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Unreasonably Reasonable

Political arguments depend on mutual respect

BY LOUIS BLACK

When you get right down to it, what the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution says seems fairly simple. It is only one sentence: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed." Yet it is no surprise that that sentence has proven to be anything but simple. Every word, including conjunctions and prepositions, has been seriously studied and hotly debated, with the passionate solemnity of those studying the Bible over dozens of generations.

Recently, I was listening to a discussion of the Second Amendment on Alex Jones' radio show. One guest, a strong pro-gun, no-restrictions advocate, was talking about the Supreme Court discussion of the current case concerning Washington, D.C.'s ban on handguns. Apparently, one of the justices asked the attorney arguing against the ban whether one could conceptually assume that the word "unreasonably" would fit between "be" and "infringed" at the end of the amendment. The attorney concurred. The pro-gun advocate was outraged at this suggestion that there should be any restrictions, reasonable or not, imposed on this constitutionally guaranteed right.

It might seem obvious that concepts like "unreasonably" and "fairly" might be implied rather than expressly stated in most law. But that really isn't the case – far too many fundamental, ideological arguments are now in fact controlled by those holding the most extreme positions, and they argue that anything less – any compromise or consideration of any other point of view – is unacceptable and treasonous. Since this method of argument basically becomes "my way or the highway," the debates become overly intense, personalized, self-sanctified, and nearly impossible to resolve in a constitutional republic.

Sadly, it is not unreasonable for Second Amendment advocates to argue against any restrictions on the right to bear arms. Equally sad, it is also not unreasonable for pro-choice advocates to argue against any restrictions on choice. In their domination of these debates, extremists make less extreme positions appear to be surrender – and thereby invite additional legislation.

In other words, by dominating the debate and convinced they are absolutely right, extremists create self-fulfilling prophecies. In that light, it is not unreasonable to suggest that some who say they favor some restrictions on guns really support banning all guns, seeing the restrictions as a necessary first step. Likewise, some of those who support unrestricted gun-ownership are in favor of cop-killer bullets and powerful automatic weapons being in personal hands, not as necessary to prevent further restrictions but because they really want access to them.

Although I've been told there is an Alex Jones segment during which he severely chastises me for being against the Second Amendment, I'm actually a fairly strong supporter. Obviously, others won't think that I am any kind of supporter because I always presume – as is true of cars, airplanes, home-garden pesticides, and household appliances – that the "unreasonable" qualifier is self-apparent and pertinent. In the same way that there are reasonable rules and restrictions on cars, there should be reasonable restrictions on guns. They should be minimal.

I understand the concerns that we don't live in "reasonable" times during which concerned citizens and politicians (can) discuss issues and negotiate compromises. Thus, a pro-gun advocate can, as can any advocate of any position, argue against any limitation or restriction. This is the case as it is now in so many ways. In the long run, I fear that this is not just self-defeating but unhealthy for us all.

I like guns, although I haven't shot any in a while. When I lived in Vermont, we used to go out shooting all the time. I was a friend of a number of hunters, still some of the few folks I've ever met who were absolutely comfortable going off into the wilderness for days at a time (not always to hunt). They didn't simply understand but lived by the functioning of natural and ecological systems. But my support is not simply because I enjoy guns.

There are two main reasons. The First Amendment is as simply stated as the Second Amendment, although it covers an astonishing range of some of the most important issues regarding the rights of citizens. It states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Like many readers, I take this to mean, among other things, the strictest separation of church and state. Such separation seems an absolutely crucial necessity for a multiracial, multicultural, multireligious country. Yet all the provision actually says is, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof …." Interpreting it the way I do, and would argue is the right way to interpret it, requires some generosity of thought toward the words and their meaning. Those who believe that the idea of being in a "militia" as pertinent to the Second Amendment's guarantee of the right for all citizens to bear arms are not approaching it with anywhere near the same generosity.

The most obvious reason to be against banning or overly restricting gun-ownership is that our history has made it all too clear that prohibitions don't work. At their worst, they take large numbers of otherwise reasonable, honest, and good citizens and criminalize them. This is not just an injustice to these citizens but damages, often extensively, the strength and workings of the whole social fiber.

An aside here: Sometime back in the Sixties, I remember Allen Ginsberg commenting that pot, regardless of your take as to its expanding consciousness, is relatively harmless unless you also want to outlaw driving, fried foods, Twinkies, and breathing the air in cities. He argued that, if it then was still made illegal, distribution systems for it would spring up throughout the suburbs and even rural areas. Since these distribution systems were for pot, given the unreasonableness of the ban on it and the relative safety and real pleasure of smoking it, they would spread widely. Ginsberg went on to argue that logically, sooner or later, all other kinds of drugs would move through these same networks, proving a suburban and rural plague. Unfortunately, this proved prophetic.

It is time to legalize marijuana for so many reasons, including common human decency.

We live in an era where all too many, even those who most strenuously oppose big government, look for their mores and values to be imposed on all by blanketing legislation. In every case – choice, animal rights, the death penalty, homosexual rights, illegal immigrants, religious privileging – advocates don't believe they are imposing their morality on others but that instead they are supporting values as solid as the rock of ages – concrete morality for all humankind.

The conflicts thus created can be intriguing. How do those who are obsessed with illegal immigration, regarding it as one of this country's most serious crises, resolve opposing universal IDs, the most logical way to deal with the problem in the long run?

Others insist that anyone who disagrees with them is corrupt, evil, and/or being manipulated. Can't there be honest disagreement in the ongoing discussion about global warming, rather than accusations that knowingly corrupt scientists, on one side or the other, are engaged in a deliberate conspiracy to manipulate the masses or ignore unpleasant scientific reality?

Read some of the posts on the *Chronicle* website (**austinchronicle.com**). Disagreement over particular issues justifies the most

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Office Closed July 4

The *Chronicle* offices will be closed for the Independence Day holiday on Friday, July 4, and will reopen for regular business hours Monday, July 7.

Oops!

Due to an editing error, the News story "Cops Walk in Round Rock Shooting" reported last week that the Round Rock Police Department took over mental-health duties in 2005 when in fact it was the Williamson Co. Sheriff's Office that did so. The *Chronicle* regrets the error.

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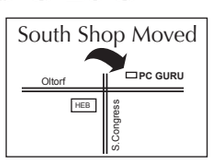

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Friday, October 24, 2008	8PM	MO ROCCA
Saturday, November 01, 2008	8PM	SWEENEY TODD
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vicious, aggressive accusations; personal specific insults; and verbal assaults. The Constitution is all about compromise. It is not about extremes and very consciously opposes the imposition of one overwhelming, towering political, moral, or social agenda.

Enough. This column advocates nothing but the legalization of pot. Okay, that – and rational interactions among citizens in which disagreements are treated as principled, rather than absolutist and corruptly motivated.

In the early Seventies, I lived in a small town in Southern Vermont while student-teaching at a middle school in Bellows Falls, a mill town about 10 miles north of my home. Every morning and early evening, I made the commute through some quite spectacular scenery. The very first day, I vowed that I would never get to the point where I took the stunning views for granted and I would always be conscious of how lucky I was to travel this vista. Now, I'm pretty sure I never managed "always" – but routinely, going or coming, I'd take a minute away from whatever else I was brooding over, just to soak it all in with focused appreciation.

All of us too often miss the forest for the trees. Speaking just for myself, I eat without tasting; I walk outdoors without enjoying the wonders of breathing and seeing and the like.

The greatest of ongoing daily pleasures in my life are the people I am lucky enough to work with all the time. Not just all the folks at the *Chronicle* and South by Southwest, but all the other people I get to interact with just in the course of doing business. The wonder of Austin is people. This is something that I never forget and never take for granted.

Working with me can't be easy, so I'm especially appreciative of all those at the *Chronicle* and SXSW who I regularly work with, whether or not we ever interact. I mean this, though some of my fellow workers may find this startling, given my constant preoccupation and uneven disposition. The reality is that I couldn't be more proud of and thrilled by the people I get to do whatever it is I do with, and absolutely, life-lucky, daily struck-by-lightning-gifted to get to be involved in what we all produce together. (Admittedly, writing posts full of false allegations and imaginatively nasty name-calling is probably more rewarding, but I wouldn't know.)

Right now this is relevant because Carol Flagg, who has worked at the *Chronicle* for the past seven years, most recently as advertising director, is leaving us. Carol is not only the best there is at her job, constantly going above and beyond the most unreasonable expectations, but is a continually fun, intriguing, challenging, annoying presence – I can't imagine what it will be like here with Carol gone. Next column, I'll welcome our new ad director – but for this one, I just want Carol to know that the whole staff's best wishes and deepest gratitude go with her as she is off for new adventures. Yes, Carol, you will be missed. And in so many ways. ■

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Problems at Tecolote Farm

Dear Editor,

I was wondering how to broadcast attention about the Tecolote Farm situation in Manor. Apparently, their well has been sucked dry as a result of some nearby project to water some athletic fields. If this is true and the operation of this great farm is at risk, what could we do to help this situation (and encourage our reputation as a city supportive of smart urban development)?

Tom Grzinich

People's Rights

Dear Editor,

Regarding Lydia Crafts' article "Manor Road Housing Project Looking for a Home" [News, June 20], Frank Fernandez states, "There is a savagely acute need for this type of [transitional] housing in our community." There is no shortage in my community: We have identified 11 "transitional" and "group homes" on a one-mile stretch of Loyola Lane with upward of 12 people crammed into each "single-family" home! I challenge anyone who supports this development to find even one such facility on Redbud Lane, Enfield, Escarpment Boulevard, Bee Caves Road, or any other street in the more affluent neighborhoods of Austin.

If Fernandez and the city of Austin really care about providing quality affordable-housing options for the diverse nature of our at-risk citizens, they would focus on spreading treatment programs and transitional housing developments throughout the entire city, not just centralizing them in one area in an attempt to create a "social services ghetto."

As stated by Arthur Sampson, "People of low income have a right to a high quality of life." I agree, and in providing that quality of life, we must also develop housing options in stable environments that are close to jobs, family, positive role models, etc. Just because someone lives in low-income housing does not automatically mean they want to live only on the Eastside.

The Dallas-based Inclusive Communities Project Inc. says in a lawsuit that the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has allowed most of the local apartment complexes financed with housing tax credits to be built in urban areas with high concentrations of poverty, crime, and blight. Please see "Group Sues, Says Housing Program Perpetuates Segregation," *The Dallas Morning News*, April 24.

Shame on the leaders of Austin for sacrificing one neighborhood in an attempt to deal with a systemic issue the entire city should be proac-

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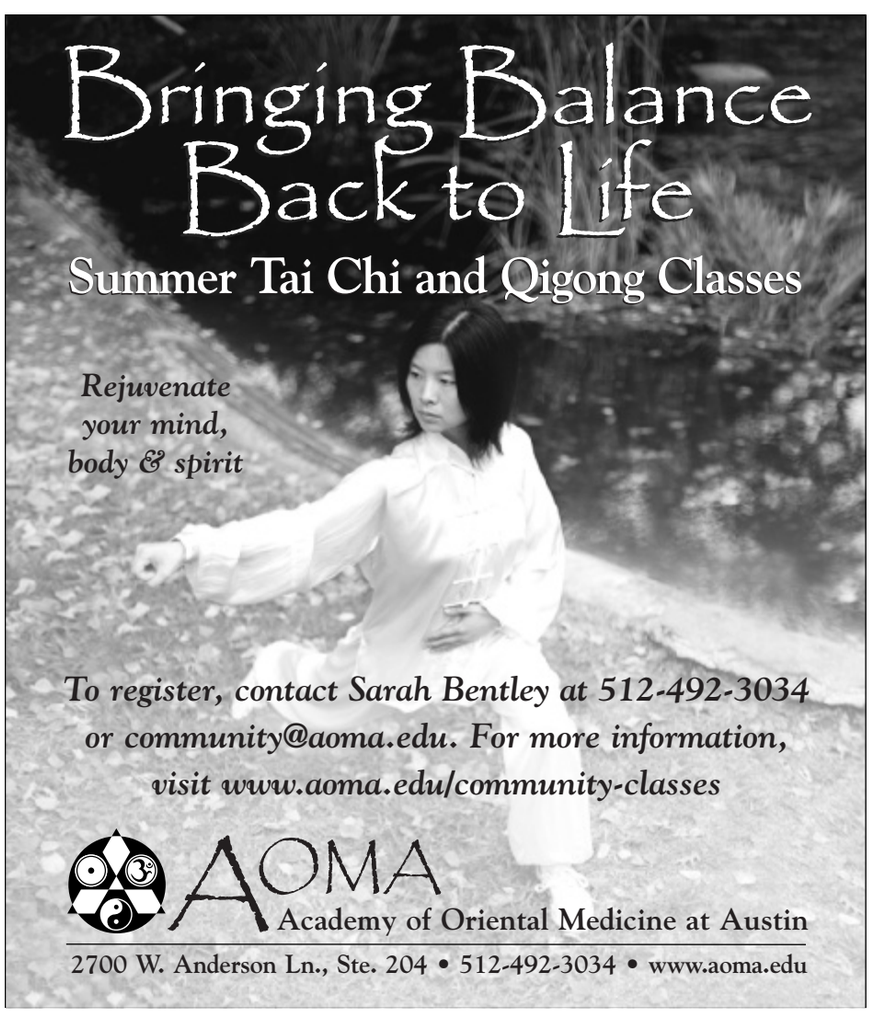

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tively dealing with! Back up your beliefs with actions by spreading the "diversity" we are so proud of throughout the entire city!

Rob Crumley
Resident of University Hills

Failing Because of City

Dear Editor,

[RE: "(Further) Beside the Point," News, June 20] The 23rd Street Artists' Market (it has not been called Renaissance for some time) once enjoyed a national reputation for quality handcrafted items, attracted thousands of tourists, and gave a wide variety of artisans a venue at which they were able to make a living. It is shameful for a city that so loudly touts its support of musicians to so completely ignore other forms of artistry. Decades of neglect by the Austin City Council, the Austin Police Department, and the Austin Parks & Recreation Department are instrumental in the slow, sad decline to the "glass and bead" market it is today.

It is the duty of the City Council to appoint commissioners.

APD and Parks Police could never agree on which department had the job of policing the market. It was a no (law) man's zone for years. I know; I was a vendor there for several years. I left after an incident where I called the APD to subdue a man who was aggressively threatening another vendor. The man was arrested, came back several hours later, stood less than 10 inches away from me, and threatened me with graphic bodily harm. I called APD and, three hours later, no officer. This incident was in no way unique or infrequent. It was also not unusual for customers to witness things such as, but not limited to, knife fights, (very) public urination, profanity in the presence of young children, and aggressive panhandling.

Reader COMMENT of the Week

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On the fight for Northcross Mall:

"This whole thing has been one huge incredible waste of everyone's time and attention and the citizen's money – not to mention spawning that boil that is Jason Meeker. Everyone involved, including Wal-Mart and Lincoln, should have to march down to the city hall amphitheater, publicly express their sincere regrets and apologies, and then take forty lashes." – Guest

"Northcross Wal-Mart Size Cut in Half"
Newsdesk blog, June 24

Vendors and customers left and never returned. Changes proposed by the artisans and/or the commissioners to remedy these and other problems were cited as being too time-consuming for the staff of the Parks Department to implement. I know; I was at the monthly meetings for more than a year. Yet this is the same department that City Council proposes to directly oversee the market? Hmm. Here's an alternate idea: Why don't we do some research, look at other successful markets in the country, and find a solution that will benefit the market and the artisans?

Thank you,
Kat Allison

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

Pride Should Be Outrageous!

Dear Editor,

What a shame. What a surprise! Austin's Gay Pride Parade is being driven by homophobic assimilationists. Thanks to the "Respectable Street" article [June 13], we queers do not have to wonder what agenda the lonely three Pride organizers and their Chamber of Commerce have up their sleeves. A benign, family-oriented event that caters to gay consumerist culture. Paving the way for newer, more digestible, commercialized gay identity. Secretly setting up barriers of race, class, and expression.

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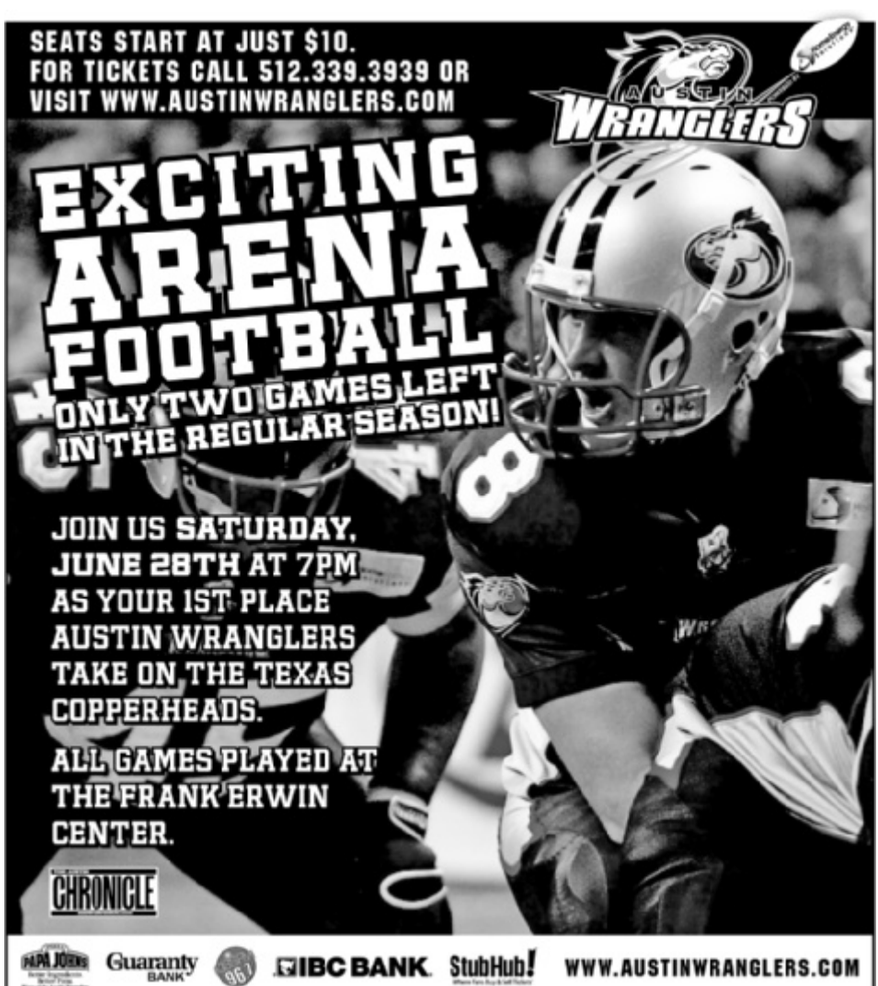

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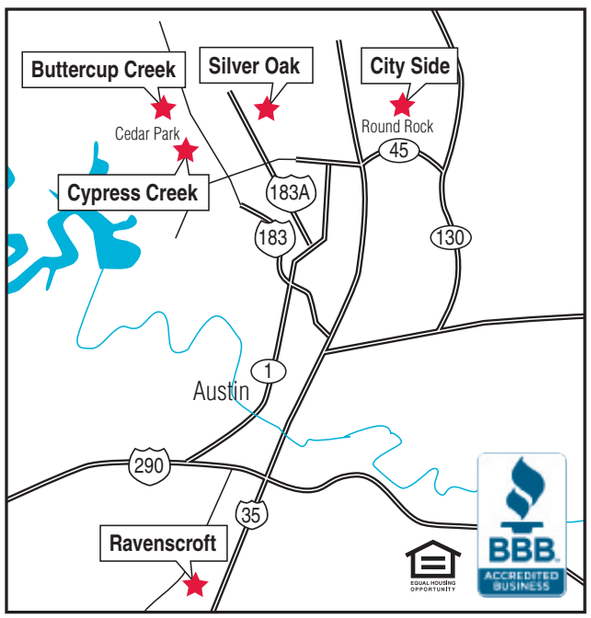

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Dearest Gratias, it is a matter of acceptance. If you're concerned with the children's well-being, remember this: Discrimination is the struggle. Acceptance is respect. Ripping a community in half based on looks or "outrageous behavior" for "normal" status is not what our children should be learning. We've come too far for homophobic comments from homos. Really.

Have your parade. Maybe we'll come. But leave the hateful, discriminatory jargon out of it.

We are queer. We are not like heterosexuals. And it's an amazing feeling.

Scott Tankersley

[Gay Place Editor Kate X Messer responds: Dear Scott, here at the Chronicle *we have a custom called the "Norwegian Rule," which basically states that if you think something is a good idea, you should do it. And in the case of your letter, you should. If you feel that Pride should be more expressive, you have the power. Make it so.]*

He Owns the Property in Question

Dear Editor,

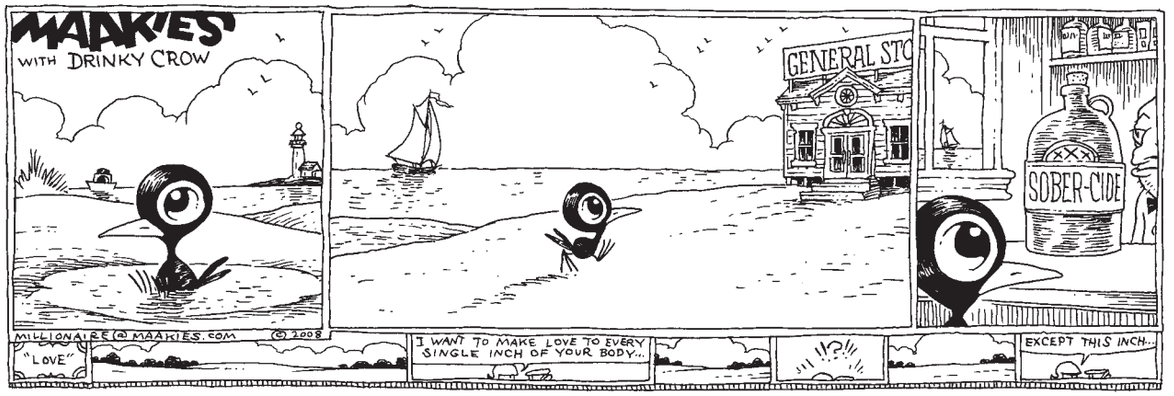
The article, "Manor Road Housing Project Looking for a Home" [News, June 20] ends with with the following: "'People of low income have a right to a high quality of life,' said Arthur Sampson, a veteran who lives 600 feet from the park and supports the project."

Could this be the very same Arthur Sampson who owns the property in question and not just a random area resident, as the article implies? Mr. Sampson has every right to his opinion, but I sincerely hope that reporter Lydia Crafts and *The Austin Chronicle* would not deliberately omit such an important detail.

By the way, as a Windsor Park resident overrun by similar housing and hoping for a bit of property appreciation, I propose that Tarrytown would actually make the more ideal "high quality of life" site for this project.

Karina Cubilla

[Editor Michael King responds: Community Partnership for the Homeless has indeed confirmed that Arthur Sampson is the landowner of the tract proposed for its Manor Road housing project. We thank Karina Cubilla for calling that information to our attention; we were unaware of it when we published our story on the project.]



Review More Than One's Own Psyche

Dear Editor,

Well, Marc Savlov reviewed *The Happening* [Film Listings, June 20]. It had to (sorry about this) happen. Trouble is, he did one of his patented "If Hollywood had had the sense to hire *me* as a director, I'd have done it differently – and it would have been better!" reviews.

I've been reading the *Chronicle* for years, and I get so bloody *tired* of those director-wannabe reviews from him. It's gotten to the point where a bad review from him tells me I really need to see that movie.

So, I saw *The Happening* today. Yes, M. Night Shyamalan is a one- (or maybe two-) hit wonder, and yes, *The Happening* is definitely *not* one of those hits; but Savlov's review is so full of his own issues about not being a film director that the movie itself, bad or good, is hidden behind his stream of bitterness.

It would be nice if you had a lead reviewer who reviewed the movies, and not his own psyche.

Tom Davis

The New Texas Panhandling

Dear Editor,

I love Texas, but it seems wrong that Gov. Perry is asking for "donations" to rebuild the Governor's Mansion, which has been bought and paid for by taxpayers who've already "donated." I might be more sympathetic to Perry's privileged panhandling if the state didn't have the largest surplus it's ever had on record and we weren't paying for his $9,900/month rental home in the Barton Creek Country Club.

I'm sure the oil, insurance, and banking companies who've had the last eight years to torch Texas taxpayers' pockets and/or actually debt them out of their homes will gladly find a way to contribute. All in goodwill of course!

I do wonder, however, whether or not Perry's request for alms would fall within the proposed city ordinances for panhandling or, more importantly, whether the governor would consider staying a night at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless to experience what being truly homeless is like.

Ryan Duran

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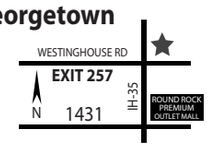

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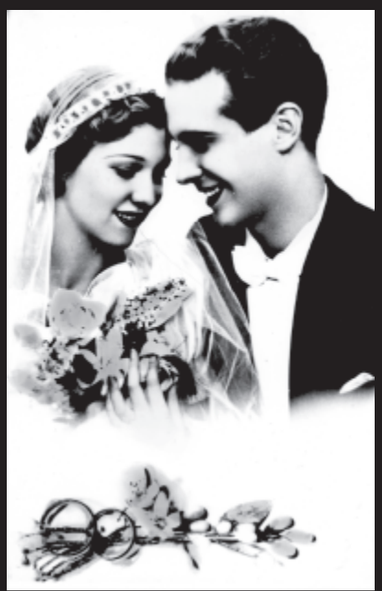

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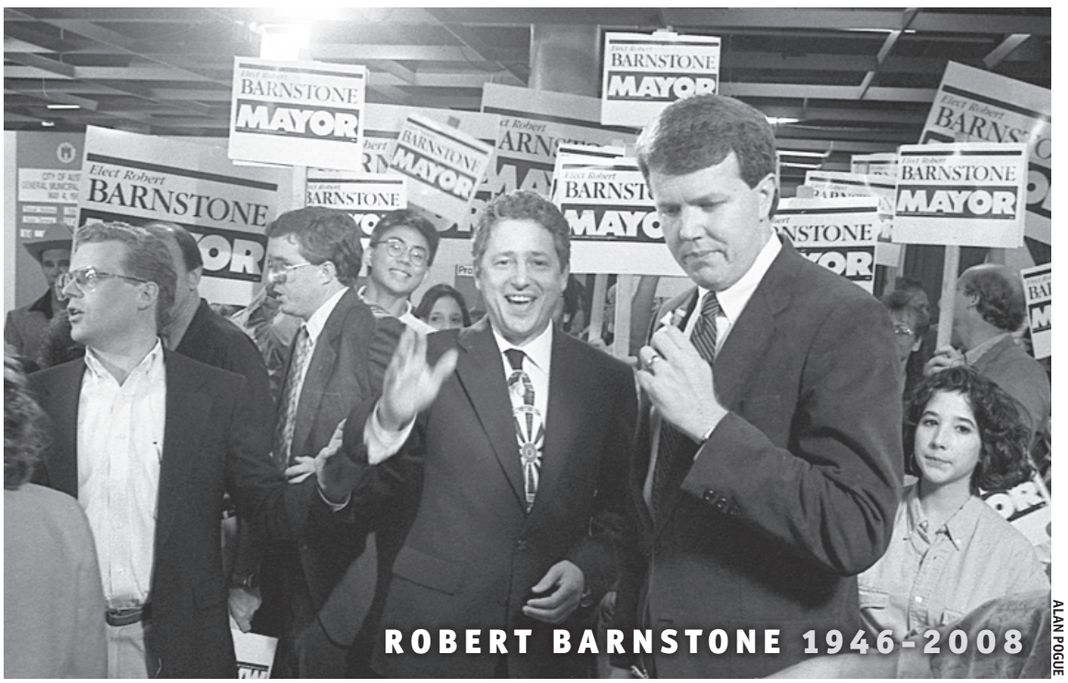


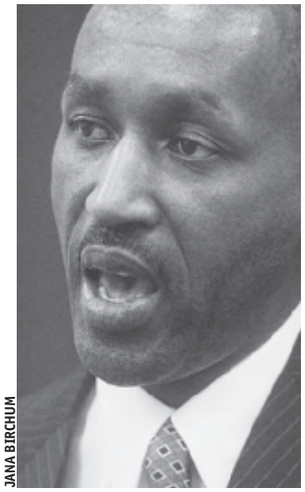
ALAN POGUE

Former City Council Member Robert Barnstone died June 22, after fighting the emotional and physical effects of a stroke he suffered last July. Barnstone was an urban developer before urban development was cool. At a time when developers were creating cheap sprawl, much of it atop environmentally sensitive terrain, Barnstone commenced to build up, not out, in his quest to turn Downtown into a 24-hour city. After serving on council from 1988 to 1990 – an era of environmental awakening in Austin – Barnstone narrowly lost a mayoral bid in 1991. Here he is shown the night of his election defeat, poignantly waving goodbye. ***– Amy Smith***

HEADLINES

- Welcome aboard! New Council Members **Randi Shade** and **Laura Morrison**, along with returning incumbent **Lee Leffingwell**, were sworn in Wednesday at City Hall, as the new council forms in time to take its summer hiatus – and starts to get its arms around next year's budget.
- Not such a big box after all: **Wal-Mart** and **Lincoln Properties** announced Monday that the planned supercenter at **Northcross**, vigorously opposed by nearby neighborhoods, will be scaled back to under 100,000 square feet, with no immediate timeline for construction. See "Wal-Mart Puts Smiley Faces on Neighbors," p.23.
- The state **Sunset Advisory Commission** grilled Department of Public Safety officials over inefficient and inadequate management Tuesday in the wake of the fire at the Governor's Mansion – while an open records request for the fire-night video was withheld on grounds that it might provide security info to "terrorists." Right. See "DPS Turns to Secret Service for Security Advice," p.17.
- The U.S. Senate prepared to approve the **Foreign Intelligent Surveillance Act** amendments this week, following last week's House vote that would expand the president's authority for warrantless wiretapping. As of Wednesday, there was growing opposition in the Senate, which may at least delay passage. See "Point Austin," right.
- Should the **Transit Working Group** be rechristened the Transit Sleeping Group? While gas prices skyrocket – and transit ridership correspondingly soars nationally – the city of Austin has stonewalled on getting new transit options before the voters. (By comparison, the Houston City Council last week approved an agreement for their Metropolitan Transit Authority to build five light-rail lines on Houston streets. Both Fort Worth and Dallas are planning downtown streetcar projects.) At the TWG's May 5 meeting – nearly eight weeks ago – the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization finally adopted a detailed Transportation Investment Decision Tree by which to evaluate transit proposals. Since then: silence. The city of Austin – supposedly hot to get CAMPO approval for a **Downtown streetcar** – had known for six months it would need to submit a detailed proposal. Yet it had no rough-draft proposal ready for review when the TWG was finally ready to receive it. And still doesn't. Council won't even take up the matter again until July 24. Where's the sense of urgency once championed by Mayor Will Wynn? Why isn't transit a priority of council as a whole? Why aren't the people being allowed the chance to green-light new transit choices in November? Despite CAMPO Chair Kirk Watson's cited TWG goal of increased "public transparency and accountability," the citizens have no good answers. Other than politics as usual.

– Katherine Gregor



JANA BIRCHUM

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I'm certainly responsible so that this doesn't occur again."

– City Manager Marc Ott, quoted in a *Statesman* editorial criticizing his firing of the city communications director for failing to tell him about the widely reported fire at the Governor's Mansion

NAKED CITY

- This week, the **Live Music Task Force** convenes to discuss its most controversial issue – decibel limits and sound levels for music venues. Today (Thursday, June 26), the task force's sound subcommittee will discuss "issues of sound control and enforcement of sound ordinances" for the second time, and if previous discussions offer any indication, expect irate homeowners wanting to mute the music to dominate the meeting – unless musicians, clubgoers, and live-music fans show up and speak up. The meeting runs 6-8pm at City Hall, 301 W. Second; arrive before the meeting to sign in and address the task force during citizen communications. For more info, visit **www.cityofaustin.org/council/livemusictaskforce.htm**. *– Wells Dunbar*
- After tilting at landfills for what seems like eons, the Hutto Citizens Group may finally advance in its uphill quest to quell a plan by trash giant **Waste Management of Texas Inc.** to expand the **Williamson Co. Regional Landfill** 700 feet skyward and 373 acres out. HCG will host a public forum this week to "receive input regarding a proposed cure for the problems which continue to plague the … landfill," according to an HCG press release. The proposed cure would be for the county to sell the landfill outright, provided "mandatory terms and conditions acceptable to the public are met," according to Jeff Maurice, chair of the HCG Landfill Committee. HCG recommends a 70-foot height limit, 1,000-foot buffer zones, mandatory recycling and composting, and space for public and commercial purposes. The specs echo the business model of Waste Management rival, Texas Disposal

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POINT AUSTIN

Burning Questions

And we wonder why nobody votes

BY MICHAEL KING

Hoo, boy. It's not a great moment for representative government.

Closest to home, our new city manager has egg all over his face for his response to the June 8 fire at the Governor's Mansion, of which he apparently wasn't aware until sometime the next afternoon. City Manager Marc Ott was reportedly sequestered with visiting family that Sunday, and if he managed to keep all the relatives from turning on the TV during that reunion, he's a better man than I am. I happened to be on the East Coast that weekend, and news of the mansion fire was virtually unavoidable, broadcast or online. But Ott didn't learn of it until sometime Monday – with the result that Gene Acuña, the city's public information director, got burned by the end of the week, when Ott asked him to resign for this and other reported failings.

I don't know Acuña well (one of the first principles of reporting is to dodge the flacks and go directly to the sources as often as possible), but he's always been prompt and professional in our infrequent interactions. One surmises that Ott's decision reflects a broader dissatisfaction with the city's public information practices – and certainly signals his determination to take direct control of his administration. But even if that's the case, calling headline attention to his own inattention to the most basic Austin daily news was the least sensible way of going about it. He's taking a deserved (if not exactly measured) beating in the *Statesman* and in the online postings devoted to all things second-guessing. The moment certainly marks the formal end of his newcomer honeymoon.

Welcome to Austin, Mr. Ott. Strike One.

As for Acuña, we can only wish him well, with the expectation that he should land on his feet in a similar position before too long. He can take some unlikely comfort in knowing that, thus far, he's the only official to lose his job in the ritual finger-pointing over the lack of security at the mansion – although he had absolutely nothing to do with it, and it's abundantly clear that those who were responsible have made his mistakes look like flyspecks. In addition, acting Fire Chief Jim Evans also took some heat from Ott for not notifying him of the blaze, although Evans was a trifle busy at the time, and by all accounts the Fire Department performed admirably in saving what it could.

The Fire This Time

That brings us to the next level of responsibility: the Texas Department of Public Safety and, more generally, state government. To its credit, after an initial fear that the post-fire re-

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examination would take place behind closed doors, the Public Safety Commission has begun airing the department's dirty laundry and acknowledging that, yes, there were major lapses in security – broken or unused alarms and cameras, inadequate staffing and training, slow response time – that made the arson much easier to accomplish, if not actually more likely. And thus far, the dubious high point of the "investigation" has been an invitation to the cargo-pants arsonist to turn himself in, in order to deliver whatever his anti-government "message" might be directly to the authorities.

Good luck with that.

While they're poking around, the investigators might ask just who was responsible for ignoring troopers' requests for additional overtime guards while faulty cameras were being repaired or replaced. The initial reports say DPS administrators clucked that additional guards would cost too much, with a ballpark estimate of $100,000 for overtime (also acknowledging that the troopers' overall numbers are roughly 250 short of full force). That may be true – but it's also likely that the DPS honchos were looking over their shoulders to the Capitol, where the legislative interim directives from Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, and Speaker Tom Craddick routinely mandate that state agencies arbitrarily cut their proposed budgets by 5 to 10%, regardless of the needs of a growing state.

Let's consider that basic math. The state was engaged in a $10 million renovation of the uninhabited mansion, also a state and national historic landmark, and could afford only one distracted guard for nighttime duty. For lack of $100,000, the city and state have now spent millions in dousing a catastrophic fire and anticipate spending at least $100 million more to rebuild and restore the burned ruins. Will anybody take the lesson that arbitrary, ideologically driven budget-cutting of state resources – public safety, public health, public schools, higher education, etc., etc. – is penny-wise and pound-foolish?

Don't hold your breath.

Constitutional Conflagration

Moving another step higher, last week saw the capitulation of the "Democrat-controlled" Congress in delivering to the White House yet another victory in its determination to rewrite the Constitution and expand presidential power to what it calls "unitary" authority (aka the Nixon Doctrine): If the president does it, it can't be against the law. In what the Democratic leadership insists is a "compromise," the House adopted amendments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that both expand the authority of the president to order the warrantless wiretapping and e-mail monitoring of American citizens and effectively give *retroactive* immunity to those telecom corporations who previously broke surveillance laws because the government asked them to do so. As Glenn Greenwald has pointed out at exhaustive length in *Salon*, while the Dem leadership insists it fought the good fight and won important "concessions," the White House and the entire GOP are unanimously (and accurately) crowing over their "victory."

Although a majority of House Dems (128) voted against the measure (House Resolution 6304), 105 of their colleagues joined 188 Republicans to mutilate the Constitution in fear of being called "soft on terrorism" in an election year. (As Greenwald tartly put it: "Surrendering and fearful: that's the face of the Democratic Party. It's how they show they're not weak.") As we went to press this week, the Senate is expected – after a ritual bloviation – to follow suit.

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Austin Rep. Lloyd Doggett, who voted against the measure, succinctly described the results: "It is more concession than compromise. … I voted against the repeated leveraging of fear by an administration that has desecrated our Constitution, debased our values, and undermined our freedoms. … Fear of being portrayed as weak on terrorism has again and again blocked our efforts to provide a congressional majority to check excessive presidential power."

As I said, not a great moment for representative government. This week, bad news is pretty much all I've got. ■

For more on Ott, Acuña, and other public embarrassments, see "Beside the Point," at right. If you have burning questions or comments, e-mail **mking@austinchronicle.com**.

BESIDE THE POINT

Queimada!

BY WELLS DUNBAR

Poor **Gene Acuña**.

Of all the indignities newly resigned Director of Communications Acuña suffered in the run-up to City Manager **Marc Ott**'s call for his dismissal, the greatest had nothing to do with neglecting to inform his bosses of the Governor's Mansion fire or scheduling a press conference at the same time the **Green Water Treatment Plant** redevelopers were selected. Not by a long shot.

Instead, about a week ago, he was facing down e-mails addressed to Ott from outgoing Mayor Pro Tem **Betty Dunkerley**'s secretary, Suzie Harriman, henpecking him to send out a citywide e-mail about Dunkerley's retirement party – in contradiction of policy prohibiting such personal messages. To clarify said policy, the supremely helpful Harriman begins by stating, "This morning I called **Toby Futrell**," nearly the most cringe-worthy six words Ott could imagine (just below, "Have you read Alberta Phillips today?").

Like other unsolicited e-mails, Ott deflected this one to Acuña, asking for his comment before proceeding. No wonder in his June 12 memo upbraiding Acuña for not informing city leadership on the mansion fire, Ott otherwise praised his performance, calling his ball-dropping "lack of performance an anomaly."

Of course he praised him. Wouldn't you want your own human spam filter?

But June 18, the day of the council's Green decision, Acuña made another fatal error, also preserved in e-mail. While not mentioning Acuña's decision to schedule a press conference announcing Chief Information Officer **Pete Collins**' indefinite suspension and police investigation (when it rains, it pours, eh?) at 3:45pm – the same time Mayor **Will Wynn** had earlier affirmed that council would make the Green announcement — Ott was irked at the lack of media attention for the development decision. Acuña explained most TV stations have 4pm deadlines for 5pm broadcasts; with council scheduling its decision for late afternoon, it was unlikely to be big news. "Ok. … However, it sounds like the Mayor was advised otherwise. Anyway, there was no way that Green could have been decided any sooner," wrote Ott. "I understand," Acuña replied. "And there's no way to argue otherwise. I also know that you are in a tough spot … and I put you there. That was never my intention." The next day, June 19, Acuña tendered his resignation, offering Ott thanks "for the honor of assisting you during your transition."

The *Statesman* reported over the weekend that Ott canned Acuña for dereliction with regards to the mansion fire. But it was certainly curious that Ott admitted in print that, entertaining visiting family, he was unaware of the blaze until Monday morning – what, do the Otts vacation in the Amish country? Instead, it was Wynn – not his city manager – out of town at the time and sandbagged with the news, who lost the most face. Plus, Wynn – an outgoing mayor who'll be most remembered for the development boom Downtown – certainly couldn't have been happy with the Collins fracas taking center stage on Green's big day (although reports have both Wynn and Ott flabbergasted by the scheduling).

It's fitting Toby Futrell makes a peripheral appearance in this drama, as Ott was brought aboard as the anti-Toby: a low-profile figure content to cede the stage to the mayor and council – and, from what it looks like with this firing, to take the heat for them from time to time. For even after the flames were out, there still was a fire smoldering Downtown.

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So what the hell *didn't* happen last week? **Trammell Crow** got the Green nod; Dunkerley's **"visitability"** rules requiring future homes to be more accessible to the disabled passed, minus a more controversial, expensive provision; an interim update of Austin's moldering **Comprehensive Plan** for growth was approved, as were changes to the city process of determining eligibility for Planned Unit Development zoning for mega-projects like the Domain or the Concordia campus redevelopment, with an 11th-hour change from **Brewster McCracken** over calculating affordable housing (allowing developers to either make it a percentage of the overall development size or a set number of units). For their final meeting, Dunkerley and **Jennifer Kim** went out on if not a high note, then a long diminuendo. With the new council's inauguration having just occurred yesterday, June 25, the gang's on summer break, not to take to the dais until July 24. Enjoy the break, fellas – BTP certainly will! ■

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Systems, a vocal HCG ally. HCG acquired another powerful ally, the Hutto City Council, when WMI recently announced it would commence importing 100,000 tons of waste annually from Killeen to WilCo in its march to establish a regional garbage fiefdom. HCG has called for a mid-July workshop for city and county officials to hash out their trash issues. Privatizing the landfill is a relatively new idea, because, says Maurice, citizens have expected that, with public ownership, the county would ensure accountability in landfill design and operation. "Obviously, that theory didn't work," he said. The public forum is scheduled for 7pm, Monday, June 30, at Hutto Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 402 Church St. For more info, see **www.huttocitizensgroup.org**. – *Patricia J. Ruland*

Score one for Real Estate Council of Austin, zero for the **Design Commission**. City Council last week approved an updated **planned unit development** ordinance, which defines specific public-benefits criteria that a developer must meet to win "superior" PUD zoning. But staff softened the language on design criteria and some community benefits, in part to win the support of **Real Estate Council of Austin** representatives on a stakeholder group. For example, the already-mild affordable housing requirements were based on just the residential portion of a project, not the commercial and other mixed-use portions. On the dais, Brewster McCracken pushed through a last-minute change to allow calculation of affordable housing based on total units, not square feet – over Mike Martinez's heated objections to the developer-friendly concession. By contrast, council ignored late-entry Design Commission recommendations for changes. A Design Commission letter to council sent June 16 – they'd received the final ordinance only on June 13 – recommended that "a broad team of City reviewers (Transportation/Environmental/Planning/Affordable Housing/Neighborhood) should be assembled in order to review PUD proposals at the onset and assess their adherence to the larger goals of the city." It also set forth a recommended list of submittal requirements – a context analysis, an urban design plan, a 3-D model or similar study – and continued, "Requiring a more detailed submittal with focus on urban design … will most likely result in zoning that can be deemed 'superior.'" Council turned a deaf ear. The real test will be in the application: Council reserved the case-by-case right to waive any aspect of the "superior" requirements it just defined. Projects currently in city review (but grandfathered): South Shore District PUD, Riverfield PUD, Dell Jewish Community Center, West 71 Office Park, and Wildflower Commons. – *K.G.*

Along with the record-setting heat of late comes **record-setting energy use**: According to an Austin Energy press release, the utility set an "all-time peak demand record" last week when it pumped 2,446 megawatts of electricity into Austin homes and businesses on Tuesday, June 17 – and then a day later, it beat its own record with a high of 2,461 MW, followed by yet a new high on Thursday of 2,466 MW. Most summers, such peak-demand records are set during peak-demand months – August and September. Not so this year. While not so delusional as to suggest customers turn off their air conditioners, AE does suggest turning off other things in an attempt to maintain the "generation reserve" of power so that we'll still have plenty of juice when the dreaded peak months do arrive. AE recommends turning off "any unused lights or appliances such as microwave ovens, televisions and VCR type equipment" between 3 and 7pm and adds, "If all 345,000 Austin Energy residential customers turned off just two 40-watt light bulbs, the energy saved would be sufficient to power 3,000 homes." Notably, such steps also save money on utility bills and help offset the need to build new power plants, which is nice. – *Nora Ankrum*

At Monday night's **Design Commission** meeting, longtime member and spiritual leader **Girard Kinney** announced that he will retire in July. As a commissioner, Kinney's role was to assist council "in developing public policy and to promote excellence in the design and development of the urban environment." Said Kinney, "Thank you for the privilege of having served on the Design Commission for 10 years." In not seeking reappointment, he cited a need to focus on his architectural practice after so many years of unpaid civic service. "Girard's tireless public service and advocacy for innovative design and planning principles will have a lasting impact as Austin develops. He has been a role model to the design community, and his voice on the Design Commission will be sorely missed," said fellow commissioner and architect Richard Weiss. Council is eliminating all "consensus" appointment positions, such as Kinney's, from all boards and commissions at the end of July; going forward, the groups will have just seven appointees, one from each council member. – *K.G.*

BEYOND CITY LIMITS

On June 23, by a vote of 8-1, the **U.S. Supreme Court** ruled that Texas must provide **counsel to indigent defendants** upon arrest and not wait until indictment. Upon review of *Rothgery v. Gillespie County*, justices deemed Texas to be out of step nationally. "We merely reaffirm what we have held before and what an overwhelming majority of American jurisdictions understand in practice: a criminal defendant's initial appearance before a judicial officer, where he learns the charge against him and his liberty is subject to restriction, marks the start of adversary judicial proceedings that trigger … the Sixth Amendment right to counsel," wrote Justice David Souter for the majority. Justice Clarence Thomas was the lone dissent. In 2004, the **Texas Fair Defense Project** filed the case in federal court in Austin, which granted Gillespie Co. summary judgment. TFDP then took the appeal all the way to the Supreme Court. Monday's decision is significant because currently "indigent defendants are denied appointed counsel until they are indicted, which could come weeks or months after an arrest and initial appearance," says a TFDP release. Such delays in receiving counsel "could cause defendants to have a much harder time putting together their defense," TFDP Director Andrea Marsh told the *Chronicle*. Walter Allen Rothgery of Fredericksburg, erroneously charged with illegal possession of a firearm after a database incorrectly tagged him as a convicted felon, was denied counsel for six months before the charges were dropped. According to TFDP, after indictment, "Mr. Rothgery's lawyer was quickly able to obtain paperwork that showed Mr. Rothgery was not a felon, and the charges were dismissed" – by which point Rothgery had already spent three weeks in jail. – *P.J.R.*

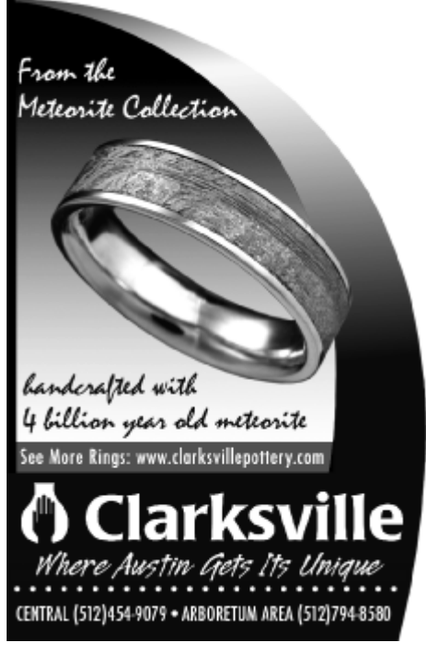
JOE AZZATO

Volunteers Dawn Perkins (l) and Mason Scull (r), with team member William Hardin

Most of the players on Austin's homeless soccer team have never boarded a plane, much less traveled outside of Texas. But this weekend, the six-member team, called the Entourage, will head to Washington, D.C., to represent Texas for the first time in the Homeless USA Cup. The team has been diligently practicing at St. David's Episcopal Church gym for several months in preparation for the tournament. Entourage coach Sabelyn Pussman said only one person on the team had previously played soccer. She selected the players for the tournament based on their commitment to practices and motivation to make changes in their personal lives. "For me it's been exciting to watch them grow and see how it translates for them outside the gym, just in terms of making simple choices about things, whether it's cutting down on smoking or getting an ID," said Pussman. The Homeless USA Cup is organized by Street Soccer USA, a national network of grassroots soccer teams that provided a grant to help Entourage participate in the tournament. Participants in the Homeless USA Cup also have a chance of being selected for the national team that will compete in the Homeless World Cup in Australia next December. – *Lydia Crafts*

Mayor Will Wynn was in Miami this week for the annual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, a group that's been a dynamic driver of grassroots eco-reforms, especially in its 2005 passage of the U.S. **Mayors Climate Protection Agreement**, now endorsed by more than 850 mayors. Wynn serves as the conference's energy chair and presided over the adoption of a resolution this week endorsing a 30% residential energy-efficiency improvement in the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code – as drafted by the International Code Council, which develops comprehensive national construction codes. Efficiency is seen as the single best weapon against climate change, so both mayors and greens hope to see the so-called **30% Solution** adopted when the ICC meets this September. Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope urged support for the resolution, noting that "buildings consume as much as 75% of U.S. electricity … and contribute nearly 40% of greenhouse gas emissions." The club's Cool Cities campaign, which spreads the word about the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, has enlisted 1,007 cities nationwide. Locally, Central Texas Cool Cities coordinator Terry Moore focuses on towns less progressive than Austin. Lakeway, for example, has begun looking at managing peak energy demand and urging the Pedernales Electric Cooperative to adopt some of Austin Energy's efficiency incentive programs. – *Daniel Mottola*

Speaker of the U.S. House Nancy Pelosi went on record Tuesday as supporting Edwards for **Barack Obama**'s vice presidential running mate – um, that's **Chet Edwards**, not John. "Anyone that Barack Obama wants is my choice for vice president," Pelosi told *Newsweek*. "But I do think in the list of considerations there should be somebody from the House of Representatives, and Chet Edwards is a person that many of us think would be a good person to be in the mix." Edwards is a nine-term congressman who represented Texas' 11th District – which then included Fort Hood – from 1991 to 2005 and built a loyal following among military families. In 2003, the now-disgraced, then-Majority Leader Tom DeLay targeted Edwards in his re-redistricting scheme and drew Edwards out of the 11th District and into the 17th, which stretches from near Fort Worth, through Waco, and down past College Station. Despite DeLay's effort to make the district solidly Republican, Edwards' reputation for moderation helped him beat right-wing crazy state Rep. **Arlene Wohlgemuth** in 2004, and a 2006 challenge from Van Taylor went nowhere. – *Lee Nichols*



A Dose of Integrity for Texas Criminal Justice

In late April, during a Capitol press conference in advance of a daylong meeting of stakeholders – cops, judges, lawmakers, professors of law, and exonerees – for a forum on wrongful convictions, event organizer Sen. **Rodney Ellis**, D-Houston, told reporters that the state had reached its "tipping point" and that something needed to be done to generate "concrete" and "commonsense remedies" to fix the state's much-maligned criminal justice system. Indeed, the parade of wrongfully convicted continues to march out of Texas' prisons: Thirty inmates have been exonerated by DNA since 2000, 17 of whom were prosecuted by the **Dallas Co. District Attorney's Office**, which now leads the nation in the number of men exonerated by DNA evidence. Ellis' "real hope," he told the assembled reporters, was that individuals in positions of "statewide responsibility" would now finally step up to the plate to help push for meaningful criminal justice reform.

Just over a month later, Ellis' call was answered – by a most unlikely source. On June 4, **Court of Criminal Appeals** Judge **Barbara Hervey** announced that she was spearheading the creation of a so-called **Integrity Unit** to begin to address the problems with Texas' crippled justice system. According to Hervey's official press release, she is kick-starting the unit "on behalf" of the entire CCA as a "call to action to address the growing concerns" with the system. "Although we applaud all previous studies and dialogue" regarding criminal justice problems, reads the release, "it is now time to act and move for reform." As such, Hervey said that the newly created unit would be seeking solutions to myriad problems: improving the quality of lawyers provided to indigent defendants, implementing procedures to improve eyewitness identification (an insidious problem implicated in a number of exonerations) and to eliminate improper police interrogations (to reduce false confessions), reforming standards for evidence collection and storage, and "implementing writ training," among other areas of concern.

Hervey also announced that she'd chosen a (rather tame) group of 12 individuals to begin the conversation – including Ellis, Dallas District Attorney **Craig Watkins**, El Paso D.A. **Jaime Esparza**, defense attorney **Gary Udashen**, Gov. Perry's Deputy General Counsel **Mary Anne Wiley**, and UT Law's Criminal Defense Clinic Director **Bill Allison**. The group will "focus on the strengths and the weaknesses" within the system, reads the press release, and is "not a forum for any particular group" or "one particular political party."

Hervey's "call to action" generated a slew of press – the overwhelming majority of it suggesting that the CCA and, in particular, Hervey are trailblazing crusaders – and every major daily in the state has praised the move on its opinion pages. The crew at the *Statesman* wrote, "We applaud the [CCA] for taking a big step to bring back fairness to the justice system." Still, it isn't entirely clear how the new unit will function or what, exactly, Hervey – and the court – intend to accomplish.

Indeed, the CCA has consistently been a key part of the problem with Texas' criminal justice system, through years of embarrassing decisions – like in the **Roy Criner** case, for example, where presiding Judge **Sharon Keller** opined that DNA found that would exonerate Criner was, essentially, meaningless, because he could've worn a condom when he raped his victim (Criner was eventually vindicated in federal court), or the case of **Calvin Burdine**, where the court, again led by Keller, opined that a sleeping lawyer wasn't necessarily a bad lawyer. Or, most recently, in September, when Keller arbitrarily closed the courthouse doors at 5pm, refusing to hear the final appeal of **Michael Richard**, who was then executed even though he likely would've gotten a reprieve had Keller and clan stuck around a few minutes longer.

In short, the court doesn't exactly have the best reputation and, to be fair, hasn't exactly worked overtime to earn one.

And that has led some criminal justice stakeholders to view Hervey's new crusade with skepticism. Some suggest that it is nothing more than a chance to inoculate the court from heavy and continuing criticisms – especially as the number of exonerated inmates continues to grow. Indeed, several court denizens note that the court has had plenty opportunity to correct the system by way of judicial rulings in individual cases. For example, the U.S. Supreme Court long ago acknowledged problems with eyewitness ID, yet the CCA has consistently denied relief to inmates seeking to raise such issues. The topics Hervey has selected are broad and incomplete, some charge – such as with the mandate to "implement writ training." Teaching lawyers to write better writs is fine, but improving the law covering the use of post-conviction writs – to allow better access to the courts for inmates with claims of actual innocence but without DNA evidence on their side – might be a more gritty and useful topic to explore. In sum, says one lawyer, "This is pure PR, and that's not lost on anybody."

Hervey dismisses the criticisms. "Various members of the court have been involved in various 'innocence' ideas for years," she says – Keller heads up the **Task Force on Indigent Defense**, for example, and Hervey handles the grant funding for training lawyers and judges, she notes. The court isn't seeking to wade into legislative territory with the new unit, she says, though she does hope that the group can come up with some solid recommendations to provide lawmakers in advance of the January session. And she hopes the group will be able to fix some issues with education – like, perhaps, the implementation of better eyewitness ID techniques, she says, "depending on the cooperation of law enforcement." While Hervey admits the topics aren't all-inclusive, she intends for the group to further open up the areas of discussion as they progress through their work – she says that she's heard much grumbling about the need for "writ reform," for example, but isn't sure exactly what that means. In fact, she says she's already made an "assignment" to one group member, asking that the person (unnamed) find out exactly what lawyers are "looking for and why." She says, "Don't throw rocks if you don't tell me what the problem is."

Hervey says she hopes the unit will be able to meet once a month, beginning this summer – either later this month or in early July, although, at press time, a start date had not yet been announced. – *Jordan Smith*

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CCA Judge Barbara Parker Hervey

YBP MOVES WITH HEAVY LOAD, LIGHT HEART

Only Austin's **Yellow Bike Project** could move the entire contents of a 30,000-square-foot warehouse entirely by pedal power. Last Saturday, with the help of around 75 volunteers and a spectacle of both everyday cycles and radical heavy-duty bikes, YBP made the 2.5-mile trek to its new shop, a former Austin Energy substation at the corner of **12th** and **Webberville Road**. For the last five years, YBP has been headquartered at a city-owned warehouse at 51st Street near Berkman, but with the building slated for demolition this summer as part of the Mueller redevelopment, it was time to say goodbye.

The move was a sight to behold, with dual-rear-wheeled tricycles, rough-fashioned trailers, and front-loader cargo bikes piled high with what amounted to two semitrailers' worth of gear. Overall, there was an impressive outpouring of volunteer heave-ho, despite the day's sweltering temperature. With his red beard unmistakable in the crowd, former City Council candidate and East Austin resident **Allen Demling** could be seen loading a box of handlebars onto a repurposed kid-hauling trailer. "What's happening here is really inspiring. The cycling community is coming together to make Austin a better place," he said. "I saw it during my council race, and this is yet another example."

"This is definitely going to be the best summer I've ever had," said longtime YBP volunteer **Pete Wall** as he proudly gazed upon the bustling crowd Saturday morning. In the 11 years Wall has been part of the collective, its role has grown significantly. YBP started out rehabilitating bikes, painting them yellow, and releasing them for free all over town. The organization has since evolved into a unified voice for transportation cycling and a steward of free bicycle-repair education, with volunteers regularly mentoring at afterschool programs around the city, as well. "So many people come in [to the shop] to work on their own bikes, I get the feeling sometimes that it's just a small group of volunteers giving and giving and giving," Wall said. "On a day like today, that feeling really turns around."

Eastside native **Nancy Tolbert** and her grandkids Jonikqua and Johnathan happened to visit YBP for the first time Saturday amid the moving bustle. After regularly driving past the yellow bike chained near the warehouse's entrance on her daily commute, Tolbert said she looked up the organization online and decided to stop by in search of a tandem bike to ride with her handicapped grandson. Tolbert grew increasingly animated and joyous as veteran volunteer Jennifer Schaffer explained YBP's mission. She also learned that the new headquarters would be about a block from her home. "Isn't life beautiful how it twists and turns? I have foster kids, and I teach them to give back to the community, so now I can walk them over to help work on bikes," Tolbert said. "I'm gonna get myself a bike, too, and get my health back in shape. I'm getting old, but you know, age is only a number."

Yellow Bike recently celebrated birthday No. 11 and is still seeking donations and assistance from anyone who can help out with constructing the new headquarters. For more info, see **www.austinyellowbike.org**. – *Daniel Mottola*

To see more of images (and a short video, by Michael Lucas) from YBP's pedal-powered move, visit the picture gallery at **austinchronicle.com/webextra**.

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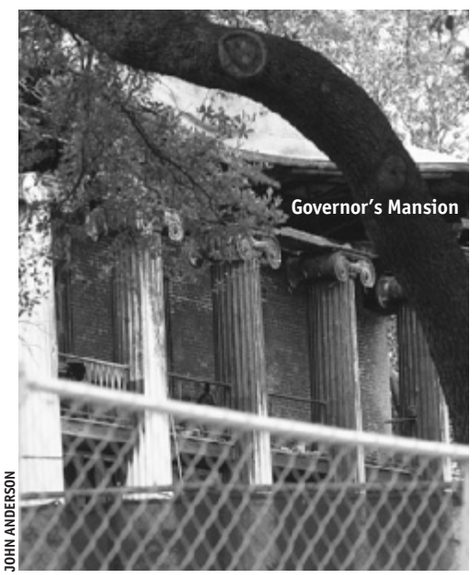
Above: Russell Pickavance carries a load of wheels.
Below: Nancy Tolbert enjoys the festivities.

DPS Turns to Secret Service for Security Advice

"This is likely not the finest moment for the Department of Public Safety."

That was the conclusion last week of Allan B. Polunsky, the chairman of the **Texas Public Safety Commission**, after hearing testimony detailing how inadequate staffing, inadequate training, and broken or improperly functioning equipment all contributed to the security failure that resulted in the June 8 early-morning firebombing of the **Governor's Mansion**. The commission oversees Department of Public Safety operations.

The testimony came from DPS Sgt. Michael Escalante, a former chief of mansion security during the governorship of George W. Bush, who had been asked to investigate the security situation on behalf of the commission. Escalante's review was damning, and Polunsky said he would ask the U.S. Secret Service to review security measures by DPS at the mansion and other state facilities and landmarks.


Governor's Mansion
JOHN ANDERSON

Mansion security has been reduced in recent months while renovations have been occurring; Gov. Perry and wife Anita are living in a house in West Austin during the construction. A lone trooper guarded the mansion that night, and Escalante testified that only 13 of the grounds' 21 cameras were operational and that some of the property's infrared motion-detector beams also were either not working properly or guards hadn't been trained to operate them.

Asked by Polunsky if he thought the lone trooper – stationed in the carriage house behind the mansion – should have been adequate protection, Escalante replied: "No, I do not. With the cameras improperly working and the beams inactivated like they were, there should have been additional personnel on the ground. A second set of eyes." A request for four troopers per shift had been made, Escalante said, but that level of staffing apparently never came to fruition.

And what troopers there were didn't get adequate training, Escalante said. Officers were brought in from the Capitol complex and others from the Highway Patrol division. "Some of those received training, some … did not receive any training. As time moved on and different people came in to the security at the Governor's Mansion, the training as it was passed on, some people that were new that had come in were not familiar with the operations of the camera system, were not familiar with the operations of the perimeter beam. … They had no consistent plan of action on that transition phase."

Asked by commissioners if there were postings in the carriage house explaining the use of various mechanical aspects of security – cameras, fire alarms, opening and closing the gates – Escalante replied, "There was some training involved that involved sitting a couple of hours with another officer" on how to open and close the gates and how to deal with alarms, but, "there was not any formal training" on camera operation.

"There was not anything in writing when I had requested fire alarm procedures," Escalante added. "During my interview with Lieutenant [David] Armistead [the head of the governor's security detail], he was trying to produce those. He said, 'Yeah, they're here on the board someplace.' He looked for them, [but] they were not to be found at that time. Whether someone put them away, we looked in another book. I later obtained them from his office."

The DPS' security measures need "to be assessed and reassessed," said Polunsky, as he closed the hearing. "To that end, I am requesting that the United States **Secret Service** come in and do an assessment of the Capitol complex, Governor's Mansion, and other public facilities in this city and possibly in others [and] advise the Department of Public Safety as to what optimum security measures should be in place. I ask them to do this because they are, in my opinion, the pre-eminent organization or agency in the world to make this type of assessment. … It's not a reflection on DPS. I'm confident DPS will work with the U.S. Secret Service in conjunction with this assessment that will be performed expeditiously."

Although Escalante's open testimony came only after a lengthy, closed-door executive session meeting with the committee, Polunsky promised that, "What takes place here in this department needs to be transparent and will be open when appropriate, in public view, of exactly what has taken place, and we will continue to go forward with that philosophy."

Despite the catastrophic gaffe that allowed the still at-large perpetrator to torch the 152-year-old landmark, Polunsky praised the DPS as "still without question one of the finest state law enforcement agencies in this country, if not the finest. But, nevertheless, we had a lapse here in this particular situation. We need to identify what took place, address it, so that it doesn't happen again, and we are committed to do that."

On Tuesday, the DPS received a scathing review from the state **Sunset Advisory Commission** for management problems, but, surprisingly, the topic of the Governor's Mansion never came up. – *Lee Nichols*

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DEVELOPING STORIES

Learning From Philadelphia

Design Advocacy

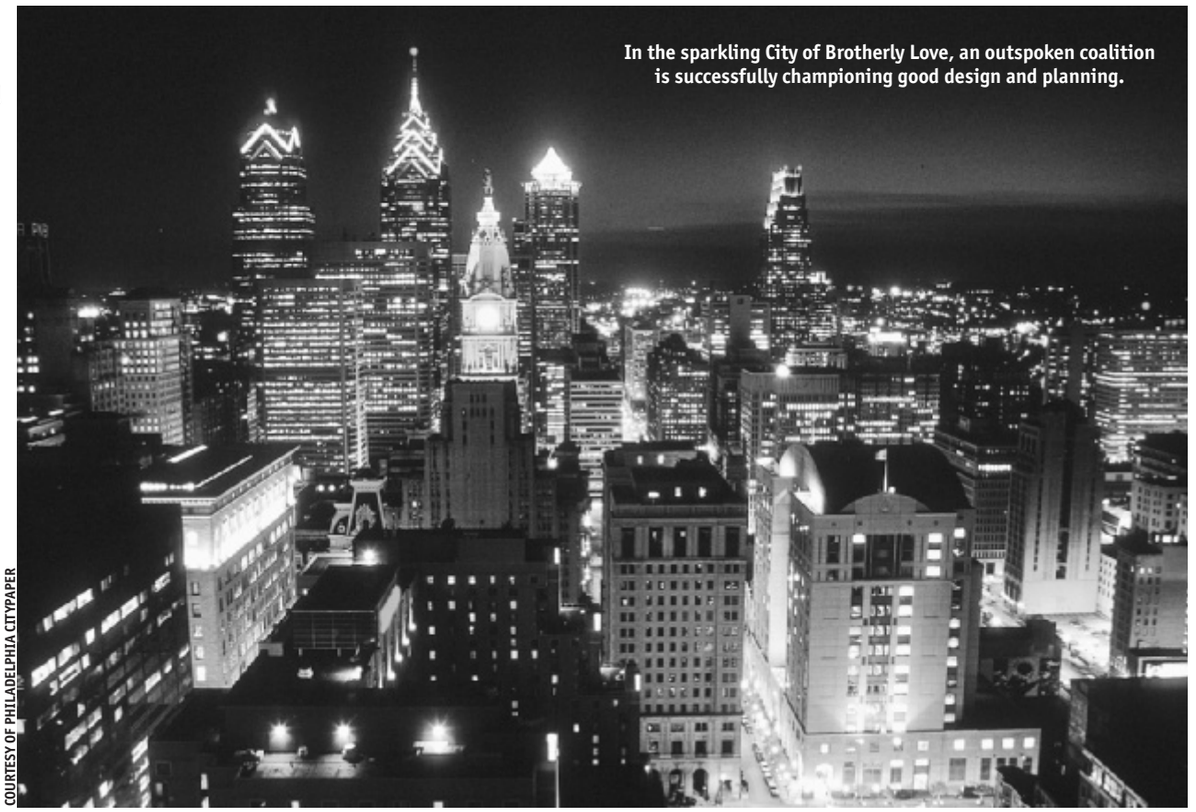
BY KATHERINE GREGOR

Austin is finally getting serious about **urban planning**. Last week at City Council, a fresh comprehensive planning process got the green light. For at least the next two years, we'll be engaged in a great civic conversation about the future of our built city. Yet no single community group in Austin is dedicated to advocating for good urban design. As we approach a rapid series of critical decisions, a number of the community's best and brightest urban-design and -planning minds have begun talking together about how they might better serve as watchdogs for the collective good. As trained professionals, they want better city planning and development decisions based as much as possible on objective design principles rather than political compromises.

Philadelphia's **Design Advocacy Group** offers an interesting model for Austin. Formed about seven years ago by a core group of six, including Chairman Alan Greenberger, DAG now claims nearly 1,000 members. By championing a "Reform Agenda for Planning and Design in Philadelphia" over several years – and having the good fortune to help elect new Mayor **Michael Nutter**, who has adopted its agenda as his own – DAG has become an amazingly effective community voice.

The all-volunteer group has no staff, no dues, and no formal organization. States the website (**www.designadvocacy.org**): "Our goal is be proactive as well as reactive; effective as well as thoughtful; critical as well as constructive. We want to create an unparalleled voice for design, a group whose opinion on the quality of our environment is sought after and whose contribution makes a difference. We are a group drawn from a broad spectrum of disciplines, comprised of motivated individuals who are routinely engaged in matters of design, development and planning and who are not afraid to speak out."

That last point is crucial. Austinites tend toward polite public education and vociferous grumbling in private. What we lack is courageous, informed voices insisting on the recognized principles of good design and planning. (Greenberger enjoys saying, "Advocacy is our middle name.") DAG positions have been taken seriously due to the professional expertise and stature of its 28-member steering committee. Many are notable practicing architects. Others are University of Pennsylvania faculty members, some with the School of Design's "clinical arm," PennPraxis, through which faculty and students work on community projects, such as the website PlanPhilly.com. (What a great idea for the Community and Regional Planning Program at the School of Architecture at the University of Texas!) Others are professional planners who serve on city and regional planning commissions. Lay members include lawyers, builders, developers, preservationists, economists, students, and PR and marketing types. All that's required to "join" is to provide an e-mail address.



COURTESY OF PHILADELPHIA CITYPAPER

In the sparkling City of Brotherly Love, an outspoken coalition is successfully championing good design and planning.

For Mayor Michael Nutter's June 17 address to the Philadelphia City Planning Commission and more local "Design Advocacy Voices," see **austinchronicle.com/webextra**.

At DAG's open monthly meetings, "a free and frank exchange of ideas is encouraged." Presentations on hot development projects and controversies draw a good crowd of 50 to 75 members. DAG's advocacy positions are honed after discussion at monthly meetings, a flurry of e-mails among the steering committee members to forge a consensus view, and a formal vote when necessary. To advance the cause, DAG hosts public forums such as "Pride of Place" on the design and planning issues relevant to a particular mayoral election. It has helped lead independent design charrettes for important projects such as **Penn's Landing**, a major waterfront development. DAG members provide expert testimony before government agencies, write letters to government agencies expressing positions, and publish white papers, op-eds, columns, and letters to the editor. Financial support has come from the William Penn Foundation.

How effective has the volunteer group's advocacy been? An early high-visibility fight was against the Jefferson Parking Garage, an ill-conceived, overscaled, neighborhood-blighting project for which Thomas Jefferson University and Hospital sought zoning variances. While DAG lost the battle for a complete redesign, the publicity put the group on the map. They also lost a battle – despite an emergency letter-writing campaign – to preserve historic buildings sneakily demolished by the state. But their major initiative – a Reform Agenda for Planning and Design in Philadelphia – has been a thrilling success. Within two weeks of taking office, Nutter named new professionals to the Planning Commission (including Greenberger as vice chair), the powerful Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Zoning Code Commission – just as DAG had advocated. The reform agenda called for creating a new Civic Design Review Commission; the mayor is now pursuing it. After witnessing DAG's by-invitation design reviews of major projects, said Greenberger, "Now the mayor is calling for the Planning Commission to set up a design-review operation based on the DAG model."

Addressing the Philadelphia City Planning Commission last week, Nutter gave a stirring speech – from the mouth of DAG – that, if heard here, would make many Austinites weep with joy. Austin Planning Commissioner Tracy Atkins, who heard Nutter address the 2007 Congress for the New Urbanism conference in Philly, remembers: "He impressed me then. He is young and energetic." Said Nutter: "As a city government, we reject the 'let's make a deal' mentality that dominated the past. Monty Hall has left City Hall. … Those days are over! … Planning is not a luxury, nor is it a jargon-filled veneer obscuring a deal-making process that slices up a city's assets in a disorganized rush. … It's not a passive system, simply responding to developers' proposals; it's proactive and sets high standards of design." (Read the full text at **austinchronicle.com** with this article.)

Marveled Greenberger: "We've lost a lot of battles, but we're winning the war of reform. We can't believe it! None of us saw this coming." ■

"Developing Stories" visited Philadelphia during the June 5-7 Association of Alternative Newsweeklies Convention. To join a dialogue about starting a local group that advocates for good urban design and planning, e-mail **planaustin@yahoo.com**.

DESIGN ADVOCACY VOICES

"Developing Stories" invited design and planning professionals (and city representatives) to take a quick look at **www.designadvocacy.org** and consider: Would a similar group be beneficial in Austin? – *K.G.*

Brett Rhode, AIA, Rhode Partners:

I think it's a great idea. It would be nice to have something like DAG for Austin. I would certainly get involved with it. It can be pretty frustrating to see development projects go awry due to political wrangling. It would be great to have a group made up of a wider range of enlightened individuals to give a more unbiased opinion – outside of the de facto developer/city staff/neighborhood activist negotiations, which are often full of mistrust and missed opportunities.

Elizabeth Mueller, director of the Center for Sustainable Development, UT School of Architecture:

Philadelphia is a bigger place and thus has many organizations interested in the city from various angles. We do not have the same density of civic organizations concerned about Austin or the strength of philanthropic support for such organizations (a crucial lack!). I do think that paying attention to building a beautiful city is important. We need a forum to talk about city issues that includes design/beauty but connects it to other aspects of quality of life. A sort of Liveable City-plus design.

Mike Krusee, state representative, R-Round Rock:

Yes, it certainly would be of value here. We have no standards. Look at the current mishmash under construction. Now the city's about to award a contract for the redevelopment of Green Water [Treatment Plant site Downtown] four more blocks, without a clue about context – because there is none. Austin doesn't even know what a neighborhood is, beyond geography. Other cities are enriched by defined cultural districts; [to repeat known stereotypes] we have … West (suburban rich), East (poor), Central (city rich), South (bubba).

Scott McClellan

RICHARD WHITTAKER

MCCLELLAN TAKES THE MIC

As a former White House press secretary, **Scott McClellan** is probably more experienced and better prepared than most authors for a public Q&A session. Stopping by **BookPeople** on Saturday afternoon, the native Austinite took a well-mannered and often vocally supportive grilling for an hour and a half about his bestselling book, *What Happened: Inside the Bush White House and Washington's Culture of Deception*.

Any concerns about possible pro-Bush or anti-war protesters disrupting the event came to nothing, as McClellan was greeted with polite applause. The nearest thing to a heckle came from his mother, **Carole Keeton Strayhorn**, former comptroller of public accounts, who told McClellan he needed to put the mic closer to his mouth ("Thanks, Mom," he replied). With the sound issues sorted, the author explained his disillusionment with the administration and his ongoing hope for ending the permanent-campaign mentality that he attacks in his book. McClellan answered questions about his stance on President **George W. Bush** (likes him personally, does not like what his presidency has become), 9/11 conspiracies (does not believe them), the Iraq war ("a terrible mistake"), and impeachment (not convinced that the bad actions of the administration were criminal and even less convinced that there is any real taste in Washington for impeachment of a lame-duck president).

The stop in his hometown came in between his testimony before the House Judiciary Committee on Friday and a flight to Seattle on Sunday, for another booksigning. McClellan took a lighthearted swing at U.S. Rep. **Lamar Smith**, R-San Antonio, who accused his congressional testimony of turning the committee into a "Book-of-the-Month Club meeting." McClellan thanked Smith for the suggestion, adding that might be one way to get other current and former White House staffers like **Karl Rove** to explain their actions in public. Talking titles, he suggested that Vice President **Dick Cheney**'s former chief of staff, **Lewis "Scooter" Libby**, borrow **Steve Martin**'s famous "Well, excuse me!" catchphrase and call his autobiography *Well, Pardon Me!*

When asked about future plans, including any possible run for elected office or a return to Austin, McClellan said he was considering his options. There is one event on his calendar: He's planning to be back in town for the start of the UT football season. – *Richard Whittaker*

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Now that the engine fumes have cleared from the **Republic of Texas Biker Rally**, city and county staff are counting the estimated $36 million the event brought into the local economy. **Travis County Expo Center** staff estimates 45,000 visitors crowded into the rally site over June 11-14 – that doesn't include bikers and spectators who attended the public party on Congress or those who just came to ride. Center manager **Michael Norton** praised the organizers and attendees. "It's one of the most well-run events I've ever been associated with and one of the most well-behaved crowds," he said.

Local law enforcement echoed that sentiment. **Travis County Sheriff's Office** policed the center, the Austin Police Department escorted the Friday night parade, and off-duty officers provided security at the street party. At the center, there was only one arrest, for assault involving family violence, and three disturbance calls regarding vehicles getting towed. "In years past, they towed them to a lot on-site, but this year, they were charging a fine, and that caused some trouble," said **Roger Wade**, public information officer for the sheriff. Similarly, **Lt. Darrell Boydston**, special events commander for **APD**, saw no dramatic increase in Downtown crime. "I'm sure there were some arrests on Sixth Street, but that's your typical Friday night on Sixth Street," he said.

As for traffic, while rush hour seemed to start earlier than usual, there was no dramatic increase in congestion. APD records show the total number of traffic accidents during the time of the rally actually dropped to 549 from 635 across the same period the previous week. There were no recorded fatal wrecks involving rally attendees within city limits, down from three last year. On site, there were only seven emergency calls, with some of those heat-related. Boydston put that down to the visitors: "The people who pull up in their $200,000 RVs, the weekend warriors, the doctors, the lawyers," he said. "I'm sure there were a few biker types, but most of these people are fairly affluent. That's where the money comes in."

The three-day rally is one of the city's biggest revenue-producing special events. The **Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau** estimates that it produced $36 million in receipts, up from $34.5 million in 2007. That compares to $110 million for the 10-day **South by Southwest** 2008, $24 million for the three-day 2007 **Austin City Limits Festival**, and $23 million from the seven **UT Longhorn** football games. "It's one of those events that they come, they spend money, and they go away," said Boydston.

– *Richard Whittaker*

HAPPENINGS

For more details and events, see Community Listings, p.64.

THURSDAY 26

CENTRAL WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN WORKSHOP *6:30-9pm. Lower Colorado River Authority Headquarters, 3700 Lake Austin Blvd.* **www.cityofaustin.org/zoning/central_west_austin.htm**.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INSTITUTE TRADE SHOW Learn tools for keeping relations friendly between community associations and homeowners. *4:30-8:30pm. Norris Conference Center, 2525 W. Anderson.* **bbenley@gatesource.net**, **www.caionline.org**.

GREEN NETWORK MEETING *4-7pm. One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Rd., 330-9500.* **www.texasgreennetwork.org**.

LIVE MUSIC TASK FORCE PUBLIC HEARING See "Naked City," p.12. *6-8pm. City Hall, 301 W. Second, Council Chambers.* **www.cityofaustin.org/council/livemusictaskforce.htm**.

VEGGIE-OIL BUS If you've yet to see a vegetable-oil-powered bus, now's your chance. The nationally touring Big Green Bus is in town this week to show off its mobile energy-issues museum and to let you smell the sweet fumes of veggie oil "harvested from greasy spoon restaurants" all over this great land. *5-9pm. Wheatsville Co-op, 3101 Guadalupe.*

FRIDAY 27

LAKE TRAVIS DEMOCRATS PRE-JULY 4 PICNIC with special guest Jim Hightower. *5:30pm. Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek. Free (donations appreciated).* **www.laketravisdemocrats.org**.

VEGGIE-OIL BUS (See Friday.) *9am-1pm. Tarrytown Farmers' Market, 2815 Exposition.*

SATURDAY 28

CHAIN OFF 2008 aims to raise awareness of the cruelty of tethering dogs. E-mail for details. *Capitol grounds, 803-2069.* **getmethereplease@gmail.com**, **www.dogsdeservebetter.org**.

HORNSBY BEND ECOLOGICAL LITERACY VOLUNTEER DAY *9am-1pm. Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant, 2210 FM 973 S., 972-1960. Free.* **www.cityofaustin.org/water/cer2.htm**.

SAVE MONEY, GROW GREENER Learn how to save energy, save water, and save money. *2-4pm. Windsor Park Library, 5833 Westminster, 928-0333. Free.*

MONDAY 30

PUBLIC MEETING ON HUTTO LANDFILL See "Naked City," p.12. *7pm. Hutto Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 402 Church St., Hutto.* **www.huttocitizensgroup.org**.

TUESDAY 01

TREEFOLKS' CURSED PICKUP AUCTION BEGINS The friendly arborists over at TreeFolks are kicking off an eBay auction of their Ford F250 truck today, for the starting price of $832 – not exactly a bargain for a truck they've described variously as "unreliable," "evil," "tragically funny," and "an insult to ugly trucks everywhere" (we'd add that "on fire" has also been a fitting descriptor in the past), but perhaps the $832 worth of live oak trees that come with the truck will convince you otherwise. Any bids higher than $832 will be a tax-deductible donation to a good cause. *443-5323.* **www.treefolks.org**.

ONGOING

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Do police have the right to shoot a suicidal suspect who poses no threat to anyone but himself?

That question is at the center of a use-of-force lawsuit, ***Richard Graves v. Don Zachary***, pending before the **5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals** in New Orleans. Graves accuses Zachary, a Williamson County sheriff's deputy, of civil rights violations for nearly killing Graves during a July 27, 2004, family disturbance call. Zachary shot Graves in the groin and heart while Graves knelt on the balcony facing the apartment of his ex-wife and estranged girlfriend, **Tania Besek**. According to Graves' account of the incident in his pleadings, he held a gun to his right temple and said he wanted to die, providing "not even a twitch" of provocation to the officer. Zachary defends the shooting, saying he thought Graves might turn the gun on him or others. "I felt that Graves may at any moment shoot me. I felt danger for myself, and I fired two rounds at Graves to stop the threat," wrote Zachary in his affidavit.

Graves says he sustained debilitating injuries – he lost a section of his lungs and intestines, had a hole in his heart, and suffered from mental disorders, including post-traumatic stress disorder, for which he is receiving psychiatric care. After emerging from a coma, Graves faced four felony charges and, under a plea bargain, pled guilty to assaulting Besek – he received probation for second-degree felony assault, with seven years deferred adjudication.

In 2006, he filed suit against the county and Zachary, representing himself and submitting handwritten documents, alleging that Zachary (representing the county) had violated his rights by acting as "judge, jury, and executioner," Graves told the *Chronicle*. Federal District Judge **Sam Sparks** granted the county's motion for summary judgment because Graves had not "offered any evidence that he was shot pursuant to a policy, practice, or custom of Williamson County, nor that Williamson County acted with indifference to his constitutional rights." But Sparks denied a similar motion on Zachary's behalf. In his April 20, 2007, ruling, Sparks wrote, "It is undisputed that Plaintiff did not verbally threaten the police in any way and did not make any moves or point his gun at anyone else after police arrived on the scene." That meant, Sparks continued, that "the record raises fact issues concerning whether or not it was objectively reasonable to believe Graves posed a threat of serious harm." "Fact issues" generally must be resolved by a jury.

"To grant immunity to Zachary," Sparks wrote, would presumably "set a precedent that when an officer comes upon a suicidal person pointing a gun at himself and no more, that it is reasonable to shoot that person twice." Sparks also rejected the county's argument that Graves' assault conviction legally invalidates his claim of excessive force. "Graves pled guilty to the aggravated assault of Tania Besek," Sparks noted, "and not to assaulting the police officer who shot him."

Zachary appealed Sparks' decision to the 5th Circuit, and a four-judge panel ruled against the officer on April 30, agreeing that "genuine issues of material fact" remained. Zachary contended that as long as Graves held a gun, he was a threat. The panel responded, "Merely having a gun in one's hand does not mean *per se* that one is dangerous." The ruling also pointed out, "There are factual disputes as to whether Graves was incapacitated by the first shot such that the second shot was unnecessary" and whether Zachary told Graves to drop the weapon or show his hands. As to Graves' saying he just wanted to die, "Zachary did not report hearing anything, but [Deputy Robert] Newell reported that he heard Graves say 'something' to Zachary," the panel noted. (In their affidavits, the officers report no threats from Graves.)

On May 12, Assistant County Attorney **Stephen Ackley** petitioned for a rehearing before the whole court on Zachary's behalf (though no longer a party to the suit, the county continues to provide legal counsel to Zachary as its employee). In the petition, Ackley berates the appellate panel for asserting that a gun in hand does not necessarily constitute a threat. In deliberate hyperbole, Ackley makes his point: "The panel's use of the word 'merely' conclusively demonstrates that the panel did not assess the totality of the circumstances. … This statement of law will result in the unfortunate deaths of police officers as they now will be precluded from firing additional shots unless they first check the suspect's pulse or breathing and make sure that the suspect still has the capacity to shoot the officer before the officer can fire an additional shots to eliminate the threat of harm."

On June 2, Graves' counsel, **Jeff Edwards** (retained per Sparks' court order), filed a response to Zachary's petition. In addition to disputing Ackley's version of the incident as "patently false," Edwards describes the county's perspective as the "dangerous" one: "Appellant essentially asks the Court to immunize police officers from excessive force claims whenever the suspect they shoot has a gun. No court has ever made such a holding, as it would endanger the lives of all suspects who come into contact with the police."

Edwards also points out in the pleadings that according to the 911 transcript, there were several seconds between shots (six, in fact), leaving Zachary opportunity to speak to Graves before he fired on him a second time. Edwards repeats the refrain, "One thousand one, one thousand two …" to demonstrate that there was plenty of time for Zachary to negotiate.

Quoting an affidavit by former **Austin Police Department** SWAT Cmdr. **Juan Gonzalez**, Sparks had written, "Gonzalez opines that Deputy Zachary committed tactical errors by not … attempting to communicate with Graves, and [not] waiting for a Mental Health Officer or negotiators to arrive." Indeed, mental-health officers who were certified hostage negotiators from then-Precinct 1 Constable **Gary Griffin**'s office were en route but were canceled from the call after Graves was shot. Griffin told the *Chronicle* his approach would have been to talk to Graves "all day" if necessary to prevent a violent incident.

In the wake of the shooting and now his lawsuit, Graves is also taking a public beating these days from WilCo officials. Recently, Ackley crashed family court proceedings (concerning Graves and Besek's daughter) and circulated photos of Graves, identifying him as a "dangerous person," while presenting himself as simply a "concerned citizen," Graves told the *Chronicle*. The county also slapped Graves with a contempt charge for missing a deadline to file for postponement of his child support payments until he receives disability payments. If found in contempt, Graves' probation could be revoked, sending him to prison for five to 99 years. "The county could really mess with Graves on this," Edwards said. – *Patricia J. Ruland*

WAL-MART PUTS SMILEY FACES ON NEIGHBORS

Finally, neighbors of Northcross Mall have something to celebrate.

On Monday, **Wal-Mart** announced that it plans to reduce the size of its planned supercenter at the mall to 99,000 square feet, almost half of the previously proposed 192,000 or the 225,000 square feet that had been discussed at one point.

In response, the **Allandale Neighborhood Association** and the activist group **Responsible Growth for Northcross** announced they will drop appeals of the separate lawsuits they lost last year against the city of Austin and **Lincoln Property**, trying to block the store's construction.

In a press release, Wal-Mart's senior manager of public affairs and governmental relations, Lisa Elledge, announced: "As part of a nationwide effort and changing business model, Wal-Mart has been reevaluating store sizes throughout the country to enhance the value and service for every community. … The new Northcross Wal-Mart would be approximately 99,000 square feet in size and would become a single level building with surface parking. [It] would have many of the same physical features that were approved in the current site plan and would still bring groceries and general merchandise to the underserved Northcross area."

It's not perfect, says RG4N, but after its legal defeats, the group apparently thinks that cup now looks half-full. "We still think a mixed-use development is the ideal for that location, but at least their new plan is something that can work without hurting the surrounding neighborhoods and small businesses," said RG4N President Hope Morrison in a statement. "With this news, we feel very confident that the Northcross matter will be resolved without further legal action and look forward to working with the developer as the project moves forward."

"That's fine with Allandale," said ANA President Tom Linehan in an e-mail to ANA members. "We've never opposed a Wal-Mart going into Northcross, we've opposed a SuperCenter going in there. It has been a long, hard and costly effort trying to keep a SuperCenter out. Allandale can't handle the traffic and it's a threat to existing businesses. … It's satisfying knowing that Allandale will not be known as the only Austin central city neighborhood with a SuperCenter."

Details of the revised construction are forthcoming, says Elledge: "Wal-Mart is currently working to complete the modifications to the Northcross project. As soon as Wal-Mart and Lincoln Properties have finalized the site plan for the new Wal-Mart, the parties intend to provide more details to the City of Austin and the surrounding neighborhoods."

– *Lee Nichols*

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HOMELESS RV PARK SEEKS GOOD NEIGHBORS

Following a contentious meeting with East Austin residents over a proposed mobile-home park for the homeless, City Council Member **Mike Martinez** held a press conference Friday at which he asked his colleagues to suspend a decision on the project for at least one year. Last April, City Council voted in favor of leasing a 10.6-acre parcel of city-owned land on **Harold Court**, just off Highway 183, to **Mobile Loaves & Fishes**, the nonprofit group that originally proposed the RV park project. But Martinez has now asked City Council to hold off on finalizing the terms of the lease agreement to allow more time for outreach to the neighborhood. "We need to address those concerns with the adjoining neighbors, and if we can't resolve those concerns, we obviously can't move forward with this project," said Martinez, who is one of the project's main sponsors on behalf of the city.

Martinez's announcement came less than 24 hours after a Thursday night meeting where he and **Alan Graham**, founder of Mobile Loaves, often seemed under siege by the more than 50 residents in attendance. Even before the meeting, which was organized by the **Lincoln Gardens Neighborhood Association**, a man angrily confronted Graham. When Martinez attempted to calm the man by placing a hand on his shoulder, the man responded, "Take your hands off of me, you filthy pig." The bitter tone persisted throughout the meeting, with residents badgering Martinez and Graham and drowning out their attempts to answer questions. The neighbors also rebuffed LGNA President **Janet Blake** when she tried to bring order to the meeting (Blake had been sharply criticized by residents for initially supporting the project).

Mobile Loaves, which was originally established to feed the homeless, has worked for four years to bring the RV park project to fruition. Their vision for the park includes a community of 100 recreational vehicles and 50 small cottages that would rent for $100 to $375 per month. The project would serve the chronically homeless, which are defined by the city as individuals with disabling conditions who have been homeless for more than one year or people who have been homeless at least four times in three years. Nearby residents are particularly troubled that people with criminal histories – including low-risk sex offenders – might be allowed to live in the RV park. They are also agitated that the city did not include them in previous negotiations on the project and, at the Thursday night meeting, reiterated their belief that the city kept the park under wraps until it was a "done deal."

"People start preaching to me that I should have compassion" for the homeless, said **Cauleen Smith**, who owns a house in the neighborhood. "But the thing I'm most proud of in my life is buying a home in this neighborhood, and the city of Austin has decided that doesn't matter."

Over the next year, Martinez and Graham want to work with residents to develop criteria for screening people who apply to live in the homeless RV park and make sure they do not pose a threat to the neighborhood. They also plan to discuss security issues with the community – Mobile Loaves had planned for an on-site director, full-time property manager, and two case managers, along with security cameras throughout the park, but neighbors believe more services are needed to ensure safety. In the event Martinez and Graham cannot persuade the East Austin neighborhood to support the project, they plan to explore other viable sites. "Homelessness is a giant issue, and it needs to be addressed here and everywhere," said Graham. "We need to mitigate this tragedy and travesty."

Site of proposed Mobile Loaves & Fishes RV park on Harold Court

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For now, Martinez and Graham have their work cut out for them – the neighborhood voted 52-0 in opposition to the project. "We have voted that we don't want it in our neighborhood," said Blake. "Somebody else can have it in theirs, but not in ours." Given the response to the homeless RV park – as well as other Eastside neighborhoods' resounding opposition to an affordable supportive housing facility proposed for 5908 Manor Rd. – the question remains whether Martinez and Graham will ever find anyone willing to accept a homeless facility in his or her back yard. City Council will discuss the project at its meeting on July 24. – *Lydia Crafts*

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THE HIGHTOWER REPORT

BY JIM HIGHTOWER

WRECKING THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY

Gather 'round me, children, and I'll tell you a tale. Believe it or not, there was a time, not so long ago, when an airplane trip was considered a pleasure.

No, no, don't laugh – it's true! There were pillows to comfort you, snacks were freely handed out to passengers, there was no charge to have your luggage go on the trip with you, many flights were available to places you wanted to go, numerous airlines competed to win your business – and customers were actually treated as people who were valued.

Sadly, the corporate chieftains of American air travel now scoff at the quaint notion that passengers are more than just freight. Actually, being treated as freight might be an upgrade!

Three decades ago, airline executives convinced Washington to deregulate the industry, promising that the magic of free enterprise would work wonders for the flying public. Behold the wonders: The airlines merged to eliminate competition, and, in this decade alone, CEOs have cut hundreds of flights, fired more than a hundred thousand of their employees, jammed customers like sardines into their planes, abandoned any semblance of service, hiked ticket costs, imposed so many fees that the idea of coin-operated toilets is no longer far-fetched, taken shortcuts on safety, made endless delays the norm, and turned the friendly skies into tin tubes of passenger fury.

Now, with millions of passengers fed up, the geniuses who run this industry have come up with a plan: Cut more flights, fire more employees, further reduce service, raise fares, and nickel-and-dime customers with more fees.

Meanwhile, CEOs are pulling down multimillion-dollar paychecks, doling out bonuses in the executive suites, and trying to think of creative new ways to shrink their industry, deliver less for higher prices, and drive away all of those annoying passengers.

REWRITING SOME PATRIOT ACT STUPIDITY

Empirical evidence notwithstanding, stupidity is not a requirement for membership in the U.S. Congress. Also, stupid acts by Congress do not have to be forever.

Witness the infamous, freedom-busting, Orwellian piece of legislative stupidity known as the USA PATRIOT Act. Passed by a panicked Congress right after 9/11 and reauthorized by a cowed Congress in 2006, this thing empowers the FBI to make wholesale, secret invasions of the American people's privacy – grossly violating one of our country's core values.

As we've learned from investigative reports by the bureau's own inspector general, concerns about intrusive and abusive actions by a bulked-up FBI were not theoretical. This national police agency has been found guilty of "widespread and serious misuse" of the PATRIOT Act's most invasive provisions. For example, the act opened up our private records to government agents, enabling them to write their own authorizations for poking into our personal business without having to show any reasonable cause for spying on us. Hundreds of cases of the FBI sweeping up information it has no authority to collect have now been documented.

Did no one foresee the stupidity of granting such broad unchecked power? Yes. Sen. Russ Feingold did, and he cast the one courageous vote against the PATRIOT Act in 2001. Now Feingold is back with Senate Bill 2088, a bill to rein in the FBI and restore the people's constitutional rights. As he puts it, we've learned the hard way that "trust us" doesn't cut it when it comes to preventing government snoops from abusing their power.

Congress has the responsibility to put appropriate restraints on government authorities, and that's what Feingold's National Security Letters Reform Act does. To help put some real patriotism in the misnamed and misguided PATRIOT Act, contact Feingold's office at 202/224-5323.

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Hill Country Militia

Grassroots homesteaders tighten ranks to fight urban encroachment

BY GREG HARMAN

At what point does dissatisfaction become dissent, and dissent a full-fledged movement?

In the hills outside San Antonio, we may be about to find out.

A series of long-simmering insults, coupled with rapacious growth on the fringes of Bexar County, is driving many rural residents to radicalize in ways they could not have predicted. The mood has swept up teams of frustrated ranchers and farmers, town leaders, conservation-minded nonprofits, and a sprinkling of key political allies. The mobilization of what might best be called the "Hill Country Militia" is an event with water at its heart – the protection of local creeks, streams, and wells, to be sure, but also the extremely vulnerable Edwards Aquifer. The aquifer is best known on its northern end, in Austin, as the fount of Barton Springs, but at its southern extent, it provides the primary water source for San Antonio's 1.3 million residents.

There are also prized historic roads and farmhouses and ranches threatened by development-driven eminent-domain seizures and an increasing awareness of the value of the region's ecosystem, cedars and all. Dissenters have sprung up across the so-called "urban" counties linking San Antonio to Austin.

Perhaps most importantly, they're talking to one another.

Death and Highway 211

There are several cowbird traps on the Fenstermaker Ranch, intended to protect the many endangered golden-cheeked warblers and black-capped vireos that nest here each spring. Bebe Fenstermaker quips that the cages aren't doing much for her karma. But if the cowbirds are getting shafted prematurely, the old cows here need not worry. When they lay themselves down at last, it will be on this very land, as food for buzzards and coyotes, bees, ants, and worms.

"I'm not about to put them through that last bit of hell," Bebe says of the slaughterhouse, as we sit on the porch outside a stone outbuilding chiseled at the top with the date 1876. Call her sentimental, but this bovine empathy has been thoroughly earned, by decades of struggle in her fight to maintain the integrity of this nearly 1,000-acre ranch. She counts five eminent-domain fights that have pitted her family against the likes of the highway department and CPS Energy.

For Bebe and her two sisters, the battles began two weeks after a season of death. The senior tier of Fenstermakers was swept away in the span of a year. Together, Bebe and her sister Mary recount the string of losses. The aunt went in 1987. Momma and Poppa's first cousins succumbed the next year. Then the parents passed away within a few weeks of each other. Uncle Arthur left, too. Closing the chapter was their great-aunt Augusta, just shy of 104 on April 1, 1988.

Two weeks later, the phone rang. "Did you know they're gonna put a highway the size of 1604 through here?" a neighbor asked.

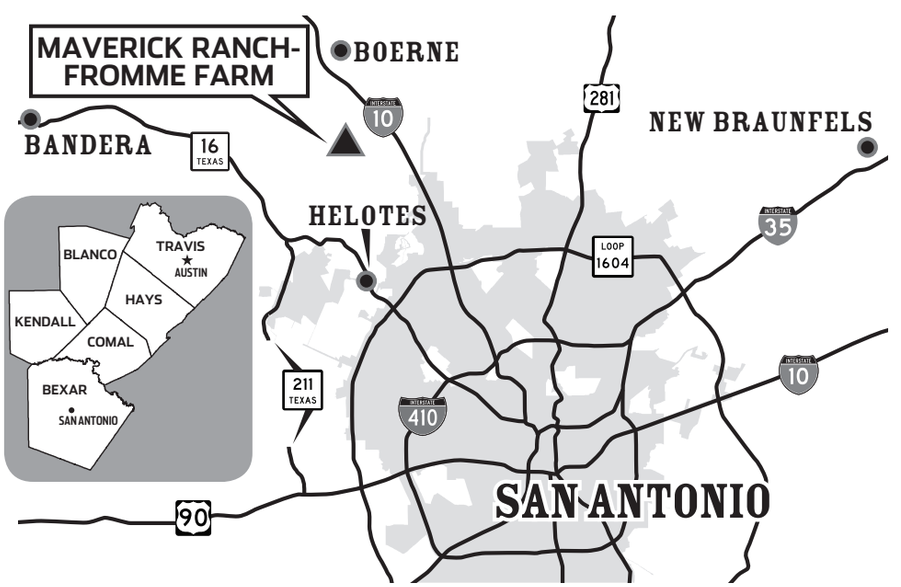
The sisters haven't stopped fighting since.

"We had lost our entire elder generation. They all went. Then we were looking at losing our home," Bebe said. "That's when we just said, 'No.' I mean, 'No way.'" They located a lawyer who had just convinced Union Pacific to relocate a planned switchyard in Laredo; it seemed good credentials at the time. Dallas-based attorney Eddie Vassallo is with the family still. So is Highway 211. Temporarily derailed after the unexpected death of the rancher who was prepared to seal the deal, plans for the infamous "third loop" around San Antonio are slowly being revived inside the Texas Department of Transportation.

But there would be plenty of other threats to the Fenstermakers' historic holdings north of Grey Forest, known as the Maverick Ranch-Fromme Farm. First there was CPS Energy's planned new power line, the Cagnon line, complete with a subpower station sidling up to the chimpanzee enclosure at her neighbor's wildlife sanctuary. That debate went on for years, fracturing relationships after CPS Energy proposed several alternative routes that in some cases turned communities against one another.

Then the power company threatened to replace, with high metal towers, the wooden utility poles that have run through the Maverick since electricity first arrived in 1940. And, now, a county flood-control project may place a dam in the heart of the ranch – potentially drowning Lost Dog Springs, numerous Native American sites, a family cemetery – bringing floodwaters to the German farmhouse dating back to the 1860s.

Considering the constant state of siege the last 20 years have represented for Bebe and Mary, the grassroots movement roiling rural Bexar County and the surrounding hills might



well have started with these plainspoken sisters. But it didn't. Across the foothills of the Hill Country, it seemed to be happening everywhere at once, as development pressures increased and locals resisted, gathering in bands of like-minded property owners. Increasingly, these small bands have interstitched themselves and cross-pollinated issues into an increasingly coherent dogma. Consider it bare-fisted private-property rights extended to the ecosystem level and a call for nothing short of a moratorium on all development in the Hill Country until a comprehensive environmental assessment can be made.

Saving Texas

Last February, the same day a historic protest swept Austin over a slew of proposed coal-fired power plants fast-tracked by Gov. Rick Perry, veterans of at least 18 rural land and water fights answered a tense-sounding e-mail alert. Reports that the San Antonio Water System was seeking to expand its authority across the city's entire 5-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction, and that a new high-density development straddling Medina and Bandera counties was seeking SAWS sewer and water service, had rattled a broader geography of turf warriors. Many of them were already members of the nonprofit Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, whose mission is specifically focused on protecting the Edwards Aquifer.

In a galleon of a ranch house outside Helotes modeled on Yellowstone National Park's guest quarters, they debated just what they could do to stop the quickening pace of sprawling development. Though SAWS officials argued that extending their pipes would better protect area water supplies by limiting the creation of smaller, less-professional water-company operations – or worse, the explosion of septic-tank communities – the consensus in the meeting was that the lines would only ensure the continued rush of concrete, Sheetrock, and tar paper.

The mix of political persuasions was bridged by a collective, dawning environmental consciousness, perhaps best illustrated by a retired neurosurgeon from Quihi, Texas, busy battling plans for a quarry in his hamlet.

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"I never considered myself an environmentalist. I really didn't," said Robert Fitzgerald. "But once you start looking at what people are doing down there, if you have any feeling at all, you become an environmentalist."

A member of the Edwards Aquifer Authority publicly confessed that the agency hadn't been willing to act on many issues out of fear. "It's fear of what the Legislature will do. Really, it's fear of what the developers will get the Lege to do to us," he said. "Some think it's time we called their bluff."

Then Bebe shot off from the front of the room. "We're losing Texas. I don't know if you know that," she said. "I can't stand to drive anywhere anymore. … We look like New Jersey." A woman at the opposite end of the stone and timber expanse shook her jaw. "New Jersey looks better."

Some attendees compared the motivation behind the night's meeting to the survival ethic of the early Texians. "We're kind of like the pioneers 200 years ago," said one. "When there was a fight, they all left their homes and came together."

No surprise that in such a charged environment when prospective names for the group were floated, the combativeness of the moment seeped out. "How about militia?" offered one. "Hill Country Militia?" It took time, but eventually the more mundane Hill County Planning Association was adopted.

Early versions of the group's master plan struck one prominent participant as a rewrite of the Communist Manifesto, though it read more like an early American Revolutionary screed. A trace of those rhetorical flourishes remains, particularly the opening, "We the People." After lengthy defining of place and purpose, the group's master plan comes to a solitary demand: "An immediate moratorium is called on all development in the Hill Country to assure compliance with all local, State, and Federal laws and until a comprehensive cumulative environmental impact study is completed."

Dodging the Lege

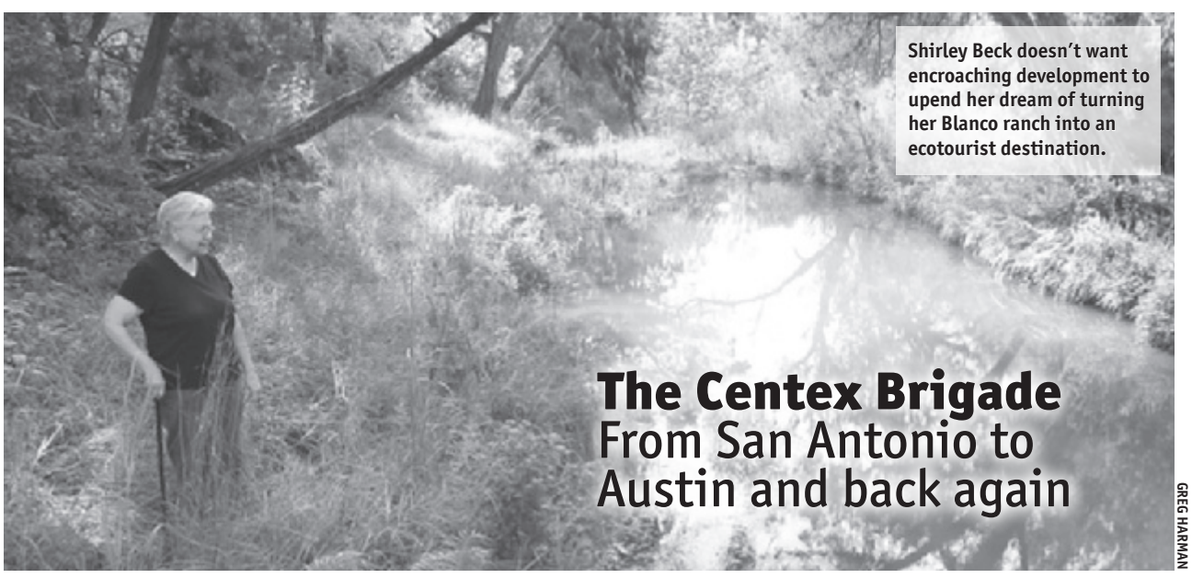
Group members were still working out the final language of the master plan when developers at Sonoma Verde were blasting and excavating their way to the perfect limestone tabula rasa, a blank slate devoid of any living thing, atop that cherished Edwards recharge zone. At a February gathering, state Rep. Mike Villarreal pledged to file a bill to close the grandfathering loopholes that have allowed such developers to skirt their way around San Antonio's controls, including the tree ordinance. Under current law, there's surprisingly little recourse for the smattering of counties that want a hand on the wheel of growth. A decade's worth of bills seeking to guide urban overflow have gone virtually nowhere. Not only are Texas counties notoriously pauperized, but the committees of the Texas Legislature handling such proposals have been proudly pro-growth: Dumb, smart, fast, or dangerous, they ain't picky.

While the Lege has allowed that the Edwards Aquifer is a unique aquifer – as in how easy it is to fuck up – session after session, bills tailored to allow Bexar Co. officials some say-so in how the county develops have been rejected, quashed, and ignored. Last month, a small crowd gathered to hear from Bexar Co. Commissioner Lyle Larson about plans to repair and expand Scenic Loop Road. Leon Springs Baptist, with wall-to-wall red carpet climbing the prayer rail and flooding the stage, had opened its worship hall for us.

After recounting the basic problems with area traffic, Larson complained that while the city has raked in $1 million in property taxes, not including sales tax, from an annexed finger along Interstate 10, the surrounding roads are getting shortchanged. To appreciative applause, he pledged, "We're going to take back this area from the city of San Antonio."

The biggest problem in urban counties, he said, is the rural roads that developers tie into. "It's not just an inconvenience, but it's a public-safety issue," he said. "We're building it out just as fast as we can." But not the entire crowd was here to support road improvements. Some want the road building to stop entirely.

"Has it occurred to anyone that the more concrete you have, the more runoff you'll have?" a voice from a far corner emerged. "If developers are controlling our Legislature, who do we vote out? Give me some names. I assume you're not one of them." Larson, now seeking a House seat in D.C., didn't take the opportunity to out builder stooges at the Lege or try to distance himself from the property-rights contingent in the Statehouse. For what was not to be the last time that evening, Renee Green, county engineer, stepped up to screen out the politically sensitive query. She recalled her first trip to visit the Land and Resource Committee in the Texas House. In what would become a frustrating pattern, Green was in Austin to lobby for land-use controls in Bexar County.



Shirley Beck doesn't want encroaching development to upend her dream of turning her Blanco ranch into an ecotourist destination.

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The Centex Brigade
From San Antonio to Austin and back again

Five years ago, the staff at Austin's Save Our Springs Alliance was scrambling not only to maintain clarity at Barton Springs but to assist a handful of budding nonprofits setting their sites on conservation action. SOS Executive Director Bill Bunch, now a member of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance board, assisted on the white paper that developed into the guiding principles of San Antonio's Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance. And in the years since, in the wake of the increasingly developed geography between the two urban centers, a blossoming of the common-minded has occurred. As the GEAA describes it, "Citizen-based conservation organizations working in their own local areas (San Antonio, San Marcos, Wimberley, Dripping Springs, and Austin) recognized the need to work collectively – across the entire Edwards Aquifer region – to be more effective."

Five years ago, "SOS was sort of the only organization that had a full-time staff with attorneys," said Bunch. "Our main focus was on Barton Springs, but we were also getting calls from groups around the Hill Country that didn't have staff, that were having the same issues with water and wildlife and growth in their areas." It would take more than one organization to address the length and breadth of the Hill Country environmental problems. When SOS was preoccupied with a $300,000 court judgment it had been dealt and the challenges of bankruptcy reorganization last year (while Hill Country development continued at an unprecedented clip), a slew of related groups was already actively filling the breach.

One of those middle-territory upstarts is Blanco County-based Preserve Our Water. The group took shape under the congealing shadow of high-density development. In a land not known for abundance of water, where lot sizes tended to the 5- and 10-acre range, the Rockin' J Ranch was proposing 1,300 homes, half-acre lots, and 185 million gallons of water pulled from the Trinity Aquifer annually, all packed around lush golfing links. It was a departure for developer Lee Roper and a first for the folks of Blanco.

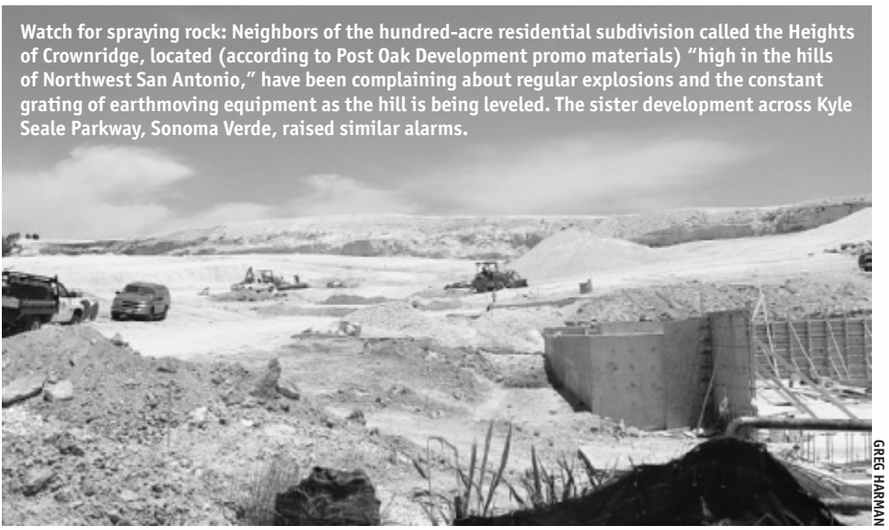
Although neighbor Shirley Beck, who has been working to transform her ranch into a ecotourist destination, challenged the Rockin' J's permits before the TCEQ, neither she nor the fledgling Citizen's Alliance (which later morphed into Preserve Our Water) was able to keep the "J" at bay. However, with the help of some friends, POW was able to stop the creation of a municipal utility district at another high-density development in the northern part of the county, the Rancho San Miguel. Those friends included state Rep. Patrick Rose and another recently formed nonprofit, the Hill Country Alliance.

The Hill Country Alliance – described as one of the "great lights" by Bunch – spun out of western Travis County over a mounting concern about the pace of residential development. Christy Muse helped found the group in 2004 as a way to help steer development toward more sustainable practices. Muse's group has already spread across more than a dozen counties and, interestingly, also made inroads with the building and real estate communities. "They want to sell a beautiful prosperous region," Muse said. "They don't want to sell overcrowded roads and dirty creeks. They want to sell the Hill Country." She called the value shift toward preservation a "slow awakening." "I'm seeing it happening all over the region," she said. "A lot of it is because growth is getting further and further out into the rural areas. So people who hadn't really been affected by it before are now realizing: 'Hmm. That's not exactly what I meant by protecting my property rights.'"

HCA is increasingly becoming an environmental-information clearinghouse for other community groups fighting high-density development in some of the region's most sensitive areas. It has also begun to facilitate dialogue among leaders. A newly formed Coalition of Counties, representing 15 Hill Country-area counties from Hays to Edwards committed to wresting broader controls over development from the state, is gathering Friday with its respective state reps at an event the HCA helped assemble. Muse downplayed her own part in the meeting, saying that it is more important that the participating politicians be acknowledged. She said Hays Co. Judge Liz Sumter and officials in Kerr and Bandera counties were particularly instrumental in organizing the summit.

Whatever comes from the gathering (or from the 2009 Lege, for that matter), the success of maintaining the Hill Country's rural charms and natural resources will depend largely on cross-country connections among groups like GEAA, POW, HCA, and SOS, and their success at continually engaging the public's imagination and energies. While the slumping economy has momentarily taken some of the edge off surging development, it can also put economic pressure on citizens' groups, which rely so much on volunteer time and money.

"The challenge is to have people be able to see ahead how horrible the future that we are mapping out right now is and, on the other hand, to visualize a different future," Bunch said. The fact that new groups are appearing across the region has been great for SOS. "Sometimes people might feel a little turfy or competitive, but mostly there's a huge amount of cooperation," Bunch concluded. "From my view, I'm glad, really happy to see folks sort of waking up and saying, 'My gosh, we're losing the Hill Country in rapid fashion if we don't do something.'" – *G.H.*



Watch for spraying rock: Neighbors of the hundred-acre residential subdivision called the Heights of Crownridge, located (according to Post Oak Development promo materials) "high in the hills of Northwest San Antonio," have been complaining about regular explosions and the constant grating of earthmoving equipment as the hill is being leveled. The sister development across Kyle Seale Parkway, Sonoma Verde, raised similar alarms.

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The members greeted her saying: "Hi. We haven't met you. We're known as the private-property-rights committee," she said. Green has returned four times since, working to get controls to help guide growth in Bexar. "Every legislative session, the county has an agenda, and every year we go up, and in one form or fashion, we ask for bills that give us impact fees, the ability to charge impact fees. And every year I'm bloodied."

Impact fees would allow the county to require developers to contribute to the costs of tying into existing roadways and extending sewer lines and other required infrastructure. It would help ease the weight of the $35 million currently budgeted for road improvements in Bexar County's Precinct 3.

"The Legislature is dominated by rural counties, and essentially they don't want that authority," Green said.

The Committee for Real Estate

Of the nine Land Committee members serving during the 80th Legislature, four listed backgrounds in real estate and construction. Another is from the water-utilities sector. So no surprise that even bills bracketed specifically for Bexar County were stuffed. "Once a bill like that is on the books, it's very easy to change the bracket. It becomes, 'Well, you gave Bexar County the authority; now we want that authority,'" Green said. In this adamant refusal to allow counties the rights of participation in planned growth, Texas is out on its own. "You don't have a First World urban area in the world that is growing and urbanizing without some significant standards and enforcement," says Donald Lee of the Texas Conference of Urban Counties. "Texas is one of the only places that does it without land use. It's an experiment that has been tried before and, of course, has not succeeded."

While there has been progress – new subdivisions must now guarantee good infrastructure plans, for instance, even if they have no responsibility to help provide for feeder roads or ensure adequate drainage – there is much still to accomplish. "Texas wants to do what has failed elsewhere everywhere," Lee said. "Talk to people who have had to redrill wells three or four times because the aquifer has been lowered around them." One political insider told me that the developer lobby in Austin is matched only by AT&T. "The construction industry and developers have a big checkbook," he said. "So it's always been more defense than actually trying to pass bills." However, two bills that would have allowed area counties some level of controls were brought last session. One crafted by the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance and carried by San Antonio Rep. David Leibowitz was swallowed up by the Land & Resource Management Committee, never to surface for air. A similar bill filed by Rep. Patrick Rose was fortunate enough to get assigned to County Affairs instead. There the proposed legislation actually got a hearing – although it never made it out of committee. It may have helped that Rose represents Dripping Springs in Hays County, where several subdivisions lost their water supply in 2006. With donated water from the Lower Colorado River Authority delivered by HEB water trucks, the community weathered the dry period but was forced later to pay individually to be tied into LCRA lines.

Initially, Rose's bill had a "very favorable response," said alliance Director Annalisa Peace. But then recently unseated Rep. Nathan Macias, R-Bulverde, "torpedoed it." "It was not ambitious to begin with, but he got the developers involved," Peace said. "They watered it down to the point that the county commissioners were saying, 'We wouldn't cross the street to support this thing.'"

Water Flowing Underground

Of course, underlying the Bexar Co. development skirmishes is the area's unique aquifer system. Overlain by karst limestone pocked through like Swiss cheese and peppered with caves, the water that drains down from creeks, across dirty parking lots, or out of wastewater discharge pipes receives very little natural filtering before it enters the Edwards. From there, it can move through San Antonio's drinking reservoir at a rate of thousands of feet per day. Increasingly, however, San Antonio's sprawling growth has blanketed the Edwards' recharge zone, threatening the historic purity of the aqui-

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On the way to the carnage that is Post Oak Development's Heights of Crownridge, Hill Country Planning Association member Jennifer Nottingham and I stumbled upon Chris McMonagle, who explained that his company (Wimberley-based Southerland Communities) minimizes its footprint by avoiding all the trees possible and building homes only as they are ordered.

fer water that has allowed the San Antonio Water System and BexarMet to pump, chlorinate, and deliver water to area homes and businesses without the costly central water-treatment plants found in most other cities. Groups such as the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance have long warned that tighter controls are needed to prevent the contamination of the Edwards.

Peace references New York City's decision in 2007 to spend $300 million on land acquisition to protect its watershed – a move expected to negate the need for a treatment plant costing up to $10 billion (and eventually passed along to customers in rate hikes). Like San Antonio, New York City is one of only a handful of cities that has not had to filter its water because of the pristine job that natural systems perform. But New York City planners had to remove land from potential development to do it – not a popular proposition among the political leadership in San Antonio.

Folks with the Hill Country Planning Association say, at the end of the day, they are just trying to protect San Antonio's water. While their range of objections is more complex than that, it is understood that limiting development over the aquifer's recharge and contributing zones, which cross about a dozen counties, would both protect the public health and save a huge chunk of change. By contrast, Bexar County and Commissioner Larson, who failed to respond to an interview request, have battled to keep up with development by pouring more asphalt – a practice with a lopsided economic logic, Edwards or no.

Several years ago, the American Farmland Trust partnered with a University of Texas graduate student to evaluate the costs of providing services to new developments and determined that for every tax dollar Bexar Co. gets from new residential subdivisions, it spends $1.15 to service those properties. For commercial properties, the ratio was much lower, with a 20-cent demand per dollar gained. Agricultural lands, however, are the lowest of all, requiring only 18 cents for each dollar reaped.

Edwards Aquifer Authority board member Enrique Valdivia says that while the Edwards' quality is still "terrific," there are warning signs. The Leon Valley Superfund site is one of the most obvious. Five wells near the center of town are contaminated with high levels of tetrachloroethene, a dry-cleaning chemical and industrial solvent, and trichloroethene, another degreaser also used in paint removers. Both are classified as probable human cancer-causers. And as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality debate how to proceed in Leon Valley, located along Bandera Highway outside Loop 410, another of our most pristine watersheds is coming under attack.

The San Geronimo Valley Alliance, which has also joined the Hill Country Planning Association, is tightly focused on opposing the Hills of Castle Rock. The newly proposed 3,500-home subdivision straddling Medina and Bandera counties was a stunner for rural area residents. SGVA president and Castle Rock neighbor Randy Johnson worries about the impact of storm-water runoff entering his ranch, but the developer's plans to dump 225,000 gallons of treated effluent into the San Geronimo concern him even more. "Seven percent of the total recharge of the Edwards Aquifer comes from the San Geronimo Valley," Johnson said. "The capture rate is 100 percent. Nothing ever flows out. It flows down the San Geronimo Valley; it goes into the Edwards." The San Geronimo's importance to aquifer recharge was raised when the Cagnon power line was being fought. It's doubly relevant with Castle Rock. SAWS stepped away from the project, with San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger saying that past failings in other area watersheds should motivate the city to do better.

Quoted in a transcript of that SAWS board meeting, the mayor said: "Drive out 16, drive out 281, and you will see that ultimately we have not always been as sensitive ourselves to the problems of development over our aquifer as we should have been. Those are now irreversible mistakes, by the way. … Sensitive areas of the aquifer are sensitive areas of the aquifer, and people can talk and put lines on paper, but essential facts remain the same, and I would like to keep this last watershed as pure as we can." Board member Salvadore Hernández concurred. But transcripts can be funny things. "I guess it's [that] I have a bias because I was born and raised here in San Antonio and have seen it groan," Hernández is quoted as saying, "and sometimes, as the mayor said, not exactly the way we would have liked to have seen it groan."

Groan it does, Salvadore.

Developer BP Real Estate's wastewater permit is headed for a state-level contested case hearing on July 22, but SAWS has sliced portions of northwest Bexar and north Medina County from plans to adopt the entire extraterritorial jurisdiction, until a deeper review of policies and procedures is carried out. Denied by the city, BP is currently looking for other water options.

Johnson says he doesn't oppose the landowner's right to develop; he is merely standing in the way of a potential ecological train wreck. "When [property] rights endanger the water supply of almost 2 million people, then those rights need to be tempered to save everybody else." It's all well and good, he says, to stand on property rights, until someone or something crosses the line. Then it may well be too late. "Once the storm water crosses my fence line, it becomes my problem," he says. While he's waiting to see what TCEQ commissioners think, he's distrustful of how Texas law is often applied. "I don't know if they have the right to destroy my land or not," he says bluntly.

"This is a very important moment," says Valdivia at the Edwards Aquifer Authority. "We have an opportunity to stem the tide and have a serious discussion about what we need to do to keep this resource."

"We're losing Texas. I can't stand to drive anywhere anymore. … We look like New Jersey." – Bebe Fenstermaker

The Road Ahead

So what will that conversation sound like, and how effective will it be?

In recent weeks, the dialogue has expanded as "Militia" members have met with like-minded representatives from Comal, Kendall, and Wilson counties. They're making connections with similar groups in Travis County, too (see "Centex Brigade," p.28).

This weekend, several Hill Country-area legislators are expected to gather for a strategy-planning session to brainstorm ways to circumvent Austin's builder lobby, which through key appointments manages to ensure that lands continue to be smothered faster than the environmental ramifications are understood. "The Edwards is why we have a city of San Antonio," says Valdivia. "Without it, there wouldn't be a city of this size here. The mindset that it's always going to be there is not correct, in my opinion."

That sort of assumption has no place in the Fenstermaker sisters' vocabulary, either. They've learned the hardest way not to take their boundaries – or their water – for granted. "This is where we'd known everybody. They'd all had projects and done things out here, and we were kind of charged, somewhere back of our minds, with some responsibility," Bebe says.

Extended family still gathers here. The descendents of an even earlier owner return from time to time to visit the family cemetery. Today, the sisters watch as Post Oak Development blasts a hill flat on the backside of Crownridge Canyon Natural Area off Kyle Seale Parkway. It's like nothing they've ever seen before. "This is like West Virginia coal mining," Mary Fenstermaker says. "We've seen land-raped, but we've never seen that," Bebe says. "I've never seen Texas treated like that."

As the midday sun steals our shade, a painted bunting stops at the feeder, oblivious of its own spectacular plumes. "That must be the first one of spring," I'm told.

"This is the collecting place. Always has been," Bebe says. "This is not a wealthy family at all. This family has just inherited some very interesting land." ■

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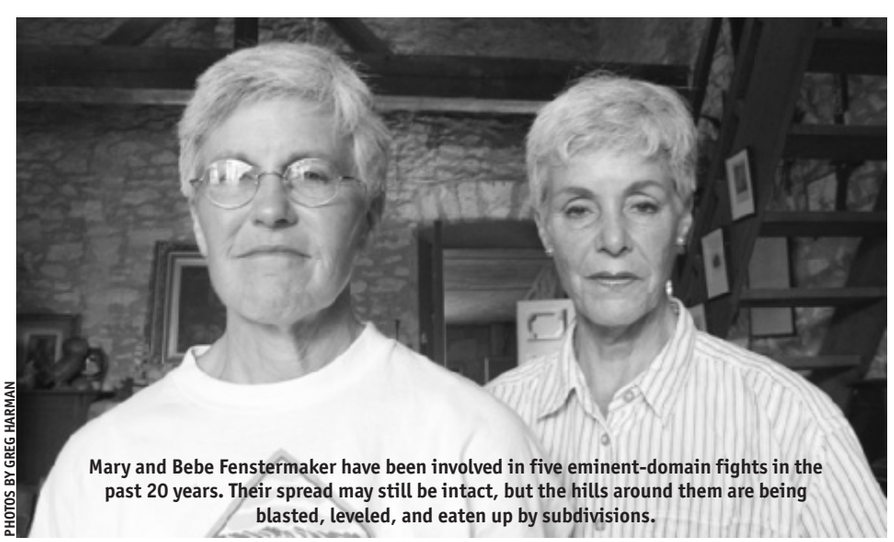

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Mary and Bebe Fenstermaker have been involved in five eminent-domain fights in the past 20 years. Their spread may still be intact, but the hills around them are being blasted, leveled, and eaten up by subdivisions.

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'What I Want Right Now' Title match

Titles give plays context. Sometimes, they even tell a story. *Death of a Salesman*. *A Streetcar Named Desire*. *Long Day's Journey Into Night*. *American Buffalo*. *Buried Child*. Titles give audiences a taste of what's to come, and the better the taste, the more likely they are to attend.

But titling a play can sometimes be a tenuous proposition, as was the case with Tom White's most recent play, currently receiving its world-premiere production from Different Stages at the Vortex. "The name has gone through many combinations," says Norman Blumensaadt, Different Stages' artistic director as well as the director of the current production. "The first name was *The Royal Family*. And I thought titles of plays could be copyrighted, and I told Tom: '*The Royal Family* is a play by Edna Ferber. You can't use that.' I was also concerned that, because we do so many plays of that time period, our audience would think that they were coming to see a comedy about the Barrymores, which of course this play is not. So then Tom e-mailed me a list of 10 or 15 titles, and I liked *What I Want Right Away*, but I could never remember the last word, and I kept calling it *What I Want Right Now*. And finally the cast and I sat down one night, and we agreed that, rhythmically, *What I Want Right Now* was better than *What I Want Right Away*. And Tom said whether it's 'now' or 'away,' I don't care.

"I also thought that *What I Want Right Now* was more to the point, because so much of America is about instant gratification. I want the big boobs and the big dick right now. I thought it was a stronger title because, as I said to Tom, Tennessee Williams' plays aren't always great, but they've always got great titles. You've got to have good titles."

Of course, effective plays are always about much more than their titles. In this one, White tells the story of a couple (well, in a sense, two couples, but really they're both the same couple) who actually gets what they want – for the most part. "The play is very reminiscent of Garrison Keillor," says Blumensaadt. "I

Amy Lewis and M. Omid Ghorashi in *What I Want Right Now*

love *A Prairie Home Companion*, because Keillor has fun with people without necessarily making fun of them. And that, I think, is a real talent – finding the humor in a situation without the put-down.

"Another thing that amazes me about this script is that Tom has the scenes fold back on each other. There's something mentioned in one scene, and then two scenes later, there's the 'Aha!' moment. And hopefully we'll be able to get to the point where all those are clear to the audience, so they can have all those 'Aha!' moments with us."

And despite its unquestionably kind, gentle, even whimsical nature, this Different Stages production is for mature audiences, as more than a few big boobs, big dicks, and even some really fine asses make an appearance. And who among us wouldn't want those – and right now!

– Barry Pineo

What I Want Right Now *runs June 27-July 19, Thursday-Saturday, 8pm; Sunday, 7pm, at the Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd. For more information, call 478-5282 or visit* **www.main.org/diffstages**.

Aztlan Dance Company A dancer's life

During a break in rehearsal, Aztlan Dance Company member Stephanie Mayorga Keeton confides, "We've got to get it together." With only a couple of weeks left until the company's first full-length show at the Long Center opens – marking the beginning of a partnership between the East Austin troupe and the Downtown venue – the company is putting in five hours of rehearsal on a Sunday. Artistic director and choreographer Roén Salinas repeatedly encourages the dancers to tighten their technique and "give it some love."

The piece, titled *Jalisco: Now & Then*, is a revised version of a work from 2001. The only aspect of the show that hasn't changed, says Salinas, is the costuming; the story, set in a fictitious Jaliscan village, has been rewritten, and the soundtrack, which pairs mariachi greats with diverse contemporary musicians, is all new. Keeton, 29 and a nine-year veteran of the company, dances the role of Marcelina, who confronts *diablitas* and *la muerte* before deciding to take charge of her dreams and premonitions, thereby ending up ever after with her life's love. In rehearsal, Keeton periodically steps out of the formations to assist Salinas with the group, giving corrections about the accents in the arm movements or clarity of the steps. Accents of red distinguish her rehearsal clothes; she is the only female dancer not outfitted entirely in black.

Keeton, who by day works the front desk at a real estate office where her co-workers call her "Cha Cha," happened upon the Aztlan company because it was the first dance company listed in the Austin phone book. It wasn't an instant match. She was "freaking out" during rehearsals for her first show with the company, she says, and she and Salinas had some differences in method. Though she had studied and performed traditional Latin with Ballet Nacional in Corpus Christi, she had little experience with contemporary dance. But now she says that she feels challenged and fulfilled by Salinas' approach to meshing traditional and contemporary dance. They collaborate well, and in class and rehearsal, Keeton isn't shy about voicing her opinions. While Salinas often focuses the company's practice on "indigenous," grounded movements, she explains: "That's where I come in. I'm like, 'We need to work on leaps and turns!'"

Stephanie Mayorga Keeton

When she's not keeping the company in line – sometimes literally – or making sure things run smoothly at work, Keeton is keeping tabs on her family. Neither her husband ("no rhythm") nor her 12-year-old daughter (prefers reading) likes to dance. "More spotlight for me," she jokes, but she acknowledges their support. Her husband comes to every show she dances and even helps tend bar during performances at the Santa Cruz Center for Culture. "I kind of struggled with him at first," Keeton admits. "But I was like, 'You know what, dude, I need this – this is my life.' And so he deals with it."

– Jonelle Seitz

Jalisco: Now & Then *runs June 26-29, Thursday-Saturday, 8pm; Sunday, 2pm, in the Rollins Studio Theatre of the Long Center, 701 W. Riverside. For more information, call 474-LONG (5664) or visit* **www.thelongcenter.com**.

Jack Allen

KMFA The man behind 'Classically Austin' leaves for Portland

It might not rate a reprise of Verdi's *Requiem*, but Saturday will be a somber time for fans of KMFA 89.5. That's because it's Jack Allen's last day as general manager and program director for Central Texas' only all-classical station. After five years in Austin, Allen is packing his bags for Portland, Ore., where he will serve as the new president and CEO of All Classical KBPS 89.9.

Allen is widely credited with recharging KMFA during his time here. When Allen made the move to KMFA from Minnesota Public Radio in 2003, the Austin public radio station was in a funk: Membership was declining, financial growth was stagnant, and the station was pretty much running in place, doing what it had done for decades in terms of programming and services. Allen shook things up: hiring a music director, shortening on-air shifts, steering the station toward new technologies such as Web streaming and HD radio, even developing a new identity for the station. The changes didn't always come smoothly, but they got results. Since his arrival, memberships have been on a steady climb, pledge drives have been setting new records, and the station obtained a major Community Service Grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for the first time in its history. Of his 17 years in radio, Allen says he's "most proud of what we've accomplished here at KMFA in the past five years."

Taking the reins from Allen, at least for the time being, is Joan Kobayashi, KMFA development and marketing director, who was named interim general manager by the board of trustees last week. Kobayashi has been with KMFA since 1999 and knows the inner workings of the station about as well as anyone. She has the vote of confidence from not only the board, but also the man she's replacing. In a statement released by KMFA, Allen said: "I've known many people in my public radio career, and Joan stands out as one of the finest. I've worked very closely with Joan for five years and found her to be savvy, inquisitive, and always interested in listener-focused innovations. She is very sensitive to the Central Texas community and dedicated to the good stewardship of this rare cultural asset. KMFA is in good hands!"

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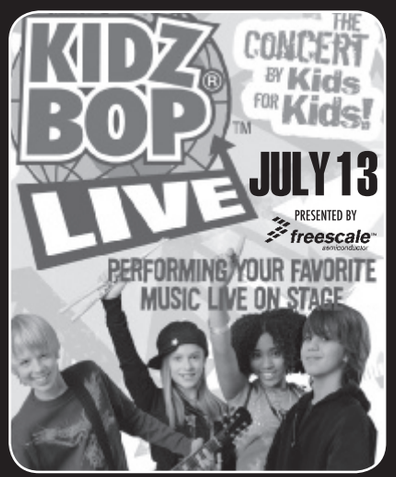

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LIVING WITH 'MONSTROSITIES'

Jen Hirt and Scott Webel and their Museum of Natural and Artificial Ephemerata

BY WAYNE ALAN BRENNER

You think you have weird roommates? Consider Jenny Hanniver's situation: Her cohabitants are the corpse of a two-headed calf, several tufts of ultraviolet-reactive fur from a genetically modified cat, a funeral ornament woven from the hair of the deceased, casts of Sasquatch footprints, and Anton Szandor LaVey's penis pump. Among other strange things. And Jenny herself, she's a dead skate – a large, stingraylike fish – that's been sliced and folded to resemble something vaguely human and is now framed under glass and hanging on a wall.

"Welcome to the Museum of Natural and Artificial Ephemerata," says another Jenny, this one Jen Hirt, a live, ordinary human and coproprietor of the house-sized cabinet of wonders in the 1800 block of Singleton Avenue. Hirt smiles, her pulled-back hair and quaint style of dress recalling, what, some domestic servant from an Edith Wharton novel? Next to her stands her partner, Scott Webel, grinning above a neat bow tie, his striped pants secured by a pair of old-timey suspenders.

The two of them have been doing this since the late Nineties: presenting exhibitions of the weird and storied objects they've stumbled upon, tracked down, or had loaned to them by an eclectic circle of friends and acquaintances. The current exhibition, "Monstrosities," for instance, contains much from the collection of the traveling freak show called 999 Eyes and from entomologists Barrett Klein and Graham Criglow.

"The original museum actually dates back to 1921," says Hirt. "It was put together by Madame Mercury Curie and Rolls Joyce Jr. in Tucson, Arizona."

Rolls Joyce Jr.?

"Rolls Joyce Jr. is Scott's great-granduncle," says Hirt, speaking in a slow and steady cadence, laying her words out as if they were precise displays in some museum of communication. "He and Madame Mercury Curie had a thriving curiosity museum near the beginning of the last century, and they looked at it like a museum of museum *forms*. The whole thing, upon their deaths, got boxed up, and we later discovered a few of those boxes in Scott's grandmother's shed – there are still a few more boxes at large.

"After we got the boxes from Scott's grandmother, we opened the museum up in our laundry pantry in our little rented house. We put a board over the laundry sink and put velvet cloth over the board and started plopping displays down and inviting people over. And only two or three people could fit in the room at one time. So we have very humble beginnings."

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The young couple moved to Austin in 2001, after Webel was accepted into the University of Texas.

"I got into grad school here," says the bespectacled curator, "into cultural studies through the Anthropology Department, and started a master's. So we moved the museum here. And our first place here was also very small, like a little tiny bedroom that you could fit a futon in. And we'd fold up the futon, and the room had in-built shelves, so we put the museum in there. We could give tours to around eight people at a time." He's more animated than the careful Hirt, his words coming faster, his eyebrows and hands kinetic accessories to his speech.

"We started out with that place in West Campus," he says, "and then North Campus and then in Hyde Park. And then we moved here and eventually bought this house."

"Austin's been a very receptive community," says Hirt. "People are really supportive of the museum, and we've made a lot of friends here. And I've got a job teaching art at a Catholic school a few days a week – I finished my master's back in Tucson."

"I'm a student again," says Webel, "in UT's Ph.D. program in anthropology. I took three years off and was doing design work, working at the Tarlton Law Library on campus, doing their print publications and their website, which gave me a lot of opportunities to learn about print. I like using the old P.T. Barnum-era technology of printing: linocuts and etchings and stuff like that. That world's still alive."

It certainly seems alive in the house at 1808 Singleton.

"We really love this space," says Hirt, "because we have three full rooms for the museum, and we can keep our cats out."

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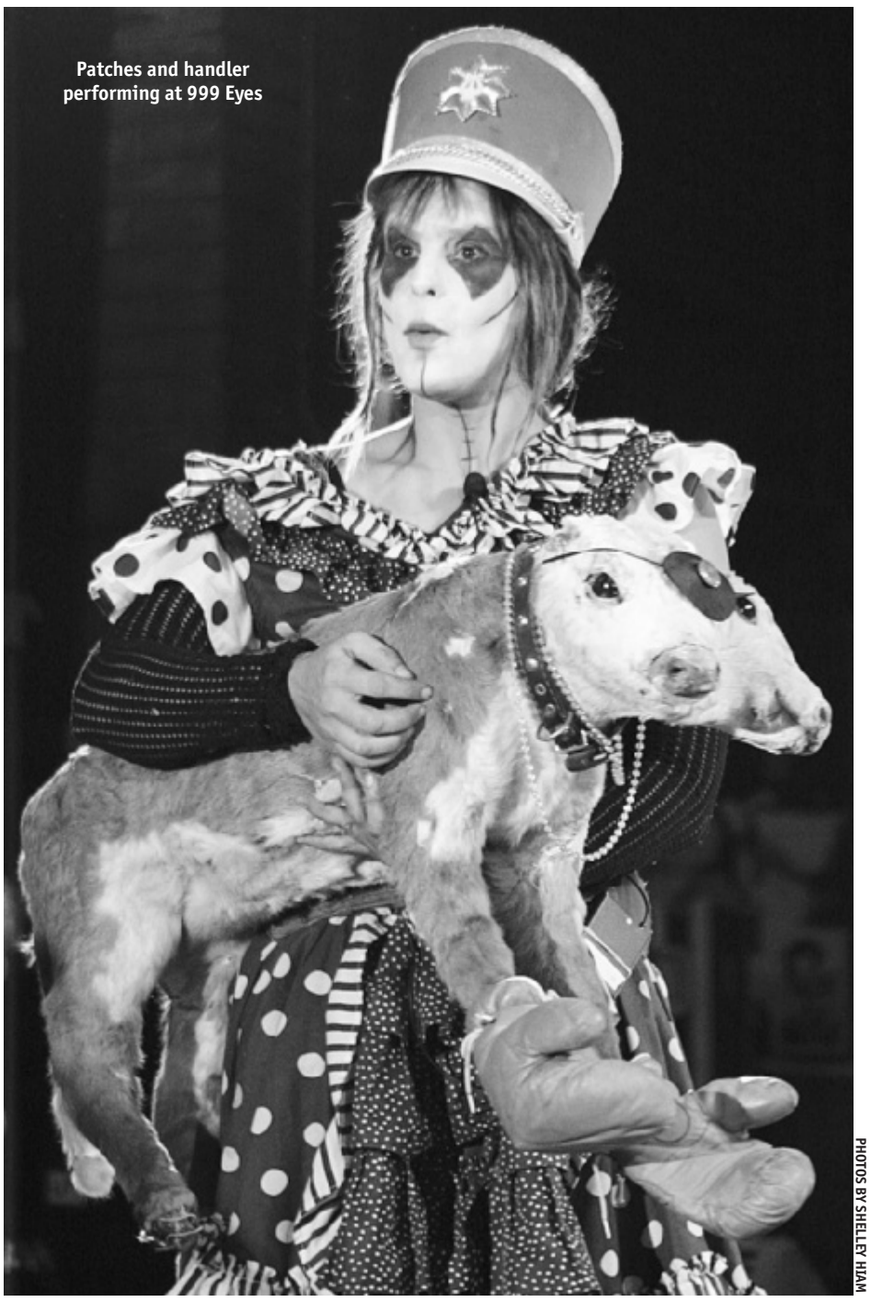

Patches and handler performing at 999 Eyes

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Good thing, being able to restrict the access of felines: Many of the items on display in the charmingly appointed venue – whether in this season's "Monstrosities" or in what's called the "Impermanent Collection" – are just the sort of delicate objects that could be destroyed by the attentions of any cat as yet unkilled by curiosity. There's a two-headed ant, the world's heaviest cockroach, a butt from the last cigarette smoked by Marilyn Monroe, a taxidermied pygmy kangaroo, the skull of P.T. Barnum's organ-grinder monkey, a lock of hair from the head of Elvis, and "A Replica of the Soul of Chopin's Last Piano."

Of course, most of these miracles are high up on the walls or otherwise protected by glass frames or display cases. Still, who knows what sort of havoc might be wrought upon the museum – especially the entire wing devoted to sleep! – by a determined tabby on the rampage? All the hours of work ("We do all of the displays here," says Hirt; "we fabricate and build them by hand") would be undone, all the ephemeral wonders lost to the ages. That is, if they are wonders at all, some of them. A lock of hair from the head of Elvis? A cast of a Sasquatch footprint? Certainly there's more art than science to be found in this museum; surely that's obvious from the get-go – why else would the Austin Museum of Art choose Hirt and Webel to be part of their most recent "20 to Watch" exhibit Downtown?

Still, many of the objects in the museum are undeniably what they're claimed to be. A pygmy kangaroo is a pygmy kangaroo, no matter how you stuff it; there's the ocular proof right in front of you, and you can even pet it if you wish. And, too, there's a seductive feeling of legitimacy, no matter how manufactured, attending even the most outlandish displays in these three small rooms. Even the strangest … say, what *is* the strangest thing in the museum? Or what has provoked the strongest reaction over the years, from the "Animals" exhibition, from the "Ghosts" and the "Machines" shows, or from the "Impermanent Collection"?

Webel points to the shadow box holding a penis pump formerly owned (or so it's purported) by the Church of Satan's Anton LaVey.

"Well," he says, "that one's pretty strange."

"Yeah," says Hirt with a slight smile. "I'd think so, too. We only brought that out recently."

"I guess that's the most risqué thing we've ever shown," says Webel. "But not necessarily the weirdest. It's kind of surprising how little really shocks visitors in the museum. People will be curious, and they'll think something's funny, or they'll cringe or go 'ew' a bit. But the things we've been most reluctant to show because of the possible reactions, the reception's always, 'Oh, huh,' like it's no big deal. So we've learned to just show what we've got."

"People are surprised by the narwhal tooth," says Hirt. "They're surprised by its size, along with it being the fabled unicorn horn and that it belonged to a whale."

"Another horn, the *human* horn, always gets a reaction," says Webel.

"That's from the original museum," says Hirt. "It was grown by an unfortunate Miss Baedeker of New Jersey, New Jersey. She grew three horns, each growing in a spirallike post from her head. Two have been lost; we have the one that remains."

"Things that are part of what we call the 'Abject Collection,'" says Webel, "actual pieces of bodies and human mortality on display – those always get people in their gut. One piece that somebody loaned us anonymously is part of one of the airplanes that hit the Twin Towers in New York, a small piece of it. We were kind of reluctant to show it, not wanting to upset anybody."

"And when we did finally show it," says Hirt, "we were overly conscious of the context while creating a shrine and a description saying what it was. And people were very accepting of it, just as a piece of art."

What is it about an object's context, sometimes, or the fame of an object's owner – like John Wayne's Frankenstein Lightbulb or Marilyn Monroe's Last Cigarette Butt – that makes it worthy of displaying, that gives it a sort of aura of enchantment? Even assuming the provenance is authentic, why do people find value in such things?

"Well, the cultural critic Walter Benjamin is the one who went on and on about the aura," says Hirt, "about how adding a piece of glass in the distance between the viewer and the object imbues it with this specialness. And that's also tied in with anything belonging to a celebrity. For example, people are *still* asking about David Hasselhoff's Jolly Rancher that we acquired from the backstage of a show in Germany. But last year it melted. So there is something to that value of ownership, and I think it's something that museums play up."

"The idea that a particular human being touched the object and left a trace," says Webel, "makes it not just another cigarette butt or whatever. It makes the object a cultural treasure. It's amazing."

"It goes beyond, 'Is it real?' or, 'Does it matter if it's real?'" says Hirt, "but that we all *believe* that it's real and that we believe in its magic."

So any skepticism, any contradictions – or the possibility of contradictions – might also be part of the museum's attraction?

"We've always lived in contradictions," says Hirt. "Even in that we give performative tours, in character. That hearkens back to the history of collecting that our whole museum is about – the old dime museums, that vaudeville, P.T. Barnum circus-sideshow world. The whole question of: Where does the museum end and real life begin?"

Right. And how much "in character" are the proprietors right now?

"Well, that's hard to say," says Scott Webel, sharper than a narwhal's tooth. "How much in character are *you*?"

The two curious and industrious artists, the former Tucsonans who've made Austin a home and their home into the delightful Museum of Natural and Artificial Ephemerata: These are the people in your neighborhood. ■

"Monstrosities" is on display through Aug. 2 at the Museum of Natural and Artificial Ephemerata, 1808 Singleton. For more information, e-mail **mnae@mnae.org** *or visit* **www.mnae.org**.

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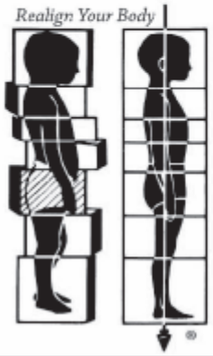

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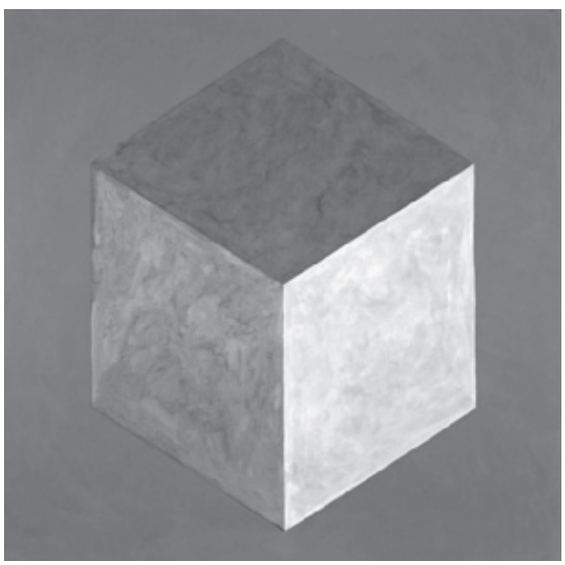

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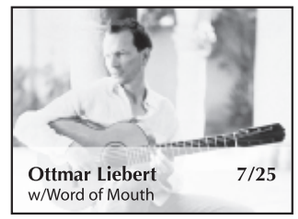

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AFTER A FASHION

BY STEPHEN MACMILLAN MOSER

BAT-TERY The e-mail said, "Come in your best Austin party attire." Well, don't I always, since that's all I really own? I chose one of my favorite holiday ensembles – black leather jeans, cashmere turtleneck, white fur coat, my faaabulous **Roberto Cavalli** sunglasses, cowboy boots, and my usual lavish assortment of jewelry. It was for my comeback on the stage – or, as **Norma Desmond** said in ***Sunset Boulevard***: "I hate that word. It's a *return*, a return to the millions of people who have never forgiven me for deserting the screen." (Remember, I wanted to be an actress before I discovered costume and clothing design a thousand years ago.) The e-mail was from the charming **Kevin Patterson**, general director of the **Austin Lyric Opera**, asking me to be a guest at the big party scene in ***The Bat***, the opera formerly known as ***Die Fledermaus*** that ALO, in association with **Esther's Follies**, brilliantly Austin-ized. The dramatic and droolingly handsome **Richard Buckley** conducted the orchestra – from the stage I got to see much more than the back of his head. I don't know *why* he doesn't return my calls, letters, e-mails, and text messages. The production was a scream: The Austin in-jokes were plenty, and the direction was very clever. I had assistants who guided me around the stage, whispering where to go and what to do next (thank you, **Celeste** and **James**!). I made snide remarks, smoked a fake joint onstage, and generally behaved like I do at every party … well, not *every* party, thank God. Soon it was all over, and it was back to the salt mines for me and my other co-guests for the evening: the **Biscuit Brothers**, **Wammo**, **Brewster McCracken**, and **Betty Dunkerley**. As I walked through the lobby to the valet, a woman stopped me and said, "*Who* are you supposed to be dressed like?" Peering over my sunglasses, I intoned, "Liberace, darling," and sped off into the night. Thank you, ALO, for orchestrating my comeback … I mean, *return*.

FREEWHEELING I recently went to ***Tribeza***'s party at **Lance Armstrong**'s new venture, **Mellow Johnny's Bike Shop** at Fourth and Nueces. I suppose if I were really into bikes, I'd have been in hog heaven, but I made do with plenty of socializing with old friends instead. Lance greeted me warmly; I thanked him for the marvelous sponsor party he gave before the **Texas Film Hall of Fame**. He, in turn, was most solicitous about my cancer and gave me a big spiritual boost that made the rest of the evening fly by. I especially laughed over the in-store coffee shop called **Juan Pelota Cafe**. *You* figure that one out. Speaking of bikes, my heart began to turn to stone as I was stopped at Riverside and Lamar watching a parade of bikes indulging, presumably, in some form of civil disobedience. What that meant was that dozens of clowns on bicycles took up the entire street and brought most traffic to a standstill. After several minutes of obnoxious waving and smiling from the riders, I was ready to pull a **Lizzie Grubman** and plow right through them and be on my way. But I was hesitant to rack up a lot of hit-and-run charges against me … and then there would be all that damage to my car. The thing is, all the smiling and waving did not make me sympathetic to the scofflaws' "cause." It made me think: "Don't give bikes the right. Give 'em the finger."

DRIVE-BY MOMENTS With my chauffeur/sister-in-crime **Stephen Rice** commandeering the Champagne-pink **1965 Cadillac Coupe DeVille** convertible, we sailed (well, crawled) through the streets of Austin along the **Austin Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce**'s **Pride Parade** route. I kept wondering what I *really* wanted to throw from the car: Rocks? Cocktails? Bon mots? Instead, we settled for tossing garish beads and Twinkies. Good time had by all… Went to the launch party for the ***Artsträda Magazine***, a new venture between **Jaclyn Havlak**, **Patrick Labay**, and their dedicated assistant, **Treva McCroskey**, who have produced a slick and stylish publication that seems to encompass fashion, fetish, and motorcycles… Dropped by **Anne Elizabeth Wynn**'s booksigning party for **Sarah Bird**'s new book, ***How Perfect Is That***, and brought **Kevin Pruitt** and the ***Downtown*** camera crew with me. Seems the crew has been following me around to events, shopping, even to the hairdresser. Don't know what the piece will look like, but I have a feeling I'd better check my apartment carefully for hidden cameras.

Artsträda Magazine's Editor Jaclyn Havlak with Ultimate Face Cosmetics' Gary Spellman at the magazine's launch party

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Anne Elizabeth Wynn (r) hosted a booksigning at her home for author Sarah Bird (l).

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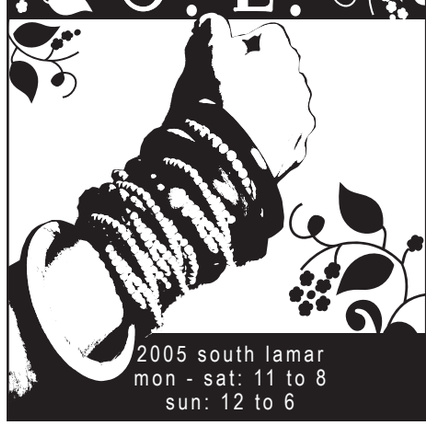

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Why's Everybody Always Picking On Him?

David Sedaris on nitpicky fact-checkers and spiders' thighs

BY ANNE S. LEWIS

David Sedaris is sitting at a provisional desk in a back room at BookPeople, appropriately engulfed by mountains of *When You Are Engulfed by Flames*, the new book he will be reading from in two hours. A few floors below, the bookstore is filling with some of the 3,500 who have prepurchased signed books and vouchers with the faint hope of catching a glimpse of the best-selling humorist. With the Chaplinesque rhythm of an on-task Santa's workshop, bookstore "elves" silently move books from the stacks lining the walls to Sedaris' pen and then onto carts, which are then whisked away and taken downstairs. Sedaris – cool, calm, and relaxed in a powder-blue shirt and madras tie, despite the oppressive heat and the fact that this is day 15 of a 30-cities-in-30-days book tour – is unfazed by the frenzy that his presence has generated. Maybe this is a perk of having recently kicked a three-decade nicotine habit, or maybe this is just how a writer deals with rock-star status.

More likely, this is simply David Sedaris. An unpretentious, 51-year-old really nice guy, who for 16 years has been writing hilariously about the silly, outlandish, scatological, and sometimes poignant in his everyday life. His fan base coalesced in 1992, when he read his "SantaLand Diaries" essay on National Public Radio and then became a regular on Ira Glass' *This American Life*. Today there are 7 million copies of his books in print – including *Barrel Fever*, *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, and *Dress Your Children in Corduroy and Denim* – translated into 25 languages. It's been a breathtaking ascent for Sedaris, who used to clean houses to support himself. Along the way, we've learned all about his family and what it was like growing up in Raleigh, N.C., with six kids (including his sister, Amy Sedaris, the actor), two outré parents (his late mom was the tough-as-nails chain-smoker who launched her son's smoking career by offering him his first puff and then gifting him cartons of smokes on holidays), and Ya-Ya, the really annoying non-English-speaking Greek grandmother who sat cluelessly watching American television all day and then made a dinner of the weeds she'd foraged from the neighbors' yards.

These days, Sedaris is a regular contributor to *The New Yorker*, the ultimate writer's kudo. "Being in there is one of those things that doesn't wear off," he says. "Most things do, but that doesn't. It always feels good to be in *The New Yorker*." Just as it does to be, with partner Hugh Hamrick, in one of their three homes: houses in London and Normandy ("I know it sounds bad, but they're very small," he insists) and an apartment in Paris. Not too shabby for a guy who's been using a computer only since 9/11, when traveling with a typewriter became problematic.

It's immediately obvious that interacting with the public at booksignings (and his works-in-progress reading tours) is one of the best parts of the job for Sedaris: The previous night, for example, at the Baton Rouge Barnes & Noble, he could not have been more tickled when a woman presenting a book for signing happened to ask for his help in brainstorming names for the two donkeys she'd just received as a Mother's Day gift. "I came up with Joan and Stephanie – aren't those perfect?" he asks with childlike glee.

When You Are Engulfed by Flames is a collection of 22 essays, many of which first appeared in *The New Yorker*. The book is Sedaris at his unrepentant best: the now-familiar anthology of life's weird and odd, observed through an already skewed prism and articulated with honest, pitch-perfect humor, from the excruciation suffered in a French doctor's waiting room as a result of his bad French and his parents' demonstrated bad taste as art collectors to absurd standoffs with seatmates on planes and outrageous apartment neighbors. And then, the long story about his battle to quit smoking.

Austin Chronicle: *Given your overwhelming popularity with the reading public, are you rocked at all by bad critical reviews – like the one your new book got last week in the daily* New York Times, *where Michiko Kakutani complained that the subjects of some of your stories suggest that you "simply might have too much spare time on your hands"?*

David Sedaris: I don't read anything about myself – I won't read your article, so feel free to say whatever you want. I've decided you can either read all of it or none of it – I don't think it's fair to just read the good stuff. But the day Michiko Kakutani's review came out, I woke up with this feeling – you know those days where you just have this feeling that you just got a bad review in *The New York Times*? I woke up, and I felt it – so I called my agent. A publicist will put a good spin on anything – that's why I love my publicist. I love my agent because she won't. She said, "I read a worse review one time." But the thing is – I never read it – I thought, if the stories were in *The New Yorker* – and 90 percent were – how bad could they be? I always think, if something's in *Esquire* or somewhere else and you don't like it, there could be something wrong with the story. But if something's in *The New Yorker* and you don't like it, there's something wrong with you. Well, Michiko hates everything – maybe it would behoove me to read what she had to say; maybe I'd learn something. For the last book, I did read her review, because she said I was making fun of the Holocaust when I wrote about getting real estate envy at Anne Frank's house. I wasn't making fun of the Holocaust; I was talking about how cute her apartment was.

AC: *So how do you get the feedback you need?*

DS: When I go on these lecture tours and read out loud to the audience the pieces I'm working on, I know when something bombs, because the audience tells me. I always make notes on the page when I read out loud.

AC: *I simply must bring up the recent brouhaha generated by Alex Heard's piece last spring in* The New Republic, *criticizing you for "embellishing" your stories and yet still calling them true. That must have been a little disconcerting – having this guy [formerly an editor at* The New York Times Magazine, *now at* Outside*] traveling around the country fact-checking stories you wrote years ago, like in* Naked, *and giving you the James Frey treatment.*

DS: I don't understand why Alex Heard did this to me. I kept thinking, "What did I do to him?" I take a story, put it on a scale, and say, "OK, if this is 96 percent true, that's an acceptable ratio for ground beef, and it's more than acceptable for heroin and cocaine, so I'm going to call it nonfiction." There are the Alex Heards, I guess, who say you have to call it fiction, but I'm not going to call it fiction for that 4 percent, and I know the people who buy my books don't give a fuck. It's just the way I tell a story.

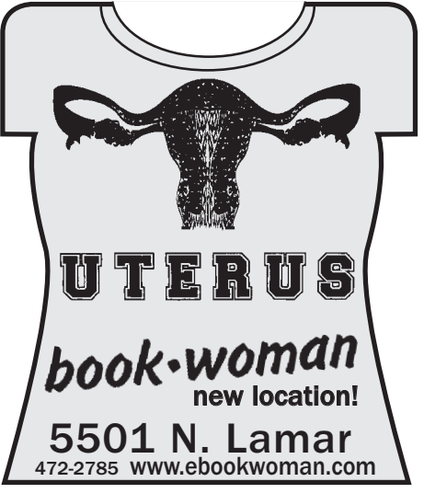
COURTESY OF ANNE FISHBEIN

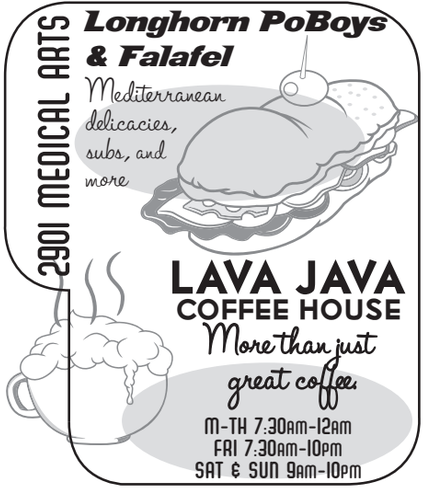
AC: *I'd love to be a fly-on-the-wall during your fact-checking conversations with the notoriously nitpicky* New Yorker *fact-checkers.*

DS: It's not too bad. Some things I give in on, and others I fight for. When I wrote a story about spiders, the fact-checker called the arachnologists at the Natural History Museum and then called me back and said, "Well, your story said you fed your spiders so much that they became obese and their feet tore holes in their webs, and [the arachnologists] said that wouldn't happen." I said, "No, of course, that wouldn't happen; it's a joke." She said: "Well, you need to say that it was a joke." I said, "No, I'm really not going to. If we get some letters from arachnologists, then we can just deal with it." I also said that the spiders' thighs chafed, and, well, I mean, that's not going to happen because they don't actually have thighs. Another time, I had written about a child molester in our village in Normandy who drove a little truck, and the magazine had a French-speaking fact-checker call these 81-year-old neighbors of mine to question them about who actually owned that truck. In another story, I said that a painting cost what the average person pays for car insurance, though to tell you the truth, I don't know how much car insurance costs because I've never driven a car, so this was just a guess – the point is that I didn't want to state the actual cost in the piece because it would have been a distracting bit of information. The fact-checker, who knew the actual amount I was talking about, came back with, "That's more than the average person pays for car insurance." I said, "OK, the average *epileptic*." And then he called back and said you'll have to make it the average epileptic in Connecticut because they have the highest insurance rates for epileptics in the U.S. I said, "OK, but the story is not really about epileptics and insurance – just make it a bumper-pool table." And then he calls back and says, "You may not realize it, but bumper-pool tables are not nearly that expensive – you need to make it 'high-end bumper-pool table.'" At that point, I said: "Pool table. Period."

AC: *What's next?*

DS: A book about animal stories. ■





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The Zealous Pursuit of the Perfect Cocktail

Thank you, readers! In the many times I've been in Fino, I never took the time to order a cocktail. Owner Emmett Fox's food always calls for wine, so I usually just head for the wine list. Then I saw the *Chronicle* Reader's Poll, where you awarded their **Bill Norris** the Top Mixologist award, and I ran over to meet the man.

Norris' grandfather owned a New Jersey speakeasy that eventually went legit. His uncle also owned a bar. That heritage helped give Bill Norris a respect for the finer points of mixing a drink. As he's spent more time behind a commercial bar, he's also become something of a spirits philosopher, spouting sayings like his opinion of how cold to get a drink: "You shake a drink to wake it up, not to put it to sleep." Or his feelings on sweet drinks: "People usually have one drink, then order wine. You don't want to start them with dessert."

In every drink, he tries to balance alcohol, sweet, sour, and bitter. He bridges the ingredients with homemade bitters. He uses only fresh juices. He even makes his own grenadine, saying: "The bottled stuff is just high-fructose corn syrup, water, and red dye. It should be macerated pomegranates and water. The difference isn't hard to taste."

I had the opportunity to try several of Norris' inventions and was amazed at the synergy of ingredients. The Garden Party ($10) uses gin, Paula's Texas Lemon, lemon juice, a sweet strawberry, and basil. The combo sounded awfully citric, but it was just slightly sweet from the strawberry, and the basil was an amazing idea. His Girasol ($10) uses fino sherry, sunshine bitters (made from cardamom and saffron), and elderflower liqueur. The smokiness of the fino just peeked through the mix. The bitters and elderflower created incredible complexity.

Bill Norris is the real deal. And not only is he good at what he does; he's humbled by getting some attention. The award is something he is very proud of, which is obvious when he gets a little uncomfortable but still tells me, "It's just so nice to think that people like what I'm doing." – *Wes Marshall*

PHOTOS BY JOHN ANDERSON

Mixologist Bill Norris

The Garden Party

1.5 ounces Tanqueray No. 10
0.5 ounces Paula's Texas Lemon
0.5 ounces fresh-squeezed lemon juice
1 strawberry, hulled and stemmed
4 basil leaves

Muddle the Paula's Texas Lemon, basil, and strawberry. Add remaining ingredients, shake with ice, and strain into a chilled cocktail glass.

Girasol

1.5 ounces fino sherry
0.75 ounces St-Germain Elderflower Liqueur
3 dashes of sunshine bitters

Stir all ingredients together with ice and strain into a wine glass.

Sunshine Bitters

1 cup 100-proof vodka
4 teaspoons cracked cardamom pods
1 tablespoon saffron threads

Place vodka and cardamom together for five days, agitating daily. After five days, strain out cardamom and add saffron. Let sit for one day. Strain and bottle.

WHITE TURMERIC/MANGO GINGER

Six years ago, we were in Chiang Mai, in Northern Thailand, when our driver suggested one of his favorite restaurants for dinner: **Khrua Doi Ped Ngam** (Diamond Mountain Beautiful Kitchen), a restaurant specializing in "forest" or hill-tribe food, the cuisine of the indigenous ethnic groups of the Northern Thai mountains. One particularly delicious dish we ate there is a salad made of shredded white turmeric, which tastes like sweet-tart green mango and is a hard-to-find cousin of the familiar bright-yellow turmeric. That dish has lured us back every trip to Chiang Mai.

While designing a new spice garden for **Madam Mam's** on West Gate Boulevard, Mam requested that I try to locate white turmeric. After wading through reams of misinformation, I finally went to the definitive source: Jana Leong-Škorničková, the ginger taxonomist of the Singapore Botanic Gardens, and Puangpen Sirirugsa, expert on the 48 species of Curcuma that grow in Thailand. Both stated that "white turmeric" was indeed ***Curcuma mangga***, a ginger relative with very light yellow/cream flesh and the taste of sweet-tart green mango. Knowing that it is also used in Indian cuisine, for chutneys, *achar* relishes, and curries, I spoke with professor K. Sata Sathasivan at the University of Texas, who directed me to Mathew Mathen at MGM Indian Foods (7429 Burnet Rd., 459-5353, **www.mgmindianfoods.com**).

Indians use *C. mangga* in the South and an almost identical species, *C. amada,* in the North; both have that distinctive mango flavor and are known in India as "mango ginger." Mathen explained that he gets it in fresh for a limited time in the summer, shipped in from Fiji and Hawaii. For a truly sublime taste treat, we suggest that you get some fresh white turmeric/mango ginger, julienne it finely, combine it with some shallot, mint, and tropical fruits of your choosing, and dress it with a sweet-sour, slightly spicy vinaigrette.

– *Mick Vann*

EVENT MENU: JUNE 28-JULY 3

▸ **34th Street Cafe & Catering** (1005 W. 34th, 371-3400, **www.34thstreetcafe.com**) will transform into **Lounge 34** on the last Saturday night of the month this summer, offering sensational wines, creative appetizers of the season by chef **Justin Raiford**, and "spinsational" tunes from **DJ Blake**. $18 per person, $34 per couple. Reservations necessary: 323-2000 or **goodfood@34thstreetcafe.com**. Saturday, June 28, 10pm-12mid.

▸ Brewer **Brian Peters** invites beer aficionados to join him for a **Brewer's Dinner** – five courses of food paired with five of his handcrafted beers, at **Uncle Billy's Brew & Que** (1530 Barton Springs Rd., 476-0100, **www.unclebillysaustin.com**). $45 per person, reservations necessary. Sunday, June 29, reception at 6pm, dinner at 7pm.

▸ Summer wine classes continue at the **Falls Bistro & Wine Cellar** (202 Main St. in Marble Falls, 830/265-4580, **www.thefallsbistro.com**) with sommelier **Brian McIndoo** talking about wines from the Bordeaux region of France. The $95 price includes a cheese buffet. Reservations necessary. Tuesday, July 1, 6-9pm.

▸ **Austin Slow Burn** proprietors **Jill** and **Kevin Lewis** prepare zesty summer party foods with their spicy line of products that pair well with summer wines at **A22 Wine Bar** at **Central Market Westgate** (4477 S. Lamar, 899-4300). $25 per person, reservations necessary (**www.austinslowburn.com**). Tuesday & Thursday, July 1 & 3, 6:30-7:30pm.

▸ **Zax Pints & Plates** (312 Barton Springs Rd., 481-0100, **www.zaxaustin.com**) owners **Mike Baldwin** and **Jeffrey Lynd** invite everyone to a customer appreciation celebration commemorating Zax's fifth anniversary. $5 pizzas and $2.50 select pints. Thursday, July 3, 4-10pm. – *V.B.W.*

FOOD-O-FILE

BY VIRGINIA B. WOOD

The national food media spotlight is on Central Texas again this spring and summer. **Maria Corbalan** thoroughly charmed **Food Network** host **Guy Fieri** during a *Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives* segment on fresh fast food at **Taco Xpress** (2529 S. Lamar, 444-0261) in May. The homemade tortillas, tacos, enchiladas, and Maria's signature *chimichurri* always make for tasty TV… The editors of ***Food & Wine*** magazine certainly have a thing for Central Texas – they recently featured a story on a getaway weekend to Fredericksburg, and a piece on "Airstream Cuisine" earlier in the spring showcased the portable comestibles of such popular Austin street vendors as the original **Torchy's Tacos** (1207 S. First, 366-0537) and **Flip Happy Crepes** (400 Jessie, 552-9034), with mouthwatering descriptions and great photos. A page in the July issue currently on the stands touts cocktails at the **Belmont** (305 W. Sixth, 457-0300), fine-dining at both the **Driskill Grill** (604 Brazos, 391-7162) and **Wink** (1014 N. Lamar, 482-8868), enchiladas at **Zocalo Taqueria Fresca** (1110 West Lynn, 472-8226), tacos at Torchy's, the fancy barbecue Sunday brunch at **Lamberts** (401 W. Second, 494-1500), and a bucolic **Dai Due Supper Club** (**www.daidueaustin.com**) farm dinner in the field at **Boggy Creek Farm** (3414 Lyons, 926-4650). Look for a story on the Austin restaurant scene in an upcoming fall issue of ***Food Arts*** magazine, as well… Perhaps the best national exposure the foods and wines of Central Texas could possibly receive is taking place at the annual **Smithsonian Folklife Festival** in Washington, D.C., this summer. The program "Texas: A Celebration of Music, Food, and Wine" is curated by Austinites **Dawn Orsak** and **Pat Jasper** and runs June 25-29 and July 2-6, under tents on the National Mall. The programming will focus on the musical, culinary, and winemaking heritage of the culturally and geographically diverse regions of Texas. Cooking demonstrations will showcase everything from barbecue to pho and kolach-making to correctly frying chicken-fried steak. (How's this for Texas culinary diversity? A cowboy cook, a NASA astronaut, and a Bhutanese immigrant cook will discuss Food in Remote Places.) Performances in the music tent will encompass blues, swing, conjunto, gospel, Tejano, and country & western. Texas winemakers will offer informative, educational panel discussions on the best wines for Texas tastes and the best grapes for Texas terroir, demonstrate winemaking techniques, and answer questions from audiences. Central Texans participating in the event are Austin restaurateur **Hoover Alexander**, Burnet cowboy cook and chili pitchman **Tom Nall**, singer and Cajun cook **Marcia Ball**, winemakers **Susan** and **Ed Auler** of **Fall Creek Vineyards**, **Karen** and **Jim Johnson** of **Alamosa Wine Cellars**, **Kathy** and **Gary Gilstrap** of **Texas Hills Vineyard**, and **Jason Englert** of **Grape Creek Vineyard**. For more info on the presentation in Washington, D.C., plus a complete program schedule listing all participants, see **www.folklife.si.edu/festival/2008/Texas.**

JOHN ANDERSON

JOE DIMAGGIO'S ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE

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The Domain opened up with so many high-end restaurants that it's hard to imagine how so many of them are full most of the week. The fight for bragging rights over who has the best restaurant is in the bottom of the ninth, and if you pick your food very carefully, it could be Jasper's or North or McCormick & Schmick's or Fleming's. At Joe DiMaggio's Italian Chophouse, you probably have the best chance of hitting a grand slam.

Enough of the baseball metaphors. Obviously, the place is named after the great Joltin' Joe, the Yankee Clipper, Joe DiMaggio. He was one of the greatest players to ever put on a glove, the man that bridged the Yankees' baseball dynasty between Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and Mickey Mantle. Everyone in the game loved the man for his sophistication, his kindness, and his phenomenal abilities on both offense and defense.

He was also proud of his hometown of San Francisco. That's where he eloped with Marilyn Monroe in 1954. Their marriage was short lived, but DiMaggio never married again. Marilyn died Aug. 5, 1962. Joltin' Joe had roses delivered to her crypt three times a week and would occasionally shed a very tiny tear whenever someone asked him about her, right until he died in 1999. His lawyer said that DiMaggio's last words were, "Now I'll finally get to see Marilyn." That same year, Kinky Friedman wrote his most romantic song, "Marilyn and Joe."

The first DiMaggio's is in his beloved San Francisco, and for now, the Austin location is the only other. DiMaggio himself had no role in the Chophouse. The owners say they were trying to suggest a lifestyle by using his name.

To evoke the luxury of the post-World War II era, the snazziness starts from the moment you enter. Inside, they've given more than half of the space to a gorgeous bar, full of leather and dark wood. Flat-panel TVs over the bar play sports. Live jazz singers (including some of the cream of Austin's jazz scene) croon standards. As in most bars in town, there are plenty of sweet drinks for the patron who's recently sworn off Jägermeister, but we stuck with the classics, including a perfectly made Manhattan ($10) using Old Overholt Straight Rye Whiskey. We also asked for a special recipe margarita ($10) that came exactly as ordered.

The opulent dining room is all tufted leather, dark woods, and pictures of Joe and Marilyn. The surprise was that the place is intimate and cozy, about the size of Mirabelle's main dining room. The servers are smooth and instantaneously available, but could someone somewhere please put a stop to waitstaff saying, "What will we have tonight?" or, "Are we enjoying our food?" I know the concept is to flatter us by using the royal "we," but I keep wanting to ask if they're expecting to sit down and join us for dinner.

We started with the antipasto platter ($16) and the Chilled Frutti de Mare ($16 per person, minimum of two). The antipasto platter is a generous serving – enough for four – of cured meats, olives, and cheese. The quality of the meat and olives was very good, but the little chunks of indeterminate cheese had seen better times. Anyone who likes to see all the other patrons ogle with curiosity will have to order the Frutti di Mare, which arrives in a billow of dry-ice smoke. It's a fancy presentation, and the quality of the seafood is to a very high standard. Four oysters, two U-6 shrimp, marinated mussels, calamari salad, and cured salmon added up to the best dish I had in either visit.

Whoever is handling the fry station has a delicate hand and some very hot oil, because each bite of the Fritto Misto ($11 with fried calamari, shrimp, and vegetables) was crunchy, and there was nary a hint of oil left in the batter. The Polenta con Funghi ($8) features a nicely crunchy outside with a silky interior and includes delicious caramelized baby onions. We were intrigued by a chopped salad ($9) that included Point Reyes blue cheese, peaches, cucumbers, and olives. Unfortunately, the cheese was nonexistent, and the peach was limited to two razor-thin strips sitting atop the salad.

For main courses, the Sicilian Fisherman's Stew ($28) resembles cioppino and uses top-quality ingredients. It's spiced just right with a nice hit of sweet peppers and should please the pescetarians in the crowd.

For the carnivores, there's the chop menu. While they don't have as large an offering as a standard steak palace, you can choose from beef, lamb, or pork. Prices range from a low of $27 for the pork chops to a high of $47 for the porterhouse. At least at DiMaggio's, you don't have to buy your sides. Any chop comes with Parmesan-crusted potato gratin, good-quality fresh vegetables, and a demi-glace.

We tried both the half-rack of domestic lamb chops ($42) and the bone-in rib eye ($42). They cook all the chops in an 1,800-degree oven, so you get a nice sear on the outside. The lamb chops are the ribs, cooked as a whole, then cut into chops for plating. They were fork-tender and thankfully tasted like lamb and not the muttony gaminess that you sometimes get when steak houses try to present a huge hunk of meat.

DiMaggio's is a place where they aren't afraid to leave fat on the bone-in rib eye. Some people like the added richness, while others look at it as debris they had to pay for. Once I cut off the band of fat around the edge, the steak was as good as I've had around town. It was very juicy and had enough age on it to make it tender and flavorful. Even with the discarded fat, it was plenty of food for the biggest appetite.

DiMaggio's wine list has a few hidden gems, like Masi Masianico ($7 per glass), one of Italy's great white wines. My heart started racing a little harder when I found out they had Stags' Leap Petite Syrah ($78), the bottom-of-the-11th grand-slam-home-run of Petite Syrahs. The depth and intense fruit made the chops come to life.

Dessert is usually an afterthought for me, but my wife has a sweet tooth that hits her in restaurants. We ordered the cookies ($7) because they had her favorite – shortbread. They also had thin-sliced biscotti, which was just a tad dry and bland. For me, the winner was the best chocolate cookie I've ever had. It melts in your mouth, leaving mouth-filling richness (lard?) and chunks of chocolate that sit on your palate for just a second, then melt away with everything else. Wow! We ordered a second plate.

The whole experience had a couple of problems, but there's something magical about the place that makes me feel that Marilyn and Joe could be sitting in the next booth, nuzzling, drinking martinis, and being beautiful.

– *Wes Marshall*

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Back in February of this year, Stephen Xie and family opened Sichuan Garden, a comfortable haven for fans of spicy authentic Sichuan cuisine. It is located very near Origami Sushi, toward the southern end of the strip center that anchors the southwest corner of I-35 and Highway 620 in Round Rock. Inside you'll find the typical collection of Chinese restaurant stylistic adornments, although tastefully done here, with warm wood accents and comfortable chairs. The service can be downright hovering, but for a good reason: They genuinely want to know that you like your food and that you have everything you need. You will have to insist that you like spicy, as they have a slight tendency to dumb it down a bit for the non-native crowd.

Our first twinge of excitement came when a Chinese co-worker said that it was her favorite place in town, which to me spoke volumes. The next twinge came when we saw the menu. Sure, there are the required nods to the sweet and sour/General Tso's/chow mein crowd, but the majority of the menu features authentic specialties of Sichuan province.

The next test was taste. Pan-fried dumplings ($4.95) are exquisite: a thin, delicate pastry nicely browned on both sides, filled with minced pork and scallions, served with a nicely balanced soy-ginger-vinegar dipping sauce. Dragon Wontons ($3.50) present a nice bowl of plump pork-stuffed wontons swimming in a sauce of rich broth, soy, garlic, red oil, and chile. The onion pancake ($1.95) was flaky and oniony but would have been better if it had been browned a tad more. Hot Sour Noodles ($3.95) were a surprise: a spicy, tangy, delicious sauce was placed atop a bowl of very difficult-to-eat bean starch noodles; we loved the taste but had a hard time getting them down the piehole. That was a sample of only four of a total of 26 appetizers, with many more to test.

Lamb With Hot Cumin ($9.95) is downright addictive. Lamb is thin sliced on the bias and stir fried with a thick spice paste that clings to each bite; this is dry-style stir fry. Thin slices of celery and jalapeño, onion, and red chile complement the lamb, with the taste of cumin hovering closely. Boiled Beef With Spicy Sauce ($8.95) is another entrée that blew us away. A large bowl of silky textured rich beef sauce surrounds thin slices of tender beef, lots of sliced leek, garlic and onion, cabbage, and celery. The taste is that of a spicy, complex beef reduction with no thickeners used.

Sichuan Garden's version of *ma po do fu* ($6.95, ordered here with pork) could just be the definitive version in town: a large bowl of cubes of soft tofu surrounded by a rich thick sauce of garlic, hot chile-bean sauce, scallions, minced pork, and a subtle kiss of Sichuan peppercorn. It has richness, spice, and perfect balance. Sautéed Duck Tongue With Double-Flavored Chile ($11.95) is wonderful – a large mound of succulent duck tongues (the very essence of duckness, with only a small cartilaginous bone in the middle) tossed with red pickled chile peppers, garlic, and more – listed here as an entrée, but it makes a great appetizer as well. Tri-Vegetables With Garlic Sauce ($6.95) is the perfect foil for a meal. Long purple eggplant, green beans, and rectangles of crispy tofu are bathed in an assertive garlic sauce – well-balanced between sweet and sour, garlicky and spicy.

We've tried five of the 88 entrées offered, so more trips are planned. There are lunch specials (23 selections, $5.95-6.50, Monday-Friday, 11am-3pm) for the lunch crowd, and they also offer a dozen soups and cook-your-own hot pots.

Portions are large, service is excellent, prices are right, and the taste is superb. We could not be happier with the arrival of Sichuan Garden, even if it is in Round Rock. – *Mick Vann*

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FINE DINING, FRENCH: **AQUARELLE RESTAURANT FRANÇAIS** Fine dining in a quietly understated atmosphere. Traditional French service and preparations, often using fresh local ingredients. A special-occasion place with china, crystal, and romantically dim lighting. *606 Rio Grande, 479-8117.* **www.aquarellerestaurant.com**. $$$$

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TEX-MEX: **COPA BAR & GRILL** This popular Latin dance club features drinks, eats, live salsa and merengue on Fridays, as well as a Saturday DJ. *217 Congress, 479-5002.* **www.copabarandgrill.com**. $

TEX-MEX: **RIO GRANDE MEXICAN RESTAURANT** Open for lunch and dinner, this Colorado-based Mexican food chain has a full bar and valet parking. *301 San Jacinto, 476-8300.* **www.rioaustin.com**. $$

THAI: **THAI TARA** This fashionable West Sixth Street outpost continues to be the destination for Downtown Thai food and atmosphere. *601 W. Sixth, 236-0856.* **www.thaitara.com**. $$

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CAJUN/CREOLE: **PAPPADEAUX SEAFOOD KITCHEN** Items here include po'boys, dinner plates, and combos with shrimp, oysters, and crab. Order the fish fried, blackened, or char-broiled with a variety of side dishes. *6319 N. I-35, 452-9363.* **www.pappadeaux.com**. $$$

INTERIOR MEXICAN: **LOS COMALES GRACIELA** Expert purveyors of real Norteño-style grilled meats and side dishes. Reliable Interior dishes such as *puerco en chile colorado* and *pollo en mole poblano* round out the menu. *2136 E. Seventh, 480-9358. $$*

SEAFOOD: **TERRY'S SEAFOOD CO.** Terry knows how to batter up and fry right. Ample dinner boxes of shrimp, fish, and chicken. *1805 Airport, 477-3233. $*

TEX-MEX: **ABARROTES MEXICANOS** This family has been making breakfast tacos and lunch plates for this neighborhood for more than nine years. Coming soon is their new Mexican import shop in the back. *901 Tillery, 926-1709. $*

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LAKE

CHINESE: **PAO'S MANDARIN HOUSE** Open 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday, this Mandarin restaurant offers daily lunch and dinner specials. *2300 Lohman's Spur #134, 263-8869. $$*

ITALIAN: **HILL COUNTRY PASTA HOUSE** We loved the pizza with sun-dried tomatoes and melting gobs of Texas chèvre. The food here is worth a drive from town. *3519 RR 620 N., 266-9445.* **www.hillcountrypasta.com**. $$

TEX-MEX: **IGUANA GRILL** A medium-priced menu offers most of the standards, but the flautas and sauces really stand out. Fabulous margaritas and a stellar beer selection go well with the killer view. *2900 RR 620 N., 266-8439.* **www.iguanagrillaustin.com**. $$

NORTH

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ITALIAN: **ANDIAMO RISTORANTE** Each month a different region of Italy is highlighted on a menu of homemade pastas, soups, entrées, and desserts. The list of Italian wines is extensive. *2521 Rutland, 719-3377.* **www.andiamoitaliano.com**. $$$

JAPANESE: **MIDORI SUSHI** Given its location, expect lots of lunch traffic, especially considering the bargain specials. A nice array of entrée choices is available for dinner and takeout. *13435 Hwy. 183 N., 257-1411. $$$*

PAN-ASIAN: **CHON SOM** Go for the ahi tuna tapas or for a New York strip. The presentation is beautiful, and so are the prices. *2013 Wells Branch Pkwy. #109, 989-5559.* **www.chonsom.com**. $$

PIZZA: **OASIS MEDITERRANEAN CAFE & PIZZA** Start with crumbled feta, biting radish slices, and parsley garnishing a basket of hot flatbread. Kebob plates are another option, with tender meats and lightly charred vegetables. *14735 Bratton #105, 251-5777.* **www.oasis-pizza.com**. $

SOUTHWESTERN: **IRON CACTUS NORTH** In addition to stacked enchiladas, the extensive menu offers hearty steak, chicken, and shrimp dishes treated with combinations of Southwestern and Interior Mexican spices. *10001 Stonelake Blvd., 794-8778.* **www.ironcactus.com**. $$

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BURGER JOINT: **BURGER TEX** Build your own burger at this longtime, no-frills restaurant. *5420 Airport, 453-8772.* **www.burgertex.com**. *$*

CHINESE: **SHANGHAI RESTAURANT** The 168-item menu contains enough to satisfy any craving, from the usual favorites to some exotic Cantonese offerings. *6718 Middle Fiskville, 458-8088. $$*

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KOREAN: **KOREA GARDEN** The interior may be newer and brighter, but the sushi and Korean dishes are as good as ever. Try the *banchan* tidbits and the noodle dishes. You can also grill on your table. *6519 N. Lamar, 302-3149. $$*

PAN-ASIAN: **MAMA FU'S ASIAN HOUSE** Drop by to eat in or take out; the ingredients are fresh, and the service is great. *4615 N. Lamar, 637-6773.* **www.mamafusaustin.com**. *$$*

PIZZA: **THE PARLOR HYDE PARK** The jukebox may be different, but expect the same fresh, innovative pizzas at this new outpost of the popular punk parlor on North Loop. *4300 Guadalupe, 323-0440. $*

SEAFOOD: **THE CAPTAIN'S SEAFOOD & OYSTER BAR** A full range of both fried and broiled seafood. Especially popular are the oyster and shrimp diablo appetizers and Captain Dan's Crawfish Pirogue. *5700 N. I-35, 452-1417. $$*

TEX-MEX: **JULIO'S CAFE** The vegetarian taco with perfectly grilled zucchini and summer squash is a favorite, along with the enchiladas, chalupas, and fajitas. *4230 Duval St., 452-1040. $*

SOUTH

AMERICAN CAFE: **MAGNOLIA CAFE SOUTH** This second location packs 'em in at all hours like the original, but especially at mealtimes, if the lines at lunch are any indication. *1920 S. Congress, 445-0000.* **www.cafemagnolia.com**. *$*

AMERICAN CAFE: **THE WOODLAND** Sophistication meets comfort at this South Congress restaurant with exceptional but simple burgers, grilled meats and fish, and tantalizing pies. Tasty cocktails, too. *1716 S. Congress, 441-6800.* **www.woodlandaustin.com**. *$$*

BAKERY/COFFEEHOUSE: **TEXAS FRENCH BREAD** Still the perfect place for a scone, pastry, and cup of coffee. The sandwich menu offers light lunch fare, and, of course, it's a great place for breakfast. *1722 S. Congress, 440-1122.* **www.texasfrenchbread.com**. *$*

BARBECUE: **RICHARD JONES PIT BARBEQUE: THE ORIGINAL** Order takeout, or sit yourself down for some fast, delicious 'Q. *2304 S. Congress, 444-2272.* **www.rjbbq.com**. *$*

BRAZILIAN: **ESTÂNCIA CHURRASCARIA** This locally owned Brazilian steak house boasts a relaxed, fine-dining atmosphere and the only Brazilian wine list in town. *4894 Hwy. 290 W., 892-1225.* **www.estanciachurrascaria.com**. *$$*

INTERIOR MEXICAN: **LA TERRAZA** Offers standard Mexican fare served in a comfortable, clean atmosphere. Cold beer and cheap margaritas, with live mariachi twice a week. *1605 E. Oltorf, 444-0018.* **www.laterrazaaustin.com**. *$$*

JAPANESE: **DK SUSHI** After 7pm this sushi show is for 21 years and up, which gives us some idea of the party put on nightly by chef DK Lee. The menu features both Korean and Japanese favorites. *6400 S. First, 326-5807.* **www.dksushi.com**. *$$$*

TEX-MEX: **HABANERO MEXICAN CAFE** When God created fajitas, he (or she) took lessons here first. Breakfast is just as good as lunch, with low prices, big servings, and great service. Vegans don't pout; concessions have been made for your limited diets. *501 W. Oltorf, 416-0443. $*

VIETNAMESE: **LEE'S KITCHEN** Right at the corner of MoPac and William Cannon, Lee's Kitchen offers wonderfully fresh ingredients and well-made dishes, gracious service, and fair prices. Don't miss their *Com Suón Bì Hôt Gà Ôp La*, a delicious rice dish with barbecued pork chops, shredded pork, and a sunny-side-up fried egg. *4404 W. William Cannon Ste. B, 899-8862. $*

UT

AMERICAN CAFE: **RED RIVER CAFE** Tucked away on Medical Arts (not on Red River, as the name suggests), this popular spot offers tasty omelets, burgers, and weekend brunch specials. *2912 Medical Arts, 472-0385. $$*

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BURGER JOINT, DELIVERY, PUB GRUB: **PLUCKERS WING BAR** This may be the local Oakland Raiders headquarters, but there are plenty of TVs, and the wings keep coming until the wee hours. *2222 Rio Grande, 469-WING (9464).* **www.pluckers.com**. *$*

DELI/SANDWICH SHOP: **NAU'S PHARMACY** A traditional, old-fashioned, mom-and-pop drug store, with soda fountain and diner, office supplies, and a decent selection of cards and gifts. Not many of these places left. *2406 San Gabriel, 476-1544. $*

JAPANESE: **SUSHI NIICHI EXPRESS** This no-frills sushi spot will satisfy your wasabi cravings. Be sure to stop next door for Momoko's Bubble Tea. *705 W. 24th, 469-0499.* **www.sushiniichi.com**. *$$*

MIDDLE EASTERN: **GYRO KING** They carve your spiced meat from one of those rotating triangles. A take on the sandwich beyond the ordinary. *2021 Guadalupe (Dobie Mall, second floor), 479-6222. $*

TEX-MEX: **CHANGOS TAQUERIA** Making fresh tortillas right before your eyes, they offer great mahi fish tacos, al pastor, and pork in chipotle. Get a fresh-fruit *liquado* on the side. *3023 Guadalupe, 480-8226.* **www.changos.com**. *$$*

THAI: **MADAM MAM'S NOODLES & MORE** Fans and regulars are always borderline obsessed. The authentic Thai home-style dishes served in this popular campus-area spot are "Mam's" family recipes. *2514 Guadalupe, 472-8306.* **www.madammam.com**. *$$*

WEST

AMERICAN CAFE: **HANG TOWN GRILL** Jetson-era family restaurant with gourmet pizzas and mesquite burgers for mom and dad and combo meals for kids. Outdoor patio. *701 Capital of TX Hwy. N., 347-1039.* **www.hangtowngrill.com**. *$$*

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CHINESE: **TIEN HONG** One of Austin's older Chinese strongholds, Tien Hong rules with the weekend dim sum crowd. For dinner, go for the specialties. *8301 Burnet Rd., 458-2263.* **www.tienhong.net**. *$$$*

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FINE DINING: **ZOOT** Holding its own in Austin's restaurant scene for years, the menu has remained anchored in understated refinement. *509 Hearn, 477-6535.* **www.zootrestaurant.com**. *$$$$*

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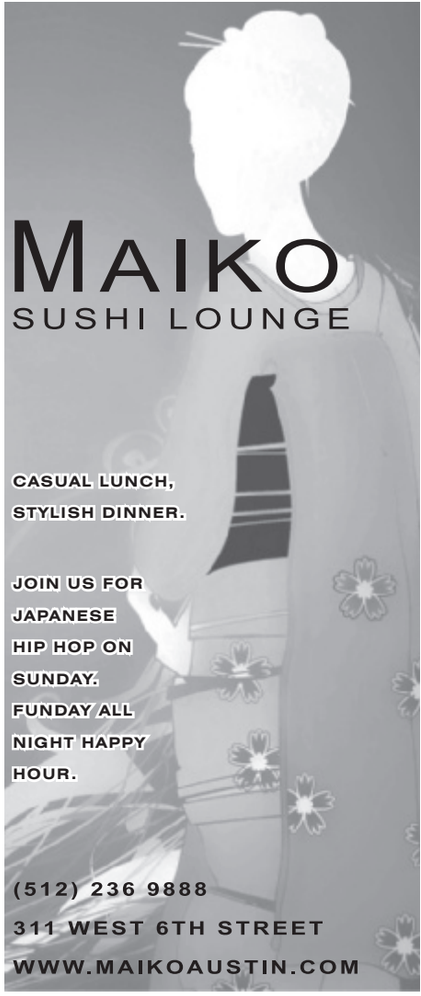

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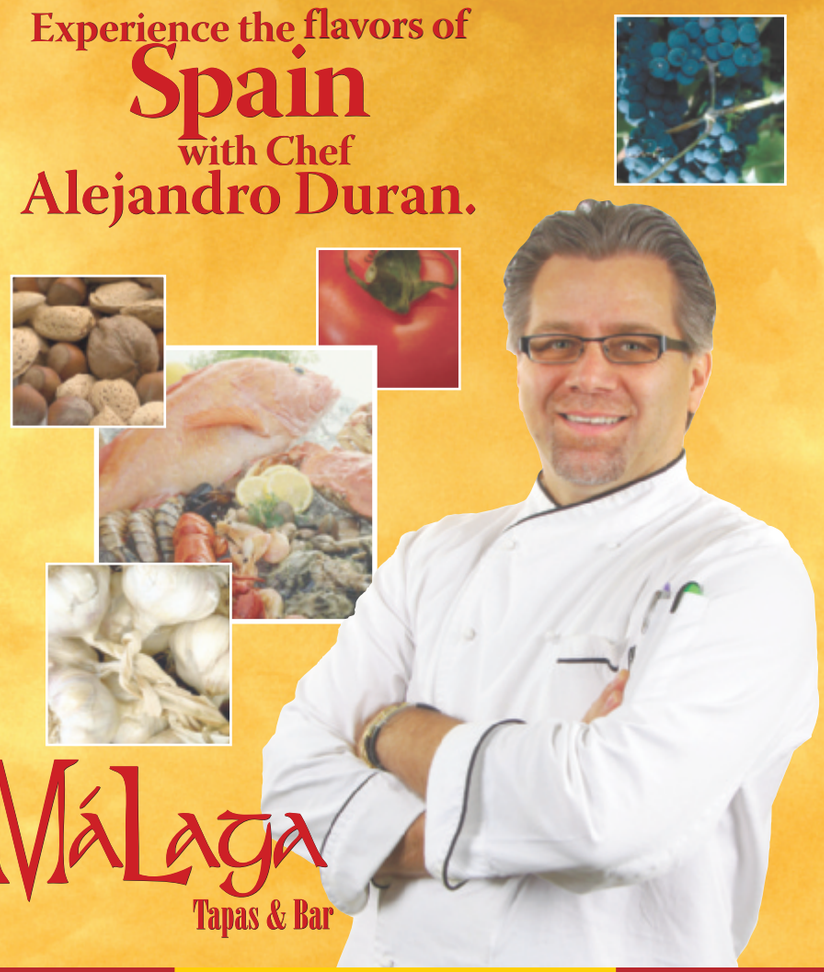

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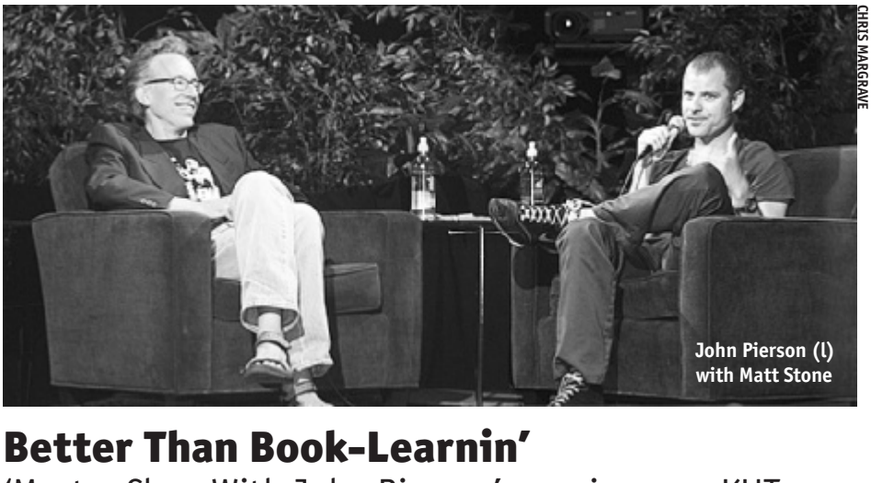


CHRIS MARGRAVE

John Pierson (l) with Matt Stone

Better Than Book-Learnin'

'Master Class With John Pierson' premieres on KUT

Education has its perks, for sure – just ask the UT undergrads who attend John Pierson's Master Class in the Radio-Television-Film Department. Every semester, they get front-row seats to Pierson's lively discussions with some of the industry's best and brightest, like Spike Lee, Kevin Smith, and Gus Van Sant. But for the cost of something less than a four-year stint at a public university – the cost of nothing, in fact – you can check out abbreviated sessions on KUT's *The Best of Public Radio* program, starting this Sunday, June 29, at 11am (nestled, as Pierson puts it, in the "sweet spot between *This American Life* and *Prairie Home Companion*"). Pierson's own students take the original two-hour sessions, some of which were taped in the *Austin City Limits* soundstage, and whittle them down to half-hour highlight reels. Teeing up first are actor Steve Buscemi and David Simon (creator of *The Wire*); airing July 27 are interviews with Bravo reality-programming wizard Lauren Zalaznick and *South Park*'s Matt Stone (always funny, especially when remembering his early days, when he and partner Trey Parker sold their first film to Troma for dirt cheap, or what he calls "a salad and a bag of peanuts"); followed by an Aug. 31 program featuring pioneering African-American filmmaker Charles Burnett (*Killer of Sheep*) and chronicler of American eccentrics Chris Smith (*American Movie*). The shows are funny and revealing and – given that the audience largely comprises college kids – not your typical Q&A song-and-dance. To wit: You can bet Charlie Rose never asked Buscemi if he'd considered a career in porn. – *Kimberley Jones*

The new season of Master Class With John Pierson *premieres on* The Best of Public Radio *on KUT (90.5FM) this Sunday, June 29, at 11am.*

The Fight Stuff

Jamaa Fanaka on racial myths and the ailing film industry

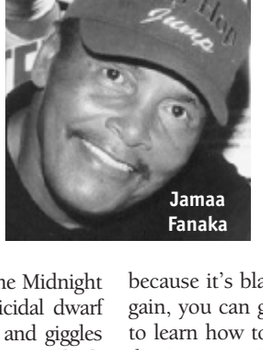
BY MARC SAVLOV

Who is Jamaa Fanaka?

Jamaa Fanaka is the creator of some of the maddest, baddest filmmaking ever to come from a black man rolling bones in a rigged white man's game.

His entire body of work, beginning with the racial powder-keg triptych *Welcome Home Brother Charles*, *Emma Mae*, and *Penitentiary* (all three of which were written, produced, directed, and edited and garnered theatrical distro as part of Fanaka's curriculum at UCLA Film School), is both a compassionate shout-out to the downtrodden of Compton and beyond and a wholly civilized cri de coeur aimed at an increasingly feral world.

Jamaa Fanaka is an interlocutor in an endlessly outrageous and intellectually evolving argument on race.



Jamaa Fanaka

He took on the myth of African-American phallic superiority (*Welcome Home* features a surrealistic death-by-penis-strangulation scene worthy of Buñuel) and then turned around and played directly to stereotype with the crazed *Penitentiary III*, in which wrongly incarcerated boxer-cum-antihero Leon Isaac Kennedy is forced to defend his manhood from the Midnight Thud, a spuriously un-PC, gay homicidal dwarf who smokes crack, roars like a tiger, and giggles maniacally before giving his victims a tongue bath and gnawing off their nether regions.

Jamaa Fanaka is a subversive and a threat to Hollywood's status quo.

"I am hoping the film industry doesn't fight what is already fait accompli," he says of the digital-download revolution currently scaring the hell out of Hollywood.

"Just imagine," he told *The Austin Chronicle* from his home in Los Angeles, "if the studios in Hollywood, instead of trying to get the horse back into the barn, which is on fire, so to speak, would release the raw footage, the dailies, the rushes, the sound effects, the music, and upload it all onto the Internet. And then allow everybody a chance to do their *own* version of *Star Wars* or do a new version of a film that flopped, that in other hands might end up being a big hit if everybody in the world has a chance to edit it on their computer. Imagine that! Why not?

"The [Directors Guild of America] and some directors will probably have a knee-jerk reaction against my idea, because they are under the impression that it somehow might dilute the purity of their vision and all that. *Nothing* can destroy the purity of your vision! Nothing! *Star Wars* will always be *Star Wars*, and if somebody draws a mustache on the Mona Lisa, it doesn't detract from the Mona Lisa – you know what I mean? It does not alter the original work in any way; it just adds another, different way of looking at it. But the original director's vision remains intact."

Jamaa Fanaka is a tech-savvy visionary who embraces the new before it even arrives.

"I never had a computer key refuse to respond to my finger because it's black. Any knowledge you want to gain, you can gain from the Internet. You want to learn how to make an atomic bomb? It's on the Internet. Getting the material and getting the facilities, that's another thing. Same thing with filmmaking, only now we've got the material, we've got the facilities."

Who is Jamaa Fanaka?

Jamaa Fanaka is a Revolutionary with a capital "R." Believe the hype ■

Jamaa Fanaka will screen his films Penitentiary III *and* Emma Mae *at the Alamo Ritz on Wednesday, July 2. Check* **www.originalalamo.com** *for show times. Fanaka will also conduct a Film and Video Director's Master Workshop with filmmaker Maxie D. Collier on Thursday, July 3, at the George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center (1165 Angelina). For more information, visit* **www.jamaafanaka.eventbrite.com**.

The City of Angels, Air-Kissing Austin

Dispatch from the Los Angeles Film Festival

BY KYLE HENRY

Don't know how many of you know this, but the Los Angeles Film Festival loves us! For the last few years running, Austin films (*Gretchen*, *Chalk*, *August Evening*) have won big awards, including the $50,000 Target Filmmaker Award for Best Narrative Feature. That is no small chunk of change, especially for independent filmmakers who almost certainly will never *ever* see a return on their microbudget labor of love. This can go a long way to repaying crippling credit-card debt or paying off film school student loans. Nothing says love like cash!

Of course, money won't necessarily buy love … but a great staff, a free and fully stocked bar open every day till 1am, impeccable projection, and a receptive audience in a major media market pretty much had me wanting to tie the knot and get hitched to the festival (now that gay marriage is legal in California) by day two. Although everyone was sweating big time through one of the worst heat waves on record for June in Los Angeles (115 degrees in the Valley), the Austin film community was out in force this year.

Austin was well represented by both (frequent *Chronicle* contributor) Spencer Parsons' *I'll Come Running*, starring Melonie Diaz, in the narrative competition and PJ Raval and Jay Hodges' *Trinidad*, executive-produced by South by Southwest ex Matt Dentler, in the doc competition. (Disclosure alert: I've known Spencer for years as a fellow UT grad, and I edited PJ and Jay's flick.) Parsons' premiere was a sold-out affair Saturday night, with the ladies swooning over his two Danish male leads. Let's just put it this way: There's a lot of Danish on display in *ICR*, a welcome reprieve from the de rigueur female topless shows that accompany most American indies. Big props were also given in the press to the film's rising star, Diaz, for portraying a sexually adventurous, goofy, articulate (no mumbling here!), but thoroughly crazed woman who careens from romantic slapstick to despairing anomie to wonderful comedic effect.

KYLE HENRY

***Trinidad* filmmakers PJ Raval (l) and Jay Hodges on the red carpet at LAFF**

Doc subjects Sabrina Marcus and Marci Bowers were on hand Sunday for the premiere of *Trinidad*. Both were given rousing applause during the post-screening Q&A as they fielded questions regarding their trials, tribulations, and triumphs as transsexual residents of tiny Trinidad, Colo., the sex-change capital of the world. Ex-Austinites Mark and Jay Duplass (*Baghead*) and Margaret Brown (*The Order of Myths*) made the fest for preview screenings.

The Austin Film Society threw their first-ever LAFF party Sunday night, hosted by staff members Bryan Poyser and Agnes Varnum. Janet Pierson, newly minted SXSW Film head, was on the scene scouting for new films; also in attendance were ex-Austinites Jacob Vaughan (*Dear Pillow*), prolific shorts filmmaker Jenn Garrison ("Jo FM," *Prize Whores*), and producer Tommy Pallotta (*A Scanner Darkly*). Industry reps from Creative Artists Agency, International Creative Management, Cinetic, et al., mingled with the Austin crowd, as well as indie filmmakers like Morgan Spurlock (*Super Size Me*), on what was finally a cool evening.

A new fest like LAFF is still working out a few kinks (like no free parking), and its Westwood neighborhood setting has its share of too-cool-for-school L.A. tragedies (manufactured bodies, yuck!) on display. But all in all, in a few short years, LAFF has established itself as a viable launch alongside Sundance, SXSW, Toronto, and Tribeca, for North American features, and Austin filmmakers will now travel out each summer hoping to come away with a distribution deal or maybe some cash to begin their festival circuits. ■

Kyle Henry is a local filmmaker. His writing and directing feature debut, Room, *premiered at Cannes in 2005.*

ADAM STONE

Shotgun Stories with Michael Shannon (middle)

Brothers in Arms

Jeff Nichols' Southern Gothic family saga, 'Shotgun Stories'

BY SPENCER PARSONS

It's not Hatfield and McCoy, but rather Hayes vs. Hayes in Austin-based writer-director Jeff Nichols' acclaimed debut feature, a lean, angular tale of revenge served hot as the summer in Arkansas. Shot in anamorphic 35mm and starring veteran stage actor Michael Shannon (*Bug*, *8 Mile*) in one of his biggest and best film performances to date as the complexly wounded Son Hayes, *Shotgun Stories* plays out an intimate feud against a broad canvas of lonely back roads and disused cotton fields as two sets of half-brothers – poor and abandoned vs. wealthy, Christian, and loved – are brought together following the death of their father. Following a funeral that goes about as badly as one could imagine, the wry, melancholy tone gives way to increasing alarm as emotional and physical violence escalates toward seemingly inevitable tragedy.

The making of the film was no less a family affair than the story, though happily a much more pleasant one. Peopled with a cast of nonprofessional friends and acquaintances who fell in perfectly with experienced actors like Shannon, it was pulled together by a tight-knit crew of friends from the film school at North Carolina School of the Arts and scored by Nichols' brother, Ben, and his band, Lucero. Born and raised in Arkansas, following his graduation from film school, the director returned home briefly but eventually made his way to Austin, where he worked on Margaret Brown's *Be Here to Love Me* and also met his roommate, then girlfriend, now wife. But Arkansas pulled at him, and a story began to unfold. Speaking with the *Chronicle* just shy of the film's July 1 DVD release, Nichols told us about how he had to make a movie that would feel like home.

Austin Chronicle: *Seems like there's a really close circle of emerging filmmakers coming out of North Carolina School of the Arts, between you, David Gordon Green [*George Washington*], Craig Zobel [*Great World of Sound*], and cinematographer Adam Stone, among others.*

Jeff Nichols: I had never really made films before except with home movie cameras and stuff. I'd really been writing short stories and focusing on literature and English. But I also had a love for movies, and I thought I could put them together. So I went to North Carolina School of the Arts … which is more of a trade school than academic, more an approach of learning the skills to make a movie. And I met some great, great people there, and I discovered that I really enjoyed doing that, really enjoyed the process, which was different from anything else I'd done in my life.

You become friends with the people you're around and working with. I think part of it is the curriculum at the school. We all get to make movies together, and it really gives you confidence in your crew. You don't have to go someplace to find a good group of people, and after you're out it's like, "Well, Craig Zobel is off making his movie, and you've just gotta go work on it." … That had already been established by *George Washington*. David Green was a few years ahead of me, but he was making *George Washington* one summer while I was still in school. So that made it seem more realistic.

I gave him the script, and he liked it and felt that maybe he could help out by coming on as a producer. He helped with us and with Craig's film. And he was really good about knocking down that door. So I don't underestimate his influence at all.

AC: *Did you ever have that moment thinking you'd found your essential collaborators?*

JN: Well, I don't know that there was ever a moment exactly, but how many guys do you know that you'd be willing to risk all your savings, all your parents' retirement money on to shoot 35-millimeter anamorphic? Luckily, I knew [cinematographer] Adam Stone. I knew he was worth that risk. And we were shooting blind, shooting without dailies. But I'd seen his work before and was going, "This is amazing." That's the great thing about being with David and Craig. We'll just sit around together going, "This guy's a great DP, or he's a great sound guy, or that's a great gaffer." It makes us all little line producers. But Adam Stone shot my movie and shot *Great World of Sound*, and they're really different-looking films, both beautiful in really different ways.

AC: *And how did you get hooked up with Michael Shannon?*

JN: Well, I'd written the part specifically for him but didn't know him. A professor of mine, Gary Hawkins, was at the Sundance Lab with him. And he came back with these tapes from scenes they'd shot at the lab. He said, "You gotta look at this actor," and of course I'd never seen him before in anything, but I was just blown away. And so when I sat down to write Son Hayes, I was writing for him. And then I saw him in some stuff. When it came time to cast, I called Mike Shannon, and I said I know Gary Hawkins, and I told him I wrote a script for him. I think he was out at some cafe getting lunch at the time, so he just said, sure, he'd read it. And he's told me since that he was just planning to throw it in the garbage. But then he really liked it and came down to do it entirely on the basis of the script. He did ask to see some short films of mine from college, and I said, well, maybe not, because they're so different. So it was a real leap of faith on his part. I think he called Gary Hawkins about me. And he said, "He's pretty good." But he told him: "Maybe you come down, and you lose three weeks, and nobody ever sees it because it's bad, and nothing happens. But maybe, just maybe, it's *The Last Picture Show*."

Well, obviously, I think we're somewhere in between [laughs]. But he showed up totally into it and bringing so much. Most of the cast were friends of mine, and I'd written their parts for them, but they just saw him and what he put into it and went, "Yeah, this is it." I'm gonna look back on it and see it as a learning curve that Mike Shannon helped me with. Not a lot of actors you could work with … could bring so much to your first feature.

AC: *How did you develop this story?*

JN: It kind of collected over a year. I'd been reading a lot of Larry Brown [author of *Dirty Work*] at the time. While I was working on the Townes Van Zandt movie [*Be Here to Love Me*], it started to come to me in these pieces, and then I just knew the title. There was a point when I knew it was about a guy with a shotgun wound in his back, but I didn't know why. I was also listening a lot to *Decoration Day* [by Drive-by Truckers]. I guess I was just listening to it at the right time, and it started mixing with these images in my head. And I thought I could sort of update the kind of story that it told. I had this idea to have someone spit on a coffin at a funeral – you know, that seemed like an interesting way to start – and then figured out that these two groups of people at the funeral could be related, half-brothers. So then I just had all these other ideas that I had that I put into it.

For me, the goal is to make a film that feels honest and realistic. It's stylized, but I still work to make it reflect a place in an honest way. It could easily be a "hicksploitation" kind of thing; it could be cheesy. But the whole idea is to see if you can really get the audience to tie in with these people, following a natural progression of violence and their natural reactions to the situation. Everything is motivated by grief and sadness to get to this desire for revenge. It's not just pretty violence. It comes from a lot of things that are important to these people.

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AC: *You mention the risk of hicksploitation, and definitely the story fits into the Southern Gothic tradition. For you, what comes from that tradition that makes it powerful, or equally, what do you feel should be avoided?*

JN: Just growing up in this area of Arkansas and around these people, I have a great deal of respect for them. You know, I worked at the fish farm that's in the movie. It's a lyrical culture and a beautiful culture. And I wanted to show that, but I didn't want that stuff to be the butt of a joke. I was also reading a lot of Cormac McCarthy and Harry Crews too, and their stuff didn't work like that. You know, it definitely wasn't *Hee Haw*. These people were not a joke. And that's a world I

saw, and so I thought that's the kind of storyteller I want to be. That's the kind of accent and style I wanted to work in and transport that into film. There are the things, too, you don't want to fall into, obviously, where everybody's line dancing and wearing pearl-snap shirts. You don't want to focus on the wrong things. You want to stay on the things that people do, how they act, what drives them to act. I never thought these people were stupid or foolish. And it's funny, because in some of the stuff I've read about the film, the writers think of them as these fools. I think if these people lived in New Jersey, they'd be eccentric. But in Arkansas, they're foolish. I was just wanting to use this landscape and look at these people to get into emotions that are universal.

AC: *Well, it is tricky with a family-feud story.*

JN: Narrative structure is something that really interests me. And I looked at the typical revenge narrative in films, and the typical thing is that the main character's buddy gets killed in the first 15 minutes, and the rest of the movie is tracking down the bad guy and then having revenge on him, and so everybody's happy to spend their 8 bucks. But I thought, what if we didn't do that? What if we pushed that inciting incident really far back in the film, really explore a character and who he would want to be, what he's doing, and then understand the void that he would leave. But usually it's the hero tying the red bandana around his head and going off to kick ass. That's definitely not how I see it; for me personally, well, I wouldn't know how to shoot somebody. And maybe that's a new way to look at it. Another take on all this stuff about American masculinity

Jeff Nichols

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in relation to violence. I guess it was a retooling of this narrative structure. It's not slow if you're investing your time in it. But if you give me 45 minutes, I'll give you something to care about. Some movies you watch for two hours and don't feel anything. And you're supposed to.

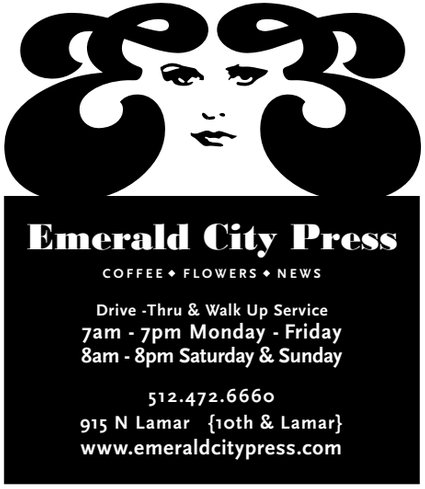
On the other hand, it can be real easy, if you watch an episode of *Law & Order*, and in 15 minutes they get you going. What's that thing they say? Like anyone can throw a puppy on a highway and have the audience go, "That's scary." But that's not earned. I was going for an earned reaction from the audience.

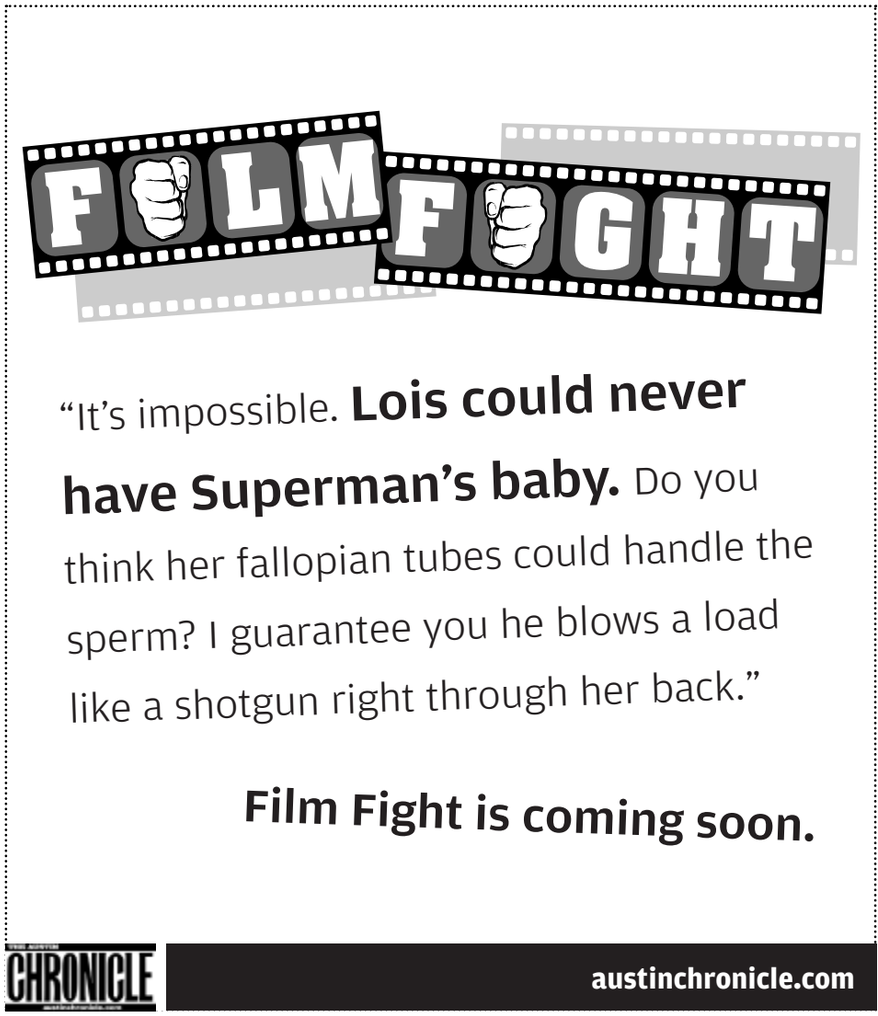
AC: *So, especially working on such a low budget, how did you decide to shoot on 35-millimeter anamorphic?*

JN: It seemed a really good way to capture this place, and because I'd seen David do it on *George Washington*, I knew how to get the camera and knew how that would be done. I used David's film as a model. That's the practical answer, but the creative answer is that it fit this landscape and that it would be right for making the film move with these people and this place. I'd have a camera that wouldn't be able to move that much and would capture action in wide shot. It's something I actually stumbled into, but I realized it's great for a film with a few characters. I realized I could put half the cast in one shot, stack them up and fit them in, and then go to a reverse, and there's everybody else. There's allegedly a pan-and-scan version for TV delivery, and they asked me if I wanted to supervise, and I was like: "No way. I don't even want to know." But it's something to figure out. The problem is [the camera was] 150 pounds, and we didn't have a director's viewfinder, so I'd look through the camera once it's in place and have to say, "Oh shit, Adam, you're gonna have to move it." And so part of it is you plan it, and part of it is you make it make sense. If all we'd had was a video camera, I'd have written a different film.

AC: *So, are you writing anything right now?*

JN: I'm writing a couple of scripts that take place in a very similar landscape. But it's really a weird thing – you just start to absorb the places you are. It took me awhile, but it was sort of inevitable that eventually a story in Austin would start to take shape for me. You hear this term regional filmmaking, and I understand why it's defined the way that it is. But I really think that all stories should be regional. They should be honest and coming from a real place. If I make a movie in Chicago, it should look and feel like that. You want the same thing in Austin. Everybody is going to Louisiana for tax incentives, but how many movies really take place in Louisiana? I think you should be accountable to the people in the place where you shoot. I knew with *Shotgun Stories* I would be judged by people in Arkansas for how I represented the place, and I think I *should* be judged for that. I should be accountable, and I think that makes the movie better. A story that could just be shot anywhere, that could take place anywhere, that's kind of boring. ■





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Week Three Without TV

BY BELINDA ACOSTA

All right, I confess. I watched TV last week, but only because I wanted to see **Michelle Obama** on ***The View***. Accounts of Obama's appearance got it mostly right. She was smart and elegant, playing well with the panelists (with a particularly amiable connection with the show's arch-conservative and youngest panelist, **Elisabeth Hasselbeck**). Once I saw her, I happily returned to my computer to wade through my e-mails for any leads on other content to watch away from the TV screen. And thank goodness. Lost in the thick of my e-mails was an invitation to watch a small gem of a Web series titled ***The Writers Room***, the first made-for-the-Internet series that hits a high mark in my (admittedly short) experience of watching this sort of content.

The six-minute webisodes are produced by L.A.-based Stun Creative and feature writers from some of the best (traditional) TV comedies, starring as writers working on a fictional talk show hosted by actor **Kevin Pollak** (who, press materials assure us, plays an "egomaniacal version of himself").

Ever since ***The Dick Van Dyke Show***, I've been fascinated with what happens in the TV writers' room. Van Dyke played Rob Petrie, the head writer of a three-person staff behind fictional variety show *The Alan Brady Show*. Rob enjoyed a spacious office – featuring a comfortable couch, a piano, a constantly fresh pot of coffee, and a window overlooking the Manhattan skyline – which he shared with co-writers Buddy Sorrell (Morey Amsterdam) and Sally Rogers (Rose Marie). They always came to work in tweedy suits and ties. Sally wore a smart dress with pumps and a small, girlish flower (inspiration for Carrie Bradshaw?) in her hair. Rob, Buddy, and Sally's breezy repartee made living and working in New York look oh so elegant and fun. The talk of the writers' room didn't consist so much about the show but rather what was going on in their lives and their constant battle with *The Alan Brady Show*'s show runner, Mel Cooley (Richard Deacon), the flak-catcher for the show's demanding star, Alan Brady (Carl Reiner). Now replace that vintage writer's fantasy with a small, windowless office somewhere in Los Angeles, overwhelmed by a conference table surrounded by seven neurotic writers policed by a buffoonish show runner, and you have *The Writers Room*.

Essentially a workplace comedy, *The Writers Room* packs a lot into each webisode (so far, there have been 10). You don't really get to know anyone too well, but you do get a truer picture of what it's like to live and work as a writer – which is frightening at the same time it's hilarious. My favorite episode so far is where one of the writers decides to stop wearing deodorant, and his co-workers use deceptive measures to change his mind. A running gag in the series is the appearance of Pollak via speakerphone, making demands of the writers as he tools around L.A. with **Christopher Walken** – who Pollak often turns the phone over to to spout off-the-wall remarks and otherwise befuddle the writers.

The Writers Room cast includes top-tier writing talent like **Bruce Kirschbaum** (*Seinfeld*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, *The Ben Stiller Show*), **Ed Crasnick** (*The Sopranos*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*), **Evan Mann** (*The Jamie Kennedy Experiment*, *Gilmore Girls*, *How I Met Your Mother*), **Gareth Reynolds** (*The Real Wedding Crashers*), **Jeff Kahn** (*The Ben Stiller Show*, *The Larry Sanders Show*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*), **Frank Conniff** (*Mystery Science Theater 3000*), and **Rose Abdoo** (*Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Gilmore Girls*, *Strangers With Candy*, *Malcolm in the Middle*).

The Writers Room can be seen on Crackle.com (**www.crackle.com/cspot**), YouTube (**www.youtube.com/cspot**), AOL Video, Hulu, and Verizon Wireless' V Cast Video service.

Remembering George Carlin

HBO pays tribute this week to **George Carlin**, the 71-year-old comedian who died last week of heart failure. Over the years, Carlin did 14 comedy specials for HBO. A two-night marathon of those specials continues tonight (Thursday, June 26), featuring the following:

What Am I Doing in New Jersey (1988) at 7pm. *Doin' It Again* (1990) at 8pm. *Jammin' in New York* (1992) at 9pm. *Back in Town* (1996) at 10pm. *You Are All Diseased* (1999) at 11pm. *It's Bad for Ya* (2008) at 12mid.

Carlin is the next recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, awarded by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The black-tie event and televised special, which had just started production when Carlin died, will continue as planned and will air on PBS later this year.

As always, stay tuned.

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BENNY THURMAN, 1943-2008

JOHN ANDERSON

Benny Thurman, 2004

The original bassist for the **13th Floor Elevators**, **Benny Thurman**, who can be heard on such landmark psychedelic recordings as "You're Gonna Miss Me" and "She Lives (in a Time of Her Own)," died Sunday of undisclosed illnesses after more than two weeks in intensive care at **Seton Hospital**. Born in Austin Feb. 20, 1943, Thurman trained as a classical violinist at UT before joining the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a founding member of the **Lingsmen**, a popular skiffle band in Port Arthur that, with the addition of **Tommy Hall** and **Roky Erickson**, became the Elevators, whose enlightened, acid-fueled psychedelia forever changed the face of rock & roll. "If you listen closely to *The Psychedelic Sounds of the 13th Floor Elevators*, you can hear his characteristic whooping in the background," recalls 'Vators collaborator and songwriter **Powell St. John**. "He was a very colorful character, always fun to watch, and great on the bass." Thurman left the Elevators in 1966, occasionally cropping up in the mid-1970s on fiddle with such notable local acts as **Plum Nelly**. He retired from a state job and spent his later years caring for his mother. "Believe me, nobody wants to stay on the 13th floor," Thurman told the *Chronicle* ("High Baptismal Flow: Part II," Aug. 20, 2004). "It was all an experiment, but it was a great experience. A lot of people never get to experience anything at all. Not just performing, but the life around it, the sparkle of it, the groove. I got some of it."

SINK OR SWIM

Adult cartoon enthusiasts **Austin Swim** have indefinitely postponed plans for their fourth summer season due to their ongoing struggle to acquire the necessary permits to open their new venue, **Swim on Fifth** (1000 E. Fifth). Envisioned as a joint effort between Austin Swim's **Troy Dillinger**, **Progress Coffee**, **501 Studios**' **Richard Kooris**, and **Mike Henry** of the **Electric Lounge**, the temporary venue would feature a 20-foot above-ground pool and multimedia performances four to seven nights a week. "We are capable of providing a safe, one-of-a-kind 'Austin original' live-music venue for the summer months this year," says Dillinger, "but the rules for doing so won't allow us to."

INVITATION TO THE BLUES

Tom Waits vowed never to return to Austin after his entourage met trouble during South by Southwest 1999. He came close enough this past week, though, for the **Glitter and Doom Tour** to keep the chatter at the *Chronicle*'s watercooler bubbling as fervently as the bitterness plaguing OTR for missing both the Sunday stop at Houston's **Jones Hall**, which included "Tom Traubert's Blues" and a punch line involving "pastika," and Monday's two-hour excursion at the **Palladium** in Dallas. For a full discourse on the latter, see "Phases & Stages," p.62.

GARY MILLER

SHELLEY HIAM

The Carrots

BEST PART OF BREAKING UP

The **Carrots** embody the sun-kissed splendor and romanticism of 1960s girl groups but with a decidedly indie aesthetic. The local sevenpiece just released the *Covers* EP, a hand-printed, nine-song jukebox collection that spans from the **Ronettes** ("Best Part of Breaking Up") and the **Marvelettes** ("Postman") to the **Crystals** ("Then He Kissed Me") and **Shangri-Las** ("Remember [Walking in the Sand]"), plus a stellar reading of **Irma Thomas**' "Breakaway." "We started off as a cover band," confides singer **Veronica Ortuño**, who relocated to Portland, Ore., this week but will continue her work with the Carrots and its brash predecessor, **Finally Punk**. "We wanted to get a feel of what it was like to write girl-group music." The history lesson paid royal dividends in the form of two 7-inch singles for Spain's **Elefant Records**, "Doing Our Part" and "Beverly." Limited to 1,000 copies, both four-song 45s are lilted by the sultry vocals of **YellowFever**'s **Jennifer Moore** and rich with buoyant, wordless harmonies. The Carrots look the part, too. "Everyone had to learn to make their own outfits, even the boys," Ortuño says. "We have sewing circles at my home. We've probably made about 10 outfits, but a few of them were nixed. One came out looking like an outfit for a Denny's waitress."

RANDOM PLAY

Texans don't come any truer than **James Hand**. The local country maverick, who recently wrapped up recording sessions with **Ray Benson** for the follow-up to his 2006 **Rounder Records** debut, *The Truth Will Set You Free*, will represent the Lone Star State at the **Smithsonian Folklife Festival**, July 2-6, for its presentation of *Texas: A Celebration of Music, Food, and Wine*. See "Food-o-File," p.43, for more.

Shearwater has been tapped to open for **Coldplay** on four dates in July. "I'm flattered," responded singer **Jonathan Meiburg**, "and a bit bewildered."

Having conquered NBC this past week with scorching performances on both *The Today Show* and *Late Night With **Conan O'Brien***, **Alejandro Escovedo** is confirmed to appear on *Late Show With **David Letterman*** on Aug. 7. The local legend headlines the sixth annual **Keep Austin Weird Festival** at **Auditorium Shores** on Saturday with **What Made Milwaukee Famous**, **Black Joe Lewis & the Honey Bears**, and **Super Pal Universe**.

Highly recommended: The cheeky indie pop of Austin's **Oh No! Oh My!** graces both the soundtrack for season three of *Weeds*, available now through **iTunes**, and **Emo's Lounge** on Friday with locals **Corto Maltese** and **Legs Against Arms**.

KEN HOGE

IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK

Behind the south wall of the **Texas Showdown Saloon** on Guadalupe, which closed down last month, lies perhaps the most definitive image of Austin's early punk scene, a mural of rats in a sewer, painted in 1978, when the building was still known as **Raul's**. "It was the background for the pit scene for the **Big Boys** and the **Dicks**," recalls *Chronicle* senior Music scribe **Margaret Moser**. "There was something about seeing those rats that could really rev you up when you were out there dancing your ass off." As much a part of the city's history as **Daniel Johnston**'s "Hi, How Are You" mural, the rats face extinction if the building's torn down, so a group of concerned citizens are rallying to preserve the vermin. The **South Austin Museum of Popular Culture** has already expressed interest in purchasing and transporting the artwork the same way it did previously for a **Ken Featherstone** mural located in a private residence. "The rats are very emblematic of Austin punk," assures Moser.

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Wata at Mohawk, Oct. 19, 2007

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Mabuta no Ura

Inside the parallel universe of Japan's Boris

BY AUSTIN POWELL

Agonizingly it burns my eyes – distortion
A drop runs down on my cheek slowly
Sweeping everything away
It trembles from within
– Translation of "Rafflesia" lyrics from 2007's *Rainbow*

A mask of gray smoke clouds the Mohawk stage, thickening the mid-October air. The three members of Boris slowly crystallize out of the haze, as if stepping through the gauze of a parallel universe. Cradling her guitar delicately, Wata's petite stature and refined elegance stand in stark contrast to the towering stack of Orange amplifier cabinets behind her.

The tsunami of transoceanic tones that opens "Rafflesia" hits all at once, an unrepentant shock wave of low-end frequencies quaking the concrete. Vocalist Takeshi alternately contorts both ends of his truncated, double-neck guitar, while guest guitarist Michio Kurihara carves through the surrounding chaos with thick brush stokes of molten psychedelia. When Atsuo finally strikes the massive gong behind his drum kit, he does so as if holding the hammer of the gods, spiteful and commanding.

Boris thrives in this realm where the distinction between music and noise, or even creation and destruction, blurs beneath a veil of distortion. For more than a decade, the Japanese trio has translated the primal sexuality of the Stooges and Black Sabbath's heavy nuggets into its own language of amorphous metal, expressible only at deafening decibels.

The sheer magnitude of Boris' encore rendition of "Farewell" proves too much for the Mohawk, shorting out the circuit board as a look of bewilderment and mild disgust temporarily transfixes the band. A few minutes pass before Boris and Kurihara attempt to resume the song. The power fails again, ending the night in an abrupt and awkward moment of silence.

Special Low Frequency Version

"Multiculturalism means nothing in Japan," posits author and former Teardrop Explodes frontman Julian Cope in the introduction to his *Japrocksampler: How the Post-War Japanese Blew Their Minds on Rock 'n' Roll*. "The Japanese thrust everything they discover from the outside world through their own singularly Japanese filter, mainly resulting in a peculiar copy of the original, but quite often bringing forth something magnificent and wholly better than that which had inspired it."

Just as film sensei Akira Kurosawa sifted the Western cinematography of John Ford, Boris' equally epic brand of avant-metal infuses Hendrix's cosmic blues and the shoegazed pop of the Jesus & Mary Chain with the abrasive innovation of the Velvet Underground and gravitational force of Earth's ominous tones.

"With downtuning and maximum volume, we experience great feedback that takes us to heaven," Atsuo wrote via e-mail and a translator, before landing in Austin for South by Southwest 2007. "We experience drone in the name of rock."

Taking its name from the Melvins' *Bullhead*, Boris formed at Tokyo's Musashino Art University in 1992 and self-released its debut, the hourlong drone sequence *Absolutego*, four years later through its own label and graphic-design company, Fangs Anal Satan. Since then, the trio has issued more than 20 releases in various formats, each a complex reaction to that which preceded it. Styles span the sonic spectrum, from the doom-metal onslaught of *Amplifier Worship* and *Akuma no Uta*'s strung-out garage-punk to the cinematic ambience of *Mabuta no Ura* ("Backside of the Eyelids") and dual-layered experimentalism of *Dronevil*.

Likewise, the scope of the band's frequent collaborations with such prominent noise luminaries as Keiji Haino and Merzbow, not to mention White Heaven's You Ishihara, traverses the depths of Japan's longstanding underground psychedelic scene, a movement inspired by the Flower Travellin' Band, Taj Mahal Travellers, and Les Rallizes Dénudés, and impeccably documented by P.S.F. Records' *Tokyo Flashback* series. What makes Boris' music ineffable is their unrivaled ability to seamlessly bridge such diverse realms.

"We don't defy categorization; we just don't think it's possible to categorize," Atsuo clarified. "We don't want be one side of two, such as merchandise and work, individuals and others, or peace and chaos. Those situations change as the sounds come out. … Everything is connected. It is essentially the impression of chaotic sound.

"There are no boundaries."

Boris thrives in this realm where the distinction between music and noise, or even creation and destruction, blurs beneath a veil of distortion.

Amplifier Worship

Former Melvins bassist Joe Preston didn't recognize the name on the package when it arrived on his doorstep in 1995, an odd piece of fan mail postmarked from Japan. Inside, the lone figure behind Thrones found a live video of Boris' original fourpiece lineup pillaging a few Melvins covers and a handful of originals. For Preston, it was like looking into a fun-house mirror, his former band's songs bent through a prism of monstrous, Jap-psych missives.

"I was shocked that they had ever heard my work," recalls Preston. "And I was blown away by what they were doing with it."

By the end of the year, Boris, solidified as a trio, joined Thrones for a handful of shows around the Pacific Northwest. "You could tell they hadn't been so influenced by American sounds and culture," notes Greg Anderson, who caught one of the gigs with his Sunn O))) counterpart, Stephen O'Malley, and began reissuing Boris' back catalog stateside through his label, Southern Lord Records, in 2001. "At that time, there weren't many bands playing superheavy stuff like that. It was pretty amazing."

Nearly a decade after their first encounter, Sunn O))) and Boris reunited in Seattle in October 2005, collaborating over a four-day-long period before a joint West Coast tour with Thrones. "There was a distinct language barrier between the two groups," says Anderson of the sessions. "The album was basically made through communicating with music and expression rather than language."

"There was a lot of telepathy going on when we were playing the music," echoes O'Malley from France. "We were all operating on a pretty similar wavelength."

The resulting *Altar*, released on Halloween 2006, is a glorious temple of doom, an epochal testament to the sessions' exploratory and intuitive spirit. Volcanic opener "Etna" melds Sunn O)))'s brooding ambience with Boris' seething psych, Wata's guitar erupting like the song's namesake inspiration and pulling both collaborators into uncharted territory. The bowed bass and sparse percussion of "N.L.T." simmers solemnly, while the somber melancholy of Jesse Sykes' ghostly vocals plunges stark piano ode "The Sinking Belle (Blue Sheep)" deeper into the abyss before the 15-minute instrumental "Blood Swamp" concludes the peregrination into the heart of darkness.

"It rolls like the boulder that Sisyphus is condemned to push uphill for eternity, only to have it fall back down each time it approaches the top," testifies former Soundgarden guitarist and *Altar* session hand Kim Thayil in the liner notes for the expanded, three-LP version. "These six somber sides are the jet sonic soundtrack of disaster and the floral pitch of doom in the low tempo of dread and shadow."

Feedbacker at Last

Austin Chronicle: *The last time we spoke, you described* Pink *as the future of rock. How would you describe* Smile *in relation to that idea?*
Atsuo: *Pink* was not only a new sort of rock but also the end of rock music for Boris. *Smile* is less about being a different kind of rock & roll and more so just an experiment. I don't even think of it as a statement by the band or as music in particular.
AC: *Why are there times on* Smile *when songs end abruptly?*
Atsuo: If you listen to the album and consider it in normal musical terms, it will strike you as weird, but that's the first problem of listening to it that way. That's a normal reaction if you're expecting a normal musical experience.
AC: *Why did Boris decide to cover PYG's "Flower Sun Rain"?*
Atsuo: After *Pink*, we had this idea that we would get rid of any sort of originality. Whether we were doing a drone project, rock

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Atsuo (l) and Takeshi's Roaring Silence Revue

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project, or acoustic project, I felt like there was always a Boris identity in it, and that made me uncomfortable. By covering someone else, we're erasing part of this identity, and hopefully in the process we'll find something new.

AC: *What was it like to tour with Michio Kurihara for the Roaring Silence Revue? Could you sense the change in dynamics when you played some of Boris' older material with him?*

Atsuo: I don't consider Kurihara's instrument to be a guitar. The way he plays it destroys that idea. I hear it as a special kind of noise. It's not as though Boris had a third guitarist; it was as if we had this whole other entity in the group. Boris' sound is a series of steps. It has a roughness to it. With Kurihara, though, it's like he sends sine waves through the music, smoothing out some of the rough edges. He adds another dimension to the music that it didn't have before. He has his own sensibilities, and he brings in ideas and sounds that weren't even imaginable to the band. I get the same feeling when we play with Merzbow.

AC: *How do you feel Japan's isolation and island culture has influenced the band's perspective?*

Atsuo: With *Pink*'s release, Boris did a lot more touring, so we had many more opportunities to think about or recognize ourselves as Japanese. It made us more conscious of that reality. At a certain point, I realized that a lot of the things around me were copies or fakes of the original imports. I became very conscious of this, and it began to influence the way that I approached music. Starting about the time I was in high school, I became really interested in learning about real rock and roll, the originals, and that continued for many years.

Now I've grown tired of that pursuit. I'm looking back at these imitations and examining what they mean. A lot of the things I used to find cheesy are having a real impact on me, and I'm experiencing it in an entirely new way. As a Japanese, if I can absorb some more of this fakeness, at the end of the day I might discover a new identity and something really original. For me the word "fake" doesn't have a negative connotation. I've been vegan for many years and eat fake meat; I wear fake leather shoes. At this moment in time, there is no real difference between what is fake and what is real.

My Neighbor Satan

There's only one constant in Boris' cosmos. Every album ends with a crematory process, fading into a smoldering heap of distortion and decay. It's as if the band is preparing to rise from the ashes again and again, like a phoenix, only with a different sound and philosophy.

"They're unafraid to try something unexpected or inappropriate in order to expand their own framework," says O'Malley. "They're constantly introducing new cards into the game while retaining the characteristic of their music."

The band's latest, *Smile*, marks another quantum leap, at times exploring more traditional pop melodies in songs like "You Were Holding an Umbrella," while also assimilating aspects of 1980s hair metal into "Laser Beam" and "Buzz-In." Boris took the transmutation one step further in allowing engineer You Ishihara of the Stars to produce and mix an alternative version of *Smile*, which was released in Japan by Diwphalanx earlier this year.

Dissecting and reassembling the album's individual components, Ishihara's shape-shifting tape manipulations recall that of Teo Macero during the electric fusion era of Miles Davis, only harsher, louder. The most drastic change occurs in "Statement." Retitled "Messeeji" and resequenced to open the album, the original gets stripped down into a throbbing drum-and-bass pattern, then elongated and interjected with Wata's cleaving guitar lines. It sounds like Ishihara strained the album through his own singularly Japanese filter. Deep within the vortex that divides the two versions of *Smile* lies the very essence of Boris.

"Translation is only a tool for the listener to picture the music, so we don't have to really worry about the problem," Atsuo wrote last year. "Ultimately, we try to make music that lets people discover something new no matter how many times they listen to it. We aren't expecting listeners to understand our music. We just want to create an experience for them." ■

Boris once again takes on the Mohawk PA, Saturday, June 28. Torche and Clouds open. See **austinchronicle.com/earache** *for additional album reviews and a list of Boris' holier grails.*

Six, Three Times (6、3回)

An abridged guide to Boris

Absolutego (2001)

Mirroring Earth's 1991 debut, *Absolutego* is fittingly subtitled "Special Low Frequency Version." The 65-minute static symphony elicits pure tonal drone, like swimming directionless through magnetic fields of television snow. ★★★

Amplifier Worship (2003)

An interpretation of *Lord of the Flies* laid to tape in 1998, this early voltaic masterpiece disinfects like the Melvins' *Lysol*, only with heavier psychedelia and twice the running time. Takeshi's demonic growl and drone sequences bridge the tangents into doom metal ("Huge"), panoramic kraut-rock ("Hama"), and pummeling MC5 punk ("Kuruimizu"). ★★★½

Dronevil: Final (2005)

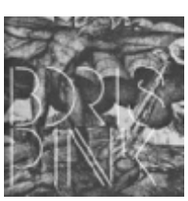
The musical equivalent of burning a candle at both ends, this double album divides into glacially paced and blackened ambient passages (disc drone) and volcanic psych-blues eruptions (disc evil). While intriguing individually, when played as intended, simultaneous through two stereos, it's heavier than a death in the family. ★★★½

Akuma no Uta (2005)

The cover art pays homage to Nick Drake's *Bryter Layter*, but this head rush, with the noted exception of visceral blues jam "Naki Kyoku," is more directly indebted to Motörhead's *Ace of Spades* and the amphetamine-fueled proto-punk of Japan's Speed, Glue, & Shinki. ★★★½

Boris With Sunn O)))*, Altar* (2006)

A congregation of doom-metal disciples whose improvisation-based collaborations culminate in six burnt offerings that range from unnerving, experimental abstractions ("N.L.T.") to lengthy drone passages ("Blood Swamp"). The expanded, three-LP version includes the exquisite corpse "Her Lips Were Wet With Venom," featuring Earth's Dylan Carson. ★★★



Pink (2006)

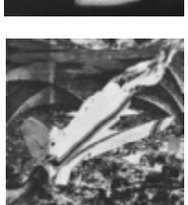
Boris' magnum opus opens in unfamiliar territory – the shimmering, shoegaze-pop of "Farewell" – then plunges headfirst through its backlog, perfecting *Akuma no Uta*'s garage-punk ("Woman on the Screen"), *Absolutego*'s drone ("Blackout"), and *Heavy Rocks*' bottom-heavy psych-blues ("Afterburner") before lurching into a distortion trench ("Just Abandoned Myself"). Brilliant. ★★★★½

Boris With Michio Kurihara*, Rainbow* (2007)

Rainbow's prismatic soundscapes range from melodic lullabies ("My Rain," "Rainbow") to Bo Diddley-style rave-ups ("Sweet No. 1") but primarily serve as a backdrop to the acid-electric fissures masterfully conducted by Japanese guitar god Michio Kurihara of Ghost and the Stars. Essential. ★★★½

Boris With Merzbow*, Rock Dream* (2007)

A limited pressing of only 5,000, *Rock Dream* is Boris' definitive live document, an impossibly dense double album that touches down on nearly every point of their career, from *Dronevil* to *Smile*'s contorted stairway to heaven ("Flower Sun Rain"), with Merzbow's electronic manipulations stitching it all together like connective scar tissue. ★★★★



Smile (2008)

Boris' most melodic album to date is simultaneously a summation of and reaction to its recent output, featuring collaborations with Michio Kurihara and Stephen O'Malley and discourses of 1980s metal ("Statement," "Buzz-In"). The Japanese version was alternatively produced and mixed by White Heaven's You Ishihara, creating a strikingly different and more lucid experience. ★★★½ (Both)

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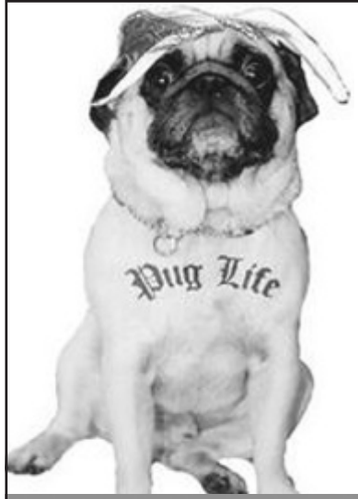

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The Big Chill

Chip Taylor's personal politics

BY MARGARET MOSER & CHIP TAYLOR

To truly understand the success a single song can achieve, look up songwriter Chip Taylor at AllMusic.com. There, under his name and the tab marked "Songs," click through to "Songs Composed By," and peruse a few titles: "Country Girl, City Man" by Ike & Tina Turner. "Sweet Dream Woman" by Waylon Jennings. "I Can't Wait Until I See My Baby's Face" by Aretha Franklin. "Don't Say It Baby" by Dusty Springfield. "Papa Come Quick" by Bonnie Raitt. "Long Walk Home" by Al Hirt. "Fuzzy and Wild" by the Flat Duo Jets. "Thinkin'" by Garnet Mimms. "Rock Soldiers" by Ace Frehley. "He Sits at My Table" by Willie Nelson. "I Can't Let Go" by the Hollies.

Now, jump to page seven, and scroll down a few entries.

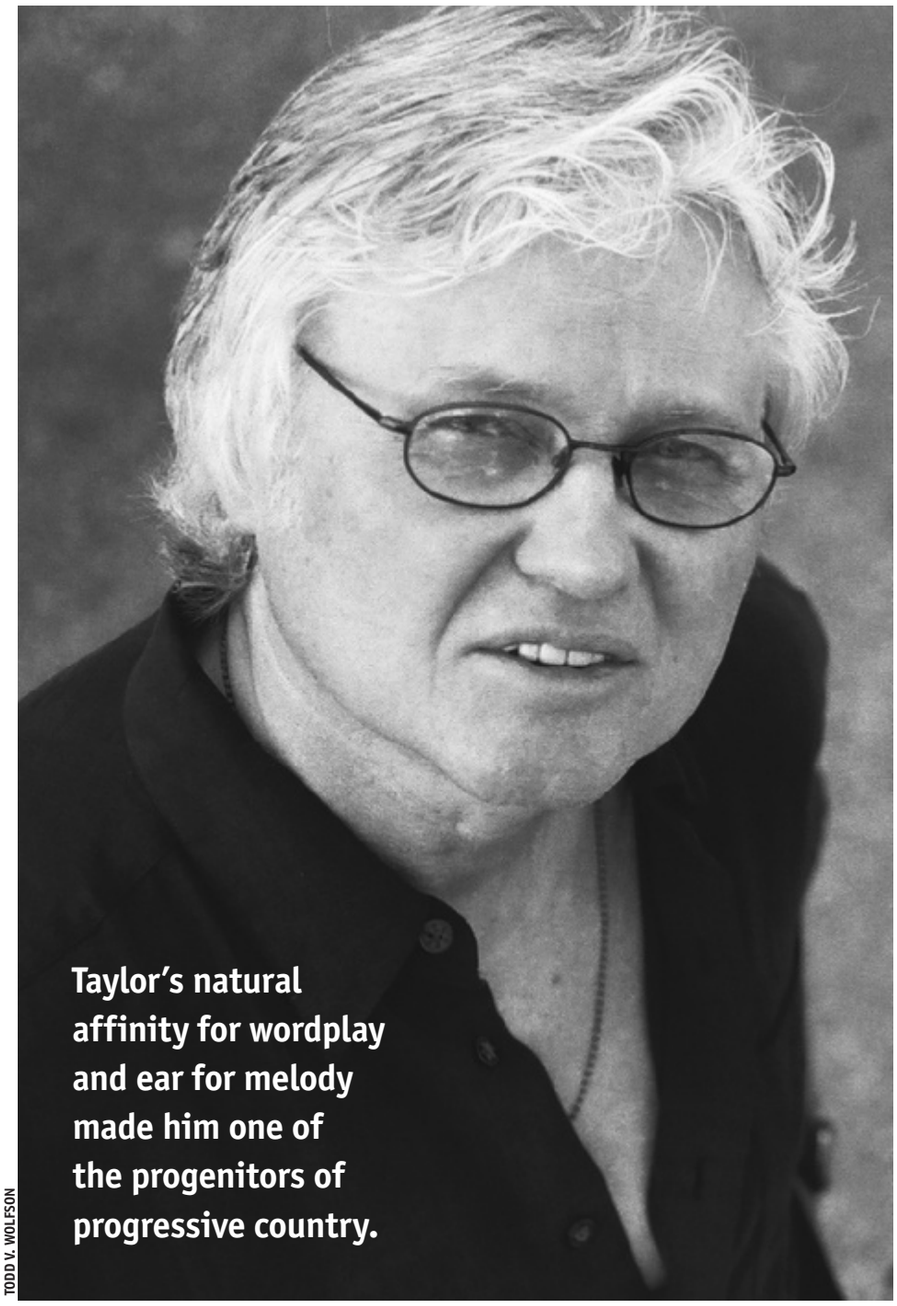
That's where the listings for Chip Taylor's "Wild Thing" begin and continue for almost four pages, more than 400 listings of recordings on which the eternal garage rock classic appears. That includes the British hit by the Troggs, plus the famous version by Jimi Hendrix. Page after page also include renditions by the Ventures, Jeff Beck, Hank Williams Jr., the Runaways, Geno Washington, Manfred Mann, the Divinyls, Amanda Lear, the Kingsmen, the Muppets, and – yes! – the Green Bay Packers.

That might be enough for most songwriters to prop their feet on the desk – and without even mentioning his other signature tune, "Angel of the Morning" – but it's never been enough for Chip Taylor. Born James Wesley Voight in New York, the 68-year-old composer sought his own place on stage in the 1960s after an injury sidelined him from pursing a career as a pro golfer like his father. (Jon is his Oscar-winning brother, Angelina Jolie is his niece, and his other brother is a rock star of the geology world.) Taylor's natural affinity for wordplay and ear for melody made him one of the progenitors of progressive country. Through the decades, he penned hits for others, but not until the 1990s did he come into his own as a performer.

Perhaps that's glossing over things a bit. Taylor's music career took a backseat to his mathematical proficiency to count cards during the 1980s. After being booted out of Las Vegas and starting his own Long Island offtrack betting parlor, the life-shattering illness of his mother brought him back into the musical fold with *The Living Room Tapes* (1997) and *Seven Days in May* (1999). That led to 2000's *The London Sessions Bootleg* and 2001's *Black and Blue America*, but what came next, no one was prepared for.

At South by Southwest 2001, he spotted fiddler Carrie Rodriguez, and the two embarked on a five-year partnership. Taylor and Rodriguez were an inspired duo: winter and spring, maturity and youth, salt and pepper ("Story Book Children," Dec. 20, 2002). His intelligent and mannered songwriting benefited from her blithe and unfettered spirit; her youthful joie de vivre and fresh beauty shone beside his confident introspection. Four critically lauded CDs later, they amiably went separate ways in 2007.

Which is what brings Chip Taylor back to performing his own material by himself. *New Songs of Freedom* plays out a political statement with a personal touch, and when news of its release surfaced, the notion of talking to Taylor about it was obvious. The idea to ask him to write about the songs was less obvious, but the album demanded it: These anti-war songs come from a traditional folk place where the message is universal. While *New Songs of Freedom* stands without explanation as a listening experience, Chip Taylor in his own words does too.



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TODD V. WOLFSON

ANNOTATING 'NEW SONGS OF FREEDOM'

Chip Taylor here. I've been asked to write some thoughts about my new album, *New Songs of Freedom*. Just so you know, I didn't set out to write songs that would convince the listener of any particular political or moral position or try to convince people to lean in one direction or another. I'm a stream-of-consciousness writer, for the most part. I don't plan songs. I try to let words with melody flow with as little brain interference as possible. When a bit of that flow gives me a chill, I continue the process, editing as little as possible so as not to lose the magic. People have found certain messages in these songs that seem important to them, and that certainly makes me feel good, though at their inception, that was not my intent. Here's a glimpse of where these songs came from and a look at some of the characters that inspired it.

1) "Dance With a Hole in Your Shoe"

Carrie Rodriguez and I had just finished a show at a theatre in Gouda, Holland. After performing, it's my custom to seek out the bar with the best single-malt scotch selection. The only bar open was in the back of a dance club named Woodies, where very nice folks serve very bad whiskey. I got in a corner, sipped a watered-down blend, and had fun watching the boys and girls slowly interact with each other. The DJ was blasting sing-along stuff. Some were songs I knew, but most seemed like popular local songs. The one constant was a pounding bass drum. I started chanting some silly nonsense around the beat. After a few minutes, I wrote these words on a coaster.

War, war – what the hell for
Global warning – call Al Gore
War, war – kick it out the door
Who needs it … so they say

Later in a hotel room, with my minidisc player in record mode and guitar in hand, I played the chorus, adding Kerouac-esque "beat poetry" for the verses. Listening back, some of it seemed like fairly powerful stuff. With minor editing, the song was finished in minutes. In the studio, the band and I started recording it like a fun John Prine-type thing. Searching for a more serious vibe, I let it evolve. After about 20 minutes, we hooked a Lou Reed-like groove and really nailed it. I love this recording.

Hate everybody that's not like you
And they can come back and hate you too
And everybody can hate somebody
Negate somebody – berate somebody
Take somebody and shake somebody
And dance with a hole in your shoe
If the sea is still green and the sky is still blue
You can dance with a hole in your shoe

2) "Former American Soldier"

Thanks to an amazing reporting job by Thomas Fuller of *The New York Times* and his crew, I got to know the story of these former American soldiers hiding in the jungles of Vientiane. They were the local ethnic minority at the start of the Vietnam War in 1961, either hired by the CIA or joining the U.S. cause voluntarily. Fighting side-by-side with our boys, they were considered some of our bravest soldiers. In 1975, when we withdrew our forces, they and their families were left to fend for themselves to this day. They survive in the jungle eating wild yams, bamboo shoots, and whatever little animals they can find while changing

locations every few weeks, as Laotian communist soldiers and police try to track them down. Soon after reading about their plight, I picked up the guitar and got lost in the emotion of it all. The result is this song, taken from the point of view of the main character in the article.

My name is Xang Yang – I am a former
American soldier
I live in the jungles of Vientiane

3) "New Song of Freedom"

Tibet & China … the Dalai Lama …
no furs in celebration

This was something I had read. I put the above words together with a melody that sounded serious. Some stream-of-consciousness blasts that had a nice ring to them followed. After a bit of editing, I felt this might be a song I'd like to sing. One thing that's a bit strange is that I'm facetiously saying a bunch of things I absolutely don't believe in while, on the other hand, truthfully saying some that I do. That's just how those blasts came out, and it felt right to just let it stay that way.

A big challenge was to get from the facetious chorus ("Just let it go, it'll get there on its own") to the one I believe ("Don't let it go, it *can't* get there on its own"). I did that with the help of some great words from the likes of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Ronald Reagan, Franklin Roosevelt, and Dwight Eisenhower.

4) "Sunshine's a Waterfall"

Another song formed from those stream-of-consciousness blasts – some serious, some not – many that make me smile.

Tired faces – tired religion
Like old shoe laces – there
ain't much difference in 'em

Little people climb big mountains
Little minds can't reach the water fountains!

Hostile feelings – that's bondage
It ties you up and what you are …
well, you're sittin' on it!

5) "Black and Blue America"

This is the title song from my album released a few weeks before 9/11. Most thought the song was referencing that tragedy, but it had nothing to do with it. I remember the opening melody and words of the song flowing out as I was about to leave my apartment to catch a train.

It was a ray of light – it was a wall of sound
It was a fight for life until the walls came down

I had no idea what the words meant, but it didn't matter; I had such a chill. I recorded it into a minicassette recorder. The following morning when playing it back, I got the same chill. I wondered if "wall of sound" was something to do with Phil Spector. Maybe it was. But when "the walls came down," that wall became the Berlin Wall and the song a tribute to the heroes and heroics of the 1960s. I finished the song within an hour, on fire the entire time. One of my favorite parts is the insertion in the second bridge of two lines from Elvis Presley's "I Forgot to Remember to Forget."

6) "Dance With Jesus"

I was born and raised Catholic. I love the feeling and the warmth that the messages of Jesus convey. Yet I'm also a horse-race handicapper. To be good at that game, you have to have an honest assessment of data gathered. Believing in false info will do damage to your pocketbook. I remember as a kid in church, after a Bible reading the priest would say, "Blessed be the word of God." I would sit there thinking, "I'm not sure I totally believe that," or worse, "That stuff sounds a bit like bullshit." This song is just a fun look at biblical stuff from the questioning horse-race-handicapper side of my brain.

Just so you know, I didn't set out to write songs that would convince the listener of any particular political or moral position.

I have questions about
you, Jesus
Your precious word, the
stories told
Eighty years later, did
them four investigators
Deliver us some
tarnished gold

I have questions about
you, Moses
The parting seas, the
burning sands
Why did you not leave one
button from your sleeve
As proof for the historians

7) "Theme for an American Hero"

This song is a favorite of mine. I was asked to write a song for a movie about Vietnam vets returning home. In the scene, a wounded vet, at his request, is flying in a helicopter to get a close look at the Statue of Liberty. I was extremely flattered to be asked to write this song and very inspired by the scene. After the producer left my apartment, I picked up my guitar and these words, with melody, flowed out.

Set me up straight in my chair …
comb my hair
Cause tonight I'll see an old friend …

I loved the sound of that. The rest of the verse was completed a few seconds later.

And I wonder if she, has been thinking of me
… now and then

Not since I wrote the first line of "Angel of the Morning" had I gotten such a chill listening back to a few words with melody I had just written. ■

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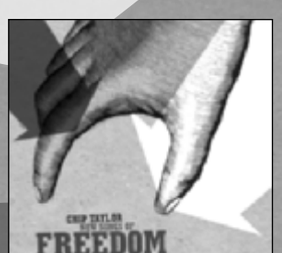

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LIVE SHOT

TOM WAITS

Palladium, Dallas, June 23

Monday night in Dallas, Tom Waits walked onstage, and it got 10 degrees hotter. There were reports that Mr. Waits himself wanted the air conditioner turned off during the show, but there he was, dressed in a black jacket and bowler, lit red as the devil, stomping around in front of a towering wall of loudspeakers. Resistance was futile, so we all became the heat with him. Waits' career has been somewhat of an anomaly: He's nearing 60, and his catalog only gets stranger and more experimental (2006's *Orphans*), but his voice still sounds like the perfect combination of sawdust and gravel. For close to two hours, his band, including son Casey on drums, held down the pages for our storyteller, and though there was little in the way of banter, save for a few very Waitsian asides about Texas food, the songs became a thread. "Way Down in the Hole" and "Innocent When You Dream" from *Franks Wild Years*, "Anywhere I Lay My Head" from *Rain Dogs*, and "November" from *The Black Rider* fleshed out Waits' midcareer works. There was the stomped "Get Behind the Mule" from *Mule Variations* and dazzling bark of "Eyeball Kid," for which Waits donned a bejeweled hat and became a human disco ball. He took to the piano for a glorious rendition of "Invitation to the Blues," from 1976's *Small Change*, but that's where the early stuff ended, sadly. Throughout the show, Waits grabbed maracas, wielded a bullhorn, strapped on a guitar, and sweated along with the rest of us, right up until the encore, which included "Make It Rain" and a growled "Jesus Gonna Be Here." It was a relatively low-key affair, but St. Tom made it worth the pit stains.

– Audra Schroeder

DUFFY

***Rockferry* (Mercury)**

Billed as the next Amy Winehouse, oh-so-blond Aimee Anne Duffy snores coffee-shop product. Debut LP *Rockferry*, written with Suede guitarist Bernard Butler, attempts to smooth Winehouse's edges via a straightedge singer and former contestant on Welsh megahit *Wawffactor*. Wanna guess the show's premise? Vanilla as it is carbon, *Rockferry* opens with its promising title track, a lilting, 1960s orchestra seduction, but as the octaves rise, Duffy cracks. Single "Serious" glues white-girl soul, R&B, and rap to En Vogue/Nelly Furtado effect; blues riff "Syrup & Honey" retches on the Mississippi Delta; and closer "Distant Dreamer" floats teeth-numbing confetti. Hell, the girl didn't even win *Wawffactor*. Duffy's the Clay Aiken of nuevo "soul."

★

– Darcie Stevens

EMMYLOU HARRIS

***All I Intended to Be* (Nonesuch)**

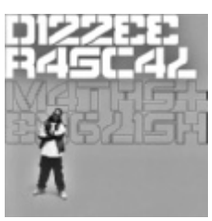
Emmylou Harris goes down like fine wine, more elegant and potent with each passing year. Harris' first solo album in five years reveals the 2008 Country Music Hall of Famer lingering poignantly retrospective with longing and resolve. Reuniting with original producer Brian Ahern contributes to reflective covers of Merle Haggard's "Kern River" and Billy Joe Shaver's "Old Five and Dimers Like Me," as well as contemporary cuts like Patty Griffin's "Moon Song" and Tracy Chapman's "All That You Have Is Your Soul." Originals strike the strongest chords of loss, however, Harris' twang subtle on "Broken Man's Lament," rasping delicate though "Not Enough," and trembling into the McGarrigle sisters' harmonies on "How She Could Sing the Wildwood Flower." Dolly Parton and Vince Gill shimmer alongside on "Gold," while "Take That Ride" and "Sailing Round the Room" shudder free the mortal coil. Transcendent.

★★★½

– Doug Freeman

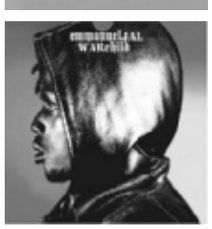
DIZZEE RASCAL

***Maths + English* (Definitive Jux/XL)**



EMMANUEL JAL

***Warchild* (Sonic360)**



East London's Dizzee Rascal rushes the "World Outside" with third LP *Maths + English*, cold grime bodied up by the genre's pioneer. "Young, black, rich, and ruthless," boasts Dizzee on psychotic diss track "Pussy'ole" to a cut up of Rob Base's "It Takes Two to Make a Thing Go Right," while reeling in UGK's Pimp and Bun for cross-genre anthem "Where's Da G's." Beatmaker Shy FX reaches dizzying speeds on summertime jam "Da Feelin'," *Maths* adding up to an all out "Flex" of muscle and clout. One of music's most inspirational stories via a 2008 documentary bearing the same name, *Warchild*, aka Sudan's Emmanuel Jal, beats up on "50 Cent" and paints a vivid picture of a war-jacked childhood. Though Jal's still coming along lyrically, *Warchild* survives on moving backup band the Reborn Warriors and Jal's haunting tale. The eye-opening "Forced to Sin" tells it best: "Left home at the age of 7. One year later, leave with an AK-47." Some real talk. (**Dizzee Rascal flips off Emo's Monday, July 21.**)

(*Maths + English*) ★★★½

(*Warchild*) ★★½

– Chase Hoffberger

DVDNDS

LOVE STORY

(Start)

"Why weren't we as big as the Beatles?" murmurs Arthur Lee, holding court, attired as if he were still in prison. "One is because I didn't cooperate," he acknowledges, wagging his head. Then up shoots his chin. "And the other is, I'm not gonna go out and *eat shit* … out on the road!" The tacked-on tour reference doubles as rationalization for his outburst. *That's* why, Arthur. Wrapped like the bandana under Lee's top hat with a lucid, nostalgic – addictive – audience upside the black sunglasses of rock & roll's genius answer to Ledbelly, *Love Story*'s a weeper. Filmmakers get the lifelong erratic to drive them past his high school and later tour a crew through the L.A. castle his band, Love, once called its crash pad. The band's original members comment to historical effect, especially Lee's childhood pal turned ice-pick guitarist Johnny Echols and Lee's musical foil Bryan MacLean, who all agree touched off 1967 avant-folk-rock masterpiece *Forever Changes* with his supremely insecure "Alone Again Or." Production, vintage video, and big-league cred celebs match the documentary's bottle-of-wine budget, though Elektra Records architects Jac Holzman (president) and John Densmore (the Doors), 40 takes of "7 and 7 Is," and "My Little Red Book" survive Lee, 61, who died in 2006 shortly after participating in *Love Story*. "Tell you the truth," admits Lee, "I was afraid."

– Raoul Hernandez

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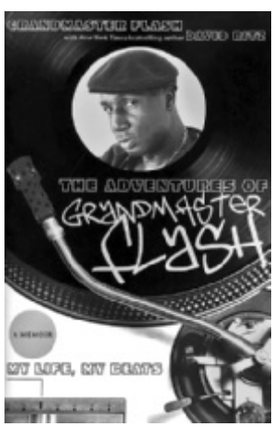
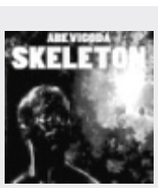


Grandmaster Flash didn't create the break. That credential belongs to neighborhood hero Kool Herc. Rather, Flash made the modern DJ. He turned the role from a playground party fixture to a staple of clubs across the country. And with Melle Mel, Kid Creole, and the rest of the Furious Five, the Grandmaster transformed the MC into one of American culture's most stigmatic roles. The backstory's all found in *The Adventures of Grandmaster Flash*, from the drugs, to the booze, to the women and parties, almost completely in that order. The man known for his hands caught a nasty spell when crack hit, and his journey to the "ether-infested basement" paints a Flash completely removed from the one rocking Europe on the Sugar Hill dime. When he was on point, he was a revolutionary, filling previously unfrequented uptown nightclubs with B-boys, while disco ruled his late-1990s spot DJing *The Chris Rock Show*. His 2007 induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the first (and currently only) by a rapper, wasn't only symbolic. It was grand.

– Chase Hoffberger

ABE VIGODA

***Skeleton* (Post Present Medium)**



Vampire Weekend coined the genre "Upper West Side Soweto," an Ivy League version of the tropical mess concocted by L.A.'s Abe Vigoda. Emerging from the same skuzzy art-punk scene that birthed No Age, Mika Miko, and Health and taking its name from the *Godfather* and *Barney Miller* actor, the college-aged quartet takes a decidedly lo-fi approach to Nigerian high life on its second full-length. The opening one-two of "Dead City/Waste Wilderness" and "Bear Face" treads knee-deep through the sparkling Afro-pop of Paul Simon's *Graceland*, adding puddles of reverb to bright guitars and burying vocals deep within Man Man-esque percussive rhythms. This convulsive rush bleeds into finer moments "Lantern Lights" and "World Heart," but the lack of strong hooks and an incredibly muddy mix makes *Skeleton* shake as if one long variation on a theme. Playful, energetic, call it "Underground Californian Calypso." (**Abe Vigoda goes fish at Emo's Tuesday, July 1.**)

★★½

– Austin Powell

NO AGE

***Nouns* (Sub Pop)**

No Age became poster bros for the burgeoning DIY scene bred out of L.A. punk club the Smell. *Nouns*, drummer Dean Spunt and guitarist Randy Randall's Sub Pop debut and follow-up to last year's raw comp, *Weirdo Rippers*, comes packaged with their scene: photos of people (fans), places (clubs), and things (cassette collections). However, for all the loud-fast ethos, the album feels like it's balancing on one leg. The electric surge of opener "Miner," pop-punch of "Teen Creeps," and guitar snap of "Cappo" and "Sleeper Hold" embody the duo's talent for fusing volume and energy into short bursts, but the other half of *Nouns* takes on the narcotic haze of samples and effects pedals, and Spunt's vocals often drown in the whirlpool. Live, No Age is 10 times more propulsive than anything here, and therein lies their strength, in both legs. (**No Age stands tall at Emo's Tuesday, July 1.**)

★★½

– Audra Schroeder

News of the Weird

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

ROY TOMPKINS

"News of the Weird" reported on "objectophilia" in June 2007, based on a prominent German sexologist's belief that people can develop romantic-type relationships with inanimate objects (beyond mere fetishists, who derive only short-term arousal from items like shoes or underwear). In May 2008, Britain's Channel Five produced a documentary with on-camera interviews with several such "mechaphiles," including a 57-year-old American from Washington state who claims his "girlfriend" is a white Volkswagen Beetle (but who said he has had "sex" with 1,000 cars) and a 54-year-old woman in Sweden who claims she has been "married" to the Berlin Wall since 1979.

LEAD STORY

A prominent chef once wrote, "If you're going to kill the animal, it seems only polite to use the whole thing," and recently restaurants specializing in such "nose-to-tail" cuisine have opened in several cities, according to a May report in Toronto's *National Post*. The hamburger at New York City's Tasting Room includes cow heart, liver, bone marrow, tongue, flatiron, brisket, shank, and clod. New York's Casa Mono features dishes of lamb's tongue, duck hearts, and the red combs on top of the rooster's head. San Francisco's Incanto serves lamb necks, pig trotters, and venison kidneys. Said Incanto's executive chef: "It's about viable cuts of meat that we have thrown into the trash can for years. … When it comes to food, we [have been] very wasteful."

NEWS THAT SOUNDS LIKE A JOKE

1) In April, as the police officer approached the motorist relieving himself on the side of the road in South Kitsap, Wash., the man explained that he had consumed "a bunch" of beers but was not driving drunk. According to the officer, the man said he was slurring his words because "his dentist advised him his mouth was too big for his tongue." 2) Comedian Aries Spears pleaded guilty in April to assaulting a woman in the audience during his act at a New York City club. Said prosecutor Elizabeth Pederson, ridiculing Spears' initial explanation, "You can't high-five a woman's breast."

NOT MY FAULT

1) Accused triple-murderer Jeffrey Gilham earned a hung-jury verdict in April in Sydney, Australia, by relentlessly denying that he had stabbed to death his mother and father. They and Gilham's brother all died by the same knife, at about the same time, stabbed from 13 to 16 times each in the heart by a murderer kneeling over the victims. Nevertheless, Gilham said he killed only his brother and not the parents. 2) Jessica Vasquez, 19, was arrested in Indianapolis in April for a road-rage assault but swore she was only exercising self-defense. Her victim, an 81-year-old woman whom Vasquez said was driving too slow, had been punched in the face, yanked from her car, and thrown to the ground, suffering leg fractures in 14 places.

IRONIES

• The graduation ceremony in May at Naperville (Ill.) Central High School was marred by the revelation that about half of the valedictorian's speech was plagiarized from a speech on the Internet, but in this case, the principal was helpless to punish him, because the principal plagiarized his own speech. (He said he forgot to ask permission of the author, a Naperville Central graduate who was in the audience that day.) The principal has been reassigned, and the valedictorian's speech was removed from the graduation video.

• Among the items on the menu for world leaders who met in June in Rome to discuss the crisis in world hunger: pasta with a sauce of pumpkin and shrimp, veal rolls, pastry puffs with corn and mozzarella, cheese mousse, Parmesan risotto, ragout of veal with legumes and zucchini pie, washed down with fine Italian wines.

• Hardcore Ironies: 1) The prominent Texas personal-injury attorney Brian Loncar, whose ubiquitous TV ads offer motorists a "strong arm" if they've been hurt by another driver's negligence, landed in critical condition after a Dallas accident caused, said police, when Loncar's 2008 Bentley failed to yield to an emergency vehicle and was struck by the speeding fire engine. 2) A Lynnwood, Wash., mother has been leading a fanciful campaign to pressure an Urban Outfitters store to remove "sexual"-type books from its shelves, such as *Pornogami* ("Paper-Folding for Adults"). The mother's surname closely resembles an acronym familiar to prurient young men: Marci Milfs.

THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

• Legislating Love: 1) Ecuadorian legislator Maria Soledad Vela proposed in April that the nation's constitution expresses the public-health principle that women have a right to enjoy sex and not be mere breeding machines. Opponents ridiculed Soledad Vela's "right to orgasm" as possibly leading to lawsuits against husbands. 2) In April, Tommy Tabermann, a member of Finland's parliament, submitted a bill to require one week's paid vacation a year solely for romance, to counteract the country's alarmingly high divorce rate. 3) In April, Mayor Gonzalo Navarrete of the impoverished town of Lo Prado, Chile, ordered public money for funding up to four Viagra tablets a month to men over age 60, to improve "quality of life."

• The longtime elected clerk of court in Pasco County, Fla., Jed Pittman, admitted to WTSP-TV in May that he rarely comes to work and in fact has researched state law to learn that as long as he shows up once every 43 days, he can't be fired. (The law provides for removal by the chief judge only if the clerk is absent for "44" consecutive days.) Pittman's salary is about $136,000 a year, but he exploited another loophole in state law to "retire" in 2004 and then unretire the next day, which brings him an additional $75,000 a year (besides the $362,000 lump sum he received on the day he "retired").

BRIGHT IDEAS

A new stand appeared at the Corvallis (Ore.) Farmers' Market in the last week of May, manned by Jeff Oliver, 21, lifelong resident of Oregon. His "Meet a Black Guy" booth let him mingle with shoppers and have their pictures taken with him as he tried, he said, to promote racial understanding and break stereotypes. "Corvallis is not a very diverse place," he said.

CORRECTION: Last week's "News of the Weird" incorrectly stated that Peru's 19th century "guano war" was with China. It was with Spain.

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

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this week

COMMUNITY LISTINGS

(PLUS HIGHLIGHTS FROM ARTS, FILM, AND MUSIC) BY JAMES RENOVITCH

Thursday 26

ARGENTINE TANGO CLASSES *Thursdays, 6:30pm. EsquinaTango, 209 Pedernales, 524-2772. $12.*

CENTRAL WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN WORKSHOP If you live or work in and around Tarrytown, Deep Eddy, Bryker Woods, or Pemberton Heights, tonight's your chance to provide feedback about the future development of Exposition Boulevard and Windsor Road between Exposition and MoPac. *6:30-9pm. Lower Colorado River Authority Headquarters, 3700 Lake Austin Blvd., 473-3200 x4009.* **www.cityofaustin.org/zoning/central_west_austin.htm**.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INSTITUTE TRADESHOW Community associations and homeowners often fall into a *Tom & Jerry*-style relationship. Get the tools to solve common problems facing both of these groups. *4:30-8:30pm. Norris Conference Centers, 2525 W. Anderson.* **bbenley@gatesource.net**.

DIGITAL TV SWITCH Still confused about the switch to digital TV? A rep from the FCC will hopefully help explain it. Or you could just kill your television like the bumper stickers say. *7pm. Faulk Central Branch Library, 810 Guadalupe, 471-2654.* **www.cityofaustin.org/library**.

ENERGY HEALING CLASS Get in on this eight-week class, and start balancing chakras. When was the last time you had your aura cleared? *Thursdays through Aug. 14, 7-9pm. First Spiritualist Church of Austin, 4200 Ave. D, 699-1234. Donations accepted.* **www.fscoa.org**.

GREEN NETWORK MEETING A meeting of the greens at this green venue, most likely talking about green issues. *4-7pm. One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Rd., 330-9500.* **rsvp@texasgreennetwork.org**, **www.texasgreennetwork.org**.

JOB NEWS JOB FAIR Dress your best, because jeans, flip-flops, and other indicators of deadbeatitude will be turned away at the door. Register online. *10am-3pm. Omni Hotel Southpark, 4140 Governor's Row, 693-4750. Free.* **www.jobnewsaustin.com**.

SIMS FUNDRAISING PARTY The SIMS Foundation, helping musicians get mental-health and addiction-recovery services since 1995, is saying goodbye to its president, Sandra Bruce, with this benefit/soiree. *5:30-8pm. Central Market North, 4001 N. Lamar, 206-1000. Donations encouraged.* **www.simsfoundation.org**.

VILLA ESPERANZA FUNDRAISER Help Villa Esperanza help children in impoverished neighborhoods in Ecuador, and get live music from Cerronato, drinks, and food in return. Good for the stomach and the spirit. *6:30-8:30pm. Doña Emilia's South American Bar & Grill, 101 San Jacinto, 680-0785. $20.* **www.villa-esperanza.org**.

VISUAL ART & SUPPER CLUB Art and food, together at last. Eight courses accompany the eye candy, but BYOB. *6pm. Wally Workman Gallery, 1202 W. Sixth, 632-8400. $75.* **www.hosteriaverde.com**.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HAPPY HOUR Join Sen. Kirk Watson and members of the Obama Finance Council for a little networking and unabashed schmoozing. Just don't go so far as to start brownnosing. *5:30-7pm. Nuevo León, 1501 E. Sixth, 796-7760. Free.*

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.)
Art on 5th, **Women & Their Work**

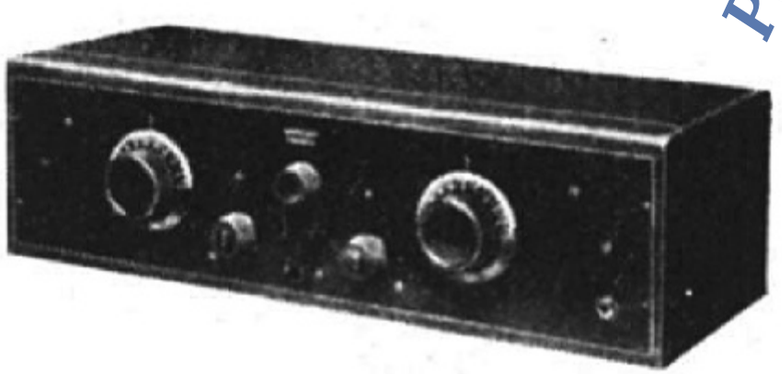
SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)
Apollo 13 *@ Southeast Austin Library, 6pm*
Brad Neely Animation Showcase *@ Alamo Ritz, 7pm*
Sonic Youth: Sleeping Nights Awake *@ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 7:30pm*
The Birds *@ Paramount, 9:15pm*

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)
My Education CD Release *Emo's*
Alejandro Escovedo CD Release *Continental Club*
The Kadane Brothers *Emo's*
Oxford Collapse *Mohawk*

Friday 27

999 EYES FREAKSHOW Who's to say these "freaks" aren't really the next evolutionary step? Either way, it's time again to gawk at all manner of physical abnormality, from tiny women to a human tripod. They'll throw in some impressive human feats for good measure. *9pm. Antone's, 213 W. Fifth, 320-8424. $15 ($11, advance).* **www.999eyes.com**.

A MIDSUMMER'S PIPE DREAM Get a taste of the Scottish hillside right in our own back yard. And what a nice back yard it is at Umlauf. The traditional Highland Games will be altered slightly to accommodate the wee ones, while traditional music will have you dancing around the vendors' booths. *6-10pm. Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum, 605 Robert E. Lee, 445-5582. $5.* **www.silverthistle.org**.



ALTERNATIVE RADIO has an interview with Indian environmental activist Sunita Narain, co-editor of the book *Reclaiming Nature: Environmental Justice and Ecological Restoration*, about re-evaluating conceptions of growth. David Barsamian hosts. *Fri., June 27, 2pm. KOOP Radio 91.7FM.* **www.koop.org**.

ARTIST'S MARKET features work from new artists each week. All items are handmade locally, with live music throughout the day. *Fri., noon-8pm; Sat. & Sun., 9am-3pm. Artspoken Gallery, 1507 W. Koenig, 535-5761. Free.* **www.downtownartistmarket.com**.

BELLY-DANCE EXHIBITION Six belly dancers show off their gyrating abilities and explore the wide array of styles within the dance form. *7pm. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 294-8044. $7.* **www.myspace.com/rakshelwa**.

DEMOCRATIC PRE-JULY 4 PICNIC Join the Lake Travis Democrats for some food and chitchat with other 'Crats. And when you're all talked out, you can let Jim Hightower take the reins for a while. *5:30pm. Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek. Free (donations appreciated).* **jr9657@yahoo.com**, **www.laketravisdemocrats.org**.

EAST END FOURTH FRIDAY begins on East 11th from Branch to Navasota for music, art, shops, free books from Half Price Books, slime-making courtesy of the Austin Children's Museum, and pizza from the folks at East Side Pies. When 8pm rolls around, head over to Kenny Dorham's Backyard for the sounds of Bilal Sunni-Ali with the Song of Life Ensemble. *Fourth Fridays through fall. Kenny Dorham's Backyard, 1106 E. 11th, 477-9438. Show, $5; fair, free.*

GUITAR HERO CONTEST If you're over 21 and think you're a *Guitar Hero*, then enter, and prove it. If you've got your licks down, you might end up in the finals in September. *Every other Friday through Sept. 5, 6:30-8:30pm. Cool River Cafe, 4001 Parmer, 835-0010. $10.* **www.coolrivercafe.com**.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PUBLIC READING The Texas State Creative Writing Camp culminates with this public reading of the students' work. *6pm. Katherine Anne Porter House, 508 Center Street, Kyle, 512/787-2579.* **www.writingcenter.txstate.edu/Events/Creative-Writing-Camp.html**.

MEDICINE BAG WORKSHOP Local Native American artisan and medicine woman Rose Twofeathers Hernandez, offers this discussion on the medicine-bag tradition before showing techniques for making your own. Some materials and medicines are included. *7-9pm. BookWoman, 5501 N. Lamar Ste. A-105, 472-2785. $25.* **www.ebookwoman.com**.

PEOPLE UNITED features a live conversation with Tim Eubanks and Saul Gonzalez about the statewide queer organization of color in Texas, ALLGO, and the 39th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising in New York. Allan Campbell hosts, with a weekly commentary from Rahul Mahajan. *1pm. KOOP Radio 91.7FM.* **www.koop.org**.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS
(See Film Listings.)
Rosemary's Baby *@ Paramount, 7pm*
The Exorcist *@ Paramount, 9:45pm*
U2 3D *@ IMAX Theatre, 7pm*

MUSIC
(See Music Listings.)
Magnetic Fields Tribute Night *Trophy's*
Jason Austin Benefit *Emo's*
Broken Teeth, **Adrenaline Factor** *Rock City Icehouse*
Fuck Yeah Tour '08 *Mohawk*

Pigs in Space AUSTIN TO INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION VIA HAM RADIO

Saturday 28

AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK FESTIVAL Come out to the Carver Museum for adult and children's story times. Sam Greenlee, author of the revolutionary novel of the Sixties *The Spook Who Sat by the Door* will discuss his work, and Debra Orr will be entertaining the little ones with her puppetry. All this surrounded by books of every shape, size, and price. *10am-4pm. Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina, 974-1010.* **www.cityofaustin.org/carver**.

AUSTIN UNDER THE STARS Look beyond the horizon and up to the stars for a night observing the heavens. Bring lawn chairs and telescopes, but leave the dogs, aerosol bug sprays, and flash cameras at home. *6pm-12mid. St. Stephen's Episcopal School, 2900 Bunny Run, 327-1213. Free.* **www.austinastro.org/auts.html**.

CHAIN OFF 2008 Chained dogs are unhappy dogs. To raise awareness of this cruel practice, the coordinator of the event will chain herself for 24 hours. Come and join in the fight for an hour or two. *Capitol grounds, 803-2069.* **getmethereplease@gmail.com**, **www.dogsdeservebetter.org**.

CHANTING MEDITATION WORKSHOP Awaken the Inner Spark of Divinity with Swami Nikhilanand. Yoga, meditation, and relaxation will help you on your way. *9:30am-2:30pm. Barsana Dham, 400 Barsana Rd., 288-7180 x323. Donations appreciated.*

FORECLOSURE BUS TOUR Interested in buying a foreclosed house? Learn all about the buying process, take a tour of six to 10 available properties, and start gentrifying today. Call for the meet-up location. *9:30am-12:30pm. 573-1602. $30.* **kathy@prodigymtg.com**.

FRUIT & VEGGIE FEST Every Saturday this month, the Austin Farmers' Market presents another event that puts a focus on the earth's bounty. For example, sack races (from potatoes, no doubt). Tomatoes to watermelon, get 'em fresh and local. *Saturdays in June. Austin Farmers' Market Downtown, Republic Square Park, Fourth & Guadalupe, 236-0074.* **www.austinfarmersmarket.org**.

HORNSBY BEND ECOLOGICAL LITERACY VOLUNTEER DAY The volunteer-maintained trails need your labor. A four-hour shift consists of trail-clearing and education about the ecology of the Colorado River. *9am-1pm. Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant, 2210 FM 973 S., 972-1960. Free.* **kevin.anderson@ci.austin.tx.us**, **www.cityofaustin.org/water/cer2.htm**.

IMPROV WORKSHOP All skill levels are invited to learn the art of improv from the Institution at Esther's Follies, aka, the pros. *10am-noon. Velveeta Room, 521 E. Sixth, 895-9580. Free.* **www.theinstitutiontheatre.com**.

INNOVATIONCAMP is a collaborative conference with the topics and sessions programmed by you. Come and learn something new from someone you didn't know. *9am-6pm. GSD&M Advertising, 828 W. Sixth. Free.* **andrew@aquiferdesign.com**, **www.innovationcamp.pbwiki.com**.

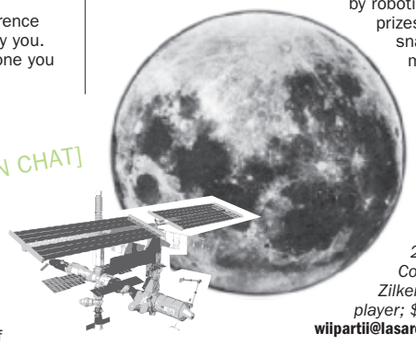
JUNK-A-THON Part garage sale, part art fair, this gathering of all manner of junk (books, clothes, plastic casseroles, pieces of electronics, etc.) is brought to you by the art collectives R.E.R.T. and Palfloat. *Sat.-Sun., June 28-29, 7am-7pm. 2608 Rogers. Free.* **www.palfloat.com**.

[SEE MONDAY, SPACE STATION CHAT]

KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD 5K Get that costume together, and lace up your tennies; it's time for the all-musical, all-entertaining, all-weird 5K. That's 3.1 miles or so of unbridled strangeness running through our streets, with live music from What Made Milwaukee Famous, Alejandro Escovedo, and more waiting for the finishers. Keep the kids weird and entertained in the Kids Zone. *Gates, 3pm; 5K start, 6pm. Auditorium Shores, South First at Lady Bird Lake, 442-2263. Race and festivities: $40 ($15, kids); Festivities alone: $10 (free, kids).* **www.keepaustinweirdfest.com**.

LAKE TRAVIS PARKS CLEANUP Sign up and volunteer to pick up some trash (and maybe some treasure) around Lake Travis. In return you get a thank-you party with free food. So nice, you can barely call it volunteering. *9am-1pm. 4501 RR 620 N. at Mansfield Dam, 391-0622.* **www.keepaustinbeautiful.org/parkscleanup**.

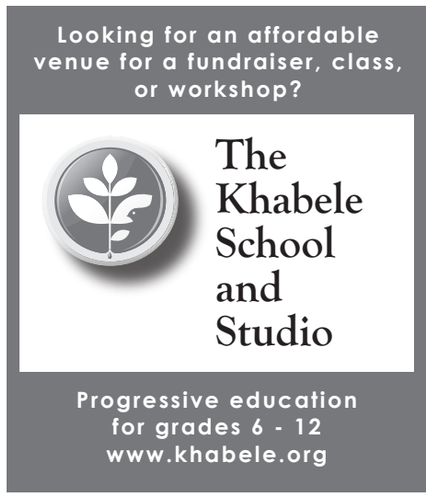
LASA ROBOTICS WII PARTII The Liberal Arts and Science Academy High School presents a day of gaming tournaments. The glorious geekery will be complemented by robotics demos, prizes, booths, snacks, and more. Nerd is the new cool, so what's stopping you? *1-6pm. McBeth Recreation Center, 2400 Columbus, Zilker Park. $15, player; $5, spectator.* **wiipartii@lasarobotics.org**, **www.lasarobotics.org**.



LAVENDER CUTTING Cut fresh lavender for yourself, or just bring a picnic, and enjoy the grounds. *Saturdays, 10am-4pm; Sundays, 11am-4pm, through June. 10600 W. Wagon Rd., 288-7270. Free, $4 to cut lavender.* **www.sweetdreamslavenderfarm.com**.

MUTUALISM STUDY GROUP meets monthly to discuss books and articles related to mutualism, a philosophy eschewing centralized economic and political power in favor of cooperatives and community financing systems. *Last Saturdays, 5-6pm. MonkeyWrench Books, 110 E. North Loop, 407-6925. Free.*

PROSTATE SCREENING The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department offers this free screening and will also check your blood sugar and pressure (no food for two hours before the blood-sugar test). *8am-4pm. Austin Cancer Center, 2600 E. MLK, 416-5700. Free.*



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the young ones

SUMMER CAMP GUIDE Still don't know what to do with the wee ones during the stifling months? Check out the options on our handy Summer Camp Guide, **austinchronicle.com/sc**. We love kids, but we also know that sometimes a break is nice.

SUPER SMASH BROS. BRAWL TOURNAMENT There are a million reasons to go to your local library, yet teenage boys statistically avoid it like the plague. Perhaps this video-game tournament will entice them. Qualifying rounds happen at libraries all over town, with the final round in August. See **www.cityofaustin.org/library** for a schedule of events. *Through Aug. 2. 974-7400. Free.*

FREE-FORM ART CAMP The admission price for your 5-to-8-year-olds gets them supplies and an artistic environment for them to explore their creativity. These weekly session introduce the kids to different media and will have them exploring their visions in no time. *Arthouse of Ionic Futurism, 2121 E. Cesar Chavez, 482-9818. $160 per week.* **dalana@ionicfuturism.com**, **www.ionicfuturism.com**.

READING WITH RINGLING BROS. A proper Ringling Bros. clown will be leading story time at public libraries throughout Austin, so antics will undoubtedly ensue. Check **www.readingwithringling.com/austin08.shtml** for a complete schedule of appearances. *Through July 2.*

SUMMER CARNIVAL Your local rec center will have all the fair accoutrements: face-painting, moonwalk, cake walk, a fish pond, and more. *Fri., June 27, noon-3pm. Northwest Recreation Center, 2913 Northland, 458-4107. 50 cents.* **www.cityofaustin.org/parks/northwest.htm**.

NINTENDO WII FIT TOUR Bring the kids to the mall for a little preview of the hard-to-find Wii Fit, featuring the balance pad and activities such as yoga, tightrope walking, and more healthy gaming. *Fri.-Sat., June 27-28, 10am-9pm; Sun., June 29, noon-6pm. Lakeline Mall, 11200 Lakeline Mall Dr., Cedar Park; Barton Creek Square, 2901 Capital of TX Hwy. S.*

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL What kind of kid (or adult, for that matter) doesn't like a Seussian turn of phrase? Well, prepare to have them accompanied by song and dance. Too much? You bet. *Through Aug. 10. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2 & 7pm; Sundays, 2pm. Texas School for the Deaf, 1102 S. Congress, 476-0541 x1. $36-40 ($22, under 12).* **www.zachtheatre.org/stages/seussical.html**.

ZILKER SUMMER MUSICAL The 50th season of Zilker Theatre Productions' musicals on the hillside features *Beauty and the Beast*. Bring the kids, a blanket, and refreshments (or buy a beverage there). *Through Aug. 9, Thu.-Sat., 8:30pm. Zilker Park Hillside Theater, 2206 William Barton Dr., 479-9491. Free.* **www.zilker.org**.

PETER PAN You know what to expect: fantasy, wonder, some fairy dust, and some happy kids. Scottish Rite always makes 'em smile with its engaging performances. *June 28-Aug. 24: Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 2pm. No performance July 26 or 27. Austin Scottish Rite Theatre, 207 W. 18th, 472-5436. $10 ($7, kids 1-12; $3, infants).* **www.scottishritetheatre.org**.

CHILDREN'S THEATER AUDITIONS Does your kid (ages 13 to 18) want to be part of the Making It on Broadway camp? Space is limited, so get those vocal cords warmed up. Call for audition requirements and to schedule an appointment. *Sat., June 28, 10am-4pm. 927-6633.* **www.austinchildrenstheater.org**.

ABRAKADOODLE artists read a favorite Mr. Man and Little Miss book by Roger Hargreaves. Plus, the kids invent their very own, brand-new Mr. Man or Little Miss character using sculpting materials. *Sat., June 28, 11:30am. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.*

AFRICAN DANCE PARTY Join Rattletree Marimba for a family-friendly evening of dancing. Catered African food from Iba of Whole Foods completes the experience. *Sat., June 28, 6pm. Copa Bar & Grill, 217 Congress, 479-5002. $20/family ($10, adults; $5, kids).* **www.copabarandgrill.com**.

GREEN STEWARDS CAMP These three-day environmental education sessions for ages 8-12 are presented by Keep Austin Beautiful and the Austin Watershed Protection Department. There will be a scavenger hunt in a creek, some digging in compost, and kids will learn to identify beneficial bugs and create art from trash. E-mail **monica@keepaustinbeautiful.org** to register. *June 30-July 2, July 8-10, July 14-16, 9am-noon. Free.* **www.keepaustinbeautiful.org**.

SUMMER STORY TIME Jessica Lourias makes books interactive narratives for the wee ones. This time, it's Timothy Basil Ering's *Necks Out for Adventure*. *Mon., June 30, 11am. Terra Toys, 2438 W. Anderson, 445-4489. Free.* **www.terratoys.com**.

SWINGING SCULPTURES ART CLASS In this two-part class, kids ages 8-12 learn the history of the pendulum before building their own sculpture. *Tue. & Thu., July 1 & 3, 1-4pm. Jerry's Artarama, 6010 N. I-35. $45 supply packet, $25 suggested donation for instructor.* **www.jerrysartarama.com**.

ECOSCHOOL PROSPECTIVE STUDENT ORIENTATION Learn more about this green alternative elementary for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade. *Tue., July 1, 6pm. 3000 Del Curto, 680-6688. Free.* **www.austinecoschool.org**.

day TRIPS

BY GERALD E. MCLEOD

Wimberley Zipline Adventures lives up to its name. Flying over the rugged Hill Country landscape east of Wimberley is an exhilarating adventure, best described as a thrill ride without the amusement park tedium.

"This is about as close to flying like a bird that a human can get," says Mike Robinson. Along with his partner, Jim Turner, Robinson opened the zip-line course in March after spending more than a year and a half weaving two hills together with thick galvanized cable.

Wimberley Zipline has five runs ranging from just under 300 feet to almost 900 feet. Until a few weeks ago, it was the longest zip-line run in North America. An outfit in Colorado managed to string 2,000 feet of cable across a Rocky Mountain canyon. Wimberley still holds the record for longest zip line among the five operations in Texas.

Using equipment designed for mountaineering, the Wimberley crew straps visitors into a harness that wraps around their legs and waists, making a perfect sling when your feet are off the ground. A strap from the harness clamps to a set of wheels that zip along the cable. Your momentum is slowed at the end of the run by the drape of the cable and a thick welder's glove that you drag along the cable.

"There's a lot of math up on the side of that hill," Robinson says, pointing to the cables that look like electrical lines that end abruptly. Each of the five runs had to be installed just right to take advantage of the stretch, drape, and angle of the cable.

Robinson is most proud of the redundant safety features built into the system. Each end of the cables is anchored into two concrete pads and laced together multiple times. It would take a lot more than a 200-pound tourist to strain this foundation.

A real estate broker by trade, Robinson fell in love with zip-lining while on vacation in Belize. When he returned to the states, he began researching the possibility of opening such a ride in the Hill Country. Along with his neighbor and friend, he leased a corner of the historic Winn Ranch and set about building a dream. "This is the most blessed endeavor that I have ever been a part of," Turner says. The business has been growing every week since they opened.

Anybody from 10 to 80 can do it, Robinson says, as long as they are moderately fit. The most exertion is climbing the half-mile up the rough path to the takeoff points. Once you hook onto the cable, gravity does all the work, and you can enjoy the view of Wimberley Valley.

During the 1½- to two-hour tour, the guides point out the unique plants and features of the limestone hills that you'll be flying over. From the highest water stop, you can see more than 15 miles of the peaks and valleys that the area is famous for.

"All you have to do is pick up your feet, sit down, and let gravity do its work," Robinson says. "It's as easy as walking off the side of a cliff." The first run is the hardest, even though it's the lowest and the slowest. Flying over the treetops isn't nearly as scary as watching the hillside coming at you. That's when you learn that you have more control than you thought, and it's a lot easier than it looks. It doesn't take much practice to master the sport.

GERALD E. MCLEOD

By the time you get to the fifth and longest run, the whine of the pulley wheels on the steel rail as you reach 30 mph becomes music to your ears, and the ride is over much too soon. Who would have thought stepping off a cliff would be so easy or so much fun?

Wimberley Zipline Adventures is about two miles east of the square in Wimberley. Tours are limited to 18 guests and run every two hours between 9am and 3pm (they're closed on Tuesdays) and 1 and 3pm on Sunday. Tours cost $60 per person; reservations and a deposit are required. For more information, call 512/847-9990 or go to **www.wimberleyzipline.com**.

886th 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.*

out of town

BY GERALD E. MCLEOD

WHARTON COUNTY FREEDOM FEST begins the Independence Day celebration early with a barbecue cook-off, car and motorcycle show, veterans' salute, food vendors, and a fireworks display. *Fri.-Sat., June 27-28. Courthouse Square and Riverside Park, Wharton, 979/532-1862.* **www.whartonchamber.com**.

TEXAS HILL COUNTRY RAILFAIR & FESTIVAL showcases a rolling railroad museum, railroad equipment, and model railroads on this Market Days weekend, which includes arts & crafts and a fiddler's contest. *Sat.-Sun., June 28-29. Burnet, 512/447-8468. Hill Country Flyer tickets $12 and $8.* **www.austinsteamtrain.org**.

WATERMELON THUMP hosts a carnival with kiddie rides, a beer garden, plenty of food, street dances, arts & crafts, champion melon judging, World Champion Seed-Spitting Contest, Melon-Eating Contest, and more. *Sat.-Sun., June 28-29. Luling, 830/875-3214.* **jamie@watermelonthump.com**, **www.watermelonthump.com**.

WESTERN DAYS FESTIVAL remembers summers gone by with a rodeo, live music, country fair, arts & crafts, contests, and food. *Sat., June 28. Rodeo Arena and Memorial Park, Elgin, 512/285-4515.* **www.elgintx.com**.

HOT NIGHTS, COOL TUNES takes over the courthouse square with concerts by Abbey Rode, *June 28*; Big Otis Show Band, *July 5*; Vince Vance & the Valiants, *July 12*; Jerry Diaz & Hanna's Reef, *July 19*; and the Grooves, *July 26*. *Saturdays, 7pm. Brenham, 888/273-6426. Free.* **www.downtownbrenham.com/hotnights.html**.

GREAT AMERICAN BACKYARD CAMPOUT offers a night out with your kids or grandkids when you join in National Wildlife Federation's Great American Backyard Campout for s'mores, stargazing, and nature-watching. *Sat., June 28. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, Glen Rose, 254/897-2960.* **www.fossilrim.com**.

ROOTS MUSIC SERIES presents Dale Watson and Jesse Dayton playing a blend of country, Cajun, punk, and rockabilly under the stars. *Sat., June 28, 5-10pm. Pioneer Museum, 309 W. Main St., Fredericksburg, 830/997-2835. $10.* **www.pioneermuseum.com**.

KIDZOOBILEE has activities for children 2 to 13 years old to test their skill at games and to meet the animals, while adults sample the food from area restaurants and listen to live music at this fundraiser for the zoo. *Sat., June 28, 5-8pm. Cameron Park Zoo, Waco, 254/750-8400. $25.* **www.cameronparkzoo.com**.

REP YO CITY SPITFEST Twelve poets go head-to-head as they rep their respective cities. Renowned international poet via Baltimore Taalam Acey will be the one to beat, but Austin's own Blacklisted can't be counted out. Get a discount at the door by bringing three canned goods for the Capital Area Food Bank. *6-9pm. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 745-5589. $15 ($12, advance).* **www.spitfest.com**.

SALUTE TO AMERICA CONCERT Start getting psyched for the Fourth of July with the Austin Civic Wind Ensemble playing the patriotic hits. *7:30pm. Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina, 472-4809. Free.* **www.acwe.org**.

SAVE MONEY, GROW GREENER Don't be the last on your block to start saving energy and water. Start surfing the green wave the cheap and convenient way. *2-4pm. Windsor Park Library, 5833 Westminster, 928-0333. Free.* **www.cityofaustin.org/library**.

SELF-DEFENSE CLASS Learn to defend against assailants with Krav Maga techniques including weapons or just your body. *Saturdays, 10:30am. Penn Field, 3601 S. Congress, Bldg. I-100, 441-5728. Free.* **www.fitandfearless.com**.

SKILLSHARE AUSTIN This weekend, learn something new from someone who knows. Come and learn what you don't know or teach what you do. Make a kite, tattoo a friend, mend a sock, mix like a DJ, make a video, or learn the delicate art of "anarchist baby care." *Sat., June 28, Parque Zaragosa, 2608 Gonzales. Sun., June 29, Rhizome Collective, 300 Allen. 10:30am-6pm both days. Free.* **www.skillshareaustin.org**.

TEXAS TALES Wondering what happened to those big plans for a supercool central library for Austin? They're just waiting for you to donate a bit of money. Here's how: Come on down for some music from Jon Dee Graham, conversation with author Joe Nick Patoski, and a signed copy of Willie Nelson's latest bio. All this and the rewarding feeling of giving to improve our fair city's biggest bookery. *7:30pm. Mexican American Cultural Center, 600 River St., 478-6222. $125.* **www.austinlibrary.org**.

THE MOUNTAIN IS ALIVE! Support the local arts scene and maybe get a great deal on your new favorite artist. Okay Mountain will be auctioning art and other prizes. Raffles, live music, and cold beverages complete the evening. *5pm. Okay Mountain Gallery, 1312 E. Cesar Chavez Ste. B.* **www.okaymountain.com**.

URBAN ROOTS FARM FEST Now that their first season of cultivating young leaders in the ways of farming is finished, it's your chance to reap their bounty. There will be fresh produce, games, and a little game called Name That Seed. All proceed go back to Urban Roots. *9am-noon. Hands of the Earth Farm, 7651 Delwau, 342-0424. Free.* **www.youthlaunch.org**.

ARTIST'S MARKET (See Friday.)

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.)
Pump Project, **Wally Workman Gallery**

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)
Mary Poppins *@ Paramount, 3:30pm*
Rosemary's Baby *@ Paramount, 9:40pm*
The Exorcist *@ Paramount, 7pm*
U2 3D *@ IMAX Theatre, 7pm*

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)
Modey Lemon *Emo's*
Boris, **Torche**, **Clouds** *Mohawk*
Foot Patrol, **Jazzus Lizard** *Tiniest Bar in Texas*

Sunday 29

ADOPTION INFORMATION SEMINAR E-mail or call to register for Methodist Mission Home's info session. *1-2:30pm. University Methodist Church, 2409 Guadalupe, 210/696-2410.* **leonore@mmhome.org**, **www.mmhome.org**.

ART FAIR A biweekly fair with live music and demos. *1-8pm. Jerry's Artarama, 6010 N. I-35.*

ETHICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTIN Today's platform will cover the state of the Ethical Society. Find out what they're up to and what the future holds. *10am. Laguna Gloria, 3809 W. 35th, 835-9008. Free.* **www.esoa.org**.

GRIEFSHARE invites anyone grieving from the loss of a loved one to join these weekly meetings. Each session begins with a video on grief recovery and ends with discussion. *Sundays, 7-9pm. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3501 Red River, 472-8301. Free.* **www.griefshare.org**.

NCNW MEMBERSHIP TEA The local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women hosts its 25th anniversary membership tea. *3-5pm. St. James' Episcopal Church, 3701 E. MLK, 926-6339.* **www.ncnwaustin.org**.

WEEKLY PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM features a presentation from Drs. Steve Bett and Adam Blatner. Together they'll discuss the complicated science behind writing systems, their history, their current usage, and the future of orthographies. *Sundays, 11:30am-12:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4700 Grover, 452-6168. Free.* **www.austinuu.org**.

ARTIST'S MARKET (See Friday.)

JUNK-A-THON (See Saturday.)

LAVENDER CUTTING (See Saturday.)

SKILLSHARE AUSTIN (See Saturday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)
Mary Poppins *@ Paramount, 2pm*
Rosemary's Baby *@ Paramount, 5:30pm*
The Exorcist *@ Paramount, 8:15pm*

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)
Her Space Holiday *Mohawk*
San Antonio Legends Tribute *Threadgill's World HQ*
Big Black Smoke, **the Thulsa=Doom**, **Eagle Claw** *Red 7*

Monday 30

BOOSTCAMP Catalyst 8 helps local artists get their work in front of the public. Several panelists start the discussion called Building Relationships to Boost Your Arts Career. Is it art if no one sees it? *6:30pm. Copa Bar & Grill, 217 Congress, 482-0800. $10.* **www.thelongcenter.org/getinvolved.aspx?id=1416**.

HILL COUNTRY OUTDOORS NEW MEMBER MEETING Please RSVP for this meeting of outdoorsy, sporty people who enjoy the company of the same. *6:30pm. Opal Divine's Penn Field, 3601 S. Congress, 707-0237.* **www.hillcountryoutdoors.com**.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS This weekly group aims to be an "open-minded alternative" to all of those other Bible studies that attempt to give "all the answers." *Through June 30. Mondays, 6:30pm. University Christian Church, 2007 University Ave., 477-6104. Free.* **www.ucc-austin.org**.

NAKED YOGA FOR MEN This gay- and straight-friendly class is, well, read the title. *Mondays, 7:30-8:45pm; Wednesdays, 8:30-9:45pm; Saturdays, 10-11:15am. NiaSpace, 3212 S. Congress, 443-3013. $12.* **nudeyoga@texas.net**, **www.austinnakedyoga.com**.

PUBLIC MEETING ON LANDFILL Perhaps it's time to do a little homework and find out what the proposed sale of the Williamson County Landfill would mean for you. Bring that homework and share it with other civic-minds. For more, see "Naked City," p.12. *7pm. Hutto Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 402 Church St., Hutto.* **www.huttocitizensgroup.org**.

SPACE STATION CHAT Local Cub Scout Pack 304 and the International Space Station get a little chat time, with help from NASA and the American Radio and Relay League. Who knew that the space station had a fully operational ham-radio station that could be contacted from Earth? Well, it does, and, if things go as planned, the scouts will be chatting with astronauts. There will also be other demonstrations of the power of the ham. In space, everyone can hear you talk. *1pm. Blackland Prairie Elementary School, 2005 Via Sonoma Trail, Round Rock. Free.* **www.austinhams.org**.

WORKSHOP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES VSA Arts of Texas sponsors this workshop that aims to bring greater employment options for the disabled in the art world by changing employers' attitudes. Everyone should do what they love. *9am. Austin-Travis County MHMR Training Center, 1700 S. Lamar, Bldg. 1 #102, 454-9912. $15.* **lynn@vsatx.org**, **www.vsatx.org**.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)
Frankenstein *@ Paramount, 7pm*
Willie Nelson's 4th of July Celebration *@ Alamo Ritz, 10:10pm*

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)
Dustin Welch & the House Band *Momo's*

Tuesday 01

EAT & DONATE Fish City Grill donates 15% of its daily sales every first Tuesday. This week, proceeds go to Minorities for Equality in Education, Employment, Liberty, and Justice. *11am-10pm. 4200 S. Lamar, 442-FISH (3474).* **www.fishcitygrill.com**.

HILL COUNTRY TOASTMASTERS Get those public-speaking skills polished. *Tuesdays, 6:30pm. Austin Community College, Bldg. 1000, Rm. 1109, 1555 Cypress Creek Rd., Cedar Park, 512/694-4731. Free.* **www.hillcountrytoastmasters.ning.com**.

SIERRA CLUB PICNIC Join in on this tradition, chat with the Sierra Club folks, and bring a dish for the potluck. No alcohol allowed. *6:30-10pm. Zilker Park Rock Garden picnic area.* **www.texas.sierraclub.org/austin**.

SLOW BURN WINES The Slow Burn people will be showing off their wares and helping you choose just the right wine for that spicy concoction you're brewing this Fourth of July. *Tue. & Thu., July 1 & 3, 6:30pm. Central Market South, 4477 S. Lamar, 899-4300. $25.* **www.austinslowburn.com**.

SPANISH CONVERSATION CLASS Not an instructional class, but a way to get more comfortable

the GAY place

BY KATE X MESSER AND KATE GETTY

ELLEN OSBORNE

Paige Shilt & Katy Koonce wed in California

NEWS: PAIGE SHILT & KATY KOONCE GOT MARRIED IN THE OC! And by **Pastor Jay Bakker**, no less. The happy couple were joined by fellow **Soulforce** pals **Mel White & Gary Nixon** and **Jeff Lutes & Gary Stein**. Sometimes activism is real life and real life is activism. Sometimes, people just want to live their lives and be free to love and be who they are. Congrats Paige & Katy & Waylon (their handsome 5-year-old) and friends. And thank you all for witnessing and representing the best of our community. (See the **Gay Place Blog** for more details.) **www.bilerico.com/2008/06/marriage_equality_and_the_memory_of_tamm.php**, **www.soulforce.org**.

GAYRIBBEAN HALLOWEEN CRUISE 2008 Yes, it's Summer. That gives you two seasons to pull together that perfect costume for all the perfect parties aboard (and ashore) for this spooky autumn cruise. *Sail from Galveston aboard Carnival's Conquest to Montego Bay, Grand Cayman and Cozumel., 877-560-8318. From $568.* **info@gayribbean.com**, **www.gayribbeancruises.com**.

LADY LIBERTY'S BACKYARD BASH Give her your mute, your silent, your inarticulate masses yearning to be heard. This new colossus, mother-of-all poetry slams, offers a worldwide welcome to all tempest-tossed, wretched refuse to hear the inspiration of a host of lady wordsmiths, including host **Erin Livingston**, **Precious M. Yett**, **Hilary Thomas**, **Ms. Jackson**, **Ebony Stewart**, **Love Robinson**, and more (as in rollergirls, burlesque, and more). *Sat., July 5, 4-10pm. Quack's Maplewood Bakery, 1400 E. 38½, 538-1991. $10 ($7.50 advance).* **erin@mynewgirlfriend.net**, **www.spokenwoman.com**.

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

RED, WHITE, & BLUE Three nights; three colorful circuits. **RED Hot Preview Party** (*Fri., July 4, 5pm*) Barbecue cookout and preview of Red Hot auction items. **WHITE Party** (*Sat., July 5*) White attire encouraged. **BLUE Hawaiian Beach Party** (*Sun. July 6, 5pm*), featuring free gourmet burger bar, Undergear swimsuit fashion show, and two shows of La Cage. *Fri.-Sun., July 4-6. Oilcan Harry's, 211 W. Fourth, 320-8823.* **www.oilcanharrys.com**.

IT'S A TRAVESTY OF TRIVIA! Trivia hotter than a preacher's private life, starring Mz. **Rebecca Havemeyer** and **Silky Shoemaker**. *Thursdays through July 10. Victory Grill, 1104 E. 11th, 902-5057. $10, "decorative" attire; $13, ordinary clothes.*

PURE ENVY LADIES' PARTY DJ Havoc spins 'em tight for this wall-to-wall lady fest. *Fri., June 27. Pure Ultra Lounge, 419 W. Sixth, 924-2675; for booth, bottle service, or VIP info: 762-2000. $8 ($10 after 11pm), $25 VIP passes sold on website.* **missesevents@gmail.com**, **www.myspace.com/lezifaireevents**.

LADIES HAPPY HOUR Head her up, move her out, rawwwwww hide, baby. Angel will be slingin' 'em at the trough. And early enough for you wizened cowgals. *Every Friday, 4-9pm. Rainbow Cattle Co., 305 W. Fifth, 472-5288. Free.*

YR LIPSTICK IS SHOWING Here come Austin's original **Lipstick Lesbians**, a club for those who know (in their own words) that femme "is not something you apply with make-up, it's at your core." You less-frilly types are welcome as well, as long as the femme-love and an interest in some good connections and conversation is at *your* core. *June 20-July 18.* **lipsticklesbiansaustin@yahoo.com**.

CENTRAL TEXAS BOYS OF LEATHER MEETING Shiny, shiny … shiny boots of leather. Every fourth Saturday and, on the patio for cookouts, every second Sunday of the month (5-8pm). *Chain Drive, 504 Willow, 480-9017. $5 to benefit CTBOL charities.* **www.ctbol.org**.

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO? How high do you wanna get? Melissa Hargrave will explore **Female Low Sex Drive**, to help ward off lesbian bed death. And by "explore," we mean "talk about." *Sat., June 28, 10am. Waterloo Counseling Center, 3000 S. I-35 #315, 444-9922. Free.*

PRIDE PARADE HOUSTON Love a parade? Houston's big daddy lineup, the largest Pride in the Southwest, rolls this Saturday *for the 30th year*! See the website for details on the festival and the nighttime festivities. *Sat., June 28, 8:45pm. 713/529-6979.* **info@pridehouston.org**, **www.pridehouston.org**.

AUSTIN LONESTARS RUGBY CLUB Taking a break for '08 but referring interested parties to the Austin Rugby website. *Burnet Middle School, 3000 S. I-35, 841-8289.* **www.lonestarsrugby.org**, **www.austinrugby.com**.

THERE'S A HOEDOWN THERE Ho down where? Can we get a yeehaw? **Lushe**, Rain's First Tuesday bash for the babes, goes boot-scooting boogie. This go-round is all about finding that Midnight Cowboy inside of you. Assless chaps. Spurs and boots. A hootenanny of a good ol' time. And for some reason, every month, there's always at least one person who climbs the stripper pole all the way to the ceiling. "Look ma, ho hands." *Tue., June 3, 9pm. Rain on 4th, 217 W. Fourth, 494-1150.* **www.rainon4th.com**.

GAME SHOW NIGHT Hit the Hump Day, and get a jump on Club Popular every Wednesday night with OCH's ode to game shows: **Hey, Bartender**, **Drag Idol**, and **Are You Smarter Than Ross?** *Wednesdays, 10:30pm. Oilcan Harry's, 211 W. Fourth, 320-8823.* **www.oilcanharrys.com**.

THIS WEEK ON GP BLOG Why wait 'til Thursday? Come visit us online at the **Gay Place Blog**. This week: **Jay Bakker** hitches some local honeys, **Cyndi Lauper** *loves us* (teh gays), and **Post-Pride Stress Disorder**. Oh, and a new video game where you can head-butt cops and collect martinis called **Stonewall Brawl**. *454-5766.* **gayplace@austinchronicle.com**, **austinchronicle.com/gayplaceblog**.

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

The **Austin Aztex** continue to step up their game, literally and organizationally. Two weeks ago they went up two levels, to host the First Division Atlanta Silverbacks in the U.S. Open Cup; this weekend they skip right on past the Major League Soccer level to take on Monterrey's **UANL Tigres** of Mexico's Primera División – a rare chance to see true world-class football right here in River City. *Sunday, June 29, 7pm, $35 reserved, $30 general admission, kids $20.* That's the capper on **three consecutive nights** of Aztex games this weekend, June 27-29. First comes El Paso (*Friday, 7:30pm*) and Baton Rouge (*Saturday, 7:30pm*). *$8 (kids $5).* And then, the Premier Development League season is over all too soon: The final home games are next Thursday and Sunday, July 3 & 6. *Round Rock High, Dragon Stadium, 300 N. Lake Creek Dr. (just west of I-35 and RR 620).*

Soccer WATCH

Euro 2008 continues to provide thrills and late goals; the Sunday, June 29, final (*1:45pm, ABC, ABC-HD*) pits Germany against the Spain-Russia winner (*Thursday, 1:45pm, ESPN2, ESPN2-HD*).

The **U.S. Men** eased into the semifinal group stage of **World Cup 2010 qualifying** on Sunday, beating Barbados 1-0 (9-0 total over two games). They face Trinidad and Tobago, Cuba, and Guatemala in the next group.

Asian champ **Iraq** was knocked out of **WC qualifying** on Sunday, losing to Qatar, 1-0, on the last day of the Asian semifinal round.

The **U.S. Women** won their fourth tournament of the year and improved to 17-0-1 under coach Pia Sundhage, beating Canada 1-0 in the 2008 Peace Queen Cup final. – *Nick Barbaro*

PLAYING THROUGH BY THOMAS HACKETT

No kid dreams of strutting his stuff in Arena Football 2. He dreams of all the privileges and prerogatives that go with playing in the NFL, like Brazilian supermodel girlfriends, not making $200 a week playing in the second division of a second-rate indoor league.

But AF2, the Arena Football League's minor league, is where the football dreams have taken Ben Bennett, Andy Hall, and John Roberson. So far, anyway. Bennett is the head coach, Hall the quarterback, and Roberson a wide receiver for the Austin Wranglers (6-6), who come into this Saturday's game at the Frank Erwin Center in a tie for the Southwest Division lead. A playoff berth would be nice, a league championship even nicer. But let's face it: These guys would like nothing more than to get the hell out of Austin.

Hall makes no bones about wanting to get back to the NFL. After taking the University of Delaware Blue Hens to the Division I-AA National Championship in 2003, Hall was a sixth-round draft choice to the Philadelphia Eagles, playing third- and fourth-string backup to Donovan McNabb. But he never played a down, and after two seasons, he was gone. "The reason I'm here is I haven't had game film," he said last week between team meetings in the Wranglers' pigsty dorm, near the Erwin Center. "But pro football is a funny business. I know the NFL is just a phone call away. At the end of this season, I know they're going to say, 'Oh, this guy can still play.'"

Coach Bennett has been there himself. At Duke, Bennett was arguably the top passer in college football, chucking the ball 1,375 times for 9,614 yards. Yet he wasn't NFL material, bouncing around various professional leagues for 17 seasons, mostly in Arena Football. "I equate myself to Crash Davis in the movie *Bull Durham*," he said. "I've hit a lot of dingers in the minors. After this, I'd like to head coach in Arena 1, the first division, and make some people pay for overlooking me."

There probably isn't a guy associated with the Wranglers who doesn't feel that he's been egregiously overlooked. Big-time athletics are like that. It's all or nothing. Either you're pulling down millions, or you're nobody.

With a full ride to Texas A&M, Roberson saw himself in the NFL. As it happens, he never caught a single college pass. Never ran a single route. Frustrated, he quit football, quit A&M. "At one point," he said, "I couldn't even watch football. I kind of felt sick seeing it. But everything happens for a reason. This is not the NFL, but it's still professional football, and you gotta take pride in what you do."

So forget about athletic ability. In AF2, that's not what matters most. What matters is being able to take the hits, physical and psychological. Like coach Bennett says, "You've got to have inner strength to play this game."

Send sporting tips, rumors, and outright lies to **playingthrough@austinchronicle.com**.

Wranglers QB Andy Hall

Sports BY MARK FAGAN

THE MAIN EVENT

KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD 5K AND FEST Come down early (3pm), participate in the 5K (6pm), and enjoy a stellar musical line-up of **Alejandro Escovedo** (8:30pm), **What Made Milwaukee Famous** (7:15pm), **Black Joe Lewis** (6:15pm), the wacky costume contest (must enter the 5K to be eligible), food and drink vendors, and much more. Rain or shine. *Sat., June 28, 6pm (gates open at 3). $10. Auditorium Shores, South First at Lady Bird Lake, 442-2263.* **www.keepaustinweirdfest.com**.

THE HOME TEAMS

ROUND ROCK EXPRESS The Express hope to start a winning streak with the Nashville Sounds and take Albuquerque down a notch in the standings next week. Vs. Nashville: *Thu.-Sun., June 26-29, 7:05pm.* Vs. Albuquerque: *Mon.-Thu., June 30-July 3, 7:05pm. Dell Diamond, 3400 E. Palm Valley Blvd., 512/255-2255. $6-12.* **www.roundrockexpress.com**.

SAFE FAMILIES NIGHT Come watch the Express roll over the Albuquerque Isotopes, and get informed about domestic violence in the form of financial abuse. *Wed., July 2, 7:05pm. Dell Diamond, 3400 E. Palm Valley, Round Rock, 512/255-2255. $6-12.* **www.roundrockexpress.com**.

AUSTIN AZTEX host the **El Paso Patriots**, the **Baton Rouge Capitals**, and the **Laredo Heat** this week as part of their regular USL schedule. They will also play an exhibition match on Sunday against **UANL Tigres**, one of the top clubs in Mexico's Primera División. Vs. El Paso: *Fri., June 27, 7:30pm.* Vs. Baton Rouge: *Sat., June 28, 7:30pm.* Vs. Laredo: *Thu., July 3, 7:30pm. $8 ($5, 12 and under).* Vs. Tigres: *Sun., June 29, 7pm. $30 ($20, children).* Dragon Stadium, 620 Lake Creek Dr., Round Rock. **www.austinaztex.com**.

AUSTIN WRANGLERS For more on the Wranglers, see "Playing Through," above. Vs. Texas: *Sat., June 28, 7pm. Erwin Center, 1701 Red River. $18-125.* **www.austinwranglers.com**.

RECREATION & FITNESS

WIFFLEBALL TOURNAMENT The first qualifying regional for the national tournament is this weekend. E-mail Dean to register. *Sat., June 28. Milburn Park, 1901 Sunchase, Cedar Park. $20 per team.* **dean@cedarparktx.us**, **www.fastplastic.net**.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIDAY NIGHT BALLIN' Kids can enjoy some pick-up basketball of the full-court variety. *Fridays, 7:30-9:30pm. Northwest Recreation Center, 2913 Northland Dr., 458-4107. $5.* **www.cityofaustin.org/parks/northwest.htm**.

HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT BALLIN' Kids can enjoy some pickup basketball of the full-court variety. *Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm. Northwest Recreation Center, 2913 Northland Dr., 458-4107. $5.* **www.cityofaustin.org/parks/northwest.htm**.

RUNS, WALKS, & RIDES

SOUTH AUSTIN STEEL USATF DEVELOPMENTAL TRACK AND FIELD MEET South Austin Steel offers South Austin kids an outlet for training and competing, and they'll be getting plenty of exercise in this multi-event competition. *Sat., June 28, 8:30am. St. Stephen's School, 2900 Bunny Run, 327-1213.* **www.southaustinsteel.com**.

ROGUE TRAIL SERIES: THE SAINT Be one of the first to run this "fresh-blazed new trail." Well, at least most of the trail is new. Choose between a 10K and a 30K. *Sun., June 29, 7am. St. Stephen's School, 2900 Bunny Run, 294-6456.* **www.tejastrails.com/Rogue.html**.

TAKE STEPS FOR CROHN'S AND COLITIS Participants in this walk will not only be doing their part to help cure Crohn's and colitis, but they'll also enjoy some great entertainment and fill their bellies with some tasty grub. *Sat., June 28, 4pm (registration). Walter E. Long Park, 6614 Blue Bluff Rd.* **www.cctakesteps.org/chapter/stx.htm**.

ATS KIDS TRIATHLON Four age divisions for kids between 4 and 15 years old. *Sat., June 28, 7:30am. St. Stephen's School, 2900 Bunny Run, 327-1213.* **www.teamats.com**.

ATS SPRINT TRIATHLON This quick race along a short track is fun for both beginners and experienced triathletes alike. Spectators are encouraged, and food and drink will be available. *Sat., June 28, 9:30am (following the Kids Tri). St. Stephen's School, 2900 Bunny Run, 327-1213.* **www.teamats.com**.

SUNSTROKE SUMMER STAMPEDE RACE NO. 8 Twelve chip-timed races at alternating courses. *Wed., July 2, 7pm. Town Lake Trail (I-35 at Riverside parking lot), 444-2800 x8900.* **www.summerstampede.com**.

AUSTIN FLYERS MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE Every Sunday through November, the Flyers will host an intermediate-through-advanced group mountain bike excursion at various courses throughout town. This week: *Sun., June 22, 7:45am. Barton Springs Greenbelt (meet at the Bicycle Sport Shop, 517 S. Lamar, 477-3472). Free.* **austinflyers@bicyclesportshop.com**, **www.austinflyers.com**.

speaking and listening to the Spanish language. *Tuesdays, 6:30pm. EsquinaTango, 209 Pedernales, 524-2772. $12.* **www.esquinatangoaustin.com**.

TAI CHI WITH GUY FORSYTH The Health Alliance for Austin Musicians sponsors this class in the ancient form of martial arts known as tai chi. Not sure what kind of movement is next? Just ask Guy. *Tuesdays. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. Free with cafe purchase.* **www.rutamaya.net**.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS

(See Film Listings.)
Frankenstein *@ Paramount, 9:05pm*
My Mexican Shiva *@ Alamo South, 7pm*
Willie Nelson's 4th of July Celebration *@ Alamo Ritz, 10:10pm*

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

No Age, **Abe Vigoda** *Emo's*
Zaika *Salvage Vanguard Theater*

Wednesday 02

EUROPEAN MOVIE NIGHT This series, depicting life under communist rule, this week features *The Lives of Others*, the story of a disillusioned East German wiretapper. *6pm. Spicewood Springs Branch Library, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd., 974-3800. Free.* **www.cityofaustin.org/library**.

PAPERDOLLS SUMMER FILM NIGHT The online zine *PaperDolls*, set to launch in August, is geared toward girls who have a bit of the "alt" spirit. Until they launch, they'll be showing themed double features. This week's theme is Frenemies, with *Mean Girls* followed by *Heathers*. *9pm. PaperDolls Headquarters, 1610 Nickerson. $5 suggested donation.* **info@paperdollsmag.com**.

PICNIC IN THE PARK Live music, water games, and more fun will accompany your summer produce shopping at the Austin Farmers' Market Wednesdays through the summer. *4-8pm. The Triangle, 4600 Guadalupe.* **www.austinfarmersmarket.org**.

TAPAS COOKING CLASS Myrna Sloan teaches the delicious art of tapas. Big taste often comes in small bites. *6:30pm. Central Market North, 4001 N. Lamar, 458-3068. $50.* **www.centralmarket.com**.

NAKED YOGA FOR MEN (See Monday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Penitentiary III *@ Alamo Ritz, 9:45pm*
Repulsion *@ Paramount, 9:20pm*
The Haunting *@ Paramount, 7pm*
The Lives of Others *@ Spicewood Springs Branch Library, 6pm*
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory *@ Central Market North, 9pm*

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

The Brothers Unconnected *Emo's*
Fleet Foxes *Mohawk*

Thursday 03

CENTER FOR INQUIRY'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT LECTURE Sid Hall of Trinity United Methodist Church will discuss the Bible: Fact, Fiction, or Myth? *7-9pm. Old Quarry Branch Library, 7051 Village Center Dr., 345-4435. Free.* **www.centerforinquiry.net/austin**.

CHAIR YOGA FOR SENIORS Challenging postures in a gentle and understanding environment. *Thursdays, 1:30-2:45pm. Kula Yoga, 2415 Exposition, 542-3334. $15.* **www.austinkulayoga.com**.

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

NUDE YOGA Well, it's actually clothing optional but, honestly, when in Rome … *First and third Thursdays, 7-8:15pm. Resource Center, 321 W. Ben White #203. $12.* **nudeyoga@texas.net**, **www.yoga.meetup.com/631**.

PROSPERITY EFT CIRCLE Learn to use acupressure to get rich – or get happy being poor. *Thursdays, 7-9pm. 8600 Brodie #236. $10 suggested donation.* **freethrougheft@gmail.com**, **www.freethrougheft.com**.

SUMMER PIES COOKING CLASS It's time for hot-weather pies: buttermilk, Scottish shortbread fruit, southern pecan, coconut cream, and more. *6:30pm. Central Market North, 4001 N. Lamar, 458-3068. $45.* **www.centralmarket.com**.

SLOW BURN WINES (See Tuesday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

From Here to Eternity *@ Southeast Austin Library, 6pm*
Repulsion *@ Paramount, 7pm*
The Haunting *@ Paramount, 9:10pm*

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Jeremy Jay *Emo's*
Deadbird, **Lions of Tsavo** *Red 7*

Ongoing Events

MONKEYWRENCH BOOKS is an all-volunteer-run bookstore and activist haven that hosts a wide array of special events weekly. Interested in joining the volunteer staff? Give 'em a call. *MonkeyWrench Books, 110 E. North Loop, 567-0694.* **contact@monkeywrenchbooks.org**, **www.monkeywrenchbooks.org**.

CAT ADOPTION SPECIALS The Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat Summer is upon us, and to celebrate, the Town Lake Animal Center will be lowering the adoption fees. $35 for cats younger than 5 years old, while older cats can be adopted at no cost. The offer continues through August. *Town Lake Animal Center, 1156 W. Cesar Chavez.* **www.cityofaustin.org/tlac**.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM You want to win prizes just for reading? Not that you need incentives, but for every three library books you read between June 9 and Aug. 31, you get an entry form to win gift certificates and prizes. A good book *and* fabulous prizes. Any more demands, Mr. Greedy-Reader? *All Austin public libraries, 974-7400.* **www.cityofaustin.org/library**.

PEASE PARK WATERING VOLUNTEER NEEDED Until the solar-powered irrigation system is up and running, the water works need to be turned on by hand. E-mail Charlie at **cmccabe@austinparks.org** if you're free on Tuesdays or Fridays before 10am or after 7pm.

TEEN HELPLINE SUMMER VOLUNTEERS Training is provided for young people (ages 16-24) interested in helping teens this summer. *685-6297.* **teenvolunteers@loveisrespect.org**, **www.loveisrespect.org**.

NATIONAL HOTLINE NEEDS LOCAL VOLUNTEERS Volunteer classes are enrolling for this national domestic violence hotline. E-mail for times and location. **pperez@ndvh.org**, **www.ndvh.org**.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS Now is your chance to get funding for that median landscaping, community garden, or mural you've always thought your neighborhood needed – apply by *Mon., July 14. 391-0619.* **www.keepaustinbeautiful.org/nbg**.

ADOPT-A-STREET All through the month of June you can adopt your very own street. Check the website for an orphan street near you to take care of and call your own. *391-0622.* **www.keepaustinbeautiful.org/AdoptaStreet**.

TREEFOLKS CURSED PICKUP AUCTION TreeFolks is trying to unload their notoriously untrustworthy and constantly troublesome Ford F250 on the unassuming public. eBay item number 180255049040 will be up for auction on July 1. Why would you want this lemon? There will be $832 worth of Live Oak trees in the bed to sweeten the deal. Any bids higher than that will be a tax-deductible donation to a good cause. *443-5323.* **www.treefolks.org**.

CELEBRATE YOUR INDEPENDENTS The first week in July is time to celebrate all the great locally owned businesses in town (ahem, don't forget us). What better way to show them you care than to shop or otherwise patronize hometown institutions or even locals-come-lately? **www.ibuyaustin.com**.

SUBMISSIONS FOR RENAMING JOHNSTON HIGH The new school on the Eastside, formerly Johnston High School, needs a name to match its new lease on life. Submissions can be the names of individuals or places, but AISD recommends you include a brief description of why you chose your name. Enter online at **www.austinisd.org** or mail suggestions to AISD, 1111 W. Sixth, Austin, 78703.

ACCESS AWARDS NOMINATIONS On this 18th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Committee for People With Disabilities requests nominations of businesses that strive to be accessible to everyone. Nomination forms and a list of criteria can be found at **www.cityofaustin.org/ada/access_nomform.htm**. Nominations must be received by July 11.

THIS WEEK ONLY

CAMP BEN REUNION TAKE IN all the outdoor activities Camp Ben has to offer, as well as a carnival, bingo, and live music every night. Events vary in cost from free to $10. See Club Listings, p.94, for a complete musical lineup. *Through June 27. Camp Ben McCulloch, FM 1826, Driftwood, 512/656-9968.* **www.campben.com**.

PUNK FASHION WEEK To sign up for this five-day fashion-design crash course, pick up a supply packet ($45) at Jerry's, and sign up for the days you want to attend. Show up and learn about color theory, fashion history, pattern, and design. The daily suggested donations go to the instructor. *Through June 27, 1-4pm. Jerry's Artarama, 6010 N. I-35. $25 / class.* **www.austin.jerrysartaramastores.com**.

SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE INPUT Go online, check out the new designs, and add your comments. "This sucks" is less than helpful, but every opinion is valid and appreciated, I guess. *Through July 3.* **www.txdot.gov/services/vehicle_titles_and_registration/e-view/design_e-view.htm**.

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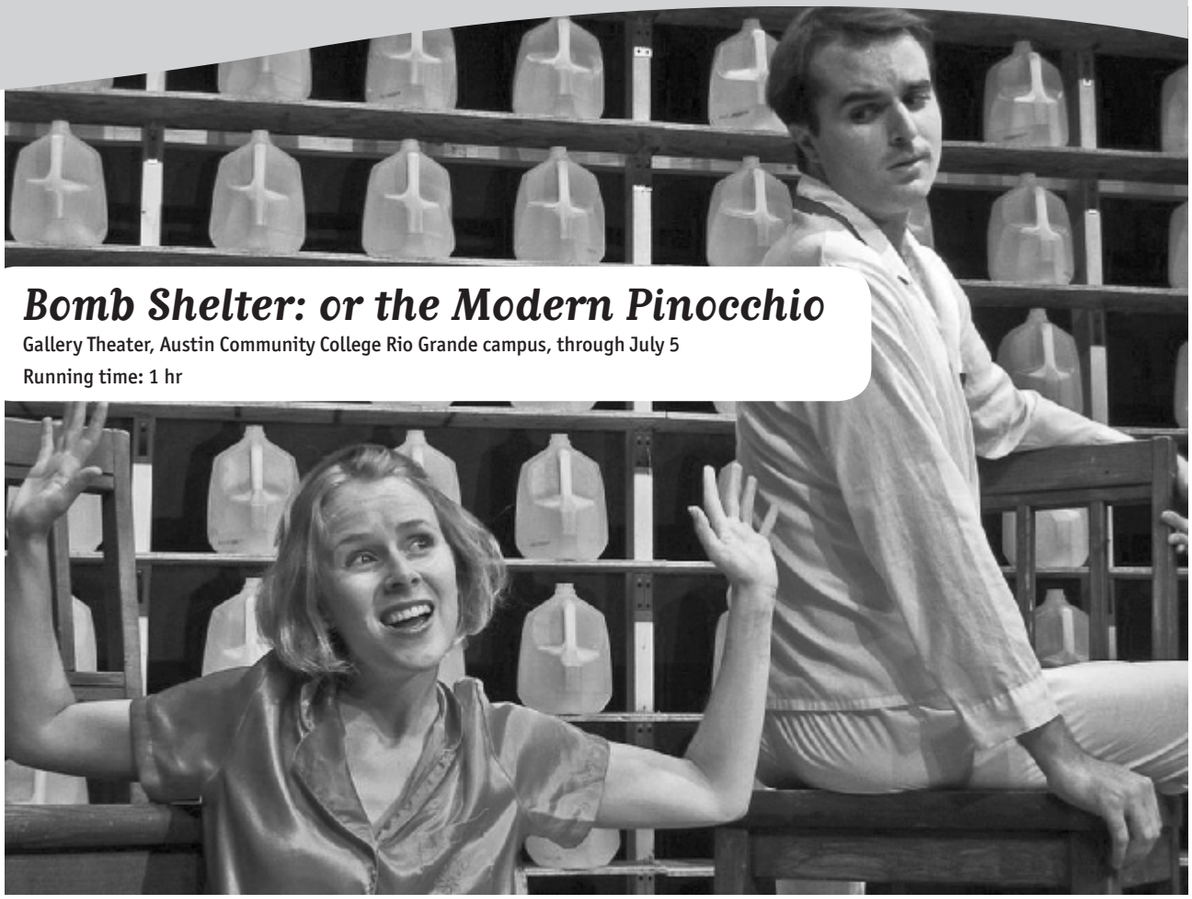

Bomb Shelter: or the Modern Pinocchio

Gallery Theater, Austin Community College Rio Grande campus, through July 5

Running time: 1 hr

What do you do after surviving the last night of the world? Well, that depends on whether you had enough foresight to stock your post-apocalypse love nest with something other than basic provisions. In the unfortunate case of Kris and Mike Waggoner, ample stores of beans and water were laid in, but the young couple sadly neglected to furnish their refuge with anything for whiling away the time between meals. No *Monopoly*. No *Scrabble*. Not even a lousy deck of cards.

Still worse, no books.

Mike and Kris sealed themselves away from the world with nothing to read, and with the world having just gone kablooey – the exact nature of the catastrophe is never made clear, but there's an allusion to radiation – they have no way to obtain anything to read. As far as these two are concerned, the only literature left is what's inside their heads, what they had already absorbed before the last big bang. As such, they must become each other's libraries, calling up every detail of every novel, play, or song they can and bringing it back to the world through their own voices. It's a somewhat laborious process when they're working separately, so they eventually hit on the idea of resurrecting a literary work together. Their choice, fittingly enough, is a tale deeply concerned with reanimation, *Frankenstein*. And we watch them do to Mary Shelley's novel what Victor did to his patchwork corpse.

The premise of this new play by Tongue and Groove Theatre Artistic Director Mark Stewart may be unlikely – really, no one salted away some John Grisham beach read, even, or this month's *Vanity Fair*? – but if you can buy into it, you'll find yourself ambling down a refreshingly different road than most such after-the-bomb fables. Instead of forcing its trapped protagonists to discover how much they truly loathe each other, thus turning their existence into a living hell, *Bomb Shelter* allows its couple to remain affectionate and confront their confinement in a spirit of amity. They're a second take on Adam and Eve, not out to repopulate the planet (a reference to Mike's vasectomy ensures that's not in the cards) but to regenerate the culture. Elizabeth Doss' ebullient Kris and Jason Newman's lively Mike – about as winning a duo as you could hope to be locked in a bomb shelter with – romp and stomp across the stage in their pajamas, sketching in broad vaudevillian strokes the characters and scenes from Shelley's great work, and their actions speak to that very human impulse to create. We want, maybe even need, to tell stories and play, and when we do, we're Frankenstein with his creature or Gepetto with his puppet: delivering an animating spark into something inert. In many ways, this two-actor, one-hour production is a modest exercise, but it gets at something basic in us, and with its high spirits and open heart, its sense of exploration, its willingness to wear pillows on its head and to roar, and its commitment from two gifted, funny performers, it's alive. It is most assuredly alive. – *Robert Faires*

Theatre

OPENING

WHAT I WANT RIGHT NOW is to properly list this world premiere of Tom White's new drama in which "Bruce and Darla experience what they want" – *everything* of what they want – thus sparking the question: "When our dreams come true, does this mean we're in heaven?" Norman Blumensaadt directs the thoughtful show that may definitively answer it for us all. (See "'What I Want Right Now,'" p.32, for more.) *June 27-July 18. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 7pm. (No show on Fri., July 4.).* Extra show: *Wed., July 16, 8pm. The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd., 478-5282.* **www.vortexrep.org**.

DADDY'S DYIN', WHO'S GOT THE WILL? Del Shores' classic comedy gets a staging by the Georgetown Palace Theatre in that nearby burg. *June 27-July 20. Fri.-Sat., 7:30pm; Sun., 2pm. Palace Theatre, 810 S. Austin Rd., Georgetown, 512/869-7469.* **www.georgetownpalace.com**.

SEUSSICAL is, of course, the Dr. Seuss musical by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, here directed by Wendy Bable for Zach Theatre, chock-full of wacky characters and rhyme schemes that you may recall from your early-reading years or numerous TV or cinema manifestations. *June 27-Aug. 10. Fri., 7pm; Sat., 2 & 7pm; Sun., 2pm. Davis Auditorium, Texas School for the Deaf, 1102 S. Congress, 462-5353.* **www.tsd.state.tx.us**.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST It's totally time, once again, for the Zilker Summer Musical. This is, in fact, the 50th iteration of the beloved and family-friendly event. This year's production is the Disney version of the fairy tale, written by Linda Woolverton and Howard Ashman and Tim Rice and Alan Menken, which you may recall from the animated version or from its incarnation on the Great White Way. Yes, and now it's on the hillside, near sundown, with an enthusiastic local cast, and – oh – bring a picnic basket, bring the kiddies, bring some mosquito repellent and the desire for an evening of staged enchantment. *Thu.-Sun., June 28-Aug. 9, 8pm. Zilker Park Hillside Theater, 2206 William Barton Dr. Donations accepted.* **www.zilker.org/showinfo.html**.

CLOSING

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM Austin Playhouse wraps up its mainstage season with this classic musical comedy by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, directed by Don Toner. *Through June 29. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 5pm. Austin Playhouse, 3601 S. Congress, Bldg. C, 476-0084. $25-30.* **www.austinplayhouse.com**.

NECESSARY TARGETS Eve Ensler's drama of the resiliency and transformation of two American women who travel across the world to help Bosnian refugees is directed by Chris Jimmerson for the Paradox Players. *Through June 29. Fri.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 3pm. The Unitarian Universalist Church, 4900 Grover, 744-1495. $15.* **www.paradoxplayers.org**.

TALKING WITH Jane Martin's classic series of monologues is staged out in Bastrop under the direction of Jennifer Warwick. *Through June 28. Fri.-Sat., 7:30pm. Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St., Bastrop, 512/321-6283. $10 ($8, seniors; $7, students; $5, ages 14 and younger).* **www.bastropoperahouse.com**.

TREASURE ISLAND The Weird City Theatre Company presents an adaptation (by Jules Eckert Goodman) of this classic Robert Louis Stevenson tale, directed by John Carroll. *Through June 29. Thu.-Sat., 7:30pm; Sun., 2pm.* Extra show: *Sat., June 28, 2pm. The Hideout Theatre, 617 Congress, 745-2636. $15.* **www.weirdcitytheatre.com**.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP Jenny Larson directs the world premiere of Jason Grote's drama about "adolescence, the nature of evil, and the worst party in the history of ever." Joey LePage, Jude Hickey, Lana Dieterich, and Kristen Bennett are featured in this much-anticipated Salvage Vanguard production – reportedly as bold and jarring as their new building-front graphics. *Through June 28. Thu.-Sat., 8pm. Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886. $12-35.* **www.salvagevanguard.org**.

ONGOING

A NIGHT AT MISS MIMI'S The Geppetto Dreams Puppet Company performs an all-puppet burlesque show at their new performance/workshop space. *Through Aug. 2. Saturdays, 9pm. 501 Pedernales (behind the Peacock Lounge). 720/255-5632. $15.* **www.geppettodreams.com**.

BOMB SHELTER, OR THE MODERN PINOCCHIO Tongue and Groove Theatre presents a new comedy written and directed by Mark Stewart, exploring what happens to a young couple – the eminently watchable Elizabeth Doss and Jason Newman – stuck in a well-stocked bomb shelter for the rest of their oh-shit-what-do-we-do-*now* lives. *Through July 5. Thu.-Sat., 8pm (no show on July 4). ACC Gallery Theatre, 1212 Rio Grande. $10-30 (Pay what you wish, with canned donation to the Food Bank, on Thursdays).* **www.tongueandgroovetheatre.org**.

WHITE PEOPLE City Theatre presents J.T. Rogers' drama, in which "three people reveal their deepest fears about race … and themselves." Featuring the considerable talents of Breanna Stogner, Wray Crawford, and Charles P. Stites. *Through July 6. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 5:30pm. City Theatre, 3823 Airport Ste. D, 524-2870. $15-20 ($12, students; pay what you wish, Thursdays).* **www.citytheatreaustin.org**.

ALTAR BOYZ This high-energy musical stars five, erm, Apostles of Pop – Matthew, Mark, Luke, Juan and Abraham (he's Jewish) – getting funky with five-part harmony. There's singing, dancing, and plenty of hair product, as wielded by a Catholic boy band almost as hot as Austin's (definitely secular) Cedar Fever. Holy St. Timberlake, it's a pop show! Directed by Dave Steakley. *Through July 13. Wed.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 2:30pm. Zach Theatre, 1510 Toomey, 476-0541. $35-49.* **www.zachscott.com**.

DINNER THEATRE

THE LINGUINI CODE Competing pasta-makers are engaged in a tale of industrial espionage, murder, and a race for the secret of the "holy grain" of Italian cuisine in this interactive comedy that lets you twirl your vermicelli (or divide your veal Parmesan or what have you) while trying to sleuth out the culprit. *Sat., June 28, 7pm. Spaghetti Warehouse, 117 W. Fourth, 404-9123. $29.95.* **www.capcitymystery.com**.

AUDITIONS

AMADEUS Austin Playhouse is auditioning men for Peter Shaffer's classic, to be directed by Don Toner in September. Roles are available for Equity and non-Equity actors; all actors will be compensated. (The role of Salieri is already taken.) Prepare a brief dramatic monologue and call for appt. *Mon., July 7. Austin Playhouse, 3601 S. Congress, Bldg. C, 476-0084.* **www.austinplayhouse.com**.

THEATRE CALL BOARD

OPEN STAGE PERFORMANCES Show 'em what you've got; then watch 'em show you what *they've* got, y'know what we're sayin'? 15-minute slots available. *Thursdays, 7:30pm. Green Muse Cafe, 519 W. Oltorf, 796-5077. Free.* **www.myspace.com/green_muse_open_stage**.

Comedy

IN THE CLUBS

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

Cap City Open Mic This gig ranges from "Who let these dipshits onstage?" to "Wow, this fucker is *awesome*!" And, hey, it could be you up there, dear reader, slaying your friends and neighbors. *Sundays, 8pm. Free with college ID.*

The Sheroes of Comedy Alycia Cooper, Gina Yashere, Retta the Joke Diva, and Tracey Ashley: These four women come from all over the world, poking fun at what's different and the same about all of us. *July 1-5. Tue.-Fri., 8pm; Sat., 8 & 10:30pm.*

Darren Carter This tall drink o' orange juice brings much humor, honed during his numerous TV appearances, to Cap City this weekend. **Tom Ryman** opens. *June 26-28. Thu., 8pm; Fri.-Sat., 8 & 10:30pm.*

COLDTOWNE THEATER 4803 Airport, 524-2807. **www.coldtowne.com**.

Improv Out the Wazoo Parallelogramophonograph rips the mask off **Villainy**: The wily P-graphers explore the darkling territory of villains, antiheroes, and other such ne'er-do-wells in this new improv series. Muah ha ha! *Thu., 8pm*. **The Cage Match** returns, with two bruising crews of boozy (okay: *maybe* boozy) improvisers b-b-battling for supremacy. Rar. *Thu., 10pm*. This week's **Proctor** is hosted by **Lance Gilstrap** and **Nick Ramirez** and features the **Girltrap** and the **Smoking Arm**. *Fri., 8pm*. ***That Other Paper* presents Punchline**. The popular stand-up showcase continues. *Fri., 10pm*. **Stool Pigeon** features a guest monologist who jump-starts the improv shenanigans that ensue. *Sat., 8pm*. **Cold, Cold Improv** The ColdTowne house troupe dishes up a conflagration for your entertainment, this night with **Midnight Society**. *Sat., 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.*

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

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: Asaf Ronen and friends present a riotous group of comedians in a show called **Ka-Baam!!** – where new and unusual superheroes (powered by *your* suggestions) come to life onstage. *8pm. $10*. **Maestro** is a fierce, multipartite battle for supremacy among improvisers, scored by *you*, the audience. *Highly recommended. 10pm. $10*.

Sunday The **Flying Theatre Machine** presents a troupe of improvisers who will generate narratives from, yes, *your* suggestions. They call it "Story Soup." *2pm. $5.*

SALVAGE VANGUARD THEATER 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886. **www.salvagevanguard.org**.

Gnap! Theater Projects Present The talented cadre at Gnap! has teamed up with Merlin-Works to launch this ongoing series of improv spectacles. 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. This week's show features **Get Up** and the magnificently madcap mafficking of **Parallelogramophonograph**: *Sat., June 28, 10:30pm. $10.*

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

Open Mic Night These are your would-be comedic neighbors, three minutes at a time: Love them; fear them. This week's host: **Bob Khosravi**. *Thursdays, 10pm*.

J.R. Brow He's shared the stage with comedians Bill Hicks, Ray Romano, Wanda Sykes, and Drew Carey; he's toured Asia entertaining the troops; and he was recently on Comedy Central's *Live at Gotham*. What more could you want? **Sean Mooney** and **Bob Khosravi** to open? You got it. *Fri.-Sat., June 27-28, 9:30 & 11:30pm*.

BUT WAIT – THERE'S MORE!

KICK BUTT COMEDY There's humor a-plenty to be had where the beverages and snacks are always good, here in Gohring-sensei's martial-arts-inflected java joint. **Monday Night Mash: Improv** *Mondays, 8pm*. **Open Mic Comedy** *Wednesdays, 8pm. Kick Butt Coffee, 5775 Airport #725, 454-5425*.

LAST GAS COMEDY Stand-up comedy every Saturday. *Sat., June 28, 9pm. Homer's Bar & Grill, 1779 Wells Branch Pkwy. #114. Free.* **www.lastgascomedy.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

ACC DANCE DEPARTMENT: SUMMER INFORMANCE This year's lineup includes a variety of work by faculty and former and present students. Also: Lauren Tietz leads a contact improvisation demonstration. *Wed., July 2, 7pm. ACC Dance Studio, Rm. 130, 1212 Rio Grande. 294-7712. Free.*

AZTLAN DANCE COMPANY: JALISCO NOW & THEN Set in a fictitious village in Jalisco, this is the dramatic dance-story of Marcelina, who confronts the beauty of love and the complexity of life, while around her swirl matadors, *diabilitas*, *la muerte*, and mariachis. (See "Aztlan Dance Company," p.32, for more.) *June 26-29. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 2pm. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside, 474-LONG. $15 ($12, seniors, students, children; $10, Thursday).* **www.thelongcenter.com**.

TWO LEFT FEET

ARIEL DANCE THEATRE: NEW MODERN CLASSES Taught by Andrea Ariel. Open to all levels. *Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm; Thursdays, 7:15-8:45pm. Knabele Studio, 701 W. Seventh. 458-4258. $12.*

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**.

FOLKLORE ARGENTINO Introductory level *gato*, *chacarera*, and more. *Tuesdays, 7:45pm. EsquinaTango, 209 Pedernales. 524-2772. $12 each class.* **www.esquinatangoaustin.com**.

CLASSICAL EGYPTIAN BELLY-DANCE CLASSES BY DRAKON Beginners to advanced dancers up and down the I-35 corridor have a chance to learn from one of Austin's favorite belly dancers. Intermediate to advanced: *Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Platinum Gymnastics Academy, 1410 Royston, Round Rock*. Beginning to intermediate: *Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm. Kidsport Gymnastics, 2522-C Shell Rd., Georgetown*. All levels: *Saturdays, 10-11:30am. Dance Unlimited, 1019 Main, Buda. 512/295-2036. $13 per class.* **www.desertpassion.com**.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

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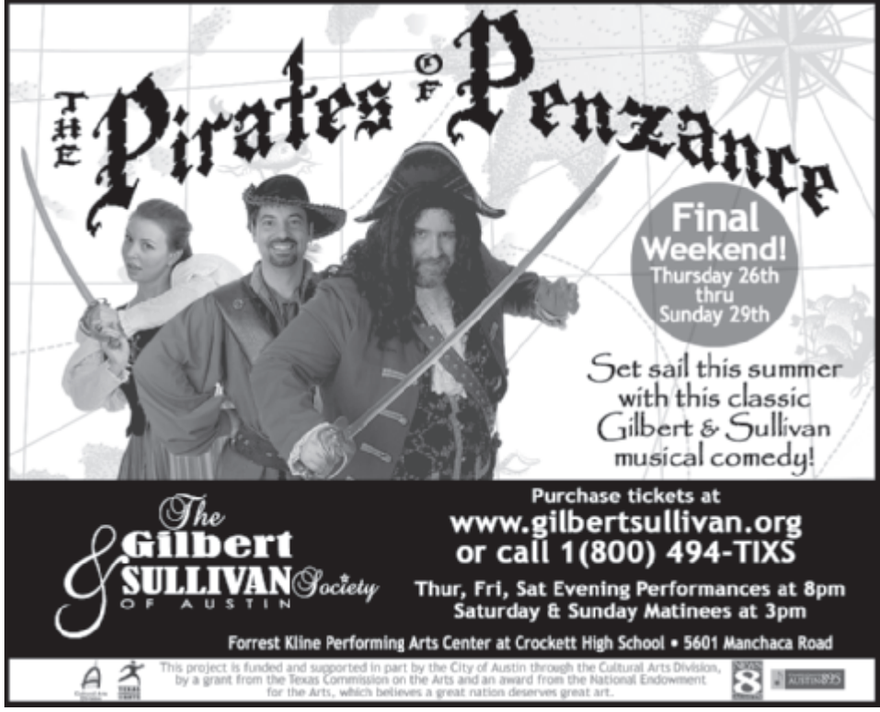

The Pirates of Penzance

Forrest Kline Performing Arts Center at Crockett High School, through June 29

Running time: 2 hrs, 20 min

For more than 30 years, the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Austin has delighted local audiences with a summer production of one of the 14 works of the original masters of musical comedy. While GSSA produced *The Pirates of Penzance* a scant five years ago, this G&S operetta, along with *H.M.S. Pinafore* and *The Mikado*, has proven to be among the most popular musical comedies ever to see a stage – and with good reason. Besides containing a tune that immediately found its way into the American zeitgeist (popularly known as "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here," although you won't find those lyrics in any song in the show), as well as the most famous patter song ever penned ("I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General"), this absurd story of Frederic the honorable pirate, apprenticed to the Pirate King as a child because his hard-of-hearing nursemaid thought she heard the word "pirate" instead of "pilot," is pefectly matched with the witty, lovely poetry of W.S. Gilbert and the light, airy music of Arthur Sullivan.

Standing solidly at the center of the current production is Holton Johnson's Frederic, a pitch-perfect portrait of innocent, energetic earnestness. Johnson's accomplished tenor carries every word, spoken or sung, clearly over the music of the Gillman Light Opera Orchestra, conducted with dashing aplomb by Jeffrey Jones-Ragona, and into the auditorium of the Forrest Kline Performing Arts Center at Crockett High School. Johnson looks and sounds like he'd be perfectly at home with a sword and a sail or a scone and a cup of tea. While she does not have as much to carry as Johnson, Janette Jones as the hard-of-hearing Ruth allows us to hear two plot-laden numbers with such clarity that no one in the audience could possibly miss the plot-heavy story she tells. Add Carol Brown's gorgeous coloratura soprano in the role of Frederic's love interest, Mabel (I don't know world-class from run-of-the-mill, but Brown sounded world-class to me, especially when singing the difficult "Poor Wand'ring One"); Arthur DiBianca's adroit handling of the seemingly impossible "Major-General" patter; and Russell Gregory's utterly comic turn as the bumbling, cowardly Sergeant of Police, and you have a production that excels where it must: with the music.

Not quite working on the same level is director and choreographer Ralph MacPhail Jr.'s staging. Faulting MacPhail is difficult, as it would not surprise me if one of the original productions of *Penzance* had actors doing little more than standing in straight lines and delivering dialogue, declarative, presentational manner, as they do here. But just because it's a 19th century comic opera doesn't mean it has to have 19th century staging. While some of MacPhail's choreography is outstanding – particularly "When the Foeman Bares His Steel," with its dynamic movement and multiple false endings – and he presents one truly stunning stage picture at the end of the first act, with a huge flag waving and a dozen pirate swords flashing, it would have been nice to see a bit more swash with the buckle.

But no matter. It is, after all, Gilbert & Sullivan, and besides, it looks like a good-hearted pirate musical; it sounds like a good-hearted pirate musical – it is a good-hearted pirate musical! For entertaining distraction on a summer afternoon or evening, who could ask for anything more?

– *Barry Pineo*

muck in to make this one of Gilbert & Sullivan's best-loved musical comedies. Artistic Director Ralph MacPhail Jr. and music director Jeffrey Jones-Ragona man the fo'c'sle of this rambunctious nautical merriment for all ages. (See review, left) *Through June 29, Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sat.-Sun., 3pm. Kline Performing Arts Center, Crockett High School, 5601 Manchaca. 472-4772. $25 ($20, in advance; $15-20, college students; $5, students younger than 18).* **www.gilbertsullivan.org**.

Visual Arts

EVENTS

LINDA DUMONT STUDIO OPENING More art for the city! *June 27-28. Fri., 7-10pm; Sat., noon-6pm. 815 E. 52nd, 698-1890.*

HOME SHOW: MATTHEW STUART "An Art Show to Dismember" will feature several pieces from Stuart's collection of fencers, presented in a reception at the home of Austin writer and gingery cultural icon Owen Egerton. *Sat., June 28, 7pm. 1716 Bouldin.* **www.matthewdstuart.com**.

NOUMENON REVEALED The artist Steve Brudniak speaks on his work and its processes in conjunction with his current exhibition at the Dougherty Arts Center. *Sat., June 28, 1pm. 1110 Barton Springs Rd., 397-1468.* **www.cityofaustin.org/dougherty**.

OKAY MOUNTAIN: THE MOUNTAIN IS ALIVE! Here's a day filled with events and activities to support the gallery and performance space of this dynamic community of artists. Raffle prizes, artwork from dozens of artists, silent auction, games, music, and refreshments. *Sat., June 28, 5pm-until they're rich. 1312 E. Cesar Chavez Ste. B.* **www.okaymountain.com**.

WALLY WORKMAN GALLERY Hosteria Verde supper club invites you to join in an eight-course dinner in the gallery, amid the featured artwork of Jan Heaton. BYOB. *Thu., June 26, 6pm. 1202 W. Sixth, 472-7428. $75.* **www.hosteriaverde.com**.

OPENING

ART ON 5TH: 15,000 BC Works by Daniella Foletto, inspired by prehistoric paintings in the Caves of Lascaux. Exhibition: *June 26-30. 1501 W. Fifth, 481-1111.* **www.arton5th.com**.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK: REALITY SHOW Jill Pangallo has organized a show of work by Anna Krachey, Cecelia Phillips, Laura Turner, Jamie Wentz, and herself that depicts "what really happens when five artists get together every week to watch Reality TV." Collaborations and solo works, perceptual disconnects and cognitive dissonance; much visual goodness to explore. *June 26-Aug. 2.* Reception: *Thu., June 26, 6-8pm. 1710 Lavaca, 477-1064.* **www.womenandtheirwork.org**.

PUMP PROJECT: SIZE MATTERS "The 5 ft. x 7 ft. Show" features artists Michael Abelman, Ethan Azarian, Shawn Camp, Stephen Dubov, Chris Holloway, Erika Jeanne, Amber Kappes, Zach McDonald, Nathan Nordstrom, David Ohlerking, Andy St. Martin, Cody Scrogum, and Meg Stone. Reception: *Sat., June 28, 7-11pm.* Exhibition: *Through July 26. 702 Shady Ln.* **www.pumpproject.org**.

SALON EXHIBITION AT UT'S NEW VISUAL ARTS CENTER features the work of 10 MFA studio art candidates, curated by two art history grads in the future home of the Visual Arts Center. Reception: *Sat., June 28, 6-9pm.* Exhibition: *Through Aug. 30. Art Building, 23rd & San Jacinto, 322-2099.*

WALLY WORKMAN GALLERY: JAN HEATON The structures and details in nature that are often obscured to the casual viewer are undeniable in these new abstract watercolors. Reception: *Sat., June 28, 6-8pm.* Exhibition: *Through July 30. 1202 W. Sixth, 472-7428.*

STENSRUD STUDIO: REAL ART BASH Paintings by C. Stensrud, figurative work by Hunter Winfrey, sculptures by T. Fernandez. Reception with music from Nympho BoneyActs: *Thu., July 3, 6-10pm.* Exhibition: *Through Aug. 1. 1601 Eva, 448-9637.* **www.myspace.com/carolstensrud**.

CLOSING

DOUGHERTY ARTS CENTER: STEVE BRUDNIAK The divine madman Brudniak returns with "Noumenon," a new array of arcane and faintly steampunky sculptures expertly crafted from metal, glass, wood, and the deep technological eddies of his mind. Gallery talk: *Sat., June 28, 1pm.* Exhibition: *Through July 1. 1110 Barton Springs Rd., 397-1468.* **www.cityofaustin.org/dougherty**.

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.*

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.*

AUSTIN BALLROOM DANCERS ABD sponsors ballroom dancing with DJ-ed music weekly, year-round. *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.*

ESTUDIO FLAMENCO Flamenco dance classes, centrally located. Beginner: *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 website for details. *Tapestry Dance Company studios, 2302 Western Trails.* **www.tapestry.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**.

AUSTIN BARN DANCERS: 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. *Wednesdays, 7:30pm. Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E. 41st, 453-4225. $3 donation.* **www.cityofaustin.org/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.cityofaustin.org/parks/hancock.htm**.

AUSTIN INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS Learn 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); 8:15-11pm (open dance). Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E. 41st, 481-9362. $5.* **www.aifd.cc**.

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.speakeasyaustin.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**.

AUSTIN SWING SYNDICATE A couple hundred swingers hit the dance floor once a week for DJ-spun sounds of past blasts. A beginners' lesson starts the evening. *Thursdays, 8pm-12mid. Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Ballroom, 2312 San Gabriel, 476-5845. $4 ($2, members).* **www.austinswingsyndicate.org**.

Classical Music

OPENING

AUSTIN CIVIC WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT: SALUTE TO AMERICA Maestro Robert Laguna and ensemble help kick off this year's Fourth of July festivities with a concert that features patriotic faves and special performances by ACWE soloists. *Sat., June 28, 7:30pm. Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina, 507-7161. Free.* **www.acwe.org**.

AUSTIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: CONCERTS IN THE PARK This familiar scene's now in a new location: the Long Center's outdoors. Bring a picnic and some friends, and enjoy this throwback to earlier days. This week the big band takes audience requests! *Through Aug. 24. Sundays, 7:30pm. Hartman Concert Park, Long Center City Terrace Lawn. 476-6064. Free.* **www.austinsymphony.org**.

AUSTIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: CHILDREN'S DAY ART PARK Please note that there is no Art Park this week, due to other Fourth of July festivities. *Symphony Square, 1101 Red River, 476-6064. 50 cents per child (free for adults accompanying a child).* **www.austinsymphony.org**.

CLOSING

GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY OF AUSTIN: THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE Tenderhearted pirates, a modern major-general, a mass of Victorian maidens, and a boatload of bumbling British bobbies

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Verdi: Messa da Requiem

Dell Hall at the Long Center, June 21

If you ever had any question as to the sound that would attend the Day of Judgment, that fearful hour when the Lord God in his wrath comes to judge the world by fire, you could have had your answer – and a definitive one, too – in Dell Hall this past midsummer's night. There, the massed voices of the Conspirare Symphonic Choir, the Victoria Bach Festival Chorus, and the Texas State University Choirs – 172 singers strong – and the 80 instrumentalists of the Victoria Bach Festival Orchestra attacked Giuseppe Verdi's *Messa da Requiem* with a force that left you feeling the fury of the Almighty in your ears: strings churning like storm clouds, timpani thundering, brass blistering the air, and the voices – those magnificent voices! – swirling together in one mighty roiling mass, raging and righteous, a celestial power poised to incinerate the sinful and dissolve the world in ashes.

This Verdi masterwork trades heavily on those images of the Last Day, with an angry Almighty holding humanity to account and obliterating his creation in bitter flames. The composer drew on all his tricks of the trade as a writer of operas to construct a soundscape of high drama that could evoke that most dramatic of days, and any ensemble that tackles it must do so with extraordinary passion and skill. These artists did, taking their direction from Conspirare Artistic Director Craig Hella Johnson, whose presence on the podium showed an astonishing focus and command of the material. You could see he was deeply inside the work but not swept along by it – always driving it, not being driven by it. He clearly felt the emotion of the music, yet he remained centered, at times with an almost ethereal calm. He appeared connected to every one of those 250 musicians before him, drawing them together into this heavenly army and deftly orchestrating the apocalypse.

Of course, Verdi's *Requiem* isn't solely a portrait of God's wrath and the end of days. The movements evoking Judgment Day and the fear it inspires – "Dies irae" – alternate with passages that plead for God's deliverance and mercy. Four soloists take the lead in expressing these appeals, and the quartet employed here – soprano Kallen Esperian, mezzo-soprano Robynne Redmon, tenor Karl Dent, and bass-baritone Christian Van Horn – did so with a richness of emotion that would have won charity from the most hard-hearted of deities. In the petition for eternal light to shine upon the souls of the departed, Redmon's voice itself illuminated the hall, and Esperian brought the entire work to a moving close with her profoundly tender "Libera me," her anxious face seeming transfixed by a vision of "that awful day."

As the first full concert by Conspirare in the Long Center, the Verdi *Requiem* was a stunning achievement, one that showcased once again the ensemble's mastery of the most challenging choral music and Johnson's remarkable skills as a conductor and an interpreter of great vocal works. But it also gave us a chance to experience those virtues in a new setting, where the acoustics of Dell Hall made their remarkable harmonies and caress of the music all the more breathtaking. For the fortunate hundreds that were present for it, this *Requiem* was a transcendent moment, a glimpse of glory.

– *Robert Faires*

BIG MEDIUM: INTIMATE ABSTRACT Features new work by Sarah Granett, Jessie Henson, and Abbie Miller, curated by Carin Rodenborn. The artists investigate, in both experimental and cultivated ways, process through the use of fabric, yarn, thread, and everyday objects. Also on view: **Drawing Vigil: Silent Community Draw**, a project by Sarah Granett. *Through June 28. 5305 Bolm.* **www.bolmstudios.com**.

RUSSELL COLLECTION: SALVADOR DALÍ Art collector and publisher Pierre Argillet worked with Dalí over five decades, and his collection of the Surrealist master's etchings contains more than 200 rare titles. Dalí's creations from the 1960s and work by other Surrealists will be on display. *Through June 28. 1137 W. Sixth, 478-4440.* **www.russell-collection.com**.

D BERMAN GALLERY: LANCE LETSCHER The meticulous collage artist's new show, "Industry and Design," gorgeously expands his acclaimed body of work. *Through June 28. 1701 Guadalupe, 477-8877.* **www.dbermangallery.com**.

FACES & FLOWERS Photographs by Daniel Llanes, at the Mexican American Cultural Center. *Through June 29. 600 River St., 478-6222.* **www.cityofaustin.org/macc**.

ONGOING

GAY FAY KELLY ART: MO SCALLON New works by Scollan, Randy Ehrlich, and Talbot. Call for appointment and location. *917-0133.*

EYE CONTACT ART showcases the work of Joshua Garcia and others. *12400 Amherst #102, 825-8577.* **www.eyecontactart.com**.

AUSTIN GALLERIES: 20TH CENTURY MASTERS Original lithographs, etchings, intaglios, and screen prints by Marc Chagall, Salvador Dalí, Pablo Picasso, and more. *1219 W. Sixth*.

MONSTROSITIES The Museum of Natural & Artificial Ephemerata's latest exhibition features dime-museum oddities like the Feejee Mermaid, GMO suicide corn kernels, hair from a UV-reactive cat manufactured in a Korean laboratory, and other queer objects of our curious 21st century sciences. (See "Living With 'Monstrosities,'" p.34, for more.) Exhibition: *Saturdays, 1-4pm. Through Aug. 2. 1808 Singleton, 320-0566. Donations accepted.* **www.mnae.org**.

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**.

ART PALACE: THE LONGEST DAY OF THE YEAR This group exhibition opens on the summer solstice and features new work by Jonathan Marshall, Erin Curtis, Jules Buck Jones, and Erick Michaud. *Through July 19. 2109 Cesar Chavez, 496-0687.* **www.artpalacegallery.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. *1510½ S. Congress, 442-3600.* **www.avenuegallerysoco.com**.

BLANTON MUSEUM OF ART The Language of Prints explores the medium as a uniquely rich and collective system of expression, a language, with distinctive principles, persistent tendencies, and shared processes. *Through Aug. 17. MLK & Congress, 471-7324.* **www.blantonmuseum.org**.

BLANTON MUSEUM OF ART: WORKSPACE Argentine artist Fabián Bercic provides a reinterpretation of the traditional Zen garden. *Through Sept. 21. MLK & Congress, 471-7324.* **www.blantonmuseum.org**.

BLUE MOON GLASSWORKS Unique handmade glass art and jewelry. *108 W. 43rd, 380-0770.* **www.austinbluemoon.com**.

TEXAS STATE HISTORY MUSEUM: DALLAS, THE TV SHOW A wealthy (and fictional) Texas oil family, the Ewings, captured the imagination of the world through a prime-time saga. "*Dallas*: Power & Passion on Primetime TV" showcases the series' legacy with interactive stations, props, artifacts loaned by actors (including Larry Hagman and Steve Kanaly), scripts, video clips, and more. *Through Sept. 14. 1800 Congress, 936-8746.* **www.thestoryoftexas.com**.

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**.

CREATIVE RESEARCH LAB: NOW AND TOMORROW 5 An exhibition of works by kids (kindergarten through 12th grade) from the Austin area. *Through July 5. 2832 E. MLK, 322-2099.*

DIBONA STUDIO Oil paintings and "sculptural tattoos" by Joyce DiBona. *404 W. Milton, 851-2646.*

NEW EAST GALLERY: VIEWS FROM THE EDGE New art by Charles Randolph and Juan Baldera, featuring works in acrylics and oils on canvas and board. *Through July 31. 1601 E. Fifth #106, 477-9438.* **www.diversearts.org**.

FRANCOIS PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY *309-B Bowie, 320-0072.*

GALLERY LOMBARDI: PIECED TOGETHER GL partnered with Spanish Montana Paints and imeem.com for this graffiti exhibition that features wildstyle aerosol painters. *Through July 15. 602 W. Seventh Ste. A, 481-1088.* **www.gallerylombardi.com**.

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 they inspired. *Through Aug. 3. 300 W. 21st, 471-8944.* **www.hrc.utexas.edu**.

MASS GALLERY: PING PONG New works by Derrick Durhan and Josh Rios. *Through July 6. 916 Springdale.* **www.massgallery.org**.

MEXIC-ARTE MUSEUM: AZTEC AND MAYA REVIVAL This exhibition illustrates the resurgence of pre-Columbian motifs and patterns in the art and culture of Mexico during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. *Through Aug. 17. 419 Congress, 480-9373.* **www.mexic-artemuseum.org**.

INTERMEZZO: BENITO HUERTA This solo show comprises 30 works, including recent, large-scale paintings, monoprints, watercolors, and drawings. *Through Aug. 31. Mexican American Cultural Center, 600 River St., 788-3106. Free.* **www.cityofaustin.org/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**.

SPACES

DECOLA & EUSEBI GALLERY Stained and leaded glass and mosaics. *701 Tillery Ste. A-11, 389-2266.* **www.decola-eusebi.com**.

CREATIVITY AND CONTEMPLATION Acrylic portraits by Shelley Yates capture some of Austin's creative class. *Through June 30. Cafe Caffeine, 909 W. Mary*.

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 AT THE TRIANGLE: DANI MITCHELL Oils on canvas. *Through July 31. 4600 Guadalupe, 380-0097.* **www.flipnotics.com**.

HYDE PARK GRILL Clare Townes and Matchi present bold, colorful paintings in a two-person show. Reception: *Mon., June 30, 4:30-6:30pm*. Exhibition: *Through Aug. 3. 4206 Duval St., 458-3168.* **www.claretownes.com**.

LITTLE CITY: ENTANGLEMENT Art by J. Lowry Doyle. *916 Congress, 476-CITY. Free.* **www.jlowrydoyle.com**.

PROGRESS COFFEE: JO ANN SANTANGELO AND KATE PAYNE Documentary photographer Santangelo and poet Payne have teamed up to present varying answers to the question, "What is progress?" *Through July 15. 500 San Marcos, 493-0963.* **www.joannsantangelo.com**.

The very large works of Meg Stone (see above) and others are featured at the Pump Project's new "The 5ft. x 7ft Show."

RIO RITA: BLACK GRAY JEWELL is a sharp exhibition of photography (from Nathan Black, Stephen Gray, and David Jewell) that will galvanize your peepers and have you digging out your wallet to slap down some cash for what are, for some of these fine pieces, very affordable gifts. "Emptiness, fullness, chaos, and hijinks." *1308 E. Sixth, 524-0384.* **www.riorita.net**.

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: VALERIE WALDEN Two months of works by local pastel and oil painter. Reception: *Thu., June 26, 5-7pm*. Exhibition: *Through July 28. 1601 W. 38th.*

WESTS Artwork by Dan-Ramone Vivan Chavez, Raquel Reyes, and others. *408 Josephine.*

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

THE AUSTIN POLYMER CLAY GUILD meets on the first Saturday of each month. July's meeting will feature artist Nora Pero demonstrating the torn paper/watercolor technique with clay. Visitors welcome. See website for more. *Sat., July 5, 2-4:30pm. Yarborough Branch Library, 2200 Hancock*. **www.austinpolymerclay.com**.

CALL FOR ENTRIES The fourth annual Interfaith Art and Music Festival, taking place Oct. 18 & 19, seeks applications from artists. **www.austininterfaithfestival.org**.

NEW EAST GALLERY: CALL FOR ENTRIES Looking for photography and film/video to be exhibited in "Facing East: 48 Hours in the Life of East Austin." Shooting Weekend: *July 4-6*. Deadline: *photography, July 11; film/video, July 22. 904 Juniper St., 477-9438.* **www.diversearts.org**.

HELIOS KILN GLASS STUDIO: CLASSES AND DEMONSTRATIONS Learn while they burn, at this professional studio. *10700 Anderson Mill Rd., 996-0960.* **www.heliosglass.com**.

REAL GALLERY: EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITY Call for details. *2824 Real St., 775-0458.* **www.artworksbykathiherrin.com**.

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READINGS, SIGNINGS, AND PERFORMANCES

THE UTTER READING SERIES features emerging writers living right here in Austin. Catch some greatness in the making. *Tue., July 1, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.* **www.bookpeople.com**.

DANI RASMUSSEN AND ANTOINETTE PEREZ come to the rescue of first-time moms with their *Essential Pregnancy Organizer*. *Mon., June 30, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.* **www.bookpeople.com**.

STEPHANIE KLEIN renders laughter and tears in her new memoir, *Moose: A Memoir of Fat Camp*. *Sun., June 29, 3pm. Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 10000 Research #158, 418-8985.*

THE BLUES: WORKS OF LOVE AND LOSS features poets Prudence Arceneaux, Maxine Beach, Lyman Grant, and Tonya Lyles. Highly recommended. *Sun., June 29, 3-5pm. Threadgill's Old No. 1, 6416 N. Lamar, 451-5440.* **www.threadgills.com**.

TWO TEXAS POETS LAUREATE How often do you get to meet and hear readings from two Texas poets laureate? Larry Thomas (2008) and Alan Birkelbach (2005) grace us with a wondrous afternoon of rich imagery that takes in Texas, from the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle. Highly recommended. *Sat., June 28, 2pm. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 328-3652.*

ELIZABETH ROSEN delivers her critically acclaimed Civil War novel, *Hallam's War*. *Sat., June 28, 3pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.* **www.bookpeople.com**.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK FESTIVAL This second annual event features noted authors Sam Greenlee and Francis Ray. Greenlee is author of the revolutionary 1960s work *The Spook Who Sat by the Door*. He discusses his work and hosts a screening of the film of the same name. Bestselling author Ray, author of *Only You* and others, reads from her work. Also: Evelyn Palfry, Debra Orr, and spoken-word presentations by local poets. Highly recommended. *Sat., June 28, 10am-4pm. Carver Library, 1161 Angelina, 974-1010.*

REP YO CITY SPITFEST The **Make It Wet Spitfest** celebrates its fourth year with 12 poets reppin' their cities and battling head to head. Special feature is international poet via Baltimore Taalam Acey. Musical guest is Austin's own Blacklisted. Discounts available online or by bringing three nonperishables for the Capital Area Food Bank. Highly recommended. *Sat., June 28, 6-9pm. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. $15.* **www.rutamaya.net**.

ROBIN JEEP The former Whole Foodster explains how a diet rich in antioxidants helps to prevent cancer, diabetes, weight gain, and more in her *Super Antioxidant Diet*. *Fri., June 27, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.* **www.bookpeople.com**.

JOSEPH O'NEILL delivers beautifully with the cracked and cracking consciousness of an immigrant in the cracked and cracking consciousness of New York City, otherwise known as the *Netherland*, his critically acclaimed third novel. *Thu., June 26, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.* **www.bookpeople.com**.

MUSIC, POETRY & ZINE SHOW featuring music from Cabinet of Natural Curiosities, Crazywise, Steve Arceri, and the End of Everything and a zine release of *The End of Everything #2: Chocolate Covered Rainbows and Armageddon Dreams* or *Why I'm in Love With the End of the World*. Also: a reading by Jasmine Dreame Wagner. *Thu., June 26, 8pm. MonkeyWrench Books, 110 E. North Loop, 407-6925.* **www.monkeywrenchbooks.org**.

TEXAS NAFAS presents part two of Brad Buchholz's interview with Coleman Barks about the most popular poet in America, Rumi. *Texas Nafas airs every Saturday in June on Channel 16.*

WRITING/BOOK GROUPS

AUSTIN WRITERS WORKSHOP FOR SCREENWRITERS is open to new members to read, discuss, and critique one another's work – every other Monday. *Mon., June 30, 6:30pm. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 328-3652.*

NEW & NOTEWORTHY CLUB discusses the 130-year old tale of values clashes in *The American* by Henry James. *Mon., June 30, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.* **www.bookpeople.com**.

REWRITTEN HISTORY CLUB absolves 16th century mystery monks in C.J. Sanson's *Dissolution*. *Wed., July 2, 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.*

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**.

OPEN MICS

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 FULL SPRING SWING 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).* **www.hideouttheatre.com**.

HOT MAMA'S OPEN MIC Fun is yours to be had in Hot Mama's courtyard. Food, beer, wine, caffeine. *Tuesdays, 7:30-9pm. Hot Mama's Espresso Bar, 2401 E. Sixth, 476-MAMA.* **www.myspace.com/hotmamasespresso**.

RIOT INK SUMMER READINGS is hosted by Paula Mendoza-Hanna and features writers from RIOT Ink. Next up is Jessica Piazza. Fabulous! Every other Thursday. *Thu., June 26, 7-8:30pm. Java Lounge at Austin Java, 1206 Parkway, 476-1829.* **www.riotink.wordpress.com**.

RUTA MAYA POETRY is one of the longest running weekly open mics in Texas. No cover. Uncensored. Hosted by David Bates. *Tuesdays, 6-9pm. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637.* **www.rmpoetryaustin.com**.

THE AUSTIN POETRY SLAM Mike Henry and a rotating crew of slam ninjas 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. *Wednesdays, 8pm. Scoot Inn & Bier Garten, 1308 E. Fourth, 478-6200.* **www.nps2007.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/stickyfingersboutique**.

FIRST WEDNESDAYS @ VINNY'S Hosted by Kathleen Romana or a rotating cast of local stalwarts. *Vinny's Italian Cafe, 1003 Barton Springs Rd., 482-8484. Free.*

CALL FOR ENTRIES

LATINITAS MAGAZINE is launching a National Writing Contest for Latinas (ages 14-24) on "What It Is to Be Latina." Top winners receive Dell DJ MP3 players and publication in the magazine. Submissions are accepted in two age categories. Entries by high school girls should be 750-1,000 words in first-person or AP style on one of the following subjects: What is it like to be a Latina female in your hometown? What does it mean to be a Latina female to you? As a Latina female, what are you doing in your community to make a difference? Entries by college students should be 800-1,200 words in AP style on one of these topics: an investigative piece on an issue facing the young Latinas, a profile of an extraordinary Latina, or a feature story on a new trend in the Latino community. Submit via e-mail or by regular mail to *PO Box 4284, Austin, TX 78765*. Deadline: *June 30*. **latinitasawards@yahoo.com**.

MISCELLANEOUS

SHANNON LEIGH The wondrous, radiant 20-year-old poet who for the past six years has dazzled local and national audiences with her rapid-fire, intensely personal, and radically challenging poetry, is, as I write this, in critical condition in an ICU room in Gainesville, Fla. She is in a coma, suffering severe oxygen deprivation from a scuba-diving accident. Shannon's mom, Sheila, who escorted her into Ego's when Shannon was a mere 14 and where Shannon came this close to making the adult slam team her first time out (thus inspiring Sheila and Ron Horne to begin the Under-21 Slam events), is at her bedside day and night and offers her sincerest thanks for all the kind and thoughtful words of encouragement. Shannon is a young woman whose depth of poetry understanding is extraordinarily inspirational. It is miraculous that she was saved, and we continue to hope for positive news for her and her family. Please send your thoughts and poems via the Under-21 Slam address: **u21slam@yahoo.com**.

MORE POETRY! *the trees are thick but that is the distance or closing i could slip between the trunks with my arms spread wide & turning or if i were to fall from a small plane & my concentration was just right i could cut through the branches as if i were a sword halving long thin sugar crystals loop myself around a limb with a series of lashings from my belt & land perfectly balanced on the thick belly of the ground as if simply leaping from my bed in the brilliant morning * how i tell her that there is the thing that does not want to be integrated or saved that in the set of all sets there is that subset the one that refuses to get it that steps back because there is a child who wanted not to be found * imagine the Buddha on his death bed how hard it is not to be able to please everyone how even enlightened he gazed upon those gathered beside his litter with their sorrow & their doubts & those who got it & those who did not & whose who had it & lost it & desperately wanted it back but the Buddha only smiles with his eyes closed softly & with a single gesture he asks for a sip of cool water*. Namaste. Vaya con dios.

POEM OF THE ISSUE

it is time to

lie on an ice pack

and think about the screenplay

where all the assholes die

of what everyone thinks

are natural causes

and accidents

yes

that little thought

seems to offer a sweet dream

– Kesey 7, from "voices & bridges"

WALL-E

D: Andrew Stanton; with Fred Willard; with the voices of Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin, John Ratzenberger, Kathy Najimy, Sigourney Weaver. (G, 97 min.)

What would Stanley Kubrick – or for that matter Arthur C. Clarke or even Isaac Asimov – have made of Pixar's *WALL-E*? It's the story of the last functioning robot (a "Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class," to be more precise), who leads a solitary existence cleaning up an ecologically devastated Earth some 700 years after the last human being abandoned the dying, trash-strewn planet for the pristine safety of the stars. WALL-E, a boxy, oxidated whirlball on treads with expressive, binocular eyes, has only a chittering cockroach pal to share his endless days with, and that makes for one lonely robot. He's learned about companionship from an old VHS copy of the musical *Hello, Dolly!*, and as the massive dust-and-debris storms roll in every evening, the dingy little 'bot hunkers down inside a makeshift home adorned with the finer detritus of his scavengings – Christmas lights, Commodore 64s, and rubber duckies. Thus safely ensconced, he dreams not of electric sheep but of love. And then, without warning and in a blast of fiery thruster thunder, a titanic vessel lands in his back yard and deposits EVE, an ovoid female robot who has been given a directive to discover if life – plant life, animal life, *any* life – has blossomed in the seven centuries since Homo sapiens turned their back on their home world. She finds it, too, not only in WALL-E but also in a single, frail green sprout that may well be the only *real* life on the planet. Mission accomplished, she turns herself off to await the return of her mother ship (whose onboard computer is voiced, in a nice touch, by Sigourney Weaver). WALL-E, however, is smitten almost from the moment of EVE's first appearance, and while the film eventually takes both of these 'droids off-world and into the sedentary, emotionally disconnected world of the surviving human race, the story remains focused on the blossoming romance between the little load-lifter and his blue-eyed paramour. This is Pixar's finest and most emotionally powerful film yet, and it draws on a wealth of cinematic resources that runs the gamut from Chaplin's best to Buster Keaton, Jacques Tati, and even Martin & Lewis. It's a virtually dialogue-free film up until its midpoint, at which point lyrical references to *2001: A Space Odyssey* (Industrial Light & Magic's special-effects legend Dennis Muren contributed heavily to replicating the 70mm look of Kubrick's film), Douglas Trumbull's elegiac *Silent Running*, and even Geoff Murphy's *The Quiet Earth* begin to crop up all over the place. (There's also a Sputnik-y shout-out to *The Iron Giant*'s Brad Bird.) But sci-fi aside, *WALL-E* is a love story, pure and simple. Pixar's ceaselessly creative animation artists drench the screen in a dazzling palette of violets, magentas, crimsons, and pinks – the colors of the heart – and achieve a level of clarity that approaches reality without sacrificing one iota of dreamy, animated wit. By turns sad, hilarious, exciting, and, ultimately, hopeful, this is a film of Great Truths masquerading as child's play. Those past science-fictioneers Kubrick, Clarke, Asimov would've loved it, I think, and I'd wager my first edition of *The Martian Chronicle*s that Ray Bradbury, too, is going to recognize a kindred, humanist soul in *WALL-E*'s life-affirming quest for love. – *Marc Savlov*

★★★★ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse South, Alamo Drafthouse Village, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

New Reviews

THE CHILDREN OF HUANG SHI

D: Roger Spottiswoode; with Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Radha Mitchell, Chow Yun-Fat, Michelle Yeoh, Li Guang, Ji Lin, Matt Walker, Anastasia Kolpakova. (R, 114 min.)

If you had told me six months ago that the sad story of little-known World War II hero George Hogg was going to be told by the man who gave the world *Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot*, I honestly wouldn't have batted an eye. We're talking about Hollywood after all, the place where anything is possible … even probable. There's no reason why Sam Peckinpah's former editor (and the director behind *Turner & Hooch*) can't tackle the true story of a young English adventurer who saved the lives of dozens of Chinese orphans during the brutal Sino-Japanese War of the 1930s and Forties, right? Well, I'm here to report that, despite my cynicism, and despite his movie's almost total lack of both French mastiffs and Estelle Getty, director Spottiswoode has acquitted himself admirably – if unremarkably – with *The Children of Huang Shi*, which, to be fair, possesses a story so captivating and a setting so rich in cinematographic possibility, it would have taken a director far blander even than he to muck it up. Hogg is played by Rhys Meyers, whose piercing blue eyes and dulcet, velvety, lush, courtly (I could go on) voice are enough to seduce every maid in England on Showtime series *The Tudors*, though he has a harder time of it with unsentimental Australian nurse Lee Pearson (Mitchell), who convinces the young journalist to stay at a run-down orphanage in the remote mountain village of Shuang-shipu and help the war-shattered boys living there find a reason to "care whether they live or die." He teaches them English and basketball and other glorious pursuits, all the while keeping them safe from the atrocities of the Japanese army, forced conscription by Chinese nationalists, and lice. Unfortunately, like so many movies that celebrate a historical hero, *Children* is plagued by an overblown sense of its own importance. Luckily, it comes with a built-in escape hatch by the name of Chen Hansheng (Chow), a resistance fighter who appears every 20 minutes to remind us that movies are supposed to be a kick. Cut from the same swashbuckling-rebel cloth as T.E. Lawrence and Robin Hood and Han Solo, Chen is a gust of refreshing air in an otherwise musty room. Take his rant during a bout of malaria: Unconcerned about his health, Chen's only complaint is that the price recently put on his head by the Japanese army is offensively low. What's the point of being a freedom fighter, after all, if your enemy refuses to acknowledge how big a pain in the ass you are? This is the kind of thing a great movie hero worries about, and though *The Children of Huang Shi* is an admirably solemn film, what the world could really use now is *The Chen Hansheng Story*. In glorious widescreen. – *Josh Rosenblatt*

★★ Arbor

FLIGHT OF THE RED BALLOON

D: Hou Hsiao-hsien; with Juliette Binoche, Simon Iteanu, Fang Song, Hippolyte Girardot, Louise Margolin. (NR, 113 min., subtitled)

I have only the faintest recollection of Albert Lamorisse's "The Red Balloon" – just my own sense-memory sniff of children sweating through sweaters in an overheated room watching the near-silent 1956 classic short on a day too cold and snowy to play outside. Two decades from now, I suspect I'll have retained just as little from this contemporary homage by Taiwanese director Hou; a mere two hours later, the red balloon and its flight – which, honestly, promises more forward movement than Hou's film ever delivers – has mostly leaked from my memory. What remains are gorgeous fragments, as when a mop-topped boy presses his face to a car window, the light and shadow playing off of him. He is Simon (Iteanu), a taciturn Parisian boy who meets his own red balloon in the film's opening frames. Unlike Lamorisse's child lead, Simon can't coax the balloon into companionship; shrugging the defeat off easily, he calls the balloon stupid and heads into the subway like the sensible, city-dwelling kid he is. The balloon will resurface throughout, but far more interesting, and substantial, is the slow reveal of Simon's domestic situation. His mother, Suzanne (Binoche), runs an experimental puppet theatre and has an unruly tenant. (The actors improvised all the dialogue on set, and Binoche, quite bravely, has created a complex portrait of self-absorption and distraction; just watch the way her every interaction, even a compliment to another, eventually wends its way back to her.) Suzanne is consumed with her new production, a dramatization of an ancient Chinese parable about a man driven to save his waterlogged lost love ("I will boil the ocean dry to find and rescue my beloved!" moans the puppet, to weirdly moving effect). There is also Simon's new nanny, a budding Chinese filmmaker named Song (played by a young filmmaker of the same name); Song, in her slouchy pants, is a quiet, benevolent presence, carting her video camera around town as she works on her own homage to "The Red Balloon." Honestly, I could take or leave the business with the balloon, which makes for some lovely imagery but thematically never gels (it's worth noting that the Musée d'Orsay, which cameos, commissioned the film as a riff on the original). But what I wouldn't trade is a long take set in Simon and Suzanne's cramped apartment, in which a blind piano tuner sets to work as a PlayStation blares, the downstairs neighbor bellows, a phone call disappoints, and Binoche's bottle blonde nears cracking up, then beautifully pulls herself back from the ledge. It's about as messy and vibrant as this sedate, ever-lovely looking film ever gets. – *Kimberley Jones*

★★★ Dobie

HANCOCK
D: Peter Berg; with Will Smith, Charlize Theron, Jason Bateman. (PG-13, 92 min.)

Not reviewed at press time. Smith is Hancock, a superhero whose rescue activities cause havoc in present-day Los Angeles until he meets up with Bateman's PR whiz. But Bateman's wife (Theron) faces a major obstacle upon admitting Hancock into her home. *(Opens Tuesday.)* – *Marjorie Baumgarten*
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KIT KITTREDGE: AN AMERICAN GIRL
D: Patricia Rozema; with Abigail Breslin, Julia Ormond, Chris O'Donnell, Wallace Shawn, Joan Cusack. (G, 100 min.)

Not reviewed at press time. Neither a Barbie nor a Bratz, this doll-to-film character draws from the American Girl brand of dolls. Kit is a young girl growing up during the Depression, who solves a local mystery. The film is co-executive-produced by Julia Roberts. *(Opens Wednesday.)* – *Marjorie Baumgarten*
Arbor, Westgate

✪ REPRISE
D: Joachim Trier; with Anders Danielsen Lie, Espen Klouman-Høiner, Viktoria Winge, Henrik Elvestad, Christian Rubeck, Odd Magnus Williamson, Rebekka Karijord. (R, 105 min., subtitled)

We open on two young men – Phillip (Lie) and Erik (Klouman-Høiner), best friends and struggling writers – as they deposit in tandem their fresh manuscripts into a mailbox. Cut to their imagined trajectories – publication, travels, torments. They are young and brash, seductively so. In their wildest fantasies, they aren't bestsellers – they're cult heroes; they don't find love with a nice girl and settle down – they fall for the damaged, desperate one who throws herself from a rooftop in a foreign capital. (The better to mine material from, right?) Then reality steps in and deals them both a blow: Erik's novel is rejected, while Phillip's is published to great acclaim – only for a psychotic break to undo him at the height of his success. This stylish, often-frenetic first feature from Norweigan filmmaker Trier (distant cousin to that Danish master of discomfort Lars von Trier) is as auspicious – and breathless – a debut as *Reservoir Dogs* was for Tarantino; and just as with our American motormouth savant, one senses that Trier has always been the coolest kid in the room … at least in any room that counts. This creates a faint whiff of hipper-than-thou that hangs around the edges of *Reprise*, which somewhat dampens its emotional effect – but it's a thrilling thing nonetheless. Trier hasn't quite worked all the kinks out yet, but he gets by on sheer bravado, and his co-leads – Klouman-Høiner's seemingly nice guy, with his teasing glimmers of toady cowardice, and hollowed-out Lie, who's cornered damaged and desperate all on his own – are compulsively watchable. *Reprise* is many things at once: portraits in miniature of mental illness, obsessive love, the uneasy transition from punk rock youth to "upstanding" adulthood, and fraternal competitiveness. The last is the most interesting. In its coda, the film reprises its own initial "what if?" tangent, and it's instructive that what one man, in his wildest fantasies, imagines for his best friend is a nice girl to settle down with … and writer's block. Post-viewing, I was still coasting on the giddy high of kinetic cinema, only to have the astonishing callousness of its conclusion slowly settle in. It's a better film for it – one only wishes that *Reprise* on a whole had been of the same mind: a little less cool, a little more cruel. That's where the really good stuff is. – *Kimberley Jones*
★★★½ Arbor

✪ THE SINGING REVOLUTION
D: James Tusty, Maureen Castle Tusty.
(NR, 94 min.)

Considering they've spent the better part of the last 1,000 years under foreign thumbs, you have to marvel at the Estonian people's ability to keep a song in their hearts, as Richard Rodgers might say. First the Germans, then the Danes, then the Swedes, then the Poles followed by Russian Czars, Soviet Communists, Nazis, and the Soviets again (just for good measure): They all had their way with this tiny country sandwiched between Russia and the Baltic Sea … and still the Estonians kept singing their songs of freedom, confident one day independence would arrive. This is the story behind *The Singing Revolution*, the first film from the husband-and-wife team of Maureen and James Tusty, and it's a doozy, full of the kind of collective passion and struggle and yearning for freedom that makes viewers well up with pride at their shared humanity. Employing a combination of historical footage and modern-day scenes of the preparations for the country's Laulupidu festival, a concert that takes place every five years

Openings

The Children of Huang Shi (R)

Flight of the Red Balloon (NR)

Hancock (PG-13)

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G)

Reprise (R)

The Singing Revolution (NR)

Thoda Pyaar Thoda Magic (NR)

WALL-E (G)

Wanted (R)

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
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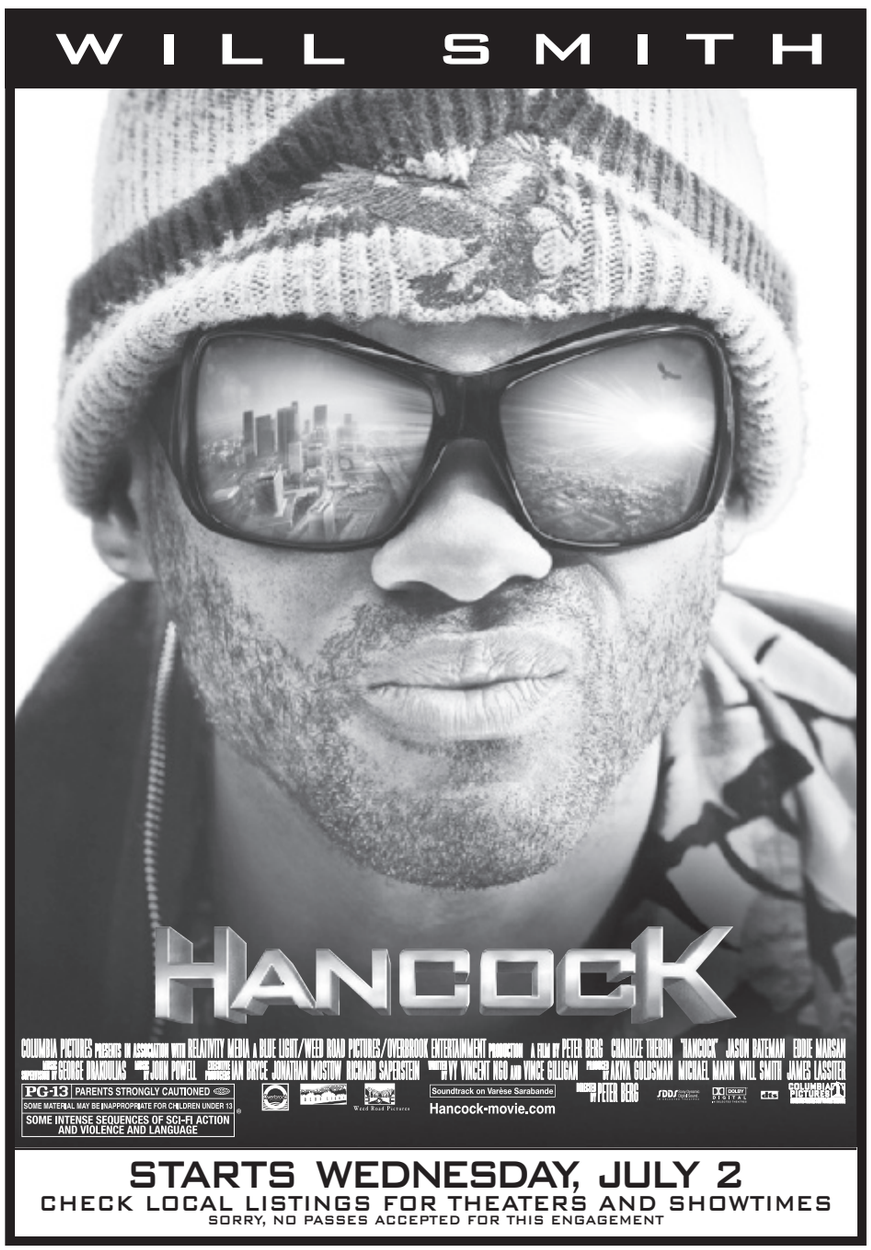

Showtimes

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The Foot Fist Way: Sat, 5:00pm; Sun, 1:45, 10:10
Master Pancake: ***Goldfinger:*** Fri-Sat, 7:30, 10:30
Terror Thursday: ***Howling II: Werewolf Bitch:*** Thu (7/3), 12mid
Michael Jackson: Thrill the World: Sun, 7:30pm
Jamaa Fanaka: ***Penitentiary III:*** Wed, 9:45pm
Sex and the City: Sat, 2:00pm; Sun, 3:50pm; Mon-Tue, 7:00pm; Wed, 6:45pm
Team America: World Police **Sing-Along:** Thu (7/3), 7:00, 9:30
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Willie Nelson's 4th of July Celebration: Mon-Tue, 10:10pm

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Get Smart: 11:35am, 3:15, 7:00, 10:10pm
The Happening: Fri-Wed, 11:50am, 3:10, 7:20, 10:05pm; Thu (7/3), 11:50am, 3:10, 7:20pm
The Incredible Hulk: 12:00, 3:00, 7:15, 10:15
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: 10:00pm
Kung Fu Panda: 11:45am, 3:35, 7:25pm
Robot Jox: Fri-Sat, 12mid
Sex and the City: 11:30am, 3:05, 7:05pm
WALL-E: 12:05, 3:00, 7:30, 10:30
Wanted: 11:40am, 3:20, 7:10, 10:25pm
You Don't Mess With the Zohan: 10:20pm

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Get Smart: 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10, 1:15am
Kids Club: ***Gus:*** Sat, 12:00pm
Hancock: Tue, 7:10, 9:35, 11:45; Wed, 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 7:10, 9:35, 11:45; Thu (7/3), 2:05, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35, 11:45
The Incredible Hulk: Fri, 11:20am, 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40pm; Sat, 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40; Sun, 11:20am, 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40pm; Mon, 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40; Tue, 11:20am, 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40pm; Wed-Thu (7/3), 11:20am, 2:15, 3:45, 10:40pm
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: Fri-Mon, 1:15, 7:15; Tue, 1:15pm; Wed-Thu (7/3), 7:15, 10:25
Iron Man: 9:30pm
Kung Fu Panda: Fri-Sun, 11:10am, 1:50, 4:30, 7:05pm; Mon, 1:50, 4:30, 7:05; Tue, 11:10am, 1:50pm; Wed-Thu (7/3), 1:50, 4:30, 7:05
AFS: ***My Mexican Shiva:*** Tue, 7:00pm
Sex and the City: Fri-Mon, 11:55am, 3:40, 7:15, 10:50pm; Tue, 3:40, 7:15, 10:50; Wed, 11:55am; Thu (7/3), 7:15pm
WALL-E: 11:00am, 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15, 11:30pm
Kids Camp: ***Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit:*** Mon-Thu (7/3), 11:00am

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.

Hancock: Tue, 7:15, 7:20, 9:45, 9:50, 11:55; Wed-Thu (7/3), 11:40am, 2:05, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30pm
The Happening: Fri-Mon, 12:00, 2:25, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10; Tue, 12:00, 2:25, 4:45; Wed, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10; Thu (7/3), 12:00, 2:25, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: Fri-Mon, 4:10, 7:15, 10:25
The Rocky Horror Picture Show: Sat, 12mid
WALL-E: Fri-Sat, 11:15am, 11:20, 1:45, 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40, 11:55pm; Sun-Mon, 11:15am, 11:20, 1:45, 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40pm; Tue-Thu (7/3), 11:20am, 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40pm
Wanted: Fri-Sat, 11:30am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55, 11:55pm; Sun-Thu (7/3), 11:30am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55pm

ARBOR CINEMA @ GREAT HILLS *9828 Great Hills Trail (at Jollyville), 231-9742.* Discounts daily before 6pm; all day Wednesdays. Call theatre for showtimes for Wednesday-Thursday, July 2-3.

Baghead: Fri-Tue, 9:30pm
The Children of Huang Shi: Fri-Tue, 12:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
The Fall: Fri-Tue, 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
Kit Kittredge: An American Girl: Wed-Thu (7/3), 11:45am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15pm
Mongol: Fri-Tue, 11:50am, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05pm
Reprise: Fri-Tue, 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:35, 10:00
Roman de Gare: Fri-Tue, 12:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
Family: ***Rugrats in Paris: The Movie:*** Tue-Thu (7/3), 10:00am
Family: ***Shrek the Third:*** Tue-Thu (7/3), 10:00am
The Singing Revolution: Fri-Tue, 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
Then She Found Me: Fri-Tue, 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
War, Inc.: Fri-Tue, 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10

BARTON CREEK SQUARE (AMC) *Barton Creek Square mall (MoPac and Highway 360), 306-9190.* Matinee discounts available before 6pm on weekdays and before 4pm Friday through Sunday and holidays. Call theatre for showtimes for Wednesday-Thursday, July 2-3.

Get Smart: Fri, 9:40am, 11:15, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50, 4:25, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35pm; Sat, 11:15am, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50, 4:25, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35pm; Sun, 9:40am, 11:15, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50, 4:25, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35pm; Mon, 11:15am, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50, 4:25, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35pm; Tue, 11:15am, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50, 4:25, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30pm
Hancock: Tue, 7:00, 9:30, 12mid; Wed-Thu (7/3), 10:30am, 1:00, 3:30, 6:05, 8:30, 11:00pm
The Happening: Fri-Sat, 9:30am, 11:30, 1:40, 3:50, 6:10, 8:20, 10:30pm; Sun, 1:40, 3:50, 6:10, 8:20, 10:30; Mon, 11:30am, 1:40, 3:50, 6:10, 8:20, 10:30pm; Tue, 11:30am, 1:40, 3:50pm
The Incredible Hulk: Fri-Sun, 9:30am, 12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30pm; Mon-Tue, 12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: Fri-Tue, 11:35am, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35pm
Iron Man: Fri-Sun, 10:15am, 1:00, 6:00, 8:40, 11:25pm; Mon-Tue, 1:00, 5:55, 8:40, 11:25
Kung Fu Panda: Fri-Tue, 3:45pm
Kung Fu Panda **(closed captioned):** Fri, 10:15am, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30pm; Sat, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun, 10:15am, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30pm; Mon-Tue, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
The Love Guru: Fri, 11:20am, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05, 10:15pm; Sat, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; Sun-Tue, 11:20am, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05, 10:15pm
Sex and the City: Fri-Sat, 10:45am, 1:50, 4:55, 8:00, 11:05pm; Sun-Tue, 1:50, 4:55, 8:00, 11:05
WALL-E: Fri-Sun, 9:45am, 10:45, 12:15, 1:15, 2:45, 3:45, 5:15, 6:15, 7:45, 8:45, 10:15, 11:15pm; Mon-Tue, 10:45am, 12:15, 1:15, 2:45, 3:45, 5:15, 6:15, 7:45, 8:45, 10:15, 11:15pm
Wanted: Fri-Sun, 9:40am, 11:00, 12:20, 1:40, 3:00, 4:20, 5:40, 7:30, 8:30, 10:10, 11:30pm; Mon-Tue, 11:00am, 12:20, 1:40, 3:00, 4:20, 5:40, 7:30, 8:30, 10:10, 11:30pm
MovieCamp: ***The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep:*** Wed, 10:00am
You Don't Mess With the Zohan: Fri-Sat, 10:20am, 12:55, 3:30, 6:05, 8:35, 11:10pm; Sun, 12:55, 3:30, 6:05, 8:35, 11:10; Mon, 1:35, 3:30, 4:10; Tue, 11:00am, 1:35, 4:10pm

CINEMARK CEDAR PARK *1335 E. Whitestone, 800/FANDANGO.* Call theatre for showtimes for Wednesday-Thursday, July 2-3.

Get Smart: Fri-Mon, 10:10am, 11:00, 1:00, 1:50, 3:45, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20pm; Tue, 10:10am, 11:00, 1:00, 1:50, 3:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20pm
Hancock: Tue, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; Wed-Thu (7/3), 10:00am, 10:45, 11:30, 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 5:30, 6:15, 7:00, 8:00, 8:45, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15pm
The Happening: Fri-Tue, 10:40am, 1:10, 4:10, 6:45, 9:30pm
The Incredible Hulk: Fri-Mon, 10:30am, 1:20, 2:30, 4:20, 7:00, 8:15, 10:00pm; Tue, 10:30am, 1:20, 2:30, 4:20, 7:00, 10:00pm
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: Fri-Tue, 12:00, 3:30, 6:20, 9:10
Iron Man: Fri-Mon, 10:50am, 2:00, 4:50, 7:50, 10:45pm; Tue, 10:50am, 2:00, 4:50pm
Kung Fu Panda: Fri-Tue, 10:20am, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15pm
The Love Guru: Fri-Tue, 11:10am, 1:30, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30pm
WALL-E: Fri-Tue, 10:00am, 11:15, 12:30, 1:45, 3:15, 4:30, 6:05, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45, 11:15pm
Wanted: Fri-Tue, 11:30am, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30pm
You Don't Mess With the Zohan: Fri-Mon, 11:45am, 5:15, 11:00pm; Tue, 11:45am, 5:15pm

CINEMARK HILL COUNTRY GALLERIA 14 *12812 Hill Country Blvd., 800/FANDANGO.* Call theatre for showtimes for Wednesday-Thursday, July 2-3.

Get Smart: Fri-Mon, 11:10am, 12:05, 12:50, 2:00, 3:00, 4:50, 6:15, 7:45, 9:10, 10:25pm; Tue, 11:10am, 12:05, 12:50, 2:00, 3:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:25pm
Hancock: Tue, 7:00, 9:40; Wed-Thu (7/3), 10:45am, 11:35, 12:25, 1:20, 2:10, 3:00, 3:55, 4:45, 5:35, 6:25, 7:25, 8:15, 9:00, 9:50, 10:40pm
The Happening: Fri-Tue, 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:55, 10:20
The Incredible Hulk: Fri-Tue, 11:05am, 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:15pm
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: Fri-Tue, 12:55, 3:45, 7:10, 10:05
Iron Man: Fri-Mon, 3:40, 7:00, 9:55; Tue, 3:40pm
Kung Fu Panda: Fri-Tue, 11:15am, 1:50, 4:20, 6:55, 9:30pm
The Love Guru: Fri-Tue, 11:40am, 2:05, 4:40, 7:05, 9:40pm
Sex and the City: Fri-Mon, 11:30am, 3:05, 6:30, 9:45pm; Tue, 11:30am, 3:05pm
WALL-E: Fri-Sun, 10:00am, 11:00, 11:45, 12:30, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:30, 5:15, 6:05, 7:15, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 10:30pm; Mon-Tue, 11:00am, 11:45, 12:30, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:30, 5:15, 6:05, 7:15, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 10:30pm
Wanted: Fri-Tue, 11:20am, 12:45, 2:10, 3:30, 4:55, 6:45, 7:50, 9:35, 10:30pm

CINEMARK MOVIES 8 ROUND ROCK *2120 N. Mays (Round Rock), 512/388-2848.* Discounts daily before 5pm. Call theatre for showtimes for Wednesday-Thursday, July 2-3.

Baby Mama: Fri-Tue, 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
College Road Trip: Fri-Mon, 10:30am, 12:45, 3:00, 5:05, 7:40, 10:00pm; Tue, 12:45, 3:00, 5:05, 7:40, 10:00
Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!: Fri-Tue, 10:00am, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:20, 9:30pm
The Forbidden Kingdom: Fri-Tue, 10:10am, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50pm
Forgetting Sarah Marshall: Fri-Tue, 10:20am, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45pm
Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay: Fri-Tue, 10:40am, 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40pm
Made of Honor: Fri-Tue, 11:00am, 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:10pm
Clubhouse: ***Nanny McPhee:*** Tue, 10:00am
Nim's Island: Fri-Tue, 10:05am, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:20pm

CINEMARK ROUND ROCK *4401 N. I-35, 800/FANDANGO.* Call theatre for showtimes for Wednesday-Thursday, July 2-3.

Get Smart: Fri-Mon, 10:15am, 11:15, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:40, 4:40, 6:00, 6:45, 7:50, 9:30, 10:25pm; Tue, 10:15am, 11:15, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:40, 4:40, 6:45, 9:20pm
Hancock: Tue, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:30, 10:15, 11:00; Wed-Thu (7/3), 9:45am, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15pm
The Happening: Fri-Mon, 11:10am, 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 9:20pm; Tue, 11:10am, 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 9:10pm
The Incredible Hulk: Fri-Tue, 10:30am, 1:15, 3:50, 7:05, 9:45pm
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: Fri-Tue, 10:10am, 1:10, 4:00, 7:20, 10:15pm
Iron Man: Fri-Tue, 11:50am, 5:20, 10:45pm
Kung Fu Panda: Fri-Tue, 9:45am, 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05pm
The Love Guru: Fri-Mon, 9:50am, 12:05, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50pm; Tue, 9:50am, 12:05, 2:20, 4:50pm
Sex and the City: Fri-Mon, 2:50, 9:10; Tue, 2:50pm
WALL-E: Fri-Tue, 10:00am, 10:45, 11:30, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3:30, 4:15, 5:00, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:00, 9:40, 10:30pm
Wanted: Fri-Tue, 11:00am, 11:45, 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:40pm
You Don't Mess With the Zohan: Fri-Tue, 2:45, 8:10

CINEMARK SOUTHPARK MEADOWS *9900 S. I-35, 800/FANDANGO.* Call theatre for showtimes for Wednesday-Thursday, July 2-3.

Get Smart: Fri-Mon, 10:05am, 10:25, 10:50, 1:15, 1:50, 4:20, 5:00, 7:10, 9:55pm; Tue, 10:05am, 10:25, 10:50, 1:15, 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55pm
Hancock: Tue, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:35, 10:30; Wed-Thu (7/3), 10:00am, 11:00, 11:55, 1:35, 2:30, 3:30, 4:25, 5:10, 6:05, 6:50, 7:35, 8:25, 9:20, 10:05, 10:45pm
The Happening: Fri-Tue, 10:15am, 12:40, 3:35, 6:45, 9:30pm
The Incredible Hulk: Fri-Mon, 10:45am, 1:20, 1:55, 4:10, 4:55, 6:55, 7:40, 9:40, 10:20pm; Tue, 10:45am, 1:20, 1:55, 4:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20pm
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: Fri-Tue, 9:50am, 1:10, 4:00, 6:50pm
Iron Man: Fri-Tue, 10:00pm
Kung Fu Panda: Fri-Mon, 9:50am, 10:20, 12:55, 3:45, 4:15, 6:35, 7:15, 9:25pm; Tue, 9:50am, 10:20, 12:55, 3:45, 4:15, 6:35, 9:25pm
The Love Guru: Fri-Tue, 11:20am, 1:45, 4:25, 7:25, 10:05pm
Sex and the City: Fri-Mon, 8:15pm
WALL-E: Fri-Tue, 9:45am, 10:30, 11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 2:15, 3:25, 4:05, 5:05, 6:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:15, 10:10, 10:30pm
Wanted: Fri-Tue, 10:10am, 10:55, 12:45, 1:40, 3:40, 4:30, 6:40, 7:45, 9:35, 10:25pm
You Don't Mess With the Zohan: Fri-Mon, 12:50, 9:45; Tue, 12:50pm

DOBIE THEATRE *2025 Guadalupe (Dobie Mall, second floor), 472-FILM.*

The Duchess of Langeais: Fri, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sat-Sun, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Mon-Thu (7/3), 7:00, 9:30
Flight of the Red Balloon: Fri, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; Sat-Sun, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; Mon-Thu (7/3), 7:20, 9:50
Get Smart: Fri, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Sat-Sun, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Mon-Thu (7/3), 7:10, 9:40
The Visitor: Fri, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sat-Sun, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Mon-Thu (7/3), 7:30, 10:00

GALAXY HIGHLAND 10 *North I-35 & Middle Fiskville, 467-7305.* No one under 18 will be allowed in the theatre on Friday and Saturday after 7pm without an adult. Call theatre for showtimes for Wednesday-Thursday, July 2-3.

Get Smart: Fri-Sat, 11:35am, 12:00, 2:05, 2:30, 4:35, 5:00, 7:05, 7:30, 9:35, 10:00, 11:55pm; Sun-Tue, 11:35am, 12:00, 2:05, 2:30, 4:35, 5:00, 7:05, 7:30, 9:35, 10:00pm
Hancock: Tue, 7:00, 7:30, 9:00, 9:30; Wed-Thu (7/3), 10:00am, 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30pm
The Happening: Fri-Sat, 10:20am, 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30, 11:45pm; Sun-Mon, 10:20am, 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30pm; Tue, 10:20am, 12:30, 2:50, 5:00pm
The Incredible Hulk: Fri-Sat, 11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40, 11:55pm; Sun-Mon, 11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40pm; Tue, 11:40am, 2:10, 4:40pm
Kung Fu Panda: Fri-Sat, 10:00am, 12:15, 2:35, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15, 11:45pm; Sun-Mon, 10:00am, 12:15, 2:35, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15pm; Tue, 10:00am, 12:15, 2:35, 4:45pm
The Love Guru: Fri-Sat, 10:10am, 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20, 11:45pm; Sun-Mon, 10:10am, 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20pm; Tue, 10:10am, 12:20, 2:40, 4:50pm
WALL-E: Fri-Sat, 9:50am, 11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:25, 9:55, 11:45pm; Sun-Tue, 9:50am, 11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:25, 9:55pm; Wed-Thu (7/3), 11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25pm
Wanted: Fri-Sat, 9:45am, 11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15, 12mid; Sun-Tue, 9:45am, 11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15pm; Wed-Thu (7/3), 9:45am, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15pm
You Don't Mess With the Zohan: Fri-Tue, 9:45pm

GATEWAY THEATRE *9700 Stonelake, between Capital of Texas Highway and Highway 183 in the Gateway shopping center, 416-5700 x3808.* Call theatre for showtimes for Wednesday-Thursday, July 2-3.

Get Smart: Fri-Mon, 11:05am, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:20, 7:45, 10:00, 10:35pm
Hancock: Tue, 7:00, 9:30, 12mid; Wed-Thu (7/3), 10:00am, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00pm
The Happening: Fri-Tue, 12:05, 2:50, 5:10, 7:55, 10:25
The Incredible Hulk: Fri-Tue, 11:35am, 2:30, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40pm
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: Fri-Tue, 12:45, 4:00, 7:05, 9:55
Iron Man: Fri-Tue, 12:50, 3:40, 6:45, 9:30
Kung Fu Panda: Fri-Tue, 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 10:15
The Love Guru: Fri-Tue, 12:10, 2:35, 4:45, 8:10, 10:45
Sex and the City: Fri-Tue, 11:55am, 3:15, 6:50, 10:10pm
WALL-E: Fri-Sun, 10:45am, 11:15, 1:20, 1:50, 3:55, 4:25, 6:30, 7:00, 9:05, 9:35pm; Mon-Tue, 11:15am, 1:20, 1:50, 3:55, 4:25, 6:30, 7:00, 9:05, 9:35pm
WALL-E **(in DLP digital):** Fri-Tue, 4:55am, 7:30, 10:05, 11:45, 2:20am
Wanted: Fri-Mon, 11:30am, 12:00, 2:00, 2:45, 4:35, 5:15, 7:10, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30pm; Tue, 11:30am, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50pm
You Don't Mess With the Zohan: Fri, 1:55, 4:20, 7:15, 9:45; Sat, 4:20, 7:15, 9:45, 11:20; Sun, 1:55, 4:20, 7:15; Mon, 1:55, 4:20, 9:45
You Don't Mess With the Zohan **(open captioned):** Fri, 11:20am; Sat, 1:55pm; Sun, 11:20am, 9:45pm; Mon, 11:20am, 7:15pm

IMAX THEATRE *Texas State History Museum (1800 N. Congress), 936-IMAX.*

Dolphins and Whales 3D: Tribes of the Ocean: Fri-Sat, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Sun-Thu (7/3), 1:00, 4:00
Extreme: Fri-Sat, 12:00, 3:00, 6:00; Sun, 3:00, 6:00, 8:00; Mon-Thu (7/3), 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 8:00
Grand Canyon Adventure 3D: River at Risk: 2:00, 5:00
Sea Monsters 3D: A Prehistoric Adventure: Fri-Sat, 11:00am; Mon-Thu (7/3), 11:00am
Shine a Light: The IMAX Experience: Fri-Sat, 8:45pm
Texas: The Big Picture: Fri-Sat, 10:00am; Mon-Thu (7/3), 10:00am
U2 3D: Fri-Sat, 7:00pm

LAKELINE STARPORT *Lakeline Mall at Highway 183 and RR 620, 335-4793.* Discounts daily before 6pm; all day Wednesday. Call theatre for showtimes for Tuesday-Thursday, July 1-3.

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian: Fri-Mon, 12:30, 3:40, 6:50, 9:55
Family: ***Daddy Day Care:*** Tue-Thu (7/3), 10:00am
Get Smart: Fri-Mon, 12:20, 3:00, 7:40, 10:20
Hancock: Tue, 7:00, 9:30; Wed-Thu (7/3), 10:00am, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00pm
The Incredible Hulk: Fri-Mon, 12:50, 4:00, 7:20, 10:15
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: Fri-Mon, 12:40, 3:50, 6:40, 9:50
Family: ***Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius:*** Tue-Thu (7/3), 10:00am
Kung Fu Panda: Fri-Mon, 11:30am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40pm
The Love Guru: Fri-Mon, 12:10, 2:50, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
WALL-E: Fri-Mon, 11:15am, 11:45, 1:50, 2:20, 4:25, 4:55, 7:00, 7:30, 9:35, 10:05pm; Tue-Thu (7/3), 11:15am, 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35pm
Wanted: Fri-Mon, 12:00, 2:40, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30

METROPOLITAN *South I-35 at Stassney, 447-0101.*

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian: 12:30, 4:50
Get Smart: Fri-Sun, 11:25am, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:10, 2:45, 3:15, 4:20, 4:55, 5:30, 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 8:15, 9:30, 10:05, 10:35pm; Mon-Thu (7/3), 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:10, 2:45, 4:15, 4:20, 4:55, 5:30, 7:00, 7:10, 7:40, 8:15, 9:45, 10:05, 10:35
The Happening: 11:40am, 2:05, 4:35, 7:25, 8:10, 10:00, 10:40pm
Iron Man: 12:25, 4:30, 7:35, 10:30
Kung Fu Panda: 11:50am, 12:20, 2:15, 3:00, 4:50, 5:25, 7:15, 7:50, 9:55, 10:20pm
Mongol: 12:50, 4:25, 7:20, 10:25
Wanted: Fri-Sun, 11:15am, 11:45, 12:40, 2:00, 2:30, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45pm; Mon-Thu (7/3), 11:45am, 12:40, 2:00, 2:30, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45pm
You Don't Mess With the Zohan: 12:15, 4:35, 7:25, 10:20

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Get Smart: Fri-Mon, 10:40am, 11:15, 11:40, 1:15, 1:50, 2:20, 3:50, 4:25, 4:55, 7:05, 7:30, 9:45, 10:05pm; Tue, 10:40am, 11:15, 11:40, 1:15, 1:50, 2:20, 3:50, 4:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05pm
Hancock: Tue, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50, 11:40, 12:05am; Wed-Thu (7/3), 9:40am, 10:10, 10:40, 11:10, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:20, 2:50, 3:20, 3:50, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50pm
The Happening: Fri-Tue, 10:00am, 12:15, 2:25, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25pm
The Incredible Hulk: Fri-Mon, 11:00am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 7:35, 9:05, 9:45, 10:20pm; Tue, 11:00am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:05, 9:45pm
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: Fri-Tue, 9:45am, 12:35, 4:00, 7:15, 10:15pm
Iron Man: Fri-Tue, 11:50am, 2:55, 6:05, 9:05pm
Kung Fu Panda: Fri-Mon, 9:45am, 11:45, 12:05, 2:05, 2:45, 4:35, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00pm; Tue, 9:45am, 12:05, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00pm
The Love Guru: Fri-Mon, 9:55am, 10:45, 12:10, 12:55, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45, 5:30, 6:55, 7:45, 9:15, 10:05pm; Tue, 9:55am, 10:45, 12:10, 12:55, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45, 5:30, 6:55, 9:15pm
Sex and the City: Fri-Mon, 6:50, 9:55
WALL-E: Fri-Tue, 9:30am, 10:00, 10:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:30pm
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TINSELTOWN SOUTH *South I-35 at Stassney, 326-3800.* $10 "special event" ticket prices apply to Indian films. Call theatre for showtimes for Wednesday-Thursday, July 2-3.

Dasavatharam: Fri-Mon, 1:30, 5:30, 9:30
Hancock: Tue, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12mid
The Incredible Hulk: Fri-Mon, 10:10am, 11:00, 12:05, 1:00, 2:00, 2:55, 4:00, 5:00, 6:05, 7:10, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 10:45pm; Tue, 11:00am, 12:05, 2:00, 2:55, 5:00, 8:00, 10:40pm
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: Fri-Mon, 10:15am, 10:50, 11:45, 1:10, 2:15, 3:00, 4:25, 5:10, 5:55, 7:30, 8:10, 9:10, 10:20pm; Tue, 10:15am, 10:50, 11:45, 1:10, 2:15, 2:50, 4:25, 5:10, 7:30, 10:20pm
The Love Guru: Fri-Mon, 10:05am, 11:20, 12:30, 1:50, 3:00, 4:25, 5:35, 6:50, 8:15, 9:35, 10:35pm; Tue, 10:05am, 11:20, 12:30, 1:50, 3:00, 4:25, 6:50, 9:35, 11:50pm
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Sex and the City: Fri-Tue, 12:10, 3:40, 7:15, 10:25
The Strangers: Fri-Mon, 10:30am, 12:40, 3:05, 5:15, 7:25, 9:55pm; Tue, 10:30am, 12:40, 3:05, 5:15, 7:25, 9:55, 12mid
Thoda Pyaar Thoda Magic: Fri, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sat, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun-Mon, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Tue, 3:00, 6:30, 9:45
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and that features upward of 30,000 singers onstage belting out songs of triumph and despair, love and country, the Tustys introduce viewers to a world seemingly beyond possibility, where the choral inclinations of a culture could rally the spirits of an entire country and help to bring down one of the most brutal empires in history. And all with barely a drop of blood being spilled. It was at this festival in 1947 that Estonian composer Gustav Ernesaks set to music the patriotic words of an 18th century poet named Lydia Koidula, "Land of My Fathers, Land That I Love." Defying the edicts of their totalitarian rulers, the choirs at Laulupidu drowned out the propagandistic sounds of the Soviet brass bands with the strains of their new national anthem, thereby putting the "La Marseillaise" scene in *Casablanca* to shame and planting the seeds of a revolution that would grow over the next 30 years into the full-scale independence movement of the 1980s and early Nineties. Not bad for a country that lost nearly 25% of its population to work camps, purges, massacres, and assassinations. If ever there was a story that was dying to be told, it's this one, and this movie should probably be required viewing in the world's classrooms (choir classes in particular, I should think), as a reminder to everyone that sometimes music is more than just music and sometimes sheer force of will is enough to topple tyrants. *The Singing Revolution* is a shot of unfiltered, unsentimental optimism. How often can you say that about a movie? – *Josh Rosenblatt*

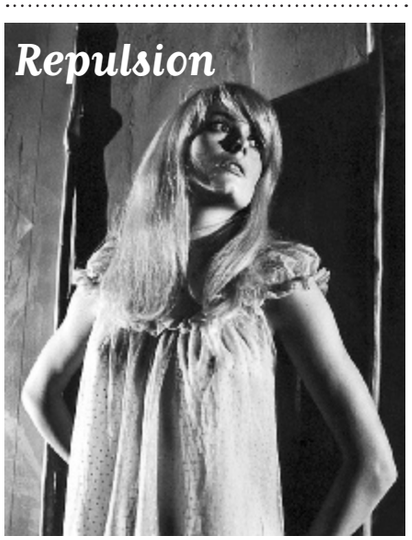
★★★½ Arbor

THODA PYAAR THODA MAGIC

D: Kunal Kohli; with Rani Mukherjee, Saif Ali Khan, Rishi Kapoor, Amisha Patel. (NR, 134 min., subtitled)

Not reviewed at press time. In this new Hindi movie, a wealthy industrialist is sentenced to look after four orphaned children, who hate him and pray for help, which arrives in the form of a new nanny cycling down from a rainbow. – *Marjorie Baumgarten*

Tinseltown South



***Repulsion* (1965)** *D: Roman Polanski; with Catherine Deneuve, Ian Hendry, John Fraser. (NR, 104 min.)* **Summer Film Classics: The Supernatural & the Psyche.** *Repulsion*'s depiction of a young woman's dissolution into madness is one of the most harrowing mental descents ever depicted onscreen. (Double bill: *The Haunting*.) (*) @Paramount, Wed., 9:20pm, Thu. (7/3), 7pm.

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Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

***Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* (1971)** *D: Mel Stuart; with Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson, Peter Ostrum, Roy Kinnear, Aubrey Woods. (G, 98 min.)* **101X Summer Movie Series.** This is the original twisted film version of Roald Dahl's so-called children's story. Outdoor show and Central Market concessions. Come early for preshow activities. (*) @Central Market North, Wed., 9pm.

WANTED

D: Timur Bekmambetov; with James McAvoy, Morgan Freeman, Angelina Jolie, Terence Stamp, Thomas Kretschmann, Common, Kristen Hager. (R, 110 min.)

If *Maxim* magazine ever decides to branch out into filmmaking, *Wanted* is just the kind of ear-throttling nonsense it's bound to produce. Based on Mark Millar's ultraviolent comic-book miniseries of the same name, *Wanted* isn't so much a movie as it is a testosterone-fueled parade of fast cars, big guns, heavy metal guitars, exposed cleavage, and tests of masculinity. Plot? Characters? Meaning? Who cares about those trifles when you've got Jolie easing herself languidly out of a bathtub after an evening spent killing perfect strangers with a gun that comes with a video camera attachment allowing her to see around corners? Definitely not director Bekmambetov, who slobbers over this weapon like a 12-year-old eyeing his first *Penthouse* magazine … more, in fact, than he slobbers over Miss Jolie. *Wanted*'s hero, Wesley (McAvoy), doesn't need such toys, however; he can make bullets bend in midflight just by sheer force of will, no digital recording device required. Apparently he's the son of the world's greatest assassin and possessed of the ability, under high-adrenaline circumstances, to slow down the world until it looks remarkably like a low-budget version of *The Matrix*, complete with CGI-enhanced shots of bullets flying through the air and a warping effect that makes the screen pulse like concentric ripples on a pond, which is funny, because, until recently, Wesley could have sworn he was just an ordinary anxiety-ridden nebbish cowering namelessly in a dead-end cubicle job. (The one and only clever moment in *Wanted* comes when Wesley Googles himself at the office and not a single match comes up. How's that for a 21st century existential crisis?) Instead, he's snatched up by the mysterious Fox (Jolie) and taken to a man named Sloan (Freeman, channeling Lawrence Fishburne's Orpheus), who informs our reluctant hero that it's his destiny to join a group of assassins called the Fraternity (perfect!), who are descended from a group of rebel medieval weavers and to whom the names of targets are relayed though the fabrics produced by a magical loom that communicates the wishes of the Fates. Now, I know what you're thinking: Why, exactly, would weavers become assassins? And why is Wesley capable of throwing curveballs with bullets? And what the hell is Freeman doing in this movie? The answer to these questions is simple: There is no answer … and it's a fool who looks for one, especially when there's so much sadistic fun to be had watching cars flip and people's heads explode in slow motion, so salacious and voyeuristic as to be almost pornographic. With every bit of sliced flesh and every punctured skull, I found myself wondering who exactly this movie is for. Its unflinching violence has earned it an R rating, meaning its desired demographic – teenage boys – is out of contention. That raises the question: Are there really adults who want to sit through this kind of mindless, bullying mayhem? Maybe I don't want to know the answer to that one. – *Josh Rosenblatt*

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BAGHEAD

D: Jay Duplass, Mark Duplass; with Steve Zissis, Ross Partridge, Greta Gerwig, Elise Muller. (R, 81 min.)

It's as goofy as it is creepy: a human figure with a bag covering its head staring back at you from the other side of a window pane. Kind of funny and kind of scary, *Baghead*'s central horror motif is merely a structure on which to hang its four-character story about the depth of relationships and the drive to find meaningful work. Even though *Baghead* is structured like a horror movie (four characters alone in a cabin in the woods) and contains several expertly executed frights, the movie isn't the kind that will make gorehounds rejoice and horror mavens quicken their step. The *Baghead* directors (formerly Austin residents who filmed most of *Baghead* in this area) apply the formulas of the genre to what is described in the press kit as a "*Scooby-Doo* narrative," then add in naturalistic performances and their lo-fi techniques to create a story that elicits laughs and scares (often in the same breath). *(06/13/2008)* – *Marjorie Baumgarten*

★★★½ Alamo Drafthouse South, Arbor

DASAVATHARAM

D: K.S. Ravikumar; with Kamal Hassan, Mallika Sherawat, Asin Thottumkal. (NR, 166 min.)

Not reviewed at press time. Hassan, who plays a record 10 roles in this Indian film, teams up for the fourth time with director Ravikumar. *Dasavatharam* uses chaos theory and the butterfly effect to help explain its plot about a biotechnology action mystery that takes place one week before the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004. *(06/20/2008)* – *Marjorie Baumgarten*

Tinseltown South

THE DUCHESS OF LANGEAIS

D: Jacques Rivette; with Jeanne Balibar, Guillaume Depardieu, Bulle Ogier, Michel Piccoli, Anne Cantineau, Mathias Jung. (NR, 137 min., subtitled)

Set in 1820s France during the Restoration, Rivette's *The Duchess of Langeais* moves at an often languid pace that's reflective of an era in which horse-drawn carriages and sealing wax were the norm. But oh, the film's central *l'amour fou* is as timeless and obsessive as a page ripped from a contemporary psychiatrist's notebook. Based on a novel by Balzac, the story reveals the flip sides of passionate love and hate and how the tale's would-be couple can never get their volatile emotions in sync with each other. Balibar and Depardieu make a compelling duo who exude an animal magnetism that's undeniable. Add to this Rivette's exquisite shots that show his attention to historic visual and aural detail. Moreover, the movie is broken up by intertitles that regularly appear on the screen and contribute to the film's extremely novelistic feel. Rivette is at his most accessible in *The Duchess of Langeais*. *(06/20/2008)* – *Marjorie Baumgarten*

★★★½ Dobie

Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit

***Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* (2005)** *D: Nick Park and Steve Box; with the voices of Ralph Fiennes, Helena Bonham Carter, Peter Sallis, Nicholas Smith, Peter Kay, Liz Smith. (G, 85 min.)* **Summer Kids Camp.** Free. (*) @Alamo Drafthouse South, Mon.-Thu. (7/3), 11am.

THE FALL

D: Tarsem Singh; with Lee Pace, Catinca Untaru, Justine Waddell, Julian Bleach. (R, 117 min.)

The Fall is a visually stunning but ultimately mournful movie that is both richly layered with "once upon a time" fairy-tale subtext and dense with thickets of moral and motivational ambiguity. Did I mention *The Fall* is also a period picture? And has animated sequences, waterborne pachyderms, and a drolly humorous imagining of a monkey-conversant Charles Darwin? This rapturous fever dream of a film is a vibrant, vital, hopelessly romantic, but intellectually obtuse game of blind man's chess between the director and himself (and perhaps, occasionally, the viewer). Tarsem (the music video director whose debut feature was *The Cell* and who prefers to be known by his first name alone) has discovered the secretive, magical underpinnings of the narrative form. Two parallel stories eventually flow into and then collide with each other. Tarsem has found a home for his endlessly unique visions, and (wouldn't you know?) it's beyond artifice and stealing toward art. *(05/30/2008)* – *Marc Savlov*

★★★½ Arbor

GET SMART

D: Peter Segal; with Steve Carell, Anne Hathaway, Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson, Alan Arkin, Terence Stamp, James Caan. (PG-13, 110 min.)

Happily, the new movie *Get Smart* survives the transition from TV to film screen, maybe not with flying colors but at least with a respectable amount of wind in its sails. As played by Carell, Smart is not as big an idiot as he was in the original. Here he's a novice field agent who's just been promoted from his desk job as a CONTROL analyst, which explains some of his bumbling, but he can shoot his gun straight when necessary and assess situations with intelligence. As Smart's partner, Agent 99, Hathaway is a spooky doppelgänger for Barbara Feldon, with her chic duds and confident verbal delivery. *Get Smart* struggles with the impulse to also be an action comedy, and the plot and the staging just don't live up to those demands. Too long by at least 15-20 minutes, *Get Smart* is nevertheless a giggly summer movie. *(06/20/2008)* – *Marjorie Baumgarten*

★★½ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse South, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Dobie, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

THE HAPPENING

D: M. Night Shyamalan; with Mark Wahlberg, Zooey Deschanel, John Leguizamo, Spencer Breslin, Ashlyn Sanchez, Betty Buckley. (R, 91 min.)

Despite his ever more wiggy attempts to recapture the box-office sucker punch of *The Sixth Sense*, every Shyamalan film since 2000's underrated *Unbreakable* has smacked of increasingly formulaic filmmaking. Sadly, if unsurprisingly, *The Happening* continues the director's downward spiral. The film's apocalyptic, Mother Nature-in-revolt scenario feels like something Al Gore might've cooked up during a mescaline-fueled all-nighter spent reading Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*. When an unexplained phenomenon strikes the Eastern seaboard, causing everyone to walk backward and then kill themselves in a variety of nasty ways, it's up to high school science teacher Elliot Moore (Wahlberg) to posit the possibilities, if not stave off the inevitable. Despite its queasy sort of escalating dread, *The Happening* ultimately never surpasses the timeless thrill of watching the grass grow and then mowing the hell out of it. Like Shyamalan's previous film, *Lady in the Water*, *The Happening* is both too incoherently weird and too narratively ambitious for its own good. *(06/20/2008)* – *Marc Savlov*

★½ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse Village, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

THE INCREDIBLE HULK

D: Louis Leterrier; with Edward Norton, Liv Tyler, Tim Roth, William Hurt, Tim Blake Nelson, Ty Burrell, Christina Cabot. (PG-13, 114 min.)

The big green gamma-guy returns to the screen in a purer, more unadulterated, and vastly more entertaining form than Ang Lee's stylistically and narratively daring attempt five years ago. Leterrier and screenwriter Zak Penn (whose script was, in turn, rewritten by star Norton) is only the second shot in an upcoming fusillade planned by Marvel Studios. Suddenly, the Hulk feels really, truly incredible. That's thanks to two key aspects of the film: Norton's performance, which recalls, in all the right ways, the peripatetic Samaritan-cum-golem of the televised characterization, and the seamless inclusion of brief yet integral snippets of Marvel Comics mythology into the film's main tale. But most importantly, Leterrier's film begins with one helluva bang and, like the Hulk's alter ego, Dr. Bruce Banner, it never stops moving. At the film's core, under its rippling CGI/motion-capture musculature, lies the classic dramatic crucible of unrequited love, unaided and unabetted by the necessity of constant flight and persistent pursuit. *(06/13/2008)* – *Marc Savlov*

★★★½ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse South, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

D: Steven Spielberg; with Harrison Ford, Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf, Karen Allen, Ray Winstone, John Hurt, Jim Broadbent. (PG-13, 124 min.)

This fourth installment is a fine, rollicking, lightning-paced return to form, overflowing with outlandishly entertaining action set-pieces that fall only somewhat short of eliciting the "holy cow!" monogram-matinee panache of *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Booted from his tenured position as professor of archaeological studies at Yale in a McCarthy-esque twist, Dr. Indiana Jones (Ford, in fine fettle) is soon back in the thick

My Mexican Shiva

***My Mexican Shiva* (2007)** *D: Alejandro Springall; with Blanca Guerra, Martha Roth, Sergio Kleiner, Guillermo Murray, Raquel Pankowsky. (NR, 98 min.)* **Austin Film Society: Making the World Laugh – Global Comedy.** The petty foibles of a man's friends and family are revealed as they sit shivah (a seven-day Jewish wake) for him after his death. @Alamo Drafthouse South, Tue., 7pm; $4, AFS members free

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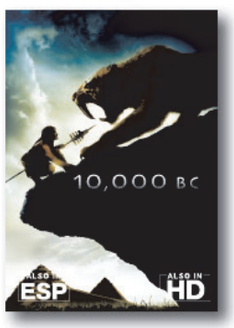

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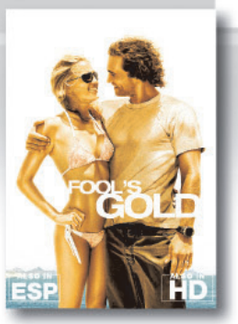

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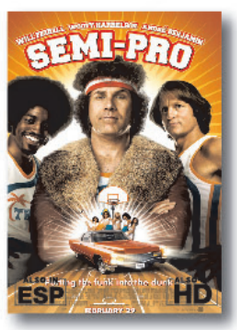

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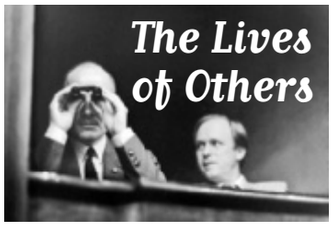

***The Lives of Others* (2006)** *D: Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck; with Martina Gedeck, Ulrich Mühe, Sebastian Koch, Ulrich Tukur, Thomas Thieme, Hans-Uwe Bauer, Volkmar Kleinert, Matthias Brenner, Charly Hübner. (R, 137 min.)* **European Movie Night: Life Under Communist Rule.** This recent Oscar winner for Best Foreign Film is the story of the small redemption of one man, who happens to be a hated East German Stasi officer. The film will be introduced by Vera Labriola, who is from the Czech Republic and spent a majority of her life under Communist rule. (*) @Spicewood Springs Branch Library, Wed., 6pm.

of it, teaming up with a Harley-riding Dean/Brando teen rebel named Mutt (LaBeouf) to track down the crystalline cranium of the title. The smart if somewhat overcrowded script by David Koepp makes allowances for both Ford and his character's advancing maturity while sacrificing none of the series' innate innocence. Quite a feat, that, considering that before the plot even really begins we're treated to alien beings, a nuclear explosion in the Nevada badlands, and squirrelly, HUAC-style federal agents with pinkos on the brain. My only real complaints lie with Spielberg's tendency to overburnish his film with a CGI wash. *(05/23/2008)* – *Marc Savlov*

★★★½ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse South, Alamo Drafthouse Village, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Gateway, Lakeline, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

IRON MAN

D: Jon Favreau; with Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Terrence Howard, Jeff Bridges, Shaun Toub, Faran Tahir, Leslie Bibb, Clark Gregg. (PG-13, 126 min.)

Bloodied but unbowed, wounded but walking, Downey Jr.'s sly take on Marvel Comics' cold warrior *Iron Man* elevates everything about this film. The actor's real-life troubles merge with those of Iron Man's alter ego, Tony Stark, the billionaire playboy and military industrialist with a drinking problem, and the result is, no pun intended, riveting. As a comic-book character, Iron Man never quite scaled the dime-store racks like some other lantern-jawed megamen. Favreau's screen version, however, is a magnificent origin story that holds its own just fine against Bryan Singer's convoluted *X-Men* and Sam Raimi's *Spider-Man*, and there are moments of both stunning action and earnest, subtle emotion. It's Downey Jr.'s show all the way, though. He twins the self-involved Stark with his own personal history to create a semi-autobiographical un-Superman. Kudos, too, to Bridges, who, as baddie munitions magnate Obadiah Stane, almost (but not quite) steals a scene or two out from under his clanking co-star. *(05/02/2008)* – *Marc Savlov*

★★★½ Alamo Drafthouse South, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Gateway, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

KUNG FU PANDA

D: Mark Osborne, John Stevenson; with the voices of Jack Black, Dustin Hoffman, Angelina Jolie, Ian McShane, Jackie Chan, Seth Rogen, Lucy Liu, David Cross. (PG, 91 min.)

Po (Black) may be an animated panda bear, but make no mistake: Deep down, he's really just a nerd with a pop-culture obsession. In *Kung Fu Panda*'s opening scene (animated in a gorgeous, throwback, two-dimensional style), Po imagines himself as a great martial-arts master and warrior. Of course, in reality (disappointingly three-dimensional, Pixar-like reality) Po is a master of nothing; he's just the rotund son of a noodle-shop owner living in a small Chinese village who gets his kicks playing with action figures in his bedroom. Of course, that all changes when destiny drops him at the feet of kung-fu master Shifu (Hoffman). *Kung Fu Panda*'s message is timeworn and clichéd (believe in yourself, even if – especially if – you're flabby and uncoordinated and no one else believes in you). But with a lovable, lumpy loser as its hero, the movie is just the kind of antic David vs. Goliath tale children can't get enough of. *(06/06/2008)* – *Josh Rosenblatt*

★★★ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse South, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Millennium, Tinseltown North, Westgate

THE LOVE GURU

D: Marco Schnabel; with Mike Myers, Jessica Alba, Justin Timberlake, Romany Malco, Meagan Good, Omid Djalili, Ben Kingsley. (PG-13, 87 min.)

Stop me if you've heard this one before: A Hindu mystic travels from India to Toronto to act as spiritual adviser to an African-American hockey player whose obsession with his ex-wife's goalie boyfriend is endangering his team's chances of winning the Stanley Cup. This mystic – Myers' Guru Pitka – is a creation of the same fevered sketch-comedy mind that gave us Austin Powers, Wayne Campbell, and (king of them all) Dr. Evil. Unlike those characters, however, Pitka isn't funny. Not even a little bit. Pitka's schtick is one giant cry for acceptance – eccentric but not challenging, therapeutic but not cathartic – which is absolute death to comedy. Myers surrounds himself with characters whose only responsibility is to laugh at Pitka's jokes: the better to ensure that audiences don't drift away and lose the thread of hilarity. In the end, this desperation for approval absolutely buries *The Love Guru*. *(06/20/2008)* – *Josh Rosenblatt*

★ Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

MONGOL

D: Sergei Bodrov; with Tadanobu Asano, Honglei Sun, Khulan Chuluun, Odnyam Odsuren, Aliya, Ba Sen. (R, 126 min., subtitled)

Russian director Bodrov spares no expense in re-creating the world of the 13th century Mongolian steppes, but *Mongol* is not, as some might hope, *The Lord of the Rings: The Asian Edition*. As Kazakhstan's Oscar entry for Best Foreign Language Film, it is essentially the origin story of the near-mythical warrior who founded the Mongol empire. *Mongol* focuses almost entirely on the early years of the nomadic Temudgin (Genghis Khan's birth name), who, as played by Japanese actor Asano, was every bit as much a lover as he was a fighter. There are thudding, groaning, horse-mounted skirmishes galore (replete with lakes of arterial CGI gore), but by the time the film's abrupt conclusion arrives, you realize you've been watching a love story. Asano's Khan is a hero in the classic mold, and the portrayal is riveting. I think that *other* great lover and fighter, James Tiberius Kirk, said it best: "*Kha-a-a-a-n!*" *(06/20/2008)* – *Marc Savlov*

★★½ Arbor, Metropolitan

Rosemary's Baby

***Rosemary's Baby* (1968)** *D: Roman Polanski; with Mia Farrow, John Cassavetes, Ruth Gordon, Ralph Bellamy. (R, 94 min.)* **Summer Film Classics: Hell's Belles.** Polanski's first American movie is adapted from the Ira Levin book, and it remains a masterpiece of droll humor and inbred horror. (Double bill: *The Exorcist*.) New print. @Paramount, Fri., 7pm; Sat., 9:40pm; Sun., 5:30pm.

ROMAN DE GARE

D: Claude Lelouch; with Dominique Pinon, Fanny Ardant, Audrey Dana. (R, 103 min., subtitled)

Right up until its piffling ending, *Roman de Gare* is Lelouch's most intriguing film in years. It's intellectually cagey, potentially romantic, and, above all, an entertaining puzzle box of duplicitous people doing mysterious things. Pinon plays Pierre Laclos, the diminutive, introverted ghostwriter for a best-selling novelist, who fears that his employer will kill him after he announces that his current work for her will be published under his own name and not hers. Or he may be a recently escaped serial child-murderer on the lam from the *gendarmerie*. Or still, he could be a humble Parisian schoolteacher who has left his wife and three children and is on the run from an insurmountable bout of ennui. With Lelouch as magician, baiting-and-switching the audience by offering multiple identities for nearly all of the film's characters, *Roman de Gare* works as both a multilayered class comedy and a provocative musing on the nature of identity in both the real and reel world. *(06/20/2008)* – *Marc Savlov*

★★★ Arbor

SEX AND THE CITY

D: Michael Patrick King; with Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis, Cynthia Nixon, Chris Noth, Jennifer Hudson, Candice Bergen, David Eigenberg, Evan Handler, Jason Lewis, Mario Cantone, Willie Garson. (R, 142 min.)

I'm not the first to make the comparison – that the women of *Sex and the City* make for a special kind of superhero in American pop-culture iconography. Carrie, Miranda, Charlotte, and Samantha may be larger than life, their pocketbooks and professional highlights a distant fantasy for most of the fan base, but take away the tights, and they're muddling through just like the rest of us. Longtime creative force King (who wrote and directed) has crafted a feature that stands on its own (typically stilettoed) feet, while holding fast to the series' singular mix of the giddily ribald and brutally confessional. We pick up several years after the series' finale, and the women, individually, have undergone seismic change. It goes without saying that any one woman's triumph or sorrow is felt collectively, and keenly. That, of course, has been *Sex and the City*'s abiding m.o.: that this is a love affair, primarily, between women. *(05/30/2008)* – *Kimberley Jones*

★★★★ Alamo Ritz, Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse South, Barton Creek Square, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Gateway, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

THE STRANGERS

D: Bryan Bertino; with Liv Tyler, Scott Speedman, Gemma Ward, Kip Weeks, Laura Margolis. (R, 90 min.)

First-time writer/director Bertino scares up a solid genre success with this debut outing. *The Strangers* covers familiar horror turf with its story about an inexplicable home invasion in the middle of the night, in which masked human ghoulies torment the baffled young lovers, Kristen McKay (Tyler) and James Hoyt (Speedman), who reside within. There's little that distinguishes this movie's basic plot from scores of other fright films over the decades, but *The Strangers* is more effective than most because of Bertino's deft manipulation of the storyteller's tools. Bertino creates a palpable sense of fear through the shrewd use of sound, imagery, and performance – often using the bare essence or absence of these rudiments to scare up some truly visceral viewer responses. Younger viewers who've cut their teeth on the instant horrors of modern "torture porn" may find *The Strangers* slow-going. Yet a film like this may be just the bracing corrective the modern horror film needs. *(05/30/2008)* – *Marjorie Baumgarten*

★★★ Tinseltown South

THEN SHE FOUND ME

D: Helen Hunt; with Hunt, Bette Midler, Colin Firth, Matthew Broderick, Ben Shenkman. (R, 100 min.)

Hunt's debut as a film director makes me glad *she* found *us*. This story about a 39-year-old woman (played by Hunt) whose biological clock is ticking loudly and whose life is not turning out as planned is a work of maturity – at least in its humanist perspective, if not always its cinematic scope. The film delivers a nice blend of drama, comedy, and the unknown, in other words, an accurate reflection of life as we live it. Based on a novel by Elinor Lipman, *Then She Found Me* finds just the right tone for detailing its heroine's problems: It's neither a sob story nor a satire. Hunt's visual palette often looks as drab as the character she plays, but the film's rhythms are well-tailored yet pliant. Some may dismiss *Then She Found Me* as a mere "women's film," but it's really a more honest and mature take on sex and the city. *(05/09/2008)* – *Marjorie Baumgarten*

★★★ Arbor

THE VISITOR

D: Tom McCarthy; with Richard Jenkins, Haaz Sleiman, Danai Jekesai Gurira, Hiam Abbass, Marian Seldes. (PG-13, 108 min.)

McCarthy (*The Station Agent*) is back with another humanist drama set among a mix of characters who might not ordinarily interact. Curiously, *The Visitor* is both predictable and unpredictable. Jenkins, a busy character actor, is uncharacteristically cast in the lead as Walter Vale, a gift that he capitalizes on fully. His performance (and the film) are studies in understatement, communicating often through the absence of words or actions. We may think we know where this is going: A hard-hearted economics prof reclaims his soul through his interaction with illegal immigrants (Sleiman, Gurira, and Abbass) who are full of life and artful enterprise. Well, yes and no. Change occurs, but not necessarily in the ways you might expect. McCarthy's approach is much truer to life, in which people enter and depart another's personal orbit without causing earth-shattering alterations in behavior or relationships. By definition, that means that not much occurs in *The Visitor*, yet it is never uninteresting to watch. *(04/25/2008)* – *Marjorie Baumgarten*

★★★ Dobie

WAR, INC.

D: Joshua Seftel; with John Cusack, Joan Cusack, Marisa Tomei, Hilary Duff, Ben Kingsley. (R, 107 min.)

War, Inc. is a black-ops satire crossbred from the cine-genes of *Dr. Strangelove* on holiday in *Brazil* and weaned on *Wag the Dog* and *Medium Cool*. But *War, Inc.* is neither all that interesting nor all

Emma Mae

***Emma Mae* (1976)** *D: Jamaa Fanaka; with Jerri Hayes. (R, 100 min.)* **Weird Wednesday.** A Southern girl moves to the Los Angeles ghetto, and after struggling to fit in, she falls in love with a young gangster who has her do his dirty work for him. Director Fanaka will be in attendance for this screening. See "The Fight Stuff," p.49, for more. @Alamo Ritz, Wed., 12mid.

From Here to Eternity

***From Here to Eternity* (1953)** *D: Fred Zinnemann; with Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr, Montgomery Clift, Frank Sinatra, Donna Reed, Ernest Borgnine. (NR, 118 min.)* **Eight Weeks of Oscars.** Multi-Oscar-winner based on James Jones' bestselling novel provides a portrait of Army life in Hawaii before and after the attack on Pearl Harbor. (It's the movie with that famous scene of Lancaster and Kerr making love in the surf.) Subtitled in Spanish. @Southeast Austin Library, Thu. (7/3), 6pm; free.

that cool. That sounds like an impossibility when discussing a film that, without naming names, lampoons everyone, from unhinged steroidal fuckups-for-hire Blackwater USA to unhinged VP Dick Cheney (via Aykroyd), and throws paunchy pundit John McLaughlin into the mix for, um, no apparent reason whatsoever, but, hey, *War, Inc.* is nothing if not hellish. John Cusack, who co-wrote the screenplay with Mark Leyner and Jeremy Pikser, plays Brand Hauser, an ex-CIA assassin. Absolutely nothing in the film gels enough to create anything more biting than Duff's incessant gnawing of her own lower lip. This is broad satire, overloaded with obvious gags and cannonades of yuks where quivers of sleeking wit ought to be. *(06/13/2008)* – *Marc Savlov*
★½ Arbor

YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN
D: Dennis Dugan; with Adam Sandler, John Turturro, Emmanuelle Chriqui, Lainie Kazan, Rob Schneider, Dave Matthews, Michael Buffer. (PG-13, 113 min.)
You Don't Mess With the Zohan, Sandler's first collaboration with co-writer Judd Apatow, is a crazed, delightfully bizarre return to form for the star. As Israel's top dawg in the secret intelligence agency Mossad, the Zohan (Sandler) is the ultimate übermensch, both Nietzsche's and Hezbollah's worst nightmares. But (in an inspired comic riff on Al Jolson's *The Jazz Singer*) what the Zohan *really* wants to do is cut and style hair for Paul Mitchell. After faking his demise in an inspired waterborne battle with his Palestinian archenemy, the Phantom (Turturro, comically holding his own), the Zohan moves to New York City to pursue his dream, and (some very clever) comedy ensues. As far as I know, this is the first Hollywood-made Jewish/Palestinian/immigrant comedy that also doubles as a surprisingly trenchant analysis of the Middle East's perpetual bloodbath. Would that Hamas, Hezbollah, and Ehud Olmert had Sandler and Apatow's sensibilities, we'd be seeing pie fights on the Gaza Strip. *(06/06/2008)* – *Marc Savlov*
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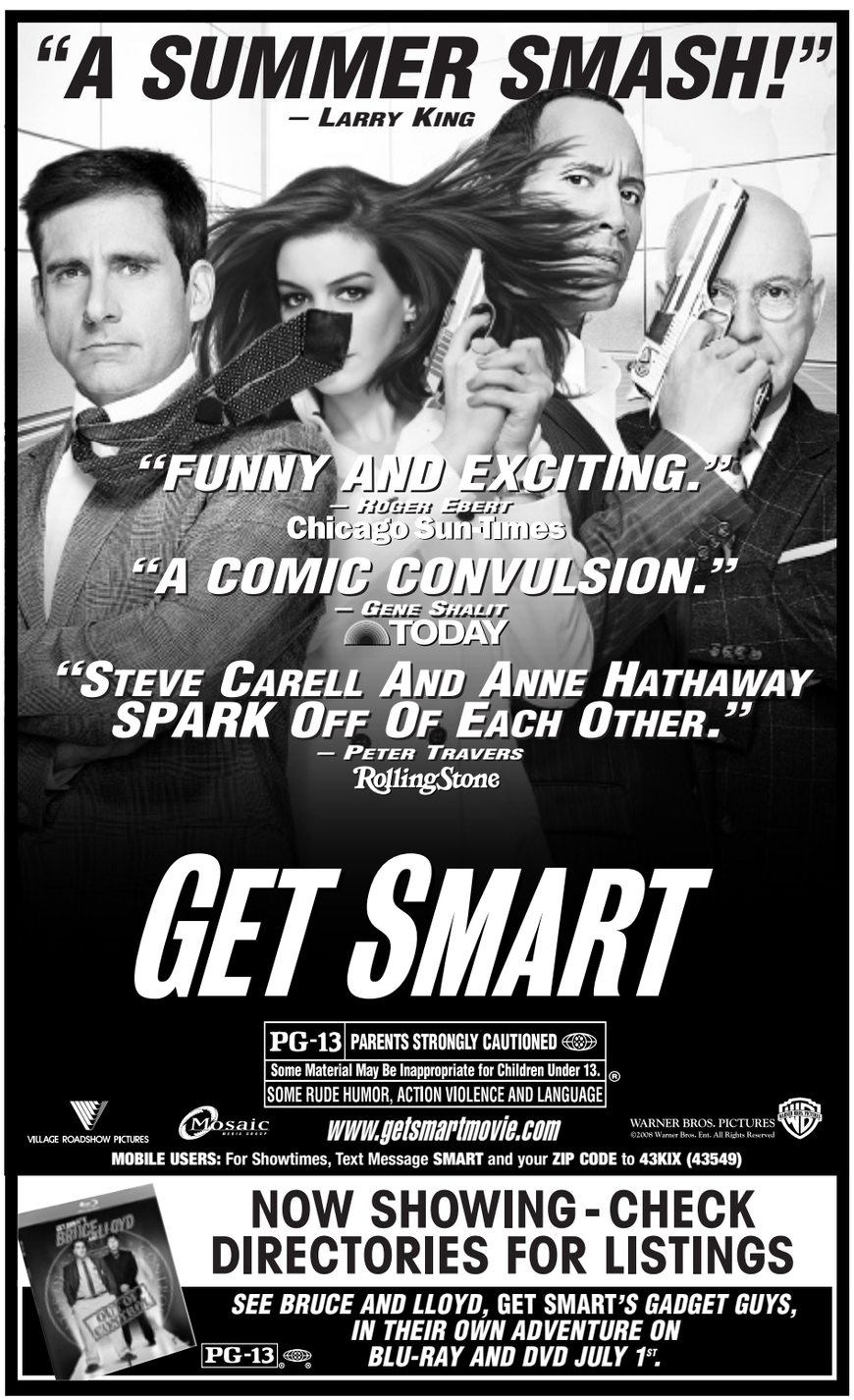

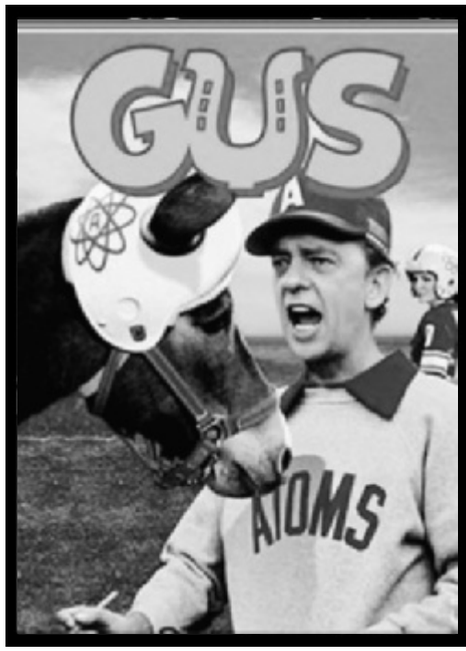

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THURSDAY 26

***The Birds* (1963)** *D: Alfred Hitchcock; with Tippi Hedren, Rod Taylor, Suzanne Pleshette, Veronica Cartwright, Jessica Tandy. (NR, 120 min.)* **Summer Film Classics: Hitchcock.** Unmistakably one of the master's best. Hitchcock manages to turn the most innocuous of creatures into crowing critters of chaos. (Double bill: *Psycho*.) (*) @ Paramount, 9:15pm.

Brad Neely Animation Showcase Internet animation legend Neely, who currently creates the series *I Am Baby Cakes* and *Professor Brothers* for SuperDeluxe.com, will present an evening of his personal favorites. For more on Neely, see "The Present Beware! The Future Beware!" June 13. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

***Creepers* (1985)** *D: Dario Argento; with Jennifer Connelly, Daria Nicolodi, Fiore Argento, Dalila Di Lazzaro, Patrick Bauchau. (R, 92 min.)* **Terror Thursday.** Also known as *Phenomena*, Argento's film stars Connelly as a schoolgirl who can communicate with insects while her classmates are getting swatted like flies. @Alamo Ritz, 12mid.

***Killer Nerd* (1991)** *D: Mark Steven Bosko and Wayne A. Harold; with Toby Radloff. (NR, 90 min.)* **Tromatic Thursday.** Push a nerd too far, and something within him snaps – with lethal consequences for his bullies. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 10pm; free.

Monster Rock Sing-Along @Alamo Ritz, 9:20pm.

***Psycho* (1960)** *D: Alfred Hitchcock; with Anthony Perkins, Janet Leigh, Martin Balsam, John Gavin, Vera Miles. (NR, 109 min.)* **Summer Film Classics: Hitchcock.** The Bates Motel is always open in Hitchcock's enduring horror classic. (Double bill: *The Birds*.) @Paramount, 7pm.

***Sonic Youth: Sleeping Nights Awake* (2008)** *D: Michael Albright. (NR, 82 min.)* **Austin Film Festival.** Seven high school students, part of Project Moonshine, were given cameras, training, and access to the band Sonic Youth in order to make a fresh documentary on the group. Writer/director Albright will be on hand for a Q&A. See "Film Yr Idols," June 20, for more on the film. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 7:30pm.

SPACES

***The Air I Breathe* (2008)** *D: Jieho Lee; with Kevin Bacon, Julie Delpy, Brendan Fraser, Andy Garcia, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Clark Gregg, Emile Hirsch, Forest Whitaker, Kelly Hu. (R, 95 min.)* Free. @Rounders Pizzeria, 8pm.

***Apollo 13* (1995)** *D: Ron Howard; with Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton, Kevin Bacon, Gary Sinise, Ed Harris, Kathleen Quinlan, Mary Kate Schellhardt. (PG, 140 min.)* **Eight Weeks of Oscar.** Howard's take on the ill-fated 1970 moon shot is filled with the almost unassailable heroics of the U.S. space program and the genuine urgency of history. (*) @Southeast Austin Library, 6pm; free.

***Rebel Without a Cause* (1955)** *D: Nicholas Ray; with James Dean, Natalie Wood, Sal Mineo, Jim Backus. (NR, 111 min.)* **Rebel Classics Film Series.** It's been more than 50 years since Dean essayed his quintessential role as a troubled American teen and, along with co-stars Wood and Mineo, established an iconography of adolescence whose potency extends into the present. (*) @Harry Ransom Center, 7pm; free.

KIDS

***Charlotte's Web* (2006)** *(G, 97 min.)* **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

***Flushed Away* (2006)** *(PG, 86 min.)* **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

***My Neighbor Totoro* (1988)** *(G, 86 min.)* **Summer Kids Camp.** Japanese children's tale about magical forest creatures, from the magisterial Miyazaki (*Spirited Away*). @Alamo Drafthouse South, 11am; free.

***Nancy Drew* (2007)** *(PG, 99 min.)* **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Arbor, 10am.

***Rugrats in Paris: The Movie* (2000)** *(G, 78 min.)* **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Westgate, 10am.

***The Rugrats Movie* (1998)** *(G, 85 min.)* **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Arbor, 10am.

***Shrek the Third* (2007)** *(PG, 92 min.)* **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Westgate, 10am.

FRIDAY 27

***The Exorcist* (1973)** *D: William Friedkin; with Linda Blair, Ellen Burstyn, Max Von Sydow, Jason Miller, Lee J. Cobb, Kitty Winn. (R, 121 min.)* **Summer Film Classics: Hell's Belles.** As soul-frightening and technically mesmerizing as it ever was, *The Exorcist* proves that there's no ghost movie as scary as a Holy Ghost movie. (Double bill: *Rosemary's Baby*.) @Paramount, 9:45pm.

***Goldfinger* (1964)** *D: Guy Hamilton; with Sean Connery, Honor Blackman, Gert Frobe. (NR, 111 min.)* **Master Pancake Theater.** The key words here may be "shaken, not stirred," as the Alamo Ritz proceeds forth with the opportunities for drink tie-ins, now that it has its liquor license, and the Pancake crew takes comic jabs at Oddjob and Pussy Galore. (*) @Alamo Ritz, 7:30, 10:30pm.

***Robot Jox* (1990)** *D: Stuart Gordon; with Gary Graham, Anne-Marie Johnson, Paul Koslo, Michael Alldredge. (PG, 85 min.)* Gordon's fantasy is set in a post-nuclear-apocalypse in which the superpowers battle territorial disputes with large robots manned by solitary human beings, or robot jox. The territory up for dispute here is Alaska. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 12mid.

***Rosemary's Baby* (1968)** See p.82.

SPACES

***The Grateful Undead* (2007)** *D: Patrick May and Allen Riley. (NR, 94 min.)* This self-described "indie hippie zombie B movie" will screen with Providence, R.I., directors May and Riley in attendance, who are spending the week bicycling their film around to Austin screenings. See **www.myspace.com/gratefulundead** for details. @Shakespeare's Pub, 9pm.

SATURDAY 28

***The Exorcist* (1973)** @Paramount, 7pm. (See Fri., 6/27.)

***The Foot Fist Way* (2006)** *D: Jody Hill; with Hill, Danny R. McBride, Ben Best, Mary Jane Bostic, Spencer Moreno, Carlos Lopez IV. (NR, 85 min.)* Faux documentary about a strip-mall kung-fu sensei without the sense to come in out of the pain has moments of laugh-out-loud greatness but also much dopiness. (*) @Alamo Ritz, 5pm.

***Goldfinger* (1964)** @Alamo Ritz, 7:30, 10:30pm. (See Fri., 6/27.)

***Robot Jox* (1990)** @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 12mid. (See Fri., 6/27.)

***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.

***Rosemary's Baby* (1968)** See p.82.

SPACES

***The Grateful Undead* (2007)** @Austin Figurative Gallery, 7pm. (See Fri., 6/27.)

KIDS

***Gus* (1976)** *(G, 96 min.)* **Kids Club.** A football team's mascot is a power-kicking mule named Gus, who saves the day by joining the team. @Alamo Drafthouse South, noon; free.

***Mary Poppins* (1964)** *(G, 140 min.)* **Summer Film Classics: Supercalifragilistic!** Talk about your supernannies. … Ms. Poppins is the mother of them all. @Paramount, 3:30pm.

SUNDAY 29

***The Exorcist* (1973)** @Paramount, 8:15pm. (See Fri., 6/27.)

***The Foot Fist Way* (2006)** @Alamo Ritz, 1:45, 10:10pm. (See Sat., 6/28.)

Michael Jackson: Thrill the World Sing-along and dance training for the 25th anniversary of "Thriller." @Alamo Ritz, 7:30pm.

***Rosemary's Baby* (1968)** See p.82.

KIDS

***Mary Poppins* (1964)** @Paramount, 2pm. (See Sat., 6/28.)

MONDAY 30

Frankenstein *D: James Whale; with Boris Karloff, Colin Clive, Mae Clarke, Dwight Frye.* **Summer Film Classics: It's Alive! It's Alive!** They could have thrown out the mold for monster movies after they made this one. It's the mother lode to which we constantly return. Plus, a *Three Stooges* short. (Double bill: *Revenge of Frankenstein*.) @Paramount, 7pm.

***Revenge of Frankenstein* (1958)** *D: Terence Fisher; with Peter Cushing, Francis Matthews, Lionel Jeffries. (NR, 91 min.)* **Summer Film Classics: It's Alive! It's Alive!** In this Hammer Films production, Dr. Frankenstein escapes the guillotine and moves to Germany to continue his experiments. The print is brand new and will be accompanied by the Ub Iwerks cartoon "Skeleton Frolics." (Double bill: *Frankenstein*.) @Paramount, 8:50pm.

***Willie Nelson's 4th of July Celebration* (1979)** *D: Werner Brandt. (R, 100 min.)* Willie, Waylon Jennings, Leon Russell, and the Lost Gonzo Band are the highlights of this 35mm document of one of the early picnics – and nobody celebrates independence like Nelson. @Alamo Ritz, 10:10pm.

SPACES

There's Something About Mary *D: Bobby and Peter Farrelly; with Brett Favre, Jonathan Richman, Keith David, Markie Post, W. Earl Brown, Jeffrey Tambor, Lee Evans, Lin Shaye, Chris Elliott, Matt Dillon, Cameron Diaz, Ben Stiller. (R, 119 min.)* **Monday Movies and Margaritas.** $2 frozen margaritas, 5-9pm; movie at sundown. (*) @Belmont, 8:30pm; free.

KIDS

***Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* (2005)** See p.80.

TUESDAY 01

Frankenstein @Paramount, 9:05pm. (See Mon., 6/30.)

***My Mexican Shiva* (2007)** See p.80.

***Revenge of Frankenstein* (1958)** @Paramount, 7pm. (See Mon., 6/30.)

***Willie Nelson's 4th of July Celebration* (1979)** @Alamo Ritz, 10:10pm. (See Mon., 6/30.)

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Offscreen

Austin Film Festival: Call for Entries The AFF seeks entries for the 2008 film competition. There are six competitive categories: Narrative Feature, Narrative Short, Narrative Student Short, Documentary Feature, Documentary Short, and Animated Short. See website for details. Late deadline: *July 5*. **www.austinfilmfestival.com**.

Classes and Camps From Austin School of Film Intensive teen camps (out in Marfa!) this summer, as well as the usual excellent slate of adult classes (taught by **Kat Candler**, **Spencer Parsons**, **Ira "Screenwriting Essentials" Israel**, and other professional talents), are starting *soon* at the Austin School of Film. See their website for details. **www.austinfilmschool.org/classes**.

Jamaa Fanaka and Maxie D. Collier: Film Directing Workshop Learn the planning, previsualization, preproduction, and postproduction processes for commercials, docs, shorts, and feature films in a workshop that includes lectures, film and video clips, Q&A sessions, and training materials, presented by the directors behind *Penitentiary* and *Paper Chasers*. *Thu., July 3, 10am-4pm. Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina, 472-4809. $99 (discounts available).* **www.cityofaustin.org/carver**.

***Master Class With John Pierson*: On Your Radio** Indie film guru John Pierson's *Master Class* series of filmmaking workshops, featuring guests like **Steve Buscemi** and **Matt Stone**, will be broadcast on KUT 90.5FM in 30-minute installments on the last Sunday of each month, much to the edification and entertainment of cinephilic listeners. (See "Better Than Book-Learnin'," p.49, for more.) *Sun., June 29, 11am*.

The Screenplay Workshop All classes are taught by professional screenwriters and meet in Central Austin. Ongoing classes include: Feature-Film Screenwriting Workshop, *Mondays, 7-10pm, $255 for six weeks, $390 for 10 weeks*; Screenwriting According to the Masters, *Tuesdays, 7-9:30pm, $270*; Revising Feature Scripts, *Wednesdays, 7-10pm, $320*. Also: Private Instruction & Story Consultation Packages, *7½ hours of instruction, $370*. **www.thescreenplayworkshop.org**.

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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.

***Extreme* (1999)** *D: Jon Long. (NR, 40 min.)* Here we see clips of champion athletes doing such things as climbing the highest mountains and surfing the biggest waves. (*)

***Grand Canyon 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 photo-realistic, 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.)* The Rolling Stones gather no moss in this Scorsese-directed concert film. In this venue you can even detect the Rolling Stones' liver spots. Check *Chronicle* Film Listings online for review. (*)

***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.

***U2 3D* (2008)** *D: Mark Pellington and Catherine Owens. (G, 85 min.)* Filmed in Argentina during U2's Vertigo tour, this is a landmark film for its creative use of the medium. It helps that U2 is equal to the magnitude of the 3-D format, and on the IMAX screen, these Irish rockers really rattle and hum. (*)

SPACES

***Semi-Pro* (2008)** *D: Kent Alterman; with Will Ferrell, Woody Harrelson, Maura Tierney. (R, 90 min.)* Free. (*) @Rounders Pizzeria, 8pm.

KIDS

***Charlotte's Web* (2006)** @Westgate, 10am.

***Daddy Day Care* (2003)** *(PG, 91 min.)* **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

***Flushed Away* (2006)** @Westgate, 10am.

***Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius* (2001)** *(G, 83 min.)* **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

***The Last Starfighter* (1984)** *(PG, 101 min.)* **Family Movie Night: Game Movies.** Free. @Hampton Library, 6pm.

***Nanny McPhee* (2006)** *(PG, 98 min.)* **Summer Movie Clubhouse.** $1 (*) @Movies 8, 10am.

***The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A VeggieTales Movie* (2008)** *(G, 85 min.)* **Summer Movie Clubhouse.** $1 (*) @Tinseltown South, 10am.

***Rugrats in Paris: The Movie* (2000)** @Arbor, 10am.

***Shrek the Third* (2007)** @Arbor, 10am.

***Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* (2005)** See p.80.

WEDNESDAY 02

***Emma Mae* (1976)** See p.82.

***The Haunting* (1963)** *D: Robert Wise; with Julie Harris, Claire Bloom, Russ Tamblyn. (NR, 112 min.)* **Summer Film Classics: The Supernatural & the Psyche.** This Sixties film adaptation of Shirley Jackson's novel *The Haunting of Hill House* is one of the best haunted-house movies ever. Very spooky. (Double bill: *Repulsion*.) (*) @Paramount, 7pm.

***Penitentiary III* (1987)** *D: Jamaa Fanaka; with Leon Isaac Kennedy, Anthony Geary, Steve Antin, Ric Mancini, Marie Burrell Fanaka, Raymond Kessler. (R, 91 min.)* **Jamaa Fanaka Live.** Fanaka will be in attendance for this screening and also the Weird Wednesday film, *Emma Mae*, at midnight. *Penitentiary III* is a prison boxing movie that pits a wrongly incarcerated man against a dwarf who's been trained to kill. See "The Fight Stuff," p.49, for more. @Alamo Ritz, 9:45pm.

***Repulsion* (1965)** See p.79.

SPACES

***The Grateful Undead* (2007)** @Brave New Books, 7pm. (See Fri., 6/27.)

***The Lives of Others* (2006)** See p.82.

***Mean Girls* and *Heathers*: Frienemy Night** Outdoor double bill continues biweekly throughout the summer to help raise funds for this new online teen girls magazine. 9pm @*PaperDolls* Headquarters (1610 Nickerson); $5 suggested donation.

***Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* (1971)** See p.80.

X-Men *(PG-13, 104 min.)* Free. (*) @Rounders Pizzeria, 8pm.

KIDS

***Charlotte's Web* (2006)** @Westgate, 10am.

***Daddy Day Care* (2003)** @Lakeline, 10am.

***Flushed Away* (2006)** @Westgate, 10am.

***Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius* (2001)** @Lakeline, 10am.

***The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A VeggieTales Movie* (2008)** @Tinseltown South, 10am.

***Rugrats in Paris: The Movie* (2000)** @Arbor, 10am.

***Shrek the Third* (2007)** @Arbor, 10am.

***Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* (2005)** See p.80.

***The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep* (2007)** *(PG, 111 min.)* **Summer MovieCamp.** $1. (*) @Barton Creek Square, 10am.

THURSDAY 03

***Bride of the Killer Nerd* (1992)** *D: Mark Steven Bosko and Wayne A. Harold; with Toby Radloff, Heidi Lohr.* **Tromatic Thursday.** A nerd and his "better half" fight nerd bigotry. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 10pm; free.

***The Haunting* (1963)** @Paramount, 9:10pm. (See Wed., 7/2.)

***Howling II: Werewolf Bitch* (1985)** *D: Philippe Mora; with Cristopher Lee. (R, 91 min.)* **Terror Thursday.** From the director of *The Beast Within* comes more. @Alamo Ritz, 12mid; free.

***Repulsion* (1965)** See p.79.

***Team America: World Police* Sing-Along (2004)** *D: Trey Parker; with the voices of Parker, Matt Stone. (R, 98 min.)* @Alamo Ritz, 7, 9:30pm.

SPACES

***From Here to Eternity* (1953)** See p.82.

***The Grand* (2008)** *D: Zak Penn; with Woody Harrelson, Cheryl Hines, Chris Parnell. (R, 104 min.)* Free. (*) @Rounders Pizzeria, 8pm.

***The Grateful Undead* (2007)** @Monkey-Wrench Books, 8:30pm. (See Fri., 6/27.)

KIDS

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Jason Austin Benefit

EMO'S, FRIDAY 27

Local poster industrialist Jason Austin is 69 shades of maximum Pantone, pop-noir mojo. We've got his "Best of Austin" artwork all over our walls to prove it, and he's got the glorious CMYK stigmata of Speedball-brand silk-screen ink tattooed forever upon the fingertips of his scrawny, sunglassed soul. Unfortunately, he's also got multiple sclerosis, thus this benefit. The Hickoids, Oklahomos, Lonesome Dave Fisher, and a host of other serigraphically squeegeed benefactees bow down to King Ink and bleed a little around the edges. So should you. – *Marc Savlov*

Matt & Kim

Fuck Yeah Tour '08

MOHAWK, FRIDAY 27

L.A.'s Fuck Yeah Fest has gone mobile, and who better to headline than unnaturally peppy Brooklyn duo Matt & Kim? The drum and synth combo's 2007 single "Yea Yeah" is still the perfect summer tour anthem, while equally spastic Baltimore punks the Death Set unload dance-floor samples into the mosh pit. Brooklyn's Team Robespierre and L.A.'s Brother Reade open, with spoken word from Keith Morris, comedy from Nick Flanagan, and much more. **www.fuckyeahfest.com**. – *Doug Freeman*

Boris, Torche, Clouds

MOHAWK, SATURDAY 28

See "Mabuta no Ura," p.56.

Modey Lemon

EMO'S, SATURDAY 28

New millennial psychedelia models a Salvation Army's worth of 1960s sonic wardrobe, and in the Modey Lemon's gnashing spazz, electro garage rock revels in bughouse shrieks. The Pittsburgh trio's third album for Birdman, *Season of Sweets*, fulfills its own prophetic "It Made You Dumb" in the most cathartic manner imaginable, their South by Southwest 08 freak-out at Room 710 melting even their strobes. Austin's Strange Attractors, Manikin, and Black Panda feedback first. – *Raoul Hernandez*

Fleet Foxes

MOHAWK, WEDNESDAY 2

Something's rustling in the pines of the Northwest. The past few years have given rise to a crop of bands from the Upper Left Coast that owe as much to Appalachian folk ballads as West Coast pop, refashioning mountain minstrelsy as indie fodder. Fleet Foxes emerge as the best.

"I don't know what it is," laughs Foxes singer/guitarist Robin Pecknold from Glasgow, the final stop of the Seattle quintet's sold-out UK tour. "There's just a bunch of people making music in the Northwest that's really interesting to me. When you're in America, you can say that it sounds Northwestern or Southeastern or Appalachian, West Coast or Californian, but over here, they just say it sounds American."

While Fleet Foxes' stunning debut LP for Sub Pop wanders across a geographical crossroads, it also bends time, melting a cappella hymns into the classic pop harmonies of the Beach Boys and Crosby, Stills & Nash with the Southern-dripped echo of My Morning Jacket. The rich rural odes, meanwhile, draw more in mood from romantic poets, weaving natural awe with a quiet melancholy. Pecknold admits that maintaining the rural inspiration on tour has proven problematic.

"On the last tour, I didn't write a single thing at all," he says. "It was awful. It just felt like two months of creative time lost. But right before we left for this tour, I went with my girlfriend to Mount Hood, and we just stayed in a cabin for a few days. I began, like, eight songs in that time. All we had to do was keep the fire going and play guitar. It was kind of like the perfect day, every day." – *Doug Freeman*

Fellow Seattleites the Dutchess & the Duke and locals Balmorhea open.

San Antonio Legends Tribute

THREADGILLS WORLD HQ, SUNDAY 29

Intrigued by the phrase "Chicano Soul" but didn't make the recent signing for the book of the same name? Here it is, live! Larry Lange & the Lonely Knights ply their own South Texas soul behind some of San Antonio's classic names: Rudy Tee (from the Reno Bops), Charlie Alvarado (Charlie & the Jives), Dimas Garza, (Royal Jesters), Sonny Ace (the Twisters), and doo-wop masters the Sequins. The last of a breed. – *Margaret Moser*

Release Me

Friday: **Caroline Herring**, Cactus Cafe; **Cruiserweight**, Red Eyed Fly; **Estrum**, Elysium

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The Brothers Unconnected

EMO'S, WEDNESDAY 2

When drummer Charles Gocher passed away last year, Arizona-bred experimental pioneers Sun City Girls effectively closed up shop in tribute. Now, the remaining members – guitarists Alan and Richard Bishop – are paying tribute under a different name. Also the title of their tour-only disc, the Brothers Unconnected spans more than 20 years of the Sun City Girls' unwieldy catalog in acoustic form. One of Gocher's films, *The Handsome Stranger*, opens the show. 7pm. – *Audra Schroeder*

Deadbird, Lions of Tsavo

RED 7, THURSDAY 3

Tapping into the spirit of Neurosis, Arkansas-based quartet Deadbird gets heavier and more expansive with its latest, *Twilight Ritual* (At a Loss), a simmering pot of doom metal. Lions of Tsavo, easily one of Austin's most underrated metal acts, blacken the night with math-metal pyrotechnics from their forthcoming *Firelung*. Bottom-heavy local metallurgists Faithealer meld grindcore with experimental atmospherics, and Mala Suerte screams bloody Sabbath. – *Austin Powell*

In-Stores

Saturday: **My Education**, End of an Ear, 6pm
Monday: **Chip Taylor**, Waterloo Records, 5pm
Thursday: **Los Lonely Boys**, Waterloo Records, 5pm

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NO AGE, ABE VIGODA
Emo's, Tuesday 1
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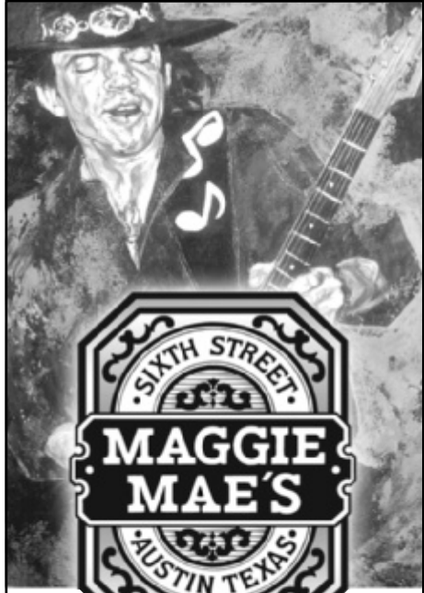

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INSIDE: **THE MODEY LEMON**
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TUESDAY, JULY 1

INSIDE: **NO AGE** • **ABE VIGODA**
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

OUTSIDE, 7PM:
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INSIDE: **FIREHORSE** • **ISAAC THE BLIND**
BARON GROD • WHEN COUGARS ATTACK

THURSDAY, JULY 3

INSIDE: **JEREMY JAY**
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LOUNGE:
ANDY ROURKE
OF **THE SMITHS** (DJ SET)
THE BLACK AND WHITE YEARS • TBA

FRIDAY, JULY 4

OUTSIDE: **ANDREW WK**
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INSIDE:
BRONX
CONSIDER THE SOURCE
EL BRONX
THE URGENCIES

LOUNGE:
THE PINK SPIDERS
POOR PEOPLE • THE HIGHER • THE DOLLYROTS

SATURDAY, JULY 5

OUTSIDE: 101X PRESENTS
ROONEY
LOCKSLEY • THE BRIDGES

INSIDE: **RTX (ROYAL TRUX)**
IMAAD WASIF WITH TWO PART BEAST • ABBY BIRDS

LOUNGE: **A SKYLIT DRIVE** • **SKY EATS AIRPLANE**
BREATHE CAROLINA • EMAROSA

FRIDAY, JULY 11

OUTSIDE:
101X FLASHBACK LUNCH PRESENTS...
PETER MURPHY
ALI ESKANDARIAN

INSIDE: **CUTE IS WHAT WE AIM FOR**
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LOUNGE: **THE GOLDEN BOYS** • **RIPE**

SATURDAY, JULY 12

HILLGRASS BLUEBILLY PRESENTS:
OUTSIDE: **BOB LOG III**
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POSSESSED BY PAUL JAMES

INSIDE: **ALMOST THERE RECORDS COMPILATION SHOW**

LOUNGE: VIVA L'AMERICAN DEATH RAY MUSIC
CAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

OUTSIDE:
LUCERO
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LOUNGE: GULF OF MEXICO • THE LITTLE GENTLEMAN
THE DRAWING BOARD • THE NASTY CLAN

THURSDAY, JULY 17

OUTSIDE:
TILLY AND THE WALL • **BELAIRE**

INSIDE: **TREATY OF PARIS**
HOUSE OF HEROES • THE FRANTIC

LOUNGE: **KARAOKE APOCALYPSE**

FRIDAY, JULY 18

OUTSIDE: **RX BANDITS**
PORTUGAL THE MAN • FACING NEW YORK

INSIDE: **THE MARKED MEN**
(LAST SHOW FOR A LONG TIME)
THE BIRTHDAY SUITS
THE WAX MUSEUMS • THE HEX DISPENSERS

LOUNGE: 101X THE NEXT BIG THING PRESENTS:
THE WARLOCKS

SATURDAY, JULY 19

OUTSIDE: **FRESHLY DIPPED TOUR**
HIEROGLYPHICS
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INSIDE: **BROKEN TEETH** • **NEW DISASTER**
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WATCHING THE MOON • THE JOY BUS

MONDAY, JULY 21

OUTSIDE: **DIZZEE RASCAL**
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TUESDAY, JULY 22

LOUNGE: **NOMO**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

LOUNGE: **PAPER ROUTE** • **BROOKE WAGGONER**

FRIDAY, JULY 25

INSIDE: **HEALTH** • **DANIEL FRANCIS DOYLE**
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HAPPY HOUR PARIS 49
DALE WATSON AND HIS LONESTARS

THURSDAY JUNE 26
HAPPY HOUR
MIKE FLANIGIN'S B-3 TRIO

10PM

TUESDAY JULY 1
H. H. 6:30 PLANET CASPER
WITH WARREN HOOD AND DAVID GRISSOM
11:45PM **dan dyer**

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"REAL ANIMAL" CD RELEASE PARTY
11:30PM (THUR. NIGHT)
2 BIG SHOWS
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
HAPPY HOUR @ 6:30
THEN DOORS
RE-OPEN @ 9PM

10PM **EPHRAIM OWENS EXPERIENCE**

WEDNESDAY JULY 2
H. H. NATHAN SINGLETON & THE SIDESHOW TRAGEDY
JAMES McMURTRY

12AM

10PM **Dustin Welch**

10PM **JON DEE GRAHAM**

FRIDAY JUNE 27
HAPPY HOUR
THE LEGENDARY BLUES SPECIALISTS

THURSDAY JULY 3
H. H. MIKE FLANIGIN'S B-3 TRIO
12AM **Dustin Welch** AND THE HOUSE BAND

12:30AM MANEJA BETO
10PM **ALEJANDRO ESCOVEDO**
"REAL ANIMAL" CD RELEASE PARTY
SATURDAY JUNE 28
MATINEE 3-7PM **REDD VOLKAERT**

10PM **Kevin Welch**

FRIDAY JULY 4
HAPPY JULY 4TH!! OPEN AT 9PM

12AM **The LeRoi Bros.**

12AM **CHARANGA CAKEWALK**
10PM **KANKO**

SATURDAY JULY 5
MATINEE 3-7PM **REDD VOLKAERT**
12AM **DALE WATSON**
10:30PM **The Truckee Brothers**
9:30PM **ROBYN LUDWICK**

10PM **MIKE FLANIGIN'S B-3 TRIO**

SUNDAY JUNE 29
WITH **REDD VOLKAERT**
AND **EARL POOLE BALL**

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FEATURED SHOWS

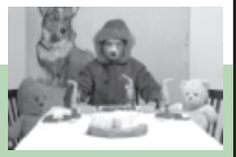
27 FRI — F*CK YEAH TOUR

w/Matt & Kim, Deathset, Team Robespierre, Travis Morris (circle jerks/black flag); Brother Reade
@ MOHAWK 9pm

28 SAT — ALTERCATION PUNK COMEDY TOUR

@ RED 7

29 SUN — HER SPACE HOLIDAY



w/Lymbyc Systym
@ MOHAWK

02 WED — FLEET FOXES

w/The Duchess & The Duke, Balmorhea
@ MOHAWK 8pm

Austin's Principle Punk & Hardcore Room

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FRI 06/27
DECRY
w/Summer of Blood, U.Y.U.S., Exile, Blank Generation

SAT 06/28
ALTERCATION PUNK COMEDY STANDUP FESTIVAL!

SAT 06/28
PREY FOR SLEEP
w/Dead Albatross, Foretold Defiance, Havoc Dose

SUN 06/29
POSSESSED
w/Pinhed, Sadistic Intent + more!

SUN 06/29
Thulsa Doom
w/Eagle Claw
[PATIO, FREE SHOW!]

MON 06/30
KNIGHTS OF THE ABYSS
w/Fire From The Gods, The Cabaret, Sons of Oblivion

TUE 07/1 @2PM
TYSON'S B-DAY
w/Pack of Wolves, Baron Grod and The Empirical Study

THU 07/3
DEADBIRD
w/Mala Suerte, Lions of Tsavo, Faithealer

All Are Welcome

912 Red River — Mohawk

THU 06/26 @9PM
FRIGHTENED RABBIT
w/**Oxford Collapse**, Peel
[FREE, 18+]

FRI 06/27 @9PM
F*CK YEAH TOUR
w/Matt & Kim, Deathset, Team Robespierre, Keith Morris (Circle Jerks/Black Flag), Brother Reade & more!!

SAT 06/28 @9PM
BORIS
w/Torche, Clouds

SAT 06/28 late night
DJ JARNOLD DUDD

SUN 06/29 @8PM
HER SPACE HOLIDAY
w/Lymbyc Systym

MON 06/30
METAL MONDAYS!

TUE 07/1
SOUNDS!FUN!
w/RiCHARD.GEAR

WED 07/2 @8PM
FLEET FOXES
w/The Duchess & The Duke, Balmorhea

THU 07/3 @10PM
BANKRUPT AND THE BORROWERS
CD RELEASE
w/ A Pocketful of Deng, The Midnight Ghost Train

Legendary Lounging

900 Red River — CLUB DE VILLE

THU 07/2
PSYCHOTROPIC DJS
w/Koreans and special guest DJ Miguel Hinojosa

WED 07/09
GARY NEWCOMBE TRIO

THU 07/10 @8PM
GIFTS FROM ENOLA
w/Calm Blue Sea, Mediums, Shapes

FRI 07/11 @8PM
AMPLIFIED HEAT
w/The Ugly Beats, Big Black Smoke, Hacienda

SAT 07/12 @9PM
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
CD Release
w/Shapes Have Fangs, Frank Smith 3

WED 07/16
PSYCHOTROPIC DJS

SAT 07/19
EVERYONE KNOWS EVERYONE VOL. 6

WED 07/23
GARY NEWCOMBE TRIO

FRI 07/25
THE ALWAYS ALREADY
w/Black Tie Dynasty, Til We're Blue or Destroy, Follow that Bird!!!

Fancy Barbecue

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THU 06/26 @7PM
GLOVER TANGO

THU 06/26 @10:30PM
THE RUCKUS
w/Carley Darlynn Wolf

FRI 06/27
PRIVATE EVENT

SAT 06/28 @7PM
TBA

SAT 06/28 @10:30PM
NOISE REVIVAL
w/Heddalayne

SUN 06/29 @7PM
JAZZ NIGHT
feat. Ephraim Owens, Brannen Temple & Red Young

TUE 07/1 @7PM
JITTERBUG VIPERS ~SWING NIGHT~

WED 07/2 @7PM
ERIK HOKKANEN'S GYPSY TRIBE

WED 07/2 @10:30PM
DJ MEL
LOW CASH WEDNESDAYS

THU 07/3 @7PM
GLOVER TANGO

THU 07/3 @10:30PM
WICKED PRO WRESTLER

FRI 07/4 @10:30PM
THE WIGGINS
w/Elvis, Shapes Have Fangs

UPCOMING

7/4 - **THE CASUALITIES/ TIME AGAIN** (RED 7), 7/5- **GRAVY TRAIN!!!!** (MOHAWK) 7/6 - **KING KHAN & THE SHRINES** (MOHAWK), 7/8 - **CHARLIE PARR** (MOHAWK), 7/8 - **BURNING BRIDES** (RED 7), 7/10 - **HARRY AND THE POTTERS** (EARLY 5PM, MOHAWK), 7/12 - **BROTHERS AND SISTERS** (CLUB DE VILLE), 7/12 - **RITON** (MOHAWK), 7/17 - **MANEJA BETO** (MOHAWK), 7/18 - **DJ MÊLÉE FINALS** (CLUB DE VILLE), 7/19 - **EVERYONE KNOWS EVERYONE VOL. 6** (MOHAWK + CLUB DE VILLE), 7/20 - **TERROR** (RED 7), 7/21- **THE REPUBLIC TIGERS** (MOHAWK), 7/22 - **FLOSSTRADAMUS** (MOHAWK), 7/23 - **HARVEY MILK** (RED 7), 7/25 - **LOWER CLASS BRATS** (RED 7), 7/26 - **JESSE LACEY + KEVIN DEVINE** (MOHAWK), 7/26 - **THE MOANERS** (MOHAWK), 7/27 - **GREEN JELLY** (RED 7), 7/20 - **COKE DARES** (MOHAWK), 7/31 - **WILL JOHNSON** (CENTRO-MATIC) (MOHAWK), 7/31 - **THE REIGN SUPREME** (RED 7), 8/2 - **GOLDEN ARM TRIO DOES DUKE ELLINGTON** (CLUB DE VILLE), 8/3 - **JAY REATARD** (RED 7), 8/5 - **EARLIMART** (MOHAWK), 8/7 - **LAIR OF THE MINOTAUR** (RED 7), 8/8 - **NEBULA** (RED 7), 8/8 - **TITUS ANDRONICUS** (MOHAWK), 8/9 - **VALIENT THORR** (RED 7), 8/9 - **ARIEL PINK** (MOHAWK), 8/11 - **KINGDOM OF SORROW/SOILENT GREEN** (RED 7), 8/12 - **SMOKING POPES/KOUFAX** (MOHAWK), 8/14 - **YNDI HALDA** (MOHAWK), 8/20 - **XIU XIU/ CARLA BOZULICH** (MOHAWK), 8/22 - **INTRONAUT** (RED 7) - 8/23 - **MONROE MUSTANG/BOMBAZINE BLACK**, 8/29-30 - **WILD WEST POWER POP FEST DAY 1 & 2** (MOHAWK), 8/29 - **PHOBIA** (RED 7), 8/31 - **ANTIDOTE** (RED 7)

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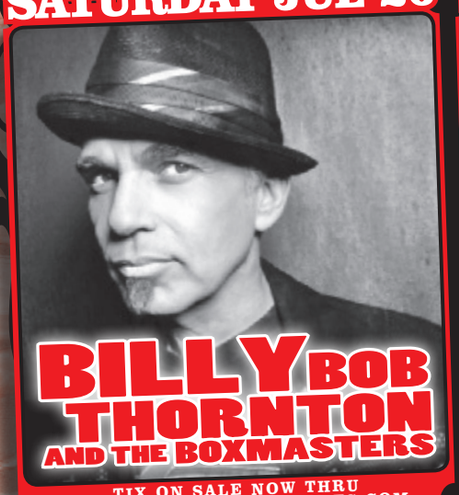

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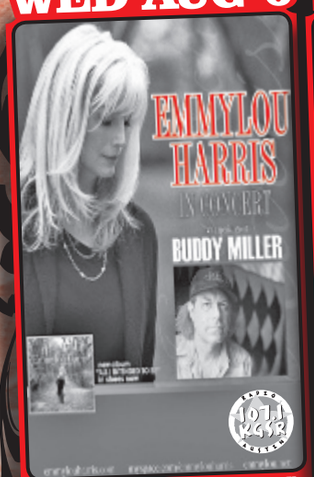

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WED SEP 3

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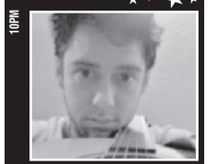

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TUESDAY, JULY 1 EGRESS 9:30PM
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club listings

Thu 26

219 WEST Acoustic Jungle (8:00)
311 CLUB Joe Valentine (8:30)
ABIA: EARL CAMPBELL'S SPORTS BAR Jennifer Jackson (3:30)
ABIA: HIGHLAND LAKES BAR Miss Lavelle White (3:30)
ABIA: LEFTY'S BAR & GRILLE ON SIXTH STREET Idgy Vaughn (1:00)
ANTONE'S Turbo 350, Flatcar Rattlers, American Graveyard (9:00)
ARTZ RIB HOUSE Lindsey Haisley & Cheryl Dehut
AUSTIN MOOSE LODGE NO. 1735 Catfish Hunters (9:00)
B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Plasticine Porters
BEAUTY BAR Abominatron, DJ Orion, Milk #5
BEERLAND Broadcast Sea, Dignan, Great Northern Guns
THE BELMONT Will Evans Project, Daily Juice Crew (8:00)
BENNIGAN'S Andy Fiegal (7:00)
BOTTICELLI'S Shawn Nelson
BROKEN SPOKE Jesse Dayton
THE BROWN BAR DJ gmau
CACTUS CAFE Melissa Greener, Patty Larkin (9:00)
CAMP BEN MCCULLOCH Carport Cassanovas, People's Choice (7:30)
CAROUSEL LOUNGE Cody Hayes Band, Keith Moody, Chris Gougler (7:00)
CEDAR STREET Kent Mayhew, LC Rocks (6:00)
CENTRAL MARKET SOUTH Lost & Nameless Orchestra (6:30)
CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Kyle Park

Acts are chronologically listed. Schedules are subject to change, so please call clubs to confirm lineup. Times are given where known and are PM unless otherwise noted.

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roadshows

JUNE

THU 26

Dignan, **Broadcast Sea**, Beerland
The Kadane Brothers, Emo's
Rodney Hayden, Gruene Hall
Carley Wolf, Lamberts
Pterodactyl, Lucy's on the Square
Oxford Collapse, **Frightened Rabbit**, Mohawk
Cabinet of Natural Curiosities, MonkeyWrench Books
The Glitch Mob, the Parish
Bill Mallonee, Progress Coffee
Sev7sky, **Wolfcult Choir**, **Serenade a Thief**, **Burn the Wicked**, Red 7
Doc & the Medicine Men, Rock City Icehouse
Dave Insley's Careless Smokers, Scoot Inn & Bier Garten

FRI 27

Steve Carter, ABIA: Earl Campbell's Sports Bar
Bird Peterson, **X-Man**, Beauty Bar
Caroline Herring, Cactus Cafe
Whiskey Business, Emo's
Hootie & the Blowfish, Gruene Hall
Matt & Kim, **the Death Set**, **Team Robespierre**, **Keith Morris**, **Brother Reade**, Mohawk
Mystic, the Parish
This Time Next Year, **Years Gone By**, **Last Ride In**, **Decry**, **U.Y.U.S.**, **Drastic Actions**, Red 7
Head On Collision, **Doldrums**, Room 710
Matt Wertz, Stubb's
The Peekers, **Orange Opera**, United States Art Authority
The John Henrys, Waterloo Ice House

SAT 28

Lonestar Pornstar, Antone's
Army of Freshmen, Auditorium Shores
Uptown Bums, Beerland
Peter Bradley Adams, Cactus Cafe
Buttercup, Carousel Lounge
The Modey Lemon, Emo's
Vengeance77, Headhunters
Midwest Monster, Hole in the Wall
Boris, **Torche**, **Clouds**, Mohawk
Archer Avenue, Momo's
L.A. Dies, the Parlor
Clay McClinton, the Pier on Lake Travis
Dead Albatross, **Foretold Defiance**, Red 7
The Original Mexican Bob, Roadhouse Rags
Ese, **Robert Allen Caldwell**, Room 710
Blacklisted, **Taalam Acey**, Ruta Maya
Vinyl Dharma, Trophy's

SUN 29

The John Henrys, Iguana Grill
Switchfoot, **the Last Goodnight**, **Thriving Ivory**, La Zona Rosa
Lymbyc Systym, Mohawk
Treasure Mammal, the Opera House
Eagle Claw, Red 7
El Ten Eleven, Room 710
New Soul Invaders, Stubb's
Cast of Bronze, Tarrytown United Methodist Church
Dimas Garza, **Sonny Ace**, **The Sequins**, Threadgill's World HQ

MON 30

El Ten Eleven, Beauty Bar
Wade Bowen, **Randy Rogers**, Cheatham Street Warehouse
The Heebie Jeebies, the Parlor
Knights of the Abyss, Red 7
Foamy, Trophy's
Chip Taylor, Waterloo Records

JULY

TUE 1

Bad Decision, Austin Moose Lodge No. 1735
Chip Taylor, Cactus Cafe
No Age, **Abe Vigoda**, **Infinite Body**, Emo's
Leechesoflore, **Glass Fence**, Headhunters
Autons, Hole in the Wall
The Slow Poisoner, Room 710
Zaika, Salvage Vanguard Theater
Egress, Speakeasy

WED 2

Glass Fence, Carousel Lounge
The Brothers Unconnected, Emo's
Fueled by Fire, **Bonded by Blood**, **Merciless Death**, **TX Hate Machine**, Headhunters
Fleet Foxes, **the Dutchess & the Duke**, Mohawk
High Castle, the Opera House

THU 3

Pacha Massive, Antone's
Hans Frank Glambilly, Beerland
Kevin Welch, Continental Club
Andy Rourke, **Jeremy Jay**, Emo's
The New Time, Hole in the Wall
Midnight Ghost Train, Mohawk
Emory Quinn, Momo's
Shurman, Monarch Event Center
Fake Blood, **Hexlust**, the Parlor
Deadbird, Red 7
Daemos, **Five Kings**, **Southern Hospitality**, Room 710
The Orange, Stubb's

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See **austinchronicle.com** *for complete listings.*

THU 26

Villa Esperanza Benefit w/ Cerronato, **Doña Emilia's South American Bar & Grill**

FRI 27

Jason Austin Benefit w/ Confuzatron, Whiskey Business, Homer Henderson, Lonesome Dave Fisher, Oklahomos, Hickoids, **Emo's**

A Midsummer's Pipe Dream, Silver Thistle Pipes & Drums Benefit w/ Silver Thistle Pipes & Drums, **Umlauf Sculpture Garden**

SAT 28

Lodge Benefit w/ Roy Heinrich & the Pickups, **Austin Moose Lodge No. 1735**

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 • 7PM
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CHARLES THIBODEAUX
TUESDAY, JULY 1 • 6PM
BRENNEN LEIGH 6PM
KEVIN GALLAUGHER & GREG ANDERSON 8PM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 • 6PM
COWBOY JOHNSON

KNOCKOUTS WHO ROCKOUT
FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH
THE LUCKY STRIKES
9 PM - 1 AM
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FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 7PM
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SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 7PM
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Jesse Sublett
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Izzy Cox
SATURDAY, JUNE 28
Closed for Private Party until 12am
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Austin Poetry Slam
THURSDAY, JULY 3, 9PM
Leo Rondeau
JWW & the Prospectors
Rogue River String Band
Mark McMinn
FRIDAY, JULY 4, 9PM
TIA CARRERA
DIXIE WITCH
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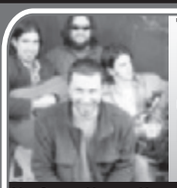

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FRIDAY JUN 27

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COOL RIVER CAFE Newsboyz (9:00)
COPA BAR & GRILL Salsa Lessons w/ Tony, the Brew (8:00)
DOÑA EMILIA'S SOUTH AMERICAN BAR & GRILL Villa Esperanza Benefit w/ Cerronato (6:30)
DONN'S DEPOT Murphy's Inlaws
THE DRISKILL HOTEL Rebecca Gatchell, Anthony Farrell (7:00)
EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Mark Goodwin Trio (7:30)
ELEPHANT ROOM Gaila Kenneally, Slim Richey, Sam Lipman
EMO'S Lounge: Benko, Deadman, Colin Swietek, My Education CD Release; Inside: Crystal Antlers, Sunset, the Kadane Brothers
EVANGELINE CAFE Craig Toungate (7:00)
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FREDDIE'S PLACE Graham Wilkinson (6:00)
FRIENDS Rusty Trapps & the Blue Lites w/ Ray McCarty (8:00)
GARRISON PARK HARBOR Freddie Steady V, Bill Browder (8:00)
GIDDY UPS Open Mic w/ Dewey Lyon
GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Billy Dee (9:00)
GRUENE HALL Rodney Hayden (7:00)
HANOVER'S Karaoke w/ Dan the Man
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HILL COUNTRY PASTA HOUSE Bo Porter (8:00)
HILL'S CAFE Steven Franks
HOLE IN THE WALL The Sour Notes
HYATT LOST PINES RESORT & SPA Marc Devine
JOVITA'S Girl Guitar, Ricky Stein (6:30), The Cornell Hurd Band (8:00)
KICK BUTT COFFEE Open Mic (8:00)
LAMBERTS Glover Tango (7:00), the Ruckus, Carley Wolf (10:30)
LATITUDE 30 Jordan Tanner (9:00)
THE LOADING DOCK Open Mic (7:00)
LOUIE'S 106 Mac Bynum (6:30)
LUCKY LOUNGE Ian McLagan & the Bump Band, Derrick Davis (6:00)
LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Pterodactyl, Melody Murder, Gold Teeth & Gucci (9:00)
MARIA'S TACO XPRESS Nathan Hubble, Michael Clay (7:00)
MERKABA LOUNGE & GRILL Cameron Road, the Fatal Attractions (6:00)
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MONKEYWRENCH BOOKS The End Of Everything #2 Release w/ Cabinet of Natural Curiosities, Crazywise, Steve Arceri, the End of Everything (8:00)
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PROGRESS COFFEE Joshua Bingaman, Bill Mallonee (8:00)
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RED FEZ Twilight Broadcast, Weekend Warm-Up (8:30)
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There's a big patch of grass out in front of the old brewery, occupied by a few cedar elm trees and a white frame house. It's what greets you when you pull down the road for the brewery tour.

Sometimes they barbecue out there on a Friday. It's not all manicured, corporately cropped and flowered like you might expect a ride through the gates of one of the mega-brewers to be. Things look kept, but not over-kept. If it's the fall, when the humidity's broken some, it's the kind of place you can lay back, pull up a piece of shade and take a siesta. Depending on the wind, you may hear the rhythmic clinking of the longnecks on the bottling line or maybe a Union Pacific freight rolling through, but you can get a nap in after lunch if you want. And if the cicadas are still hanging on a little bit, so much the better.

You will not be prodded by a rent-a-cop dispatched from the main security gate because there isn't one. The day I did this, the folks at Spoetzl did not know me from Adam but were fine with my impromptu enjoyment of the brewery grounds—a pair of words which somehow seems too official and cold for this little plot of grass and trees out in front of a building that looks way smaller than you thought it would be before you came here.

If anybody had noticed, they might have thought I'd spent too much time in the Hospitality Room. In fact, at that point, I hadn't even been in there. Or gone on the tour, or eaten barbecue in the break room with folks who have nicknames like Turk and Tool Box and Redbird (a lady) and a half dozen or so of the other people who keep on doing what this place has kept on doing since 1909.

I wanted to listen to what the place had to say before I did any talking or asked any dumb writer questions.

Between the breeze blowing through the trees and the little white house where Kosmos' daughter "Miss Celie" lived for a bunch of years, I figured I could encounter a ghost or two. Or at least a feeling. Failing all that, then at least a good 20 minutes of shut-eye.

If I had gotten out to this little patch 70 or 80 years earlier, there would have been sheep out there. Kosmos always kept 'em. It's

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The sheep, like Kosmos, are a… …w. Or are they? Actually, a flock sh… …ery weekday afternoon a little be… …even or one o'clock brewery tours… …wears t-shirts, biker vests, … …tennis shoes and sometim… …maybe when you think ab… …he last thing you should … …are not followers of the … …of Mil- waukee or St. L… …wn path… Their devotion … …orise bei… enough to cau… …the car an… …the silver dollars… …ep in his …gillion …e every …ame …nell …oun- …now. …grand …on that …nere for …e one. I …ery least, …dirt, one

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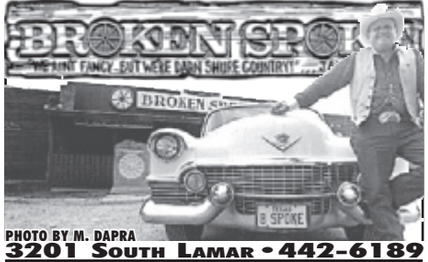

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TRIPLE CROWN Joel Hofmann Band, Kallisti Gold
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THE BELMONT Chadd Thomas & the Crazy Kings (5:00), Gumbo (9:00)
BOTTICELLI'S Eric Telford Collective
'BOUT TIME DJ Element
BROKEN SPOKE Alvin Crow
BROOKLYN HEIGHTS PIZZERIA The Middlemen (9:30)
CACTUS CAFE Caroline Herring CD Release (8:30)
CAFE MUNDI Bernson & Bayless (8:00)
CAMP BEN MCCULLOCH Paul Eason (9:00)
THE CANARY ROOST Karaoke w/ Nicole
CAROUSEL LOUNGE Love Vandals
CENTRAL MARKET NORTH Wendy Colonna (6:30)
CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Texas Renegade
CONTINENTAL CLUB Alejandro Escovedo CD Release, Maneja Beto (10:00)
COOL RIVER CAFE London Calling
COTTON CLUB Somewhere in Texas (8:30)
DONN'S DEPOT Donn & the Station Masters
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FADÓ Mysterious Ways (10:00)
FLIPNOTICS AT THE TRIANGLE Century (9:00)
FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Michael Hill, Catfish Hunters (9:00)
FREDDIE'S PLACE Steve Power (6:00)
FURR'S FAMILY DINING Carlton Lombard (6:00)
GARRISON PARK HARBOR Jon Emery (9:00)
GRUENE HALL Drew Davis Band, Hootie & the Blowfish (8:00)
HANOVER'S King Onus, Pride & Joy (8:00)
HEADHUNTERS Beer Knomes, Capital Crimes, Duke, Born to Lose
HOLE IN THE WALL Corrine Rose, the Skeletons, Cayce Rose & the Mind Games, Jane Bond (9:00)
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JAVA LOUNGE AT AUSTIN JAVA Amanda Pearcy (9:00)
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MOMO'S Mo McMorrow, Mama Sweet, John English, Bright White, Wartime Social, AUX (5:15)
MOONRIVER Derrick Davis
MOTHER'S CAFE & GARDEN Thomas "Doc" Grauzer (6:00)
NUTTY BROWN CAFE Patrice Pike
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THE PARISH Mystic (9:00)
THE PARLOR The Tangle
PATSY'S COWGIRL CAFE Patricia Vonne (8:00)
THE PIER ON LAKE TRAVIS Roger Len Smith
PLUSH Hump! w/ Prince Klassen (10:00)
POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL Doug Warriner, Fever Tree Rising
PROGRESS COFFEE Nic Armstrong, Loxsly (9:00)
RACK DADDY'S Karaoke w/ Robert Wagner (10:00)
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RUTA MAYA Muse Oasis (6:00), Asylum Street Spankers (9:30)
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THU 10 JUL mewithoutYou MAPS & ATLASES GASOLINE HEART
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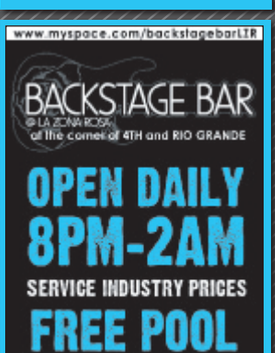

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STUBB'S Matt Wertz
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TEXAS BAR & GRILL Brandon Raines
THREADGILL'S WORLD HQ Dedringers, James McMurtry (9:00)
TREE HOUSE ITALIAN GRILL Aunt Ruby's Sweet Jazz Babies (7:30)
TRIPLE CROWN Highly Likely, Fambly
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UMLAUF SCULPTURE GARDEN & MUSEUM A Midsummer's Pipe Dream, Silver Thistle Pipes & Drums Benefit w/ Silver Thistle Pipes & Drums (6:00)
UNITED STATES ART AUTHORITY Orange Opera, the Peekers, Happy Bullets (10:00)
WATERLOO ICE HOUSE 38TH The John Henrys
WATERLOO ICE HOUSE SLAUGHTER LANE Six Sons of a Gun (8:00)
WATERLOO ICE HOUSE DOWNTOWN Drawing Back w/ Daniel Conti (9:00)

Sat 28

ANTONE'S Lonestar Pornstar, Downsiid, Dirty Wormz (9:00)
ANTONE'S RECORDS Trey Brown CD Release (4:00)
ARTZ RIB HOUSE Danny Britt
AUDITORIUM SHORES Keep Austin Weird Fest w/ Super Pal Universe, Feeding 5000, Army of Freshmen, Black Joe Lewis & the Honey Bears, What Made Milwaukee Famous, Alejandro Escovedo (3:00)
AUSTIN FARMERS' MARKET DOWNTOWN Phil Dutra (10:00am)
AUSTIN MOOSE LODGE NO. 1735 Lodge Benefit w/ Roy Heinrich & the Pickups (noon)
B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Michael Holt & the Trophy 500's
BACKSTAGE STEAKHOUSE & GARDEN BAR Michael Samuels
BB ROVERS Byrd & Street (9:00)
BEAUTY BAR Prince Klassen
BEERLAND Uptown Bums, YellowFever, Harlem CD Release, Shapes Have Fangs
THE BELMONT 80H Project, Tego (6:00)
BOTTICELLI'S Sarah Sharp
'BOUT TIME DJ Element (9:00)
BROKEN SPOKE Geezinslaw Bros. w/ Sam & Son
THE BROWN BAR DJ gmau
CACTUS CAFE Abra Moore, Peter Bradley Adams (8:30)
THE CANARY ROOST Karaoke w/ Nicole
CAROUSEL LOUNGE M.L. Frank, F4Fake1st, Cliff Brown, Jr., Buttercup
CENTRAL MARKET NORTH Boxcar Preachers (6:30)
CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Anniversary & Reunion w/ the Lucky Tomblin Band
CONTINENTAL CLUB Redd Volkaert (3:00), Mike Flanigin's B-3 Trio, Gary Clark Jr. (10:00)
COOL RIVER CAFE Taboo
COTTON CLUB Justin McBride (8:30)
DONN'S DEPOT Murphy's Inlaws & Outlaws
THE DRISKILL HOTEL Suzi Stern, Patricia G. (7:00)
EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Kat Edmonson (8:00)
ELEPHANT ROOM Flyjack (9:30)
EMO'S Black Panda, Manikin, Strange Attractors, the Modey Lemon
END OF AN EAR My Education CD Release (6:00)
EVANGELINE CAFE Hans Frank (10:00)
FLIPNOTICS AT THE TRIANGLE Sarah Temple (9:30)
FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Julie Bosshart, Jerm Pollet (9:00)
FREDDIE'S PLACE The Grass Onions (6:00)
GARRISON PARK HARBOR Don Turnley (9:00)
GIDDY UPS Tim "Mule Train" Perry
GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Amber Digby & the Midnight Flyers (9:00), Weldon Henson (9:00)
GRUENE HALL Gary Claxton, Erik Hokkanen (1:00)
HANOVER'S Anthony Eby (10:00)
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LAMBERTS DJ Trey Lopez (7:00), Noise Revival Orchestra, Hedda Layne (10:30)
LATITUDE 30 Jabarvy (9:00)
LOCKER ROOM SPORTS BAR Unnamed Band
LONGHORN CAVERNS Him & Her (6:15)
LOUIE'S 106 Mac Bynum (6:30)
LUCKY LOUNGE Primm (9:00)
LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Falcon Buddies, E.D.D. & Friends (10:00)
MAGGIE MAE'S Rick Harvey & the Texcellorators (6:00), Patrick Fleming (9:00)
MOHAWK Clouds, Torche, Boris
MOMO'S Girl Guitar, Eddie Warren, Ginger Leigh, Adam McInnis, Archer Avenue (7:00)
MOTHER EGAN'S IRISH PUB Matt Ballard (9:00)
MOTHER'S CAFE & GARDEN Thomas "Doc" Grauzer (11:30am)
MS. B'S AUTHENTIC CREOLE RESTAURANT Max Horne & the Soul Jazz Ensemble Quartet (7:00)
NUNO'S ON SIXTH Rusty Trapps & the Blue Lites w/ Ray McCarty (8:00)
NUTTY BROWN CAFE Jason Boland & the Stragglers
THE OAKS DJ Exceed, Diabolic, 383 Collective (9:00)
ONE 2 ONE BAR Will Evans Project
THE PARISH DJ Mel & Prince Klassen
THE PARLOR LA Dies CD Release
PATSY'S COWGIRL CAFE Rosie Flores (8:00)
THE PIER ON LAKE TRAVIS Clay McClinton
POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL RFG, Joe "King" Carrasco
RABBIT'S LOUNGE Matthew Robinson & the Central East Band (9:00)
RED 7 Havoc Dose, Foretold Defiance, Soulblood Divide, Prey for Sleep, Dead Albatross
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ROMEO'S GEORGETOWN Kirk Hale (6:30)
ROOM 710 Robert Allen Caldwell, Ese, Sabbath Crow, Apocalypse Dudes, Splithoof, Amplified Heat (8:00)
RUTA MAYA Palm School Choir (2:30); Make It Wet SpitFest XII w/ Taalam Acey, Blacklisted (6:00); Kriminals, Big Dirty (9:30)
THE SALT LICK Woode Wood
SAXON PUB Omar & the Howlers, W.C. Clark (8:00)
SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB & GRILL The Max
SKI SHORES WATERFRONT CAFE Albert & Gage (5:30)
SPEAKEASY Les & the Funk Mob (9:30)
STUBB'S The Bubbles, You Were Always CD Release, the Midgetmen
TEXAS BAR & GRILL Jeremy Miller
THREADGILL'S WORLD HQ Will Taylor & Strings Attached (9:00)
TINIEST BAR IN TEXAS The Jazzus Lizard, Foot Patrol
TREE HOUSE ITALIAN GRILL Mirage Jazz Ensemble (7:30)
TRIPLE CROWN Clay Nightingale, Winter Dance Party
TROPHY'S Shandon Sahm, Scorpio Rising CD Release, Vinyl Dharma (10:30)
WATERLOO ICE HOUSE 38TH Ruby Jane Smith (7:00)
WATERLOO ICE HOUSE DOWNTOWN Vanessa Lively (8:00)
WATERLOO ICE HOUSE AT THE GROVE Wynn Taylor (10:00)

Sun 29

ANTONE'S Swamp Sauce (9:00)
B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Irish Tunes Session (8:00)
BEERLAND *Rambo* w/ Get to Da Chopper!
'BOUT TIME Karaoke w/ AJ Kline (8:00)
THE CANARY ROOST Karaoke w/ Brian
CAROUSEL LOUNGE Shelley Thibodeaux
CENTRAL MARKET NORTH El Tule (6:30)
CENTRAL MARKET SOUTH CM All-Stars (6:30)
CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Luckenbach Cultural Exchange
COTTON CLUB Can't Hardly Playboyz (7:00)
THE DOMAIN Liz Morphis (2:00)
EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Kris Kimura Quartet (7:00)
ELEPHANT ROOM Marc Devine Trio w/ Denia Ridley (9:30)
ELYSIUM Regression: Retro Eighties w/ DJ Pumpkin Spice
FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Neal Kassanoff (8:00)
FREDDIE'S PLACE Adam Raven Trio (5:00)
FRIENDS Open Mic Blues Jam (8:00)
GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Redd Volkaert (4:00)
GREEN PASTURES Jacques Vilmain (11:00am)
GRUENE HALL Bob Livingston (12:30), Doug Moreland (5:00)
HEADHUNTERS Cali Zack, Hybrid, Manifestation
HOLE IN THE WALL Funk-o-Tron (6:00)
IGUANA GRILL The John Henrys (6:30)
JAVA LOUNGE AT AUSTIN JAVA Kinktet (11:00am)
LA ZONA ROSA Thriving Ivory, the Last Goodnight, Switchfoot *Chrontourage event* (7:00)
LAMBERTS Ephraim Owens, Brannen Temple, Red Young (7:00)
LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Songwriters Showcase (9:00)
MANUELS Letitia Rodriguez (11:30am)
MEAN-EYED CAT Lucas Hudgins (8:00)
MOHAWK Lymbyc Systym, Her Space Holiday
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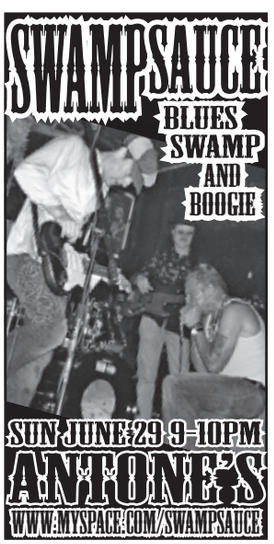

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NUNO'S ON SIXTH Ray McCarty, Rusty Trapps & the Blue Lites (8:00)
NUTTY BROWN CAFE Java Jazz (11:00am)
THE OAKS Rogue River String Band, Flatcar Rattlers (4:00)
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RILEY'S TAVERN Open Mic w/ Glenn Allen
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TASTE SELECT WINES Michael Faircloth Quintet (4:00)
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BOTTICELLI'S Izzy Cox
'BOUT TIME Karaoke w/ AJ Kline (9:00)
CAROUSEL LOUNGE Jacque Schafer
CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Randy Rogers & Wade Bowen
CHEZ ZEE Rich Demarco (6:30)
CONTINENTAL CLUB Uptown Swingsters (6:30), Dale Watson & His Lone Stars (10:00)
DONN'S DEPOT Chris Gage
EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Kris Kimura Quartet (7:00)
ELEPHANT ROOM Michael Mordecai's Jazz Jam (9:30)
EVANGELINE CAFE Charles Thibodeaux (6:30)
FLAMINGO CANTINA Funktronica (10:00)
FLIPNOTICS AT THE TRIANGLE T. Jarrod Bonta (8:00)
GARRISON PARK HARBOR Marvin Bottera Open Mic (7:00)
GIDDY UPS John Michael Rose
GÜERO'S TACO BAR Trio Indiano (6:30)
HOLE IN THE WALL Tito & the Man, Context Clues, Barebones Orchestra (10:00)
LA PALAPA Baby Dallas
LATITUDE 30 Jordan Tanner (9:00)
LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Robbie's Open Mic (9:00)
MOMO'S Drew Kennedy & Matt Skinner, Havilah, Sally Allen, Bukka Allen, Dustin Welch & the House Band, Jeremy Nail, James Bullard
MOTHER EGAN'S IRISH PUB Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash (8:00)
MOZART'S COFFEE ROASTERS John Wilson & Joley Flowers
MUGSHOTS Open Mic w/ Acoustic Odyssey (8:00)
OPAL DIVINE'S PENN FIELD Vanessa Lively (8:00)
THE PARLOR Bob Taylor, the Heebie Jeebies
POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL Ru Coleman & Texas Boogie
RED 7 Sons of Oblivion, the Cabaret, Fire From the Gods, Knights of the Abyss
RED FEZ DJ Jeff Jupiter (10:00)
ROOM 710 Heart & Soul Sound System (8:00)
SAM'S TOWN POINT Breck's Stormy Open Blues Jam (8:30)
SAXON PUB Matt the Electrician, Bob Schneider, Travis Damron, Brandon Jenkins (7:00)
SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB & GRILL Brent Wood
SPEAKEASY Jonathan Terrell
TRIPLE CROWN Bruce Curtis (6:00)
TROPHY'S Foamy
WATERLOO ICE HOUSE Lucas Jackson (5:00)
WATERLOO RECORDS Chip Taylor (5:00)

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ANTONE'S BettySoo, Ruthie Foster (8:00), Blue Tuesday w/ Derek O'Brien, Malford Milligan (9:30)
ARTZ RIB HOUSE Texas Old Time Fiddlers Jam (7:30)
AUSTIN MOOSE LODGE NO. 1735 Bad Decision (8:00)
B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Suzanne Smith
BASTROP SENIOR CENTER The Kitchen Pickers (6:30)
BEERLAND Destroyed for Comfort, Convoi!, Country, Blowhole
THE BELMONT Dale Watson & His Lone Stars (7:00)
BOTTICELLI'S Mystery Band
'BOUT TIME Karaoke w/ AJ Kline (9:00)
BROKEN SPOKE Hardcore Country w/ Alvin Crow, James M. White
CACTUS CAFE Chip Taylor (8:30)
CAROUSEL LOUNGE Coffee Sergeants
CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Jordan Minor & the Bottom Dollar Band
CONTINENTAL CLUB Planet Casper (6:30)
DONN'S DEPOT Donn & the Station Masters
THE DRISKILL HOTEL Anthony Farrell, Rigel Thurston (7:00)
EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Mark Goodwin Trio (7:00)
ELEPHANT ROOM Stanley Smith (6:00), Tony Campise Quartet (9:30)
ELYSIUM '90s Night w/ DJ Boba Fett, DJ Minimus
EMO'S The Strange Boys, Infinite Body, Abe Vigoda, No Age
EVANGELINE CAFE Brennen Leigh, Kevin Gallaugher, Greg Anderson (6:00)
FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Erik Hokkanen's Laboratory (8:00)
GARRISON PARK HARBOR Showboat Crabtree & the Namedroppers (9:00)
GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Jim Stringer (9:00)
GÜERO'S TACO BAR Trio Indiano (6:30)
HANOVER'S Kevin Havron & Steven Franks (8:30)
HEADHUNTERS Girl Guitar, Glass Fence, James & the Douchebags, Leechesoflore
HILL'S CAFE Singer-Songwriter Night w/ Bill Rice
HOLE IN THE WALL Love Gone Cold, the Bread, Autons, Roger Wallace (9:00)
LA PALAPA Baby Dallas
LAMBERTS The Jitterbug Vipers (7:00)
LOUIE'S 106 Mac Bynum (6:30)
LUCKY LOUNGE DJ Rapid Ric, Boombox w/ Carlos Sosa (10:00)
MOHAWK Sounds Fun w/ DJ Richard Gear
MOMO'S Matt Maye, Randy Weeks, La Tampiquena, Tom Gillam, Aaron Franz (5:15)
ONE 2 ONE BAR Fallen All-Starz Jam (10:00)
THE PARLOR Izzy Cox, the Echo Vine
POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL Troubadillos
RED 7 Pack of Wolves, Baron Grod
RED FEZ Twist Up w/ DJ Manny (10:00)
ROOM 710 Safe Sex, the Slow Poisoner
RUTA MAYA Poetry Open Mic, Music Open Mic (6:00)
SALVAGE VANGUARD THEATER Venison Whirled, ECFA, Zaika
SAM'S TOWN POINT Open Mic w/ Nate Vancil (9:00)
SHENANIGANS Karaoke w/ Rae Rae
SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB & GRILL Chris Cruz
SPEAKEASY Egress (9:30)
THREADGILL'S OLD NO. 1 Jason Roberts (8:00)
TROPHY'S Singer-Songwriter Showcase w/ Mike Premeau
WATERLOO ICE HOUSE 38TH Will Dunlap (7:00)
Z'TEJAS Kris Kimura Quartet (6:00)

Wed 02

219 WEST Breezy (7:00)
ANTONE'S Derek O'Brien, Blues Mafia, James Bullard, Eric Tessmer, Alan Haynes
APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD BAR & GRILL Marty Linville
ARTZ RIB HOUSE Shelley King, Susan Gibson (7:30)
AUSTIN MOOSE LODGE NO. 1735 Lonesome Dave Fisher (9:00)
AUSTIN'S PIZZA Natalie Zoe Jazz Trio (8:00)
B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Hosea Hargrove
BEERLAND Bazile, Boonesboro, the Pelicks, Johnny Gobbs
THE BELMONT The Motts (7:00)
BOTTICELLI'S Gina Lee & the Brisket Boys
BROKEN SPOKE Tony Harrison
CAROUSEL LOUNGE Raised by Pandas, Glass Fence
CEDAR STREET Trent & Dave, the Spazmatics (6:00)
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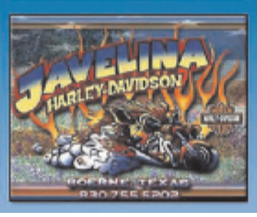

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CHEZ ZEE Jacinta (7:00)
THE COCKPIT Club Inclusive w/ Julie Nolan (9:00)
CONTINENTAL CLUB Jon Dee Graham, James McMurtry (10:00)
CREEKSIDE LOUNGE Kill the DJ, Smash-Ups, Robot, DJ Alib, Ghettotech w/ DJ Orion (9:30)
CUBA LIBRE Havana Nights w/ the Cadaques (8:00)
DONN'S DEPOT Frank & the Station Masters
THE DRISKILL HOTEL Hilary York (9:00)
EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Kat Edmonson (7:00)
ELEPHANT ROOM Jazz Pharoahs (6:00), Ephraim Owens Quartet (9:30)
ELYSIUM Mid Wave w/ DJ Pumpkin Spice, DJ Edminister
EMO'S Inside: When Cougars Attack, Baron Grod, Isaac the Blind, Firehorse; Outside: The Brothers Unconnected
GARRISON PARK HARBOR Blue Squeeze Box (8:00)
GIDDY UPS Open Blues Jam w/ JJ Slyde (8:00)
THE GINGER MAN Little Mikey & the Sodajerks
GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Roger Wallace (9:00)
GRUENE HALL Zach Walther & the Cronkites (6:00)
HANOVER'S Drew Womack, Steven Franks
HEADHUNTERS TX Hate Machine, Merciless Death, Bonded by Blood, Fueled by Fire
HILL'S CAFE Bart Crow, Mark McKinney
LAMBERTS Erik Hokkanen & His Gypsy Tribe (7:00), DJ Mel (10:30)
LAS PALOMAS Javier Chaparro, Rick McRae, Terry Hale, Art Kidd (6:30)
LATITUDE 30 Patty David (9:00)
LOUIE'S 106 Red Young (6:30)
LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Electric Mayhem (9:00)
MAGGIE MAE'S Patrick Fleming (10:00)
MOHAWK Balmorhea, the Dutchess & the Duke, Fleet Foxes
MOMO'S Tressie Seegers, Joseph Langham, Dan Dyer, Drew Smith, Jake Andrews (5:15)
MULLIGAN'S Karaoke w/ Stormy (9:00)
ONE 2 ONE BAR 80H Project (10:00)
THE OPERA HOUSE Bulbs, High Castle, Gary Barftits (7:00)
THE PARLOR Kings of the Blood Cells (9:00)
PARMER LANE TAVERN Pete Benz (9:00)
POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL Open Mic w/ Fond Kiser (8:00)
REALE'S PIZZA & CAFE "Frankly" Singing w/ Ken Kruse (6:30)
ROADHOUSE Karaoke w/ Billy D.
ROADHOUSE RAGS Tom Moore, Dixie Beal & the Group W Bench, Daniel Stokes (8:00)
ROOM 710 Red Line Riot, Spoiled Royals, Unravel Mars, Bad People
RUTA MAYA Salsa Lessons, Cienfuegos (7:30)
SCOOT INN & BIER GARTEN Austin Poetry Slam (8:00)
SPEAKEASY Salsa Lessons, the Brew (9:00)
STUBB'S Zack Brown Band
VICTORY GRILL The Blues Posse (8:00)
WATERLOO ICE HOUSE 38TH Ptarmigan (7:00)
Z'TEJAS Stephen Doster, Will Sexton & Bill Carter

Thu 03

219 WEST Acoustic Jungle (8:00)
311 CLUB Joe Valentine (8:30)
ANTONE'S Los Gallos, Del Castillo, Pacha Massive (8:00)
AUSTIN MOOSE LODGE NO. 1735 Catfish Hunters (9:00)
BEERLAND 3 Balls of Fire, Hans Frank Glambilly, Shandon Sahm, Johnny Fender & the 55's
THE BELMONT Daily Juice Crew (8:00)
BENNIGAN'S Andy Fiegal (7:00)
BROKEN SPOKE Jesse Dayton
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CACTUS CAFE Clandestine (8:30)
CEDAR STREET Kent Mayhew, LC Rocks (6:00)
CONTINENTAL CLUB Mike Flanigin's B-3 Trio (6:30), Kevin Welch, Dustin Welch & the House Band (10:00)
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 Marc Devine Trio, About: Blank (6:00)
EMO'S Inside: Nic Armstrong, Sunset, Jeremy Jay; Lounge: The Black & White Years, Andy Rourke
FLIPNOTICS AT THE TRIANGLE Matt the Electrician, Southpaw Jones (8:00)

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GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Miss Leslie & Her Juke Jointers (9:00)
GRUENE HALL Rotel & the Hot Tomatoes (8:00)
HANOVER'S Karaoke w/ Dan the Man
HILL'S CAFE Los Texas Wranglers
HOLE IN THE WALL Winchester Twin, the New Time, Charles Potts Magic Windmill Band (9:00)
JOVITA'S The Cornell Hurd Band (8:00)
KICK BUTT COFFEE Open Mic (8:00)
LAMBERTS Glover Tango (7:00), Wicked Pro Wrestler (10:30)
LATITUDE 30 Jordan Tanner (9:00)
THE LOADING DOCK Open Mic (7:00)
LOUIE'S 106 Kenny Luna (7:00)
LUCKY LOUNGE Feeding 5000 (10:00)
MARIA'S TACO XPRESS Nathan Hubble, Michael Clay (7:00)
MOHAWK Pocketful of Deng, Midnight Ghost Train, Bankrupt & the Borrowers
MOMO'S Dear Henry, Lost Pines, Nakia & His Southern Cousins, Emory Quinn
MONARCH EVENT CENTER Shurman, Austin Collins, No Show Ponies (8:00)
MOTHER'S CAFE & GARDEN Thomas "Doc" Grauzer (6:00)
THE OAKS Mickey White, the Love Band, Lynn Langham, Mike Davis & Alicia Gill (7:00)
ONE 2 ONE BAR Alan Haynes (10:00)
THE PARLOR Girlfren, Hexlust, Fake Blood, Boogdish (9:00)
THE PEACOCK Tribella (9:30)
RED 7 Mala Suerte, Faithealer, Lions of Tsavo, Deadbird
RED FEZ Twilight Broadcast, Weekend Warm-Up (8:30)
RENAISSANCE HOTEL Lobby Lounge: Rich Demarco (6:00)
ROOM 710 Southern Hospitality, Five Kings, Daemos, Rend
SAXON PUB Sons of the Revolution (6:00)
SCOOT INN & BIER GARTEN Mark McMinn, Rogue River String Band, JWW & the Prospectors, Leo Rondeau (9:00)
SHENANIGANS Karaoke w/ Billy D.
SPEAKEASY Tin Can Phone (9:30)
STUBB'S The Orange, Latin at Heart, Language Room
TROPHY'S Two Hoots & a Holler
VICTORY GRILL Word/Jazz Low Stars (8:00)
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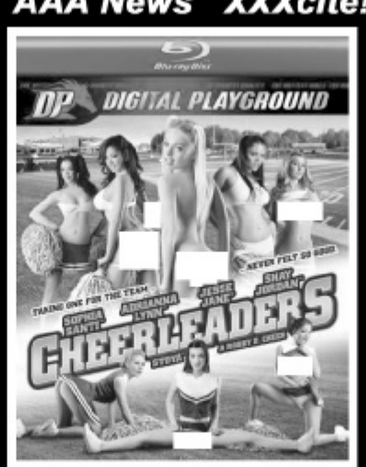

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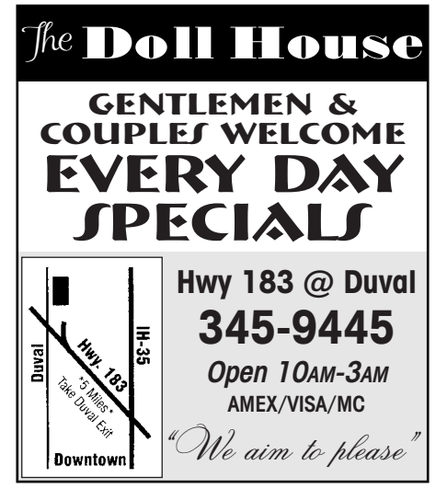

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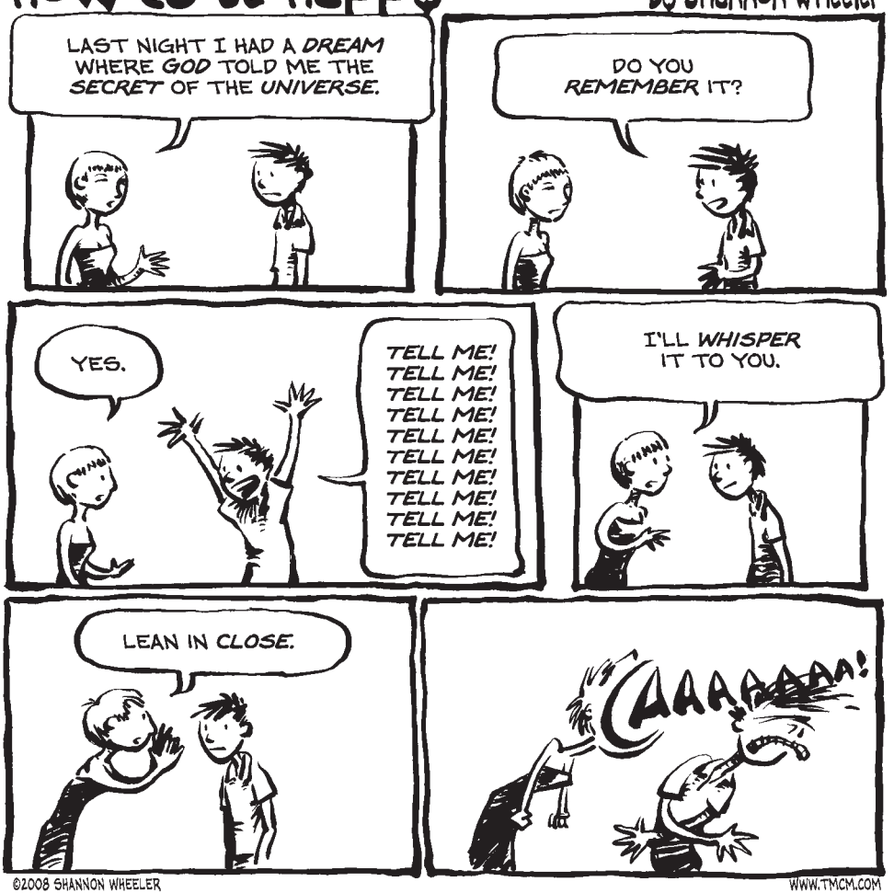

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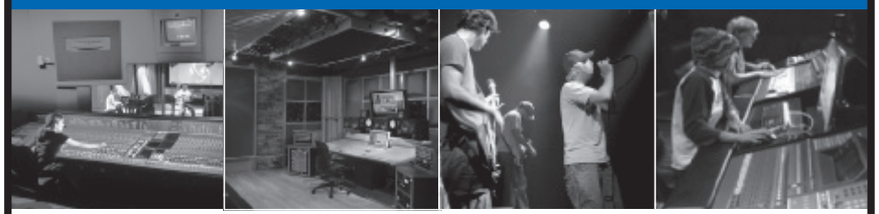

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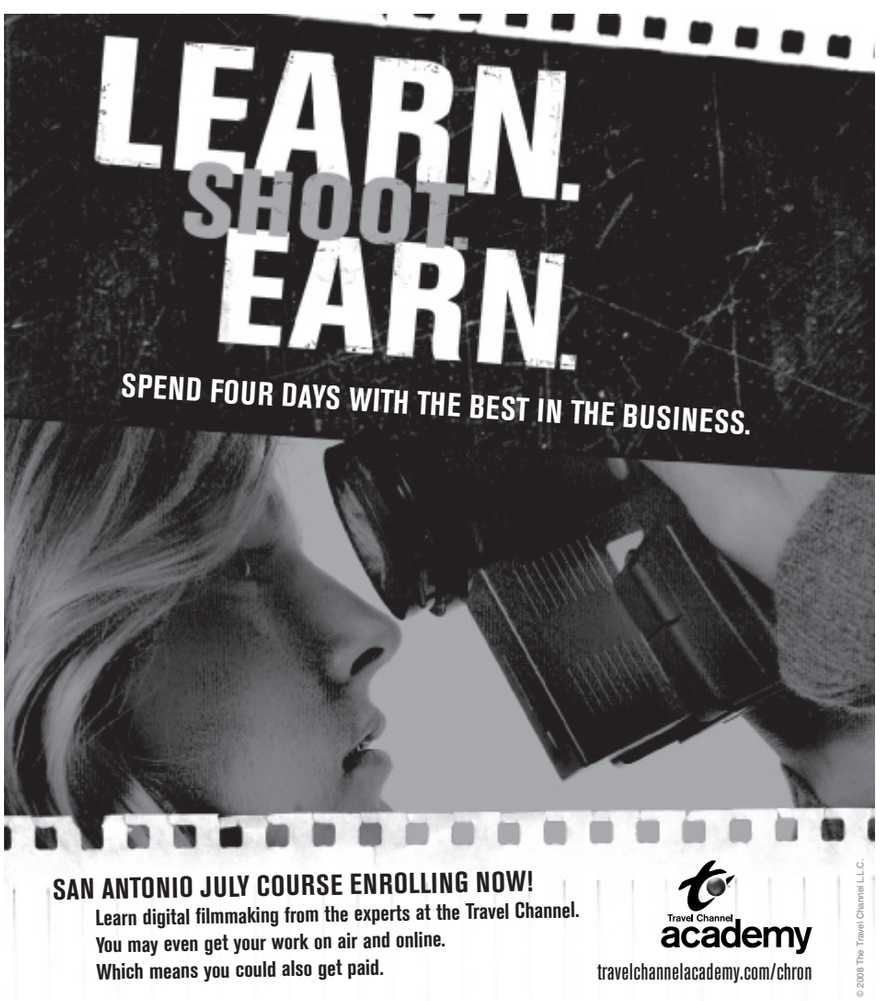

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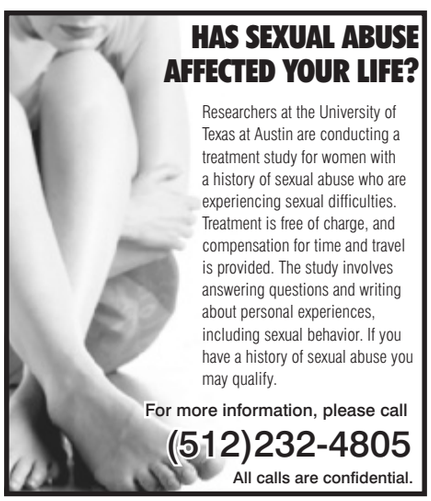

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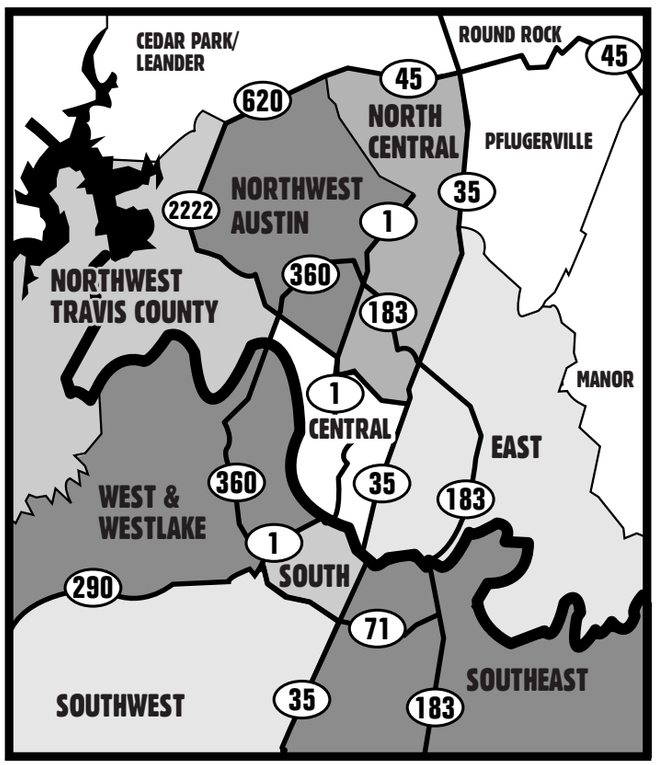

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-08-002735 To: IRMA LEYNA GUTIERREZ and to all who it may concern, Respondent(s); GREETINGS: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable District Court, 353RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, Travis County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF A CHILD AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS of ANA BERTHA CARMONA Petitioner(s), filed in said court on MAY 28, 2008, against IRMA LEYNA GUTIERREZ HERNANDEZ Respondent(s), and said suit being entitled "IN RE CARMONA", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship and for adoption.

The Name, Birth Date, and Place of Birth of said is as follows:

KARLA GEORGINA CARMONA GUTIERREZ
FEBRUARY 28, 2000
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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Austin, Texas, June 18, 2008.

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MENDOZA
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
CAUSE NO: D-1-GN-08-000405 To: KIRBIE CLINE Defendant(s), in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause: YOU (AND EACH OF 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 42 days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say at or before 10 o'clock

A.M. of Monday the JULY 30, 2008, and answer the ORIGINAL PETITION of Plaintiff(s), filed in the 353RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Travis County, Texas, on JUNE 11, 2008, a default judgment may be taken against you. Said suit being number D-1-GN-08-000405, in which BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWMBS 2003-R4 Plaintiff(s), and KIRBIE CLINE, LAMONTE PIERRE CLINE AS NEXT FRIEND OF TAYLOR CLINE AND LAMONTE CLINE, JR., MINORS, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF

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ALL OF WHICH MORE FULLY APPEARS FROM PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE, AND WHICH REFERENCE IS HERE MADE FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Austin, Texas, June 11, 2008.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-07-006284 To: MICHAEL JOSEPH WARD and to all who it may concern, Respondent(s); GREETINGS: 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable District Court, 261ST 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 ORIGINAL COUNTERPETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, AND TRAVIS COUNTY STANDING ORDER of SHANE YATES Petitioner(s), filed in said court on JUNE 16, 2008, against MICHAEL JOSEPH WARD Respondent(s), and said suit being number D-1-FM-07-006284 the docket of said Court, and entitled "IN THE INTEREST OF ANGELA MICHAELYN BALSLEV A CHILD", he nature of which suit is a request IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the CHILD's 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, June 16, 2008.

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MENDOZA

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF CONNIE ATES JONES-PICKETT, Deceased, No. 88649 in Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas.

JEWELL WILLIAMS, and all alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on the 23rd day of June, 2008, a FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION TO PROBATE WILL AND FOR APPOINTMENT AS DEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AN APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE in the said estate and request(s) that the said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said CONNIE ATES JONES-PICKETT, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Travis County, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to 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.

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 23rd day of June, 2008.

DANA DEBEAUVOIR

County Clerk,

Travis County, Texas

P.O. Box 149325,

Austin, Texas 78714

By Deputy: /s/ O. Ruiz

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-08-003014 To: FAUSTINO PAZ MARTINEZ and to all who it may concern, Respondent(s); GREETINGS: 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable District Court, 200TH 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 ORIGINAL PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF CHILD of ALBERTA URENDA-GARCIA Petitioner(s), filed in said court on JUNE 11, 2008, against FAUSTINO PAZ MARTINEZ Respondent(s), and said suit being entitled "IN THE INTEREST OF JAN ALEXANDER URENDA-GARCIA, A CHILD", the nature of which suit is a request CHILD NAME CHANGE.

The Name, Birth date, and Place of Birth of said is as follows:

JAN ALEXANDER URENDA-GARCIA

OCTOBER 17, 2003

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The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's 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, June 11, 2008.

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By /s/ AMBER BILLY, Deputy

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: D-1-GN-08-000645 To: YUNIRIA VILLA Defendant(s), in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause: 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 42 days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of Monday the JUNE 23, 2008, and answer the ORIGINAL PETITION of Plaintiff(s), filed in the 353RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Travis County, Texas, on FEBRUARY 21, 2008, a default judgment may be taken against you.

Said suit being number D-1-GN-08-000645, in which ANDY BOURDETH Plaintiff(s), and YUNIRIA VILLA AND ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR COMPANY OF TEXAS Defendant(s), and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

THIS LAWSUIT IS BASED ON A MOTOR VEHICULAR COLLISION OCCURRING ON OR ABOUT APRIL 15, 2006, AT OR NEAR 400 WEST ANDERSON LN, AUSTIN, TX. THE COLLISION WAS PROXIMATELY CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF DEFENDANT. AT THE TIME OF THE COLLISION, DEFENDANT YUNIRIA VILLA WAS NEGLIGENT IN ONE OR MORE WAYS. THE ABOVE-REFERENCED ACCIDENT WAS PROXIMATELY CAUSE BY THE NEGLIGENCE AND/OR RECKLESSNESS OF THE DEFENDANT. AS A RESULT OF DEFENDANT'S ACTIONS, PLAINTIFF HAS SUFFERED SEVERE BODILY, ECONOMIC, AND MENTAL INJURIES FOR WHICH PLAINTIFF SUES.

ALL OF WHICH MORE FULLY APPEARS FROM PLAINTIFF'S PETITION ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE, AND WHICH REFERENCE IS HERE MADE FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Austin, Texas, May 07, 2008.

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MENDOZA

Travis County District Clerk

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By /s/ RIGO OLIVA, Deputy

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL J. WALTER, Deceased, No. 88434 in Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas.

BRUCE H NEYLAND AND ALL alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on the 16th day of June, 2008, 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 MICHAEL J. WALTER, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Travis County, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to 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.

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 16th day of June, 2008.

DANA DEBEAUVOIR

County Clerk,

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P.O. Box 149325,

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By Deputy: /s/ O. Ruiz

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF TERRY JAMES DAUGEREAU, Deceased, No. 88871 in Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas.

DEBBIE ANN CAPPADONA alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on the 19th day of JUNE, 2008, an Application to Determine Heirship and to Issue Letters of Independent Administration in the said estate and request(s) that the said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said TERRY JAMES DAUGEREAU, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Travis County, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to 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.

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 19th day of June, 2008.

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P.O. Box 149325,

Austin, Texas 78714

By Deputy: /s/ Monica Limon

CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the construction of **Gilleland Creek Trail, Phase II -(IFB NO. B080169-JW),** which is a 12 foot wide concrete trail with drainage structures and signage approximately 7,300 feet in length from Immanual Road eastward to SH 130, in Precinct 2 in Travis County, will be received by the Travis County Purchasing Agent, at the **Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, 4th Floor, Suite 400, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday July 16, 2008,** then publicly opened and read in the Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, 4th Floor Conference Room, Suite 400, Austin, Texas. The "Date-Time" stamp clock located at the front counter of the Travis County Purchasing Office will serve as the Official Clock for the purpose of verifying the time of receipt of bids.

All bids shall be addressed to Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent, and shall be marked "Sealed Bid Gilleland Creek trail, Phase II (IFB No. B080169-JW)." If the bid is to be mailed, the mailing address is as follows: Travis County Purchasing Agent, 314 West 11th Street, Suite 400, Austin, Texas 78701. An original bid and two copies of the bid shall be submitted. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond or a certified or cashier's check, payable to "Travis County," in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the total bid. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids, subject to FHWA concurrence.

As required by Texas Government Code Sections 2253.001, et seq., a Payment Bond is required in the amount of the Contract if the Contract exceeds $25,000.00, and a Performance Bond is required in the amount of the Contract if the Contract exceeds $100,000.00, for contracts for construction, alteration or repair of any public building or the prosecution or completion of any public work.

Attention is directed to the INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS to insure compliance with the requirements of Texas Government Code Sections 2258.001, et seq. (Prevailing Wage Rates) and Texas Government Code Sections 605.001, et seq. (Hours of Labor) and applicable federal regulations.

Plans, specifications and detailed bid forms are available at the office of the Travis County Purchasing Agent , Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, 4th Floor, Room 400. Bidders may obtain a complete set of the bidding documents after posting a Fifty dollar ($50.00) deposit in the form of a cashier's check, money order or company check payable to "Travis County". This deposit will be refundable to Bidders who return all bidding documents in USABLE CONDITION within twenty-one days after Bid Opening.

All bids must comply with specifications regarding pricing. Bidders should provide bid item amounts totaling to a total Contract price.

An optional pre-bid conference will be held for this project on Monday, June 30, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, 4th Floor, Suite 400, Austin, Texas 78701. Final payment of the above construction will be paid for by check upon completion and acceptance of the work by the TNR Executive Manager, subject to the concurrence of the Texas Department of Transportation.

CYD GRIMES

TRAVIS COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT

Naree A. Hill DBA Hill Liquor Store is Making Application with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Beer Retail Dealer's Off-Premise License and Package Store Permit On the Address of 2765 Hwy 71 East, Del Valle, Travis County, Texas.

NO. 86,196 IN THE ESTATE OF LORAINE M. BRAHM, DECEASED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LORAINE M. BRAHM Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration with Will Annexed for the Estate of LORAINE M. BRAHM were issued on the 27th day of May, 2008 in Cause No. 86196 pending in the Probate Court #1 of Travis County, Texas to GLENN MOORE.

The residence of the Executor is in Austin, Texas, and the mailing address is:

GLENN MOORE

15301 N. IH 35 SUITE H

Pflugerville, TX 78660

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.

GLENN MOORE

By: /s/ Jerry Frank Jones, Attorney

State Bar No. 10913000

400 W. 15th St., Suite 975

Austin, Texas 78701

Phone: (512) 476-2929

Fax: (512) 472-3669

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES K & S Towing,TxDot VSF0628258 (located) at 11740-b Manchaca Rd. Austin,Tx. 512-291-3672 has in it's custody a 2001 suzuki gsxr600 mtrcycle Vin# JS1GN7BA712101762 impounded 06/16/08 by authority of Travis County Constables. The charges as of

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by **Edna Yang**

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IMMIGRANT WORKERS' RIGHTS

I've asked Edna Yang, general counsel with Political Asylum Project of Austin, to answer to questions received by her office regarding immigrant workers' rights. – Luke Ellis

Are there basic rights that every worker, citizen, or noncitizen has in the U.S.?

Yes. It's important to note that workers' rights are not dependent on immigration status or country of origin. Every employee in the U.S. has the right to:

- work in a clean safe environment and be free of physical, emotional, or sexual mistreatment;
- be paid minimum wage which, as of August 2004, is $5.15 per hour; workers also must be paid "time and a half" for every hour over 40 hours in one week;
- organize and assert his or her labor rights and remain free from discrimination and retaliation.

Additionally, an employer cannot charge a worker for housing or food without a voluntary agreement on the part of the worker.

Is there recourse for an undocumented worker to reclaim wages that were not paid?

Yes. If you work, then you deserve to get paid for your work. Some may think that if you are undocumented in the U.S., you are not entitled to be paid for your labor, and that is incorrect. Not paying someone for the work they have done is like theft. The Austin Police Department investigates cases like these. In addition, workers can seek to file administrative complaints with the Texas Workforce Commission or seek recourse in court. There are some nonprofits here in Austin, like the Worker's Defense Project, that assist and empower immigrant workers in reclaiming stolen wages.

What about if a worker gets injured at work?

If a worker is injured at work, they should receive immediate medical attention and apply for workers compensation. If a person is working in a place with unhealthy or dangerous conditions, she or he can report these unsafe conditions to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration at OSHA's toll-free number, 800/321-6742.

Please submit column suggestions, questions, and comments to **thecommonlaw@austinchronicle.com**. Submission of potential topics does not create an attorney-client relationship, and any information submitted is subject to being included in future columns.

Car TALK

by Tom and Ray Magliozzi

HOW LONG CAN YOU DRIVE AFTER THE FUEL LIGHT COMES ON?

Dear Tom and Ray,

My husband freaks out if the gas light ever comes on (it only happens once in a blue moon). I tell him you can drive around 50 miles after the light comes on. He doesn't believe me. Since we don't want to actually test my theory and risk being stuck without gas, I thought I'd write and ask you guys what you think. So? – Liesa

RAY: Well, there certainly is *some* margin for error built into fuel gauges. How much varies from car to car. But I'd guess that the average low-fuel light comes on when you have about an eighth of a tank left.

TOM: There are two ways to find out whether that's true for your car, Liesa. You already know one way. You drive until you run out of gas, walk 50 miles home, and then say, "Honey, I told you!"

RAY: But there's an easier way to figure it out. Go to the back of your owner's manual, and, in the "specifications" section, look up "fuel capacity." Let's say your gas tank holds 16 gallons.

TOM: Then, with your husband not in the car (no need to unnecessarily drive up his blood pressure), drive until the low-fuel light comes on. Then go to a gas station and fill the tank all the way up.

RAY: Now, subtract the amount the tank took from your fuel-tank capacity. In other words, if the tank holds 16 gallons, and you just filled it up all the way with 14 gallons, you know there are 2 gallons in reserve when the light comes on.

TOM: You may want to run this experiment several times to maximize your data and minimize the measurement error.

RAY: Now, how far will that remaining gasoline take you? It depends on the actual quantity of gas, your gas mileage, and what kind of driving you're doing.

TOM: But you know that however many miles you can go until empty, your husband will still be freaking out. Some people are just less inclined to enjoy surprises. Especially when they involve getting stranded and passing through the digestive systems of wolves.

RAY: So, for his sake, fill it up before the light comes on. Or, at least, soon after. Don't torture the poor guy, Liesa – as enjoyable as that may sometimes be.

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Wait! Don't buy another car without the mechanic's checklist that's included in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." It will help you get a good used car and avoid the clunkers. Send $4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, PO Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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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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LEGAL NOTICES

06/24/08 are $414.85. Also have 2006 Honda Accord Vin # 1HGCM56766A089676 impounded 06/09/08 by the authority of Austin Police Dept. Charges as of 06/24/08 are $566.40. Daily storage rate $20/day + tax.

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES Pursuant to the Texas Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, the following vehicle(s) will be auctioned off by AusTex Towing & Recovery, LLC unless charges are satisfied within 10 days.

1996 Buick Centry 2311fs TX VIN# 1g4ag55m9t6492193

AUS-TEX TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC
306 FARLEY
AUSTIN, TX 78753

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES Pursuant to the Texas Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, the following vehicle(s) will be sold at a public sale unless charges are satisfied within ten (10) days. Storage facility AusTex Towing, 201 E. Braker Ln. Austin, TX 78753, (512)836-6606. Vehicles: '95 Honda Accord AL tags CD3903, VIN 1HGCD7266SA037984 towed from Great Oaks Dr. & Bobcat Dr. on 5/5/08

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES PURSUANT OF TEXAS ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ACT, THE FOLLOWING WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE UNLESS CHARGES ARE SATISFIED WITHIN 10 DAYS. GARAGEKEEPER: LONGHORN TOWING, 2305 W. HOWARD LN., AUSTIN, TX. 1996 FORD F150
VIN#3FTEF15Y5TMA11117

NOTICE OF NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS Notice is hereby given that Travis County, Texas, proposes the approval of the following traffic regulation:

NO PARKING ON PAINTERS PASS IN PRECINCT THREE.

Any resident of Travis County, Texas, aggrieved by this proposed action may make written request for a mandatory public hearing. Such request must be addressed to the Transportation and Natural Resources Department, Travis County, P.O. Box 1767, Austin, Texas 78767, and must be received within seven (7) days of this notice.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Pursuant to Chapter 59 of Texas Property Code, LOCK-AWAY STORAGE will hold a public auction of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is at 9:30 AM, July 11, 2008. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash at the time of auction. Cleanup and removal deposit may be required. Seller reserves right to withdraw property from sale or not accept any bidder. Property will be sold in batches (entire contents of each individual storage unit.) Property includes furniture, clothes, and other misc. household items of following tenants:
KELSIE ARCHER, JESSE BURK, BECKY ACREE, JAMES MAHER, FLOYD M. RAY,II, KELLI A. ARCHER.
you may contact Lockaway Storage, 9910 Slaughter Creek Dr., Austin, TX. 78748 or Phone 512-282-7807

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. **Sale is 10:00 am, July 9, 2008 at 12132 Waters Park Rd Austin, TX, with an auction at Round Rock Mini Storage to follow.** Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit may be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of following tenants: KRISTI GREZ, bookcase, corner shelves, cooler, area rugs, large picture, coffee table, end table, sofa, chairs; JAY BJORKLAND, gym lockers, frozen margarita machine, surveillance monitors, metal shelves, misc items.

Contact on site manager at 255-5363 at Round Rock Mini Storage.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ROY L. MOOS, DECEASED Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Roy L. Moos, were issued on May 1, 2008, in Cause No. 88432, pending in the Probate Court No. One (1) of Travis County, Texas, to Christopher L. Moos. The residence of such Executor is in Bellaire, Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is 5228 Holly, Bellaire, Texas 77401. All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 27th day of June, 2008.

Paul T. Hlavinka
HLAVINKA & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys for the Estate
2044 Bissonnet Street
Houston, Texas 77005
(713)521-1335

AV0710 POUND SALE

NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IMPOUNDED BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 683.011 ET SEQ., TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, REGULATING THE IMPOUNDING AND SALE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES BY DELEGATE OR PERSONALLY.

THE PURCHASER SHALL TAKE TITLE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS AND CLAIMS OF OWNERSHIP AND IS ENTITLED TO REGISTER THE PURCHASED MOTOR VEHICLE AND RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

I WILL PROCEED TO SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN REDEEMED BY THE OWNERS, THEREOF TO WIT;

July 10, 2008 @ 10:00 AM
@ AUSTIN POLICE DEPT.,
4308 TERRY-O LANE, AUSTIN, TX 78745

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085031242	1993	TOYT	4DR	C22YVX	TX	4T1VK13EXPU100327
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH BEYER BAKER aka ELIZABETH BEYER BAKER HOFFMAN, DECEASED Notice is hereby given that in Cause No. 88771, styled Estate of Elizabeth Beyer Baker aka Elizabeth Beyer Baker Hoffman, Deceased, (the "Estate") pending in the County Court of Travis County, Texas, original letters testamentary were issued on June=17, 2008, to Roger Crane Baker, Jr.

Claims may be presented and addressed to the independent executor of the Estate in care of Patricia A. Campbell at the following address:

c/o Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody
a Professional Corporation
Attn: Patricia A. Campbell
Post Office Box 98
Austin, Texas 78767

All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this the 27th day of June, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
GRAVES, DOUGHERTY, HEARON & MOODY, A Professional Corporation
By: Patricia A. Campbell
State Bar No. 03714100
(512) 480-5625
(512) 480-5825 (fax)
ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LEONARD C. SAULS Notice is hereby given that in Cause No. 88,781, styled Estate of

Leonard C. Sauls, Deceased, pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, original Letters Testamentary were issued on the 17th day of June, 2008, to Ella F. Sauls, 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 before such estate is closed. Claims may be presented to said personal representative at the address shown below and said personal representative directs that any such claims be presented to the attorney for said representative.

Ella F. Sauls,
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 EDDIE CARROLL COOPER, DECEASED NOTICE is given that Letters Testamentary in the Estate of EDDIE CARROLL COOPER, DECEASED, were granted to ANN JACKSON COOPER on June 24, 2008, by Probate Court No. 1, Travis County, Texas, Cause No. 88,827.

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 Drive #500, Austin, Texas 78731.

ANN JACKSON COOPER
Independent Executor
Estate of EDDIE CARROLL COOPER, DECEASED
By: RICHARD W. CHOTE
Attorney at Law

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed

to Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch, Ltd. for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and performing all work required for the construction of Steiner Ranch Phase One, Section 10D-1, Water, Wastewater, and Drainage Improvements will be received at the office of: C Faulkner Engineering at 907 West 5th Street, Suite 250, Austin, TX 78703 until July 29, 2008 at 2:00pm. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Any proposal received after the closing time will be returned unopened. Proposals shall be plainly marked with name and address of the BIDDER and the following words:

PROPOSAL FOR STEINER RANCH PHASE ONE, SECTION 10D-1 WATER, WASTEWATER, AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

The STEINER RANCH PHASE ONE, SECTION 10D-1 Water, Wastewater, and Drainage Improvements proposal includes approximately: 23,240SY right of way preparation; 3,746LF of 18"-30" Class III RCP storm sewer with inlets, headwalls, manholes, and drainage appurtenances; 3,284LF of 8" water line with fire hydrants, valves and associated appurtenances; 2,177LF of 12" water line with fire hydrants, valves and associated appurtenances; 5,486LF of 8" gravity wastewater sewer lines with manholes and wastewater appurtenances; 2,759LF of 4" force main wastewater sewer lines with clean outs and wastewater appurtenances. All work must conform to State of Texas, City of Austin, County of Travis, and Water Control and Improvement District #17 rules and criteria.

Copies of the Plans, Specifications, and Bidding Documents will be on file at the office of C Faulkner Engineering at 907 West 5th Street, Suite 250, Austin, TX 78703, where they may be examined without charge. Copies may be examined or obtained from the ENGINEER on or after July 1, 2008 for a non-refundable fee of $100.00 per set. Checks for Plans and Specifications, and Bidding Documents shall be made payable to C Faulkner Engineering.

A Cashier's Check, Certified Check or acceptable BIDDER's Bond, payable to Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch, Ltd. in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the Contract, the BIDDER will enter into a contract and execute bonds within ten (10) days of award of the Contract. Performance and Payment Bonds shall also be executed on the forms furnished by the OWNER and shall specifically provide for "Performance" and for "Labor and Materials Payment." Each bond shall be issued in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of contract price by a solvent Surety company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas and acceptable to the OWNER.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids to waive any and all technicalities and formalities in bidding. The OWNER reserves the right to determine which bids are lowest and best, and to award the Contract on this basis. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after opening of the bids. If a submitted bid is withdrawn within said period, bid guaranty shall become the property of the OWNER, not as penalty, but as liquidated damages, or OWNER may pursue any other action allowed by law. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on July 15, 2008 at 10:00am at the Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch Offices, 3405 Grimes Ranch Road, Austin, Texas 78732. Prospective bidders are encouraged to visit the site.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charles D. Roberts, Deceased, were issued on June 19, 2008, in Cause No. 88,695, pending in Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, to: Keith Eric Roberts.

The notice to the Independent Executor may be delivered at the following address:

c/o Barnes Lipscomb & Stewart, PLLC
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 20th day of June, 2008.

/s/ Ellen P. Stewart
Attorney for Independent Executor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Esther I. Dutschmann, Deceased, were issued on June 12, 2008, in Cause No. 88705, pending in the Probate Court Number One, Travis County, Texas, to Karen Dutschmann Coyner.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Representative, Estate of Esther I. Dutschmann, 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 17th day of June, 2008.

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 Melba Belle Martin Jones, Deceased, were issued on May 29, 2008, in Cause No. 88632, pending in the Probate Court No. 1, Travis County, Texas, to: Janela Jones Barnes.

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.

c/o: Owen T. Kinney
Attorney at Law
1717 W 6th St Ste 430
Austin, Texas 78703

DATED the 2nd day of June, 2008.

Owen T. Kinney
Attorney for Janela Jones Barnes
State Bar No: 11487300
1717 W. 6th Street, Ste 430
Austin, TX 78703
Telephone: (512) 320-0095
Facsimile: (512) 320-0157

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Gilbert W. Parish, Deceased, were issued on June 16, 2008, in Cause No. 88726, pending in Travis County, Texas, to: Leslie J. Parish.

The notice to the Independent Executor may be delivered at the following address:

c/o Glenn M. Karisch
The Karisch Law Firm, PLLC
P.O. Box 160457
Austin, Texas 78716-0457

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 18th day of June, 2008.

/s/ Glenn M. Karisch
Attorney for Independent Executor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of THOMAS F. SEWELL, DECEASED, were issued on June 12, 2008, under Docket No. 88,648, pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, to: SHARON L. SEWELL.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of THOMAS F. SEWELL, Deceased
c/o Owen A. Reischman
Attorney at Law
9501 Capital of Texas Hwy. North, #102
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 19th day of June, 2008.

/s/ Owen A. Reischman
Attorney for Applicant

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JESUS B. PULIDO, Deceased, were issued on June 6, 2008, in Cause No. 88669, pending in the Probate Court No. 1, Travis County, Texas, to:

CONNIE CAMPA.

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.

c/o Monica Leo
Mitchell & Colmenero, LLP
700 Lavaca, Suite 607
Austin, Texas 78701
Facsimile: (512)322-0900

DATED the 16th day of June, 2008

/s/ Monica Leo
State Bar No.: 00792643
Attorneys for Connie Campa
Mitchell & Colmenero, LLP
700 Lavaca, Suite 607
Austin, Texas 78701
Telephone: (512) 322-0500
Facsimile: (512) 322-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Maryanne Hayes, Deceased, were issued on June 12, 2008, in Cause No. 88711, pending in the Probate Court No. 1, TRAVIS County, Texas, to: Robert C. Wagner.

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.

Jeffrey J. Barnett
Barnett & Associates, P.C.
5750 Balcones Drive,
Suite 207
Austin, Texas 78731

DATED the 16th day of June, 2008.

/s/ Jeffrey J. Barnett (State Bar No: 00792346)
5750 Balcones Drive,
Suite 207
Austin, Texas 78731
Telephone: (512) 336-1529
Facsimile: (512) 336-1550
Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE TO PRESENT CLAIMS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Harry Bon Ng, Deceased, were issued on June 24, 2008, in Cause No. 88773, in the Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas, to William Get-Min Ng, as Independent Executor. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present them to the Executor c/o Rodney Sheppard, Attorney at Law, 1505 West 6th Street, Austin, TX 78703 within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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.Storm and Mobile Home Window Replacement, B080214-DR

Opens: July 7, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m.

2.Miscellaneous Groceries, B080239-NB

Opens: July 7, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.

3.Bread and Rolls, B080240-NB

Opens: July 7, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.

4.Uniform Rental and Related Services, B080242-LD

Opens: July 7, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.

5.On-Site Security Guard Services, B080249-NB

Opens: July 9, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.

AN OPTIONAL PRE-BID WILL BE HELD ON JULY 1, 2008 @ 2:00 P.M.

6.VHS Video Surveillance System, B080232-RG

Opens: July 14, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m.

7.Rubber Mulch, B080233-DR

Opens: July 14, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m.

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S/ Irene A. Hackbarth,

Independent Executor of the Estate of THEODORE P. HACKBARTH

SECTION 00010

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch, Ltd. (OWNER) for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and performing all work required for the construction of **River Dance Phase 7A-1 at Steiner Ranch Water, Wastewater and Drainage Improvements** will be received at the office of: Loomis Austin, Inc. at 3101 Bee Caves Road Suite 100, Austin, TX 78746 **until 11:00am CST, July 3, 2008.** Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Any proposal received after the closing time will be returned unopened. Proposals shall be plainly marked with name and address of the BIDDER and the following words:

Proposal for River Dance Phase 7A-1 at Steiner Ranch

Water, Wastewater and Drainage Improvements

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Copies of the Plans, Specifications, and Bidding Documents will be on file at the office of Loomis Austin, Inc. at 3101 Bee Caves Road, Suite 100, Austin, TX, where they may be examined without charge. Copies may be examined or obtained from the ENGINEER on or after June 19, 2008 for a non-refundable fee of $100 per set. Checks for Plans and Specifications, and Bidding Documents shall be made payable to Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch, Ltd.

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We are a happy couple that have been together 8 years. We are looking for female playmates. You won't be disappointed. **delvallefun**, 37, 📷, **#126459**

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Sexy young couple, looking for a hot lady to get frisky with. A little girl on girl action to start. We would love to be as discret as possible. **luckyone**, 23, 📷, **#126216**

ANY WILD GIRLS?
We have been together for five years and are very happy Im 22 he's 25 and Im really looking for a woman to show him how girls do it better. **YoungLove2**, 22, 📷, **#126101**

COUPLE LOOKING4 MAN
My man is straight but perverse and wants a man for oral exchange. Normal, professional, but hot couple wants some fun. I am happy to please two men. **Shining**, 35, ☎, 📷, **#126064**

COUPLE SEEK WOMAN
we're looking for females only for a fmf. email us if you want to play! dinner, then a private place. woman on wife, then husband would jump in and help! **dc_angel21**, 22, 📷, **#125959**

YOU AND US
Looking for a female to have a little casual fun w/ us. I'm bicurious, willing 2 learn and c what a girl has 2 offer. **annie21**, 21, 📷, **#125950**

HORNY COUPLE
M and W couple looking for another woman to come in and play with us. **luckysaint**, 22, 📷, **#125839**

SEXUAL PREDATORS
Him-5'11,slim build,tatoos,piercings, very sexually open minded and up to anything.Her-5'3,full figured,tatoos, curious and open to what comes up. **sexualpredators**, 33, 📷, **#125831**

YOUNGLONELYDISSAPOINTED
I love to play. I have no one to play with will you play with me? **roseinwinter**, 19, 📷, **#125740**

TRY EVERYTHING ONCE....
We wanna play! We are not swingers, I do not want another man. I love women and getting them off, he likes to watch. Interested? **Jewels**, 34, 📷, **#125643**

COUPLE SEEK BI-GAL
oh, where do we start this ad? we want a real guy, bi-sexual. a guy that is looking for a couple. 35-55 years old we are 40's. we are cute. **saustincouple**, 44, 📷, **#125567**

CURIOUS COUPLE
Couple (female: 18, male: 22) seeking a female ages 18-22 to play with the female as male watches.... We just want to try something new and spontaneous. **youngandwilling**, 18, 📷, **#125455**

NERDY SWEET COUPLE
We are looking for a woman or a man to play with us. We are shy, but adventurous and open to anything once we get to know you. **TrixieGirl**, 38, 📷, **#125322**

SEARCHING FOR PLAYMATE
Couple seeking (clean) female for friendship&play. Must get to know first. Bisexual experience a plus. Interested in threesome and girlongirl. Want to find someone we can comfortably be around. **WakingLifeHunt**, 23, 📷, **#125198**

LIGHT IS ON
We never preveracate. She's 34 and lovely. I'm 55 and not so lovely. A W/H women would have a fun time with us. We'd respect your space and boundries. **aphroditecronus**, 34, ☎, 📷, **#125033**

SHARE OUR BIRTHDAYS
We're a couple of old hippies who don't feel or act old.Butterfly very sensual and beautiful soul.Dog is into music. Looking for bi female for all night 3-some birthday celebration. **Butterflyanddog**, 50, ☎, 📷, **#124509**

FIRST TIME COUPLE
we are a couple in love but wanting to expand our sexual pleasures. this would be our first time but we are very open minded. Couples or females only. **080764**, 43, 📷, **#124403**

SENSUALCPLSEEKING SPICE
We are a committed middle-aged couple interested in experienting with like-minded individuals/couples to add spice to our hot lovemaking. If the words discreet, sensual, erotic, passionate, imaginative, fun interest you, contact us. **garf5848**, 48, 📷, **#123217**

CRAZY ASS COUPLE
Married couple 37 female, 41 male, looking for single(s) or couple(s) that are not new to group sex. No Strings, no games, just harmless fun! **ginger**, 37, 📷, **#124266**

FEMALE WANTED
Looking for a sexy woman or couple to join us. Must be ddf. **Curiouscpl**, 28, 📷, **#123082**

WANT TO SHARE
We have an awesome relationship and sex life- and we wanna include you in it! Looking for a third to join us and make things more adventurous... **iris_and_jack**, 35, 📷, **#122165**

COUPLE INTO FUN!
We're happy couple that is into new encounters with others. He straight, She bi, open minded and ready! **Up-4fun**, 44, 📷, **#120283**

READY FOR FUN!
Just looking for fun...can you deliver? **freak69ntxxx**, 39, 📷, **#119240**

SEXY TATTOOED VOYEUR
Seeking hot/confident couples who love to show-off, and who'd love to have sexy/intelligent/ dirty-minded me watching. Your enthusiasm/creativity might inspire me to get naked-no guarantees. Hangout to determine compatibility. **luckylooker**, 27, **#126629**

HELP!!!!!!
We would like to add another women to our love making, someone who is experienced would be great! Women on women would be ok as long as he can watch....interested? **GiGi69**, 41, ☎, **#125791**

SEEKING SWITCH PARTNER
You-looking for fun above all with no pre-conceived expectations. US:Average people looking for an above average fun ;) Prefer bi-sf, couples ok. Inexperienced welcomed. Honesty refreshing. **Bifemaustincpl**, 32, ☎, 📷, **#121712**

FOOT/WS SLAVE
Seeking straight or bi masculine, slim buddies who love to be spoiled with foot massages. If your interested in either foot massages, write me. **MaleFootSearch**, 47, ☎, 📷, **#123872**

HOTGUY LOOKING FOR
Hispanic Bottom, looking for a discret encounter and a relationship with a Top guy. I am discret Open to new things with guys around my age or youngers.46yrs. **antonio_3638**, 43, 📷, **#118402**

HOT, CLOSET CD
looking for a good looking, 30 to 40's y.o. woman who would like to dominate me sexually, be (snuggle after sex!)friends. i'm reasonably intelligent,sensitive, artistic person. **shelley**, 55, 📷, **#124543**

CROSSDRESSER ISO GIRLFRIEND
I am a very passable and kinky crossdresser. I am bisexual, but prefer women. I'm primarily looking for a girlfriend, but occassional play partners and friendships are good, too. **kinky_violet**, 26, 📷, **#120083**

SUBBOTTOM SEEKS TOPS
Submissive Bottom looking for other men to play with. Luv to cross dress if you like that. Safe play and DDF required. **jess53**, 55, 📷, **#116914**

SEXY TS
iím a very sexy, very hot passable transsexual. iím 5í10î 145 pounds with sexy hormonally induced breasts. iím very classy, too, and dress very provocatively. iím 28 years old. **nicole_anais**, 31, 📷, **#115140**

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MID30'S COUPLE SEEKS NAUGHTY/NICE GIRL

My girlfriend and I want to play with a fit, feminine, witty, and creative woman. She has never been with another woman and we are both very excited to try. The three of us must meet for drinks to see if we all gel. We are both fit, educated, professionals

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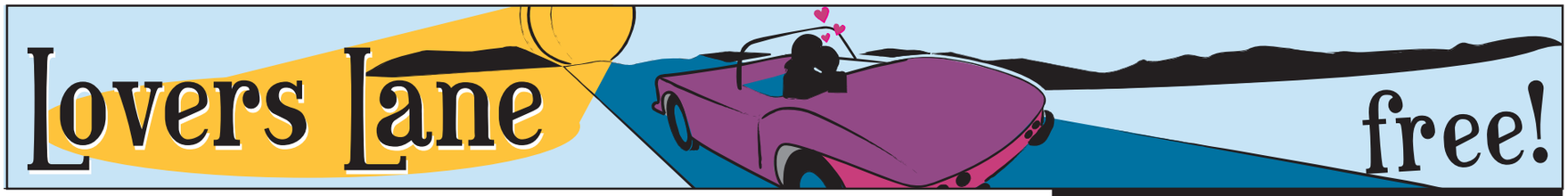
Keeping Austin weird is full-time work. The weirdness is not like it used to be. It's on a much broader and more magnificent scale. You can't just skate along baking pot brownies every morning or wearing glitter mascara and fairy wings when you go to the convenience store. Yawn. Seen it. Weird isn't just about feathers and body paint and colored hair and dirty-faced children in soiled diapers with balloon animal hats. That kind of sophomoric shit might play in Omaha, but here in New Condonia, you need a couple of million dollars worth of Downtown dirt and a daring dream of building unaffordable housing for people who don't exist. Now there's an idea that just might be weird enough to actually work. If you were a loan officer, you would sign off on that, wouldn't you? Big, crazy ideas aren't exactly without precedent. A couple of thousand years before Christ, the ancient Egyptians put a lot of money and resources into high dollar housing for dead people. Keep in mind this was before resurrection was all the rage. Surely the pyramids were an insane idea 2500 years ago … they still are now, but you have to give props to Cheops; they are one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Awesome. Why are the pyramids a wonder? Because for the last 4500 years no sane person could look at them without wondering, "What the fuck?" Normal, reasoning people have a similar reaction when they see all the condos being built in Downtown Austin. Those huge monoliths to speculative zeal inspire the same incredulity as seeing Leslie Cochran on a street corner in a dirty thong and torn fishnets. The really weird thing is that Leslie is easier to explain to the tourists. Without a doubt, Austin's entertainment district has a certain allure – especially for street-walking attention-whores like Leslie, but is it enough to lure some rich, fun-loving rube into dropping 500 large on a glass box with yearly maintenance fees? Maybe. After all, we're one cute little city and more importantly … we put out. Austin doesn't have any dry counties or bible belts or entrenched social stratification. This is the city where the mayor dated a local rock singer, where a local rock singer dated a movie star, and where a movie star got busted for getting stoned and playing bongos in the buff. And guess what? He wasn't even trying to keep it weird. He didn't try to run that idea past a group of investors and loan officers and city officials and political activists and have them all sign off on the deal. Even though he got a lot of ink, McConaughey was in the bush leagues of weird, which is probably the safest place for weirdness to be. When the weirdos start marching in lock step – that's when the shit is about to hit the fan. If you're looking to get your weird on in a mostly harmless way, put on your feathers and body paint (or slingshot and dog collar), and head down to Auditorium Shores this Saturday for the Keep Austin Weird 5K (yes, running is pretty freakin' weird when you do it and don't have to) and Festival. Not only can you sweat with your fellow weirdos – before, during, and after the 5K, you can see some pretty weird Austin acts as well: Alejandro Escovedo, What Made Milwaukee Famous, and Black Joe Lewis & the Honey Bears, among others. There's also a costume contest, but if you're really keeping it weird, you can't call that thing a costume, now can you?



women SEEKING men

GIRLWITH KALEIDOSCOPE EYES
i'm awesome and i wish i could meet more people who think for themselves. **hellotherelovey**, 19, #126671

SUMMER LOVIN
I moved to Austin last July to teach middle school and be closer to my family. I love being outdoors, playing sports, live concerts, checking out flea markets, comedy clubs. **Jenfil**, 24, #126662

PLAYS WITH MATCHES
Loves live music and loud ROCK 'N' ROLL, sitting on my back porch, kayaking, exploring creeks, hole-in-the-wall restaurants, dive bars, classic cars, motorcycles, art galleries, dancing in my kitchen, theatre, photography. **LaDiabla**, 28, #123048

SHY/CRAZY/BORED
single mom, looking to hang out with funny/eccentric guy, maybe have more develop. like to relax, chill, and have fun. no pressure, just enjoyment. **nerdlover**, 20, #126643

ADVENTURE & JOY
Divorced, ready to date again. An eternal optimist,I want adventure,balance, romance,music,books,and nature and I want it all now. Seeking smart,funny, multi-faceted,creative, sexy man for friendship and more. **Irisheyes457**, 51, #126633

WILD HORSES
I'm a 21 year old single mom, Looking for a attative male, 21-30, with a good bulid and great sense of self and not take everything in life to serious. **xAllyxCatx**, 21, #123329

SARCASTIC, PRETTY, SILLY
Fun, Sarcastic, smart, lovely lady looking for intelligent conversationalist who is not afraid of falling for someone. Please be employed and a movie lover! **saranade**, 21, #126628

CARIBBEAN COWGIRL
Love to play music with my friends, dance, listen to good music, scuba dive, cook, travel, read. Am passionate & affectionate. No time 4 drama or excessive emotional baggage! **luvpiano**, 84, #126594

FIND ME
My Favorites: Song: "Sweet & Low" Augustana Singer: Jack Johnson Band: Queen Movie: Always Changing TV show: anything on discovery/national geographic Drink: Ice Water w/Lemon Bar/Coffee Shop: Little Woodrows, Spiderhouse. **Shawnana**, 23, #126577

COMPASSIONATE AND GOOFY
New to dating. Looking for friends first. You cannot be a liar and you must have a job. Must like animals. **adidasgirlie**, 25, #126350

FUN, MUSIC LOVER
Looking for new friends and casual dating. I am passionate about music. I spend my energy hanging out with friends, swimming, biking and volunteering. **LuckyStar**, 22, #126327

CUTE, NERDY, VEGETARIAN
I am a social, witty, attractive, outdoorsy girl. Love the outdoors, very liberal, very into laughter and conversation. You: fun-loving, smart, under 33, slender, open-minded and aych-oh-tee. Let's go swimming! **Gigglefest**, 27, #126557

NEWBIE 2 TEXAS
From NY.....just made 1 year here, Cuban , 5'3...redhead from the bottle.....romantic, loyal, honest, spontanous, sports lover, excellent sense of humor... **pebbles**, 52, #126534

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STREETCARS ARE DANGEROUS
I am a kind, peaceful, contemplative, feisty, quick-witted, sharp, terribly sarcastic, explosive, bratty, honest, inquisitive gal who is learning to cook and loves her dog. Can you keep up? **sparklebomb**, 28, #126525

FUN AND LAID-BACK
I enjoy the outdoors, music, movies, reading, and going out. I am looking for someone with a great personality, sense of humor, and has similar interests. **sigh_dell**, 21, #126418

I LOVE ELEPHANTS!!
hi there. so, im 25 & a single mom. ive been here for 2yrs.& i love it! im honest & easy going. i love animals, music, movies,laughing, swimmin, cars,& tattoos! **saro**, 25, #126416

FRIENDLY, NICE, LATIN
I have living in Austin for five years. Love Austin! I love have fun, hanging out with friends, enjoy cooking and enjoy every time of my life. **Latingirl**, 32, #126406

INDEPENDENT FIERY DOMINATRIX!
New to Austinite life. From Corpus so I'm a little rough around the edges. Looking for someone fun and independent and gives me my ever precious personal time and space. **Attim**, 25, #126253

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Divorced, ready to have fun. An eternal optimist,I want adventure,balance,romance,music,books,and nature and I want it all now. Seeking smart,funny, multi-faceted,creative, sexy man for friendship and more. **doctormom457**, 51, #126349

GREEN GIRL
I really like the color green in nature. My eyes are lots of different shades of green too. And oh yeah, I am an environmentalist. Pretty much a green girl! **greengirl**, 49, #126348

CHOCOLATE KISSES
I date all as long as they make me happy, I love romantic, funny, cute guys. no.. sarcastic ones. just waiting for you to win me over. **brchotgirl225**, 29, #126320

DAYDREAM
i hope to meet new people, you never know, lets be coy. **stizpaneeeee**, 21, #126314

HONEST, OPEN, ECCENTRIC.
I like reading, watching movies, parties, concerts,random conversations. Chest and lower leg tattoos. Im "Voluptuous" also caring, up front, open sense of humor. **Cap709**, 20, #126296

TALL COFFEE PLEASE
Endearing bookworm and recovering workaholic seeks romantic-pragmatic hot boy hybrid to make me laugh and maybe more, if the chemistry's right. Let's start with fun and work our way elsewhere. **tallwriter**, 30, #126335

HELLOO THERE
Hey there. I'm just looking for someone to start a relationship with who will "take me as I am." Lol. SOunds hokey but it's true. **LilBrownGirl5**, 22, #126286

men SEEKING women

CRAZY THAT FITS
I like to think of life as one big adventure just waiting outside my front door. I like to live, life to the fullest and laugh along the way. **txmongoose**, 26, #126669

INTERNET DATING? WHYTHEHELLNOT?
Go read my Internet ad! I put a lot of work into it. No Internet access? Then it would never have worked out anyway. **comedancewithme**, 29, #126661

OWN A BICYCLE?
I have a vehicle,but prefer to ride my bicycle.I have a good sense of humor, sarcastic at times and have good heart.I like to travel, experience new things, try everything at least twice, outgoing. **Goatitaur**, 34, #126655

MUSICIAN SEEKS MUSE.
Younger looking longhaired musician with an appetite for companionship and discovery seeks partner for talking, dreaming and squeezing. **DreamMaker**, 47, #126640

WANTED...GALPAL
Looking for a kooky GalPal. You know who you are. We need a bond. dcp. **lagoguy**, 52, #126651

FUN, FAST CARS, BOOZE, TATTOOS
i love to have fun. honest, good looking, street smart, smart-ass. I love my cars, music, swimming, and any outdoor activity. Laid back, but total douche bags can make me hulk. I am looking for good times, no liars or cheaters! **phase10**, 23, #126659

YOUNG BUT PROMISING?
My name is Chris and i just moved to Austin. I love to Watch movies, go to concert, oh yeah and be really romantic. **History101**, 19, #126639

HOWDY..
I'm not good at talking about myself and really don't what to say about myself. I'm easy going and laid back and usually pretty much up for whatever. **xelava**, 25, #126630

KOOL KRAZY KIND
perfect date: cooking together, watching a film, and making out. I'm a combination of sensual, intellecutal, and spiritual. Laughter is key to my idea of happiness. **koolkraziness**, 40, #126621

SAILORBOY TELL EM
Things I enjoy: Sailing, guitar, running, watching movies, hanging out with my friends, and making people laugh. Looking for the athletic/active type, a concert-goer, and an overall fun person. **dwhale**, 23, #126608

ATHLETIC, FUN, FAMILY
I love family, running and spending time with that special someone. I'm looking for adventurous, enjoys the outdoors. Compasionate and respectful. And likes to be treated like a woman. **LookingforU**, 30, #126597

FUN NO DRAMA
I am a motorcycle industry consultant. My fundamental three things are Honesty, someone who can have my Best Interest at Heart at times, and the big one; Relationship Skills. **dumdum1007**, 34, #126590

AMBITIOUSLY UNIQUE??
I enjoy sports, challenging conversation topics and anything Austin has to offer. An Ideal lady would be, witty, genuine, and anyone who likes to be outdoors. **proteinace**, 23, #126580

MOVIES, ENDORPHINS, ONTOLOGY
Adventurous, erudite, love laughter, looking for a smart, creative individual who wants to make the world a sweeter place through love and maybe some fun subversion. **FernandoPoo**, 36, #126578

SO IT GOES..
love the outdoors/climbing. I like to drink good beer and usually start with Guinness. Obsessed with food and aiming towards culinary school. All types of music, constantly broadening the horizons. **beatz763**, 21, #126571

BIKER4EVER
I'm the comfortably quiet one. Yes, I have thoughts but don't have that irresistable urge to express. **bikr4evr**, 45, #126538

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FRENCH SPARKLING BUBBLES
I look for people to vibe, create and blaze with. If you are open-minded, like music, love dancing, and have a goofy sense of humor, we have to talk! **Krinning_Moondog**, 30, #126547

SCOTCH-VENEZUELAN IN TEXAS
I want to have an experience damn it!!! I'm not looking to fall in love tomorrow. I just wanna meet someone who is excitingand wants to live... really, truly live. **latinscotsman**, 34, #126565

EVERYBODY COOL OUT!
I've heard that I'm one of funniest guys you'll ever meet. Of course, I'm the one spreading that rumor. Looking for same in you, can you keep up? **jrizzle**, 34, #126516

THOUGHTFUL, FUNNY, EASY-GOING
My name is Colby, I'm a clean cut guy. I love meeting new people,I've published my own book and enjoy reading. I try new things and I'm true to myself. **Cheese**, 18, #125451

women SEEKING women

LEZZYLOUNGEBARTENDER
Just lookin for good times and lots of laughs. Theres never a dull moment with me, trust. Theres nothing I wont do, and I need people to do it with. **Decker4**, 23, #126614

OUTGOING, SMART, LOYAL
I'm really easy to get along w/.I'm always down for a good time. I want someone in my life that likes hanging out and cuddling.(I'm big on that). **Rockstar**, 27, #126569

EXPLORE AUSTIN
I am off for the summer, looking for someone to do new things with. Camp, swim, movies, live music. Etc.. **cheryl28**, 27, #126553

BLEMISHED TRANSPARENCY
I've been single for almost three years and have decided to date again. Presently, all the women I know are either straight or attached hence the personal ad. **AphexSky**, 36, #126482

JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL
I am living my Life just being committed to being the best "Me" that I can "BE"! I am funny, sweet, giving, passionate,compassionate,w/eyes that show LOVE! Come "BE" with "ME". **JnthnLvngstnSgll174**, 49, #126467

REAL, CHILL, FUN
down for anything and im a huge goof ball who isnt afraid to show it.im real and id love to hang out with a girl who can make me laugh. **oller32**, 20, #126240

HOT SUN FUN
I'm easy going and laid back, pretty much into anything. I like diversity and innovation in everything, I also like going out to eat, to the movies, and outdoor stuff. **axcess**, 38, #126352

LOVE TO LAUGH
Im 22 and I love to laugh at life, myself and random stuff. I am usually the friend who suggested driving to the beach in the middle of night. **naturegirl86**, 22, #126225

NEED COMPANION
Need a companion(s) to enjoy movies or bars or other activites that are just generally fun or even lazy. **Puddlyumps**, 36, #126223

PASSIONATE ARTISTIC HONEST
I'm a music-loving, funny, animal-loving active woman who's just looking to meet women with similar interests for movies and maybe casual dating. Interested in making connections... maybe see where it leads. **Sue75**, 33, #126203

men SEEKING men

HOW YOU DOIN?
Im a very laid back easy going type guy I like to read Like the outdoors animals nature etc Im looking for someone who is somewhat on the aggressive side. **mgf2008**, 45, #126209

HONESTY SINCERITY SUBSTANCE
I am an established professional. It is time for me to put an effort into finding someone special and give the the same time I have given my career. **Sincerity01**, 41, #126033

WAKING DREAMS
Fun-loving fashionista wanting a laid-back and mature guy 20-30. I like coffee, karaoke, and the occasional friday night dancing. I'm sick of dreaming, can you live the dream with me? **Sketchandsew**, 22, #125902

NICE GUY
Simple guy that struggles against sameness,dark hearts.looking for that guy in light,bright smile,young in heart,romantic,and belives in being a equal in a relationship A+ for slender,smooth! lets chat. **aros1051**, 39, #125820

BE MINE.
I am looking for tall, dark (or light), and handsome for the limp-wrist set. **beloved**, 37, #125648

WITH WOMEN'S HEART..
i like guys who are sincere and honest! **lifemind**, 27, #125653

Redrock

HELLO AWESOME

I'm pretty laid back and sometimes my jokes are funny. I love what I do for a living, and living in general. I can't sing and am an awful dancer, but I always get an A for effort.

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JUST friends

SINGLE.
Im a really cool & funny guy to be around. Like to have fun, and going out dancing. I have been single for 2 months. **danyboy_09**, 18, 📷, **#125684**

GAYBOY CODY
IAm 23yrs old iam going to Cosmetology school i have wonderful friends i want a guy to win me over be hot charmimg and be nice and want me. **macattac2003**, 23, 📷, **#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**, 44, 📷, **#125317**

SOBER GUY AUSTIN
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**, 61, ☎, 📷, **#125183**

ALL ABOUT FUN!
Seek deep and meaningful friendship. No drama, just lots of fun. Must be open minded. Willing to go to lakes, festivals, concerts, clubs, parks, swimming, dog parks, and more. **wonderwoman**, 28, 📷, **#126539**

ANGLOPHILE IN AUSTIN
Are you from the UK and want to have some relaxed and friendly conversation over a pint with a laid back self-described American "Anglophile" originally from LA? MUFC Forever! Cheers! **Eli_Cash_Betty**, 33, 📷, **#126419**

EXCELSIOR!
I'm a quirky gal. I love cheese. drinking wine. comic books. karaoke. camping. drinking beer. movies. punk rock. I'm really just on here to meet new friends. **marvelrogue730**, 30, 📷, **#126417**

LOUISIANA TO YOU!
New to Austin, moved here a month ago from Louisiana. I'm a photographer/writer. Love live music and want to meet people to go with and explore the local scene. **kimmy4lsu**, 25, 📷, **#126282**

CONSISTANTLY UNCONSISTANT
When I grow up I want a giant tree house like the Swiss Family Robinsons. **Seamonet**, 23, 📷, **#126119**

NEW GIRL
Just moved from back East: friends needed to assemble flat-pack furniture, drink beer, see midnight shows at the Ritz, wander Sixth Street and South First, generally goof off, etc. **Moly**, 22, 📷, **#126109**

messages

THE GIRL WHO brought Abbey home, THANK YOU! Barbque at Abbey's, bring your dogs?

U LEFT A msg 4 Sunshine.Is it a nickname or real name?

WHERE WERE YOU? The voyeur in me missed you today.

THANK YOU ST Jude for interviening in my problems at work as allways you came through for me.

I MISS YOU that is all

I'LL SPEND THE rest of my life trying to forgive myself for what I did to you, what I did/didn't do over there and things I did to make the pain go away. I'm in love again but I'm afraid. I'm so happy right now without you, why the "F" do I still think about you every single day?

I ERASED YOUR number as well but I never forgot it. Don't worry I still find time to smile, just not as often as before.

a Shot in the Dark

PAELLA IS SPANISH
You smiled at your vodka soda and talked about world religions and Cuban paella. You laughed when I talked about hot, insane women. Let's have brunch, somewhere that serves paella. **When: Monday, June 23. Where: Whole Foods. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903121**

SCIENCE CHICK SPIDERHOUSE
You: super hot chick at SpiderHouse talking to another hot chick about science club. SERIOUSLY!? I fantasize about an abundance of beautiful women doing/talking science. Dreams are made of you! **When: Friday, June 20. Where: spiderhouse. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903120**

PREPPIE MOPED BOY
I saw you at the Belmont on 6/20, you were with a blonde. If you like hot blondes then i'm your perfect girl! I'd like to ride w you sometime!! **When: Friday, June 20. Where: the belmont. You: Man. Me: Woman. ☎ #903119**

RANDALL'S LAKE AUSTIN
Sun. 6/21: Wearing pink top,black shorts,blonde ponytail,buying Tide detergent. Beautiful tanned legs leading to heaven,striking eyes brought me back to earth. Fought the urge to search for you & lost. **When: Saturday, June 21. Where: Randall's on Lake Austin Blvd.. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903118**

ACADEMY AT BRODIELN
You stopped me in the parking lot to ask for directions, asked whether I was talking to myself or singing? then my number. Too embarrassed - id store for response. **When: Wednesday, June 18. Where: in front of Academy. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903116**

S.JOE'S URBAN ASSAULT
2 beautiful women watching the event. Me in Green shorts, stood out asked 2 look at your sunglasses to compare to knock offs. Care to go for a ride? **When: Sunday, June 22. Where: Joe's Coffee South. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903115**

HAROLD AND MAUDE
Saw you at Paramount Thursday and Barton Springs Sunday. Fate? This is the test. Maybe your mom could set up a date for us...I won't fake suicide if you don't... **When: Sunday, June 22. Where: The Paramount and Barton Springs. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903114**

GAMEFELLAS CONVERSATION REVISITED
You were stylin' me hard with that Piplup tattoo at the Gamefellas this Saturday. I was the tall gentleman in the flame shirt. Maybe we could duel some time? **When: Saturday, June 21. Where: Gamefellas. You: Woman. Me: Man. ☎ #903113**

SUNDAY AIRPORT SMILES
I was there to pick up a friend and saw you in your cute shorts and polo cap. I was in a white Mazda and we were sharing smiles. **When: Sunday, June 22. Where: Airport. You: Man. Me: Man. #903112**

BRYKERWOODS VET. CLINIC
You posted an ad about seeing me on 5/20 (curly hair, two labs, etc.). Just found the ad. Yes, I'd like to go to the dog park...still around? **When: Tuesday, May 20. Where: Brykerwoods Vet Clinic - Woman w/Border Collie. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903111**

KICK BUTT CUTIE
Killer dreads, sweet ass, great literary taste (Milan Kundera). The coffee provided caffeine, you jumpstarted my heart (amongst other things). Fight me. Please. I promise I won't let you win. **When: Saturday, June 21. Where: Kick Butt Coffee. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903110**

PERFECT10 AMANDA HOLD'EMDEALER
You:Dealer, green shirt/black pants, asking me to play, threw up hand signs at me. Me:Sitting by table, too shy, couldn't keep my eyes off you. Dinner and drinks? **When: Friday, June 20. Where: Perfect 10 Hold'em Dealer. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903109**

DANIEL, WHERE Y'AT?
First it was El Chile, then Clay Pit. You wrote my number on your hand. Did you wash it off? I still have a crush on you. **When: Thursday, April 10. Where: Clay Pit. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903108**

MATT 2ND STREET
You- sippin on a free turbo-with-two-extra-shots. It was "caramelly and delish":) I was working so I didnt get your digits...but you made me smile and we should hang out sometime! **When: Wednesday, June 18. Where: in front of Jo's on 2nd Street. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903107**

BARBECUTIE
Ruby's BBQ, the brisket was hot but your medusa tattoo was even hotter! wanna turn me to stone sometime? **When: Saturday, June 14. Where: Ruby's BBQ. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903106**

SFA BLDG FRIEND??
This is a long shot, but we worked together at the SFA Building...ran into one another while at 6th/Congress last Friday night....I'd love to catch up. You looked great too. **When: Friday, June 13. Where: 6th and Congress. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903105**

WELLS FARGO ENCOUNTER
When?-6/17/08 Tuesday, 3p.m. Where? Wells Fargo Bank parking lot at Parmer and Scofield Farms. You-army shirt-tan s.u.v. Me- Red mustang, chanel glasses! Regret not saying "hi"! Lets fix this! **When: Tuesday, June 17. Where: Wells Fargo at Parmer and Scofield Farms. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903104**

LBJLAUREN ON THEDRAG
It was good seeing you again. Sorry I was in such a rush, but I was in between meetings. I would really like to catch up. Get in touch? ~Ben **When: Wednesday, June 18. Where: The Drag. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903103**

SILVER SHOE BEAUTY
Beautiful blonde with a green dress and silver shoes at Starbucks across from Chipotle, off 51st. You caught me admiring you. We both smiled. Butterflies kept us from talking. **When: Wednesday, June 18. Where: Starbucks across from Chipotle off 51st Street. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903102**

WHOLE FOODS TOUR
You-white tanktop, green skirt. I threw away your trash and couldn't stop thinking about you. Eating with kids you work with, clearly not the time to try. When would be? **When: Wednesday, June 18. Where: Whole Foods 6th. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903101**

QUIT SMOKING
TangerineSummerDressScooterBabe We met at around 41st and Lamar Sunday You skin tans so much more golden than mine Would love to learn more about what is beneath your gorgeous eyes.TylerCravat **When: Sunday, June 15. Where: 45th and Lamar. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903100**

MAIN EVENT BIKER
Saw you riding the far right bike at Main Event, you won and got to race again. Liked how you handled yourself on the bike–what's it like in real life? **When: Monday, June 16. Where: Main Event. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903098**

GREEN EYED HOTTIE...
in seafood at Brodie HEB with reddish hair. I don't like fish but I like you. We talked about cookies and ring pops. Dessert some time? **When: Friday, June 13. Where: HEB. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903095**

DANNY ON 6TH
Danny, I'm sorry I left you at Dirty Dawg. I had too much to drink. I want to see you again. Give me another chance?! black dress & cowboy boots **When: Friday, June 13. Where: 6th St ROT rally. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903094**

KERBEY183 LUNCH SATURDAY
You: Scruffy, tattooed, inside having late lunch with two older gents. Me: Blonde, glasses, outside with my sister. I kept smiling at you. You're very handsome! Let's hang out. **When: Saturday, June 14. Where: Kerbey Lane 183. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903092**

STARS ON LEGS
You have a series of star tattoos running up both calves. I was the tall guy wearing a white undershirt and a gray bandanna. You're gorgeous. Let's talk... **When: Friday, June 13. Where: Austin Java on Barton Springs. You: Woman. Me: Man. ☎ #903091**

WAKEUP PHILLY BOY
I always see you with that beautiful tattoo covered girl but god, Luke notice me already. I have a tattoo but i'll need somewhere private to show you... **When: Thursday, June 5. Where: beautybar/creekside. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903090**

REDHAIR, DIMPLE PIERCINGS
tattoos,...ARE YOU REAL???? Your smile effects everyone. Sorry I eavesdropped, if I were your boyfriend, Iwould be honored totake you out with myfriends andput you onthe back of my bike!!! **When: Saturday, June 14. Where: Barton Springs. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903089**

FOUND YOUR KEYS
in the bike lane at the intersection of MLK and Guadalupe on the afternoon of 6/14. Message me to get them back. **When: Saturday, June 14. Where: MLK and Guadalupe. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #903088**

COTTON CANDY S.G.
We had an excellent conversation by the cotton candy machine you were working at beauty bar. I was wearing pink shirt,tie, blue pants. Couldn't find a place to smoke =(**When: Thursday, June 12. Where: bEAUTY bAR. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903087**

CUTIE DRINKING FIREMAN'S4
Lindsey? from Cali. You had a Fireman's 4 around 3 pm. You make movies! Started to chat about films and music, But I got busy. Fireman's on me next time? **When: Wednesday, June 11. Where: Flipnotic's Triangle. You: Woman. Me: Man. ☎ #903086**

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CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): Welcome to part two of your outlook for the second half of 2008, Cancerian. We're checking up on how well you're progressing with the challenges you were given near the end of last year. Here's one of the most important things I hope you're doing: getting clear about which of the influences in your life encourage you toward mediocrity and which influences, on the other hand, nudge you in the direction of mastery. There's a second crucial lesson that's related to the first: getting clear about which people have low expectations and distorted images of you and which people, on the other hand, want the best for you and see you for who you really are.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): Welcome to part two of your outlook for the second half of 2008, Leo. We're checking up on how you're progressing with the challenges you were given near the end of last year. As I suspect you've guessed by now, there's one potential accomplishment that's more important than all the others. If you can pull it off, it will change your life forever. I'm talking about the determination to take full responsibility for your own happiness. How? By studying in exquisite detail all the things you need to feel great and taking aggressive steps to make sure they happen consistently.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): Welcome to part two of your outlook for the second half of 2008, Virgo. We're checking up on how you're progressing with the challenges you were given near the end of last year. I trust that by now you're aware that you have far more access to your creative powers than you've ever had before. If for some reason you have not yet taken advantage of this blessing, please drop everything and get to work tapping into the mother lode. This should be the year your self-expression reaches unprecedented levels of vividness and originality.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): Welcome to part two of your outlook for the second half of 2008, Libra. We're checking up on how you're progressing with the challenges you were given near the end of last year. I trust that by now you have begun to make major renovations in the foundations of your world. I hope you have been carrying out brave changes that will anchor and stabilize your efforts for years to come. By Jan. 1, 2009, I expect that you will be standing in your place of power and fighting for your dreams with more suppleness and stamina than you've ever summoned.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): Welcome to part two of your outlook for the second half of 2008. We're checking up on how you're progressing with the challenges you were given near the end of last year. I hope by now you've realized that you have unprecedented opportunities to forge combinations that have never before been possible. Opposites you'd always assumed would never attract should now be headed toward unification. Elements of your life you've long feared were irreconcilable have been showing signs of finding common ground and may even be primed to achieve a delicious synergy. Keep refining your primal urge to merge, Scorpio!

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): Welcome to part two of your outlook for the second half of 2008, Sagittarius. We're checking up on how you're progressing with the challenges you were given near the end of last year. I trust that by now you're experiencing the joys of ever-growing self-discipline. I hope you're positively gleeful with your enhanced capacity to master details and be creatively organized. This is the year, I predict, that you will learn to be a visionary planner without losing any of your inspiring spontaneity.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): Welcome to part two of your outlook for the second half of 2008, Capricorn. How have you been progressing with the challenges you were given near the end of last year? I trust that you've been hungry for new ideas, fresh approaches, and novel adventures. And I hope that this has resulted in you receiving more invitations, dares, and temptations than you've ever had. If what I just said describes your current state of affairs, I extend my hearty congratulations and remind you that you're only halfway through this awakening process. If what I said doesn't fit your experience, get busy!

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): Welcome to part two of your outlook for the second half of 2008, Aquarius. We're checking up on how you're progressing with the challenges you were given near the end of last year. I'm hoping that six months from now, you'll look back and make the following declaration: "This is the hardest I've ever worked to be free. Liberation always came pretty easily to me before, but this year I had to find new ways – complicated, interesting, highly advanced ways – to carve out the space to live the life I want. I'm glad I was challenged so deeply. It has made me a genius of emancipation."

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): Welcome to part two of your outlook for the second half of 2008, Pisces. I'm hoping that six months from now, you'll look back and make the following declaration: "This year I was a real artist in the way I lived my life. Everything I did was like working on a beautiful masterpiece. I had a sixth sense about when to shut up and when to speak out, when to pull back and when to push on, when to recharge and when to ripen. Whenever my efforts were ready to climax, I brought them to a climax and moved on to the next adventure. So here's the big question: What can I do to keep cultivating this adroit and graceful approach to being alive?"

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Welcome to part two of your outlook for the second half of 2008, Aries. We're checking up on how you're progressing with the challenges you were given near the end of last year. I'm hoping that by now you're well on your way toward leaving your amateur or rookie status behind for good. I trust that you have had a vision of exactly what you need to do in order to boost your level of professionalism and that you have taken aggressive steps to carry out that vision. If for some bizarre reason you have not yet begun this glorious work, jump-start yourself immediately. Fate will conspire dramatically on your behalf if you do. Now here's a tip on how to make sure that your inner warrior is operating at peak efficiency: Assume there's always more you can do to raise your standards and aspire to a higher grade of excellence.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): Welcome to part two of your outlook for the second half of 2008, Taurus. We're checking up on how you're progressing with the challenges you were given near the end of last year. One of the tasks at the top of your to-do list, I hope, has been the expansion of your world-view. Whether it occurs by traveling to exotic places, hanging out with broad-minded lovers of life, or exposing yourself to intriguing ideas that activate your deep thoughts, you need to seek out breathtaking views of the big picture. Here are two tips about how to ensure that your inner pioneer is always itchy to investigate the unknown: 1) Shed inhibitions that serve no constructive purpose; 2) declare your independence from trivial details.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): You entered the sex, drugs, and rock & roll phase of your long-term cycle late last year, and you'll be in that zone until January 2009. That means you have been and will continue to be tempted with triple-intense opportunities to explore the frontiers of passion, find out about alternative modes of consciousness, and expand your capacity for lyrical release. So how is that working for you? Are you taking maximum advantage of all the life-changing experiments these adventures offer without being turned inside-out by the emotional risks they entail? Everything depends on your skill in using unruly gifts.

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