neighborhood." Tucked at the end, the hurricane defiance of "Ride It Out" contrasts the opening track to strike the album's poignant core while swinging it full circle.

Doug Freeman

*** **ROBYN LUDWICK**

Too Much Desire (Freedom)

Robyn Ludwick did two things that will forever imprint her career: She chose not to use her illustri-



ous maiden name, Robison, and she waited until she was good and ready to seriously pursue music. On this, her second album, she describes her songwriting as "Southern poetry with dirt floors and electric guitars," and that's spot-on, though she might consider substituting "Texas" for "Southern." When she sings, "I like my whiskey, and I like my men," on "Desire," she does so with a salty confidence that would sound less believable

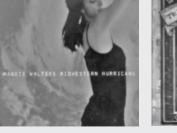
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GIRLIE ACTION

Southern Drama's Little Broken is the most compelling recording to cross this desk in weeks. Their debut shoots out from under the radar near where Austin's Erik & the She-Wolves, Luna Tart, and Mr. Lewis & the Funeral 5 come out to play. There's a vague element of Loreena McKennitt twirling with Tom Waits in rich, arcane compositions like "A Killer Waltz on Thin Ice," and kitschiness abounds on "1920's Song," but Little Broken is a marvelous soundtrack for the Friday-night-alone blues. Maggie Walters' Midwestern Hurricane isn't as gale-force as the title suggests. The local songstress kicks up a good bit of dust with solid compositions and traditional themes of love and loss, but it feels as though she's trying too hard with







languor and the CJ's Kim Deschamps on steel. Bobruk's songwriting recently left the wings with gorgeous instrumentation and a with potential and plenty of time to test the waters. - Margaret Moser

clichéd phrases like "fuck-me pumps." The disc's pristine production comes courtesy of Paul Leary with Walters' breathy promise that while this isn't a sophomore slump (more like the title track, please), her third time at bat will slam it home. Aimee Bobruk presents a notable debut with The Safety Match Journal. It's something to please Cowboy Junkies fans,

given Bobruk's dreamy, Timmins-esque vocal folk-pop cocoon and tries out its muted-color flutter of hesitancy. Like Walters, Bobruk brims



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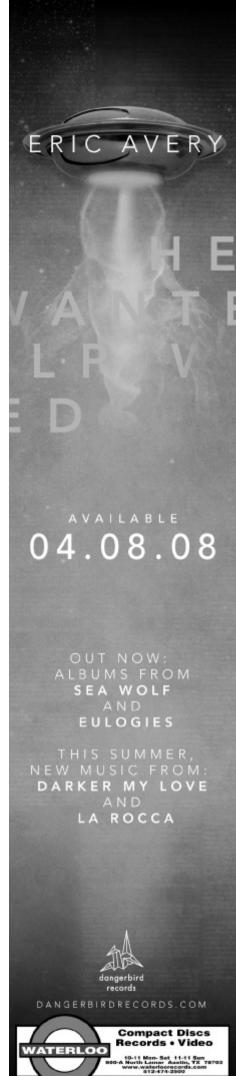


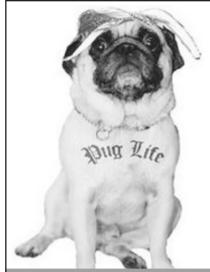
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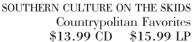




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WHERE MUSIC STILL MATTERS

coming from a vounger woman. Ludwick is looking 30 in the eye with a toddler on her hip, a transitional stage that makes it easy for her music to cut to the bone ("'72 Texas," "Julia Odessa"). Too Much Desire benefits from brothers Bruce and Charlie, as well as husband John Ludwick, but the album's charm and substance are pure Robyn.

– Margaret Moser

THE TWO TIMIN' FOUR Dark Before the

Dawn (Take Off) By adding a





Originally from Maine, where they worked with Sean Mencher of High Noon fame, the now Austin-based band's third LP. Dark Before the Dawn, is a sturdy mix of rockabilly beats and other retro antics updated with brash energy. There are times that the quartet hits with the force of the Blasters, a sound that's concrete solid and just as heavy. Their downfall is in the vocals of Eric Laufer, who possesses a whine somewhere between the braying of Jello Biafra and the overemoting of Morrissey. The Four hit pop-punk high points with "Mystery Girl" and "Lets Make Believe," and the rest of Dawn teems with simple, tuneful melodies and just the right amount of unpretentious atmospherics. Still, Laufer's voice is a distraction that will irk more than a few.

RIFLES

MICE &

Beginner's Luck (Wagonmaker)

Following 2006's fine All Kites Up, Mice & Rifles' second FP proves the



– Jim Caligiuri

local sextet more unified and polished, guitars squealing to the fore on ironic anthem "Carefree Americans" and brooding "The Only One." Though still not quite capturing their live country-rock assault of indignation, Beginner's Luck maintains its power in the percolating intensity of Kevin Brinkkoeter's low growl. Seething in a bittersweet scowl and furrowed by Phil McJunkins' pedal steel, Brinkkoeter's voice cracks on waltzing closer "Glass Homes" with the acerbic wit of lines like: "Let me digress, to when we first kissed. We were carving stones, while we were living in glass homes." Before that, "Shall Remain" pensively grapples mortality ("My mind is thinking things that my younger mind would never dare"), and "No Longer Love" churns heartache against resignation. No luck to it; Mice & Rifles fire with steel-eved precision.

- Doug Freeman

PATAPHYSICS

Take a Look Out Your Window (Business Deal)

Zom Zoms expat Pat Healy helms the vocals as Pataphysics, initially a local solo project that's grown to include a full band. Good thing, too,

because Healy is an unmanned fire hose live The guitar/bass/ drum/synth setup extends attention spans on the quintet's debut



LP (on vinyl with a CD included), 16 marathon songs about asking Jesus to grow a mustache, tapping kegs, and Kennedy's assassination. On "American Manneguin," Healy yelps like Danny Elfman, and Oingo Boingo-ness continues on the pogo-worthy "Miniskirts and Bikinis." Not that Pataphysics is aping OB; Take a Look grabs the weirdo-pop formula and rolls downhill. Their cover of Red Krayola's "Hurricane Fighter Plane" takes on an otherworldly buzz, anchored by Dirk Michener's beefy bassline: the standout title track is pure synth syncopation that borders on 1960s bomp; "Stake" is a slower-paced burn that shows the group can pull off more than sugar high. Focused, fun, physical. (CD release: Friday, April 11, Hole in the Wall.)

- Audra Schroeder

PALM SCHOOL CHOIR Gold

Austin's Palm School Choir isn't a shorter, hairless Polyphonic



Spree nor is it a Kidz Bon rehash, Rather PSC is a children's choir singing original soft-rock compositions written by their fearless leader, Gavin Tabone. "One Good Rock Show" can change the world, but any rock concert off to such a sleepy start might not get the lighters ablaze. It's not until "Rockland Eagles" that the first disc picks up; the kids' voices harmonize beautifully, and the music boasts genuine energy. The subject matter here is typical prepubescent stuff: studying for tests, fuzzy animals, awesome teachers. and the joys of reading. The second disc opens with a cover of the Flaming Lips' "Race for the Prize," and it's a pity there aren't more tracks like this on Gold. It's that kind of indie-Austin cool that this collection lacks, despite the honorable (and ultimately progressive) intent and effects of this project.

– Melanie Haupt

AFROFREQUE Fresh Soul Frequencies

The spacedout funk jams of Austin sixpiece Afrofreque fall somewhere



between P-Funk and Jamiroquai. The group shines on "Cool Breeze," a supersynthesized summertime anthem complete with a psyched-out guitar solo winking at Funkadelic's Eddie Hazel. DJ Resinthol is skilled on the decks, but his scratching is occasionally gratuitous to the point of distraction, smacking of that

moment in the late-1990s when every band needed a DJ. The lyrics of MC Tigre Liu are mostly devoid of substance and his rhyme patterns simplistic, but it hardly matters. Despite dubious claims of "mind elevation," this is strictly assshaking music, and Tigre Liu keeps the party moving, his voice and relaxed flow deftly floating over the chunky drums of Michael Hale and funky basslines of John Siebenthaler. The album succeeds when it stops fronting as brain food and recognizes the real: "People in the house everywhere, bobbin' your head and shakin' your derriere."

Thomas Fawcett

KRIMINALS The Games We Play

The murky aura that surrounds

the Kriminals' third effort pokes its cryptic head out of shadowy hip-hop with each



drawn-out violin stroke and keyboard phrase. The South Austin trio shows it has little trouble intimidating on The Game We Play, "If They Hated" pitting the Kriminals against opposition from the gate. The one-dimensional focus burns out quick, though, as a reliance on boasting-and-bashing taunts ignites only insipid rhymes that fall off beat and head into undecipherable hooks ("Stuck in the Back"). The focused and sincere "Times Are Hard" comes too late to make an impression, and with only the occasionally tweaked drum machines and Timbo-synthed style of "Them Kriminals Motherfuckas" serving as rare breaks from monotony, just getting there is a struggle. "We Ride Slow" is obvious, but Kriminals should pick up the pace.

- Chase Hoffberger

RAY REED

Where the Trinity Runs Free (Dialtone)

With a sound that's raw and raucous. Fort Worth bluesman Ray Reed cuts

to the chase, eschewing any notions of pretension. With a half-century of paid dues under his belt, the singer/guitarist lays down the type of hardscrabble blues you'd find in a Saturday night roadhouse out on the Jacksborough Highway. It's the kind of unadulterated sound we've come to expect from Austin's Dialtone Records. Reed's handful of funky originals, including "Look'n for the Blues" and "Trust Me," stands up well next to choice covers of B.B. King, Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, and Frankie Lee Sims. Joining Reed are brother-in-law/guitarist Clarence Pierce, Freddie King/Jimmy Reed bassist Johnny Woods, and Dallas harmonica ace Hash Brown. A couple of acoustic numbers, "Bad Sad" and standard "Key to the Highway," find Reed tipping his fedora to Lightnin' Hopkins. This is blues in the bucket, forthright and honest.

Jay Trachtenberg

BONUS TRACKS

BY AUSTIN POWELL

BLACK EARTH

That's Right We're Goin' Ballz Deep (Big Ape)

The sweltering scuzz punk emitted from the bowels of Black Earth would make Josh Homme wish he had never left the California desert Ballz Deep is as raunchy and volatile



as one would hope, with fuzzy guitar time bombs erupting in canyon-sized grooves, while Jason Reece marks the trail of dead from behind the kit. ★★★

WHITMAN

Torch Songs

At its best, Whitman's debut recalls the first-generation emo blueprinted by Austin's Mineral, with cackling guitars rupturing through the lyrical lapses.



Engaging and energetic, six-minute suites like "Insomniac" and mournful closer "Merchants of Death" reveal the local quartet's potential for something bigger, even if it isn't realized here. ★★★

HORSE OPERAS!

This Is an E.P. (Southern Love)

Like Chris Eaton of Rock Central Plaza, the Austin-bred Horse Operas! unravels dark, weary narratives - occasionally about horses - through a barrage of folk idioms that blends roots-rock with back-



porch blues. The nostalgic longing and simple truths found in the lyricism works well within the rustic scenery and stripped-down aesthetic. Let's hope an LP follows. ★★★

MISSION GIANT

Golden Trianale

Bookended by instrumental interludes "I-35E S" and "I-35W N," the nearly onehour venture into Mission Giant's third LP proves an audio Candy Land of panoramic synth-pop that's more daft than punk. Too bad it lasts longer than the sugar high. ★★



ALPHA REV

The Greatest Thing I've Ever Learned (Sea Change)

The difference between radiofriendly and radio-ready is immeasurable. Alpha Rev's remastered debut, led by the soaring vocals of former Endochine frontman Casey



McPherson, proves the latter, shooting for Radiohead grandeur and landing closer to Muse's Black Holes and Revelations. Certainly no small feat, but the three previously unreleased tunes lack the same consistency and richness.

SCOTT REYNOLDS & THE STEAMING BEAST

Adventure Boy (Boss Tuneage)

Former All member and Greg Ginn cohort Scott Reynolds employs Drag the River, Steven Drozd of the Flaming Lips, and Mercury Rev's Dave Fridmann for an eccentric pop



Adventure that defies its reference points. From woozy country ("Angel") to jazz-pop ("Scaffold Lick"), the only constant is Reynolds' rough voice and ever-present, lighthearted humor, both of which have aged well. ★★★

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LEAD STORY

Irish director-playwright Paul Walker's production of Ladies & Gents opened for a March run in New York City 29 blocks north of Broadway in a public restroom. According to an Associated Press report, the entire play takes place among the porcelain in a bathroom in Central Park, portraying "the seedy underside of 1950s Dublin," with the audience of 25 standing beside rows of stalls, near "spiders, foul odors and puddles of questionable origin." Walker proudly admits that he wanted to take the audience "out of their comfort zone" to create "a different energy." Actor John O'Callaghan recalled that rehearsals were especially difficult: "One man actually came in and had a pee right in front of us."

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

In October, the government of Singapore, anxious about the city's declining birthrate, began teaching its high school polytechnic students in formal courses on how to flirt. Said Isabel, 18: "My teacher said if a guy looks into my eyes for more than five seconds, it could mean that he is attracted to me, and I stand a chance," according to a March Reuters dispatch. The course includes "love song analysis" and how to chat online.

LATEST RELIGIOUS **MESSAGES**

- · Ajinbayo Akinsiku's heavily abridged version of the Bible, in the Japanese graphic manga style, was recently published in the United States with the goal of making Jesus more "accessible" to a younger, religion-indifferent generation. Quirky, illustration-rich manga presents biblical philosophy as action scenes using contemporary dialogue, according to a February New York Times review. In one example, Akinsiku (who hopes someday to become an Anglican priest) has Noah taking census on the Ark: "That's 11,344 animals? Aargh! I've lost count again. I'm going to have to start from scratch!"
- Duquesne University and Boston College recently created professional courses in financial and personnel management for churches (and Villanova University even established a special master's degree), thus recognizing that frauds by greedy priests and sexual abuse by errant clergy cannot be resolved simply by churches demanding that their leaders behave. Lax U.S. churches have lost tens of millions of dollars to embezzlement and sexual-abuse lawsuits, but, said a Villanova official, "If [church officials] were better trained in management, a lot of problems ... could have been avoided."



CHUCK SHEPHERD



Officials in the Shivpuri district of India's Madhya Pradesh state, needing a promising program to slow the country's still-booming birthrate, announced in March that men who volunteer for vasectomies will be rewarded with certificates that speed them through the ordinarily slow line to obtain oun permits. Said an administrator, the loss, through vasectomy, of a "perceived notion of manliness" would be offset "with a bigger symbol of manliness."

· Among the recent victims of internal religious strife in Malaysia was Kamariah Ali, 57, who long ago renounced Islam and started worshipping a 2-story-tall "sacred teapot" she had built for her Sky Kingdom cult (emphasizing the "purity of water"). She was sentenced to jail as a failed Muslim in 2005, and the teapot destroyed, and in March 2008, another court found that she had been insufficiently rehabilitated and ordered her back to jail.

THE CONTINUING CRISIS

• Registered sex offender Jason Lee, 28, was arrested in Cincinnati in February and charged with several counts of deception for his seemingly benevolent acts of posting bond for two female strangers who had been arrested. Later, according to police, he had demanded sex and drugs from the women as payback, and a prosecutor said Lee had trolled for names of arrested women on the website of the clerk of the court.

- · Questionable Judgments: 1) Jason Fife was sentenced to probation and community service after harassing his estranged wife's boyfriend with a special package delivery. Fife, said his lawyer, now "understands that in a civilized society, a person cannot send [someone] a severed cow's head." 2) In December, Sister Kathy Avery of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., held all fifth- through eighth-graders after class in the school's chapel so she could inform them of the new rules against cussing. According to the kids, Avery held nothing back: She recited a list of the actual, blushproducing words and phrases she was talking about. Said Avery afterward, "It got a little quiet in church.'
- "Look, it is no big deal," Christopher Wilkins told the Fort Worth jury trying to decide in March whether to send him to death row or life in prison. "I'm as unde-

cided [about that]as you are." Wilkins even belittled his own lawyers for bringing his family in to beg the jury for mercy: "They [my lawyers] sprung that charade on me," he told the jury. When his lawyers suggested that his murders were not cold-blooded but were the result of drug use, Wilkins said, "I wouldn't put too much weight on that." Before leaving the witness stand, Wilkins complimented the prosecutor ("You're doing a fine job") and added, "I haven't been any good to anybody for the last 20 years, and I won't be for the next 20 or the 20 after that." (The jury chose the death penalty.)

ADVENTURES IN DEMOCRACY

1) In January, the parents of Carroll County (Md.) Board of Education candidate Draper Phelps, 28, obtained a protective stay-away order against their son, marking the third consecutive year they felt they needed one. (Phelps lost in the February primary.) 2) In February, at a polling place in Chicago's 42nd Ward (according to a Chicago Tribune report), one election judge (a woman in her 30s) was charged with battery for punching another election judge (a woman in her 50s) in the face. 3) Brian Sliter, 42, announced in March his candidacy for mayor of Wilmer, Texas, notwithstanding his 2004 arrest (resulting in probation) for trying to arrange a tryst with an underage girl.

NEWS THAT SOUNDS LIKE A JOKE

1) In January just after police in Tyler, Texas, took Christopher McCuin, 25, into custody on suspicion of killing and eating parts of his girlfriend (an ear was found on the stove), People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals sent the sheriff a fax demanding that McCuin receive only a vegetarian diet, suggesting that too much meat-eating had already occurred in the case. 2) Mark Hotuyec, 46, was arrested in Joliet, Ill., in February and charged with indecent exposure after he allegedly drove alongside a school bus containing fourthgraders while openly fondling himself, visible to kids looking out the window. (The bus was from the Wood View Elementary School in Bolingbrook, Ill.)

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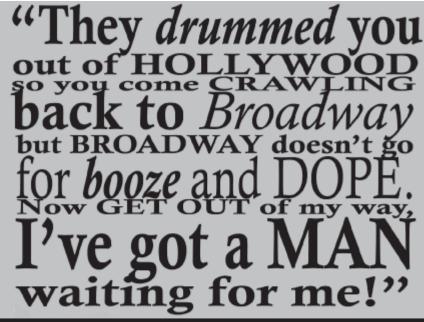
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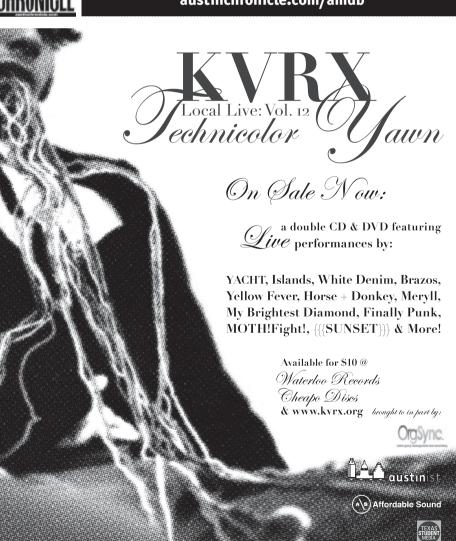
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Bring copies of your résumé, dress professionally, bring your go-getter attitude, and score that job in the communications field. Noon-5pm. Texas Union Ballroom. UT campus. 24th & Guadalupe. 471-9421. Free. www.communication.utexas.edu/ccs/students/ fairs/spring08-fair.html.

GETTING CONNECTED: BUSINESS RESOURCE

FAIR The city of Austin Small Business Development Program gathers 40 nonprofits, government programs, chambers of commerce, and community-development corporations together this afternoon to provide expert advice, information, and training seminars to small-business owners and entrepreneurs looking to expand their current business or to start a new one. 4-8pm. Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd., 974-7800. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/sbdp.

HOPE AWARD CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER
The Austin Area Interreligious Ministries honors Congregation Beth Israel, Rabbi Steven Folberg, and the United Methodist Women of Austin this evening for their many contributions to the Austin community. Join them for a silent auction, dinner, and music from Sara Hickman. 6pm. St. David's Episcopal Church, 304 E. Seventh, 472-1196. \$125.

LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY PURPLE MARGARITA PARTY Ten bucks gets you all the margaritas you could want and consequently sloshed (if that's your style) - all for a good cause. 5pm. Union Park, 612 W. Sixth. \$10.

purplehappyhour@yahoo.com.

REPRODUCTIVE EQUITY AWARDS Rep. Jessica Farrar will be honored at this benefit for the Lilith Fund for her work toward reproductive freedom in the Legislature. Purchase tickets or volunteer at their website. 6:30pm. Mercury Hall, 615 Cardinal, 877/355-1469. \$30. www.lilithfund.org.

VOTER REGISTRATION: LAST DAY Over 18 and not doing time on a felony charge? Register to

the young ones

PLAY IT BY EAR Make your kid a sound artist in this new exhibition. Explore the art of sound and the sounds of art being made. Through Sept. 14.
Austin Children's Museum. 201 Colorado. 472-2499. \$3.50-5.50 (free, kids under 12 months).

Opera Theatre presents Seymour Barab's Chanticleer. That's as kid-friendly as opera gets (and a palatable 40 minutes long). Fri.-Sat., April 11-12, 7pm. Southwestern University campus (1001 E. University, Georgetown) Alma Thomas Theater, 512/863-1379. Free. www.ssfa.southwestern.edu.

SCHLOTZSKY'S KIDS 1K LIL' BUN RUN Aside from the 1K run/walk, kids and their 'rents can enjoy the Moonwalk, a snow-cone machine, some cake, and get their face painted. Sat., April 12, 1pm. Auditorium Shores, 920 W. Riverside, 294-4570. www.bunrun.com.

TEEN SUCCESS SUMMIT Austin Voices for Education and Youth and AISD team up to get teens talking to their peers and thinking creatively about the obstacles to graduation. Sat., April 12, 8:30am-2:30pm. Travis High School, 1211 E. Oltorf, 414-0201. Free

YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY Join this nationwide



vote in the May 10 elections; the application deadline is today. Early voting for this election runs from Mon., April 28, to Tue., May 6. Don't wait! www. traviscountytax.org/goVoters.do.

WOMEN OF TEXAS, CONNECT The Women's Chamber of Commerce of Texas' MAPcon (Money and Power Conference) features workshops, high energy speakers and panels, and more. Women of the world take over! 8am-4:30pm. Hyatt Regency Austin, 208 Barton Springs Rd., 922-2094. \$175

WRITERS IN THE ROUND Join some of Austin's finest playwrights (George Brant, Kirk Lynn, Steve Moore, and Sherry Kramer) for some chat about their craft. The Chronicle's own Robert Faires will keep everyone in line as moderator. 6:30pm. Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 495-4644, Free, www.lib.utexas.edu

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.) **D Berman Gallery**

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) The Forest @ Alamo Ritz, 12mid

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Sunset, Gulf of Mexico The Parish Jessefest Antone's The Mars Volta Austin Music Hall

Friday



BISHOP NOEL JONES will be Reconciling a Nation Back to God. 7pm. Agape Christian Ministries, 6215 Manchaca, 444-0664. Free. www.impactaustin4christ.com.

CANCER CONNECTION VOLUNTEER

ORIENTATION is for cancer survivors and their loved ones who are interested in providing emotional support to patients currently battling the disease. See www.thecancerconnection.org for details. Fri.-Sat., April 11-12. 342-0233. \$25 (scholarships

🕽 INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA

This two-day event dedicated to poet Raúl Salinas features musicians and vocalists from here and afar, And we mean afar; Japan, Haiti, India, and more. See Club Listings, p.98, for a complete lineup. Fri., April 11, 7:30pm, King Seabrook Chapel, 900 Chicon; Sat., April 12, 7pm, Casa de Luz, 1701 Toomey. \$13 (\$10, advance) for each event.

SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK SING-ALONG An evening of songs, prizes, and happy-hour specials bringing back those old Saturday-morning edu-commercials (remember "Conjunction Junction"?) to raise funds for **College Forward**, a college counseling program for low-income high school students. 6-8pm. Mother Egan's Irish Pub, 715 W. Sixth, 452-4800. Free. www.collegeforward.org.

SPANISH/CHINESE CONVERSATION GROUP

Fridays, 7:30pm. Formosa Art & Tea, 200 E. Pecan #5, Pflugerville, 512/989-8678. Free. www.drinkarttea.com.

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

The Devil Came on Horseback @ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (14311 Wells Port Dr.),

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AN EVENING WITH ART AFTER DARK See Arts Listings, p.82, for more. Sat., April 12, 7-10pm. \$65. www.artallianceaustin.org.

ARTIST'S MARKET Most Saturdays, 10am-6pm (check website for changes). Mother Egan's Irish Pub, 715 W. Sixth, 535-5761. Free. www.downtownartistmarket.com

AUSTIN FARMERS' MARKET Saturdays, 9am-1pm. Republic Square Park, 422 Guadalupe, 974-6700. Free. www.austinfarmersmarket.org.

BAMBOO LOGIC SEMINAR & TOUR Learn all about bamboo today, whether you're interested in landscaping with it, containing it, or safely getting rid of it. 10am-noon. Casa de Luz, 1701 Toomey, 350-8505. \$15. www.bamboo-logic.com

OPERA FOR CHILDREN The Southwestern University

celebration of all things healthy. Games, activities,

booths, and snacks (no Ding Dongs!) all lead your little one down the road to wellville. Sat., April 12, 10am-1pm. All Austin YMCA locations, 730-9622. Free. www.austinvmca.org.

SERENDIPITY CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL celebrates the arts and sciences with demos, crafts, and activities under the big oak tree. Sara Hickman performs. Sat., April 12, 10am-4pm, Community Montessori School, 500 Pleasant Valley Dr., Georgetown, 512/863-7920. \$12 (\$8, under 12). www.community-montessori.org.

KOCUREK SPRING CARNIVAL All the typical carnival fare (moonwalk, food, face painting, etc.) for your kid or the kid in you. Sat., April 12, 11am-3pm. Kocurek Elementary, 9800 Curlew, 696-5230. Free. www.kocurek.txpta.org.

IT'S SARAH ACKERLEY! The author and illustrator is here with her new book, Patrick the Somnambulist, about a penguin named Patrick who finds himself in odd situations. Sat., April 12, 11:30am. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.

MARIO CART: DOUBLE DASH! TOURNAMENT Open to kids ages 6 and up. Sat., April 12, 1:30-4pm. St. John Library, 7500 Blessing, 472-3584. Free. www.gamingapl.blogspot.com.

DAD & DAUGHTER WONDER BALL Wonders &

Worries, an organization that counsels children with cancer and other blood diseases, presents an enchanted evening for dads (or granddads or father figures) and daughters. We're talking tiaras, glass slippers, fairy godmothers, and court jesters. Don't forget to pay your respects to the Wonder Ball King. Sat., April 12, 6:30pm. Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd., 329-5757. \$100 for dad and up to three daughters. www.wondersandworries.org.

AIPF YOUTH SHOWCASE and Frank Pool Awards hosted by Deb Akers with announcer Joy Palmer. The best of Austin's young poetry talent. Sun., April 13, noon-2pm. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 328-3652.

RIDLEY PEARSON springs his Steel Trapp: The Challenge, his new thriller of a chapter book about Steven "Steel" Trapp, a 14-year-old boy with a photographic memory. Sun., April 13, 1pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.

KAUILA THE TURTLE ZACH Theatre's Education Department presents this Hawaiian tale of a magic turtle. Reservations are required for your children (recommended for ages 3-7). April 14-May 2. Check website or call for times and dates. ZACH's Kleberg Stage, 1510 Toomey, 476-0594 x236. \$5 (adults free with child admission). www.zachscott.com

JOHN FLANAGAN delivers more young fantasy action in Ranger's Apprentice Book 4: The Battle for Skandia. Lots of action. Mon., April 14, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.

THE EARTH LAUGHS IN FLOWERS STORYTIME Read On Meadowview Street, along with a whole bouquet of stories sure to attract all the bees in town. Tue., April 15, 10:30am. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.

MR JOHNNY'S KID'S NIGHT Relax and have a bite while the kids hit the pit for a bouncy set from Mr Johnny & Sharon. Call ahead of time if your child (8-12 years old) can sing, and the stage may await. Tuesdays, 5:30-8pm. Freddie's Place, 1703 S. First, 494-1411. Free. www.mrjohnny.com.

YOGAKIDS IN BOOKKIDS! Certified yoga instructor Krista Phillips reads a story or two and leads the young ones in a short and lively yoga lesson. Wed., April 16, 10:30am. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.

MISSY CHASE LAPINE shares healthy food tricks for kids and parents in her The Sneaky Chef: How to Cheat on Your Man (In the Kitchen). Wed., April 16, noon. Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 10000 Research #158, 418-8985.

BENGALI NEW YEAR 1415 The Bangladesh Association of Greater Austin is going to party like it's 1415! Singing, dancing, kids activities, and food all ring in the new year. 11am-7pm. Richard Moya Park, 10001 Burleson, 586-8309. Free. www.bagatx.org

CACTUS & SUCCULENT SHOW & SALE showcases rare and exotic cacti and other water-indifferent plants. If you like 'em, take one home. Remember, if you bleed, you buy. Sat.-Sun., April 12-13, 10am-5pm. Zilker Botanical Garden, 2220 Barton Springs Rd., 477-8672. Free. www.austincss.com

CLARKSVILLE CONNECTION: THE PEASE **ESTATE & THE BIRTH OF A COMMUNITY** But wait .. what does Clarksville have to do with the Pease family? All will be revealed! Hear the neighborhood's story at Sweet Home Baptist Church: groove to gospel music by the irresistible Bells of Joy; snack on goodies at the historic Haskell House; and tour Woodlawn, the Pease family's home for more than a hundred years. 1pm. Sweet Home Baptist Church, 1725 W. 11th. Free.

DIVORCE WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN Attorneys, financial advisers, and family counselors are on hand at this workshop to help you address the legal, financial, and emotional issues that arise with divorce. Second Saturdays, 8:30am-noon. DeVry University, Stratum Executive Center Bldg. B, room 102, 11044 Research, 732-1244. \$45. www.austindivorceworkshop.com.

EMOTIONAL RECOVERY This workshop (Paper Cuts: Why Do Things So Small Hurt So Much?) takes a look at identifying the small emotional struggles that cause each of us pain and are less recognizable than the major disruptions, like marital issues or dealing with the loss of a loved one. 10am-noon. Austin Recovery, 8402 Cross Park, 697-8528. Free. www.austinrecovery.org.

EQUQUEST LEARNING CENTER OPEN HOUSE includes natural and classical horsemanship demos on topics covering all the basics. Contact EquQuest and they might use your problem horse (we've all got one) in a demo. I assume they

once had a problem swine because there will

be a pig roast as well. Noon-5pm. Georgetown, 512/868-7638. Free. www.eququest.com

FIREBALL SPRING CRAWFISH BOIL Brisket, crawfish, live music, kids activities, a raffle, all to benefit the Shriner's Children's Burn Hospital. A memorial ride leaves at 10am and returns at 5pm, just in time for dinner. 10am-10pm. Manchaca Fire Hall, 1310 FM 1626, Manchaca, 512/632-3545. \$15 (free, 12 and under). www.fireballaustin.com.

HILDE GIRLS GLOBAL CAMPS AFRICA BENEFIT The Hilde Girls sing the sacred works of Hildegard of Bingen (hence the name); only this time it's to benefit Global Camps Africa, a nonprofit that offers care and education for children affected by AIDS. 8pm, Unity Church of the Hills, 9905 Anderson Mill Rd., 448-2266. \$15 donation. www.hildegirls.com.

HOT IMPORT NIGHTS EXPO Do you find it near impossible to drive 55? Do you prefer your women scantily clad and straddling a 1000HP Nissan 350Z? Get your drifting self to this extravaganza of all things motocross, tricked-out, and NOS-powered. Music, motorcycles jumping semis, and more than 300 vehicles that would be ready to race if they didn't look so pretty all included. 4-11pm. Travis County Expo Center, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., 919-3000. \$25. www.nightshiftevents.com

INTRODUCTION TO ZEN MEDITATION features a meditation session and Buddhist discussion every week. Saturdays, 8:30-11am. Austin Zen Center, 3014 Washington Square, 452-5777. Free. austinzencenter.org.

LOOKING TOWARD TOMORROW Not growing old as gracefully as you'd like? Let Judith Helburn help you realize your potential and help Austin Groups for the Elderly at the same time, 10am-noon, AGE building, 3710 Cedar, 454-7229. \$5 donation.

MOVE & GROOVE MORNING features free yoga or fitness instruction every week. Saturdays, 9am. Lululemon Athletica Showroom, 3700 Kerbey Ln., 407-9874. Free. www.lululemon.com/austin.

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ORIENTATION FOR FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

CTTC offers preparatory, beginner, intermediate, and advanced computer classes for adults Monday Thursday evenings, with evening and Saturday afternoon drop-in lab times as well as professional development seminars. Orientation sessions like tonight's are a mandatory prerequisite for attendance. Noon-2pm. William B. Travis High School, 1211 E. Oltorf, 323-6773 x122. Free.

www.skillpointalliance.org/cttc.

P.O.V. Howson Library continues its series of monthly screenings and discussions featuring the acclaimed PBS documentary series P.O.V. Today's episode: Following Sean. (See Special Screenings, p.96.) 2-4pm. Howson Library, 2500 Exposition, 472-3584. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/library.

PLANT SALE & GARDENING FESTIVAL Not only will they have "the best selection of native plants in Central Texas," but prepare yourself for workshops, guided tours, and children's activities. Bring your wagon for that green bounty you'll no doubt be lugging home. Sat.-Sun., April 12-13, 9am-5pm. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse, 232-0100. \$7 (\$6, senior; \$3, children). www.wildflower.org/plantsale.

PLANT WALK Join herbalist Anne Merrill as she turns ordinary Austinites into urban plant nerds. 1pm. Shipe Park, 4400 Avenue G, 476-8422. \$10. v.texasmedicinals.com

PLANTS FOR SMALL SPACES This seminar sponsored by the Travis County Master Gardener Association helps people who love plants but have no proper garden. Learn to use the green space you have, and make the most of your potted plants. Bring your sick plant, and a greener thumb than yours will take a look, 10am, North Rural Community Center, 15822 Foothill Farms Loop Bldg. D, Pflugerville, 512/854-9600. Free. www.tcmastergardeners.org.

PRIMAVERA FUNDRAISER Swing band the Lucky Strikes perform, Owen Egerton emcees the auction, and the proceeds go to the Primavera Montessori School. 7-11pm. United States Art Authority, 512 W. 29th, 443-8843. \$35. www.unitedstatesartauthority.com

QUEEN OF HEARTS BENEFIT GALA features a three-course dinner, casino games, and an auction to benefit the Cathedral School of St. Mary's Tuition Assistance Program. 6:30pm. Hilton Hotel Downtown, 500 E. Fourth, 476-1480. \$85 (\$150, couple), www.saintmarvscathedral.org

RADICAL URBAN SUSTAINABILITY TRAINING attracts forward-thinking citizens from all over the U.S. and only comes around a few times a year, so we suggest you sign up now. Hosted by the highly innovative and lightly treading folks over at the Rhizome Collective, this popular two-day workshop explores ways of creating autonomous, sustainable communities. Topics include everything from bioremediation, rainwater harvesting, worm composting, and the ever exciting humanure to biofuels, post-petroleum economics, and dual-power anarchism. Registration required. Sat.-Sun., April 12-13. Rhizome Collective, 300 Allen, 385-3695. \$150-350 sliding scale. www.rhizomecollective.org/rust.html.

ROCKIN' FOR RESCUE serves animal rescue shelters by rockin' people's cash out of their pockets with music that'll make any cat purr. See Club Listings, p.108, for lineup. 9pm-1am. Momo's, 618 W. Sixth, 775-6643. \$15. www.myspace.com/rockinforrescue

SAFEPLACE WALK helps raise money to fund prevention programs and other services for victims of domestic abuse. Sign up online before noon on

Fri., April 11, or show up early (9:30am) to register the day of the walk. 11am. Waterloo Park, 403 E. 15th, 481-WALK. www.safeplace.org.

SALSA AEROBICS This ladies-only class will teach you how to get fit while looking sexy at the same time, Saturdays, 10:30am, EsquinaTango, 209 Pedernales, 524-2772. \$12 (\$40/month). www.esquinatangoaustin.com

SUNSET VALLEY FARMERS MARKET Saturdays, 9am-1pm. Toney Burger Center, 3200 Jones, 280-1976. Free. www.sunsetvalleyfarmersmarket.org.

VIDEO & DISCUSSION features a screening of August Rush, followed by a guided group discussion inspired by the movie's themes. 7pm. Human Potential Center, 2007 Bert, 441-8988, Free, www.humanpotentialcenter.org

🕥 INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA (See Friday.)

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.)

Creative Research Laboratory, New East Arts Gallery, Tiru Gallery

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) 2001: A Space Odyssey @ Alamo Ritz, 3:30pm Following Sean @ Howson Library, 2pm Shadows @ Texas Union Theatre, 7:30pm The Neverending Story @ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 1pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

The Joneses Emo's Austin International Music Extravaganza

British Sea Power, Film School Club de Ville Furby Youth Choir The Opera House

Sunday 13

ART LOST IN TRANSLATION The people of Graduate-Level Graffiti bring this multidisciplinary event that explores what makes us different and attempts to unveil what disconnects us. 5pm. Asian American Cultural Center, 11713 Jollyville, 336-5069. www.gradgraffiti.org.

ARTISAN STROLL is a monthly outdoor artists market with strolling musicians and performers to entertain you as you shop in downtown Round Rock. Second Sundays, 11am-5pm. Downtown Round Rock, 512/535-5761. Free. www.artisanstroll.com

AUSTIN FRIENDS OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC gather every second Sunday for a meeting (11:30am) followed by a jam session (2-5pm). See www.aftm.us for more. Second Sundays. Artz Rib House, 2330 S. Lamar, 789-4572.

CAFE MUNDI SPRING YARD SALE All the things you'd expect from a yard sale except decent coffee will be at your fingertips. Bring baby stuff to trade. 10am-4pm. Cafe Mundi, 1704 E. Fifth, 236-8634 Free

ETHICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTIN Shhhh! It's a colloguy on "silence" led by an ESA member. 10am. Laguna Gloria, 3809 W. 35th, 458-8191. Free. www.esoa.org.

HUTTO: AMERICA'S FAMILY PRISON Bob Libal from Grassroots Leadership and UT filmmaker Matt Gossage will screen and discuss "Hutto: America's Family Prison." While you're joining in the discussion, why not join in the fight to end the very idea of a "family prison"? 11:30am-12:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4700 Grover. 452-6168, Free, www.austinuu.org.

South Llano River State 9

Park, outside of Junction, Texas, has something for iust about everybody. This public oasis deep on the western edge of the Edwards Plateau offers the cool waters of the South Llano River, miles of trails, and a list as long as your arm of birds who flock to the feeders.

Of course, you might be able to find other things to do besides fishing, mountain biking, tubing, hiking, or bird-watching in the treeshaded campground.

The park is named for the spring-fed South Llano River, a tributary that flows north to meet the Colorado River. The 50-mile-long stream, one of the most pristine in the state, joins with the North Llano at Junction.

Technically, the South

Llano River State Park encompasses only 524 acres of river bottomland covered in pecan and oak trees. But the park abuts the 2,200-acre Walter Buck Wildlife Management Area, which gives visitors access to a wide range of trails, scenery, and wildlife.

The Buck family moved to Kimble County in 1910 to build a cattle and goat ranch on the arid land. In 1977, Walter Buck Jr. bequeathed the property to the state as parkland. The gate swung open to visitors in 1990, using the ranch house as the park headquarters.

One of the gifts that came with the wildlife management area was 18 miles of old ranch roads that make perfect hiking and biking trails. You can explore the trails for hours and not see another visitor. The paths earn an intermediate rating, primarily due to a couple of gnarly hills.

If you attack steep climbs like they are merely speed bumps, then the 1.2-mile round-trip hike to the scenic overlook is not to be missed. The climb is on a paved, one-lane road that leads to a panoramic view of the pecan grove surrounding the campground and the rugged hills on the horizon.

Partly owing to the park's remoteness and to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's success at managing a healthy ecosystem, the chances of spotting some of the natural residents are pretty good. During fall and winter hunting seasons, portions of the wildlife management area may be closed for public hunts.



Portions of the wooded bottomland in the park are also closed from October to March during turkey-roosting season. One of the largest concentrations of Rio Grande turkeys in Central Texas has used the area for more than 100 years. The shy birds can often be seen vear-round strutting through the woods below the campground. You don't have to be an avid birder to enjoy watching the activity outside one of the three bird blinds. At the juniper blind, just off the parking lot for the walk-in camping area, the park rangers have built a water trough that attracts large cardinals, the elusive painted buntings, and, if you're lucky, a rare black-capped vireo. More than 200 species of resident and migratory birds have been seen in the park.

Like the wildlife, many of the human visitors come to the

park for the water. The lack of development along the remote South Llano River has kept the water free of industrial contaminates. The Llano River system is the only major watershed containing a genetically pure population of Guadalupe bass, the state fish. There also is a small oxbow lake to fish for perch and catfish.

With 2 miles of river frontage, the park is a popular place for a refreshing swim. Tubes can be rented at the park's headquarters or at South Llano Farm at the entrance to the park. You can also purchase a variety of nutty goodies from their store.

Canoeing and kayaking on the South Llano River is one of the great water-sports secrets in Central Texas. There are four companies in Junction that offer rentals and shuttle service; for a list, go to www.iunctiontexas.net.

South Llano River State Park is three miles south of Junction off of U.S. Highway 377. With only 57 campsites offering water and electricity and a dozen tent sites (no electricity), it is best to make your reservations early. Reservations can be made at 512/389-8900; the park headquarters can be reached at 325/446-3994 or at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

875th in a series. 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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BY GERALD E. MCLEOD

CINEFESTIVAL enters its 30th year as the nation's longest-running Latino film festival by presenting two Sundance award winners, two world premieres, and more than 50 features, shorts, and documentaries from around the world. *Thu.-Sun., April 10-13.* Guadalupe Theater, San Antonio, 210/271-3151. \$8 per screening, \$40 festival passes. www.cinefestivalsa.org.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL features 12 areas of continuous family entertainment with Elvis impersonators, a variety of musical guests, lots of strawberry foods, and a carnival. Fri.-Sun., April 11-13. Festival Grounds, Poteet, 888/742-8244. \$10. www.strawberryfestival.com.

FOLKFEST features living history re-enactments, pioneer craft demonstrations, free furniture museum tours, children's activities, musical entertainment, and food. Sat.-Sun., April 12-13. Heritage Village, 1370 Church Hill Dr., New Braunfels, 830/629-6504. www.nbheritagevillage.com

TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL AT THE LBJ RANCH

celebrates the Sixties at the Texas White House. Hear speakers on topics such as civil rights and the impact LBJ had on the 1960s and the world, as well as personal accounts by people with first-hand knowledge of President Johnson, plus food, music, and classic cars. Sat., April 12, 9am-4pm. LBJ Ranch, Stonewall, 830/868-7128 x244. www.nps.gov/lyjo

HIDALGO FALLS RIVER FESTIVAL opens a private park for a weekend of kayaking and canoeing, races, whitewater rodeo, music, camping, product demonstrations, and seminars. Sat.-Sun., April 12-13. Hidalgo Falls on the Brazos River near Navasota. \$25, weekend; \$15, Sunday only. sdaniel@philosophy.tamu.edu.

philosophy.tamu.edu/~sdaniel/hidalgo.html.

BLUEBONNET FESTIVAL comes just when the rolling hills of Washington County are draped in wildflowers and the museum is surrounded by artisans, music, food, and special children's activities Sat.-Sun., April 12-13. Chappell Hill, 800/225-3695. Free. www.chappellhillmuseum.org.

ATTWATER'S PRAIRIE CHICKEN FESTIVAL

offers tours to view the secret sex lives of one of North America's most endangered birds, along with birding and plant tours. Sat.-Sun., April 12-13. Attwater's Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, Eagle Lake, 979/234-3021.

www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/attwater.

IRIN AJO MIMO Women of African descent at any stage of pregnancy are invited to learn ceremonial traditions, cleansing rituals, and tips for transforming the birth environment into a sacred space. 2:30-4:30pm. W.H. Passon Historical Society House, 1501 E. 12th, 317-6826. \$15.

www.freewebs.com/SANKOFAASAFO

NOKIDDING! SUPPER Meet with fellow happily child-free adults at this monthly social for folks who prefer the grownup table. 6-8:30pm. Threadgill's World HQ, 301 W. Riverside, 472-9304. www.austinnokidding.com

PEACE LOVE HAPPINESS RIDE Join John Paul Mitchell Systems CEO John Paul DeJoria and his celebrity friends for a Harley-Davidson fashion show and a peaceful Hill Country motorcycle ride followed by a party with barbecue and live music, all to benefit the Austin Children's Shelter and the 100 Club of Central Texas, Sun., April 13. 499-0090. \$50. www.peacelovehappiness.com

PEACE SUNDAY This monthly gathering features quiet meditation followed by a friendly potluck brunch. 1-3pm. Human Potential Center. 2007 Bert. 441-8988. Free. www.humanpotentialcenter.org.

REI PADDLE DEMO Paddle around Lady Bird Lake on REI's dime. They'll supply the gear; just dress for the sun and water. Once you catch the paddlin' bug. REI will be there to capitalize, capitalist-style. 10am-3pm. Rowing Dock, 2418 Stratford, 482-3357. Free. www.rei.com/paddle.

SEXUAL HEALTH TRIVIA NIGHT So, you think you know all the ins and outs of knockin' boots? Prove it at this benefit for the Ashera Project, an organization that educates high school youths about sexual health, community service, and more. 7pm. Jovita's, 1617 S. First. \$5 (\$8 couple). www.asheraproject.org.

SINGLE PARENT RESOURCE NETWORK invites both single parents and non- to join them after the

Sunday Kid Show. This monthly gathering meets in the interest of creating a family-friendly community and sharing information about babysitting co-ops, clothing swaps, potlucks, and more. Second Sundays, 11:30am. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. Free. www.rutamaya.net

SONS OF NORWAY PRESENTATION Come for the potluck supper, stay for the educational program by the youth members of Sons of Norway Lodge, and learn about the Norwegian Resistance of World War II. Don't pretend like you already knew about the resistance, 5-7pm, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 200 W. Anderson Ln., 451-8895, Free. www.clengpeerson.org.

SUN-COOKING & SIMPLE LIVING WORKSHOP

Jenny Nazak of Austin Permaculture Guild shows you how to live simply and get those energy and water bills to 10% of the American average. Other topics include composting, gray-water use, and cleaning the green way. Attendees must call to reg ister. 10am-1pm. The Micropalace, address provided upon registration, 619-5363. \$25. www.permie.us.

TENTS OF HOPE FOR DARFUR is a yearlong initiative asking people to respond to the crisis in Sudan. Paint a tent, and help shed light on the atrocities in Darfur. Speakers include Reps. Lloyd Doggett and Michael McCaul. The series of events occurring in 140 cities culminates with a gathering of the tents in Washington, D.C., in November. 2pm. Capitol grounds. www.tentsofhopetexas.org.

CACTUS & SUCCULENT SHOW & SALE (See Saturday.)

PLANT SALE & GARDENING FESTIVAL (See Saturday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) 2001: A Space Odyssey @ Alamo Ritz, 1, 4, 9:20pm The Neverending Story @ Alamo Drafthouse

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Health Emo's

Hey, Loretta! Hillbilly Hoedown & Pie Social

Monday



AUSTIN ORGANIC GARDENERS MEETING covers topics ranging from soil biology to compost, 7-9pm. Zilker Botanical Garden, 2220 Barton Springs Rd., 443-7187. Free. www.austinorganicgardeners.org.

JOB FAIR Monster.com brings a slew of employers for you to impress. Come dressed that way. 11am-2pm. Embassy Suites, 5901 N. I-35, 454-8004. Free. www.nationalcareerfairs.com.

PUB QUIZ A weekly trivia night for testing wits and winning prizes. Mondays, 7:30pm. Fadó, 214 W. Fourth, 457-0172.

WINE BAT BLIND TASTING consists of six wines and paired appetizers. This week's theme is Cabernet Sauvignon. 7pm. Green Pastures, 811 W. Live Oak, 961-6151. \$25. www.winebat.com

LITERA (See Arts Listings.)

Mary Roach Goes Bonk Alamo Drafthouse

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) Best of Sex Ed With Owen Egerton and Mary Roach @ Alamo Ritz, 7pm Kiss of Death @ Texas Union Theatre 7:30nm Sound Unbound Vol. 3: Beat Poetry & Jazz

@ Alamo Ritz, 10pm MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Mark Mallman Beauty Bar

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For more gay stuff, see Calendar online: austinchronicle.com. Send gay bits to gayplace@austinchronicle.com.

HER BODY, HERSELF Younger women might not realize that were this tome truer to its original early-Seventies form, it'd be a helluva lot more Peaches and Le Tigre and a whole lot less pink and pleasant. Yet, while it has seen some shaving in recent years (figuratively and literally: Can we please trade the begrudging acceptance of the Brazilian for the sorely missed "In Amerika They Call Us Dykes"?), it's still an important pre-emptive strategy in the war against women's bodies. She's not the Boston Women's Health Book Collective, but Judy Norsigian, executive director and spokesperson for **Our Bodies Ourselves**, will appear today, at BookWoman (1:30pm) and BookPeople (7pm). Thu., April 10. BookWoman, 5501 N. Lamar Ste. A-105, 472-2785; BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOUTH! Guess who's hitting the big One Eight? Yup, our beloved Out Youth, Austin's safe space for queer and questioning kids and their allies, marks a milestone, and they need us more than ever. But for now, they just need us and especially all you OY alumni – to come to the drop-in center to celebrate their **18th** birthday. Sun., April 13, 2pm. Out Youth, 909 E. 491/2, 419-1233. www.outyouth.org.

BEAR SEASON! Just as the thermometers start to rise and mammals of all stripes begin to shake off the sleep of hibernation, it's time for the H.O.T. Bears Beer Bust. Say that five times fast. Whether you're a bear or a bear-admirer, come join friendly, burly guys, cheap Brew Dogs, 50-cent drafts, and (direct from the bear's may) "more hairs-per-square than bluebonnets in Texas." Watch this space for info on their upcoming **UnRun** taking place later in the month. Sun., April 13, 4-8pm. Chain Drive, 504 Willow, 480-9017. www.heartoftexasbears.org.

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JENN G ON LOGO She may no longer live in Austin, but Central Texas ex-pat Jenn Garrison is keeping Austin weird in L.A. The noted gaywad filmmaker has already had one short on MTV's queer TV network, and this week, JO FM will be showing on **Logo**, on the air and on the Web. Check your cable company or **www.logoonline.com** for listings. 585-2852. **www.ginjar.com**.

WHAT'S GAYER THAN A CABARET? Not much. Check out Austin Cabaret Theatre's new blog. www.austincabaret.blogspot.com.

STATE OF THE STATE Join Equality Texas and a slew of high-profile progressive Texas movers and shakers at this confab of queer issues and the law. Panel topics include: Domestic Partner Benefits, Non-Discrimination Policy, Safe Schools, Relationship Protection, Foster Care & Adoption, Pride in Faith, Hate Crimes, Transgender Issues & Policy, Civic Activism, and more. Advanced registration is required. Sat., April 19, 9am-4:30pm. Texas state Capitol, 1100 Congress, 305-8400. Free. info@equalitytexas.org, www.eqfed.org/eqtx.

HOT STEPPERS ... OR AT LEAST, HOT EATERS We have faith that some day these kids will eventually get it out on the floor. But for now, come help decide what this LGBT salsa dancing group will do next at their Open Planning & Organizing Meeting at the end of the month. Sun., April 27, 5pm. Mama Fu's Asian House, 4615 N. Lamar, austingaysalsa@yahoo.com. groups.yahoo.com/group/austinlgbtsalsa, www.myspace.com/austinlgbtsalsa.

WOMEN'S VOICES Hear them. From the Austin International Poetry Festival come Agnes Meadows (London) and Dunya Mikhail (Baghdad) hosting a night of amazing local women, their voices, and the inspiration that follows. Fri., April 11, 7pm. BookWoman, 5501 N. Lamar Ste. A-105, 472-2785.

BEYOND THE VALLEY OF YOUR STYLE AVATAR Well, pawn my mink, and boil me in oil! Who better to present this tawdry "cautionary tale of youth gone wrong" than our own darling diva with good cheekbones **Stephen MacMillan Moser**? What tale, you say? Why, the original Das Tal der Puppen: Valley of the Dolls, of course. Miss this, and you won't be able to feel your legs. (See "Sparkle and Shine," p.58 for more.) Tue., April 15, 9:30pm. Alamo Drafthouse at the Ritz, 320 E. Sixth, 476-1320. www.originalalamo.com/Show.aspx?id=5227.

A LOVE PLAY ABOUT A HATE CRIME The kids from Different Stages break on into their '08 with Stop Kiss, a play by Diana Son. It's funny, head-scratching, and evocative, exploring what we assume about love and what we can never learn to assume from love. Through May 3. Saturdays, 8pm; Sundays, 7pm. The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd., 478-5282. \$15-30. www.main.org/diffstages.

LA CAGE RETURNS Like that ex who just keeps showing up, you end up loving her more and more each time. We hate when you leave, La Cage and Robby boy, but it's so nice to watch you go. Da-yum. Back it up. They say it's Vegas in Austin, this night of female impersonation, voted the best the Lone Star State can get away with, and we'd have to hire a lawyer to prove otherwise. This show is sexy, and you want to be there. Sun., April 13, 9:30 & 11:30pm, Oilcan Harry's. 211 W. Fourth, 320-8233. Free; VIP tables available with reservation.

FRIENDS' FEST Lots of tunes. Lots of tarts. Out in the woods. With flush toilets. Register now. Thu.-Mon., April 17-21. Recreation Plantation, 3550 Pursley Rd., Dripping Springs, 512/894-0567. \$100 or \$25 day pass. www.friendsfest.com, w.mvspace.com/recreationplantation

BOO! FROM CHURCH OF THE FRIENDLY GHOST The spirit moves our old pals from Pedernales to put on a show. Go see: Stanley Roy & His Vice, Fransisco the Man, Brekekekexkoaxkoax, Gretchen Phillips, Gary Barftits (yes, we double checked the spelling of that last name). Tue., April 15, 9pm. Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886. \$5.

ALL IS ABLOOM 'Tis spring, so thus, aGLIFF's, ahem, "Planting Seeds to Grow the Film Community," with none other than their third annual fundraiser, BLOOM. Raffle, mingle, delight yourself. Vin some Vespas. Believe us, 'tis the season Thu., April 17, 6-10pm. AMLI Downtown Apartment Building, 201 Lavaca, 472-1711. \$30 (\$25, members). www.agliff.org.

ASK US QUESTIONS Hear ye! Hear ye! Who knows the most crap? You do. So, prove it. As always, a hump day to test yer smarts; welcome to Trivia Night with quizmaster Lois and food you will love. Wed., April 16, 6pm. Nueva Onda 2218 College, 447-5063.

THE COCKPIT & YOU Don't be afraid of the Cock. Girls, just call it CP's, because this night is for you. Well, it's **Club Inclusive**, so everyone's invited. Come early, and get into **Julie Nolen** (of Telling Stories) on a patio for pups and pub grub: buck burgers and drafts, with a Getty bartender. Indeed. Best friend DJ Jaunty is the best around, and your dance moves will prove the pudding. Pop. Wednesdays, 9pm. The Cockpit Club, 113 San Jacinto, 457-8010. www.myspace.com/tellingstories.

PRIDE TEXAS! Volunteers and sponsors of all stripes needed. The big news? The Pride Festival and the Pride Parade will both happen on the same day, one after the other. Oh, and the fest will feature national headliners Meshell Ndegeocello and Pansy Division. Sat., June 14, noon. Auditorium Shores, South First at Town Lake. 474-5475. 474-4422. \$10 in advance; \$15 at the gate. info@austinprideparade.org, marianne@equalitytexas.org, www.pridetexas.org, www.austinprideparade.org.

YOGA MYTH

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PLAYING

THROUGH

BY THOMAS HACKETT

A couple of years ago, I saw Tiger Woods hit a shot that even I would have been embarrassed by. It was the 16th hole of his second round of the 2006 U.S. Open. played at Winged Foot Golf Club, in the posh village of Mamaroneck, outside New York City. Tiger had his ball in the fairway, with maybe an 8-iron to the green. No water to worry about. No wind. Just the usual oil-slick greens - for Woods, a birdie opportunity that would have kept him alive into the weekend.

But he didn't just miss the green. He yanked the ball hard right, into the bunker of another hole. On another course! Yet what really amazed me was Woods' reaction. Other than a sigh, there wasn't

one. Emotionally, he looked spent. And I remember thinking it may be a long, long time before we hear much from Tiger Woods again.

I wasn't writing him off. I still believed he was easily the best golfer in the history of the game.

The fiercest competitor, the toughest under pressure. I had no doubt he'd annihilate Sam Snead's record of 82 PGA victories and breeze by Jack Nicklaus' 18 majors. But suddenly I was thinking it just might be

And for good reason. Woods' father had died six weeks earlier. As everyone knows, they had been close. Because his dad had been a Green Beret, everyone thinks the guy was some hardass. Actually, he was just the opposite, a softy. And a bit of a coot, too, prone to saying crazy-ass shit

about his son - i.e., "Tiger will do more than any other man in history to change the course of history."

Nobody ever talks about this, but Woods had distanced himself from his dad. There was clearly a lot of love there but perhaps some guilt, as well. Failing to make his first cut in 10 years seemed to portend a long and difficult emotional regrouping.

Needless to say, I could not have been more wrong. That single horrendous shot seemed to get all the mixed-up feelings out of his system. A month later, Woods won the British Open. A month after that, the PGA Championship. Last year, after coming

in second at the Masters and the U.S. Open, he again won the PGA, his 13th major. Until coming in third a few weeks ago in Miami, he had a streak of seven straight worldwide victories. Ever since I dialed down my Woods expectations,

he has only raised them, playing arguably the best golf of his brilliant career going into this week's Masters. CBS commentator Nick Faldo has taken to calling Woods' abilities "paranormal."

I'm probably not saying anything you don't already know, but I feel like saying it, anyway. This is a once-in-a-lifetime genius. You weren't around when Bach was performing his concertos, when Shakespeare was staging his plays. You never saw Babe Ruth hit a baseball or heard Enrico Caruso sing an aria. But you can watch Tiger Woods play golf.

You can and you should.

Sports BY MARK FAGAN

THE HOME TEAMS

UIL SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS For more, see "Soccer Watch," below. Thu.-Sat., April 10-12, 11am. Round Rock ISD Stadium 10211 W. Parmer Ln. \$5 (student); \$10 (adult); \$20 (coach all tourney): \$25 (all tourney). www.uil.utexas.edu/athletics/soccer/state/index.html

LONESTAR ROLLERGIRLS This should be an exciting bout between two winless squads (las Putas del Fuego and the Rhinestone Cowgirls) looking to notch their first victory of the season. Sun. April 13. 7pm (6pm doors). Austin Convention Center, 500 E. Cesar Chavez. Exhibition Hall 5. \$15, \$13 presale. www.txrd.com

DENNIS JOHNSON MEMORIAL BOYS & GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR CLASSIC The best high school players from the Central Texas area will compete in a north vs. south format. Stick around for the Toros afterward. Girls High School All-Classic: Fri., April 11, 5:30pm. Men's: Sat., April 12, 4:30pm. Austin Convention Center, 500 F. Cesar Chavez. 236-8333. www.nba.com/dleague/austin.

ROUND ROCK EXPRESS The Express host their home opener this Friday vs. the Mets' AAA affiliates, the New Orleans Zephyrs. Vs. New Orleans: Fri.- Sat., April 11-12, 7:05pm; Sun., April 13, 2:05pm; Mon., April 14, 7:05pm. Dell Diamond, 3400 E. Palm Valley Blvd., 512/255-2255. \$6-12. www.roundrockexpress.com.

AUSTIN TOROS The division-leading Toros finish their regular season with this two-game home stand. Vs. Albuquerque: Fri., April 11, 7pm. Vs. Tulsa: Sat., April 12. 7pm. Austin Convention Center, 500 E. Cesar Chavez. \$8-23. www.nba.com/dleague/austin.

ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY Tennis Vs. Cameron: Sat., April 12, 10am. Baseball Vs. St. Mary's: Fri. Sat. April 11-12, 1pm.

www.stedwards.edu/athletic/athletic.htm.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY Tennis Vs. Texas Lutheran: Sat., April 12, 10am. athletics.concordia.edu.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS Women's Tennis Vs. Kansas: Fri., April 11, 1:30pm. Vs. Kansas State: Sun., April 13, noon. Pennick-Allison Tennis Center, 1701 Trinity. Rowing Vs. California: Sat., April 12, all day. Texas Rowing Center, 300 Hearn. Softball Vs. Sam Houston State: Wed., April 16, 5pm (doubleheader). Vs. Texas Tech: Thu., April 17, 6:30pm. McCombs Field, 2001 Comal. Baseball Vs. UT Arlington: Wed., April 16, 6:05pm. McCombs Field, 2001 Comal St. www.texassports.com

AUSTIN VALKYRIES WOMEN'S RUGBY Catch two top female rugby teams in action as the 2005-06 champs from Austin face the 2007 champion Kansas City Jazz. Parking available; BYOB within reason. Sat., April 12, 5pm. Burr Field, Loyola Avenue just east of 183. See website for further directions. Free. www.austinvalkyries.com.

RECREATION & FITNESS

BRIGHT LEAF PRESERVE'S GUIDED HIKES Bright Leaf is open to the public through guided hikes only. The two-hour, four-mile hikes depart from the parking lot at 8:30am. Bring water, and wear sturdy shoes. Sat.-Sun., April 12-13, 8:30am. Bright Leaf State Natural Area, FM 2222 between MoPac & 360, 459-7269. www.brightleaf.org.

SOUTH AUSTIN STEEL USATF DEVELOPMENTAL TRACK MEET Free running/walking clinic at 8am. Then, the 11 main events, which include relays, solo runs, long jumps, and more. Sat., April 12, 8am-2pm. Clint Small Middle School, 4801 Monterey Oaks Blvd., 296-6216. \$3 per event, preregistration (\$5 day of event). gfsmith52@gmail.com, www.southaustinsteel.com.

Manchester United will be trying for a double; they lead the English league by 3 points and a huge goal differential, with five games to play.

And with just four games to go in the second division. Stoke has slipped to third place, with eight or nine teams still in the hunt for three promotion spots.

As we go to press, the **Houston Dynamo** is in Costa Rica facing Saprissa, and D.C. United is playing host to Mexico's Pachuca in the **CONCACAF Champions' Cup** semifinals. Nick Barbaro



POKER TOURNEY FUNDRAISER Money raised from this tourney will benefit the Student Scholarship Fund and Leadership Programs for the Austin Capital Area Community Leadership Council. They aim to help college-bound, Hispanic students from Austin gain admittance into their college of choice. Sun., April 13, 5:30pm. Holiday Inn, Northwest Plaza, Arboretum, 8901 Business Park Dr., 567-7535. \$90 donation. texaspokergal@yahoo.com, www.acaclc.org.

CHANGING LIVES GOLF CLASSIC will benefit Rawson-Saunders School, which is the state's only school that features a full curriculum for children with dyslexia. At 6pm, following 18 holes, there will be a dinner, live and silent auctions, and live entertainment from Duck Soup. Fri., April 11, 1pm. Avery Ranch Golf Club, 10500 Avery Ranch Dr., 476-8382. \$150 per golfer: \$35 just dinner.

golf_tournament@rawson-saunders.org, www.rawson-saundersgolfclassic.com.

RUNS, WALKS, & RIDES

BP MS 150 HOUSTON-TO-AUSTIN BIKE TOUR The ride starts at dawn in Houston on Saturday and finishes up Sunday at the state Capitol building. An impressive ride for a great cause, the Multiple Sclerosis Society. See their website for ways you can help. Sat.-Sun., April 12-13. www.ms150.org/ms150.

SCHLOTZSKY'S BUN RUN All money raised will go to benefit the Austin Sunshine Camps, which provides various programs for at-risk and underprivileged kids. And everybody wants one of those cool T-shirts. Sun., April 13, 8am. Auditorium Shores, 920 W. Riverside, 294-4570. www.bunrun.com

TEXAS STATE TRIATHLON AT AQUARENA is being held to raise funds for the Texas State Triathlon Club. How convenient. This event is limited to 300 participants, so sign up now. Sun., April 13, 7:30am. Aquarena Center, 921 Aquarena Springs Dr., San Marcos, 832/439-1404.

www.seidelproductions.com/Events/Aquarena/Aquarena.html.

SENIOR K WALK Whether you get around with the help of a walker, a cane, or just your shoes, come on out and enjoy this free walk for seniors. Seeing as this is Austin, there will also be some live music, as well as food, prizes, and goody bags, Sat., April 12, 10am, South Congress Athletic Club, 1109-B South Congress, 589-1717. Free for seniors, www.strengthmobile.com.

SAFEPLACE WALK This 2.2-mile walk is a fundraiser for SafePlace, whose programs seek to "end sexual and domestic violence through safety, healing, prevention, and social change." Go to their website to sign up. Registration also available race day starting at 9:30am. Sat., April 12, 11am. Waterloo Park, 403 E. 15th, 481-WALK (9255). www.safeplacewalk.org.

RELAY FOR LIFE LAKEWAY This event is for all those who have battled cancer and/or lost someone to cancer. The 12-hour running time is to demonstrate the long and grueling nights chemo patients must endure. Aside from the walk, you can enjoy live music, some treats from the vendors, and much more. Fri.-Sat., April 11-12, 7pm-7am. Lake Travis High School, 3324 Ranch Road 620 S., 627-1599. www.relayforlife.org/relay.

THE TOUGHEST RACE IN TEXAS Enjoy the difficult sharp turns, limestone slopes, and beautiful scenery of the 400-acre school campus while participating in one of three events (10K, 5K, and one-mile family fun run). This race benefits the St. Stephen's Episcopal School Financial Aid Fund. Sat., April 12, 8am. St. Stephen's Episcopal School Campus, 2900 Bunny Run between the Capital of Texas Highway and Lake Austin. www.sstx.org/toughestrace.

State high school championships are this Thursday-Saturday at the Round Rock ISD Athletic Complex, 10211 W. Parmer. There are two local entries in the 4A bracket - the Dripping Springs girls (playing at 11am Friday, against Wichita Falls Rider) and Cedar Park Vista Ridge boys (6pm Friday). Games are each day at 11am, 1, 4, & 6pm: 5A semifinals on Thursday, 4A semifinals on Friday, and finals on Saturday. See www.uil.utexas.edu/athletics/soccer for more info.

For the second straight year, **England** has three of the four semifinalists in the European Champions League. Liverpool finally broke through to beat Arsenal, 4-2, in the pair's third game in seven days. Other winners: Manchester United, Chelsea, and Barcelona.

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MEETING Schmooze, hobnob, and network with other ladies of the number. 6pm. Sicola's dining room, 5416 Parkcrest #700, \$18-30. www.aswaaustin.org.

INTRODUCTION TO NUDISM There's more to it than wearing nothing at all. Isn't there? Attend this meeting of the Hill Country Nudists to find out. 7pm. Mr. Natural (natch), 2414 S. Lamar. www.hillcountrynudists.com.

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MEETING Take a walk around Wild Basin's Trails before this meeting of Austin's NPS chapter. Bring food to share. 7pm. Wild Basin Wilderness meeting room, 805 Capital of TX Hwy. N., 472-1062. Free. www.npsot.org/austin.

SEMINAR WITH PHOTOGRAPHER HARRY BENSON From the Beatles to President Bush, Benson has seen it all through his lens. If he can't teach you success in the photography business, no one can. Register online at www.precision-camera.com/product/CLASS13, or call 467-7676. 7pm. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6121 N. I-35. \$20.

SURFING IN TEXAS Start planning that escape from Austin's Endless Summer with surfing tips from the Expedition School and the Surfrider Foundation. This will hopefully tide you over until you save up for that trip to the North Shore. 7pm. REI, 601 N. Lamar, 626-6282. Free.

www.expeditionschool.org.

THE INITIATIC SCHOOL SEMINAR If you're ready to recognize your inner self, then Dr. Álvaro Guerra can help using the combined knowledge from Mayan, Egyptian, and Himalayan cultures. 6pm. Mexican American Cultural Center, 600 River. \$10.

TOUR OF MEDITATION PRACTICES convenes regularly to explore a new relaxation or meditation approach at each meeting. 6:15-7pm. Human Potential Center, 2007 Bert, 441-8988. Free. www.humanpotentialcenter.org.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

2001: A Space Odyssey @ Alamo Ritz, 6:30pm The Neverending Story @ Alamo Lake Creek, 1pm Unknown Pleasures @ Alamo South, 7pm Valley of the Dolls: A Salute to Stephen Moser @ Alamo Ritz, 9:30pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Ministry La Zona Rosa Jake Shimabukuro Cactus Cafe

The Gretchen Phillips Adventure Salvage Vanguard Theater

Wednesday 🕕

BUILDING YOUR SELF-ESTEEM Call or visit Human Potential Center's website for more information on this four-week workshop, 7pm, Human Potential Center, 2007 Bert, 441-8988. \$175.

INTIMACIES DISCUSSION GROUP Karen Kreps leads this discussion centering on how our attitudes toward food affect our attitudes toward other people. Lee Khoury, a marriage therapist who specializes in treating eating disorders, will be there to help. 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. Free. www.trueintimacies.com

LEAVE NO TRACE CAMPING PRESENTATION The staff of Whole Earth Provisions will teach you how to camp without stepping all over Mother Earth. 5:30pm. Yarborough Branch of the Austin Public Library, 2200 Hancock, 974-7400. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/library.

METROPOLITAN BREAKFAST CLUB presents guest speaker Sara Van Zee, member of the

TechBA Group, on accelerating business growth globally. 7am. UT Club, Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium, sixth floor, 2108 E. Robert Dedman, 479-9460. \$15-25 (includes breakfast). www.mbcaustin.org.

MIDWEEK AUSTIN FARMERS' MARKET This growers-only market features fresh food, chef demos. kids activities, live music, and more every week, rain or shine. Wednesdays, 4-8pm. The Triangle, 46th Street, between Guadalupe & Lamar. Free. www.austinfarmersmarket.org.

NATIONAL KARAOKE LEAGUE The first season is under way for this team-karaoke league, but that doesn't mean it's too late for you to participate. Every Wednesday night this spring, they'll be vying for audience approval, so check them out, vote for your faves, and maybe get some mic time yourself in one of the many between-bout contests. Bennigan's, 301 Barton Springs Rd. www.nationalkaraokeleague.com/austin.

ROBERT KING OF THE ANGOLA 3, a group that formed the prison chapter of the Black Panthers and organized prisoners to better conditions within the jails, will speak at this UT event. King was exonerated after 29 years in solitary confinement. 7pm. UT campus, GEO 2.324. Free. united student activists@vahoo.com.

UNDERSTANDING THE COMMERCIAL LOAN PROCESS Want to work for yourself? Register in advance and let the city of Austin's Small Business Development Program help you navigate the ins, outs, and fine print in the loan process, 8:30am. International Center of Austin, 201 E. Second, 974-7800. \$25. www.cityofaustin.org/sbdp

UNIVERSITY AREA KIWANIS MEETING Kiwanis International is a volunteer organization focusing on service projects primarily for youth. All are welcome at their twice-monthly meetings featuring lunch and special speakers. First & third Wednesdays, noon-1pm. Holiday Inn Northwest, 8901 Business Park Dr., 699-7089. Free for visitors. universityareakiwanis@gmail.com. www.universityareakiwanis.org.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) Beat Films: The Dharma Bums @ Alamo Ritz, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Juanes Frank Erwin Center The Cops Emo's Shelby Lynne Antone's

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A TOAST TO AWARENESS WINE TASTING helps the kids at Angelheart Children's Shelter. Drink some wine, snack on appetizers, and quietly bid on items for auction. 6:30-8:30pm. Research Plaza Bldg. 4, 12301 Research, 310-1402. \$40 (\$75 couple). www.angelheartshelter.org.

AUSTIN CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING Third Thursdays, 7:30pm. Austin Area Garden Center, 2220 Barton Springs Rd. (in Zilker Botanical Gardens). Free. www.austincss.com

EVERYDAY VOICES STORY PROJECT broadcasts the stories of people just like you in a weekly podcast, and you can submit your own three- to 10-minute story for consideration at www.everydayvoices.org - but there's no need to stop there. You can also treat your audience to your live rendition at tonight's Everyday Voices Open Mic. This monthly event features a new topic each show, and the winning storyteller even gets \$50. E-mail to sign up. Third Thursdays, 8pm. Hot Mama's Espresso Bar, 2401 E. Sixth #104, $476\text{-}6262. \ \textbf{info@everydayvoices.org},$ www.evervdavvoices.org.

EXPRESSIONS OF DYSLEXIA ART EXHIBITION See the thoughts and feelings of young people coping with dyslexia as revealed through their art.

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 April 25 issue is Monday, April 14. 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.

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

If it moves you, lay down some cash to support the Rawson-Saunders School for Dyslexic Children. Opening reception, April 17, 6-8pm. Exhibition, through June 10. Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, 1314 W. 45th, 476-8382. Free.

www.rawson-saunders.org

GROWNUP SPELLING BEE FOR LITERACY Support Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, and watch 19 teams of spellers go head-to-head.

Hosted by Kirk Watson. 11:30am. Austin Music Hall, 208 Nueces, 320-4505, \$50, www.willread.org.

GUIDED IMAGERY & MUSIC Listen to music and join other participants today in creating a visual image inspired by what you've heard. Led by Association of Music and Imagery fellow Amy Blair. RSVP online or by phone. 7-9pm. Human Potential Center, 2007 Bert, 441-8988. \$20.

ON YOUR FEET BENEFIT SHOW This international dance and music celebration headlined by Grupo Fantasma will benefit Casa Marianella, which assists and houses immigrants and refugees from around the globe. 7pm. Monarch Events Center, 6406 N. I-35 #3100. \$20 (\$15, advance). www.onyourfeetworld.org.

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Psychedelic Shack The Parish On Your Feet International Music & Dance Extravaganza Monarch Event Center Son Volt Antone's

Ongoing Events

COATS FOR CUBS is accepting real fur – be it a coat, trim, or other type of clothing – to be used as bedding for orphaned or injured wildlife. From now till Earth Day (*April 22*) you may drop off your furs at Buffalo Exchange (just tell them it's for Coats for Cubs). Buffalo Exchange, 2904 Guadalupe, 480-9925. www.humanesociety.org/coatsforcubs.

😭 OLD SETTLER'S MUSIC FESTIVAL This annual four-day celebration of Americana roots music features workshops, arts and crafts, youth talent competitions, and more, in addition to the dozens of bands that perform (which this year include the Waybacks, Eliza Gilkyson, Bettye LaVette, and Todd Snider, among others). You can camp out the whole time, or just join in for a day. Thu.-Sun., April 17-20. Salt Lick Pavilion & Camp Ben McCulloch. \$12-450. www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org.

WEIGH GOOD DONATION DRIVE hopes to collect 725,000 pounds of donated goods from April 17-20. By Goodwill's logic that amount of stuff equals 42 individuals competitively employed, so get that old safe or cast-iron sofa to the thriftery. All local Goodwill locations, 637-7153. www.austingoodwill.org

SIGN LANGUAGE VOLUNTEER NEEDED Austin Resource Center for the Homeless needs a volunteer fluent in sign language to help one of their deaf clients. They're also looking for snacks if you have some to donate. You know you do. Austin Resource Center for the Homeless, 500 E. Seventh, 305-4174. dperkins@frontsteps.org, www.frontsteps.org.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUMS feature council wannabes talking to one another and you all this week and beyond. Topics range from arts funding to ethics. For more on the forums including dates and locations, see "Upcoming Candidate Forums," p.27.

HABITAT STEWARDS TRAINING

Learn how local landscaping affects wildlife, and teach others how to make their yards animal-friendly. All classes must be attended, and community service is necessary. Registration ends April 23. Contact alice.nance@ci.austin.tx.us to register. 327-8181 x29, \$40, www.ci.austin. tx.us/parks/wildlifehabitat.htm.

HILL COUNTRY PHOTO CONTEST

The Hill Country Alliance is offering cash prizes and inclusion in their Hill Country calendar for photos that best depict the natural beauty of those rolling hills all around Austin. See www.hillcountryphoto.org for all the details. Deadline for entries is May 31.



GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP Keep Texas Beautiful is doing its part for this nationwide initiative give ing free supplies to participating organizations. Call or go to www.ktb.org/programs/gac, and ask what you can do. Or even recommend a cleanup event and help keep our city, state, and country beautiful. Through May 31. 800/CLEAN-TX.

MOTHER'S DAY PURSE DRIVE Donate a new or gently used purse so the Texas Advocacy Project can give them to kids in need. In turn, these children will have something for their moms on Mother's Day. Handbag donations can be dropped off at Joe Dimaggio's (the Domain, 11410 Century Oaks Terrace) or Andrews Kurth LLP (111 Congress #1700). Through April 18. www.texasadvocacyproject.org.

THIS WEEK ONLY

IRS TAX ASSISTANCE The 1040A bringing you down? Stop avoiding the IRS, and let them help. They're offering free tax assistance, Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4:30pm, at the local Taxpayer Assistance Center, but you better bring the right forms. Check www.irs.gov for more information. Sat., April 12, the center will be open specifically for those people who are filing just to get their economic stimulus checks. IRS offices, 825 E. Rundberg, 499-5127.

IT'S MY PARK DAY Austin Parks Foundation hosts this citywide community-service day. Build a bench, make some mulch – just get outside, and enjoy nature. Register now for one of the many park cleanup events, or suggest your own park-tidying project at www.austinparks.org/itsmypark.html. Sat., April 12.

😭 TAX ASSISTANCE AT THE LIBRARY The deadline looms. Get a little help with your taxes this year from the folks at Tax Counseling for the Elderly. Mondays: 11am-3pm (University Hills Library, 4721 Loyola); noon-4pm (Ruiz, 1600 Grove); 10am-2pm (Yarborough, 2200 Hancock). Thursdays: 11:30am-3:30pm (Howson Library, 2500 Exposition); 11am-4pm (North Village Library, 2139 W. Anderson). Fridays: noon-4pm (Ruiz Library, 1600 Grove). Through April 15.

TEXAS HILL COUNTRY FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL With 30 events and 160 restaurants and wineries participating, it's going to be hard to avoid this celebration of all things edible and quaffable. See p.53 of our Food section for more info, or go to www.texaswineandfood.org for cost and schedule of events. Thu.-Sun., April 10-13.

THE AUSTIN INTERNATIONAL POETRY FESTIVAL See this week's Arts Listings, p.82, for info. Thu.-Sun., April 10-13.

arts listings

The Method Gun

Rollins Studio Theatre at the Long Center, through April 12

Running time: 1 hr, 10 min

She's gone.

She was their mentor, their guide, their guru, the one who was teaching them to be great actors, and now she's gone. She lit out for some godforsaken corner of South America, and they're afraid she's never coming back. Which means they're alone. Alone with a big gaping

void where their leader used to be and nothing but one another and this fucking useless play they've been rehearsing for nine years. So what can they do but go on without her, go on and make one last stab at performing their guru's version of A Streetcar Named Desire?

That, in a nutshell, is the situation in The Method Gun, the Rude Mechs' latest theatrical exercise, penned by Kirk Lynn and directed by Shawn Sides. It purports to re-create from the historical record the efforts of five disciples of the mysterious acting coach Stella Burden as they tried in her absence to bring to performance their years-in-development Streetcar – a version in which none of the major characters is represented. No Stanley, no Blanche, no

Mitch, and, tellingly, no Stella, just Eunice and Steve and the Mexican flower seller and the boy who collects for The Evening Star and the rest of the hoi polloi peopling Tennessee Williams' French Quarter streets, But as Burden's students talk about what they're going through, the feelings ascribed to Connie Torrey and Koko Bond and Robert "Hops" Gilbert – the desire to be a fantastic actor, the need for faith in what you're doing, the fear of being judged for daring to try something stupid or impossible or embarrassing or honest - could easily be the feelings of the Rudes themselves, or any actors. Within this framework, the Rudes are really paying tribute to this strange craft of acting and its practitioners, who lay themselves bare emotionally and physically, even as they worry that they'll look ridiculous doing so. That anxiety is literalized here in a spectacularly comic sort of dream ballet where cast members Thomas Graves and Jason Liebrecht appear buck naked, each with a colorful bouquet of helium-filled balloons tied to his manhood. As a heavily reverbed version of Cat Stevens' "Moonshadow" plays, the two bounce goofily about the stage like Armstrong and Aldrin on the moon. That, actors will tell you, captures how we feel in our worst moments: totally exposed, vulnerable, absurd.

But that's how we all feel in our worst moments, isn't it, onstage or not? "I have no idea how to act in my life," laments Lana Lesley's Koko at one point, and the line ought to strike a deep chord throughout the house. We all perform; every social interaction we partake in is an acting exercise, and often we feel so inadequate at it, saying the wrong line or the right line the wrong way. We want someone to show us when to speak and how to be convincing and, most of all, how to make the right choices. We want a guru for acting in life. But we rarely get one, and if we do, she leaves before we're ready, and we're left alone. So what can we do but go on without her and try our best?

As The Method Gun progresses, Stella's students show us how they do it, with periodic glimpses of her Streetcar, where minor characters take center stage and the actors fill them with as much life as if they were the leads. A stunt, yes, but it turns out to be revelatory, as



these figures, typically seen as less important because they function as supporting characters, acquire stature and depth, forcing us to reconsider the fullness of their humanity. Without a Blanche to be drawn to in the first scene, we focus on Eunice and can see, maybe for the first time, beyond her Big Easy bonhomie to her sense of class, with Shawn Sides nicely shading in Eunice's growing discomfort in Blanche's presence. With the throwaway role of a hot-dog peddler - background atmosphere in Streetcar - Thomas Graves creates a tragic figure, each slow, heavy step and call of "red hots" freighted with bitter disappointment. By investing so much in these figures, the performers - both the Rudes and the actor-characters they play – suggest there are not only no small parts but no small actors.

The "final performance" of Burden's Streetcar features a characteristically Rude-ish blend of physicality and audaciousness, with the actors playing scenes while maneuvering in and around poles that swing across the stage like pendulums. Their actions are so precisely timed, so crisply executed, that watching them slide between these moving rods is almost hypnotic. What they show us, though, is these actors pulling it off without their guru, with their own fierce drive filling the empty space inside them. It's like the talking tiger tells us - did I fail to mention the play has a talking tiger? - what's absent is sometimes more important than what's present. When she's gone, that's when everything begins. - Robert Faires

Theatre

AUDITIONS

WHITE PEOPLE J.T. Rogers' drama will be directed by Charles P. Stites at City Theatre in June, and he's looking for a man (age 40-55) and a woman (age 25-35). Check the script online, if you wish, and bring a head shot and résumé. Mon.-Tue., April 21-22, 7-9pm. City Theatre, 3823 Airport Ste. D. www.citytheatreaustin.org.

OPENING

ROBERT JOHNSON: TRICK THE DEVIL The last days of Robert Johnson, near-mythic Delta bluesman, are brought to life in this collaboration between ACC and the ProArts Collective, from a script by Bill Harris, April 17-27, Wed.-Sat., 8pm: Sun., 3pm. Rollins Theater, Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside, 482-0800. \$12 (\$10, students). www.thelongcenter.org.

THE DICK MONOLOGUES The irrepressible Spike Gillespie presents this popular monthly show about, well, about tallywhackers, quimstaffs, johnthomases, third legs, manroots, tubesteaks, trouser snakes, empurpled powerpoles, and so on, yes, as conjured in reminiscences and stories (and maybe even songs) by the likes of Sarah Barnes, Sarah Bird, Robin Chotzinoff, Buffy Cram, Marrit Ingman, Southpaw Jones, Kristine Kovach, Laura Lane, Rudy Ramirez, Jaycee Wilemon, and others. Recommended ... unless you're a real dick. Wed.,

April 23, 8pm, Hyde Park Theatre, 511 W, 43rd, 479-PLAY. \$12. www.dickmonologues.com.

WRITERS IN THE ROUND features a panel of notable Austin playwrights – George Brant, Kirk Lynn, Steve Moore, and Sherry Kramer – discussing their influences and the current state and potential future of their art on both a local and broad scale. Thu., April 10, 6:30pm, Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 495-4644. Free. www.lib.utexas.edu

TROILUS AND CRESSIDA Japhy Fernandes directs this Shakespeare play "in all its sci-fi comic book glory." BYOB. Thu.-Sat., April 10-May 3. Velvet Rut Theatre, 1612 E. Seventh. Donations accepted. Through May 3. 236-1092. www.myspace.com/thevelvetruttheatre.

ASSASSINS Thirteen people have tried to kill the U.S. president during our country's brief history; four of them have succeeded. Using a revue format with a series of vignettes, sketches, and ballads - their stories are explored in this play by Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman, directed by Rod Caspers for UT's Department of Theatre & Dance. (See "UT Department of Theatre & Dance," p.43, for more.) April 11-12, 17-18, 8pm; April 13 & 20, 2pm; April 19, 2 & 8pm. Payne Theatre, 23rd & San Jacinto.

STOP KISS Different Stages presents Diana Son's bittersweet play about love, vulnerability, and risk between two women, directed by Karen Jambon. April 11-May 3. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 7pm. The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd., 478-5282. www.main.org/diffstages.

477-6060. \$10-16. www.finearts.utexas.edu/tad.

SVT READS: PHOSPHORESCENCE The latest in Salvage Vanguard's series of dramatic readings is Cory Hinkle's new play inspired by the Abu Ghraib scandal and the tortures thereby revealed. The read ing itself is, of course, more of a pleasure; a wine and-cheese reception with the playwright follows. Sat., April 12, 4pm. Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886. Free. www.salvagevanguard.org.

LUNCH HOUR Jean Kerr's screwball comedy about two married couples and their revealed shenanigans at a beach house in the Hamptons is directed by Jonathan Urso for the Onstage Theatre Company. April 17-May 4. Thu.-Fri., 8pm; Sun., 2pm. City Theatre, 3823 Airport Ste. D, 257-9832. \$10-30. www.citytheatreaustin.org.

NO ONE ELSE IN THE WOODS TONIGHT is

Rebecca Wadlinger's drama about a young, poliostricken woman inside an iron lung. The Humdrum Collective, under the direction of Erin Meyer, uses a variety of theatrical methods – music, shadow, and expressive movement among them – to depict the woman's interior life and the reality of this country's polio epidemic in the 1950s. April 17-26. Thu.-Sat., 8pm. The Off Center, 2211-A Hidalgo, 476-7833. \$12 (\$10, students, seniors; pay what you wish, Thursdays). www.humdrumcollective.org.

CLOSING

LAUNDRY AND BOURBON This laugh-out-loud Southern spectacle by James McClure is paired with the playwright's other short comedy, "Lone Star," as presented by a cast of fine City Theatre stalwarts under the direction of Andy Berkovsky. Through April 13. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 5:30pm. City Theatre, 3823 Airport Ste. D, 524-2870. \$15-25 (\$12, students; pay what you can, Thursdays). ww.citytheatreaustin.org.

THE METHOD GUN Okay, here we go. How many years and workshops and cinder blocks in the make ing? How many research trips to South America and that bloodstained bathroom in a certain Greenwich Village jazz club? How much fierce and polished talent onstage and behind the scenes? Veritable fuck-tons, we reckon, and all of it leading to this premiere (at the Long Center, no less) of the Rude Mechs' newest opus – written by Kirk Lynn, directed by Shawn Sides - exploring the life, death, and influ-

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ence of acclaimed theatre iconoclast Stella Burden. A riveting treat for the eyes, ears, and forebrain; even moreso if theatre is beyond mere entertainment for you. (See review, p.82.) Through April 12. Wed.-Thu., 7:30pm; Fri., 7 & 10pm; Sat., 3 & 7:30pm. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside, 474-5664. \$15-28. www.thelongcenter.org.

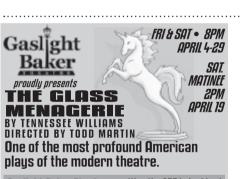
AUSTIN SCRIPT WORKS: KEY CHANGES The 10th annual Out of Ink Festival from your ever-industrious friends at ASW features an evening of eight 10-minute plays written in a single weekend and following Three Seekrit Restrictions. Scripted and performed by some of the best in town. (See review, p.84.) Through April 12. Thu.-Sat., 8pm. The Blue Theater, 916 Springdale, 454-9727. \$12. www.scriptworks.org.

THE SHADOW BOX Michael Cristofer's drama, which weaves the lives of three dramatically different and terminally ill hospice patients, is presented by a team from UT's Department of Theatre & Dance. Lucien Douglas directs. Through April 13. Thu.-Fri., 8pm; Sat., 2 & 8pm; Sun., 2pm. Oscar Brockett Theatre, Winship Drama Building, 23rd & San Jacinto. \$16 (\$13, UT faculty and staff; \$10, students).

ONGOING

MATT & BEN Naughty Austin presents Kelley Estes and Breanna Stogner in this Hollywood-happy farce, written by Mindy Kaling and Brenda Withers, in which a certain pair of celebrity friends magically discover a screenplay to make a hit movie with. Tabloidable antics ensue. Directed by Blake Yelavich. Through May 10. Thu.-Sat., 8pm. Arts on Real Theatre, 2826 Real (behind Flatbed Press), 472-2787. \$27 (\$20, students, seniors). www.naughtyaustin.com

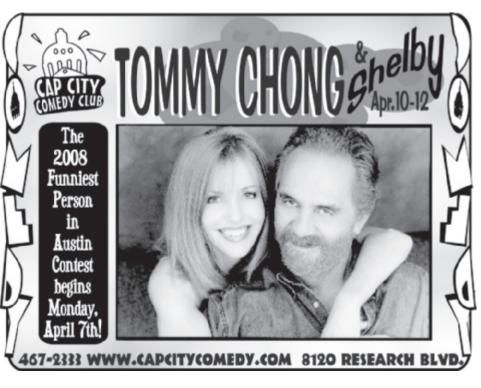
BLITHE SPIRIT Noel Coward's guh-guh-ghostly comedy of romance and afterlife scheming enlivens the Austin Playhouse stage. With David Stahl, Lara Toner, Bernadette Nason, Janet Hurley Kimlicko, Tom Parker, Mary Agen Cox, and Rachel Dendy under the direction of Don Toner. Through May 4 Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 5pm. Austin Playhouse, 3601 S. Congress, Bldg. C, 476-0084. \$24-28 (half-price for students). www.austinplayhouse.com.

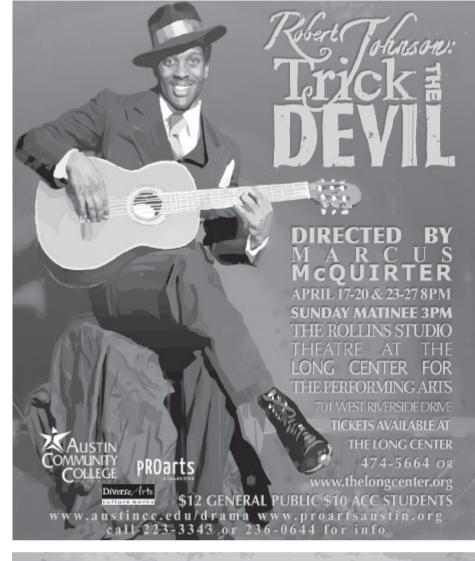


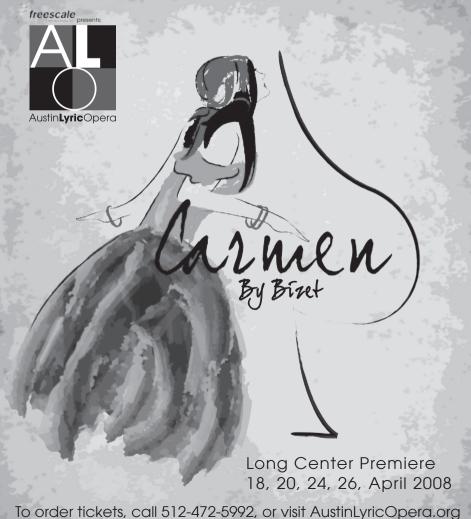




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Key Changes

Blue Theater, through April 12

Running time: 2 hrs



Austin Script Works has long promoted the cause of playwrights, especially younger and more struggling playwrights, and this is one of the ways they do that: by staging a showcase of short works created by their members. That might be enough for those concerned - playwrights and audience - but, for the annual Out of Ink Festival, ASW goes one better - in the name of inspiration, in the name of stretching authorial muscles, in the name of, basically, fun.

In the fall of each year, a bunch - or maybe one would say a Pinter of playwrights, perhaps a Beckettful? - of local scripters are invited to a private retreat, what they call a Weekend



Fling. At this Fling, they're given three ingredients that must be included in a narrative; this year, it's 1) a character who's trying to hide a secret; 2) a piece of music, some of which may have been forgotten; and 3) a radical physical transformation (of person, place, or thing). Then those playwrights are given 48 hours for the crafting of a 10-minute script, after which a panel of judges chooses the best eight plays for staging in the spring. It's a mixed bag, always, but usually one that makes us think that the ASW knows (at the very least) what the hell it's doing.

This year's show – Key Changes, the 10th anniversary Out of Ink Festival - is no different, offering a diversity of tales and tones for your interest and

delight. Tom Sime offers a domestic scene of father/daughter interaction that would make a fine Afterschool Special; Chronicle contributor Katherine Catmull mines Greek mythology to build an oblique commentary on identity; Sarah Saltwick provides a personal monologue of mermaidenhood; Marshall Ryan Maresca turns back the clock to reveal an old woman's sexual transgression; Meg Haley gives us a glimpse of grieving and its aftermath; and Chronicle contributor Elizabeth Cobbe seems to have had the late Andy Kaufman in mind while penning her farce about an extraterrestrial's run-in with the Transportation Security Administration.

The highest points of the evening, though, were Aimee Gonzalez's funny and oddly touching "Crushed," which seemed as if the surrealist poet Russell Edson had been hired to write a sketch for Hee Haw, and Vicki Caroline Cheatwood's "For the Fourteenth Time," in which the Christian Second Coming story turns out to be not only real but - with huge consequences repetitive. Cheatwood's wise and snarky playlet, especially, deserves expansion into a full-

The performers and directors for these pieces help, of course, to translate the playwrights' work toward vibrant, staged life, and all do a job sufficient (and often better) to allow the goodness of the words to shine through. We reckon it's a light worth sitting in the - Wayne Alan Brenner

THE GLASS MENAGERIE Tennessee Williams classic gets a staging out in Lockhart's Gaslight-Baker Theatre, under the direction of Todd Martin. *Through April 29. Fri.-Sat.*, 8pm. Extra show: Sat.. April 19, 2pm. Gaslight-Baker Theatre, 216 S. Main, Lockhart. \$10. www.gaslightbakertheatre.org.

ON THE TOWN This classic 1944 musical (by Leonard Bernstein, Betty Comden, and Adolph Green) tells the tale of three sailors on 24-hour shore leave in Manhattan. Directed by Ev Lunning Jr. Through April 20. Wed.-Sat., 7:30pm; Sun., 2pm. Extra show: Sat., April 19, 2pm. Mary Moody Northen Theatre at St. Edward's University, 3001 S. Congress, 448-8484. \$15 (\$10-12, in advance).

DOUBT It's nun vs. priest in this faith-rending power struggle from John Patrick Shanley (author of the film *Moonstruck*), directed for Zach Scott by Steven Dietz, as an intense game of cat-andmouse unfolds in a Bronx Catholic school in 1964. Through May 11. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 2:30pm. Zachary Scott Theatre Center, 1510 Toomey, 476-0541. www.zachscott.com

DINNER THEATRE

THE FALSETTOS Gary Payne's Capital City Mystery Players spoof a certain popular HBO series, in a venue featuring Italian cuisine (appropriately enough) that lets you twirl your vermicelli (or divide your veal Parmesan or what-have-you) while trying to sleuth out the culprit of this interactive comedy - and the best detective in your crowd wins a prize. Saturdays, through May 31. 7pm. Spaghetti Warehouse, 117 W. Fourth, 404-9123. \$29.95. www.capcitymystery.com.

THEATRE CALL BOARD

SBCT PLAYWRITING CONTEST Sam Bass Community Theatre is soliciting submissions of original full-length plays. Submissions will be reviewed by a committee of experienced SBCT directors. The six finalists will each receive a two-performance reading open to the public. The winning play will receive a fully mounted production during SBCT's 2008-09 season. Submissions must be previously unproduced to be considered. See their website for details; send your plays to: Frank Benge, P.O. Box 767, Round Rock, TX 78680. Deadline: May 31. www.sambasstheatre.org.

Comedy

IN THE CLUBS

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

Tommy Chong and Shelby Not that there will be any dearth of marijuana jokes, we reckon, but note that this comedy couple is funny beyond mere stoner humor. Although, yeah, especially if you've inhaled a few bowls before the show. NB: . Don't toke and drive, amigo! Take a goddamn cab. like vou've got style and sense. Fri.-Sat.. April 10-12, 8 & 10:30pm.

Cap City Open Mic Sundays, 8pm. Free withcollege ID.

Tracey Ashley This former luxury-ship cruise director may be the funniest damned thing going up in the Minneapolis Twin Cities, which is why the Capsters are bringing her on board for a weekend of sharp comedy here in A-town, with the effervescent John Ramsey opening. April 15-19. Tue.-Thu., 8pm; Fri.-Sat., 8 & 10:30pm.

COLDTOWNE THEATER 4803 Airport.

Improv out the Wazoo Some of Austin's best stand-up and (especially) improv in this weekly mix: Parallelogramophonograph They're fast, they're funny, they're totally kawaii, and this week Lovey & Lovey and the P! Company are performing with them. Thursday, 8pm. Cage Match The blood! The gore! The – OK, mostly just the wacky spectacle of each of two improv teams trying to outdo the other for your delight. Thursday, 10pm. Proctor will doctor your improv ills away as three separate ColdTowne troupes vie for your merriment and adoration. Friday, 8pm. That Other Paper presents Punchline The popular stand-up showcase continues Friday, 10pm. Stool Pigeon features a mystery guest in a sort of modified Armando, thus jumpstarting the shenanigans that ensue. Saturday, 8pm. The Dallas-based Victims are targeted along with the fabulous Coldtowne house troupe this night. Saturday, 10pm.

ESTHER'S POOL 525 E. Sixth, 320-0553. www.esthersfollies.com

Esther's Follies: World Gone Wild The most popular troupe in town returns with their riotous musical send-ups of local and national politics and cultural phenomena, making already hot topics burn with a bright comic intensity, with the incredible and - ai! ai! ai! - spicy illusions of master magician Ray Anderson. Thrills! Chills! Ripped-from-the-headlines events turned into comedy gold! Reservations highly recommended. Thu.-Fri. 8pm: Sat., 8 & 10pm, \$20 (discounts available Thursdays & Fridays for seniors, students, military). Additional \$5 for special reserved seats.

Banana Puddin' Time Austin's most entertaining talents are promised, and you'll get free banana pudding with each paid admission. Thursdays, 9:30pm. \$9.95.

The Late Night Skinny Dip Join the infamous Esther's Follies afterhours crew for a jam-packed hour of the sort of improv and sketch comedy that might be, oh, just a leeeeetle too risque for their regular audiences. (It's for ages 17 and older, to be sure.) Through April 26. Saturdays, 11:30pm. \$5.

THE HIDEOUT THEATRE 617 Congress, 443-3688.

Friday: It's Threefer Madness time, in which a trio of troupes battles for supremacy. 8pm. \$10. Then you've got a Double Barrel waiting for you, featuring two - count 'em: two - improv teams on creative fire. 10pm. \$10.

Saturday: Andy Crouch and friends present a riotous group of comedians in a show of Improvised Shakespeare – said to be one hell of a Bardic hoot night. 8pm. \$10. Maestro is a fierce, multipartite battle for supremacy among improvisers, scored by you, the audience. Highly recommended. 10pm. \$10.

SALVAGE VANGUARD THEATER 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886. www.salvagevanguard.org.

Gnap! Theatre Projects Presents The talented cadre at Gnap! doesn't have enough to do, running the behemoth Out of Bounds Improv Festival each year, so they're teaming up with Merlin-Works to launch this ongoing series of improv shows in SVT's ooh-sizzling-hot venue on Manor. Every second and fourth Saturday, you'll find Austin's top troupes working the extemporaneous comedy-fu on this starry stage. Sharp, fierce, and rec-rec-recommended. Next show features Parallelogramaphonograph and Get Up: Sat., April 12, 10:30pm. \$10.

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

Tom Hester Tom Hester, one of those legendary Outlaw Comics, tells wickedly funny stories, and he's gonna do that this weekend at the Velv. with J.R. Brow opening. Fri.-Sat., April 11-12, 9:30 & 11:30pm. \$5.

Open Mic Night These are your would-be comedic neighbors, three minutes at a time: Love them; fear them. This week's host: Seth Cockfield. Thursdays, 10pm.

BUT WAIT – THERE'S MORE!

KICK BUTT COMEDY OPEN MIC You can catch the funny (when it's funny) of your neighbors, or you can offer some of your own for audience response. We reckon the beverages are always good there in Gohring-sensei's martial-arts-inflected java joint. (Arrive early to sign up.) Wednesdays, 9pm. Kick Butt Coffee, 5775 Airport #725, 454-5425.

FUNNIEST PERSON IN AUSTIN COMPETITION

The yearly showdown has begun, giving you something funny to do on what might've been just another boring Monday night. See top talents and complete unknowns battle it out for the right to the coveted title. There's a diverse slate of comics each night, some hilarious, some unforgivably lame, all set on victory, their eyes weirdly ablaze with the lust for fame and fortune. Through May 12. Mondays, 8pm. Cap City Comedy Club, 8120 Research #100, 467-2333. www.capcitycomedy.com.

GIRLS GIRLS: LEAD UP TO LAFF The delightful dames of impromptu tummeling are accelerating toward the star-studded Ladies Are Funny Festival (coming up at the end of April) with a series of their fabulous and funny improvised musicals, Recommended, Through April 19, Saturdays, 8pm. The Hideout Theatre, 617 Congress, 443-3688. \$7-10. ggg.austinimprov.com

THE AUSTIN COMEDY TRAINWRECK features the best comics in Austin, so they say - right there in the Hole, on the Drag, deep in the heart of collegiate Texas. Tuesdays, 10pm. Hole in the Wall, 2538 Guadalupe, 477-4747. \$5. www.myspace.com/ austincomedytrainwreck

Dance

BALLET AUSTIN: CULT OF COLOR This world premiere ballet realizes an exciting collaboration among BA Artistic Director Stephen Mills Houston-based contemporary visual artist Trenton Doyle Hancock, and Austin composer Graham Reynolds, bringing Hancock's unique mythology to life. Imagine brilliant choreography and music for a world of superheroes and strangely formed creatures of action and vivid dysfunction. Well, try to imagine that: then accept that your own wonder ful mind can't quite generate the twisted tableaux that this creative trio unleashes upon a stage unaccustomed to such freakish glory. Accept that, then make your reservations: You don't want to miss this one. Through April 13. Thu., 6:30 & 9pm; Fri., 8pm; Sat., 2 & 8pm; Sun., 3pm. Butler Dance Education Center. 501 W. Third. 866/443-8849. \$50. www.balletaustin.org.

AUSTIN METAMORPHOSIS DANCE ENSEMBLE: BITTERSWEET: A TRIBUTE TO BLUES AND **BLUEGRASS** Showcasing the choreographic talents of local artists Emily T. Shaw, Stacie Stalmach, Brenda Tally, Erin Mayo, and Danielle Ricci Bittersweet explores the highs and lows of love. power, and life through blues-infused music and soul ballads. April 11-13. Fri., 8pm; Sat., 2:30 & 8pm; Sun., 2:30pm. Boyd Vance Theatre at Carver, 1165 Angelina, 474-8497. \$15 (\$12, children). www.texasperforms.com

1.001 NIGHTS

SAHARA NIGHTS Dance performances by the Sabaya Belly Dance Collective, with guest Jef Stott from California. Sat., April 12, 10pm. Copa Bar & Grill, 217 Congress, 512/924-RAKS. \$5-7. www.sabayabellydance.com

TWO LEFT FEET

FLAMENCO CLASSES For beginners and intermediate dancers. Beginner: Mondays, 7:30-8:30pm. Intermediate: Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm. Joyce Willett School of Dance, 5811 Berkman. \$14 each class.

DANCE INTERNATIONAL Each night features a variety of ballroom and Latin dances; each month sees the start of a new, progressive course. No partner necessary. Sundays, 6-8pm. Dancers Workshop, 183 & Balcones Woods. Weeknights, times vary. Hills Fitness Center, 4615 Bee Caves Rd. 32-DANCE. Fees vary. www.dancein.org

LUCILA DANCE PRODUCTIONS: CLASSES FORMING Classes are forming now in belly dancing (all levels), flamenco, salsa/merengue, hip-hop, creative movement for ages 5-10, and tai chi. Lucila Dance Studio, 1700 S. Lamar. 416-8800. www.luciladance.com

BELLY-DANCE CLASSES WITH TWYLA GRACE Twyla of Twyla & The Twilight Star Ensemble teaches ongoing classes in belly dance. Call or write for details. Mon. & Wed., 8:30-9:30pm, 12687 Research @ Oakknoll, 971-0188. www.twylabellydance.com.

BELLY-DANCE CLASSES Learn traditional and classical Egyptian techniques in this fun and fast-paced class. Contact Drakon for details. 512/750-7037. \$13 per class; \$66 for six classes www.desertpassion.com

SALSA SATURDAYS @ THE CEPEDA BRANCH Adult salsa classes for beginners. Saturdays

through the end of May, 2-4pm. Cepeda Branch Austin Public Library, 651 N. Pleasant Valley 974-7372. Free. www.citvofaustin.org/library.

AUSTIN BALLROOM DANCERS ABD sponsors ballroom dancing with DJ-ed music weekly, yearround. Saturdays, 8-11pm; minilesson, 7:30pm. Austin Uptown Dance, 8868 Research. 989-3939. www.austinballroomdancers.org.

CONTACT IMPROVISATION DANCE JAMS

Participants move in and out of contact with one or more people through a common center of gravity. All are welcome. Tuesdays, 8-10pm; Sundays, 4:30-6pm. Austin Yoga School, 1122-C S. Lamar. \$5.

SCOTTISH BALLROOM DANCING Learn the ballroom dances of Scotland: lively jigs and reels and elegant strathspeys; no partner needed but couples welcome. Thursdays, 7-8:30pm. Quicksilver Dance Center, 8711 Burnet Rd. Ste. H-100. 327-2869. First class free.

FOLKLORE ARGENTINO Introductory level gato, chacarera, and more. Tuesdays, 7:45pm. EsquinaTango, 209 Pedernales. 524-2772. \$12 each class. www.esquinatangoaustin.com

ARIEL DANCE THEATRE: NEW MODERN CLASSES Taught by Andrea Ariel. Open to all lev-

els. Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm; Thursdays, 7:15-8:45pm. Knabele Studio, 701 W. Seventh, 458-4258, \$12.

ESTUDIO FLAMENCO Flamenco dance classes for beginners and intermediates. Handy central location to boot. Beginners: Saturdays, noon-1pm; intermediate: Saturdays, 1-2:30pm. 2801 W. 45th. 382-1366. Fees vary. www.estudioflamenco.com.

MODERN DANCE CLASSES Ellen Bartel of Spank Dance Company leads a series of classes in modern dance (all levels). Times and prices vary. See the Tapestry website for details. Tapestry Dance Company studios, 2302 Western Trails. www.tapestry.org.

SOLID CHROME DANCERS Learn the Texas twostep and Western swing in a real honky tonk. Singles and couples welcome to these ongoing classes. Thursdays, 8pm. Broken Spoke, 3201 S. Lamar, 417-7383, \$8, www.myspace.com/solidchromedancers

SECOND FRIDAY ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING Dances are called by expert teachers at this fragrance-free event. No partner necessary. Fri., April 11, 7:30-10pm. First Unitarian Church, 4700 Grover, 266-9949. \$6. www.austinuu.org.

SCANDINAVIAN DANCING Turning and improvised couple dancing for beginning to advanced dancers. No partners needed; wear slick-soled shoes. Thursdays, 7:30-9:45pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4700 Grover, 454-0598. \$3.

AUSTIN BARN DANCERS: WEDNESDAY CONTRA DANCE Traditional social dances to live music every week. You don't need a partner, and every dance will be taught before you stride out on your own. Make new friends in a very casual atmosphere. Wednesdays, 7:30pm. Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E. 41st, 453-4225. \$3 donation. www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/hancock.htm.

NIA CLASSES The Nia Technique is a high-powered energizing workout inspired by dance, martial arts, and healing arts. The first class is free. Mon. & Fri., 9:30-10:30am; Mon. & Thu., 6-7pm; Sat., 10:30am. Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E. 41st, 922-1581. \$10 each class. www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/hancock.htm

AUSTIN INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS Start out a fun evening learning a variety of couples and line dances from around the world before giving it a whirl during the open dance session. Beginners and experienced dancers welcome. No partner required. Saturdays, 7:30pm (lessons); open dance 8:15-11pm. Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E. 41st, 481-9362. \$5. www.aifd.cc.

AUSTIN GAY/LESBIAN SALSA GROUP Welcome this free group that invites gays/lesbians who want to learn (or already know) how to salsa to gather and dance. Wednesdays. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. Free. www.groups.yahoo.com/group/austingaysalsa

SPEAKEASY: SALSA LESSONS Combining the classic sultry moves and one of Austin's fave hangouts with live Latin music. Wednesdays, 9pm. Speakeasy, 412 Congress, 47-PARTY. Free. www.sneakeasvaustin.com

FOUR ON THE FLOOR: CLASSES Ongoing classes for various levels of expertise in swing and Lindy Hop culminate in a weekly dance. New classes usually start the first Tuesday of the new month. Tuesdays, 7pm (classes), 9:30pm (open dance). Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Ballroom, 2312 San Gabriel, 453-3889. Prices vary. www.fouronthefloor.com.



Classical Music

OPENING

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY OPERA THEATRE: **CHANTICLEER** The Sarofim School of Fine Arts presents Seymour Barab's comic one-act opera for children, Fri.-Sat, April 11-12, 7pm, Alma Thomas Theater, Southwestern University, Georgetown. 512/863-1379. Free. www.ssfa.southwestern.edu.

TEXAS EARLY MUSIC PROJECT: CELTIC KNOT The TEMP Ballad Band, with guests Therese Honey and Bouree Texane, among others, offers an evening of beautifully evocative ballads, instrumental and vocal folk tunes, and exuberant dances, featuring Scottish, Irish, and Breton works from the 16th to 19th centuries. Fri., April 11, 8pm. First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa. Sat., April 12, 8pm. First English

Lutheran Church, 3001 Whitis. 371-0099. \$18 (\$13,

seniors, students). www.early-music.org. AMARILLO COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR performs works by Orlando di Lasso, Francisco Nunez, W.A. Mozart, James MacMillan, Knut Nystedt, and selected spirituals. Fri., April 11, 7:30pm. University Presbyterian Church, 2203 San Antonio. Free.

UT SCHOOL OF MUSIC Brian Lewis, violin Anton Nel, piano, joins Lewis for a performance of works by Mozart, Schumann, Martinon, and McLean. Sat., April 12, 8pm. Jessen Auditorium, Rainey Hall. \$17 (\$15, UT faculty, staff; \$10, students). 471-5401. www.music.utexas.edu.

CLASSICS FOR ROMANTICS The St. Edward's University Chamber Music ensembles present works by Handel, Mozart, Gounod, Lully, and Borodin. Sat., April 12, 7:30pm. Maloney Room, St. Ed's, 3001 S. Congress. 914-8628. \$7 (\$5, students, seniors, St. Ed's faculty & staff). www.stedwards.edu.

ROUND TOP: ILYA PETROV Russian virtuoso pianist Petrov is the Guzik Foundation 2007 award winner, here performing works by Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Liszt, Rachmaninoff, and Scriabin. Sat., April 12, 3pm. Festival Hill, 248 Jaster, Round Top. 979/249-3129. \$10-20. www.festivalhill.org.

AUSTIN NEW MUSIC CO-OP: THE UNIVERSAL **INSTRUMENT** A concert of adventurous new works for voice features the co-op's first concert devoted to original vocal music, with eight new compositions by Austin composers performed by ensembles comprising six vocalists, strings, winds, and percussion, Sat. April 12, 8pm. Preconcert talk at 7:30pm. Mexican American Cultural Center, 600 River St., 576-7661. \$15 (\$12, advance), www.newmusiccoop.org.

AUSTIN SYMPHONIC BAND: FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE AND MORE Music from Russia receives an airing as ASB traces a rich trail of tunes from the romantic period, through the beauty of sacred choral works, to the avant-garde of the 20th century. Richard Floyd conducts. Sat., April 12, 8pm. Reagan High School PAC, 7104 Berkman. 345-7420. \$10 (\$6, seniors, students). www.asband.org.

TEXAS COMMUNITY MUSIC FESTIVAL Thu., April 17. Free. www.tcmfestival.com

Visual Arts

EVENTS

CANTANKER MAGAZINE RELEASE PARTY Who covers the visual arts scene in Austin as well as Cantanker? No one that we know of. And maybe there are people who can throw a wilder, hipper, more explosively creative party than the *Cantanker* people, but, though we know thousands, we don't know those people, either. We do know that this shindig's got performances by Amelia Winger Bearskin, Sean Ripple, Michael Anthony Garcia, Mark P. Hensel aka the Mizzzard, Jak Cardini, and Dr. Chuch of the Gold County Papermill. And visual art by Megan Klein, Sarah Stevens, Michelle Mayer, Lance Bradley, Paul Moncus, Joseph Philips, Emilio Villarreal, William Hundley, Laura Latimer, Sean Gaulager, and others. And? Why, Cantanker's fifth issue! And all of this to celebrate "excess." Which, we suggest, one can never quite have enough of. See you there. Sat., April 12, 6-9pm. 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886. www.salvagevanguard.org.

ART CITY AUSTIN The 2nd Street District gets its art on in a big, bustling way, with what used to be called the Austin Fine Arts Festival: diverse booths and live music and frenzied swarms of citizens enlivening some of the poshest sidewalks of artistry and shoppery Downtown. It's a frickin' daytime parteh, y'all! (See "Art City Austin," p.43, for more.) April 12-13. Sat., 10am-5pm; Sun., 11am-6pm. 610-4211. \$8 (free, ages 12 and younger). www.artallianceaustin.org.

ART AFTER DARK After hoi polloi have retreated to their domestic and TV-swaddled tranquility, the sun's coincident departure turns Second Street's Art City Austin fandango a few shades more hightoned and exclusive, with fancy catered food and drink, with live music from Del Castillo and DJ Impact, with plenty of expensively clothed elbows for rubbing. Gank some swank, and prepare to dance the creative night away, citizen. Sat., April 12, 7-10pm. 610-4211. \$65. www.artallianceaustin.org.

HARRY RANSOM CENTER: SOME THINGS WE **CAN LEARN FROM IMAGES OF WAR** In conjunction with the exhibition "Inside El Salvador," photographer Harry Mattison addresses some of the fundamental questions regarding the relationship between photography and the suffering of violence and armed conflict. *Tue., April* 15, 6:30pm. CMA Auditorium, 23rd & Whitis. 300 W. 21st, 471-8944. www.hrc.utexas.edu.

FLAT ART features new works on paper by David Lujan. And this is definitely an *event*, we insist, because the reception's got live music by Belaire and Voxtrot members gigging as the **Jason & Cari Band**. Tue., April 15, 7pm. 4300 Guadalupe, 323-0440

OPENING

D BERMAN GALLERY: MALCOLM BUCKNALL A chameleonlike eclecticism has characterized the artist's work, but the common thread in Bucknall's compelling revisionist imagery is an animal-human mix. Imagine Delacroix was a furry. Reception: Thu., April 10, 6-8pm. Gallery talk: Sat., April 19, 1pm. Exhibition: Through May 17. 1701 Guadalupe, 477-8877. www.dbermangallery.com.

ART PALACE: SWAN SCHOOL Ali Fitzgerald's second solo exhibition here uses drawing-based sculptures, dioramas, and site-specific installations to explore victimization and violence within an adolescent caste system. Reception: Fri., April 11, 8-10pm. Exhibition: Through May 21. 2109 Cesar Chavez, 496-0687. www.artpalacegallery.com

CREATIVE RESEARCH LAB: UT MFA THESIS XIII This show opens at the future home of UT's Visual Arts Center – not, please note, at the current venue run by Creative Research Lab in Flatbed World Headquarters. And it's a helluva fine show, too, displaying the work of 13 soon-to-be MFA'd studio artists. Reception: Sat., April 12, 6-9pm. Exhibition: Through May 2. UT's Art Building, 23rd & San Jacinto. 2832 E. MLK, 322-2099.

NEW EAST GALLERY: REJI THOMAS Thomas commercial work vividly illustrates her skill for sand-blasting, hot-glass casting, and welding glass pieces that distinguish her from her contemporaries. Reception: Sat., April 12, 7-10pm. Exhibition: Through May 31. 1601 E. Fifth #106, 477-9438.

TIRU GALLERY: LUMIERE Photographs by Suzanne Short and Carol Hayman and selected crafts from Ana Brasil. Reception: Sat., April 12, 6-9pm; please bring new and used school supplies for children in Peru. Exhibition: Through April 26. 3701 Guadalupe, 773-6684. www.tirugallery.com.

CLOSING

LORA REYNOLDS GALLERY: PICTURES OF **PITCHERS** Ewan Gibbs provides these gorgeously rendered graphite drawings of baseball's finest. Through April 19. 300 West #1318, 215-4965. www.lorarevnolds.com

ARTSPOKEN GALLERY: STORY LINES 10 off the Edge presents new works on paper and canvas, www.artspoken.com.

ONGOING

EYE CONTACT ART showcases the work of Joshua Garcia and others. 12400 Amherst #102, 825-8577. www.evecontactart.com

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.

AUSTIN GALLERIES: 20TH CENTURY MASTERS Original lithographs, etchings, intaglios, and screen prints by Marc Chagall, Salvador Dalí, Pablo Picasso, and more. 1219 W. Sixth.

AMOA: 20 TO WATCH The latest iteration of this locally invigorated exhibition features work by Yoon Cho, Meggie Chou, Ali Fitzgerald, Alyson Fox, Buster Graybill, Jen Hirt & Scott Webel (Museum of Natural and Artificial Ephemerata), Jules Buck Jones, Baseera Khan, Andrew Long, Kurt Mueller, Jill Pangallo, Scott Proctor, Matthew Rodriguez, Shawn Smith, Xochi Solis, Sarah Sudhoff, Raymond Uhlir, Stephanie Wagner, Rebecca Ward, and Eric Zimmerman. (See "That Was Then; This Is Now," p.44, for more.) Through May 11. 823 Congress, 495-9224. www.amoa.org.

ART ALLIANCE AUSTIN + PUMP PROJECT In its second show, Art Alliance Austin has teamed up with Pump Project Art Complex to display the works of local artists at this new location. 315 Congress #100, 610-4211. www.artallianceaustin.org.

ART ON 5TH: 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY Austinites and tourists alike continue to applaud the colorful and eclectic gathering of local, Texas, national, and international artists on display in this multiple winner of The Austin Chronicle's Best Gallery award. Opening weekend features discounts and a silent auction, with proceeds benefiting Mobile Loaves and Fishes. Through April 26. 1501 W. Fifth, 481-1111. www.arton5th.com.

ARTAMICI FINE ART GALLERY is featuring work by 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, 457-0171. www.pablotaboadastudio.com.

AUSTIN ART GLASS Functional and decorative glass art, as well as glassblowing classes and free demonstrations. 1608 S. Congress, 916-4527. www.austinartglass.com.

AVENUE GALLERY: THE MANY FACES OF DUNCAN features photographs of the popular Scottish Fold cat belonging to photographer Kip Holm. 1510% S. Congress, 442-3600. www.avenuegallerysoco.com.

BLANTON: IN KATRINA'S WAKE The latest exhibition in the museum's contemporary series serves as a report on post-Katrina art and artists from New Orleans and across the country. Through May 25. MLK & Congress, 471-7324. www.blantonmuseum.org.

BLUE MOON GLASSWORKS Unique handmade glass art and jewelry. 108 W. 43rd, 380-0770. www.austinbluemoon.com

BOB BULLOCK TEXAS HISTORY MUSEUM Eyewitness: American Originals From the National Archives draws on rarely displayed documents, audio recordings such as Lady Bird Johnson describing the events of President Kennedy's assassination on Nov. 22, 1963, and film footage from the extensive holdings of the National Archives and its Presidential Libraries and Regional Archives. Through April 20. 1800 Congress, 936-8746. www.thestoryoftexas.com

BIG MEDIUM: BEAT Photographer and filmmaker Christopher Felver has documented outstanding figures of the Beat Generation for more than three decades. You know: Kerouac, Ginsberg, Ferlinghetti Baraka, all that wordy crowd. This exhibition presents images from Felver's newest book. Also: a screening of several of his short films. 5305 Bolm. www.bolmstudios.com.

BROCCA GALLERY: ABSTRACT 08 Juried abstract show by Texas Society of Sculptors, with abstract paintings by Gregory Beck and Augusto Brocca. Through April 19. 1103 E. Sixth, 628-1306. www.broccagallery.com.

Interdisciplinarity: As with most anything, it seems you can either think, write, and talk about it, or you can experience it. Certainly, the lead-up to Cult of Color: Call to Color generated a lot of talk. In a recent interview, former Arthouse adjunct curator Regine Basha said that "one of Austin's strengths is that there can be different styles of cultural production. Here, projects like the recent Cult of Color: Call to Color that



Arthouse is doing with Trenton Dovle Hancock and Ballet Austin can happen in a meaningful way. Unlike New York, where rigid boundaries and minifiefdoms still exist between disciplines, I think Austin and the wide array

of resources available here - makes it possible for artists to work across disciplines in innovative ways." In a panel discussion on the project led by Chronicle Arts Editor Robert Faires at Arthouse (see "Myth Steps," April 4), there was a flurry of interesting words on collaboration and boundary transgressions, not only from the internationally acclaimed Hancock but also from his collaborators on Cult of Color: Call to Color, genial Ballet Austin Artistic Director Stephen Mills and talented Austin-based composer Graham Reynolds.

Yet on Saturday night, when slinking, smooth, shadowy characters opened the curtains onto an hour of electrifying art in motion, all the words fell away, and voices fell silent, save for the periodic laughs and cheers that the stage action

evoked. For those of us who see a lot of stationary or 2-D art, there was something transformative in witnessing an artist's drawings become flesh and bone and then lose those boundaries via spot-on choreography, seemingly impossible motion, and immense physical beauty. From slithering floor slides to expressive leaps, lunges, and lurches, Mills' choreography defined each character in a body language beyond words. Set to music whose moody descriptions brought depth to a rainbow-bright stage, the experience was enthralling.



But can I honestly say that nothing I'd read, thought, or spoken of could have prepared me for this?

That is precisely what Hancock's storytelling might lead you to believe. Throughout the artist's narratives, which are riddled with dueling dichotomies (black vs. white, black and white vs. color, good vs. evil, etc.), false and simplistic rivalries between mind/body and thought/experience rage. As the evil five-brained Betto struggles against the simple and almost silly Sesom and friends, an old theme emerges: Color, procreation, and fertility need meat (body, flesh) to thrive against the calculating mind of the evil enemy. And as the production's clinching sinister climax reveals, the two can never, according to Hancock, blend harmoniously. For an epic that stresses the importance of color, its point of view is curiously blackand-white. Somewhere in Act II, the narrative becomes too heavy to carry its own weight, and the story overtakes experience instead of augmenting, clarifying, and informing it.

This slip only slightly tarnishes the color and shine of this outstanding performance piece, however. In its best light, the need for flesh and body in art is brilliantly doubled in the performance, as Hancock's experiments in narrative, which drive his artistic production on paper and with paint, are taken on by the bodies of the Ballet Austin troupe to vibrant and vital, even sublime heights. In tandem, Hancock's playful and expressive costuming, scenery pieces, and his stunning 60-foot-by-17foot backdrop, made in collaboration

with the Fabric Workshop and Museum, literally set the stage for the breathtaking interpretation of Hancock's broader body of work by Mills and Reynolds. Notes on their collaboration, on display at Arthouse through April 27, point to Cult of Color as a work for families to enjoy together, document the making of an important work that raises the bar for Austin visual arts collaborations, and urge you to get tickets to the performance while you can, to take both the talk and the experience in for yourself in all its richness and complexity.

THE CATHEDRAL OF JUNK is approximately 60 tons of junk wired together over 15 years to form intricate towers and rooms in the back yard of a South Austin home. Hours: Sundays, 11am-2pm, or by appt. 4422 Lareina, 299-7413, www.keepaustinweird.com.

CRL: SHIFT, AN MFA THESIS EXHIBITION features the work of Sana Ali, Alexandra Morton, Erin Sanders, Selina Silvas, and Christie Zangrilli, in the form of wall covering, installation, and digital imagery. Through April 26. 2832 E. MLK, 322-2099. Free.

DESIGN CENTER OF AUSTIN: BIKE ART **EXHIBITION** This show uses artistic expression to explore Austin's love of bicycling. Through May 31. 3601 S. Congress Bldg. C, 441-5540. www.designcenterofaustin.com.

DIBONA STUDIO Oil paintings and "sculptural tattoos" by Joyce DiBona. 404 W. Milton, 851-2646.

EL TALLERY GALLERY: AMADO PENA Signed and numbered lithographs, serigraphs, etchings, and other limited editions. *Through April* 30. 2438 W. Anderson Ste. C-3, 302-0100.

FRANCOIS PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY 309-B Bowie, 320-0072

HARRY RANSOM CENTER: ON THE ROAD WITH **THE BEATS** This exhibition traces the travels of Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs, and their friends across America and the globe. Manuscripts, books, photographs, and visual arts from the Ransom Center's collections tell the story of the Beat Generation and the literary and social trends it inspired. (The scroll manuscript of Kerouac's On the Road will be on display through June 1.) Through Aug. 3. 300 W. 21st, 471-8944. www.hrc.utexas.edu

MEXIC-ARTE MUSEUM: LA CAJA/THE BOX is a museum inside a museum, as curated by Martha Papadimitriou. Featuring prominent contemporary artists from Mexico, "The Huge" is an exhibition of 21 paintings and sculptures displayed in a traditional museum gallery, and "The Small" is a miniature contemporary museum. Bonus: The Latino Art Wing features miniature artworks by Texas artists. Through May 15. 419 Congress, 480-9373. www.mexic-artemuseum.org.

INTERMEZZO: BENITO HUERTA 30 works, including recent, large-scale paintings, monoprints, water-colors, and drawings. Through Aug. 31. Mexican American Cultural Center, 600 River St., 788-3106. Free. www.ci.austin.tx.us/macc.

MITCHIE'S FINE BLACK ART presents an eclectic selection of African and African-American artwork. 6406 N. I-35 #2800, 323-6901. www.mitchie.com.

THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL **EPHEMERATA** Take a curator-led tour of the Impermanent Collection, a glorious trainwreck of forms of collection. Saturdays, 1-4pm. 1808 Singleton, 320-0566. www.mnae.org/collection/ghosts.php.

OKAY MOUNTAIN: WE'VE GOT TISSUES It's Austin's premiere of **I-Be Area**, with the work of Jesse Greenberg, Brian McKelligott, Lizzie Fitch, and Ryan Trecartin. Also showing is **Mice Space**, Paper Graveyard, Welcome Wealthy Patrons, with work by Dave Bryant. Through April 19. 1312 E. Cesar Chavez Ste. B. www.okaymountain.com

SLUGFEST GALLERY: MIKE MONTEIRO There's a whole roomful of the man's new drawings waiting for you. Going to see this show here is a wonderful idea. Through April 20. 1906 Miriam, 477-7204. www.slugfestprints.com

SOUTH AUSTIN MUSEUM OF POPULAR CULTURE: FRANK KOZIK A retrospective of rock & roll poster art spanning years of work by the underground phenom who, having ditched Austin years ago, continues to stretch graphic boundaries and birth smorkin' labbits by the truckload. Through May 3. 1516-B S. Lamar, 440-8318. www.samopc.org.

STENSRUD STUDIO Carol Stensrud's figurative and abstract paintings are on display with the wood, stone, and found-object sculptures of Teddy Fernandez. 1601 Eva, 448-9637.

TEXAS FOLKLIFE GALLERY: PASATIEMPOS DE LA FRONTERA Images from the El Paso/Juarez Borderlands by Chicano narrative photographer Chuy Benitex, who documents the cultural vibrance of a region he says is too often misrepresented as dangerous and drab. Through May 1. 1317 S. Congress. www.texasfolklife.org.

WALLY WORKMAN: ERIN CONE This is a sort of homecoming, as the (brilliant, nonpareil) Cone began her career at the Workman gallery in 2001 soon after she graduated from UT. The show's not recommended for everyone, only for those who can appreciate the combination of stunning portraiture with the very pinnacle of visual design. Personally, we're transfixed by the beauty represented here. Through April 30. 1202 W. Sixth, 472-7428.

SPACES

GUTTERKITTY STUDIOS: THE AUSTIN FIGURATIVE PROJECT 102 Krebs. ohlerkingpaintings@yahoo.com

ARTWORKS GALLERY Tropical butterflies displayed in plexiboxes designed by G.W. Clark. 1214 W. Sixth. 472-1550.

FLIPNOTICS: BRIAN GILBERT Guilty Pleasures. Reception: Fri., April 11, 7-9pm. Exhibition: Through May 9. 4600 Guadalupe, 380-0097. www.flipnotics.com

LAMBERTS: JOAN MCGUIRE New abstract works on paper. 401 W. Second, 494-1500. www.lambertsaustin.com

ROADHOUSE RELICS Vintage neon, carnival banners, and other tributes to U.S. popular culture, by

Todd Sanders, 1720 S. First, 442-6366 www.roadhouserelics.com.

ABSTRACTS TO ACORNS Photography by Deana Newcomb. Through Nov. 3. 101 W. Sixth, 477-7884.

VIN BISTRO: RUNES Acrylic paintings on paper and canvas. Through April 28. 1601 W. 38th.

WESTS This inaugural exhibition features artwork by Dan-Ramone Vivan Chavez, Raguel Reves, and others. 408 Josephine.

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

TINY BRIGADES ART SHOW @ THE OPERA **HOUSE** Anyone can enter; amateurs encouraged But the artwork must be "tiny." Deadline: *May* 2. Fee: \$5. 440-1401. leah.theoperahouse@gmail.com.

DIVERSEARTS: EAST END FOURTH FRIDAYS CALL Interested in performance or vending opportunities for the inaugural event on April 25? Call or e-mail for details. 477-9438. info2@diversearts.org.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES Municipal Court/Police Substation Project Deadline: May 2. See the AIPF website for details. 301 W. Second, 974-9314. www.ci.austin.tx.us/aipp.

STUDIO SPACE @ IDEA Women in the Studios @ IDFA have two studios available for professional female artists; they're one of the favorite stops on the East Austin Studio Tour. High ceilings, good lighting, clean display walls, ample parking, and 24-hour access. Rent: \$500 for 300 square feet. Contact: 699-4811. 701 Tillery Ste. A-2B, 386-9233 www.womeninthestudios.com.

SUMMER CAMP AT THE UMLAUF Sculptor to Be offers mornings filled with fun for ages 7-11. Session 1: June 16-20, 9am-noon. Session 2: June 23-27, 9am-noon. 605 Robert E. Lee, 445-5582. \$145 per student. www.umlaufsculpture.org.

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READINGS, SIGNINGS, AND PERFÖRMANCES

THE SNEAKY CHEF: HOW TO CHEAT ON YOUR MAN (IN THE KITCHEN) BOOKSIGNING Listen and learn a few sneaky pointers of your own.

Wed. April 16. 1:30pm. Barnes & Noble Arboretum. 10000 Research #158, 418-8985. Free. www.thesneakvchef.com.

JENNIFER FOX offers a healthy antidote to the ill-conceived No Child Left Behind program in her clear-eyed and positive Your Child's Strengths. Wed., April 16, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.

POETRY ON THE PLAZA: NOBEL POETS

Naminata Diabate, Molly Hardy, Olga Herrera, and Crystal Kurzen, who are members of the English Department's Ethnic and Third World Literature concentration, read poems by Nobel Prize-winning writers Wole Soyinka, Seamus Heaney, Pablo Neruda, and Octavio Paz, Wed., April 16, noon. Harry Ransom Center, 300 W. 21st, 471-8944. Free. www.hrc.utexas.edu.

C.K. WILLIAMS The award-winning (a PEN/ Voelcker, a Pushcart) author of 10 books of poetry, the most recent of which is his 2006 Collected Poems, reads from his work. Reception follows. Wed., April 16, 7:30pm. UT campus, Gearing Hall,

STEFAN MERRILL BLOCK weaves three beautifully poignant narratives on what it means to remember and forget in his debut novel, *The Story of* Forgetting. (To read the review, see Books, p.48.) Tue., April 15, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com

TONY D'SOUZA The award-winning author of Whiteman and The Konkans reads from his works. Mon., April 14, 7pm. Joynes Reading Room, Carothers Bldg., 2501 Whitis. 512-471-5787. Free. www.utexas.edu/ugs/uhc/joynes.php

MARY ROACH GOES BONK! Or is that boink? Anyway, she tackles the science of sex in her latest book, Bonk, accompanied by some sex-ed films and one of Austin's sexiest funnymen (or is that funniest sexymen?), Owen Egerton. (For more, see "The Science of Sleeping Together," p.48.) Mon., April 14, 7pm. Alamo Drafthouse at the Ritz, 320 E. Sixth, 476-1320. www.originalalamo.com

JEN OHLSON jogs up to tell you that Every Town Needs a Trail: The Heart and Soul of Austin and the Remarkable People It Inspires, inspired by the vision of the late Lady Bird Johnson. Sun., April 13, 3pm. Barnes & Noble South, 5601 Brodie, 892-3493.

PATSY LIGHT releases her Capturing Nature: The Cement Sculpture of Dionicio Rodriquez. Light spent almost a decade documenting Roderiquez's unique renderings of trees and rocks. Sun., April 13, 3pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.

www.bookpeople.com.

THE AUSTIN INTERNATIONAL POETRY FESTIVAL This is the largest nonjuried poetry festival in the world. Come hear Texas poet laureate Steven Fromholz, Afaa Weaver, Cyrus Cassells, and others. All events are free and open to the public unless noted. Come enjoy poetry's biggest party! There are too many highlights to mention, but venues include Ruta Maya, BookWoman, Follett's Intellectual Property, La Tazza Fresca, Dominican Joe, the Hideout, Austin Java South, 12th Street Books, and the usual spots for poetry. Ah, such riches as these. Highly recommended, every one. See website for a complete schedule and other details. Thu.-Sun., April 10-13. www.aipf.org/festival/schedule.

ANOTHER AIPF READING with Eran Tzelgov, Ken Fontenot, J. Todd Hawkins, Dillon McKinsey, Dr. Charles A. Stone, Barbara Youngblood Carr. Becky Liestman, and Tommie Ortega. Hosted by Scott Wiggerman. Sat., April 12, 5:30-7:30pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.

AIPF AT HUSTON-TILLOTSON with Olga Samples Davis, Bernard Mann, Glynn Monroe Irby, Lori Hendricks Swick, Joe Barnes, Carolyn Luke Reding, and Susan Bright. Hosted by Ralph Hausser. Sat., April 12, 3-5pm. King-Seabrook Chapel at Huston-Tillotson College, 900 Chicon, 505-3139.

AIPF AT RESISTENCIA features Agnes Meadows, Priscilla Celina Suarez, Lady Mariposa, Brenda Nettles Riojas, Graham Buchan, Marjorie Kanter, and Josue Gabriel de Montemayor, Hosted by Steve Vera. Sat., April 12, 12:30-2:30pm. Resistencia Bookstore, 1801-A S. First, 416-8885. www.resistenciabooks.com.

THE BIG READ OF THIS YEAR'S AIPF with special guest Steven Fromholz, the new Texas poet laureate, plus Afaa Weaver, Eran Tzelgov, Agnes Meadows, Jericho Brown, Vievee Francis, Robert Wynne, John Row, Stephanie Petrik, Bob Mud, Melissa Lumpkin, Olga Samples Davis, and Ken Fontenot. Hosted by Robin Cravey, Susan Stockton, and Ric Williams. Highly recommended. Sat., April 12, 8-11pm. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. www.rutamaya.net.

AIPF YOUTH SLAM hosted by Ron Horne and Sheila Siobhan. The Texas Youth Word Collective Under 21 Youth Slam Team rocks it like they rule the world. Worth it, y'all. Absolutely. Sat., April 12, 2-4pm. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. \$5. www.rutamaya.net.

BARBARA YOUNGBLOOD CARR hosts the National Poetry Month event at Westminster Manor, performing original poetry from her Ancestor Series books, with piano music. Also, Britain's John Row regales the residents with original storytelling, and Bob Mud, poet extraordinaire from Australia. performs on flutes and digeridoo. Austin's own Herman M. Nelson, Chip Ross, Earl Anderson, and Elizabeth Kropf add their bright talents to the night's diverse mix. Fri., April 11, 7pm. Westminster Manor Chapel, 4100 Jackson. 343-7940.

MARY GAITSKILL reads from her works. You already know that her story "Secretary" was the basis for the film with Maggie Gyllenhaal and James Spader, right? Fri., April 11, 7:30pm. Katherine Anne Porter House, 508 W. Center, Kyle.

TERESA PALOMO ACOSTA presents her awardwinning poetry, including Passing Time, Nile & Other Stories, and In the Season of Change. She also wrote (with Ruthe Winegarten) Las Tejanas: 300 Years of History, which won the Texas Historical Commission's 2003 T.R. Fehrenbach Award for best history. Fri., April 11, 7pm. Resistencia Bookstore, 1801-A S. First, 416-8885. www.resistenciabooks.com

AIPF AT 12TH STREET BOOKS features Austin Poetry Pioneers with Herman Nelson, John Berry, Patricia Fiske, Ric Williams, and Peggy Zuleika Lynch. Hosted by Barbara Youngblood Carr. Fri., April 11, 1-3pm. 12th Street Books, 827 W. 12th, 499-8828. www.12thstreetbooks.com.

AIPF AT BOOKWOMAN with Christine Gilbert, Patricia Fiske, Nancy Kenney Connolly, Mary Agnes-Taylor, Nancy Fierstien, Deb Akers, and Judy Jensen. Hosted by Agnes Meadows. Fri., April 11, 7-9pm. BookWoman, 5501 N. Lamar, A-105, 472-2785. www.ebookwoman.com

AIPF AT THE HIDEOUT with Stephanie Petrik, Margo Davis, Mary Beth Gradziel, Michael Hood, Strange Fruit, Shamroclady, Inspirator International, and Nicholas Dorosheff, Hosted by Michael Guinn. Fri., April 11, 1-3pm. The Hideout Coffeehouse, 617 Congress, 476-0473. www.thehideout.org.

JUDY NORSIGIAN revisits her landmark book. Our Bodies, Ourselves. Still so very necessary. Thu., April 10, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.

WRITING/BOOK GROUPS

SHAKES ALOUD! is a fun exploration of the Bard. People of all ages are welcome to this ongoing weekly reading group offered by Austin Shakespeare and moderated by Melinda Hall. This month is Macbeth! Sundays, 5-7pm. ACoT Headquarters, 701 Tillery. \$5. www.austinshakespeare.org

CONTEMPORARY FICTION GROUP sweet talks the Sister of My Heart by Chitra Divakaruni. Wed., April 16, 7:30pm. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 328-3652.

LAW OF ATTRACTION GROUP gets magnetic with the principles in The Law of Attraction by Esther and Jerry Hicks and other such books. Saturdays. 9am. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 328-3652

NOVEL CROSSROADS GROUP digs Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen. Sat., April 12, 10:30am. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S.,

DAVID F. CIAMBRONE talks about his *The Poison* Handbook for Writers at the Sisters in Crime monthly meeting. Sun., April 13, 2pm. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 328-3652. www.hotxsinc.org.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD makes at stab at the third part of Julius Caesar, led by acclaimed Shakespeare teacher Aura Kruger. Śun., April 13, 4pm. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S.,

AUSTIN WRITERS WORKSHOP FOR SCREEN-WRITERS is open to new members to read, dis-

cuss, and critique one another's work - every other Monday. Mon., April 14, 6:30pm. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 328-3652.

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP sips Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson. Wed., April 16, 10am. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S.,

THE MYSTERY GROUP explores exile and redemption in Michael Chabon's The Yiddish Policemen's Union. Tue., April 15, 7:30pm. Barnes & Noble South, 5601 Brodie, 892-3493.

THE WOMEN'S GROUP paints history with Orhan Pamuk's My Name Is Red. Tue., April 15, 7pm. Barnes & Noble South, 5601 Brodie, 892-3493.

CONTEMPORARY GROUP rewinds Rob Sheffield's Love Is a Mix Tape, Wed., April 16, 7:30pm, Barnes & Noble South, 5601 Brodie, 892-3493.

AAIM shrugs to explain The Misunderstood Jew by Amy Levine. Mon., April 14, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.

INTIMACIES GROUP Join Good Life columnist Karen Kreps for this free discussion on love, sex, and relationships. Wed., April 16, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.

OPRAH SOULSEARCHERS stretches with A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose by Eckhart Tolle. Through Dec. 17. Wednesdays, 6-8pm. Carver Library, 1161 Angelina, 974-1010.

MORE A LONG WAY GONE is led by UT's Barbara Harlow, whose books include Resistance Literature. African Writers and Their Readers, and Archives of Empire: The Scramble for Africa. Thu., April 10, 7pm. Carver Library, 1161 Angelina, 974-1010.

AUSTIN WRITER'S BLOCK is a mutually supportive writing group. Also: writing exercises. Tuesdays, 4:30-6:30pm. La Madeleine, 3418 N. Lamar, 653-7872. www.austinwritersblock.com

PLEASANT HILL MYSTERY CLUB pokes the Male Private Eye: Hush Money by Robert B. Parker. Tue., April 15. 7-8:30pm. Pleasant Hill Branch Library, 211 E. William Cannon, 974-3940.

SPICEWOOD SPRINGS CLUB plays in Falling Leaves by Adeline Yen Mah. Tue., April 15, 1:30-3pm. Spicewood Springs Branch Library, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd.

UNIVERSITY HILLS CLUB does the Mayor's Book Club selection A Long Way Gone. Thu., April 10, 7:30pm. University Hills Library, 4721 Loyola,

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

MARY JO PEHL conducts part two of her two-day workshop to spice up your words by Writing Your Humor. Sat., April 12, 1pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050, www.bookpeople.com

AIPF ON PUBLISHING Trials & Tribulations of Independent Publishing is hosted by Robert Wynne (Cider Press) with panelists Chuck Taylor (Slough Press), T. Keyser (Metromania Press), David Meischen and Scott Wiggerman (Dos Gatos Press), Dave Oliphant (Host Publishing), and Deltina Hay (Dalton Publishing). These are people who know what it's like and will tell you in no uncertain and often entertaining terms. Recommended. Sat., April 12, 3-4:30pm. Follett's Intellectual Property Bookstore, 2402 Guadalupe, 478-0007. www.intellectualpropertyaustin.com

DISCOVER THE WORLD OF SELF-PUBLISHING

Need some advice on how to self-publish? Presenters are Linda Everett Moyé, JD and Al Chaney. Call to reserve your spot. Sat., April 12, 10am-3pm. Mitchie's Gallery, 6406 N. I-35 #2800, 210-643-4365. www.mitchie.com.

OPEN MICS

THE ARBORETUM is Austin's longest-running continuous monthly poetry venue. This one honors National Poetry Month. Hosted by John Berry. Thu., April 10, 7:30pm. Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 10000 Research #158, 418-8985.

MONDAY NIGHT CAFFEINE for poets, singer/songwriters, and storytellers. Hosted by Edgar Pace. Mondays, 7-10pm. Cafe Caffeine, 909 W. Mary, 447-9473. www.cafecaffeine.com.

AIPF OPEN MUSIC & POETRY is hosted by Patricia Fiske, Bob Mud, and Thom the World Poet. Sat., April 12, 1:30-3:30pm. Cafe Mundi, 1704 E. Fifth, 236-8634. www.cafemundi.com.

GENUINE JOE Make some noise, or just sit and enjoy the enchanting air of North Austin. All acts welcome, but no cover songs, Thursdays 7:30-10pm. Genuine Joe Coffeehouse, 2001 W. Anderson, 220-1576. www.genuinejoe.com.

HIDEOUT IN ALMOST SPRING with your host, Thom the World Poet, and special uncensored guests. *Mondays, 7-10pm. The Hideout Theatre,* 617 Congress, 476-0473. \$2 (or canned food for Poets Pantry).

AIPF OPEN ALL FRIDAY NIGHT is where you'll find the Midnight to Dawn Instant Anthology. Hosted by Chip Ross, Thom the World Poet, and T. Keyser, with Dub Poets (Jamaica), Stefanie Petrik, and Bob Mud (Australia). Bring 50 copies of a poem to be collated into a book put together by T. Keyser of Metromania Press (San Antonio). Each contributing poet will take home a copy of the *Instant Anthology Fri.*, *April 11*, *12mid. Magnolia Cafe South*, *1920 S.* Congress, 445-0000. www.cafemagnolia.com

MONTHLY URBAN POETRY READING with G DOT. Open mic follows, hosted by Reggie Goodwin. Sat., April 12, 4:30-6:30pm. Mitchie's Gallery, 6406 N. I-35 #2800, 587-2185, www.mitchie.com

THE POETRY KARAOKE ORCHESTRA backs your poetry on the porch, with hosts Ivanho and Chris the Future. Bring canned foods for the Poets Pantry. *Tuesdays*, 8-10pm. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. www.rutamaya.net.

RUTA MAYA POETRY loses Mark Maslow to the Netherlands! So Dave Bates takes up the challenge and shares Mark's care packages, eh? Tue., April 15, 8pm. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. \$3. www.freespeechart.com.

ADIOS. AIPF! Open mic and muffins with ver hosts Lynn Brandstetter, Barbara Youngblood Carr, Ashley S. Kim, Cara Salling, and Susan Stockton. Wake up and smell your muffin, muffin. Sun., April 13, 11am. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. www.rutamaya.net.

THE AUSTIN POETRY SLAM Mike Henry and a rotating crew of slam ninias captain the crew that has all the best of stand-up, pomo theatre, rock & roll, and phone sex rolled into one cosmic-heat blast of an evening. Open sign-up, 12 poets per week. \$100 cash prizes. Featured poets kick it on, and then the tangles get electric. Wednesdays, 8pm. Scoot Inn & Bier Garten, 1308 E. Fourth, 478-6200. www.austinslam.com.

UNCENSORED OPEN MIC is hosted by Ed of Poetry Karaoke. All ages welcomed. Musicians, artists, dancers, all open living and free! Wednesdays, 8pm. Sticky Fingers Boutique, 2201 S. First, 693-9570. www.myspace.com.

VENTANA DEL SOL with Element 615. Reincarnate a word. Sundays, 7-9pm. Ventana del Soul, 1834 E. Oltorf, 707-7447. www.ventanadelsoul.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

MORE POETRY! so we have primroses lips cliffs lava floors women veiled & some thing that cannot be said yet must be heard wanting the seams of heaven to break or an interior of stones birthing stones in slime & who lies down in the cut with death above & so below the mountains or any thing - who passes in the darkness to show a red flowing of a distance approaching as surely as it departs — the liquid rivers of heated air undulating where the land sinks this light she palms for him so like a white honey fire she presses her thumb into the cut of his mouth a child with its fingers like new vine tendrils walks towards the palace of blue doors the raised umbrella of his cathedral its ribs like lost bouquets. Namaste. Vaya con dios.

ON THE ROAD WITH THE BEATS This exhibition traces the travels of Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs, and their friends across America and the globe, Manuscripts, books, photographs, and visual art from the Ransom Center's collections tell the story of the beat generation and the literary and social revolution they inspired. Through Aug. 3. Harry Ransom Center, 300 W. 21st, 471-8944. www.hrc.utexas.edu.

POEM OF THE ISSUE

a bouquet of garlic freshly mowed

springs from the ground

a stray cat, a cussing

squirrel entice

my old dear dog on watch

the sun spares no secrets

slow tears slide under my

evelids, fall

on the daily prayer

of my breath

- Judith Pittman, from "Avenue H"

film listings

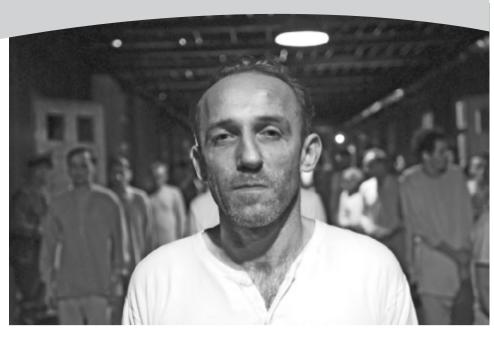
The Counterfeiters

D: Stefan Ruzowitzky; with Karl Markovics, August Diehl, Devid Striesow, Martin Brambach, August Zirner, Veit Stübner, Sebastian Urzendowsky. (R, 98 min., subtitled)

What we call the moral compass often fails to operate under conditions described as the fog of war. In such times, an individual's moral compass can become a source of doom, as when scruples, a cause, or ideals get in the way of an invader's bayonet or rifle. Sometimes,

survival of the individual is the only true direction toward which the compass points. These vagaries are the subject of the Austrian film The Counterfeiters, winner of this year's Oscar for Best Foreign Film. Salomon "Sally" Sorowitsch (Markovics) is a Russian Jew in Germany before the Second World War who puts his keen artistic eye and hand to use as a forger of passports, cash, and other valuable items. Unlike Hitler, Sally is not a frustrated art student; he has no desire to make art when making money is so much more lucrative. These scruples serve him well after he is busted for counterfeiting and sent to a concentration camp, where he bears the mark of a habitual criminal over the yellow triangle that brandishes him as a Jew. At the brutal Mauthausen camp, Sally uses his skills to curry favor with his captors by becoming the res-

ident portrait artist. After some time, the prisoner is moved to the camp at Sachsenhausen, at the behest of the German officer who had arrested Sally in 1936 and still remembers the forger's unique skills. There, Sally is made the head of a special unit of currency counterfeiters in a project based on the true story of Operation Bernhard, in which the Germans planned to destabilize international economies by flooding the market with bogus British pound notes and American dollars. Sally is also based on a real figure named Salomon Smolianoff, as recalled by Adolf Burger in his recent memoir describing his time as a prisoner in the unit. The Counterfeiters differs from most Holocaust movies in that the emphasis is on the personal moral choices that are made rather than the overall horror and despair. The two barracks of Jews working on the project are kept in what they call a "golden cage." in which they have enough to eat, beds with clean linen, and piped-in opera music to drown out the sounds of



the murders committed on the other side of their thin plywood walls. The prisoners' dilemma over whether to assist the Germans and thereby ensure their continued survival is the heart of the movie, which keeps the focus on moral imperatives rather than the physical ravages of the camps. Ruzowitzky's focus on morality recalls his earlier feature The Inheritors, which dealt with issues of class, and he moves The Counterfeiters along at a fast clip that covers a lot of ground in an hour and a half. Even more taut-seeming than the film itself is the leading man, curiously named Karl Markovics, an actor with extensive television credits, whose stark demeanor and bulletlike head speak volumes. In such hands, The Counterfeiters becomes the real deal. – Marjorie Baumgarten

★★★★ Arbor

New Reviews

BACKSEAT

D: Bruce Van Dusen; with Rob Boque, Josh Alexander, Aubrey Dollar, Mark Rosenthal, Will Janowitz, Helen Coxe. (NR, 81 min.)

Backseat begins with a crosscut between two pals in compromising positions: While struggling actor Colton (Alexander, who also scripted) has to drop his pants for a casting call, nice guy Ben (Bogue) finds an amorous afternoon with his girlfriend, Shelle (Dollar), derailed when her roleplaying fantasies include the repeated directive, "Rape me!" It's a punchy opening, one that sets up the viewer for a far sharper, more subversive picture than Backseat proves to be. Almost immediately, Colton and Ben leave the city for a weekend roadtrip to Montreal. The intention is to arrive at a restaurant frequented by the actor Donald Sutherland, of whom Colton is a big fan: Colton's secondary, secret goal is to unload a bag of cocaine on the other side of the border. The film, which earned the Audience Award at the Austin Film Festival, has some funny moments: a Mexican standoff in which the film hits a loosey-goosey high and Janowitz's tertiary character Frankie, who communicates only through text messaging and twitchiness. His is the most sympathetic character of the lot, but then, that's no great shakes when the competition comes from feckless Ben, mean and dumb Colton, and a grab bag of kooky characters that feels like Lesser Hits From the Indie Film Playbook, Vol. 3 (see "conspiracy theorist" and "stripper who inexplicably wants the paying customer to paw her"). Alexander's script considers context anathema, leaving us to

wonder, among other puzzlers, why these two ierks are friends to begin with - and. perhaps, on what bad breakup or neglected childhood one may blame the film's dispiriting misanthropy. (Josh Alexander and others will attend the 7:30pm screening on Friday for a Q&A.) - Kimberley Jones ★★ Dobie

D: Stephen Chow; with Chow, Xu Jiao, Kitty Zhang, Lam Tze-Chung. (PG, 88 min.)

Chow's homegrown brand of Chinese movies differs from the martial arts and action films of figures like Jet Li and Jackie Chan, for whom Americans have acquired a growing taste. Chow's films of late (Kung Fu Hustle, Shaolin Soccer) are energetically nonsensical comedies. in which he stars as well as directs. With CJ7. however. Chow applies this manic style to a kids movie, and the result would be better left off his résumé. It's a cutesv. sentimentally cloying, platitudinous story we've seen dozens of times before. Dicky (Xu - a young girl cast as a boy) lives in a squat with his impoverished father, Ti (Chow), who uses all the money from his backbreaking construction job to send young Dicky to an elite private school, where the boy is bullied by the other kids for his shabby wardrobe and unwashed appearance. Dicky's status changes when he comes into possession of a fluorescent blob he finds at the scrap heap, which transforms into an adorable space creature with unearthly powers. It looks and sounds something like a Teletubby dog with a waggling antenna-tail atop its head, and Dickie promptly names it CJ7 (obviously superior to the mechanical CJ1 toys that are all the rage among his schoolmates). CJ7 soon reveals its unearthly powers,

which mostly involve defending Dicky by pummeling the other kids and mysteriously defying the laws of earth physics by righting everything that goes wrong or becomes hurt. The widescreen CGI work shows off some of Chow's crazier stunts, as with the cockroach stomping sequence that looks like the characters are involved in a live Wii competition. The storyline is milked for maximum sentiment, and the resolution obscures the fact that Ti's and Dicky's lives have sustained no real improvements. They are still poor but happy and honest. Chow's loyal fans are sure to be disappointed by CJ7, and the film faces one other significant problem in traveling to these shores: Any kid who is the right age to appreciate this pap is going to be too young to read subtitles. - Marjorie Baumgarten Arbor

PROM NIGHT

D: Nelson McCormick: with Brittany Snow, Scott Porter, Jessica Stroup, Dana Davis, Collins Pennie, Kelly Blatz. (PG-13, 88 min.)

Not reviewed at press time. No critic screenings were held for this new teen horror movie. - Mariorie Baumgarten Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

THE RUINS

D: Carter Smith; with Shawn Ashmore, Jena Malone, Jonathan Tucker, Laura Ramsey, Joe Anderson. (R, 97 min.)

In his short story "The White People," Welsh author and dark fantasist Arthur Machen offered one of the most sublime explications of the true nature of sin, saying that true evil would be discerned by

its very improbability ("the roses in your garden singing ... the stones growing" and so on). H.P. Lovecraft took Machen to heart and, infusing Machen's theosophistic bent with his own brand of cosmic horror, ran with it, all the way to the Arkham Asylum, so to speak. More's the pity, because Machen's version of unknowable evil has fewer tentacles and is thus never consigned to the realm of Bad Cinema, à la Lovecraft, who, apart from filmmakers Stuart Gordon (Re-Animator) and Andrew Leman (whose expressionistic, black-andwhite short "The Call of Cthulhu" remains unsurpassed in terms of rendering the adjective "Lovecraftian" cinematic), has generally suffered on film. The Ruins. based on Scott Smith's bestselling horror novel, takes Machen's hellish floral chorus and turns it into a bizarre riff on the perils of leaving the main trail and venturing off on one's own, especially if you're young, white, and American. Medical student Jeff (Tucker) ends up getting a highly specialized crash course in field surgery and why cell phones are fundamentally evil little diabolus ex machinas when he and girlfriend Amy (Malone) and their best friends Stacy (Ransey) and Eric (Ashmore) end up trapped atop an ancient Mayan pyramid along with a fellow German tourist - which harbors a dark, sinewy secret. That secret is not that cell-phone reception is a no-bar ordeal in modern horror films but something far more interesting, up to a point. I'll not go into it here because you'd just start giggling, but Smith's singularly bizarre novel managed what this film cannot: fear and sympathy. Stripped of the novel's horror by its own overreliance on grisly imagery and a quartet of protagonists who you barely care about, this is not nearly as unique a horror film as it thinks it is or it could have

been. It's The Day of the Triffids meets Hostel in James Whale's Green Hell, all of which should have added up to one hell of a freakyass fright flick. As it stands, The Ruins is about as interesting as a pile of old stones and a monkey-dumb yangui falling prey to the horrors of globalization. And that's pretty dumb. - Marc Savlov

★ Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

SEX AND DEATH 101

D: Daniel Waters; with Simon Baker, Winona Ryder, Leslie Bibb, Tanc Sade, Patton Oswalt, Mindy Cohn, Dash Mihok, Neil Flynn, Thom Bishops, Corinne Reilly. (R, 100 min.) In the late Eighties and early Nineties.

you couldn't walk into a multiplex without tripping over a movie based on one of Daniel Waters' scripts. Following the cult success of his black comedy Heathers in 1989, the guy was everywhere, and every year saw yet another one of his films released ... and each somehow worse than the one before it. The Adventures of Ford Fairlane (1990), Hudson Hawk (1991), Demolition Man (1993): Thomas Paine had it wrong; those were the times that tried men's souls. So 15 years pass, and, save for a straight-to-DVD directorial debut, Happy Campers, in 2001 and a bit of anonymous script-doctoring (how bad. by the way, did those scripts have to be for their producers to call Waters in to doctor them?), all has been mercifully quiet from the Waters camp. If only it had remained that way, because the filmmaker's return, Sex and Death 101, which screened during Fantastic Fest, is a self-indulgent, snarky, scattershot mess through and through, from its opening shots of suave fast-food restaurateur Roderick Blank (Baker) wandering the streets clad in a smirk and an open-collared dress shirt, bragging about his ability to drive women to distraction, to its climax, which features a humbled Blank's run-in with the mysterious Death Nell (Ryder), a sexual vigilante stalking predatorial, misogynistic, and just plain boorish men with some sort of comainducing anti-fairy dust. In between, all manner of nonsense occurs. First, Blank receives an anonymous e-mail listing not only the 29 women he's slept with up until that point but the 72 others he's going to sleep with before he dies. Then he discovers that the list originated from something called "the oracle," which, like the brain behind The Matrix, is some kind of machine in an all-white room kept watch over by a cryptic middle-aged man in a three-piece suit and which, like the brain behind The Matrix, made no sense to me whatsoever. I would say it's an update on the chattering galaxies in It's a Wonderful Life - an all-seeing benevolent power with a black sense of humor trumpeting the value of deep relationships over shallow self-involvement - but whereas Frank Capra had the gall to drop George Bailey down a hole of meaninglessness and leave him there to claw his own way out, all Waters can muster is a series of predictable and clumsy scenes stolen from far more clever sex farces like The Wedding Crashers and Flirting With Disaster (mislaid erections and homoerotic mishaps win the day here) that leave the caddish Blank lightly humbled but ultimately unscathed,

Openings

Backseat (NR)

CJ7 (PG)

The Counterfeiters (R)

Prom Night (PG-13)

Sex and Death 101 (R)

Smart People (NR)

Street Kings (R)

U Me Aur Hum (NR)

Ratings

★★★★★ As perfect as a movie can be

Slightly flawed, but excellent nonetheless

Has its good points, and its bad points

Mediocre, but with one or two bright spots

Poor, without any saving graces

La bomba

and surely unredeemed. In other words, it's the perfect role for Baker, a living, breathing haircut passing for an actor whom you'll probably recognize from half a dozen movies you won't remember the names of. Heaven help a writer who turns a philanderer into a blank. - Josh Rosenblatt Alamo Drafthouse South

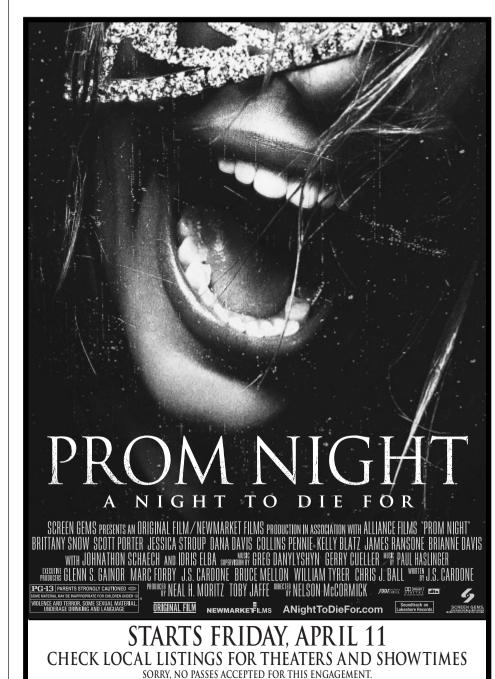
SMART PEOPLE

D: Noam Murro; with Dennis Quaid, Sarah Jessica Parker, Thomas Haden Church, Ellen Page, Ashton Holmes. (NR, 95 min.)

"I never tire of Bleak House," says Lawrence Wetherhold (Quaid), a widowed professor of Victorian literature at Carnegie Mellon University, who reveals no trace of ironic self-awareness in his statement. He's the central "smart person" in this comic drama, a guy who would be able to spell "dysfunctional" with ease but never recognize the word as a description of himself and his family. Lawrence is acerbic and demanding yet wholly disinterested in his students, family, and career. He's heartless and condescending to his students, whose names he refuses to learn, and remote and unobservant toward his two nearly grown children, Vanessa (Page), a high-school senior whose character traits are even worse than her old man's, and James (Holmes), who lives in the college dorms, probably in an attempt to get away from the family dysfunction. It's unclear how long ago it was that Lawrence's wife died; it's clear, however, that he still grieves for the person who must have lent some humanity to this family and that "know-it-all" Vanessa fills in as a surrogate housewife when she's not acing the SATs and volunteering for the Young Republicans (an off-key note in an indie movie about "smart people"). Vanessa is the one







Showtimes friday, April 11 - Thursday, April 17

HRC and AFS: Beat Films: The Dharma Bums: Wed. 7:00pm Best of Sex Ed With Owen Egerton and Mary Roach:

Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure Quote-Along: Thu (4/17), 7:00pm

Terror Thursday: *The Car:* Thu (4/17), 12mid

Master Pancake: *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial:* Fri, 9:25, 12mid; Sat, 10:00pm

Just Can't Get Enough: The New Wave Sing-Along: Thu

Saturday Morning Cartoon Cereal Party: Sat 12:30nm Saturtay worming cartoon Gereal Party: Sat, 12:50pin Smart People: Fri-Sat, 4:30, 7:00, 7:05, 9:45; Sun, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon-Thu (4/17), 7:00, 9:30 Music Monday: Sound Unbound Vol. 3: Beat Poetry & Jazz: Mon, 10:00pm

Super Fun Monkey Bash 6: Sun, 7:00pm Weird Wednesday: Tintorera: Wed, 12mid

Big-Screen Sci-Fi: 2001: A Space Odyssey: Sat, 3:30pm; Sun. 1:00. 4:00. 9:20: Tue. 6:30pm

Valley of the Dolls: A Salute to Stephen Moser: Tue, 9:30pm

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Research, 219-5133.
The Bank Job. Fri-Mon, 12:25, 3:10, 7:15, 10:05; Tue, 3:10, 7:15, 10:05; Wed-Thu (4/17), 12:25, 3:10, 7:15, 10:05
Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!: Fri-Wed, 12:00, 3:00, 7:00, 9:45; Thu (4/17), 12:00, 3:00, 7:00

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Run Fatboy Run: Fri, 12:15, 7:20; Sat-Sun, 7:20pm; Thu (4/17), 12:15, 7:20 Smart People: 12:20, 3:20, 7:30, 10:20 Stop-Loss: Fri-Sun, 3:15, 10:00; Thu (4/17), 3:15, 10:00 *Street Kings: 12:35, 3:25, 7:10, 10:10

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21 (open captioned): Sat. 12:40pm

The Unforeseen: Fri-Sun, 11:20am, 1:40, 4:00, 7:05 9:30pm; Mon, 4:00, 7:05, 9:30; Tue, 11:20am, 1:4 7:05, 9:30pm; Wed-Thu (4/17), 4:00, 7:05, 9:30 , 1:40, 4:00, AFS: Unknown Pleasures: Tue, 7:00pm

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE VILLAGE 2700 W. Anderson. 476-1320. Tuesday matinee "Baby Day" shows (first show of the day) are intended for parents and children aged infant to 6 years old.

TV Party: Battlestar Galactica: Fri, 12mid

Be Kind Rewind: Fri-Tue, 4:15, 10:00; Wed, 4:10pm; Thu (4/17), 10:00pm *Leatherheads: Fri-Sun. 1:00. 3:55. 7:00. 9:45: Mon. 3:55 7:00, 9:45; Tue, 1:00, 3:55, 7:00, 9:45; Wed-Thu (4/17), 3:55, 7:00, 9:45

TV @ the Alamo: Lost: Thu (4/17), 7:30pm The Rocky Horror Picture Show: Sat, 12mid Run Fatboy Run: Fri-Sun, 1:30, 7:30; Mon, 7:30pm; Tue, 1:30, 7:30; Wed-Thu (4/17), 7:30pm

*Street Kings: Fri-Sun, 12:55, 3:45, 7:10, 9:55; Mon, 3:45, 7:10, 9:55; Tue, 12:55, 3:45, 7:10, 9:55; Wed-Thu (4/17), 3:45, 7:10 9:55

7:10, 9:59 21: Fri-Sun, 12:25, 3:35, 7:20, 10:20; Mon, 3:35, 7:20, 10:20; Tue, 12:25, 3:35, 7:20, 10:20; Wed-Thu (4/17), 3:35, 7:20, 10:20

ARBOR CINEMA @ GREAT HILLS 9828 Great Hills Trail (at Jollyville), 231-9742. Discounts daily before 6pm; all day Wednesdays

an day wednesadys. C17: Fri-Sun, 12:25, 2:15, 4:30, 6:50, 9:40; Mon, 12:25, 2:15, 4:30, 6:50; Tue-Thu (4/17), 12:25, 2:15, 4:30, 6:50, 9:40

The Counterfeiters: 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00 In Bruges: 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10

Married Life: Fri-Sun, 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; Mon, 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 9:30; Tue-Thu (4/17), 12:20, 2:40, 4.50 7.10 9.30

4:30, 7:10, 9:30 Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day: 12:10, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20 Smart People: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 9:55 Snow Angels: 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05 Under the Same Moon: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50

BARTON CREEK SQUARE (AMC) Barton Creek Square mall (MoPac and Highway 360), 306-9190. Matinee discounts available before 6pm on weekdays and before

discounts available before opin on weekdays and before 4pm Friday through Sunday and holidays.

The Bank Job: Fri-Sun, 10:05am, 3:15, 5:45pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 3:15, 5:45

Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!: Fri-Sun, 10:40am, 12:45, 2:55, 4:55, 7:00, 9:00pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 12:45, 2:55, 4:55, 7:00, 9:00

Fillibit Twice: Fi. Set. 10:25pm; 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 10:20pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 12:45, 2:55, 4:55, 7:00, 9:00

4:55, 7:00, 9:00 **Drillbit Taylor:** Fri-Sat, 10:25am, 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 10:20pm; Sun-Tue, 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Wed, 12:50, 3:15, 10:15; Thu (4/17), 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55 Leatherheads: Fri-Sat, 10:10am, 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 7:55, 10:30pm; Sun-Thu (4/17), 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 7:55, 10:30

10:30pm; Sun-Ihu (4/17), 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 7:55, 10:30 Mirk Island: Fi-Sun, 10:20pm, 12:25, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Prom Wight: Fir-Sun, 10:00am, 12:00, 2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 12:00, 2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 12:00, 2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

The Ruins: Fri-Sat, 10:15am, 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20pm; Sun-Thu (4/17), 12:30, 2:35, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20 Run Fatboy Run: Fri-Sat, 10:30am, 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 10:55pm; Sun-Thu (4/17), 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:55

Smart People: Fri-Sun, 11:00am, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15 Stop-Loss: Fri-Sat, 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Sun, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Mon-Thu (4/17), 12:15, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25

Street Kings: Fri-Sun, 10:05am, 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:50pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:50

Superhero Movie: Fri-Sat, 10:10am, 12:10, 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10pm; Sun, 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10, 10:10; Mon-Thu (4/17), 12:05, 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10

21 (closed captioned): Fri-Sun, 10:55am, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

Under the Same Moon: Fri-Sun. 10:00am. 12:20. 2:50 5:20, 7:45, 10:20pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45, 10:20

CINEMARK CEDAR PARK 1335 E. Whitestone,

Dr. Souss' Horton Hears a Whol: Fri 2:15 3:10 4:30 5:30 **r. Seuss: Horron Hears a Whol:** Frl, 2:15, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 8:05, 9:15, 10:15; Sat-Sun, 12:00, 12:50, 2:15, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 8:05, 9:15, 10:15; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:15, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 8:05, 9:15, 10:15 Drillbit Taylor: 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05
*Leatherheads: 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10

*Nim's Island: Fri, 3:00, 5:20, 7:55, 10:20; Sat-Sun, 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:55, 10:20; Mon-Thu (4/17), 3:00, 5:20, 7:55, 10:20 *Prom Night: Fri. 2:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Sat-Sun. 12:40.

00. 7:30. 9:45: Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:50, 5:00. 7:30. 9:45

7-30, 9-45
*The Ruins: Fri, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; Sat-Sun, 12:15, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
*Street Kings: Fri, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
*Sat-Sun, 1:150am, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
Superhero Movie: Fri, 2:05, 4:20, 6:30, 9:00;
Sat-Sun, 1:155am, 2:05, 4:20, 6:30, 9:00
Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:05, 4:20, 6:30, 9:00
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22: Fri, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00; Sat-Sun, 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00; Mon-Thu (4/17), 4:10, 7:00, 10:00

Mattage Point: Fri, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; Sat-Sun, 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; Mon-Thu (4/17), 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10, 8:10,

CINEMARK HILL COUNTRY GALLERIA 12800 Hwy

71, 800/FANDANGO.

The Bank Job: Fri-Sun, 12:40, 3:45, 6:30, 9:30;

Mon-Thu (4/17), 3:45, 6:30

Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!: Fri-Sun, 11:10 am, 12:05, 1:55, 2:40, 4:20, 5:10, 6:50, 7:45, 9:05, 10:05 pm;

Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:55, 2:40, 4:20, 5:10, 6:50, 7:45

Drillbit Taylor: Fri-Sun, 11:35 am, 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:10 pm;

Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:10, 4:55, 7:40

Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:10 pm;

Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:10 pm;

Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:10, 4:55, 7:40

*Leatherheads: Fri-Sun, 11:15am, 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:15pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:00, 4:45, 7:35

*Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day: Fri-Sun, 11:25am, 2:05, 4:40, 7:25, 9:50pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:05, 4:40, 7:25

*Nim's Island: Fri-Sun, 11:20am, 1:50, 4:35, 7:00, 9:35pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:50, 4:35, 7:00

*Prom Nieht: Fri-Sun 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 0:55.

*Prom Night: Fri-Sun, 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:30, 5:00, 7:30

*The Ruins: Fri-Sun, 11:50am, 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:20pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:25, 5:05, 7:50

Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:25, 5:05, 7:50

Shutter: Fri-Sun, 12:15, 2:35, 4:50, 7:15, 9:15;
Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:35, 4:50, 7:15

*Street Kings: Fri-Sun, 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 9:40;
Mon-Thu (4/17), 3:30, 6:45

Superhero Movie: Fri-Sun, 11:30am, 1:45, 4:10, 6:40, 9pm;
Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:45, 4:10, 6:40

21: Fri-Sun, 12:35, 3:40, 7:10, 10:00;
Mon-Thu (4/17), 3:40, 7:10

Vantage Point: Fri-Sun, 11:45am, 2:15, 4:30, 6:55, 9:20pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:15, 4:30, 6:55

CINEMARK MOVIES 8 ROUND ROCK 2120 N. Mays (Round Rock), 512/388-2848, Discounts daily

before 5 pm.

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Fri, 1:30, 4:10, 7:10;
Sat-Sun, 11:15am, 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30pm;
Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30

*The Bucket list: Fri, 1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50;
Sat-Sun, 11:30am, 1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50pm;
Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

**Juno: Fri, 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 1:000; Sat-Sun, 11:40am, 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 1:000pm;
Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:00, 4:50, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20, 7:20,

National Treasure: Book of Secrets: Fri. 2:10, 5:10. 8:10; Sat-Sun, 11:20am, 2:10, 5:10, 8:10pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:10, 5:10, 8:10

Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:10, 5:10, 8:10

9:40; Sat-Sun, 11:00am, 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40; Sat-Sun, 11:00am, 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

*Step Up 2 the Streets: Fin, 2:20, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20p; Sat-Sun, 11:50am, 2:20, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:20, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:20, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:20, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sat-Sun, 11:05am, 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10

*Untraceable: Fri, 5:15, 10:30; Sat-Sun, 12:00, 5:15, 10:30;

Mon-Thu (4/17), 5:15, 10:30 Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins: 2:30, 7:50 *Yaaradi Nee Mohini: Fri, 9:30pm

CINEMARK ROUND ROCK 4401 N. I-35.

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Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!: Fri, 1:15, 2:40, 3:30, 5:05, 6:50, 7:35, 9:10, 10:05; Sat-Sun, 10:00am, 10:45, 12:20, 1:15, 2:40, 3:30, 5:05, 6:50, 7:35, 9:10, 10:05pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:15, 2:40, 3:30, 5:05, 6:50, 7:35, 9:10, 10:05

Drillbit Taylor: Fri, 12:50, 3:50, 6:40, 9:25; Sat-Sun, 10:15am, 12:50, 3:50, 6:40, 9:25pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 12:50, 3:50, 6:40, 9:25

*Leatherheads: Fri, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:10; Sat-Sun, 10:05am, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:10pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:10

*Nim's Island: Fri, 1:50, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; Sat-Sun, 11:15am, 1:50, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:50, 4:15,

*Prom Night: Fri, 2:10, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sat-Sun, 11:40am, 2:10, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:10, 4:30,

7:55, 10:15

*Smart People: Fri, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50;
Sat-Sun, 11:30am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50pm;
Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

*Stop-Loss: Fi. 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20; Sat-Sun, 11:05am, 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:05, 4:50, 10:20pm; Mon-Thu (4

7:40, 10:20

7:40, 10:20

*Street Kings: Fri, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25;
sat-Sun, 11:50am, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25pm;
Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25

*Superhero Movie: Fri, 1:40, 4:20, 7:25, 9:45;
Sat-Sun, 10:30am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:25, 9:45pm;
Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:40, 4:20, 7:25, 9:45

10,000 & E., Fri, 1:10, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20; Sat-Sun, 10:35am, 1:10, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:10, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20

21: Fri, 1:30, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; Sat-Sun, 10:20am, 1:30, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:30, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30 pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:30, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30 fyler Perry's Meet the Browns: Fri, 1:05, 3:40, 7:05, 9:40; Sat-Sun, 10:10am, 1:05, 3:40, 7:05, 9:40pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:05, 3:40, 7:05, 9:40

CINEMARK SOUTHPARK MEADOWS 9900 S. I-35.

Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!: Fri-Tue, 12:35, 1:35, 3:45, 4:35, 6:35, 7:45, 9:45; Wed-Thu (4/17), 12:35, 1:35, 3:45, 4:35, 6:35, 9:45 **Drillbit Taylor:** 1:00, 3:40, 6:40, 9:35

*Leatherheads: 1:10 4:25 7:10 10:25 *Nim's Island: 12:30, 3:25, 7:00, 9:40
*Prom Night: 1:20, 4:10, 7:25, 10:10
*The Ruins: 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:20 Shutter: 1:15, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30 *Smart People: 1:25, 3:50, 7:35, 10:15 *Street Kings: 12:40, 3:35, 6:50, 10:10
Superhero Movie: 12:55, 3:30, 6:55, 9:55
10,000 B.C.: 1:05, 3:55, 6:45, 9:30
21: 12:45, 4:00, 7:10, 10:05

Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns: 12:50, 4:05, 7:05, 9:50 DOBIE THEATRE 2025 Guadalupe (Dobie Mall, second

floor), 472-FILM.

Backseat: Fri, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sat-Sun, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Mon-Thu (4/17), 7:30, 10:00

In Bruges: Fri, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; Sat-Sun, 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; Mon-Thu (4/17), 7:00, 9:40

Persepolis: Fri, 7:20pm; Sat-Sun, 1:20, 7:20; Mon-Thu (4/17), 7:20pm

Planet B-Boy Fri, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; Sat-Sun, 1:10, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; Mon-Wed, 7:10, 9:50; Thu (4/17), 9:50pm

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Run Fatboy Run: Fri-Sun, 4:00, 9:30; Mon-Thu (4/17), 9:30pm

GALAXY HIGHLAND 10 North I-35 & Middle Fiskville.

GALAXY HIGHLAND 10 North 1-35 & Middle Fiskville, 467-7305. No one under 10 North 1-35 & Middle Fiskville, 467-7305. No one under 10 mill be allowed in the theatre on Friday and Saturday after 7pm without an adult. Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!: Fri, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40, 9:40, 11:45, 5at, 11:00am, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40, 11:45pm; Sun, 11:00am, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40 Mon-Thu (4/17), 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40 Leattheheads: Fri, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 12mid; Sun, 11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 12mid; Sun, 11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0:00, 8:30, 0

7:00, 9:30pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Nim's Island: Fri, 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30, 11:40pm; Sat, 10:30am, 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30, 11:40pm; Sun, 10:30am, 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30pm; Sun, 10:30am, 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30pm; Sun, 10:30am, 12:30, 2:35, 4:40, 7:05, 9:10, 11:20pm; Sun, 10:25am, 12:30, 2:35, 4:40, 7:05, 9:10, 11:20pm; Sun, 11:00am, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40, 11:45pm; Sun, 11:00am, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40, 11:45pm; Sun, 11:00am, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

Shutter: Fri, 2:30, 7:20, 12mid: Sat, 10:15am, 2:30, 7:20, 12mid: Sun, 10:15am, 2:30, 7:20pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 2:30, 7:20

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GATEWAY THEATRE 9700 Stonelake, between Capital of Texas Highway and Highway 183 in the Gateway shopping center, 416-5700 x3808.

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9:25pm **The Other Boleyn Girl:** 2:10, 7:05 **Prom Night:** 12:10, 12:40, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:35, 7:15, 7:45, 9:25, 10:15 9:25, 10:15 **The Ruins:** Fri, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20; Sat, 12:15, 5:30,

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Street Kings: 11:55am, 12:30, 2:25, 3:10, 4:55, 6:55, 7:25, 9:30, 10:30pm

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IMAX THEATRE Texas State History Museum

IMAX THEATRE Fexas State History Museum (1800 N. Congress), 936-MAX.

Dolphins and Whales 3D: Tribes of the Ocean: Fri-Sat, 11:00am; Sun, 4:00pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 11:00am, 4:00pm Grand Carpon Adventure 3D: River at Risk Fri-Sat, 12:00pm; Sun, 3:00pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 12:00, 3:00

Sea Monsters 3D: A Prehistoric Adventure:

Saline at Jipht: The IMAX Experience: Fri-Sat, 2:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45; Sun, 5:00, 7:20; Mon-Thu (4/17), 6:00, 8:20 Texas: The Big Picture: Fri-Sat, 10:00am, 1:00pm; Sun, 1:00pm; Mon-Thu (4/17), 10:00am, 1:00pm

An asterisk (*) before a title means that no passes or special admission discounts will be accepted.

Changes may sometimes occur; viewers are encouraged to call theatres to confirm showtimes.

LAKELINE STARPORT Lakeline Mall at Highway 183 and RR 620, 335-4793. Discounts daily before 6pm; all day Wednesday. College Road Trin: 12:10 2:40 5:10

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METROPOLITAN South I-35 at Stassney, 447-0101. 199 Lives: The Travis Pastrana Story: Wed-Thu (4/17), 7:00pm Cine las Americas International Film Festival: Wed-Thu (4/17), www.cinelasamericas.org

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MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER 600

"Where Do the Children Play?": Thu (4/17), 7:00pm MILLENNIUM THEATRE 1156 Hargrave, 472-6932

Located within the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex. Adults, \$6; children, \$4. ւաստ, «Ե. Երшиен, «Գ. "Wer Perry's Meet the Browns: Fri-Sat, 10:30am, 12:30, 3:15, 5:15, 8:15pm; Wed-Thu (4/17), 10:30am, 12:30, 3:15, 5:15pm

PARAMOUNT THEATRE 713 Congress 472-5470 Cine las Americas International Film Festival: Wed-Thu (4/17), www.cinelasamericas.org

TEXAS UNION THEATRE UT campus, 476-6666. Cinematheque: Kiss of Death: Mon, 7:30pm CREES & AFS: Shadows: Sat, 7:30pm

TINSELTOWN NORTH North I-35 and FM 1825 (Pflugerville), 512/989-8540. **199 Lives: The Travis Pastrana Story:** Wed-Thu (4/17), 7:00pm

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TINSFITOWN SOUTH South 1-35 at Stassne 326-3800. \$10 "special event" ticket prices apply to Indian films. *The Bank Job: Fri, 4:25, 7:35, 10:20; Sun-Thu (4/17), 4:25,

7:35, 10:20 College Road Trip: Fri, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; Sat-Sun, 7:15, 9:50;

Mon-Thu (4/17), 4:40, 7:15, 9:50 *Jalsa: Sat, 3:30, 7:00 *Jaisa: Sat, 3:30, 7:00 Jumper: Fri, 4:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sat-Sun, 1:35, 4:45, 8:00, 10:15; Mon-Thu (4/17), 4:45, 8:00, 10:15 Shutter: 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15

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Stop-Loss: Fit, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sat-Sun, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sat-Sun, 1:10, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15

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Under the Same Moon: Fri, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat-Sun, 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon-Thu (4/17), 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

*Yaaradi Nee Mohini: Sat, 3:00pm

WESTGATE 11 South Lamar and Ben White, 899-2717. Discounts daily before 6pm. The Bank Job: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

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Smart People: 12:05, 2:35, 5:00, 7:40, 10:05

Street Kings: 11:40am, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00pm

Superhero Movie: 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20 21: 11:35am, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35pm

Lawrence's new book: You Can't Read. The film, which premiered at Sundance, is the first feature effort for commercials director Murro and novelist-turned-screenwriter Mark Jude Poirier, who make a distinctive, if not entirely successful debut. Poirier's language is often delicious, highlighted by barbs and dialogue that are as well-aimed as they are socially inappropriate, and Murro evidences none of the ADD flash that often makes commercials directors ill-equipped to handle character arcs. Yet there's something amiss. in Smart People that fails to get a fire going among any of the characters. At the start of the movie, Lawrence's ne'er-do-well brother, Chuck (Church), shows up with the hope of couch-surfing for a while. The dissolute ways of the brother (whom Lawrence is always quick to introduce as his "adopted" brother) are set up as a foil for the tight-assed Vanessa, whom Chuck labels a "monster." The pairing is schematic and never gets a realistic dynamic going. Parker is cast in the thankless role of the love interest, an ER doctor who patches up Lawrence after a fall and remembers him as her former teacher. The reasons why this accomplished woman might revive her schoolgirl crush and become involved with this nightmare boyfriend strain credulity. It's hard to imagine Lawrence working up a passion for anything - even sex. The performances are all good, but only Church is fully believable. No amount of beard, paunch, slouch, and sarcasm can disguise Quaid's innate likableness as an actor. Page (Juno) is truly one of the great acting discoveries of recent years. but, God bless her, she's already too old to pass for a high school senior. Another acting great, Christine Lahti, also appears in a minuscule, nonessential role, and it makes one wonder if there was a scrapped subplot or something else askew. There's much more roiling beneath the surface of these characters, and it's a shame we don't come to understand them better. Smart people, dumb choices: It's true for both the characters and the filmmakers. - Marjorie Baumgarten ★★★ Alamo Ritz, Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Arbor, Barton Creek Square, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

who came up with the off-putting title for

STREET KINGS

D: David Ayer; with Keanu Reeves, Forest Whitaker, Hugh Laurie, Chris Evans, Jay Mohr, Terry Crews, Naomie Harris, Common, The Game, Amaury Nolasco. (R, 109 min.)

Not reviewed at press time. No critics' screenings were held in Austin for this new crime drama directed by the screenwriter of Training Day and largely scripted by crackerjack crime novelist James Ellroy. Marjorie Baumgarten Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 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

U ME AUR HUM

D: Ajay Devgan; with Devgan, Kajol. (NR, 159 min., subtitled) Not reviewed at press time. The direc-

tor and co-writer also stars in this new Bollywood film about a love that grows deeper over time. Marjorie Baumgarten Tinseltown South

First Runs

*Full-length reviews available online at austinchronicle.com. Dates at end of reviews indicate original publication date.

THE BANK JOB

D: Roger Donaldson; with Jason Statham, Saffron Burrows, Stephen Campbell Moore, Daniel Mays, James Faulkner, Alki David, Michael Jibson, Georgia Taylor. (R, 110 min.)

The Bank Job blends together the daring of the bank-heist genre with the looming dread of the political-paranoia genre and, in the process, creates its own particular world: Call it the Pandora's box genre. When Terry Leather (Statham) and his motley gang of thieves pop open the bank's safe-deposit boxes, they don't just blow the lid off a criminal extortion ring; they stumble into a whole universe of police corruption, financial malfeasance, sexual degeneracy, political conspiracy, murder, torture, and upper-class salaciousness. In other words: a moviemaker's dream. Unfortunately for our heroes, there are consequences to actions that upset rich and powerful people, and where The Bank Job really thrives is in its depiction of the cold, hard realities of a life spent dipping your hands in other people's pockets. The blowback in The Bank Job is real and . ugly and involves some sort of pneumatic paintstripping machine that would freak out the Coen brothers. (03/07/2008) Josh Rosenblatt

★★★ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Barton Creek Square, Hill Country Galleria, Gateway, Tinseltown South, Westgate

BE KIND REWIND

D: Michel Gondry; with Jack Black, Mos Def, Danny Glover, Mia Farrow, Melonie Diaz. (PG-13, 101 min.)

Gondry, who is something of a visionary, doesn't make artsy movies; he makes 'em craftsy, full of gadgets and gizmos and Claymation curios. But his last two narrative features - The Science of Sleep and now Be Kind Rewind, written alone and without two-time collaborator Charlie Kaufman or any other surer hand at story and structure have allowed his wonder at the spectacle (a wonderful spectacle, to be sure) to dwarf each picture as a piece. Be Kind Rewind has a very particular, very American aim: that is to be a Capra comedy. Only it's really not all that funny. The film labors to set up its central premise (one easily gleaned in its two-minute trailer). Def is the best thing by far in Gondry's well-meaning but too soft, too structureless picture. The vision is there; so, I think, is the heart and most definitely the crafts but the craft ... that still needs some refining. - Kimberley Jones (02/29/2008)

COLLEGE ROAD TRIP

D: Roger Kumble; with Martin Lawrence, Raven-Symoné, Kym Whitley, Donny Osmond, Eshaya Draper, Will Sasso. (G, 83 min.)

College Road Trip is that movie rarity these days a G-rated film that isn't a documentary or an animated feature. A Disney production that would seemingly be more at home on the Disney Channel than in the local metroplex, this formulaic family

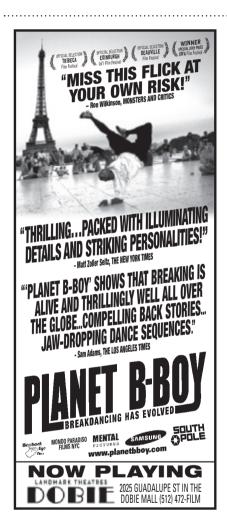
comedy about father-daughter relationships follows a predictable path from start to finish, although some silly business with a hopped-up pig high on coffee beans provides some unexpected comic relief about halfway through. The film's script pits university-bound Melanie (Raven-Symoné) against her overprotective father (Lawrence) in the selection of her future alma mater. It's enough to warm the cockles of your heart, except for the fact that none of this mawkishness feels real in the least. What this movie needs is some off-the-chain comic relief to temper its mediocre storyline, but unfortunately, most of the film's energy is expended by Lawrence and Raven-Symoné in a contest to see who can outmug the other. (03/14/2008) - Steve Davis

Lakeline, Tinseltown South

DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO!

D: Steve Martino, Jimmy Hayward; with the voices of Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Carol Burnett, Seth Rogen, Will Arnett, Isla Fisher, Dan Fogler, Amy Poehler, Jaime Pressly. (G, 88 min.)

For my money, I've never seen anything much wrong with the animated Chuck Jones version of this Seuss tale made for TV in 1970. But every-







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Kiss of Death (1947) D: Henry Hathaway; with Victor Mature, Brian Donlevy, Coleen Gray, Richard Widmark. (NR, 98 min.) Austin Cinematheque. The recently deceased Widmark established a name for himself with his acting debut in this taut, nasty film noir. He stole the show in a small role as a psychopathic killer with a perverse laugh and was nominated for an Oscar and won a Golden Globe for the part. It was an anti-social character type that he parlayed into iconic status for the rest of his career. In Kiss of Death his character laughs hysterically as he pushes an old woman in a wheelchair down a staircase. @Texas Union Theatre, Mon., 7:30pm; free.

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thing needs an update, I suppose, and this new animated feature does the job nicely, staying true to the playfulness of the Seussian rhymes and messages while ably adding in new bits of business to expand Seuss' verse to feature length. Carrey's general tendency toward comic mania is gently toned down, allowing the rubbery elephant Horton to seem more a lovable goofball than a frenzied nut-job, and Carell's readings as the Mayor of Who-ville are perfectly on target. Twentieth Century Fox's animation is in the mold of their previous films Ice Age and Robots: a nice blend of rudimentary and inventive touches. The story's key refrain, "A person's a person no matter how small," speaks directly to children's experience of the world; thus, this new movie should enjoy a long life. (03/14/2008) - Mariorie Baumgarten

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DRILLBIT TAYLOR

D: Steven Brill; with Owen Wilson, Leslie Mann, Danny McBride, Josh Peck, Troy Gentile, Nate Hartley, David Dorfman, Alex Frost. (PG-13, 102 min.)

This is a dispiritingly mediocre tweener comedy from some very talented people who appear to be experiencing a delayed sophomore slump. With Judd Apatow's (Knocked Up) name hovering comedy-god-like over the titles and Seth Rogen (Superbad) credited as co-writer - not to mention the dependably dopey Owen Wilson as the titular borer du jour – you'd expect the laffs to positively gush forth. Nuh-uh. *Drillbit Taylor* is a strange hybrid of Apatow's über-cool TV series Freaks and Geeks and 1980s film My Bodyguard. The film is such an obvious rehashing of old ideas and laugh lines that it borders on the insulting. Hartley, Gentile, and Dorfman play a trio of freshman high schoolers who hire Wilson's ostensibly ex-Army maniac to protect them from the local bully (Frost). Apatow and Rogen should note for future reference that stealing from the best doesn't count for squat if you're the best in the first place, although Wilson does get some juicy throwaway lines. (03/21/2008) ★ → Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

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THE GRAND

D: Zak Penn; with Woody Harrelson, Cheryl Hines, Chris Parnell, Ray Romano, Dennis Farina, David Cross, Michael McKean, Richard Kind, Gabe Kaplan, Werner Herzog, Judy Greer, Estelle Harris, Andrea Savage, Barry Corbin, Shannon Elizabeth, Jason Alexander, Hank Azaria. (R, 104 min.)

There's a lot of truly hilarious material in The Grand, a semiscripted, semi-improvised movie about several characters who are competing in a Las Vegas championship poker tournament. A 20-minute package of those funny bits would be priceless, but at an hour and 45 minutes. The Grand is stuffed with too many unproductive improvs and actual poker-playing to be of sustained interest. Spoofing the recent phenomenon of televised poker tournaments (of both the professional and celebrity varieties), The Grand aims to do for poker what Best in Show did for canine competitions, but director Penn's film unfortunately takes. home no blue ribbons. Consisting mainly of character guirks and backstories, The Grand has very little plot to speak of but enough characters to populate at least three separate movies. But really, why worry about measly details when deliciously funny moments are scattered about with such carefree abandon? (04/04/2008) - Marjorie Baumgarten ** Alamo Drafthouse South

IN BRUGES

D: Martin McDonagh; with Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson, Ralph Fiennes, Clémence Poésy, Jordan Prentice. (R, 107 min.)

In his debut feature film, writer/director McDonagh (the acclaimed Irish playwright) tells the story of two Irish hitmen passing time in the medieval Belgian town of Bruges, Ken (Gleeson) and Ray (Farrell) have been dispatched to the tourist town by their boss, Harry (Fiennes), after they've botched a hit in London. The older Ken finds the ancient town calming and contemplative, while the younger and more antsy Ray regards it as a "shit hole." A pretty girl who deals coke (Poésy) and a racist dwarf (Prentice) become some of Ray's new companions. In Bruges is at its best when it's just passing the time. The idle dialogue is often priceless. When the action kicks in, however, In Bruges starts to go off the rails. The film's light comedy and dark morality make for an unsettling mix, and various scenes cry out for a prudent editor. This gives the entire film an uneven feel. (02/08/2008) - Marjorie Baumgarten *** Arbor, Dobie

LEATHERHEADS

D: George Clooney; with Clooney, Renée Zellweger, John Krasinski, Jonathan Pryce, Stephen Root. (PG-13, 114 min.)

Nearing 50, Clooney is still almost improbably puckish, but this picture – his third directorial effort – isn't quite as fleet. Set in the 1920s, when the nation was still recovering from the Great War, Leatherheads charts the awkward birth of professional football. Leatherheads comes practically gift-wrapped in goodwill - it's a celebration of an American pastime (if not the American pastime) and a loving nod to the screwballs of yore. The film is appropriately scored, well-acted, and possess ing of a handful of truly transportive moments. It's awfully agreeable – so why doesn't it entirely work? I think it's a question of comic timing. This kind of backward-glancing, even ga-ga-ing, material begs for barmy, and barmy begs for no brakes, but Leatherheads takes a full half-hour of stops and starts to find its footing. Even then, it skips from fizzy water to flat tap from scene to scene. (04/04/2008) - Kimberley Jones

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MARRIED LIFE

D: Ira Sachs; with Pierce Brosnan, Chris Cooper, Patricia Clarkson, Rachel McAdams, David Richmond-Peck, David Wenham, Timothy Webber. (PG-13, 90 min.)

Corruption, immorality, decadence, secrecy, loyalty, selfishness, selflessness, murder, love, sex, and indigestion are all swirling around one another in Married Life. Cooper plays Harry Allen, whose love for his wife (Clarkson) is a testament to murky ethics and self-satisfied delusion. After starting an affair with a beautiful young widow (the miraculously doe-eyed McAdams), Harry becomes convinced that his wife won't survive without him, so he decides it would be more decent to murder her than subject her to the indignity and loneliness of divorce. Meanwhile, his best friend (Brosnan), a cad and philanderer who accepts his own indecencies and moral flexibility as others might accept their height or hair color, develops eyes for Harry's mistress. This wonderful, amoral resignation and gleeful responsibility-dodging make Married Life so deliciously different from other modern crime stories. With its 1950s decor and upbeat ending (clever camouflage all), Married Life is one of the more ethically dubious films to come along in - Josh Rosenblatt vears. (03/28/2008) *** Arhor

MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY

D: Bharat Nalluri; with Frances McDormand, Amy Adams, Shirley Henderson, Lee Pace, Mark Strong, Ciarán Hinds. (PG-13, 92 min.)

The Blitz was not all chip-rationing and stiffupper-lipness for the Londoners who endured it there was also the West End, gin, and the promise of non-Nazi-induced blackouts and sasstacular American movie stars, or at least that's what we have here. As Miss Pettigrew, the unflappable, always appealing McDormand submerges her sense of style and her not inconsiderate wit into the titular character first created by novelist Winifred Watson in 1938. Miss Pettigrew is an unemployed nanny with a no-nonsense streak and an exceedingly dour sense of couture, who bluffs her way into a job as the "social secretary" for the brain-dead, proto-fashionista, Yank-on-holiday starlet Delysia Lafosse (Adams), with appropriately hilarious results. Or maybe not so hilarious. The comedic success of this pair of dramatic archetypes, the radiant flibbertigibbet and the gray, lumpen elder spinster, in a lightweight bit of piffle such as this is a testament to both Adams' and McDormand's smarts. (03/07/2008) - Marc Savlov ★★ Arbor, Hill Country Galleria

NEVER BACK DOWN

D: Jeff Wadlow; with Sean Faris, Djimon Hounsou, Cam Gigandet, Amber Heard, Evan Peters, Leslie Hope. (PG-13, 106 min.)

The mixed martial arts flick Never Back Down borrows from other movies almost shamelessly – it's The Karate Kid meets Fight Club by way of Abercrombie & Fitch. (And maybe a little Rocky thrown in for good measure.) Jake (Faris), a hot-headed hottie with a big temper is publicly humiliated by his new nemesis. Ryan (Gigandet), the school's reigning prince of extreme sports. Motivated by revenge, Jake trains with a Senegalese-born coach (Hounsou), who teaches his new student that throwing a punch is as much a mental act as it is a physical one. Of course, there's the final showdown, which is ultimately just another excuse for the two of them to strip down to their gym shorts and show off their rockhard physiques. Though its script leaves no cliché unturned, Never Back Down is a notch above the norm, mainly due to director Wadlow's ability to keep everything on track and Faris' abilities as the young hero. $(0\bar{3}/21/2008)$ - Steve Davis

★★ Metropolitan, Tinseltown North

NIM'S ISLAND

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D: Jennifer Flackett, Mark Levin: with Abiaail Breslin, Jodie Foster, Gerard Butler, Michael Carman. (PG, 95 min.)

Boys adventure stories are a dime (store novel) a dozen, but girls adventure tales are rare things indeed. Nim's Island, which is adapted from Wendy Orr's young-adult novel, comes to the rescue with its South Seas setting and message to girls of all ages about the need to become the heroes of their own life stories. The film details the parallel adventures of Nim Rusoe (Breslin), a motherless girl who lives on an otherwise deserted South Pacific atoll with her scientist father (Butler), and Alexandra Rover (Foster), a San Francisco agoraphobe who writes adventure novels about the escapades of her imaginary alter ego, Alex Rover (an Indiana Jones-type fellow who is also incarnated by Butler). It's lovely to watch Foster in this role, taking a comedic breather from all the high-tension thrillers she's been appearing in of late. Breslin tones down the perky effusiveness of her Little Miss Sunshine character and proves her versatility. (04/04/2008) - Marjorie Baumgarten *** Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

PERSEPOLIS

D: Marjane Satrapi, Vincent Paronnaud; with the voices of Chiara Mastroianni, Catherine Deneuve, Simon Abkarian, Danielle Darrieux. (PG-13, 95 min., subtitled)

Persepolis is at once a confessional autobiography, historical re-enactment, graphic art object, and deeply involving contemporary story about a girl's coming-of-age while navigating not only the usual pitfalls of adolescence but also the enforced repression brought on by Iran's Islamic revolution of the Eighties. Satrapi's story, which she and Paronnaud adapted into an animated film from her graphic novels, is both specific and universal, and therein lies a large measure of its appeal. "I had survived a war, but a banal love story nearly killed me," she comments sardonically at one point. The film's flat, mostly blackand-white animation helps convey some of the sense of a graphic novel, but moreover, the visual look complements the story's moral sphere, a realm governed by absolute rights and wrongs and lots of gray in-between areas. As befits a comingof-age story, there are a couple of indulgent passages, but they hardly get in the way of the overall flow. (02/01/2008) - Marjorie Baumgarten ★★★★ Dobie

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Sound Unbound Vol. 3: Beat Poetry & Jazz (2008) D: Anne Heller. (NR) Music Monday. This compilation casually examines the relationships between the beats and the jazz music that served as their inspiration and features clips of writers Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Herbert Huncke and musicians Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Coleman Hawkins, Sonny Rollins, Jimmy Smith, Jimmy Giuffre, Miles Davis, Art Farmer, and more. Actor Gary Kent will reminisce about the L.A. beatnik scene of the late 1950s. @Alamo Ritz, Mon., 10pm; \$2.

PERSEPOLIS (IN ENGLISH)

D: Marjane Satrapi, Vincent Paronnaud; with the voices of Chiara Mastroianni, Sean Penn, Catherine Deneuve, Gena Rowlands, Iggy Pop. (PG-13, 95 min.)

In English; no subtitles. See p.92 for review. Metropolitan

PLANET B-BOY

D: Benson Lee. (NR, 101 min.)

As Lee's far-flung doc makes abundantly clear, breakdancing long ago went competitively global. Today, American crews have to battle alongside international rivals such as Japan's Angel Dust Breakers, French-based the Family (whose youngest associate. Lil Key, looks to be all of 10 years old), and South Korea's legendary Last for One. What they all have in common, as Quik, a member of Japan's Ichigeki Crew, explains, is a passion for the border-busting power dance, movement as a movement, freedom of expression, wild-style: "After I started breakdancing, I became more aware of my identity and open to other ways of thinking. This from a post-teen, premillennial product of per-

petually regimental Japanese society. Quik speaks worlds verbally, choreographically, and culturally. Which, nicely dovetailing, is what *Planet B-Boy* does as well, without getting bogged down in the South Bronx. It turns out globalization has its good points after all, and they're sporting Chucks, Kangols, and post-Gomi DIY gear. (04/04/2008) - Marc Savlov . ★★★ Dobie

RUN FATBOY RUN

D: David Schwimmer; with Simon Pegg, Thandie Newton, Hank Azaria, Dylan Moran. (PG-13, 95 min.)

Anyone hoping for the lean meat of the fast, furious, and riotously funny Shaun of the Dead or even the popcorn fancy of the lesser Hot Fuzz both of which share with *Fatboy* the co-writer and star Simon Pegg – will do best to look elsewhere; this British romcom is all soft and plodgy, a by-thenumbers redemption tale that careens uncomfortably from sentimentality to stomach-turning sight gags. There are bits here and there that are genuinely funny, and there are certainly worse crimes in romantic comedy than forgettableness. But what I can't abide - along with, I suspect, countless



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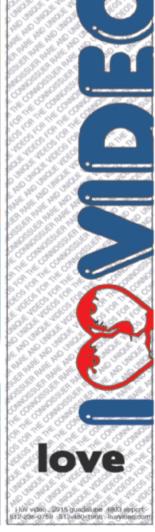
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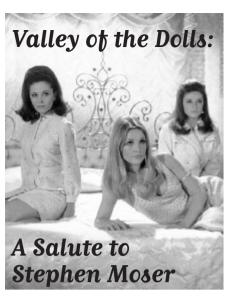
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Valley of the Dolls: A Salute to Stephen Moser (1967) D: Mark Robson; with Patty Duke, Barbara Parkins, Sharon Tate, Susan Hayward, Lee Grant. (PG-13, 123 min.) Stephen's Angels. If you need me to tell you any more about Jackie Susann's dishy doll dross, take it as a sign you've been locked in the closet too long, dah-ling. But read Stephen Moser's rundown, "Sparkle and Shine," on p.58, for what makes the film such a camp classic. Then note that this screening is a special tribute to Moser, who has been very public in his weekly Chronicle column, "After A Fashion," about his diagnosis of terminal prostate cancer. Joel Mozersky will emcee the show, and there will be games, singing, and dancing, along with an after-party at midnight at Oilcan Harry's with Mozersky and Gretchen Phillips. Those not attending the show can also make donations through PayPal using moserfund@gmail.com or through Falcon Bank in Stephen's name. (*) @Alamo Ritz, Tue., 9:30pm.

other fans of Pegg's collaborations with Edgar Wright and Nick Frost - is how utterly unlikable Pegg is rendered here. However, there's enough blame here to pass around among first-time big-screen director Schwimmer, original scripter Michael Ian Black, and Pegg (who did the last pass and "Britishized" the screenplay, which was originally envisioned as American-set and -acted). (03/28/2008) - Kimberley Jones

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SHINE A LIGHT

D: Martin Scorsese. (PG-13, 122 min.) Scorsese's Shine a Light will prompt myriad reactions – shock, awe, glee – but dismissal will be in the minority. Shock comes courtesy of the frontline's Grand Canyon character lines, disbelief from the soon-to-be 65-year-old frontman's sheer physical specimen, and roller-coaster thrills via a 17-song set that starts with "Jumping Jack Flash" and concludes on "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." "Marty" opens backstage, cuts in primo archival footage of the band, then lets a full concert leave its brand. Now well into their 60s, Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, and Charlie Watts still emit that which has beckoned generations of filmmaking fanatics, so Scorsese uses New York's intimate Beacon Theatre to get into everyone's craggy face except Charlie Is My Darling Watts, whose "Sympathy for the Devil" never creased his impassivity. Upsizing Shine a Light for IMAX screens (it also plays in conventional theatres) transforms this concert film into concert. (04/04/2008) - Raoul Hernandez Gateway, Tinseltown North, IMAX Theatre

SHUTTER

D: Masayuki Ochiai; with Joshua Jackson, Rachael Taylor, Megumi Okina. (PG-13, 85 min.)

Shutter is Japanese director Ochiai's Americanized-yet-shot-in-Tokyo do-over of Thai filmmakers Banjong Pisanthanakun and Parkpoom Wongpoom's sublime, melancholy, and ultimately ghastly (and identically titled) 2004 T-horror take on Franco Zeffirelli's Endless Love by way of Antonioni's Blow-Up. Ochiai's "photo-montage" (a couple sees mysterious images in photographs)

The Devil Came on Horseback

The Devil Came on Horseback (2007)
D: Ricki Stern and Anne Sundberg. (NR, 85 min.) Youth
of St. Andrews. Firsthand testimony relates the real, unedited story of Darfur in this documentary, which examines the powerlessness of one individual faced with a tragedy of inhuman degree. The Youth of St. Andrew's are collecting loose change with the goal of collecting a coin for every person who has died. For more info, see www.staopen.com. (*) @St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (14311 Wells Port Dr.), Fri., 7pm; free.



suffers from the presence of everyone but the ghostly Okina (also seen stateside in The Grudge lite) and some shivery camerawork from the masterful eye of director of cinematography Katsumi Yanagijima – a favorite of both Takeshi "Beat' Kitano and Kinji Fukasaku (Battle Royale). But the very Thai-specific charms that made the original Shutter such an unforeseen, unpredictable delight are almost entirely absent here, eclipsed by the annoying blond highlights of Taylor, ex-Transformers babe and forever, as the Thai say, farang. New rule: No more Asian-horror remakes until everyone outside of Asia has seen the originals. I'm not kid-

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SNOW ANGELS

D: David Gordon Green; with Sam Rockwell, Kate Beckinsale, Michael Angarano, Griffin Dunne, Nicky Katt, Olivia Thirlby, Amy Sedaris, Tom Noonan. (R, 106 min.)

This adaptation by writer/director Green (All the Real Girls) of Stewart O'Nan's debut novel is a story of imperfect humanity lashing out blindly against bitter circumstance. It gives his stars - particularly the brilliantly off-kilter Rockwell as Glenn Marchand and Beckinsale as his estranged wife, Annie - the freedom to sound the depths of their characters without drowning in typical actors' concerns about motivation and meaning. Call it Method Acting in a Universe Without Method. The characters live in a small, snow-covered town in Pennsylvania, a static world of nursed grudges and blown opportunities, long histories and emotional paralysis: A world in which everyone knows everyone else and everyone, it seems, is one small step away from total collapse. Few filmmakers these days are as capable and assured with the fumbling ambivalence of human conversation as Green is; his ear for the half-truths, misapprehensions, and long-simmering defensiveness of everyday dialogue is a wonder to behold. (04/04/2008) Josh Rosenblatt ★★★ Arbor

STOP-LOSS

D: Kimberly Peirce; with Ryan Phillippe, Abbie Cornish, Channing Tatum, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ciarán Hinds, Timothy Olyphant, Victor Rasuk, Rob Brown, Mamie Gummer, Josef Sommer, Alex Frost. (R, 112 min.)

Peirce's second feature (her first was the accolade-magnet Boys Don't Cry) opens smackdab in the proverbial fog (or sand, actually) of war. Tikrit-based Staff Sgt. Brandon King (Phillippe) and the men in his squadron are headed home to the Lone Star State (much of the film was shot in and around Austin, doubling for Brazos), following a nasty sniper battle. Stop-lossed almost immediately, King watches his fellow vets attempt to drink, drank, and skank their way back to some semblance of what was; King opts out, though, and goes AWOL with Michele (Cornish), the girlfriend of squaddie Shriver (Tatum), hoping to get to D.C. to plead his case with a potentially sympathetic senator. The road goes on forever, but somehow the party never starts. Stop-Loss does not deign to do what the audience may expect or want or need; just when it appears cut-and-dried, or locked and, especially, loaded, it turns out Peirce has the goddamn safety on. (03/28/2008) Marc Saylov

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SUPERHERO MOVIE

D: Craig Mazin; with Drake Bell, Leslie Nielsen, Sara Paxton, Christopher McDonald, Marion Ross, Kevin Hart, Brent Spiner, Jeffrey Tambor. (PG-13, 85 min.)

Mazin's feature debut, The Specials, is a superhero satire that affectionately winks and nods at the whole concept of what superheroes do, if anything, on their days off. That said, his new parody,

Superhero Movie, blows harder than Storm from X-Men. It's a tonally confused comedy, which, for once, doesn't go far enough comedically. Featuring an earnest performance from Bell - whose riff on Peter Parker/Spider-Man is very nearly noteperfect - and an appropriately scenery-devouring McDonald (voice of The Iron Giant's G-man, Kent Mansley) as the supervillian Hourglass, Superhero Movie plays like a real (albeit really cheap) Marvel Universe knockoff that was shanghaied by the Wayans gang and then minimalized by Reducto from Harvey Birdman, Attorney at Law. Even cameos from Airplane!-er Robert Hays and Forbidden Planeteer-cum-comedy-stalwart Nielson can't supersize the yuks on what turns out to be a mere annoyance of a spoof. Bah, puny insect! (04/04/2008) - Marc Savlov

Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown

10,000 B.C.

D: Roland Emmerich; with Steven Strait, Camilla Belle, Cliff Curtis, Mona Hammond. (PG-13, 108 min.)

Emmerich comes to the prehistoric party considerably late in the Hollywood timeline, and he arrives bearing neither the spark of creativity nor anything resembling even the flimsiest glimmer of originality. 10,000 B.C. is a stunningly hamfisted paste job of a caveman flick, directed with all the subtlety of Eegah, woefully acted (those Geico advertisements are considerably more nuanced), and sporting some awfully shoddy CGI effects (the woolly mammoths are up to par, but that saber-toothed tiger seems like a hastily created digital afterthought). Strait is D'Leh, a (possibly) Paleolithic hunter with abandonment issues who crosses continents (maybe) to rescue his blue-eyed beloved (Belle) after she and others of their tribe are captured by an equestrian raiding party in the employ of (who knows?) some wigged-out Egyptian proto-pharaohs. Emmerich's narrative is maddeningly vague on plot specifics. But most egregious of all is the insurmountable fact that this film is just plain dumb. (03/14/2008) . Marc Savlov

CM Cedar Park, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South

D: Robert Luketic; with Jim Sturgess, Kate Bosworth, Kevin Spacey, Laurence Fishburne, Liza Lapira, Josh Gad, Aaron Yoo, Sam Golzari, Jacob Pitts, Jack McGee. (PG-13, 123 min.)

One might think that characters who have the mental quickness to count cards and take the Vegas blackjack tables for tens of thousands of dollars would also have the acumen to notice that some aspects of their caper just don't add up. The filmmakers take a pass on character development in favor of fluttery Vegas montages of cards, lights, money, and pretty, young faces in thrall to the gods of self-made fortunes and striking it rich. Adapted from Ben Mezrich's true account of similar events, Bringing Down the House: The Inside Story of Six M.I.T. Students Who Took Vegas for Millions, the film shows little interest in the honest reasons why a Harvard Medical School admittee, who professes that he's only in it for the \$300,000 needed to finance his education, just doesn't apply for a student loan like everybody else. 21 shares with the Las Vegas mythos the same stale temptations: empty glitz and little substance. (03/28/2008) - Mariorie Baumgarten ★★ Alamo Drafthouse South, Alamo Drafthouse

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TYLER PERRY'S MEET THE BROWNS

D: Tyler Perry; with Perry, Angela Bassett, David Mann, Tamela J. Mann, Rick Fox, Lance Gross, Frankie Faison, Margaret Avery, Jenifer Lewis, Sofía Vergara, Irma P. Hall, Chloe Bailey, Mariana Tolbert. (PG-13, 100 min.)

You know what you're signing up for when attending a "Tyler Perry film": crass but wholesome stories about modern black family life that mesh comedy, melodrama, and Christian uplift - and include his name in the title. Meet the Browns also highlights another of Perry's recurrent themes: scorn for black men who don't do right by their families and baby mamas. The casting of Bassett as this film's lead presents Perry with the best actor he's probably ever featured in any of his mov ies so far, and although she's terrific to watch, she can't raise Meet the Browns from the doldrums. The problem with the film is not really the story but, rather, the slapdash mechanics of Perry's storytelling. His visual style aspires to nothing more than rudimentary point-and-shoot blocking, and his storytelling bounces radically between low comedy and high melodrama, while excising any fluidity or plausibility that might bridge the two contrasts. (03/28/2008) - Marjorie Baumgarten * CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Millennium, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South

UNDER THE SAME MOON

D: Patricia Riggen; with Kate del Castillo, Eugenio Derbez, Mário Almada, Adrian Alonso, Isaac Bravo, Ernesto D'Alessio, Julie Dove, America Ferrera. (PG-13, 109 min., subtitled)

With the right set of eyes, anywhere can be heaven. Take the poor neighborhoods of East Los Angeles, for example: In the mind's eye of 9-yearold Mexican Carlitos (Alonso), that concrete jungle of endless strip malls and fast-food restaurants is a wonderland. Four years ago, his mother, Rosario (del Castillo), left him in their small Mexican village to seek work as a domestic across the border and hasn't been back since. Carlitos dreams of that Los Angeles barrio the way the Spanish conquistadors dreamed of El Dorado, so he resolves to make the perilous journey across the border and into America to reunite with his mother. As a work of dramatic fiction, Under the Same Moon isn't any thing to ring bells over. Its parallel stories of two lost souls seeking each other across geographical divides is never more than one small step away from mawkishness and cliché, and oftentimes less. But as a sociological study, it's fascinating. (03/21/2008) – Josh Rosenblatt *** Arbor, Barton Creek Square, Tinseltown North,

THE UNFORESEEN

Tinseltown South

D: Laura Dunn. (NR, 88 min.)
At the heart of Dunn's documentary – which is part history lesson and part anthropological study, part geological survey and part nature special (complete with profoundly gorgeous views of Barton Springs shot in the style of the film's Co-Executive Producer Terrence Malick) – lies Austin developer Gary Bradley. Forgoing partisanship, she resists the temptation to demonize Bradley, instead looking at him as a man full of contradictions and pain. Building out from Bradley, she uses underwater shots of the Springs, chiaroscuro footage of the vast West Texas countryside (courtesy of local cinematographer Lee Daniel), expert scientific analysis, and interviews with some of the era's most important players to tell a story that pushes front and center the conflicts that have come to define the American social identity: private property vs. community rights, individual liberties vs. corporate responsibility, growth vs. nature. The result is an expansive and ambivalent testament to human ingenuity, human intransigence, and nature's endangered yet enduring power to move. (03/28/2008) - Josh Rosenblatt

★★★ Alamo Drafthouse South

VANTAGE POINT

D: Pete Travis; with Dennis Quaid, Matthew Fox, Forest Whitaker, Sigourney Weaver, Eduardo Noriega, Ayelet Zurer, Bruce McGill, William Hurt. (PG-13, 90 min.)

Like Akira Kurosawa classic Rashomon, Vantage Point replays a single event - in this case. the assassination of the United States president from multiple points of view. The views include those of an onsite cable-news producer (Weaver), a camcording tourist (Whitaker), a mystery man (Noriega) and an equally unknowable femme fatale (Zurer), a Secret Service agent (McGill), and, the key to it all, Thomas Barnes (Quaid), a recently



rehired Secret Service agent who previously took a bullet for the prez and now enters and exits every situation with a panicky grimace. Quaid does what he can with a role that appears to be little more than a cheap carbon copy of Clint Eastwood's similarly embattled presidential protector from In the Line of Fire, but after watching him dash hither and yon, searching for the truth in a plaza of lies, it's just not enough to make Vantage Point anything other than another pre-election also-ran. (02/22/2008)

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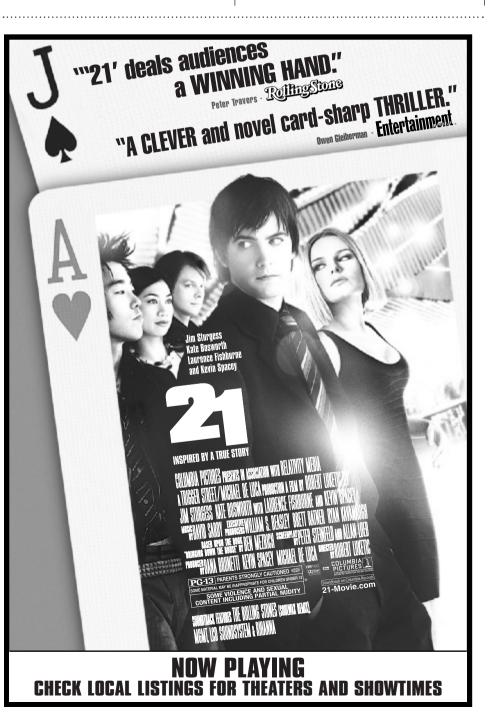
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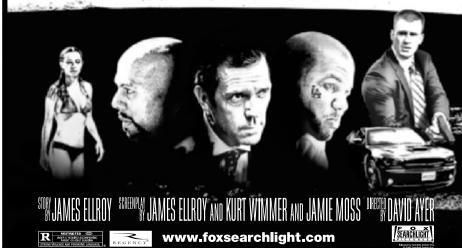




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THURSDAY 100

Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure Quote-Along (1989) D: Stephen Herek; with Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter, George Carlin. (PG, 90 min.)

The Caine Mutiny Feast (1954) D: Edward Dmytryk; with Humphrey Bogart, Jose Ferrer, Van Johnson, Fred MacMurray, Lee Marvin. (NR, 125 min.) Texas Hill Country Wine & Food Festival. MacMurray Ranch's Kate MacMurray will be on hand to present this movie that costars her father, Fred MacMurray, and to present some of her vineyard's wine. Chronicle wine writer Wes Marshall will introduce MacMurray after the screening and moderate a Q&A. Go to www.texaswineandfood.org/event_schedule.php?evid=85 to make reservations. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm; \$65.

The Forest (1982) D: Donald M. Jones: with Dean Russell, Gary Kent, Tomi Barrett, John Batis. (R, 85 min.) Terror Thursday. A cannibal hermit makes the backwoods no day in the park. Longtime friends Gary Kent (recently transplanted to Austin) and Don Jones will be present for this rare 35mm screening. @Alamo Ritz, 12mid; free

Just Can't Get Enough: The New Wave Sing-Along @Alamo Ritz, 9:45, 12mid.

Story of a Junkie (1987) D: Lech Kowalski; with John Spaceley. (R, 95 min.) Tromatic Thursday. Kowalski followed his semicult punk film $\emph{D.O.A.}$ with this harshly realistic neek at Fighties Fast Village needle noodlers. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek,

SPACES

The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford (2007) D: Andrew Dominik; with Brad Pitt, Casey Affleck. (R, 160 min.) Free. (*) @Rounders Pizzeria. 8pm.

FRIDAY 11

Battlestar Galactica D: Ronald D. Moore; with Edward James Olmos, Mary McDonnell, Jamie Bamber, Katee Sackhoff. TV at the Alamo. Two episodes of the final season will screen back-to-back. Reserve tickets at www.originalalamo.com. @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 12mid.

E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982)

D: Steven Spielberg; with Henry Thomas, Dee Wallace, Robert McNaughton, Drew Barrymore, C. Thomas Howell, Peter Coyote. (PG, 115 min.) Master Pancake Theater. Sweet, heartwarming, adventuresome, and joyful, E.T. tugs at the believ-

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AFS: Call for Entries for 2008 Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund The Austin Film Society is accepting applications for the 2008 Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund, They'll provide at least \$100,000 to emerging film and video artists in Texas, in cash grants up to \$25,000, as well as Kodak film stock and in-kind services from Seattle-based Alpha Cine Labs. (AFS will be hosting a free application workshop in Austin on April 21, to help you with the process.) Filmmakers who have resided in Texas for at least one year are eligible, and the current application is available on the AFS website. Submission deadline: June 2, www.austinfilm.org

aGLIFF: My Gay Movie Challenge 2008 is now accepting submissions for this seventh annual competition. First-time and novice filmmak ers are invited to submit a short film (no longer than 10 minutes) with a "queer sensibility" to compete for a \$500 cash prize and the chance to screen their film at aGLIFF's 21st annual festival. Open to residents of Texas, as well as to residents outside the state with films set in or about Texas. See website for details. Submissions must be postmarked by May 15. www.agliff.org.

Austin Film Festival: Call for Entries

The AFF seeks entries for the 2008 Screenplay and Teleplay Competitions. Categories include Drama and Comedy, each with a cash prize of \$5,000. You may also choose to have your script considered for the Latitude and Sci-Fi Awards, each with a cash prize of \$2,500. Early deadline: May 15. Late deadline: June 1. Also: Film entries needed. There are six competitive categories: Narrative Feature, Narrative Short, Narrative Student Short, Documentary Feature, Documentary Short, Animated Short. See website for details. Early deadline: June 5. Late deadline: July 5. www.austinfilmfestival.com.

Cine las Americas: Passes Now on Sale The 11th Cine las Americas International Film Festival celebrates its opening night on Wednesday, April 16, at the Paramount Theatre. The nine-day event screens new work made by or about Latino and indigenous people of the Americas, with a diverse selection of narrative and documentary features, short films, experimental work, animation, and youth films. Passes of various levels of awesomeness are now available for purchase on their website. www.cinelasamericas.org.

ers inside each of us. The Pancake gang is sure to smash such wholesomeness to bits. (*) @Alamo Ritz, 9:25pm, 12mid.

SPACES

The Devil Came on Horseback (2007)

Yaaradi Nee Mohini (2008) D: Mithran R Jawahar; with Dhanush, Nayantara, Raghuvaran, Karunas. (NR. 148 min.) A Tamil remake of the Telugu romance Aadavari Matalaku Ardhalu Verule.

SATURDAY 🛈 🖸

E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) @Alamo Ritz, 10pm. (See Fri., 4/11.)

Jalsa (2008) D: Trivikram Srinivas; with Pawan Kalyan, Ileana, Parvati Melton, Kamalinee Mukherjee. (NR, 168 min.) Telugu-language love story with comedy. @Tinseltown South, 3:30, 7pm.

The Neverending Story (1984) D: Wolfgang Petersen; with Noah Hathaway, Barret Oliver, Tami Stronach, Moses Gunn. (PG, 92 min.) Kids Day. A marvelous, inventive, inspiring fantasy in which the books read by the story's hero actually come to life. (*) @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 1pm; \$6.25.

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.

Saturday Morning Cartoon Cereal Party Two-and-a-half hours of fine nutrition. Pajamas and stuffed animals encouraged. @Alamo Ritz, 12:30pm.

Shadows (2007) D: Milcho Manchevski; with Borce Nacev, Vesna Stanojevska, Sabina Ajrula-Tozija, Salaetin Bilal. (NR, 130 min.) Austin Film Society and the UT Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Join the Macedonian writer-director of the stunning debut film, Before the Rain, as he presents his newest film, Shadows, which is the story of a man who undergoes a transformation as the result of a serious car accident. Manchevski will conduct a Q&A after the screening. @Texas Union Theatre, 7:30pm; free.

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) D: Stanley Kubrick; with Keir Dullea, Daniel Richter, Gary Lockwood, William Sylvester, Douglas Rain. (G, 139 min.) Big Screen Sci-Fi Classics. Kubrick's film remains a peerless monument – a complete and total film experience, magnificent in its scope and expression, singular in its vision and ambition. (*) @Alamo Ritz, 3:30pm

Yaaradi Nee Mohini (2008) @Tinseltown South, 3pm. (See Fri., 4/11.)

SPACES

Following Sean (2005) D: Ralph Arlyck. (NR, 87 min.) P.O.V. Series. Arlyck revisits the subject of an award-winning student short he had made 35 years earlier, who was then the 4-year-old child of Haight-Ashbury hippies. In the process, he intertwines the story of that child's life with his own. Film will be followed by a facilitated discussion. @Howson Library, 2pm.

SUNDAY 13

The Neverending Story (1984) @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 1pm; \$6.25. (See Sat.,

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Super Fun Monkey Bash 6 A compilation of Jananese television weirdness. The 2008 edition is a tribute to veteran TV funnyman Hitoshi Matsumoto, leading up to the imminent U.S. release of his film Big Man Japan. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) @Alamo Ritz, 1, 4, 9:20pm. (See Sat., 4/12.)

MONDAY 114

Best of Sex Ed With Owen Egerton and **Mary Roach** Roach, the author of *Bonk*, the book that explores the science of sex, will be present as Egerton hosts a compilation of groan-inducing sex-education films from the Forties through the Seventies. See Books, p.48, for an interview with Roach. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

Kiss of Death (1947) See p.92.

Sound Unbound Vol. 3: Beat Poetry & Jazz (2008) See p.92.

The 40-Year-Old Virgin (2005) D: Judd Apatow; with Steve Carell, Catherine Keener. (R, 116 min.) Monday Movies and Margaritas. Margarita specials 5-9pm; movie at sundown. (*) @Belmont,

TUESDAY 16

The Neverending Story (1984) @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 1pm; \$6.25. (See Sat.,

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) @Alamo Ritz, 6:30pm. (See Sat., 4/12.)

Unknown Pleasures (2002) D: Jia Zhang-Ke; with Zhao Wei Wei. (NR, 113 min.) Austin Film Society: Ascending Dragon – Films of Greater China. This earlier film by the stylistically masterful director of The World looks at the aimlessness of modern Chinese youth culture and observes it from the perspective of a couple of unemployed teenagers. For more on the series see "On the Road, From San Fran to Taipei," March 28, or www.austinfilm.org. @Alamo Drafthouse South, 7pm: \$4. AFS members free.

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Dolphins and Whales 3D: Tribes of the Ocean (2008) D: Jean-Jacques Mantello; narrated by Daryl Hannah. (NR, 42 min.) Presented by Jean-Michel Cousteau, this documentary goes from the coral reefs of the Bahamas to the waters off the Kingdom of Tonga to visit with the world's dolphins, orcas, belugas, and manatees.

Grand Canvon Adventure 3D: River at Risk (2008) D: Greg MacGillivray; narrated by Robert Redford. (NR, 40 min.) The river at risk is the Colorado. Water-conservation advocate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. joins ethnobotanist and author Wade Davis and their 18-year-old daughters for a rafting trip down the river to the parched Colorado delta.

Sea Monsters 3D: A Prehistoric Adventure (2007) D: Sean MacLeod Phillips; narrated by Liev Schreiber. (NR, 40 min.) National Geographic uses photorealistic, computer-generated, 3-D animation to transport audiences back to the late Cretaceous period more than 65 million years ago, when a great inland sea divided North America in two. (*)

Shine a Light: The IMAX Experience (2008) D: Martin Scorsese. (PG-13, 122 min.) This venue's your ticket if you want to see the Rolling Stones' liver spots on the giant screen. Thu. (4/10), 6, 8:20(*)

Texas: The Big Picture (2003) D: Scott Swofford; narrated by Colby Donaldson. (NR, 39 min.) Panoramic shots

of Texas grace the screen as Texas is shown to be a land capable of growing everything from grapefruit to microchips.

SPACES

Old School (2003) D: Todd Phillips; with Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn, Ellen Pompeo. Juliette Lewis, Leah Remini, Rick Gonzalez, Matthew Carey, Jeremy Piven, Craig Kilborn. (R, 91 min.) Free. *) @Rounders Pizzeria, 8pm.

WEDNESDAY 📭 🙃

199 Lives: The Travis Pastrana Story (2008) D: Gregg Godfrey. (NR, 120 min.) NCM Fathom. The motocross and rally race daredevil is profiled in this movie, and Pastrana will also showcase an illustrated list of his "Top 10 Moments." @Tinseltown North, 7pm; @Southpark Meadows, 7pm; @Gateway, 7pm; @Metropolitan, 7pm.

Beat Films: The Dharma Bums Harry Ransom Center: Beat Film Series. In conjunction with their current exhibition "On the Road With the Beats," the HRC and the Austin Film Society present this four-part film series. Included in this third program are the films "The Last Clean Shirt" (1964) by Alfred Leslie, "Wholly Communion" (1965) by Peter Whitehead, "Towers Open Fire" (1962) by Anthony Balch and William S. Burroughs, and "The End" (1953) and "Beat" (1958) by Christopher MacLaine. For more info, see www.hrc.utexas.edu/beatfilm. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

Tintorera (1977) D: Rene Cardona Jr.; with Susan George, Hugo Stigletz, Andres Garcia, Fiona Lewis, Priscilla Barnes, (R. 89 min.) **Weird** Wednesday. A killer tiger shark in Mexican waters turns this swinging Seventies yacht party into mincemeat. (*) @Alamo Ritz, 12mid; free.

Stars Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi (1983) D: Richard Marquand; with Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher. (PG, 135 min.) Free. @Rounders Pizzeria, 8pm.

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THURSDAY 100

199 Lives: The Travis Pastrana Story (2008) @Gateway, 7pm; @Metropolitan, 7pm; @Tinseltown North, 7pm; @Southpark Meadows, 7pm. (See Wed., 4/16.)

Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure Quote-Along (1989) @Alamo Ritz, 7pm. (See Thu., 4/10.)

The Car (1977) D: Elliot Silverstein; with James Brolin, Kathleen Lloyd, John Marley, R.G. Armstrong. (PG, 96 min.) Terror Thursday. This car is possessed, and it's not named Christine. @Alamo Ritz, 12mid: free.

Just Can't Get Enough: The New Wave Sing-Along @Alamo Ritz, 9:30pm. (See Thu., 4/10.)

Lost (2007) @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 8pm; @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 7:30pm; free. (See Thu., 4/10.)

Period Piece (2006) D: Giuseppe Andrews; with Tyree. (NR, 80 min.) Tromatic Thursday. Underground filmmaker Andrews delivers this camcorder-shot gross-out that features 90-year-old men in full-frontal nudity, talking tater tots, sex with teddy bears, and a French dwarf. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 10pm; free,

Dan in Real Life (2007) D: Peter Hedges; with Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche, Dane Cook, Alison Pill, Brittany Robertson, Marlene Lawston, Dianne Wiest, John Mahoney, Emily Blunt, Norbert Leo Butz. (PG-13, 99 min.) Free. (*) @Rounders Pizzeria, 8pm.

Ovosodo (1997) D: Paolo Virzì; with Edoardo Gabbriellini, Malcolm Lunghi, Matteo Campus, Nicoletta Braschi. (NR, 100 min.) Il Circolo Italiano. In Italian, no subtitles. @MEZ B0.306 100 (basement of Mezes on the UT campus), 8pm; free.

Where Do the Children Play? (2008) D: Christopher M. Cook. (NR, 60 min.) Austin Children in Nature Community. The film examines

the patterns of sprawl, congestion, and suburban development across America and how they impact children's mental and physical health and development, Austin Children in Nature Community is a new group working to promote and create opportunities for unstructured, outdoor playtime for children and families in the Austin area. @Mexican American Cultural Center, 7pm; free.

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Rebuilding the Rights of Statues, Hedgehog

PARLOR, FRIDAY 11

Chinese indie rock isn't a term that really rolls off the tongue, but with the increasing politics of the upcoming Summer Olympics in Beijing, two exports are hoping to change that. Beijing trio Rebuilding the Rights of Statues brings along moody rock, layered on last year's Cut Off! (Tag Team). Noisier neon threepiece Hedgehog gets punk'd on latest Noise - Audra Schroeder

Ra Ra Riot, the Little Ones STUBB'S, FRIDAY 11

Syracuse, N.Y., postpop quintet Ra Ra Riot grabbed headlines last year for both the

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punctuality of its eponymous debut EP and drummer John Pike's death, but South by Southwest 08 proved their live scene no less potent. Fellow festers the Little Ones followed an ACL 2007 win-over with new EP Terry Tales & Fallen Gates, more buoyant bounce from the SoCal quintet. Raoul Hernandez

Austin International Music Extravaganza HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY 11/CASA DE LUZ, SATURDAY 12

Late Austin poet and activist Raúl Salinas gets a proper send-off as musicians from the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America celebrate his spirit during two nights of music. Friday features vocalists Naga Valli of India and Herby Augustin of Haiti along with multi-instrumentalist Baba Kosan of Arizona and the Cosmic International Ensemble. Feminist Cuban hip-hop trio Krudas Cubensi joins these artists and more at Casa de Luz Saturday.

The Joneses Emo's, Saturday 12

- Thomas Fawcett

Formed in 1981, L.A. punk legends the Joneses updated the New York Dolls' glamdamaged snot rocketry to reflect the pogoworthiness of contemporaries like the Dickies and Angry Samoans. Now reunited (if not entirely reformed), Jeff Drake and company deliver hooky knockouts like "She's So Filthy" and "Pill Box" that shouldn't be overlooked a second time. The Chumps up the beery sleaze factor alongside fellow locals the Urgencies and the Pepperonis. Greg Beets

Health EMO'S, SUNDAY 13

Ever feel like life has become too orderly? L.A. noise-rock quartet Health is just the china-shop bull to shatter predictability. The group's animalistic tendencies alternate growl and purr on 2007's eponymous debut, not quite instrumental yet entirely indecipherable. Local fivepiece Coma in Algiers reads from the same textbook, and Daniel Francis Doyle does it all on his own. YellowFever Darcie Stevens breaks the ice.



Jake Shimabukuro **CACTUS CAFE, TUESDAY 15**

Imagine 10 rattlesnakes attended Juilliard and honed their striking speed and accuracy on stringed instruments until they're so fast and fierce it'd take all the apparatuses of CERN to track them. These are the fingers of Jake Shimabukuro, Hawaiian-born ukulele virtuoso and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" YouTube sensation, whose thoughtful lightning galvanizes with four-string miracles, original and covered, from his six solo albums. 8pm. - Wayne Alan Brenner

Ministry LA ZONA ROSA, **TUESDAY 15**

Al Jourgensen is disassembling the Ministry pulpit after more than a quarter-century, but the final tour is going out hellfire-andbrimstone-style. Ministry's recent (but certainly not



last) CD, Cover Up, unleashed trademark vocal menace and punishing beat on "Bang a Gong" and other flashback favorites, a good indicator of what you'll hear between "N.W.O." and "Just One Fix." (Ah, for the days of "Stainless Steel Providers"!) Swedish thrashers Meshuggah and Las Vegas metallicos Hemlock open. – Margaret Moser

Juanes ERWIN CENTER, WEDNESDAY 16

While Austin rocked with Roman bacchanalia during the third weekend of March, Colombian superstar Juanes led a bill of performers in quelling an international incident. At the border of Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador, Juanes and others calmed tensions brought on by his native government's anti-guerilla raid into Ecuador. The stainless anthemic pop of his recent La Vida ... Es un Ratico should dispel any lingering fallout peacefully.

- Raoul Hernandez

On her new tribute. Just a Little Lovin' (Lost Highway), Shelby Lynne doesn't mimic Dusty Springfield as much as revel in each song's Southern soul roots. At SXSW 08, the L.A.-based singer/guitarist ignored an audience there to schmooze, laying down an exquisite late-night vibe. Let's hope the ever-charismatic singer with marvelous pipes includes a couple from her admirable past this go-round, as well. Chicago strummer David McMillin opens.

On Your Feet International Music & Dance Extravaganza MONARCH EVENT CENTER, THURSDAY 17

Local crusaders On Your Feet present an array of global artists to get you out of your seat. The evening of music and dance features local Latin big band Grupo Fantasma along with the jazz-infused Middle Eastern melodies of Atash, the pounding West African dance rhythms of Lannaya, and the Caribbean carnival beats of Buscando el Monte. Proceeds from the event benefit Posada Esperanza, which helps international refugees and homeless immigrants. - Thomas Fawcett

Psychedelic Shack PARISH, THURSDAY 17

Part of an ongoing Parish residency organized by noise-loving promoters Navdo, the two-night Psych Shack brings the racket. Ringo Deathstarr began tearing up the blogosphere last year with their sticky-sweet selftitled debut EP, adding to the local shoegaze resurgence. NYC's Soundpool continues the late-1980s nod along with local husband-andwife duo All in the Golden Afternoon (pictured), aka Rachel Staggs and Carlos Jackson, and reverb-lovers She, Sir. The Boxing Lesson and more hit up Friday. Darcie Stevens



In-Stores

Friday: Indrajit Banerjee, End of an Ear. 6pm

Saturday: Triplewide CD release, End of an Ear, 6pm

Tuesday: James McMurtry, Waterloo Records, 5pm

Thursday: The Waybacks, Waterloo Records, 5pm

Soundcheck BY AUDRA SCHROEDER

STINGERS ATX CD RELEASE

Flamingo Cantina, Friday 11 The rock-steady boys stir up latest brew This Time Around.

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Salvage Vanguard Theater, Friday 11

Amy Annelle and Ralph White turn back time and kick up dust.

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Continental Club, Sunday 13 Rosie Flores, Sunny Sweeney, and more ladies toast Loretta Lynn, A pie auction benefits the American Diabetes Association.

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THE GRETCHEN PHILLIPS ADVENTURE Salvage Vanguard Theater, Tuesday 15

The local songstress joins Little Stolen Moments, Gary Barftits, and more for aural fixation. 9pm.

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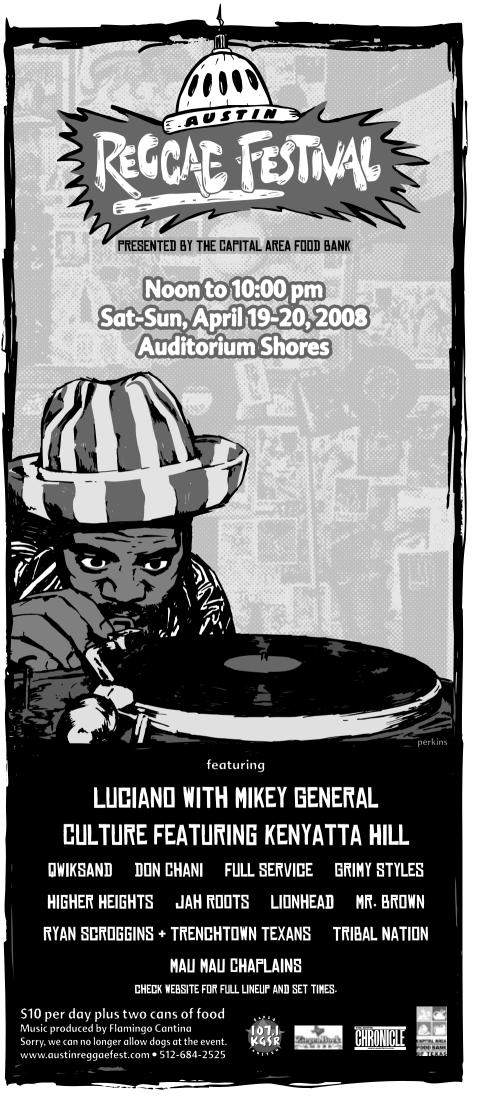
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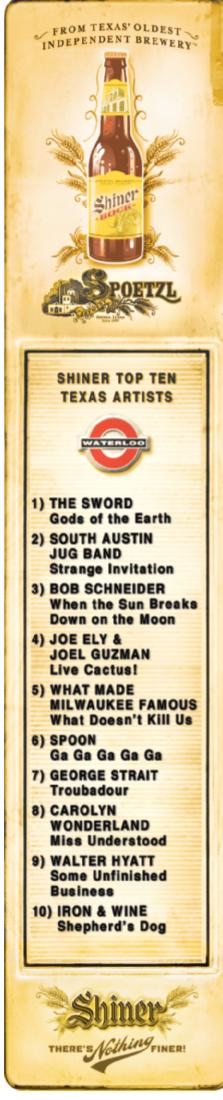
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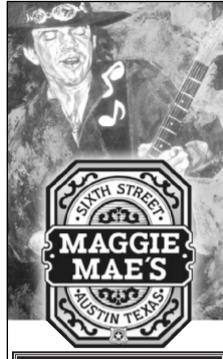
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Antone's, Thursday 17 Jay Farrar embraces his Dylanophilia, with opener Bobby Bare Jr.

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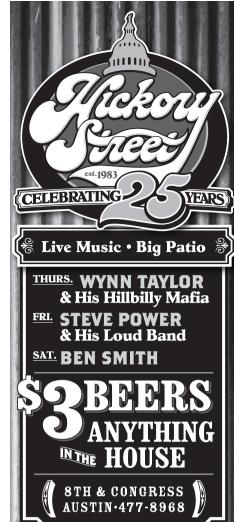
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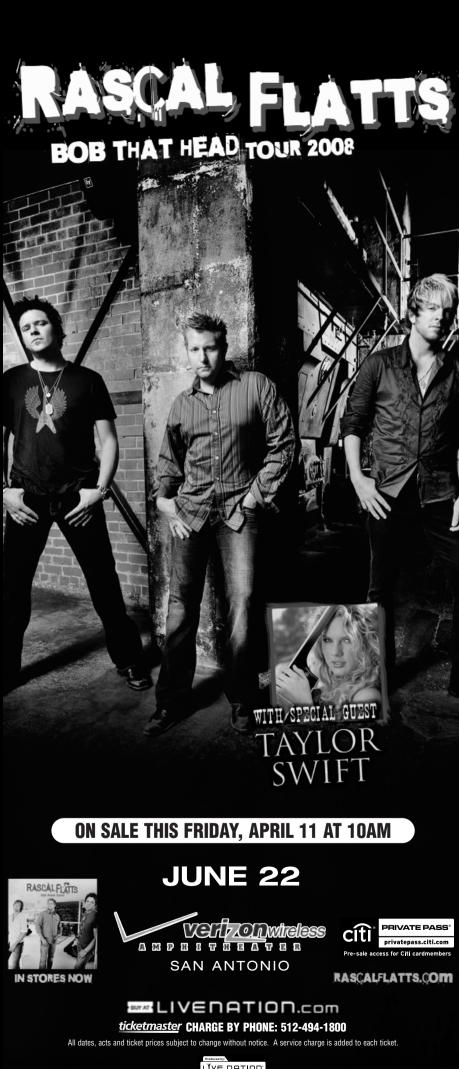
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MON 14

Mark Mallman, Beauty Bar James Intveld, Continental

Wax Museums, Hole in the

TUE 15

Viking Moses, Golden Ghost, Beerland

Jake Shimabukuro, Cactus

Sintense, Left Out, Headhunters

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Shelby Lynne, David McMillin, Antone's

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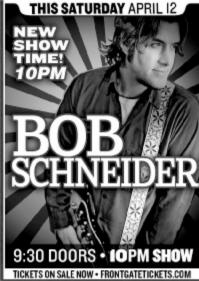


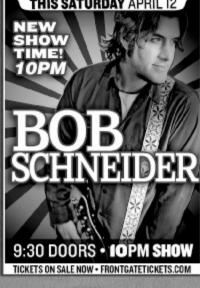


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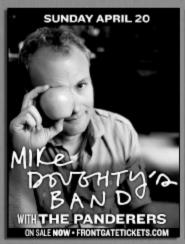


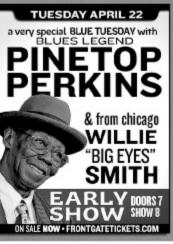




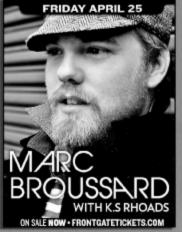








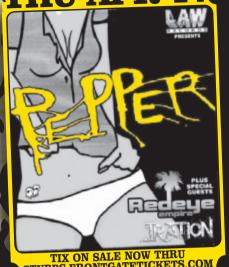








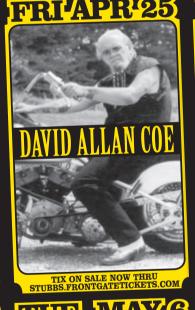




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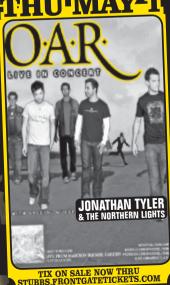














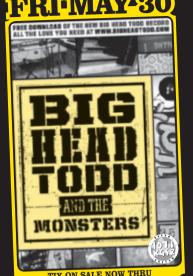






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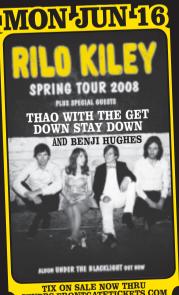


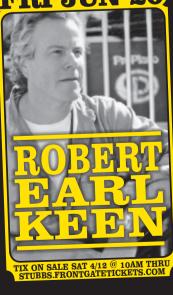
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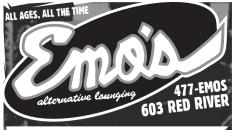
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SATURDAY, APRIL 12

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WITH THE JONESES (L.A.) THE CHUMPS • THE URGENCIES THE PEPPERONI'S TICKETS ON SALE NOW

LOUNGE: NUDITY
BROS FROM WAY BACK WHEN)
RIPE • JOHNNY GOBBS • WORM HOLE

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

INSIDE: **HEALTH • DANIEL FRANCIS DO**YLE Yellow Fever • Coma in Algiers

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

INSIDE: THE COPS • EAGLE CLAW • A.U.X LOUNGE: UNWED SAILOR

RYAN LINDSEY (OF THE STARLIGHT MINTS) · WIRETREE

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

INSIDE: SCOUT NIBLETT • ABBY BIRDS
PUFF PUFF AND THE RECEIVERS

LOUNGE: FLAMING LIPS HOOT NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

INSIDE: KRUM BUMS

AN BUREN BOYS • SOBER DAZE • 13TH VICTIM LOUNGE: YOUNGMAND GRAND

WAILING WALLS (CD RELEASE) • MANDIBLE

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

OUTSIDE: 101X NO CONTROL PRESENTS
DILLINGER ESCAPE PLAN THE BLED • THE HIGH COST OF LIVING TICKETS ON SALE NOW

LOUNGE: **INDIAN JEWELRY** THE CARNYS • ST 37

EROBOVS THE WAX MUSEUMS • THE HEX DISPENSERS • DESKONOCIDOS

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

QUIET COMPANY • ETHAN DURELLE

THE NEW FRONTIERS (MILITIA GROUP RECORDS) ALIVE IN WILD PAINT • TUESDAY'S DEBUT

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 INSIDE: NATHAN SINGLET LOUNGE: HI-WATT CRUCIFIXERS FRESH MILLIONS • SLOW TRAIN • TBA

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

INSIDE: PROM NITE • CAMP X-RAY
PRAYER FOR ANIMALS • WATCHING THE MOON

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

INSIDE: ATTACK FORMATION
THE DIAGONALS • BLACK EARTI

LOUNGE: CRASH GALLERY • TAUNTO

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

OUTSIDE: DYNAMITE BOY RELI CRUISERWEIGHT • BORN TO LOSE SAY HELLO TO THE ANGELS

THE ARMOUR (FEATURING MEMBERS OF DYNAMITE BOY AND NEAR MISS)
TICKETS ON SALE NOW TICKETS ON SALE NOW
LOUNGE: KISSINGER • THE ALICE ROSE

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

HELLO LOVER • DJ HIP WILLIAMS

INSIDE: AIRBOURNE • SCORPION CHILD TICKETS ON SALE NOW

CARIBOU - FUCK BUTTONS TUESDAY, APRIL 29

OUTSIDE:

INSIDE: YEA BIG . KID STATIO

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 **OUTSIDE:**

FRIDAY, MAY 2 & SATURDAY, MAY 3



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FRIDAY, MAY 30

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•5/15 ROKY ERICKSON AND THE EXPLOSIVES •5/15-5/17 CHAOS IN TEXAS (CHECK OUT EMOSAUSTIN.COM FOR FULL LINE UP)

PER BY DEATH, DIOS, GASOLINE HEART (INSIDE): 6/1 LOCAL H, HE IS LEGEND (OUTSIDE, ON SALE NOW) -6/3 SWERVEDRIVER -6/10 BEALARE, THE CARROTS (INSIDE)

-6/8 65DAYSOFSTATIC, CRY BLOOD APACHE (INSIDE, ONSALE NOW) -6/11 RZA (OUTSIDE, ONSALE NOW) -6/12 FIREWATER (INSIDE, ONSALE NOW)

-6/19 DOSH, ANATHALLO (LOUNGE, ONSALE NOW) +6/23 ISLANDS (OUTSIDE, ONSALE FRIDAY 4/11) -7/1 NO AGE -7/3 THE BRONX

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4/22 CONVERGE [RED 7] •
4/23 VITAL REMAINS [RED 7]
• 4/25 BELAIRE / ELF POWER
[HAWK] • 4/30 KID KOALA
[HAWK] • 5/3 MEAT BEAT
MANIFESTO [DEVILLE] • 5/7
SOMEONE STILL LOVES VOIL SOMEONE STILL LOVES YOU BORIS YELTSIN [HAWK] 5/7 STARS OF THE LID W/ LUKE SAVISKY [ALAMO RITZ] • 5/9
BLOOD ON THE WALL [DEVILLE]
• 5/9 DJ MELEE PT 2 [BEAUTY
BAR] • 5/28 SUBTLE • 5/30
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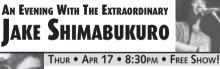
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4.26	GRAHAM WEBER	5.9	BILLY JOE SHAVER



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club listings

Thu **10**

219 WEST Acoustic Jungle (8:00) 311 CLUB loe Valentine (8:30) ABIA: EARL CAMPBELL'S SPORTS

ABIA: HIGHLAND LAKES BAR Idgy Vaughn (3:30)
ABIA: LEFTY'S BAR & GRILLE ON

SIXTH STREET Jennifer Jac ANTONE'S Jesse "Guitar" Taylor

Benefit w/ Double Trouble, Reckless Kelly, Terry Allen, Kinky Friedman, Jimmie Dale Gilmore,

ARTZ RIB HOUSE George Kinney &

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Volta (8:00) **B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB** Plasticine BEERLAND Chameleon Kings, the

Skeletons, Voodoo Organist, Johnny Hootrock

THE BELMONT Bruce James Soultet

BENNIGAN'S Andy Fiegal (7:00) BROKEN SPOKE Jesse Dayton THE BROWN BAR DJ gmau CACTUS CAFE Albert & Gage CD

Release (8:30)

CAFE MUNDI Jonathan Doyle,

CAROUSEL LOUNGE Jackson Edwards, Jauquin Taw
CEDAR STREET Kent Mayhew, LC

CENTRAL MARKET NORTH Mr. Fabulous & Casino Royale (6:30) CENTRAL MARKET SOUTH Jean Synodinos (6:30)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE

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CLUB DE VILLE Many Birthdays

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Trio Gallerio (9:00); In the Club: Mother Truckers (6:30), Adrian & the Sickness, Hellapeno, Shandon Sahm, One-Eyed Doll (10.00)

COOL RIVER CAFE TUB COPA BAR & GRILL Salsa Lessons w/ Tony, the Brew (8:00) DONN'S DEPOT Murphy's Inlaws

EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Mark Goodwin Trio (7:30)

ELEPHANT ROOM Rusty Trapps & the Blue Lites, Butch Miles ELYSIUM DJ Stay Gold, Stockholm Syndrome

EMO'S Inside: Prey for Sleep, Dead Earth Politics, Sweet Skull; Lounge: Xathax, the Dickins, Death Hell Battle Tank, the Flood

EVANGELINE CAFE Redd Volkaert FLIPNOTICS AT THE TRIANGLE

Matt the Electrician, Southpaw Jones (8:00)

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Hot Tin

Troubadours, Primm (8:00)
FREDDIE'S PLACE Graham Wilkinson (6:00)
GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN

SALOON Mike Barfield (9:00) GRUENE HALL McKay Bros. GÜERO'S TACO BAR Hugh Fadal

HANOVER'S Karaoke w/ Dan the

HEADHUNTERS Sons of Sancho, Queen Anne's Revenge, Tri-Opus, Perfect Pants, Muchos Backflins!

THE HIDEOUT COFFEEHOUSE

Everyday People
HILL'S CAFE Andrea Marie &

HOLE IN THE WALL Trey Brown,

JAVA LOUNGE AT AUSTIN JAVA AJ Molyneaux (7:00) JOVITA'S The Cornell Hurd Band

(8:00)

LA PALAPA Six Sanchez

LA ZONA ROSA Lydia, Metro Station, Set Your Goals, Armor for Sleep, Saves the Day

LAMBERTS Glover Tango (6:30), Horse+Donkey, Elvis, Followed by Static (10:30)

THE LOADING DOCK Open Mic

LOUIE'S 106 Mac Bynum (6:30) LOUIE'S 106 Mac Bynum (6.56) LUCKY LOUNGE Pajamas, Ryan Harkrider & the Nightowls, Jupiter 4 (10:00

LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Gold Teeth & Gucci, Clay Nightingale, Fambly

MARIA'S TACO XPRESS Nathan MERKABA LOUNGE & GRILL The

MOHAWK The Steps, Brazos, the

MOMO'S Hannah Hagar, Django Walker, Randy Weeks, Sun Salutation, Jeff Plankenhorn (7:00)

MOTHER'S CAFE & GARDEN Thomas "Doc" Grauzer (6:00)
NORTH BY NORTHWEST Liz

NUNO'S NORTH JT Coldfire, Jenny Reynolds (7:00)
NUTTY BROWN CAFE Basil's Band

THE OAKS Mandy Mercier, Vince Bell, Patty Finney, Don Jackson, Mike Davis & Alicia Gill, the Love Band (7:00)

ONE 2 ONE BAR Everyday People

THE PARISH The Boxing Lesson, Gulf of Mexico, Sunset THE PARLOR The Mica Omega

Enigma
POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL

Stop the Truck **RED 7** Inside: Belgraves, Our Corpse
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RED FEZ Twilight Broadcast, Weekend Warm-Up (8:30) RENAISSANCE HOTEL Lobby

Lounge: Rich Demarco (6:00)
RILEY'S TAVERN Matt Dunnam ROCK CITY ICEHOUSE Gravelwhip,

Exit the Sun ROOM 710 Bug Nasties, Hickoids RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE

James Hand (9:00)

SAXON PUB Sons of the Revolution, Dickie Lee Erwin, Freddie Steady V, Dustin Welch SCOOT INN & BIER GARTEN JWW

& the Prospectors, Woodsboss (9:00) SHENANIGANS Karaoke w/ Billy D. SPEAKEASY Lucascookus (9:30) SPIDER HOUSE PATIO BAR DJ

T.C.'S LOUNGE Michael Holt & the Trophy 500's (10:00) TRIPLE CROWN Bruce Smith, Maho,

Destroying Infinity

TROPHY'S A Secular End, Bloodshot

Pyramid, Marie Catastrophe WATERLOO RECORDS Marcia Ball

Z'TEJAS Señor Gato

Fri

311 CLUB Stephanie Bradley, Joe Valentine (8:30)

ABIA: EARL CAMPBELL'S SPORTS BAR Jimi Lee (3:30)
ABIA: HIGHLAND LAKES BAR

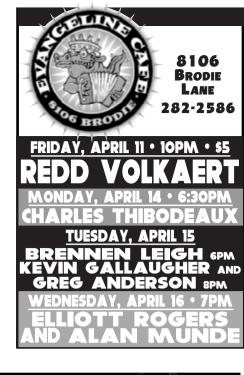
Jimmy Lee Jones (3:30)

ABIA: WATERLOO RECORDS/ AUSTIN CITY LIMITS Dave Madden (1:00)











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TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 7PM

Will Dunlap **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 8PM Ptarmigan**





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WEDNESDAY APR.16

APRIL 18 - OMAR & THE HOWLERS

APRIL 19 - SETH WALKER

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ANTONE'S Early: Marcia Ball (8:00); Later: Eric Tessmer, Zapata!, the Trim (10:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Patterson Barrett B.B. ROVERS Dixie Beal & the Group W Bench (7:00) B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Floating

Crowbar

BACKSTAGE STEAKHOUSE &

GARDEN BAR Michael Samuels

(7:00)

BEERLAND Teeners, Broken Gold,

Deskonocidos, Manikin

THE BELMONT The Busta'

Moovalators (9:00)

BESS BISTRO ON PECAN DJ

BLUE DAHLIA BISTRO Joseph La

Fave (8:00) **BOAT HOUSE GRILL** Wake Eastman

BOOMERZ Melody Mann BOUT TIME DI Flement

BROKEN SPOKE Gary P. Nunn CACTUS CAFE Butch Hancock (9:00) CAFE MUNDI Owen Summers, Bernson & Bayless (5:00)

THE CANARY ROOST Karaoke w/ Nicole
CENTRAL MARKET NORTH Joel

Guzman & Sarah Fox (6:30)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE

Sunny Sweeney
CLUB DE VILLE Lovie

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Mike Flanigin's B-3 Trio (10:00); In the Club: The Blues Specialists (6:30), Patricia Vonne, Charanga Cakewalk (10:00)

COOL RIVER CAFE The Pictures

COTTON CLUB Chris Browder (8:30)
DONN'S DEPOT Donn & the Station

DRY CREEK SALOON Damon

Bramblett (8:00)

EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE
Denia Ridley (8:00)

EL JACALITO Ritmo Tejano w/ Jesse

EL SOL Y LA LUNA Oliver Rajamani

ELEPHANT ROOM Joe Cordi, Torch EMO'S PJ & the Bear, Scorpion Child, A Few Nice Things, Lions END OF AN EAR Indrajit Banerjee

FADÓ Mysterious Ways (10:00) FLAMINGO CANTINA The Stingers

FLIPNOTICS AT THE TRIANGLE Chris Montgomery, Seven O'Nein

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Sarah Temple, Brock Zeman (9:00) FREDDIE'S PLACE Billy Dee (6:00)
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GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON James Hand (9:00) GREEN MESQUITE BBQ & MORE

Junior Nash

GRUENE HALL Commander Cody

GRUV Troy Dillinger (10:00) GÜERO'S TACO BAR Too Blue (6:30)
HANOVER'S HammerDog, Black
Earth, Butcherwhite, Devola (8:30)

Earth, Butcherwhite, Devoia (8:: **HEADHUNTERS** Something Called Nothing, Darth Vato, Indofin **HOLE IN THE WALL** The Seas, La Snacks, Bear Claw, Pataphysics CD Release (10:00)

HOT MAMA'S ESPRESSO BAR DJ Bullet (6:00) HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY

International Music Extravagana w/ Naga Valli, Herby Augustin, Baba Kosan, Cosmic International

JOVITA'S Phil Wiseman, Flatcar Rattlers, Lonesome Heroes, Ricky Stein & the Shiners (6:00)

LA PALAPA Karaoke w/ Big Jim

LAMBERTS Kat's Meow (6:30), Marcus Rubio, III Prospekt, Hundred Flowers, Druggist (10:30) LOCKER ROOM SPORTS BAR Ma

LOUIE'S 106 Mac Bynum (6:30) LUCKY LOUNGE Primm (9:00) LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Green Mountain Grass CD Release (9:00)

MARIA'S TACO XPRESS Leeann Atherton (7:00)

MERKABA LOUNGE & GRILL Trés, Metal Shop (6:00), Language Room, Ember (10:00)

MOHAWK DJ Melee

MOMO'S Michael Holt & the Trophy 500's, Carolyn Wonderland, Suzanna Choffel, Dan Dyer MOTHER'S CAFE & GARDEN Thomas "Doc" Grauzer (6:00)

NORTH BY NORTHWEST Casa del

NUNO'S NORTH Big Frank Gomez, Bill James (8:00)

NUTTY BROWN CAFE Cornell Hurd

THE OAKS Leo Rondeau, Horse Operas, Doug Warriner ONE 2 ONE BAR Will Evans Project

THE OPERA HOUSE Kosmodrome,

THE PARISH The Breathers, the Soldier Thread, Lomita, Sunset THE PARLOR Rebuilding the Rights of Statues, Hedgehog, Yellow Fever (9:00)

PLUSH Hump! w/ Ephraim Owens Trey Lopez (10:00)

POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL
Josh Allen & the Whiskey Boys,
Smash Riley
RACK DADDY'S Karaoke w/ Robert

Wagner (10:00)
RENAISSANCE HOTEL Lobby

Lounge: Rich Demarco (6:00)

RILEY'S TAVERN Paula Nelson ROMEO'S Rob Greenfield ROOM 710 Heart & Soul Sound System, Dubstep Pressure, Caspa

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE

James Hand (9:00)
SALVAGE VANGUARD THEATER

Precious Blood
SAM'S TOWN POINT Jon Emery

SAXON PUB The Regulars (6:00),

Denim CD Release, Warren Hood (9.00) SCOOT INN & BIER GARTEN

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SKI SHORES Stephen Doster & Will

SPEAKEASY Sprung (9:30)



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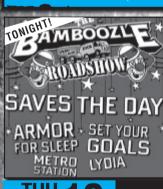
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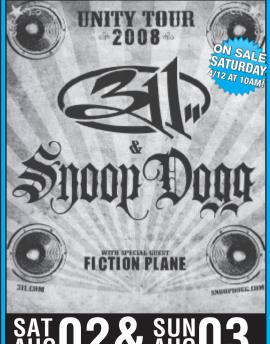
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TROUBADOUR SALOON Lousy Robot

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN **CHURCH** Amarillo College Concert Choir (7:30)



311 CLUB Dewayne Davis, Joe ntine (8:30)

ANTONE'S Bob Schneider (10:00) ARTZ RIB HOUSE The Flyin' A'S
AUSTIN FARMERS' MARKET **DOWNTOWN** Sara Shansky

B.B. ROVERS Him & Her (9:00) B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Julieann &

the Activates BACKSTAGE STEAKHOUSE & GARDEN BAR Michael Samuels

BEERLAND Hacienda, the Jungle

THE BELMONT Cienfuegos (9:00) BOAT HOUSE GRILL Teri Joyce ROOMER7 Shurflow

BOUT TIME DJ Element (9:00) **BROKEN SPOKE** Alvin Crow THE BROWN BAR DJ gmau CACTUS CAFE Jimmy LaFave (9:00) THE CANARY ROOST Karaoke w/

CAROUSEL LOUNGE ML Frank CASA DE LUZ International Music Extravaganza w/ Krudas Cubensi, Cosmic International Ensemble, Naga Valli, Herby Augustin, Baba

CENTRAL MARKET NORTH Charles Thibodeaux & the Austin Cajun Aces (6:30)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE The Gougers

CLEMENTINE COFFEE BAR The Hot Pentecostals, Charlie Potts' Magic Windmill Band

CLUB DE VILLE Film School, British

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Mike Flanigin's B-3 Trio (9:00); In the Club: Redd Volkaert (3:00), Jon Dee Graham, James McMurtry (10:00)

COOL RIVER CAFE Sprung COPA BAR & GRILL Kevin White White-Tie Event, Jupiter 4, Lady Rho, This Is the Good Fight (6:00) **COTTON CLUB** Ricky Calmbach

DELI WERKS Otis Waygood (8:30) DONN'S DEPOT Austin Homegrow EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Kat

EL SOL Y LA LUNA Son Five (7:30) **ELEPHANT ROOM** The Brew EMO'S Lounge: Worm Hole, Johnny Gobbs, Ripe, Nudity; Inside: Pepperonis, the Urgencies, the Chumps, the Joneses

END OF AN EAR Triplewide CD

FLIPNOTICS AT THE TRIANGLE Colin Gilmore (9:00)

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Bruce

FREDDIE'S PLACE Hollywood

Indians (6:00)

GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Jason Arnold & the Stepsiders (9:00) GREEN MESQUITE BBQ & MORE 3

GRUENE HALL Hot Club of Cowtown

GÜERO'S TACO BAR Erin Jaimes &

Her Bad Habits (6:30) **HANOVER'S** Distant Lights, 21 Down, Bent Eye Bolt (8:30)

HEADHLINTERS Nick Kraus & His Austin Torpedoes, Charlie Hurtin' & the Hecklers, Casey Just & the Psykophonics, Chadd Thomas &

the Crazy Kings
HILL'S CAFE Jeremiah Houston HOLE IN THE WALL Watching the Moon, We'll Go Machete, Good Times Crisis Band, Insect Sex Act

IT'S ALL GOOD BAR Sam Bentley JAVA LOUNGE AT AUSTIN JAVA The Seekers, Havilah Tower (7:00)

JOVITA'S Paul Logan, Skinny Don LA PALAPA Karaoke w/ Big Jim (8:00) LAMBERTS Greg Garing & Cindy Cashdollar (6:30), Golden Arm Trio, Mediums (10:30)

ATITUDE 30 Johnny Austin (9:00) LOCKER ROOM SPORTS BAR Ted Hall & the Pleasure Cats **LOUIE'S 106** Mac Bynum (6:30)

LUCKY LOUNGE Meridianwest (9:00) LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Bankrupt & the Borrowers, Shark Attack, 11-Fingered Charlie

MAGGIE MAE'S Rick Harvey's Blues

MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER New Music Co-on's Universal Instrument Series (8:00) MOHAWK Prince Klassen, DJ Sober, Ghosthustler, the Party

MOMO'S Rockin' for Rescue Benefit w/ Bon Terra, Skyblue 72, Tile (8:00)

MOTHER'S CAFE & GARDEN

Thomas "Doc" Grauzer (11:30am)

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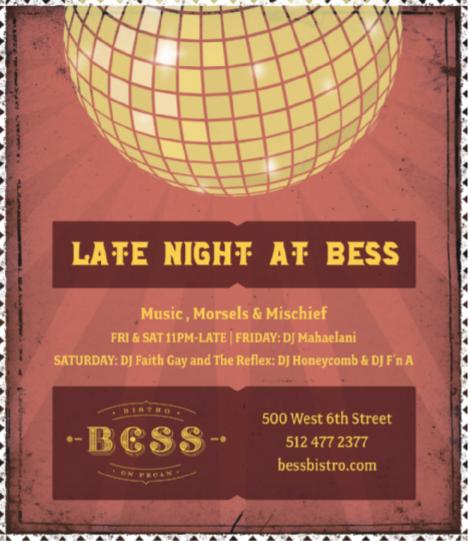
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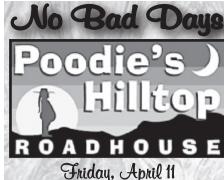
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(9:00)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Trube, Farrell & Sniz (10:00); In the Club: Shotgun Party (6:30), Tish Hinojosa w/ Marvin Dykhuis & Michael Hearne, Jon Dee Graham, James McMurtry CD Release (9:15)

CREEKSIDE LOUNGE Kill the DJ, Smash-Ups, Robot, DJ Alib, Ghettotech w/ DJ Orion (9:30) CUBA LIBRE Havana Nights w/ the Cadaques (8:00)

DONN'S DEPOT Frank & the Station

Masters
EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Kat

Edmonson (7:00)

ELEPHANT ROOM Jazz Pharoahs
(6:00), Monster Big Band (9:30)

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EMO'S Inside: AUX, Eagle Claw, the Cops; Lounge: Wiretree, Ryan Lindsey, Unwed Sailor

EVANGELINE CAFE Elliott Rogers & Alan Mundy (7:00)
FLIPNOTICS AT THE TRIANGLE

Champagne With Friends (8:00)
FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Lost

Pines, Ring Shout (8:00)
FRANK ERWIN CENTER Juanes GIDDY UPS Open Blues Jam w/ JJ Slyde & Jimi Lee (8:00) GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN

SALOON Roger Wallace (9:00)
GRUENE HALL Zach Walther & the GÜERO'S TACO BAR Los Flames

HANOVER'S Open Mic w/ Carson

Alexander
THE HIDEOUT COFFEEHOUSE Adv Hernandez & Jeffrey David (10:00) HILL'S CAFE Jamie Richards, Rick

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LAMBERTS Erik Hokkanen & His Gypsy Tribe (6:30), Prince Klassen (10:30)

LAS PALOMAS Javier Chaparro, Rick McRae, Terry Hale, Art Kidd (6:30) **LOUIE'S 106** Red Young (6:30) LUCKY LOUNGE Pale (10:00) LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Electric

MAGGIE MAE'S Patrick Fleming

MERKABA LOUNGE & GRILL Cameron Road, Calling Jack Burton (6:00)

MOMO'S Sarah Hughes, Austin Collins, Dan Dyer, Sick's Pack, Ryan Beaver (6:00) MULLIGAN'S Karaoke w/ Stormy

NORTH BY NORTHWEST The Newz NUNZIA'S Matt Giles (6:30)

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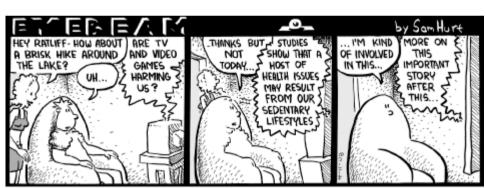


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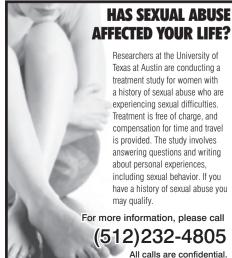
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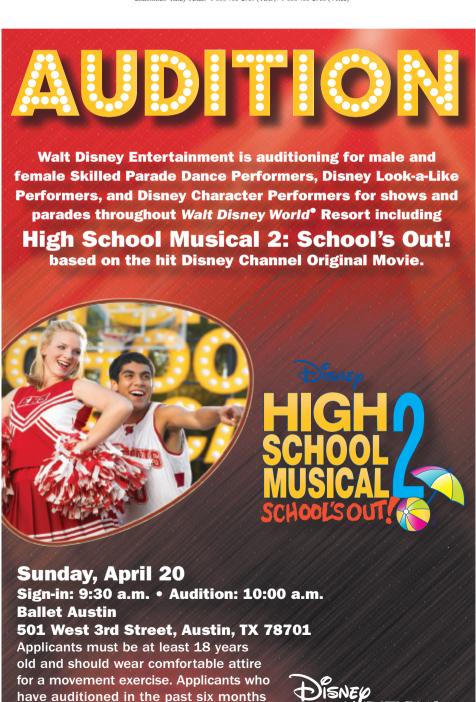
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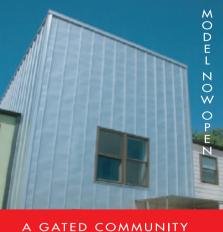


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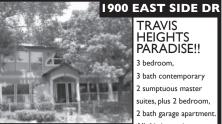
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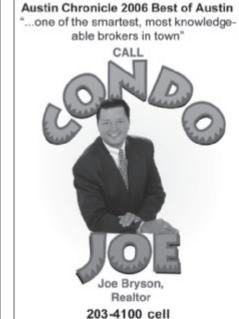
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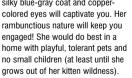
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DAVID C. ANDERSON, Deceased, were issued on April 3, 2008, in Cause No. 88,300, in the Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas, to

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By: /s/ Deborah Green Attorney for Independent Executor

CAUSE NO. 88354 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BOBBY DALE MORGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT NUMBER ONE

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CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bobby Dale Mor-gan, Deceased, were issued on April 8, 2008 in Docket No. 88354, pending in Pro-bate Court Number One of bate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas, to Car-olyn Sue Norman Morgan, In-dependent Executor. The ad-dress of record for Carolyn Morgan is 11915 Stonehollow Drive, Apartment 512B, Aus-than Towar 2756, All Page tin, Texas 78758. All persons having claims against this having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims to Carolyn Mor-gan within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated on this 8th day of April. 2008.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-03-006795 To: IGNACIO CAMA-CHO ROMUALDO and to all who it may concern, Respondent(s); GREETINGS: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ 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 petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

MANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable District Court, 98TH JUDI-CIAL DISTRICT COURT, Travis 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 FOR DI-VORCE AND TRAVIS COUNTY STANDING ORDER filed in said court on FEBRU-Tiled in said court on FEBRU-ARY 22, 2008, and said suit being number D-1-FM-03-006795 on the docket of said Court, and entitled "IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF ROSA ARACELI OLARTE and IGNACIO CAMACHO ROMUALDO, ET AL, and In the Interest of RICARDO CA-MACHO, YANELI CAMACHO. AND JOSE GABRIEL CAMA-CHO, CHILDREN". The nature of said suit is a request to DISSOLVE the marriage of the parties, appoint managing and possessory conservators, and divide the estate of the parties in a manner that the court deems just and

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VIRGINIA WILSON, Deceased, No. 88396 in Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas. NENA MICHELLE LEVENSON alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on the 25TH day of MARCH, 2008, a Combined Application for Independent Administration and Determination of Heirship in Determination of Heirship in the said estate and request(s) that the said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said VIVIAN VIRGINIA WILSON, 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 citation, at the County Court-house in Travis County, Tex-

All persons interested in said All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place should 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, this the 25th day of March, 2008. DANA DEBEAUVOIR

County Clerk.

Travis County, Texas P.O. Box 149325. Austin, Texas 78714

By Deputy: /s/ Marie Shanklin

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTER ESTED IN THE ESTATE OF OTTIE MAE MIXON, De-ceased, No. 88422 in Pro-bate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas.

CHRYSTAL RAWLINS alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled es tate filed on the 27th day of tate, filed on the 27th day of MARCH, 2008, an Applica-tion to Determine Heirship in the said estate and request(s) that the said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said

OTTIE MAE MIXON, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such

Said application will be heard 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 Courthouse in Travis County, Tex-

All persons interested in said All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so. 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, this the 27th day of March, 2008.

DANA DEBEAUVOIR County Clerk,

Travis County, Texas P.O. Box 149325. Austin, Texas 78714

By Deputy: /s/ Monica Limon

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTER-ESTED IN THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY HELEN KING AKA DOROTHY HAYS KING, Deceased, No. 84913 in Prohate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas WENDY SMITH alleged

heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled es-tate, filed on the 24th day of MARCH, 2008, an AMENDED

APPLICATION TO PROBATE WILL AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY AND AP PLICATION FOR DECLARA-TION OF HEIRSHIP AND AI MINISTRATION OF INTES-TATE ESTATE of the said es-

and acted on by said Court at 10:00 o'clock a m. on the 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-

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 ing such application should they desire to do so.

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, this the 25th day of March, 2008. DANA DEBEAUVOIR

P.O. Box 149325. Austin, Texas 78714

By Deputy:/s/RoxAnne Torrez

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS **AUSTIN CHRONICLE**

fendant, in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause: You have been sued. You You have been sued. You may employ 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 your following the positrion. next following the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being May 5, 2008, a default judgment may be taken against you.

08-003096, filed in COUNTY COURT AT LAW 1

POLLOK V SWINNEY Filed in COUNTY COURT AT LAW 1 (Travis County Courthouse corner of Tenth Street and Guadalupe Street, Austin Texas) on March 25, 2008

NATURE OF SUIT: PROM-

seal of Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk on March 25, 2008. County Clerk, Travis County, Texas

P.O. BOX 149325, Austin, Texas 78714-9325 By Deputy: /s/ Chasity Cas-

ROBERT P NUNIS 801 WEST AVE STE 200 AUSTIN, TX 78701

THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: D-1-GN-07-004069 To: UNKNOWN OWNERS OF LOT 1, BLOCK TRICT COURT of Travis County, Texas, on FEBRU-ARY 5, 2008, a default judg-ment may be taken against

Unknown Owners of Lot 1. Block 2 Defendant(s) and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

cording to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 4, Page 252, Plat Records, Travis County, Texas.

ALL OF WHICH MORE FUL IV ADDEADS FROM DI AIN LY APPEARS FROM PLAIN-TIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE, AND WHICH REFERENCE IS HERE MADE FOR ALL IN-TENTS AND PURPOSES.

court at Austin, Texas, March 24 2008

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1000 Guadalupe,

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CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-08-CORRAL GALINDO and to all

may employ an attorney. If 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

YOU ARE HEREBY COM

MANDED to appear and an

swer before the Honorable swer before the Honorable
District Court, 353RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, Travis 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 ORIGI-NAL PETITION FOR TERMI-NAL PETITION FOR TERMI-NATION AND ADDPTION OF STEPCHILD of JOAQUIN MORA ESTRADA AND MAR-IBEL MACEDO UGARTE Petitioner(s), filed in said court on APRIL 01, 2008,

The Name, Birth date, and Place of Birth of said is as

follows BRYAN ANTHONY MACEDO

LOS ANGELES, CA

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Austin, Texas, April

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-

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By /s/ NATALIJA KLJAIC,

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court at Austin, Texas, March 21, 2008.

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tate and request(s) that the said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said DOROTHY HELEN KING AKA DOROTHY HELEN KING, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate. Said application will be heard

If this citation is not served

County Clerk. Travis County, Texas

TO: SARAH SWINNEY De-

CAUSE NUMBER: C-1-CV-

STYLED: POLLOK V SWIN-

ISSORY NOTE Given under my hand and

Plaintiff Attorney:

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

2 SMITH & ABRAHAMSON 2, SWITH & ABRAHAMSON SUBDIVISION Defendant(s), in the hereinafter styled and num-bered cause: YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney and the awritten answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00

A.M. on the Monday next following the avriceting of 40. lowing the expiration of 42 days fro the date of issuance days fro the date of issuance hereof, that is to say at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of Monday the MAY 12, 2008, and answer the ORIGINAL PETITION of Plaintiff(s), filed in the 345TH JUDICIAL DISPLOT COLUMN of Fraise

Said suit being number D-1-GN-07-004069, in which 52nd and Avenue F Church of Christ Plaintiff(s), and The

BEING A SLIIT TO REMOVE BEING A SUIT TO REMOVE CLOUD ON TITLE TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO WRIT: Lot 1, Block 2, SMITH & ABRA-HAMSON SUBDIVISION, ac-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MEN-

Travis County District Clerk Travis County Courthouse

By /s/ Iris Laryea, Deputy

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

who it may concern, Respondent(s); GREETINGS: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation

court on APRIL UT, 2008, against ANTONIO CORRAL GALINDO Respondent(s), and said suit being entitled "IN THE INTEREST OF BRYAN ANTHONY MACEDO, A CHILD", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child rela-

minate the parent-child relationship and for adoption

JULY 11, 1998

The Court has authority in child's adoption.

02, 2008.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION CLERK OF THE COURT LISA DAVID 405 M.L.K. ST., P.O. BOX 24 **GEORGETOWN, TX 78626** PETITIONER(S) ATTORNEY RICK J. KENNON 4807 SPICEWOOD SPRINGS RD. **AUSTIN, TX** 78759 THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: JOSE ERNESTO REYES ZEPEDA and to all whom it may concern, Respondent(s), You have been sued. You You have been sued. You may employ 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 petition a default independ for tion, a default judgment for the relief demanded in the petition may be taken against

The ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE of Nora Linda Zepeda, Petitioner(s), was filed in the 425th Judicial District Court of Williams County, Texas, on the 19TH day of MARCH, 2008, against Jose Ernesto Reyes Zepeda, Respondent(s), numbered 08-674-F425 and entitled "IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF NORA LINDA ZEPEDA AND JOSE LINDA ZEPEDA AND JOSE ERNESTO REYES ZEPEDA. The suit requests THAT THE COURT GRANT RELIEF RE-QUESTED WITHIN THIS PE-TITION.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judg-ment or decree dissolving

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Georgetown, Texas, this the 1st day of April A.D. 2008 Attest: LISA DAVID Clerk.

of the 425th Judicial District Court, WILLIAMSON County, Texas.

By: /s/ Brandi Spivey, Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-07-006283 To: FRANK NIETO CAMPOS and to all who is may concern, Respondent(s); GREETINGS: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may empley 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 petition, a default judgment may be taken against you

De taken against you.
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable
District Court, 250TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, Travis County, Texas, at the
Courthouse of said County in
Austin Texas at or before 10. 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 ORIGIthere to answer the ORIGI-NAL PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF A CHILD of MARTHA CEBALLOS Petitioner(s), filed in said Court on DECEMBER 10 2007, against FRANK NIETO CAMPOS Respondent(s), a said suit being entitled "IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF MAR-THA EUGENIA CAMPOS, A CHILD,", the nature of which suit is a request of NAME CHANGE CHANGE.

The Name, Birth date, and Place of Birth of said is as

MARIA EUGENIA CAMPOS NOVEMBER 25, 1992 SAN JOSE, CA

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judg-ment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding interest which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment 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, December 10, 2007.

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Austin, Texas 78701

MARTHA CEBALLOS

5620 ABBY ANN LANE

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78747

THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-07-003573 To: FRANCESCO JA

VIER YANEZ and to all who it

may concern, Respondent(s); GREETINGS: YOU HAVE

GREETINGS: YOU HAVE 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY CO-MANDED to appear and an-swer before the Honorable

District Court, 419TH 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 ORIGI

NAI PETITION IN SUIT AF

NAL PETTION IN SUIT AF-FECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP of MARGARET L.E. MCCLAIN AND DAVID ANTHONY

MCCLAIN Petitioner(s), filed

2007, against FRANCESCO

JAVIER YANEZ
Respondent(s), and said suit
being number D-1-FM-07003573 the docket of said
Court, and entitled "IN THE
INTERESTE OF TEA ALLE-

GRA MCCLAIN A CHILD".

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request PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP.

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child relationship, the deter-mination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator

with authority to consent to

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the CHILD'S adoption.

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ment or decree in the

in said court on JULY 12

REQUESTED BY

By/s/ James L. Poole, Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

All persons interested in said AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-Travis County District Clerk Travis County Courthouse 1000 Guadalupe, P.O. Box 679003 (78767)

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

GIVEN LINDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Travis County, Texas, this the 2nd day of April, 2008.

DANA DEBEAUVOIR

County Clerk, Travis County, Texas

PO Box 149325 Austin, Texas 78714

By Deputy: /s/ Monica Limon

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: LACH. JONATHAN 1201 ANNA CT CEDAR PARK, TX 78613

Defendant, in the hereinafter YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Court which issued this cita-Court which issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, which would be the 19th day of April, 2008, then a default judgment may be taken against you. Plaintiff's de-mand is more fully set out in the copy of the claim which is attached to this citation.

YOUR WRITTEN ANSWER SHALL BE FILED AT 10409 Burnet Road, Suite 180

Austin, Texas 78758 Your cause number is 049156, and your case styled BOND, JAMES, Plaintiff vs. LACH, JONATHAN, Defen dant was filed in Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, on AUGUST 10, 2007

The nature of this suit is: Agreement/Contract Issued and given under my hand on MARCH 7, 2008

/s/ Madell Ferguson Judge BARBARA BEMBRY Justice of the Peace.

Precinct 2 10409 BURNET ROAD, SUITE 180

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78758-4427 Plaintiff Attorney: ANTHONY G READ/ATTY 8716 N MOPAC EXPWY #310

CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY

ELECTION To the Registered Voters of the City of Sunset Valley, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., on May 10, 2008, for

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pearance will be conducted at any of the early voting pol-ling locations provided by Travis County, Monday - Sat-urday 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Sunday Noon - 6 p.m., be-

ginning on April 28, 2008 and

Travis County Clerk Elections

You may also fax your applications to 512-854-9075. Ap-

plications must be received

no later than 5:00 p.m. on

Issued this the 11thth day of

s/Cat Quintanilla Mayor

City of Sunset Valley, Texas

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P.O. Box 149325

May 2, 2008.

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Applications for ballots by

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NOTICE OF GENERAL

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court at Austin, Texas, March AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MEN-DO7A

Travis County District Clerk Travis County Courthouse 1000 Guadalupe.

P.O. Box 679003 (78767) Austin, Texas 78701 By /s/ Amber Billy, Deputy

REQUESTED BY: VANN D PRESSLEY

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO MARTHA CAMPOS

ACEVEDO VICENTE T. CAM-POS, Deceased, No. 84908 in Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas. DIONICIO V CAMPOS alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled

estate, filed on the 23rd day of May, 2006, an Application to Determine Heirship in the said estate and request(s) that the said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said VICENTE T. CAMPOS Deceased and

Said application will be heard 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 citation at the County Courthouse in Travis County, Tex

estate are hereby cited to ap-pear before said Honorable Court at said above men-tioned time and place by filing a written answer contest ing such application should they desire to do so

ra abierta a partir de las 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m. del dia 10 de mayo del 2008, para ejercer el voto en una elec-cion general para eligir a las personas que ocuparan el puesto de Concejales del Ayuntamiento

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UBICACION DE LA CASILLA ELECTORAL: 3205 Jones

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NOTIFICACION DE ELEC-CIONES GENERALES

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cionada a continuacion esta

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Sunset Valley Texas

El voto anticipado compare El voto anticipado compare-ciendo en persona se podra ejercer en cualquiera de las casillas electorales para el voto anticipado contempla-das dentro del Condado de Travis, de Lunes a Sabado de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m., y el Do-mingo desde el mediodia hasta las 6 p.m., a partir del 28 de abril y finalizando el 6 de mayo del 2008.

Las solicitudes por correo de las boletas electorales de-beran enviarse a:

Travis County Clerk Elections Division

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Tambien podran enviar sus solicitudes por fax al 512-854-9075. Las solicitudes deberan recibirse a mas tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del dia 2 de mayo del 2008.

Expedida este dia 11 del mes de abril del 2008.

s/Cat Quintanilla - ALCALDE Municipio de Sunset Valley,

D-1-GV-06-001680 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE

REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 200TH District Court of Travis County, on the 19th day of March, 2008 in a certain cause numbered D-1tain cause numbered D-1-GV-06-001880, wherein City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista In-dependent School District, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1 and Travis County Hospital District nka Travis County Healthcare District County Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Douglas B. Scott, Stephen M. Bolton and City of Austin (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$3,500.58 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that be ing the amount of judgment vered by the said plain tiffs, in the 200TH District Court of Travis County, Tex-as, on February 9, 2007.

I, on the 27th day of March 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 6th day of May, 2008 at 10:00 o' clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levidupon as the property of ied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 30127, Highland Lake No. 68/22. Travis County Texas and being more par ticularly described in Vol-County, Texas.

made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$3.500.58 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit and the proceeds applied to the sat-isfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 27th day of March, 2008. BRUCE ELFANT, CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS BY /s/ Alan Redd DEPUTY

ON THE PROPERTY SOLD, THERE ARE NO WARRAN-TIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED. TIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. YOU BUY THE PROPERTY "AS IS". BIDDERS ARE FUR-THER ADVISED THAT PUR-CHASE OF THE PROPERTY AT THIS EXECUTION SALE MAY NOT EXTINGUISH ANY MAY NOT EXTINGUISH ANY LIENS OR SECURITY INTER-ESTS ON THE PROPERTY. YOU ARE SIMPLY PUR-CHASING WHATEVER INTEREST THE DEBTOR HAS IN THE PROPERTY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU NEED TO CONSULT COUN-SEL OF YOUR CHOICE.

D-1-GV-06-001681 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

Y VIRTUE of a certain Order

Of Sale issued by the clerk of Of Sale issued by the clerk c the 201st District Court of Travis County, on the 21st day of March, 2008 in a cer-tain cause numbered D-1 6V-06-001681, wherein City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista In-dependent School District, dependent School District, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1 and Travis County Hos-pital District nka Travis County Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Lorne F. Barker, if alive and if deceased, the unknown own ers, heirs, assigns and successors of the Estate of Lorne F. Barker are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$3,656.36 Dollars, together

with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plain-tiffs, in the 201st District Court of Travis County Texas, on February 5, 2007

L on the 27th day of March I, on the 27th day of March, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 6th day of May, 2008 at 10:00 o' clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours. of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 21185, Highland Lake Estates, Section 21, Plat No. 55/59 as described in Volume 7402, Page 91 of the deed record s of Travis County, Texas .

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$3,656.36 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof. isfaction thereof. Witness my hand this 27th day of March, 2008. BRUCE ELFANT. CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

BY/s/ Alan Redd DEPUTY

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IN THE PROPERTY. IF YOU
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NEED TO CONSULT COUN-SEL OF YOUR CHOICE.

D-1-GV-07-001569 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 250th District Court of the 250th District Court of Travis County, on the 21st day of March, 2008 in a cer-tain cause numbered D-1-GV-07-001569, wherein City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista In-dependent School District, County Education District County Education District, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1 and Travis County Healthcare District are plain-tiffs, and Marion E. Keely, if alive and if deceased, the unknown owners, heirs, asEstate of Marion E. Keely and Geraldine L. Keely are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs for the sum of plaintiffs, for the sum of \$7,275.20 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that be ing the amount of judgment recovered by the said plain-tiffs, in the 250th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on January 31, 2008. I, on the 27th day of March. 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will. have levied upon, and will, on the 6th day of May, 2008 at 10:00 o' clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of de fendants in and to the follow

signs and successors of the

ing described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit: Lot 16, Block H, Emerald Bend, Section 1, Plat No. 36/2 as described in Vol-ume 6811, Page 1103 of the deed records of Travis

County. Texas. THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$7.275.20 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 27th day of March, 2008. BRUCE ELFANT,

AV0424 POUND SALE

NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IMPOUND-ED BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH SECTION 683.011 ET SEQ., TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, REGULATING THE IM-POUNDING AND SALE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES BY DELEGATE OR PERSONALLY.

THE PURCHASER SHALL TAKE TITLE TO THE MO-TOR VEHICLE FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS AND CLAIMS OF OWNERSHIP AND IS ENTITLED TO REGISTER THE PURCHASED 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 FOLLOW-ING DESCRIBED MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN REDEEMED BY THE OWNERS, THERE-

APRIL 24, 2008 @ 10:00 AM @ AUSTIN POLICE DEPT., 4308 TERRY-O LANE, AUSTIN, TX 78745

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NUTS AND BOLTS OF FILING YOUR TAX RETURN

So you still haven't filed your tax return even though the deadline is only days away? You may want to read last week's "Common Law" column, which discussed the basics of filing a request for an automatic extension to file an individual tax return (Form 4868). For the rest of the procrastinators out there, here are short answers to common questions related to filing a

Can I make my tax-return payment with a credit card?

Yes. The IRS will accept various types of payment, including credit card, electronic funds transfer, check, money order, cashier's check, or cash. Payment to the IRS by credit card can be made through one of two official vendors: Official Payments Corporation at 800/272-9829 or Link2Gov at 888/729-1040.

How long should I hold on to the documents that support my tax return?

The IRS recommends that documents that support an individual tax return should be kept for at least three years. A more cautious approach is to keep the documents for six years, which is the limit within which the IRS can audit someone who it suspects has underreported income by 25% or more. The IRS suggests other hold periods for specific situations. Check out the IRS website to learn more (www.irs.gov - "How Long Should I Keep Records").

Will I get my refund back faster if I file my tax return electronically?

Yes. According to the IRS, if you file a complete accurate paper tax return, your refund will be issued within six weeks of the received date. If you file electronically, however, the refund check will be issued within three weeks of the acknowledgment date. You can call the Refund Hotline (800/829-1954) or go to the IRS website (www.irs.gov - "Where's My Refund") to check on the status of your refund. In order to check the status of your refund, you will need to provide your Social Security number, your filing status, and the exact whole dollar amount shown on the tax return.

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by Tom and Ray Magliozzi

CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATE ON THOSE TIRES

Dear Tom and Ray:

Last year a friend gave me a nearly new set of tires for my Toyota Tacoma 4 by 4. I'm a cyclist who puts about 14,000 miles a year on my bicycles, so I drive very little. At the rate I drive, it might be five years or more before I need to install these tires on my truck. Is there anything I need to do in terms of storage and preservation so these tires are safe to use in the future? Or should I sell them now, while they're still in usable condition?

RAY: All you need to do is store them in your hyperbaric nitrogen chamber,

TOM: Even if tires aren't worn out in the traditional way – by leaving tiny, rubber pieces of themselves on 40,000 miles of roadway - they still get old. The rubber can dry out and crack, due mostly to ozone that's in the air.

RAY: So, a number of manufacturers now suggest that we all put expiration dates on our tires. Ford, for instance, suggests that you get rid of a set of tires after six years of use, due to atmospheric degradation of the rubber.

TOM: And while cynics would say they're just trying to sell more tires (and, of course, that is a happy side benefit), there is a good body of evidence to back up their recommendation.

RAY: So, if your tires have been on your truck for six years or more (and yours may have been, since you drive so little), you may want to put those newer tires on right now.

TOM: And if not, sell them to someone who can use them now, and use the proceeds to buy yourself some extra-heavily padded bicycle shorts. About 14,000 miles? Ouch!

What is the most cost-effective way to buy a car? Tom and Ray hash it all out in their pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, PO Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk website, www.cartalk.com.

Tune in to Car Talk each Saturday at 9am on



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CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

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Travis County, on the 19th
day of March, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV001409, wherein Del Valle Independent School District,
Travis County, Travis County
Emergency Services District
No. 12 are palantiffs, and Bob No. 12 are plaintiffs, and Bob No. 12 are plaintiffs, and Bob Mitchell, If alive and if deceased, the unknown owners, heirs, assigns and successors of the Estate of Bob Mitchell, Samuel A. Harrell (In Rem Only), If alive and if deceased ceased, the unknown own ers, heirs, assigns and suc-cessors of the Estate of Samcessors of the Estate of Sam-uel A. Harrell, Koko D. Harrell (In Rem Only), If alive and if deceased, the unknown own-ers, heirs, assigns and suc-cessors of the Estate of Koko D. Harrell, Homecraft East Austin, Inc. (In Rem Only), if active and if inactive, the unactive and if inactive, the un-known officers, directors, shareholders and owners of Homecraft East Austin, Inc., The United States of America (In Rem Only), Medical Park Orthopaedic (In Rem Only), Wells Fargo Bank Texas, NA First Interstate Bank of Tex-First Interstate Bank of lex-as, NA (In Rem Only), Cram-er Financial Group, Inc. (In Rem Only), Texas Higher Ed-ucation Board (In Rem Only) and Alissa K. Stewart (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$5,929.37 Dollars the sum of \$5,929.37 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 201st District Court of Travis County, Texas, on October 3

I, on the 27th day of March, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 6th day of May, 2008 at 10:00 o' clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the follow. fendants in and to the follow ing described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

13 of an acre out of the Joseph Duty Sur. 16 as described in Volume 9974, Page 763 and Volume 12036, Page 943 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$5,929.37 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof. isfaction thereof

Witness my hand this 27th day of March, 2008. BRUCE ELFANT, CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS BY /s/ Alan Redd DEPUTY ON THE PROPERTY SOLD, THERE ARE NO WARRAN-TIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIM-

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GV-003096 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY DELIN-

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 98th District Court of Tra-vis County, on the 19th day of March, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-003096,

wherein City of Lakeway, Lake Travis Independent School District, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 6 and Water Control Improvement District No. 17 are plaintiffs, and P.H.L.A., Inc. aka P.H.L.A., Inc., Matrix Capital Bank, FSB (In Rem Only), Texas Employment Commission nka Texas Workforce Commission (In Rem Only) and The United States of America (In Rem Only) are defendantles), in favor of said Lake Travis Independent defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of plaintiffs, for the sum of \$213,586.14 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that be-ing the amount of judgment recovered by the said plain-tiffs, in the 98th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on

March 22, 2002. I, on the 27th day of March, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. have levied upon, and will have levied upon, and will, on the 6th day of May, 2008 at 10:00 o' clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of de fendants in and to the follow ing described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 14A, Amended Plat of Lots 14 and 15, Cardinal Hills, Unit 6, Plat No. 99/43 as described in Volume 12999, Page 726 of the deed records of Travis County,

THE ABOVE SALE to be THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$213,586.14 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 27th day of March, 2008.

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GV-204418 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-

QUENT TAXES BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 250th District Court of Travis County, on the 19th day of March, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-204418, wherein Travis County, Lago Vista Inde pendent School District Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1 and City of Lago Vista are plaintiffs,

and George Chriss and Genand George Chriss and General Electric Credit Corpora-tion (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$2,680.51 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that be ing the amount of judgment recovered by the said plain-tiffs, in the 250th District Court of Travis County, Tex-as, on December 5, 2003.

I, on the 27th day of March, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 6th day of May. 2008 on the 6th day of May, 2008 at 10:00 o' clock, A.M., at 10:00 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the follow ing described property, lev-ied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 10267, Bar-K Ranches Plat 10, Plat No. 63/25, Tra vis County, Texas and be-ing more particularly de-scribed in Volume 7529, Page 422 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$2,680.51 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the sat-isfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 27th day of March, 2008. BRUCE ELFANT.

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GV-300648 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF

REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 353rd District Court of Travis County, on the 20th day of March, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV ann cause numbered Gy-300648, wherein Lago Vista Independent School District, Travis County, Travis County Hospital District nka Travis County Healthcare District and Travis County Emergen and travis County Emergen-cy Services District No. 1 are plaintiffs, and Diane San-chez, Patricio Sanchez and Litchfield Financial Corpora-tion (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of plaintiffs, for the sum of \$11,990.49 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that be ing the amount of judgment recovered by the said plain-tiffs, in the 353rd District Court of Travis County, Tex-as, on March 5, 2007.

I, on the 27th day of March, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 6th day of May, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, or Austin, within legal nours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of described to with defendants, to-wit:

Lot 39, Lago Ranchos, Section 1, Plat No. 49/27 as described in document num-ber 2000031468 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$11,990.49 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the sat-isfaction thereof. Witness my hand this 27th day of March, 2008. BRUCE ELEANT CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS BY/s/ Alan Redd DEPUTY

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GV-401877 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 261st District Court of Travis County, on the 21st day of March, 2008 in a cerday of March, 2008 in a cer-tain cause numbered GV-401877, wherein City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista Independ-ent School District, Travis County and Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1 are plaintiffs, and Mary No. 1 are plaintins, and wary
J. Colville are defendant(s),
in favor of said plaintiffs, for
the sum of \$3,031.30 Dollars,
together with all costs of suit,
that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 261st District Court of Travis County, Texas, on October 29, 2004.

I, on the 27th day of March, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 6th day of May, 2008 at 10:00 o' clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, leviced was a selection of the self-described property, leviced was a self-described property. ied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

detendants, to-wit: Lot 11, Block H, Emerald Bend, Section 1, Plat No. 36/2, Travis County, Texas and being more particularly described in Volume 11219, Page 634 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$3.031.30 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 27th day of March, 2008.

BRUCE ELFANT, CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

BY/s/ Alan Redd DEPUTY ON THE PROPERTY SOLD. ON THE PROPERTY SOLD, THERE ARE NO WARRAN-TIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIM-ITED TO, THE IMPLIED WAR-RANTIES OF MERCHANT-ABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. YOU BUY THE PROPERTY
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GV-403890 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Orde Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 53rd District Court of Travis County, on the 20th day of March, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-403890, wherein Lago Vista Inde-

pendent School District, Trapendent School District, Iri vis County Emergency Ser-vices District No. 1, City of Lago Vista, Travis County and Travis County Hospital District are plaintiffs, and Point Construction, Inc., Nums Electric Surphy Core Nunn Electric Supply Corpo ration (In Rem Only), Comp troller of Public Accounts (In troller of Public Accounts (In Rem Only), Texas Employ-ment Commission nka Texas Workforce Commission (In Rem Only), Triple S. Petrole-um Company (In Rem Only), Cash Master (In Rem Only) Cash Master (In Rem Only) and Holt Texas, Ltd. Dba Holt Cat (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$3,009.91 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that because the most of suit that part of the sum of ing the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs in the 53rd District Court of Travis County, Texas, on April 7, 2006.

I, on the 27th day of March, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 6th day of May, 2008 at 10:00 o' clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of de fendants in and to the following described property, lev ied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 3138. Bar-K Ranches Plat 3. Plat No. 57/15. Travis Plat 3, Plat No. 57/15, Travis County, Texas and being more particularly described in document number 2001059161 of the deed records of Travis County,

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$3,009.91 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 27th day of March, 2008. BRUCE ELFANT,

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CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

GV-403901

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order of Sale issued by the clerk of the 201st District Court of Travis County, on the 21st day of March, 2008 in a cer-tain cause numbered GV-403901, wherein Del Valle In-dependent School District dependent School District. dependent School District,
Travis County, Travis County
Emergency Services District
No. 12 and Travis County
Hospital District are plantiffs,
and Richard S. Merrill, Jr.,
Homecraft East Austin, Inc.
(In Rem Only), if active and if
inactive the unknown officers,
directors sharpholders and directors, shareholders and owners of Homecraft East Austin, Inc. and Del Valle Independent School District, Travis County, Tr tal District (In Rem Only) are tal District (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$4,920.59 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 201st District Court of Travis County, Texago October 4, 2005

as, on October 4, 2005. I. on the 27th day of March. 2008 at 2:00 o'clock PM 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 6th day of May, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of de-fendants in and to the follow-ing described property, lev-ied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit: detendants, to-wit:
13 of an acre out of the Joseph Duty Sur. 16 as described in Volume 9974,
Page 766, Volume 12036,
Page 943 and document
number 2003127457 of the
deed records of Travis
County, Texas.

proceed to sell for cash to

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$4,920.59 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 27th day of March, 2008.

BRUCE FLEANT

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS BY /s/ Alan Redd DEPUTY

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GV-503701 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF

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BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 201st District Court of Travis County, on the 19th day of March, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-503701, wherein City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista Independ ent School District, Travis ent School District, Travis County, Travis County Emer-gency Services District No. 1 and Travis County Hospital District are plaintiffs, and Jack C. Mathis and Florence T. Mathis are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$2,848.31 Dollars, tosum of \$2,848.31 Dollars, to-gether with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 201st District Court of Travis County, Texas, on April 11, 2006.

I, on the 27th day of March, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, nave levied upon, and will, on the 6th day of May, 2008 at 10:00 o' clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of de fendants in and to the follow ing described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 10261, Bar-K Ranches Plat 10, Plat No. 63/25 as described in Volume 10678, Page 225 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$2,848.31 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

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GV-504409 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE

REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 98th District Court of Travis County, on the 19th day of March, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-504409. wherein City of Lago Vista, wherein City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista Independent School District, Travis County, Travis County Emer-gency Services District No. 1 and Travis County Hospital District are plaintiffs, and Robert Lorraine and Linda K. Lorraine are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs for the sum of \$3.238.44 Dollars to gether with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 98th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on April 7, 2006.

I, on the 27th day of March. 2008 at 2:00 o'clock PM 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 6th day of May, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the follow ing described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 18, Block H, Emerald Bend, Section 1, Plat No. 36/2, Travis County, Texas and being more particularly described in Volume 10682, Page 656 of the deed records of Travis County,

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgmen for \$3,238.44 Dollars in fav of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 27th day of March, 2008. BRUCE ELFANT.

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS BY /s/ Alan Redd DEPUTY

ON THE PROPERTY SOLD, THERE ARE NO WARRAN-TIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIM-ITED TO, THE IMPLIED WAR-RANTIES OF MERCHANT-ABILITY AND FITNESS FOR ABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. YOU BUY THE PROPERTY "AS IS". BIDDERS ARE FURFLER ADVISED THAT PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY AT THIS EXECUTION SALE MAY NOT EXTINGUISH ANY LIENS OR SECURITY INTER-STS ON THE PROPERTY.

ESTS ON THE PROPERTY

CHASING WHATEVER
INTEREST THE DEBTOR HAS
IN THE PROPERTY. IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU

NEED TO CONSULT COUNSEL OF YOUR CHOICE.

YOU ARE SIMPLY PUR-

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES PURSUANT OF TEXAS ABANDONED MO-TOR ACT, THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE AUC-

TIONED OFF BY THE TRAVIS
COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE
UNLESS CHARGES ARE
SATISFIED.

GARAGEKEEPER TIGER TRUX TOWING 407 FM 685

PFLUGERVILLE, TX 78660 512-989-9595

VEHICLE: 1974 FORD

MUSTANG PICKED UP AT: 15505

TACON LANE

VIN: 5F04F118088

PLATE: AJX943

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES Pursuant to Texas Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, the following vehicles will be auctioned off unless charges are satisfied within 1993 FORD

10 days

1989 NISSAN JN1HS34P1KW013395 1995 DODGE

1FALP5242PG188016

1B3ES47C3SD223816 AUCTION April 25, 2008 @

ADVANCED TOWING & RECOVERY 1810 BENCH MARK DR

AUSTIN. TX 78728

(512) 402-0024 NOTICE OF ABANDONED

VEHICLES Pinkies American Towing Inc; TxDOT VSF # 0574407 located at 8917 Cir-cle Dr in Austin TX, 512-233-4869 has in its custody a 05 Kia Sedona; VIN

KNDI IP132056684102: im. pounded 4/3/08 by authority of Austin Police Dept. The charge as of 4/11/08 is \$466.50; daily storage rate is \$20/day + tax.

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES Pursuant to Texas Ahandoned Motor Vehicle Abandoned Motor Vehicle
Act, the following vehicles
will be sold at Public Auction
if not claimed within 31 days.

Garagekeeper: A&A WRECKER AND RECOVERY, LLC 2963 MANOR ROAD AUSTIN.TX 78722 (512)670-7578

1992 Cadillac Seville. NZH815 LA, VIN# 1G6CT53B7N4265452

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES Pursuant to Texas

Abandoned Motor Vehicle
Act, the following vehicles
will be sold at Public Auction
if not claimed within 31 days. Garagekeeper:

A&A WRECKER AND RECOVERY, LLC 2963 MANOR ROAD AUSTIN.TX 78722 (512)670-7578

1969 Mercedes Benz 190E. NNZ468 AZ. VIN 12303312034701

NOTICE OF ABANDONED NOTICE OF ABANDONED
YEHICLES Pursuant to the
Texas abandoned motor vehicle act, the following vehicles will be auctioned off by
Central Towing, 7400 FM
969, Austin, TX 78724 unless

charges are satisfied within 10 days 1. Holt Trailer 1463EW (OK) 05RJ211

2, 1992 Ford Van 6541A (IA) 1FTDE14Y2NHA10045

3. 1988 Lincoln none 1LNBM93E9J1855254

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In accordance with the provisions of Chanter 59 of the visions of Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, there being due and unpaid charg-es for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an own-er's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at arter described and stored a the Uncle Bob's Self Storage locations listed below; And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such posthe time specified in such notice for payment of such hav-ing expired, the goods will be sold at public auction at the following addresses to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of on the following dates. No one under 16 allowed. Cash Only.

Uncle Bob's #285 9717 US HWY 290 E Austin, TX 78724 512-278-1220

Tuesday, April 22, 2008 @ 9:00 AM

209 Rodney Milligan: house-hold goods, furniture, boxes, tools, appliances, TV's and stereo equip, office equip, office machines, const. equip landscaping equip, account records, sales samples, au-511 Justin Muennink: house

hold goods, furniture, tools, office equip. 524 Christina Jacobs/Walker

household goods, furniture, boxes, tools, appliances, TV's or stereo equip, office equip

636 Ben Mitchell: boxes,

sporting goods, tools, TV's or

805 Elsie Mata: household goods, furniture, boxes, TV's or stereo equip. 6602 Rosylyn Bias: house

hold goods, furniture, boxes 8829 Vanessa Spivev: house hold goods, furniture, appli

Uncle Boh's #231 8227 North Lamar Austin, TX 78753 (512) 833-0855 Tuesday, April 22, 2008 @ 10:00 AM

934 Vivianna Allen: boxes 751 Kevin Price: household goods, furn., boxes

909 Roland Garcia: boxes, tools, landscaping equip. 917 Tracy Snow: household goods, furn., boxes, tools, appliances, office equip.

929 Melinese Cooper: house hold goods, boxes, furniture 926 Roger Burrell: household goods, boxes, furniture, tvs or stereo equip.

710 Fashion Blinds & Shutter other: window coverings 951 Robert Rivera: household

510 Sylvester Williams: household goods, furn., box-es, sporting goods, tv or ster-

eo equip. 803 Starks Mike: household goods, furn., boxes, tools, appliances

919 Valeria Ellison: household goods

1306 Alexis Dolan: house hold goods, furn.

1602 Lionel Ephriam: house hold goods, furn., boxes, sporting goods, tools, appl. 1319 Connie Moore: house-

hold goods 1411 Tom Holdridge: house-

hold goods, furn., boxes 9988 Andrew Pitlock: house hold goods, furn., boxes tools, TV's or stereo equip

341 Paula Tisdale: household goods, furn., boxes, appliances, tv or stereo equip. Uncle Bob's #276

2830 South A.W. Grimes Round Rock, TX 78664

(512)310-0279

Tuesday, April 22, 2008 @ 11:00 AM 123 Laura A. Garza: house-

hold goods, furniture, boxes, TV's or stereo equip., land-scaping equip.

315 Ron Hodges & Destiny Enrichment Ministry: TV's or stereo equip.

2108 Cathy Blackson: house-hold goods, furniture, boxes, sporting goods, appliances, TV's or stereo equip.

2118 Bruce Blackwell: household goods, furniture, boxes, appliances, TV's or stereo equip.

2126 Bruce Blackwell household, boxes, furniture 2230 Lise Huizar: household goods, furniture, boxes, sporting goods, appliances, TV's or stereo equip.

2307 Kenneth Jones: house-hold goods, furniture, boxes, sporting goods, appliances, TV's or stereo equip., office

equip., landscaping equip. 2411 Edith Arce: household goods, furniture, boxes, appliances, TV's or stereo

quip 3402 Daphne R.C. Rios: artificial trees, boxes, toys, fur

4406 Joe Flynn: household goods, furniture, boxes, ap-pliances, TV's or stereo

4422 Lewie Brooks: house-hold goods, furniture, boxes, sporting goods, tools, appli-ances, office equip., land-

scaping equip. 5320 Donald C. Cooper: furniture, boxes, Christmas dec-

orations 5409 Casey Hurst: household goods, furniture, boxes, TV's of stereo equip.

6322 LaToya West: house-hold goods, furniture, boxes

6407 Caprice Little: furniture 7310 John Brown: appliances, household goods

7407 Michael Wilson: house hold goods, furniture, appli-

8111 Consuela Y. Jenkins: household goods, furniture, hoxes

8230 Patricia Mojica: household goods, furniture, boxes, tools, appliances, construction equip., landscaping 9132 Amanda Opp: furniture

9306 Dellaney Green: house

hold goods, furniture, boxes, tools, office machines, ac-count records Uncle Bob's #197 5547 McNeil Dr.

Austin, TX 78729 (512)336-8390

Tuesday, April 22, 2008 @ 1302 Teresa Pleasant: house hold goods, furniture, boxes TV's or stereo equip.

1318 Nicole Murchison Southard: household goods, furniture, boxes, sporting goods, appliances, TV's or stereo equip., account records

1325 Brad Osborne: computer equipment

Uncle Bob's #287 6509 South 1st Street Austin, TX (512) 326-9696 Tuesday, April 22, 2008 @ 1:30 pm

207 Betty Kurio: household goods, furniture, boxes 333 Hunter Johnny: furniture appliances

358 Leah Clark: household goods, boxes 359 Cain Canamore: house hold goods, boxes, TV's or

stereo equip. 2243 Michael Jr. Obrien: household goods

2312 Dustin M. Payton: TV's or stereo equip., music gear 3109 Phillip Orosco: furniture, TV's or stereo equip.

3122 Roldan Aguilar: house hold goods, boxes, sporting aoods 3132 Jorge Trevino: house-

hold goods, furniture, boxes 3152 Mercer Adam: music eauin. 3318 Amelie Palacios: furni-

ture, boxes 3325 Savage, Sr Paul: house-hold goods, furniture, boxes, TV's or stereo equip.

3337 Aaron Morguecho household goods, furniture

3402 Family Med Center: fur niture, boxes, account records

3517 Juan Muniz: household goods, furniture, boxes, TV's or stereo equip.

NOTICE OF NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS Notice is hereby given that Travis County, Texas, proposes the approval of the following traf-fic regulations: **SET MAXI-**MUM PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ON OLD FERRY ROAD IN PRECINCT THREE AND STOP SIGN ON NIGHT-VIEW DRIVE AT ITS AP-

PROACH TO DEWBERRY DRIVE IN PRECINCT ONE. 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, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, Texas, 78767, and must be received within seven (7) days of this notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59 Jexas Property Code, Antler Mini Storage located at 14011 Thomas Sinclair Blvd., Aus-tin, TX 78728 will hold a Pub-lic Auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien on Sat. April 26, 2008. Sale will begin at 10:00am Sale will begin at 10:00am.

Property sold to the highest bidder for cash. Deposit for cleanup required. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from the sale. Property being sold includes the contents in units of the following tenants: Ben G. Strick land-stools, TV stand, chest, microwave cart, lamp, pans, crock pot, misc. Chris W. VanderPlaats-plants, infant

car seat, portable bed, baby

Christopher J. Calvisi-Ken-more washer, dryer, futon, pad w/cover, ornaments, TV, finishing sander. Pam G Dau-pherty-mirror, cabinet, Ig. pic-tures, birdcage, sml. chairs, Schwin bikes, side table, girl's bicycle, dartboard, ex-ercise ball. Kevin Shuler-spaker, chairs, badd. Foot Christopher J. Calvisi-Kensmoker, chairs, head & foot board, ladder, Murray edger couch, misc. tools, skis, stools. TV. table saw, air compressor. Pamela R Dud-ley-Whirpool refrigerator, dry-er, chairs, sled, cradle, toys, misc. decorations, band saw, trunk, hanging quilt racks, bench saw, fan, Mary Jo Abrams, 2 units-couch, love-seat, book shelves, dresser. seat, book snelves, dresser, coolers, mini refrigerator, standing clock, misc. boxes, clothing, fan, rolling tool box, truck tool box, some tools, misc, decorations, bicycles ladder, tarp, dolly, aquarium Kesha L. Jones-stroller crib Kesha I. Jones-stroller, crib, suitcase, portable bed, curtains, side table, Christmas tree. Eric N Danner-canoe, table top, file cabinets, bicycles, misc. boxes, Ig. dog carrier. Rachel Lynn Keeseysmall chest, couch, chairs small chest, couch, chairs, washer, dryer, futon, pad w/cover, TV, speakers, picture frames, dresser, misc. boxes. Peggy a Woods-rocking chair, misc. boxes, bags, stuffed animals, toys. For more information: 512-246-6217

changing station, ornaments.

Col. David Montgomery, Auctioneer, license #15234

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, A-Aabat Self Storage Company which is located at 6705 N. Lamar Is located at 6705 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78752 will hold a public auction of prop erty being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien.

Sale will be held at 10:00 AM on FRIDAY THE 25TH OF APRIL, 2008 at 6705 N. Lamar Blvd.

Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Deposit for removal and clean up may be temporarily required. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space may be sold in batch es, by the space or item by item

Location: Name & description of unit.

North Lamar

LONG household goods & LONG household goods &

ROBBINS household goods

ESTRADA household goods

LONG household goods &

SHIRLEY

ARMSTRONG household goods & misc

TRULOCK household goods GATES household goods &

AARMADILLO 3 units wholesale electrical & plumb ing supplies

1004 S. Meadows (Sagebrush) SAEZ household goods &

MATTHEWS household goods & misc

MEYERS household goods & Auction by Tommy Nolley Auction #10603

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

ABI Storage, pursuant to Ch. 59 of the Texas Property 59 of the Texas Property Code, hereby gives notice of a public sale. On **April 26**, **2008**, ABI Storage located at 7320 E. Ben White Austin, TX 78741 will conduct a sale. Delinquent rental spaces will be auctioned off to the high-est bidder at 12 p.m. on the est bidder at 12 p.m. on the premises. The public is invited to attend. Total of 6 rental spaces containing misc. items, clothing, furniture, household items, electronics appliances, tools, will be sold to satisfy Landlord Liens. All items will be sold "as is" to the highest bidder, 10% BP CASH AND CREDIT CARDS NO CHECKS. All items are subject to prior redemption. Tenants included in this sale are: B43 Victor Carrillo, C67

Aracely Rodriguez, D12 Wil-ford Alexander, D61 Efrain Reyes, D64 Julie Villareal, D67 Michael Wyatt -Auction eer: Melissa Rackel #10846 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Tex-as Property Code, Michener Self Storage, will hold a pub-lic auction on site of stored property to satisfy a land-lord's lien. Sale to begin at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, April 19, 2008 and located at 12408 Harris Branch Prkwy, Manor, Tx 78653. Property sold to highest bidder for cash. Unit is to be emptied once pay ment is received Seller re serves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale at any time. Property to be sold in-cludes; lawn equipment, smoker, pool table, house-hold goods, appliances, furniture, misc, electronics. sealed boxes, toys, etc. Kyle E. Cason, Enrique Moii-

ca, Alfredo Herrera III, Char ity J. Mueller, Cecil R. Rice, 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 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 9706 Manchaca Road, Austin Texas 78748. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit may be reguired. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space will be sold by the space.

(all units contain household items) Margi Stroh Unit 1203, Mitchell Bettinger Unit 2223, Mitchell Bettinger Unit 2214, Fernando Flores Unit 2531, Tyrone Christopher Wilson Unit 2318, Patrick Husband Unit 2337, Rayfus Marshall Unit 2451, Dale Russ Freytag Unit 1125.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY State of Texas **County of Travis**

Cause: CC0610833

By virtue of an Writ of Exe cution issued by the clerk of the County Court 2 of DAL-LAS County, Texas, February 29, 2008, in cause numbered CC0610833, styled ADESA AUSTIN versus ADEBOLA JOHNSON D/B/A 512 AUTO SALES on a judgment ren-dered against ADEBOLA JOHNSON D/B/A 512 AUTO SALES; I did on April 01, 2008, at 1:45 PM, levy upon as the property of ADEBOLA JOHNSON D/B/A 512 AUTO SALES the following de-scribed real property:

LOT 4 BLK A SOUTHERN OAKS SEC 7 MORE PAR-TICULARLY DESCRIBED AS 5214 TAHOE TRL AUS TIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEX-AS 78745 of the map or plat records of Travis County, Texas. On May 06, 2008, being the

On May 06, 2006, being the first Tuesday of the month, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., beginning at 10:00 AM, at the Travis County Courthouse, 1000 Guadalupe Street, AUstin, Texas, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of AD-EBOLA JOHNSON D/B/A 512 AUTO SALES in and to the real property described above. Dated at Austin, Travis County, Texas, April 01,

2008. Bruce Elfant,

Constable Precinct 5 Travis County, Texas /s/ Joe Rosser, 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 property 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 there is any property, real or 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 unexpired written statement is

sued to the person in the manner prescribed by Section 34.015, Tax Code, showing that the Travis County Assessor-Collector has deter mined that there are no delinguent ad valorem taxes owed by the person. In addi-tion, an individual may not bid on or purchase property in the name of any other in dividual

NOTICE State of Wisconsin, Marathon County Circuit Court

CASE # 08-SC-1446 To: Michael A Morning and Amy L Farrow (last known

address:

8600 RR 620 N #2325 Austin, You are hereby notified that you are being sued by the CoVantage Credit Union in Small Claims Court, Marathon

County Courthouse, 500 For-

est St. Wausau, WI for a Re

plevin Judgment of the fol lowing collateral: 2000 Chevrolet Corvette VIN 1G1YY32G2Y5118596

2002 Subaru Legacy VIN 4S3BH806327622199 A hearing will be held a

10:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of April, 2008. If you do not appear; a judgment may be given to the person suing you. A copy of the Summons and Complaint has been attempted to be served to you at vour last known address listed above

Dated this the 04/12/2008 CoVantage Credit Union, Plaintiff

Kendall Strong, Plaintiffs Agent NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ANNE M.

CLARK Notice is hereby given that in Cause No. 88,338, styled Estate of Anne M. Clark, Deceased, pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, original Letters Testamentary were is-sued on the 1st day of April, 2008, to Patricia A. Cherico, who is a resident of Austin. Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within the time prescribed by law, and be fore such estate is closed. Claims may be presented to said personal representative at the address shown below and said personal represent ative directs that any such claims be presented to the attorney for said representative.

Patricia A. Cherico, Independent Executor c/o JOHN CALHOUN MILLER ATTORNEY AT LAW 1509 Old West 38th Street #3 Austin, Texas 78731-6328

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOHN RAYMOND GRASSI, DE-CEASED NOTICE is given that Letters Testamentary the Estate of JOHN RAY-

MOND GRASSI, DECEASED were granted to BARBARA LOUISE COMMONS on April , 2008, by Probate Court No. 1, Travis County, Texas, Cause No. 88,390. All persons having claims

against said estate must present same within the time prescribed by law, and before said estate is closed, in care of ATTORNEY RICHARD W. CHOTE, 3305 Northland v. CHOIE, 3305 Northlan Drive #500, Austin, Texas 78731. BARBARA LOUISE COM-

Independent Executor Estate of JOHN RAYMOND

MONS

Bv: RICHARD W. CHOTE Attorney at Law

GRASSI. DECEASED

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SOPHIE HURTICK, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamenta for the Estate of SOPHIE HURTICK, Deceased, were issued on March 19, 2008, in Cause No. 88,105, pending in the Probate Court of Tra County, Texas, to: EVELYN BAILEY, Independent Administrator. The residence of the Independent Executor is Austin, Travis County, Texas. The post office address is: Estate of SOPHIE HURTICK

Law Office of Diane Hebner 507 West 7th Street Austin, Texas 78701

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 2nd day of April,

Law Office of Diane Hebner

507 West 7th Street Austin, TX 78701-2831 (512)477-4158 Telephone (512)477-2126 Fax By: /s/ Diane Hebner

State Bar No. 09367300

ministrator

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Rose Marie Gero, Deceased, were issued on the 25th of March, 2008, in Cause No. 88170, pending in the Probate Court No. 1 Travis County, Texas to:

Attorney for Independent Ad-

Roxanne Marie Gero, Temporary Administrator. 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: c/o Law Office of Abigail Connor Klamert, P.L.L.C.

906 Canyon Wren Dr. Buda, Texas 78610 DATED the 25th day of

March, 2008. By: Abigail Connor Klamert Law Office of Abigail Connor

Klamert, P.L.L.C. 906 Canyon Wren Dr. Buda, Texas 78610

(512) 312-0904 Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of DANIEL HENRY KADERKA SR Deceased were issued on 4/1/2008, Cause No. 88350, Probate Court One, Travis County, Texas to: DANIEL HENRY

KADERKA, JR. All persons having claims against this Estate are to present them to the under-signed within the time and manner prescribed by law. Vivian Mahlab

1911 McCall Rd. Austin, Texas 78703 DATED April 2, 2008 /s/ Vivian Mahlab

Attorney at Law

Attorney for DANIEL HENRY KADERKA, JR. State Bar No.: 12836650 1911 McCall Rd

Austin, Texas 78703 Telephone: (512) 477-9400 Facsimile: (512) 477-9422

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Price G. Morgan, Deceased, were issued on April 1, 2008, in Cause No. 88,263, pending in Probate Court No. 1 of Tra-

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

vis County, Texas, to: Catherine Morgan Winkelman. The notice to the Independent Executor may be deliv-ered at the following address: c/o Barnes Lipscomb & Stew

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Attorneys at Law 2901 Bee Caves Road

Box D Austin, Texas 78746

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 2nd day of April,

/s/ Barbara J. Lipscomb Attorney for Independent Executor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of PRESLEY SEAL SKILES, Deceased, were issued on April 3, 2008. were issued on April 3, 20 under Cause No. 88362, pending in Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas to Earline Duncan Skiles.

The post office address is Representative, Estate of PRESLEY SEAL SKILES, De ceased

11282 Taylor Draper Lane, #813

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 this 11th day of April,

/s/ Jeanette K. Schaefer Attorney at Law Attorney for Applicant

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Margaret H. Reed, Deceased, were is sued on April 1, 2008, in Sued on April 1, 2008, in Cause No. 88,312, pending in the Probate Court No. 1, Travis County, Texas, to:

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them

to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

David S. Reed c/o Leland R. Enochs P.O. Box 751

Taylor, TX 76574

DATED the 3rd day of April, /s/Leland R. Enochs, Attorney Attorney for David S. Reed

State Bar No : 06630400 700 N. Main St. P. O. Box 751

Taylor, TX 76574

Telephone: (512) 352-3626 Facsimile: (512) 365-5556

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that
original Letters Testamentary
for the Estate of Ruth M. Page, Deceased, were issued on April 1, 2008, in Cause No. 88337, pending in the Probate Court Number One, Travis County, Texas, to William A. Page.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Representative. Estate of Ruth M. Page, Deceased 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 1st day of April,

WALTER C. GUEBERT, P.C. By: /s/ Walter C. Guebert NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Albert J. Kruhl Deceased were is-Kruhl, Deceased, were is-sued on April 3, 2008, in Cause No. 88375, pending in the Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas,

to Ronald J. Kruhl. Claims may be addressed in care of the representative, as follows: Ronald J. Kruhl,

Independent Executor 4317 Rock Canyon Dove

Marble Falls, TX 78654

All persons having claims against this Estate which is against till state wilding administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 3rd day of April,

/s/ John J. Migl ATTORNEY FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mandy Marie Adams, Deceased, were issued on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, in Cause No. 88225, pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Tex-as, to Bessie Mae Thomas.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows: Bessie Mae Thomas, representative, Estate of Mandy Marie Adams, Deceased

c/o Law Offices of Brooke

702 Rio Grande St. Austin, Texas 78701 DATED the 4th day of April.

Brooke Hardie

NOTICE TO PERSONS HAV-ING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GREGORY LYNN MARTIN Notice is hereby given that on March 18, 2008, Shirley L. Martin

Attorney for Michelle Basti-

State Bar No.: 24012783

Telephone: (512) 320.0156

Facsimile: (512) 320.0176

702 Rio Grande St.

Austin, Texas 78701

was issued original letters of independent administration Independent administration on the Estate of Gregory Lynn Martin, deceased, Cause No. 87639, now pending in Probate Court No. 1, Travis County, Texas.

All persons having claims against this estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to Shirley L. Martin, Independent Ad-L. Martin, independent Administrator of the Estate of Gregory Lynn Martin, c/o Charles O. Grigson, 604 W. 12th St., Austin, Texas

Charles O. Grigson, Attorney for Shirley L. Martin, Inde-pendent Administrator

OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE TO BIDDERS TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be accepted by Travis County for the following items:

1.Doors and Insulation, B080112-DR

Opens: April 14, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m. 2. Residential Plumbing Services, B080163-DR

Opens: April 14, 2008 @

Bids should be submitted to: Bids should be submitted to Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent, Ned Granger Building, 314 West 11th, Room 400, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, Texas 78767. Specifications can be ob-tained from or viewed at the tained from or viewed at the Travis County Purchasing Of fice at no charge or by down loading a copy from our web

site: www.co.travis.tx.us/purchasing/solicitation.asp. Bid ders should use unit pricing or lump sum pricing, if ap-propriate. Payments may be made by check. The suc cessful hidder shall be required to furnish a Perfor-mance Bond in the amount of One Hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount awarded, if applicable.

OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE TO PROPOSERS TRAVIS COUNTY TEXAS

munication Services, for Voice & Data and any Assovoice & Data and any Asso-ciated Telecommunications Services including Local Dial Tone for Voice and Data, P080189-BF

10:00 a.m.

2.Collection and Transporta-tion of Recyclable Materials, P080186-OJ

Opens: April 28, 2008 @ 3:00

3.Dental Coverage for Travis County Employees, P080193-OJ

10:00 a.m.

Proposals should be submit-Proposals should be submitted to: Cyd Grimes, Travis
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 copy from our website: www.co.travis.tx.us/purchas ing/solicitation.asp. Propos-ers should use unit pricing or lump sum pricing, if appropriate. Payment may be made by check. The successful proponent shall be required to furnish a Payment Bond and a Performance Bond in the amount of One Hundred percent (100%) of

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be ac-cepted by Travis County for the following items: 1.Long Distance Telecom-

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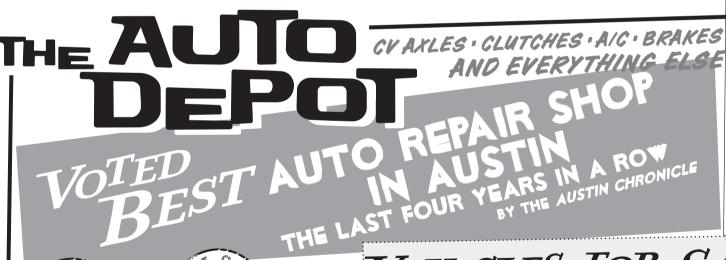
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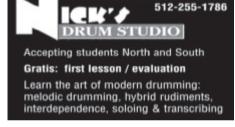
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I'm well endowed, although size dosent matter to me loking for new experience es. NARDOSTAR1, 56, 101, #125161

DARKSHARK

Looking for girls that love to push the law, streaking, flashing, ect..., Something about it truns me on, email me, we could have some fun. Truth. truthandare55, 22, 101, #124927

LOOKING FOR FWB

I enjoy piercings and have a few myself I've got both nipples pierced and four frenum piercings that I have been told enhance the pleasure and feel fantastic twosgood4sbetter, 36, 101, #124859

ROCK STAR

wild and wet and ready for who every who want it can get it's just like that. RICHBOI69, 20, 101, #124735

TV FEMME FATALE

well-endowed sensual lover, pretty face, sexy body, classy dresser, loves lingerie, make-up wigs - seeks erotic adventures with same or very feminine woman that loves lingerie, imaginative, uninhibited & discrete. LorettaM, 44, #118431

UNKNOWN PLEASURES

Discreet, quiet but fun guy - still waters run deep. I'd like to find a friend for daytime distractions. Age is not an issue (30's here) - it's all personality! jamiesdog, 30, 101, #119683

LOOKING FOR FUN

i want to have fun, i hope you do too calek1115, 23, 101, #125707

EXPAND THE HORIZON looking for an older woman (28-34)

curvy not fat, legs and hips. one night thing NSA. just want to see who is out there. steppin_up, 18, 10, #125704 ANDMIL 35/M

Looking to meet a woman that shares similar interests, **st3v3**, 35, **6**, **#125620**

AUSTINGENTLEMAN

Looking for discreet one on one encounters with no strings attached other's body for intimacy. In addition, I enjoy giving and receiving oral sex. bocachica, 36, 73, 101, #125671

OLDER BUT IMAGINATIVE

I am 58, but young at heart. I like women of all ages and have a great imagination in the bedroom. I am narried but wife doesn't play. Very oral HotTxsGuy, 58, 27, 101, #125572

RIDER SEEKS PASSENGER

Good looking, intelligent, athletic man with great 'bed' skills seeking an electrifying badgirl (FWB) for fun, wild and erotic rides in and out of the bedroom. I am single. no-1-night-stands. **Mid**nightRider, 38, 27, 101, #125521

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THE LUV DOC

Sex Toy Coming Out Party • Sat., Apr. 12, noon-6pm Forbidden Fruit, 108 E. North Loop, www.forbiddenfruit.com

As interesting as everyone makes it out to be, sex is one of the most unoriginal things you can do as (or with) a human being ... ditto for just about every other vertebrate as well. You had sex. Big whoop. We're supposed to applaud? Do you expect a big pat on the back for breathing, taking a whiz, or going No. 2? Yes, sex is an activity you share in common with Brangelina, George Clooney, and Heidi Klum, but you also share it with Rosie O'Donnell, Donald Trump, and that guy with the plumber's crack who works the suck hose on the honey-dipper truck. Get some. Birds do it; bees do it; even educated fleas do it. What makes you think you're so special? Really, the amazing thing – the anomaly is when you're not doing it. As any priest will tell you, abstinence takes balls. You really have to not want to. You have to be absolutely unwilling to take matters into your own hands. You have to get right with the harebrained notion that nature will just take its course and hop right in your lap - and with ample lubrication. Not even Jesus could pull that off, so why should you? And yet, even if you're not pulling it off, regular sex can get monotonous after a while. Even Dr. Ruth would agree that for the most part, it's just in-out, in-out, until the right amount of friction/stimulation is achieved. Of course, sex is much more complicated than that, especially when explored in an HBO special. In the real world, however, people don't need a lot of whistles and bells to pop off – at least not the first few thousand times. Once you have the hang of things, though, the general consensus is that it's good to mix it up a bit, maybe bring in some vegetables or a wellmanicured hamster or a goat or a monkey or maybe even the entire Sugar's lunch shift. Some magazine articles will tell you that the best sex organ is your imagination. That may be right, but the more likely explanation is that they just don't want to show the pictures. Everybody knows that pound for pound, the best sex organs are the kind that end with an "is." Ask Clinton. He liked his is wrapped in a Lewinsky. Unfortunately, not everyone is lucky enough to have an intern under their desk or a sugar daddy who'll use them as a makeshift humidor. The vast swath of humanity has a different fall-back plan: Objects that stimulate the ises - inanimate pleasure slaves that fit in the nightstand or maybe your Dooney & Bourke. Until recently (the day before Valentine's, to be exact), those objects were considered to be "obscene devices" according to Texas Penal Code. It took us 27 years to loosen up, but we finally did, and to celebrate, Forbidden Fruit is having a Sex Toy Coming Out Party this Saturday, April 12, from 2pm to 6pm. Enjoy live music from Heather Bishop's Graceful Riot and Tribella, and witness the ceremonial removal of signs and release forms from the obscene devices. There will also be lots of free stuff and a drawing for a "rabbit habit," which, though it has a little hare on it, doesn't need to be manicured.



All smiles:Idgy (Chihuahua 16 yrs), Jinx (Chihuahua puppy), Costa Rica, good red wine, dancing, watching football, friends and family, traveling, spas, cooking, intelligence, lowering my carbon footprint, kindness, confidence. freedom! tcurahrah, 37, 101, #125774

IWANTCHEMISTRY

Rock-n-roll soul in search of another...I'm a kind, honest, loving, soul, that will not settle for less in man I date or a friend ... WantCHEMIS-TRY, 42, 101, #125754

I WAS WONDERING...

is ice cream better in the dark? **k_now**, 33. **101. #125705**

LIVELY SPIRIT

"I wanna feel how I wanna feel forever." If you know the singer of that quote, you're a shoe-in! haha. hippeace, 23, 101, #125692

SMARTASSES APPLY WITHIN

I like white boys with tattoos who are smartasses just like me! I enjoy music (psychobilly, rockabilly, alternative mainly) reading, movies, walking and just hanging out. **HNNYPOT**, 32, 101, #125667

SOFT HARTED ROCKER

im not one who likes talking about herself, but here goes. i like movies(horror) music(hard rock)good food and good conversation. looking for someone who likes the same, also 420 friendly, turtle_luvr, 35, 101, #125655

INDIAN MEN PLEASE

Lam an intelligent, attractive, American woman seeking an Indian man 27-40 for dating. I need a man who I can have intelligent conversation, is compassionate, and has traveled. Namaste. drishti, 25, 101, #125652

MOVING TO AUSTIN

I'm about to move to Austin in June. YAY! I'm really excited about the move...but don't know a soul in Austin yet. Wanna meet some cool new people. **bunnytexas**, 37, , #125640

ELEGANT SARCASIM.

arbor cinema, dance, Guiness, hair that smells good, sticking my feet in cold water with pants rolled up. dog sitting. staying up late, trying to wake up later trying teas, shrng music,. ccarmon, 22, **101**, #125633

LADY SEEKING LOVE

WELL I THINK AM WHAT EVERYMAN WANTS. sarahwills, 22, 101, #125603

Share bicycling, walking, laughter, travel, dip kissing in the grocery store, a rousing debate, rainy days in bed. Birdwatching over sports watching, canoing over the gym, dark beer over light? bicycleluver, 52, 101, #125578

KILLER LIPS

I'm quirky, fun and energetic. I live north of Austin. Therefore, I'd like someone to show me around to the places they love & new places for me to experience. fight_the_eyes, 23, 101, #125599

NOT TYPICAL

I moved to Austin a couple years ago and am still finding myself lost. I am independent, adventurous, and strongwilled. I love sports, hiking, camping, pool, darts, photography, writing, &coffee. SweetElle80, 28, 101, #125574

UT GRAD_STUDENT

Loves movies and music, and talking endlessly about both. Always up for Swimming, eating crazy foods, museums, going for drinks, and catching any kind of show going on around town. fizzkinz, 24, , #125766

JUST TELEPORTED...

Fresh from the mean streets of Atlanta! Lookin for a gal with a good head on her shoulders. Must be diligent, talented, and have an overall lust for life. Darling, 25, 101, #125764

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FITNESS FREAK WANNABE

I jog, cycle, rollerblade, lift weights, and swim, but unfortunately, I'm very inconsistent, and weigh much more than I should. Looking for friends for cycling, hiking, rollerblading. Bbme, 39, **101**, #125583

OTHER WORDS, FLY

I seem to appreciate free spirits that think about the greater good and aren't afraid to dream big and have the confidence to know things will work out for them. dscmbobulated, 29, 27, 101, #125566

IT'S PICNIC SEASON!

l am a happy person by nature, it would be great to meet someone I click with to share things with. Do you like hiking? Bazillionaire, 50, 101, #125486

TRAVEL CAMPANION WANTED

I've traveled the world and I'm looking for the right person. I'm looking for a longterm/relationship. I'm outgoing & friendly. If your bored then you've not been out with me! becxs, 36, 27, 101, #125559

KINDNESS ROCKS

Well, I'm friendly, smiley and easygoing. I'm looking for a smartass with a heart of gold who can challenge my intellect while being my partner in crime. ChicaFantasma, 39, 101, #125503

ALTERNATIVE, INTELLIGENT, **SPONTANEOUS**

You must be able to handle the fact that I have piercings (22) and am still a good person, and I have 3 tats, and am not a trashy chick. Tenacious_T, 19, 7, #125505

LUCKY, RANDOM, FUN.

I'm fun, have exceptional luck, confident, product-designer, world-traveler, random, Adventurous, vices, witty/ humorous, 49% devil/49% gentlema n/2% untitled, story-teller, life-of-theparty, I like evenings that turn into stories you can't tell your grandchildren.

OrbisNonSufficit, 24, 10, #125762 **PUNK SEEKS ROCKETTE**

21 year-old junior@UT-Austin. Intellectual who enjoys punk-rock and Wes Anderson. Into movies and quirky Austin culture. Seeking down-to-earth chick with spunk. Think we'll click? Hit me up and we'll boogie. Team Zissou Intern, 21, **61**, **#125760**

SEE THE UNSEEN

yep, stuff about me. wow. I love music. it's great, i'm a little crazy and neurotic... can't lie about that, tattoos and piercings are great...the more you have, the better. Omegacode, 24. 101. #125759

JAZZY GREEN TRUMPETER

New to Austin. I would like to meet active women into the outdoors, biking and yoga. I love live music, I also enjoy cooking healthy food. greenyogi, 50,

COOL FUNNY GUY

I am a very happy guy I love life and believe vou should live everyday like the last, I enjoy music, I am looking for a women who loves life and herself. stuntmanmike, 31, 101, #125748

YOU LIKE ME.

better. I like too write and read ... a lot. iustinisnotinthehouse, 26, 101. #125746

lam new here and I am interested to meet news face from any where so that we will become one body Thanks chungu80, 25, 101, #125742

STRONG WILL

I'm an easygoing person who is just looking for something new, away from the bar scene and someone true.

ThaDude28, 28, 101, #125738

IS EVERYBODY IN

Looking to have some fun with some new people in this amazing town that we live in. I am open minded and willing to try almost anything once or twice. rangerguy20, 28,

6, #125731

NICE GUY AUSTIN

i am a nice guy in austin like the title says and i have not found any really nice down to earth girls, i have been looking but nothing. 512tm, 24, 37,

#125516

LETS HAVE FUN easy going guy, busy schedule, love music, film, jogging around townlake, bbq, sushi, mex. food. KUT NPR appreciate slow days. reg. day job but work indie music startup at night, weekends.

blueskyj2, 37, 101, #125721 SOMEBODY SAVE ME

I'm a grad student and I want someone to help me occupy my free time. If you like happy hour beers and reading before bed, get at me. hockeyjunkie, 27 **101 #125717**

UNBOUND ATOM

If I peel the layers of defense mechanisms, when I forget the years of builtup repression and fear, when the planets are aligned, I can be quite charming and witty. herve. 46. 61. #125714

MIGHTY GOOD MAN!

On my way to being the man I always wanted to be. I crave change and routine?! I'm patient and loyal. But I freak whenever a Janet song comes on. biggerthanmybody, 28, 101, #125698

SOLE VENTURER

I am new to the area, intelligent, neat, and straight. I'm wanting to meet the same and enjoy my stay here in Austin. I am always for trying something new. LeeSr, 47, 6, #125691

THAT WASN'T CHICKEN

Please check my ad on the website. 30 words... pfft. JpDee, 29. #125689

SURREALIST NIGHTMARE

I am a musician and screenprinter who dabbles in filmmaking, photography. design and art. Palaina, 85. #122805

NICE, GROOVY, HONEST... It's hard to talk about me, I'm more

interested in you. I like all types of music. I'm not incrested in someone who can't or won't be themselves. Austinluv, 36, 27, 101, #125679

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PEACE. LOVE. HOPE.

I'm Jennifer :] I'm your semi-typical Austin girl who loves to go to shows, photography or just hang out at a local coffee shop. I'd like to meet a new girl-maybe you?? **heart_of_mine**, 19, **101**, **#125744**

BASICALLY AWESOME

I'm a student at UT. I'm very honest and I expect that in return. I like to have fun so talk to me and let me know what you're about! **jkg589**, 18,

FISHING, BOATING, FRIENDS.... Didn't think I would be doing this, but here goes. I love the outdoors, fishing, boating, camping, and mainly the water. My interests are very diverse and I am down-to-earth. **seas2dav**. 48. #125647

BOARDING N TATS

I'm a college student who loves snowboarding, longboarding, any kind of boarding, and live shows. I'm in love with girls with Tats and piercings. Want someone to show me around Austin. snowchick87, 20, 27, 4125569

COUNTRY HIPPIE

Hipapiest tye-dye individual you'll meet. Believe in old fashion manners and can have quite the charm. Live for the present, the past is gone and the future may never come. kimmikaye, 42, **61**, **#125500**

URBAN HIPPIE SEARCHING

'm honest, crass, opinionated, political minded. I enjoy the finer things in life on a beer budget. I go to school and work I'm 420 friendly and love the outdoors. mangopen, 29, 10, #125368

KIND. HONEST, PLAYFUL

I am looking for an honest, kind woman who knows how to communicate and express her feelings. I love long conversations and playfulness and doing romantic things for each other. Inquisitive VDC, 39, 101, #125197

PASSION SEEKS PASSION

I'm outgoin', sweet, & easy goin' yet senstive!!!...... just want 2 meet others 2 hang w/ & c where things might ao!!!!....I'm one 2 let things develop. NATURALLY!!!! Hit Me up!!! Sexxxytiger74, 34, 61, #124986

BIGIRL SEEKS EYESORE Seeking freaky adult human for what-

ever. Like punks, NOT crusties with dreads/trust funds. Good: tattoos, uncontrollable laughter, cynicism. You should like: booty, my kid, dogs, Horseshoe, bad karaoke. No Christians! funnyhaha, 38, 101, #124885

Im a really cool & funny guy to be around with. I ike to have fun, and going out dancing. I have been single for 2 months. Want to meet someone. danyboy_09, 18, 101, #125684

WITH WOMEN'S HEART.

i like guys who are sincere and honest! lifemind, 27, 101, #125653

BE MINE.

I am looking for tall, dark (or light), and handsome for the limp-wrist set beloved, 37, 101, #125648

GAVROV CODY

IAm 23vrs old iam going to Cosmetology school i have wonderful friends i want a guy to win me over be hot charming and be nice and want me. macattac2003, 23, 101, #125639

QUALITY GUY

Enjoy social functions, movies, theater, cooking, entertaining, more. Swim workout, and walk my dog. Yes: Romance, charm, thoughtfulness, adventure. No: Drugs, heavy drinkers, smokers, insecurity, unsafe sex, closet cases, immaturity. taurusbull86, 43,

6, #125317

SOBER GUY AUSTIN

I am a gwm, 60 years old, slender, 5'10", 140 lbs. I am a dog lover, avid reader, etc. HIV+ for 20 years, good health. Retired, easy-going, honest, communicative. soberguy, 60, 22, 101, #125183

ATTRACTIVE HUNGER FORCE

Sexy sophisticated male likes to have a good time, party, relax and enjoy life. I'm hott in the kitchen and even hotter in other places. **hungerforce**, 24, **61**, **#125108**

YOUR SENSUAL SPARTAN

I'm a man with a passion for good looking women, high quality dining, and watching animals. I enjoy watching the 300, Rambo, and Conan. Could you be my Salma/Heidi Klum? inuvasha86 21, **3**, **4125037**

FRIENDSHIP, DATING, LTR

Looking to meet a nice guy, Interests: camping, hiking, biking, theater, movies, conversation over beer, reading, canoeing, and traveling. Am politically progressive Younger guys, Hispanic men are a plus. AusAbogado, 61, 101, #124933

JUST LOOKING

I like to go clubbing, watch movies. dinner, and just hang out. Must have a good job, vehicle, and not live with your parents. 27-35. **shannon1980**, 27, **lol.** #12489

Team_7issou_Intern 🕶

PUNK ROCKER SEEKS ROCKETTE

I'm a bit of an intellectual who happens to rock out on occasion. I'm into watching movies and eating exotic food, I'm a bit of a gourmet, and enjoying the quirky Austin culture. Not into partying or clubbing, although I do enjoy low-key shin-digs with a smaller crowd.

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friends

Hey! Fun guy, into sports. Sarcastic and funny....Sometimes! Love to laugh and make you people laugh. Guy every girl dreams bout but not ready for. 24 SWM. D/D Free. baseballguy12, 24, **101**. #125727

LAUGHING, EXPLORING, MUSIC

I like the sun, live music, laughing until I almost pee,& my kids. I'm new to Austin and looking for cool ass girls and maybe guys for friendship, kdub. 27. **101**. **#125662**

GEEK CHIC

Just looking for someone who I can get along with. Will be moving to Austin soon, and I am looking to broaden my horizons. Geek Sheek, 22, 101, #125504 map. hopiland 1987, 21, 101, #125341

FUZZY MUSIC FAN

hey everyone! i've been in austin since last july, but haven't even been something wrong with that, i dig all types of music and am up for anything fun! fuzzums_druzzums, 23 4125460

FUNLOVING MAN SEEKING..

new interesting friendships. I love life and truly believe life is too short to spend it doing some thing your not happy with. True to this I retired at 47. Nuts4Retrievers, 50, 101, #125396

whats up out there ive been in austin eight years full time job i like to go out to small towns and visit the bars out of austin, join me? ir, 22, 101, #125373

AWSOMELY KNOWLEGABLE BARISTA

Hey whats up my name is Michael I iust moved to austin looking for someone to show me around town that know the sites that aren't on any tour

DO NOT READIII

Let's throw our laptops in a fire & rip the clothes from our bodies & dance around like savages ... Seriously, I like long walks on the beach ... flyingmonkey, 28, 101, #125297

SEEKING CASE STUDY

l enjoy my job, my family, my friends and the fabulous city of Austin and Lam. finally ready to let someone enjoy all of that with me. ace, 29, 101, #125232

messages

DEAR AUSTIN: PLEASE HAVE a look at WWW.KimelaTrump.com

ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GÓMEZ:

85% of inmates in Travis and the Hutto camp are Catholics. Why have you

BB-I AM SO proud of you, my love could for you cover every continent-LB

I TRULY DO love you

JULIUS...I AM SO sorry! I was wrong, please forgive me! To say "I was trippin'" doesn't even cover it! I had no reason not to believe you. Lisa

I THINK OF you often and still wonder why... mister J

WHY ARE YOU in my hood? Thought you moved across town....get out of my dreams...did you turn over the rock?

DEAR DA BIRD, you have been playing a game. I put my cards on the table and you ran. It is all about character or lack of. Happy games, I don't play.

EPHRANCE I LUB u big head!

GBS: YOU KNOW what I miss the most? Your Intellectual Property, that's what. Most erotic part of you

standard broadcast technology. Images are so high-quality they almost appear 3-D. While this is enjoyable to viewers, some performers are uncomfortable with the way it reveals their skin's imperfections. Did you know that Brad Pitt has acne scars? I predict a metaphorically similar development for you in the coming weeks, Aries. Every little thing you do will be more highly visible and have greater impact than before. Wherever you've been 2-D, you'll become 3-D. That could turn out really well for you if you take it as a challenge to fine-tune your commitment to excellence and integrity.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Hi-def TV makes everything look more vivid than

FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

by Rob Brezsny for April 11 - April 17

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): "When nothing is working very well," says astrologer Casey, "it might be a cosmic conspiracy to get you to experiment." Let's proceed as if that hypothesis were true. Taurus, Identify a place in your life where you're stuck where everything you attempt meets with resistance, or where you don't have the motivation you'd like to feel. Then brainstorm about an experiment you could do that would break you out of the holding pattern. Proceed on the assumption that the universe will become friendlier and more helpful if you try an approach you've never used before.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): What I hope you'll achieve in the coming days is a state of mind like that described by Dan Linton, one of my readers. This is his report: "Last night I went to Wal-Mart with a friend who was returning some tools." I walked around the store while he was at the service desk. In the shampoo aisle an unusual man who looked like an Aborigine made extended eye contact with me. As he walked past, he announced in a happy tone, 'Your mind is empty.' I was superexcited and found my friend to tell him. 'Isn't that an insult?' he asked. 'No,' I said, 'The guy meant that my mind is clear, which is true. This is the first time in two years I've felt that my mind is free of shrunken expectations, limiting concepts, and emotional distortions.'

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): Normally you're inclined to massage problems until they relax, not bash problems until they break. Your preference is to paint fuzzy, impressionistic pictures rather than creating crisp snapshots. Nevertheless, the astrological omens indicate that in the next two weeks, you should take an approach recommended by Winston Churchill: "If you have an important point to make, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time - a tremendous whack."

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): I hesitate to be so blunt, but the fact of the matter is that right now God is on your side. This is true even if you're an atheist. Simply put, the Divine Wow is listening to you more closely than She is to everyone else; She is more prone to slipping you little gifts than all of Her other children; She is plotting to reveal more useful inside information to you than She has in a long time. Here's a tip to ensure you'll get the maximum benefit out of your goodies: Use at least some of your fantastic luck to help people in need.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): "On an average weekday," wrote Saul Bellow, "The New York Times contains more information than any contemporary of Shakespeare's would have acquired in a lifetime." But religious writer F. Forrester Church adds a caveat to that imposing thought. In his book Lifecraft: The Art of Meaning in the Everyday, he writes, "The Times is a fine paper. But for all its information, it only hints, and then only occasionally, at what Shakespeare knew so well: that the beauty of the bird, the symbol of the snake, the courage of the pilot, and the wonder of human love will always be touched with mystery." In accordance with your current omens, Virgo, I urge you to abstain from *The New York Times'* specialty and seek out Shakespeare-style soul food for thought. Love enigmas more than certainties

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): "Where would the gardener be if there were no weeds?" asked ancient Chinese sage Chuang Tzu. To that I add: Where would lawyers be without crimes? How would psychotherapists fare without neurotics? What would critics do without the stuff they love to diss? Now let's apply this line of thinking to you, Libra. What thing that you dislike also happens to be something you need? What condition that you're opposed to is essential in constructing your identity? This is a good time to acknowledge the value of everything you oppose, disagree with, and fight against.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): Marie Poland Fish was an oceanographer who invented a new form of underwater sound detection for the navy. To perfect the technology, she spent years studying the sounds made by 300 different species that live in the sea. Her innovations allowed attack vessels to tell the difference between enemy submarines and schools of fish, thereby avoiding assaults on the fish. She's your role model for the coming week, Scorpio. May she inspire you to develop more foolproof methods for distinguishing between actual threats and the harmless influences that may superficially resemble them.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): Here's the first thing you need to know about the current state of your destiny: "Everything is blooming most recklessly; if it were voices instead of colors, there would be an unbelievable shrieking into the heart That message comes to you from poet Rainer Maria Rilke. Here's of the night." the second piece of wisdom you should take with you everywhere you go. It's from Vladimir Nabokov: "For aren't you and I gods? Let all of life be an unfettered howl. Release life's rapture. Everything is blooming. Everything is flying. Everything is screaming. Laughter. Running."

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): Want to know a secret? I "predict" the present, not the future. In other words, I discern unconscious patterns and invisible influences that are affecting you now. I also try to inspire you to read your own mind so as to uncover feelings that you've been hiding from yourself. So I can't necessarily tell you what specific events will transpire in the coming days. But I do suspect the following things are true, although you may not be aware of them yet: You are in the midst of redefining what home means to you. You've been neglecting a deep need that's a bit embarrassing to you. And there's a place in your foundation that's in disrepair and requires your attention.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): Opening for travel in 1926, Route 666 ran from Arizona through three other states. It became a problem for fundamentalist Christians, who got obsessed with the idea that 666 is an evil number associated with the devil. As their toxic delusions increasingly poisoned America's collective imagination, there was a growing outcry to rename the road. Finally, highway authorities gave in to the pressure and officially banished 666, turning it into Route 191 in Arizona and Route 491 elsewhere. This is an idiotically superstitious example of an otherwise sound principle that actually has merit; Altering the name of a person or thing can change the way it's perceived and possibly even transform its essential nature. I bring this up. Aquarius, because now is an excellent time for you to use this principle to your advantage. What or whom would benefit from a renaming?

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): Please don't get sidetracked by the pursuit of minor dreams that would give you trivial satisfaction. And please talk yourself out of going after ephemeral rewards that would at best provide you with a false sense of accomplishment. Here's why this advice is even more important than usual: You have an intense but limited amount of driving ambition available to you at the moment, so you've got to make sure you use it on a project or projects that will still be meaningful to you a year from now.

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CORPUS ROCKIES 07

You: Courageous dog-walker, transcontinental cyclist, documentarian who fills me dreams. Me: tall, non-Japanese, entrepreneur, willing to go the distance, treat you sushi, cook free range chicken ets go roller skating? When: Monday, May 7, 2007. Where: texas 4000 bike ride. You: Man. Me: Man. #902868

SPRANG RANG

Second time around J still couldn't speak. I was too shy, shy... and then you were gone. You: White sleeveless tee, tight pants. Me:Just another smiling face in the crowd. When: Sunday, April 6. Where: Chain Drive. You: Man. Me: Man. #902866

ANIMATION STUDENTS MEET!

You were buying the new Jeff Brown comic. I'm the girl at the register. You asked me if I was in Geoff's animation class, but I never asked your name...

When: Saturday, April 5. Where: Austin Books and Comics, You: Man. Me: Woman. #902865

PULL TO STOP

Your blue eyeshadow made me look twice when you got on near Bird's north. You sat next to me, but I stared at my crossword. Bump me again sometime? When: Wednesday, April 2. Where: #3 South, You: Woman, Me: Man. #902864

MR. POSTMAN

You are the dishiest mailman I've ever seen. Do you like strawberry blondes with questionable taste in literature? I hope you ring twice... When: Saturday, April 5. Where: Travis Heights. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902863

FRAMER AT MICHAEL'S You-blond dreads, framer at Michael's on

71. Are you real? Just too fine. Me-short dark hair, glasses, a painter forever searching for more colors, beauty & framer. Coffee sometime? When: Wednes day, March 19. Where: Michael's on 71. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902862 TONY HOO PARTY

Met you at the HCO party last week-

end and was hoping to see you today, but couldn't make it. Would love to hear from you. When: Sunday, March 30. Where: HCO party. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902861

PLUCKER'S ROUND ROCK

We were sitting in the bar during happy hour. I was wearing blue/white striped shirt and light khakis. You had short hair, glasses, black slacks and a very cute smile. When: Thursday, April 3. Where: Plucker's Round Rock. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902859

WALLGREEN'S WELLS BRANCH!

Walgreen's Wells Branch. You thought you cut in line. I said you didn't. Please call! When: Thursday, April 3. Where: Walgreen's. You: Woman. Me: Man. ☎ #902860

CUTE BLUE SWEATER

outside Allen's Boots on Congress me tall in python boots, you dark hair blue sweater, mouthed hello, waved. i ignored you, with herd of overprotective cousin men, wanted to respond. When: Saturday, March 29, Where: Allen's Boots on Congress. You: Man. Me: Woman. 27 #902858

HIT & RUN

You:Sexy EMS guy responding to hit & run at Torchy's Me:Cute secretary across the street that called it in. We were both flirting, but had to get back to work **When: Wednesday, April 2.** Where: Torchy's Tacos on S. First. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902857

KERBEY KUTIE

You: Gorgeous brunette in teal with friend, noon Wednesday at Kerbey on Guad. Me: Strapping gentleman in meeting, captivated. Makin eyes inside, outside, from car...made you laugh! Meet for flapjacks? When: Wednesday, April 2. Where: Kerbey Lane. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902856

WHOLE FOODS SATURDAY

Whole Foods Saturday March 29th near escalators. You: tall, dark hair, amazing eyes. Exchanged glances. You were at a table with girlfriends. Me with son on escalator. Want to meet? When: Saturday, March 29, Where: Whole Foods. You: Woman. Me:

CROCHET DRESS DARLING

Man. #902855

Watched you all night, chuckled to myself when you spilled your wine. I think you work @ Beauty Bar. Your short curly hair is unbearably adorable, your smile wrecks me. When: Tuesday April 1. Where: UCHI. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902854

BLUE EYES MYCHIZZLE

You: caught my attention with your dark hair, gorgeous blue eyes, and cute ello which started our conversation. Me: dark hair, glasses, getting ridiculously big smiles too. Let's meet up. When: Friday, March 28. Where: A few places.. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902853

FOR MY LOVELOVELOVE

in three months, i hope we're moving with eachother to start a new beginning. this will be tough and i hope it helps, i love you more than the world When: Sunday, December 10, 2006. Where: trail of lights. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902852

MAGIC AT WOODROWS

RR Lil Woodrow's at bar. Asked me for my Chronicle and took my breath away as well. You said Shot in the Dark Lightning struck once. Doug, blue hat,gold "B". When: Friday, March 28. Where: Round Rock Lil Woodrows. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902851

3RD TIME CHARM

You-hot blue eyes in black blazer, me-petite brunett in white. We had a blast on the town,you kissed me goodbye, my heart skipped a beat, we should repeat the night sometime When: Saturday, March 29. Where: 4th street area. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902850

LIFETIME RASKETRALL GUY

You: Tall, hot, blue under armour bball iersev Me; tall blonde. On Wednesdays watch you play basketball while I do my ab exercises. Maybe can meet next Wednesday. Maybe When: Wednesday, March 19. Where: Lifetime Fitness South Austin. You: Man. Me: Woman, #902848

CHUY'S FLEXIBLE HOST

You: Cute blond boy with sexy earing. Me: Short asian girl. Saturday lunch. You pick things up without bending your knees. A dancer maybe? hope you're working this saturday =) When: Sunday, March 30. Where: Original Chuy's You: Man. Me: Woman. #902847

WEST TEXAS HOTTIE

Me:vour server at hoover's cookin You:cute country girl who tans at barton creek.can't get my mind off you.next time lets have lunch together When: Saturday, March 1. Where: Hoover's Cookin. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902846

DOG, BELL, FRISBEE

You blonde with dog had bell. throwing himfrisbee. My bulldog trying to take it. worried my dog would start fight with yours. Thought you were gorgeous and wanted to stay. When Wednesday, March 26. Where: Red Bud Dog Park. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902845

7-11 LAKE AUSTIN

You in a white volvo, let me get in line ahead of you. Me, blonde in the purple shirt. Flashed you the peace sign as we pulled out.Coffee or drunken debauchery? When: Saturday, March 29. Where: 7-11 lake austin. You: Man. Me: Woman, #902844

BRUNETTE GIRL- PLANETREPLAY I bought sevaral DVD's, I think you

bought something from the VHS section. I got in the checkout line behind you. I regret not saying Hello! When: Friday, March 28. Where: Planet Replay, 11150 Research Blvd. # 212. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902843

"I WATCH MOOSE"

You: white shirt black vest, Subaru with above sticker: me: dark hoodie. Smiled in aisle, then on escalator. Friend dashed back inside, we collided. Would love another chance to meet When: Saturday, March 29. Where: Whole Foods. You: Woman. Me: Woman, 7 #902841

LOUNGE LIZARDS SXSW

On the steps of City Hall, you were there with your nephew? I was there with my boss. You asked about my fizzy drink, I wish I had responded more... When: Friday, March 14. Where: Steps of City Hall. You: Man. Me: Woman. 77 #902829

DRINKS SOMETIME?

David you're the first one I saw when I walked into Puma. You got a Band-Aid for me. We talked music when I paid. Catch a show sometime or drinks? When: Sunday, March 23, Where: You: Man. Me: Woman. 77 #902827

FARGO FARRAGO

It was rented. I was smitten at counter. Jumped in front of your car hoping for an accident. Did you see what happened with the woodchipper? Coffee sometime? Say "yah." When: Friday, March 21. Where: Vulcan Central You: Woman. Me: Man. 2 #902826

You: Tall handsome guy wearing sleeveless shirt with tight-ish pants/red, blue combination. Place: costume shop on SoCo. Time: early afternoon-ish. Me: quiet-type, costume clerk stunned by your beauty. When: Wednesday, March 26. Where: Lucy In Disguise. You: Man. Me: Man. ☎ #902837

SEXY PALIZO WAITRESS

U-super sexy cowboy boot wearing blond hair hot waitress. Me-Jeans green tshirt blue eyes darkhair. When: Wed@ Palizo - you gave an amazing smile. Let's have a coffee or something? When: Wednesday, March 26. Where: Palizo. You: Woman. Me: Man. 2 #902836

GROCERY STORE BLUES you: blue shirt me: blue dress we

, were both singing the blues. meet me there again on sunday at noon. When: Sunday, March 23, Where: HEB, You Man. Me: Woman. #902835

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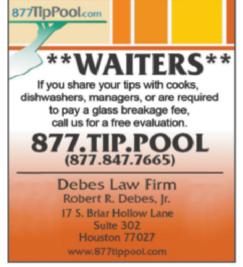
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